

WEATHER – SEPTEMBER 2019

Total rainfall for month	143mm	5.62ins
It rained on	13 days	
Rainfall same month last year	51mm	2.00ins
Total for 2019	677mm	26.65ins
Total for 2018	675mm	26.50ins
Max temp (on 21st)	28C	82F
Min temp (on 19th)	5C	41F

September: three weeks which were lovely, warm and dry and then what happened?

It rained every day for the last 10 days and gave us 130mm (5.1ins) and cold with it!

John Smail

LADIES COFFEE MORNINGS

The November Coffee Morning will be hosted by Precelly Murray (892606) at The Long House on Thursday, 7th November 2019 from 10.15am to 11.45am.

The December Coffee Morning will be hosted by Helen Mehaffey (893119) at The Limes on Wednesday, 4th December 2019 from 10.15 onwards.



SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE

**Sunday 17th November 2019
St Andrew's Church at 4pm**

Please come and join us for another new style, informal service where you can enjoy singing favourite old hymns and some new songs followed by tea and cake.

If you play an instrument, come and join our growing band of musicians! All very welcome.

Any enquiries to Ann Orr (annjorr@btinternet.com) or Fenella Williams (fenella.williams@btopenworld.com)

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING WHEELABRATOR APPLICATION

As most residents are aware there is an application for a massive 'waste to energy' incinerator to be built next to the A303 at Barton Stacey by an American firm called Wheelabrator. Due to the size of the application it is considered a National Infrastructure plan and therefore considered in a different way to normal planning applications. The Parish Council have had many enquiries as to how residents of Hurstbourne Priors can make a comment on this plan and as a result, we have decided to have a Parish Council open evening from 7 to 8pm, following the normal Parish Council business, on Wednesday 27th November.

As you will see elsewhere in Hill & Valley there are a number of public exhibitions planned for November and it is hoped that residents will try and attend one of them - ideally the one in Whitchurch on Tuesday 12th November in the Gym at Testbourne School between 1700 and 2100. It is important that as many people as possible register their attendance as this is the only public exhibition in Basingstoke and Deane as the development site is in Test Valley. Since Hurstbourne Priors is, due to the prevailing wind, in the line of the steam plume from the chimney stacks we will be affected. There will also be a large number of truck movements bringing waste material of all kinds onto the site which will have an impact on our local road infrastructure.

Those unable to attend can, of course, speak to any member of the Parish Council or send email questions to the Chairman at clareread@aol.com

Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council

CHANGE OF TIME OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Parish Council Meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday 27th November at 7.30pm will now start at 5.30pm. This meeting will be followed at 7pm by the Parish Council open evening to discuss the Wheelabrator application (please see above).

As always, the Parish Council meeting is open to any resident who would like to bring a matter before the Parish Council. There is no need to inform the Chairman that you wish to attend unless you feel that a matter may need looking into prior to the meeting.

Clerk, Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council

PIANO RECITAL - 16th NOVEMBER**An Autumnal Evening's****Piano Recital****Saturday 16th November, 2019 at 7 p.m.****St Andrew's Church, Hurstbourne Priors****An evening of Piano music performed by
Christopher Burrows***Programme to include works by Bach, Beethoven,
Mozart, Mendelssohn Brahms and Parry*

Tickets £10 including refreshments (under 16s free)
available from:

Amanda Briant-Evans 01264 738489

a.briantevans@gmail.com

Barbara Carrodus 01256 893473

barbara.carrodus@btinternet.com

Tickets also available on the door

Profits in aid of St Andrew's Church Organ Fund

WORD OF THE MONTH

My offering this month is a couple of related words (siblings!!!) which seem appropriate as we adjust to putting back the clocks and shorter daylight hours...

MATUTINAL: of, or occurring in the morning

VESPERTINE: relating to, occurring, or active in the evening.

More formal descriptions of being "up with the lark" or "a night owl".

Barbara Carrodus

KEEPING IN TOUCH

If you would like to be included on the village email list to be kept informed of village events, please contact Ann Orr (annjorr@btinternet.com)

Events we would notify you about include Safari Supper, May Fair, Church events or those happening on the Recreation Ground or Village Hall. *Please rest assured your information is kept securely and will not be given to anyone else without your consent.*

**HURSTBOURNE PRIORS VILLAGE
HALL BOOKING SECRETARY**

The Trustees of Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall are looking to recruit a new Village Hall Bookings Secretary as Anne Yeaman is retiring after several years.

The Booking Secretary is one of the Key people in the success of the Village Hall, handling the enquiries by phone and email for both regular and casual bookings such as weddings, parties etc. There is an online booking calendar which enables slots to be rapidly checked and booked.

The Booking Secretary is a keyholder to the Village Hall and there are a number of additional keyholders who make up a rota to open the Hall for bookings. An email address and mobile phone are provided. The role is voluntary and involves about an hour per week on average across a year.

If you, or anyone you know, is happy to take on this role, please contact Jim Vyse, Village Hall Committee Chairman, by email:

jimvysearks@gmail.com or tel/text 07970 533764 (evenings)

Jim Vyse



Barclay, last month's mog, is still with us but has someone coming to visit him soon. Hopefully he will be off to his forever home before we know it.



This is Lexi. Lexi is about 7 years old and came into our care with Barclay and Tabby but she is happy to be re-homed by herself. She has recently had a dental. She would be best suited to a family with older children and with a safe garden to explore.

We've recently had our pop up charity shop in Whitchurch and managed to raise an amazing £2000. Thank you to everyone who donated items and to those who volunteered to help run the shop.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that Bonfire Night is just around the corner. Please remember to keep your cats safely inside as fireworks can be extremely stressful for them.

Homing Enquiries: 0345 260 1501 or andover.cats.org.uk
Fund-raising and volunteers: 07733 242196
or email: coord@andovercats.org.uk
Items for resale: 01256 892773

ANDOVER CHORAL SOCIETY

**An Evening of Venetian Music at St Mary's
Church, Andover
Saturday 7th December 2019, 7.30pm**

Andover Choral Society present an evening of Venetian music featuring Vivaldi's Gloria. Together with the delightful Beatus Vir and Cantate Domino by Monteverdi, this will be a joyous evening not to be missed!

Once again the Society are joined by wonderful professional soloists and the Westminster Chamber Orchestra.

Tickets £15 from the choir 01264 396511, or The Lights Theatre 01264 368368 or www.thelights.org.uk

Andover Choral Society are always keen to welcome new members. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, 7.30-9.30pm, at Bridge Street Methodist Church, Andover.

Contact Alexandra King, our registrar if you would like to join us: alexi.king@hotmail.com or our website: www.andoverchoralsociety.org.uk

**HURSTBOURNE PRIORS MAY FAIR 2020**

Next year the May Fair will be held on SUNDAY May 3rd so that we do not clash with local events which are being organised to commemorate VE day.

The Annual May Fair is organised to raise funds for the Village Hall, St Andrew's Church and the Recreation Ground.

The May Fair Committee is already busy planning next year's May Fair and we already have a full programme planned including highly successful attractions from previous years.

We are looking for new members of our committee and would welcome you if you would like to join us to help organise HBP May Fair 2020 or contribute ideas to ensure its success.

Please contact Jim Vyse on 07970 533764 or jimvysearks@gmail.com

**TESTBOURNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL****Building for the Future**

We are very pleased to announce that major redevelopment works planned at Testbourne are due to commence in Summer 2020. The works are part of Hampshire County Council SCOLA Recladding programme. The proposed work relates to the school's two-story SCOLA teaching block which was built in 1970. The recladding will not only give the building a new lease of life, it will give us the opportunity to make significant improvements to the internal building environment for the students and improve energy efficiency as part of our drive to be more environmentally friendly in our work.

Over the last few months we have been working closely with the architects to alter the location, size and configuration of a number of the teaching and ancillary spaces so they are better suited to meet the requirements of the curriculum and the needs of the students. Some classroom spaces will be expanded to accommodate our students more comfortably, the dining area will be extended, a new lab will be provided and new, modern toilet facilities will be installed. In addition, the recladding will include a more sympathetic use of windows and double glazing in conjunction with a new insulated roof to improve energy efficiency.

Jon Beck, Headteacher, explained, "We are very excited by the anticipated improvement to the educational facility and experience for our students that this project will provide. I and my team are working closely with highly experienced experts from Hampshire County Council to ensure that any disruption is minimised and that the full curriculum can be delivered throughout the project. The construction work will be completed in phases to reduce impact, with only one or two curriculum departments impacted at any one time."

The project, with an estimated cost of around £3 million, is expected to provide a lasting, high quality building for current students of Testbourne and those for many years to come.

Mr Ryan Lester
Associate Assistant Headteacher
Testbourne Community School
www.testbourne.school

Diary of a not-so-wimpy cyclist Karate-ka

A bouncing alternative to Cycling



Famously, in the all-valley Karate championship of 1984, Johnny Lawrence of the Cobra-Kai school was shouted at by his coach to “sweep the leg” of Daniel Larusso of

Miyagi-Do. This was my earliest memory of a karate movie, and a factor in taking up the sport in 1989. I was 13 years old, and being bullied at school. The prevailing advice in the 1980’s was to learn how to defend yourself against bullies. We now live in far more enlightened times, yet news of knife-crime statistics and domestic violence still makes one uneasy and certainly very wary of dark streets at night.

Over 20 years I have repeatedly returned to Karate training, to thrash out the frustrations of modern life – and yet the same people I knew 30 years ago are still there. Karate will become more prevalent in the next year as we see the Olympics in Japan. The Japanese are huge Anglophiles, and in return we have taken up some of their cherished art-forms, represented in our gardens and our fitness regimes.

Kara-Te (or Karate-Jutsu or Karate-Do) is loosely interpreted as “Empty-Hand” (originally “Chinese-Hand”), where “Te” was practised in the larger ports of the Japanese RyuKyu Islands (Shuri, Naha, Tomari) as a boxing form learned from Chinese pirates since the 1600’s. Karate was gradually formalised for mass-exercise and become part of the Japanese education system by 1905. My Sensei (teacher) has built a number of successful clubs in the South-East, and is now the World Chief Technical Instructor having studied for years under our illustrious and globally respected Japanese Master, Tatsuo Suzuki. I attended Sensei Suzuki’s funeral in 2011 just 4 years after he awarded me my black belt, it was a who’s who of the martial arts world with 500



people in attendance. Karate became a global phenomenon courtesy of Bruce Lee’s “Enter the Dragon” in 1973.

Most senior instructors will admit that this is what got them into the sport. Sensei Suzuki was part of a delegation of Japanese masters who set off for Europe from Japan in the 1960’s – he brought a major style, Wado-Ryu, to our UK shores. Energetic young men everywhere were instantly hooked by the knife-defence demonstrations, fighting (“kumite”), patterns (“kata”) and the conditioning and basics of punching and kicking. Karate is a force to be reckoned with, but also acts as a brake on our natural violent tendencies – it teaches principles and correct application

of power, as well as simply avoiding (“Nagasu”), and predicting a physical attack.

Like a popular pro-biotic yoghurt, Karate is not a mysterious magic – but it does engender some philosophical practices of Japanese culture and religion (shinto, buddhism), namely meditation. You could also call this ‘mindfulness’. Try sitting or kneeling still, quietly, counting to 10 as you breathe – consciously emptying your mind (“mokuso”). This helps us focus (“kime”) and generates awareness (“zanshin”). So why do I mention Karate? It is has been too wet for cycling for much of the past 8 weeks, and I recently had the privilege to help my Karate style at our World Championships at the K2 centre at Crawley. We had 20 countries, and 900 or so entries, spanning a 3 day event – complete with demonstrations, kata and kumite. With 5 mats, it was bigger than the Karate Kid all-valley tournament. It took 120 volunteers to run and a full year of planning. Some of our global competitors are olympic-level athletes, and it was my privilege as the compère for the event to see these fights up-close. All while I got to whip up the crowd and attempt to tear their eyes from their mobile phone applications. Many legs were swept, many faces kicked and many medals won.



The Netherlands took 13 Gold medals, England 10 and Belgium and Greece 9 each. Denmark and Cyprus were also super-strong, taking the lion’s share of silver and bronze medals. The French supporters made the most

noise, but bizarrely, the Belgian crowd could be spurred into instant choral rapture with their rendition of “I want it that way” by the Backstreet Boys. Tell me why? Karate is a sport with a number of facets and our style happens to lend itself to lightweight, upright and very quick action. We are the WIKF (Wado-Kokusai), but there are other forms (Shotokan, Wado-Kai, Kyokushin) and I am sure all these will be harmonising/simplifying in some way to impress the International Olympic Committee and to offer something different from Tae-Kwon-Do (Korean-style karate). Judo (Ju-do, formerly Ju-Jitsu) was fortunate enough to unify/harmonise it’s system in the early 20th century under Jigoro Kano – who was the first Asian member of the IOC.

As the nights draw in, and cyclists return to their pain-caves and virtual worlds of on-line volcanos, feel free to look up Karate and explore. Many clubs suffer from modern distractions such as gym-membership and more punishing martial forms (boxing, thai-kick boxing etc.), but there is always a welcome at your local Karate club for people of any age – just the calisthenics alone will help you find muscles you never knew you had: “It is like a finger pointing to the Moon. Don’t focus on the finger, or you will miss all that heavenly glory!” To see more pictures of the 9th Global Cup event go to the gallery here: <http://www.wikf.com>

Simon Mattison, Shodan