

## WEATHER – SEPTEMBER 2020

Total rainfall for month	45mm	1.77in
It rained on	8 days	
Rainfall same month last year	143mm	5.62in
Total for 2020	751mm	29.56in
Total for 2019	677mm	26.65in
Max temp (on 21 <sup>st</sup> )	28C	82F
Min temp (on 26 <sup>th</sup> )	3C	38F

The Meteorological Office described the month as “a normal September” But....

We had a nice long dry spell of 17 days without rain, so that was technically a drought!

Also we had nearly 100mm less rain in the month, than last September.

Think we ended summer on a high !

*John Smail*

## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

This year, the poppy appeal launches on 22nd October. The Royal British Legion are unable to distribute poppies in the usual way this year and instead are asking people to distribute poppies within their communities. If you or your families would like poppies this year please contact Rory McCullough at 46, Hurstbourne Priors ([rorymccullough@hotmail.com](mailto:rorymccullough@hotmail.com)) who will arrange delivery and let you know how to donate to the poppy appeal safely.



**Remembrance Sunday Service - St Andrew's  
Hurstbourne Priors, 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10.55 am**

## WORD OF THE MONTH



TRISKAIDEKAPHOBIA ..... the fear of the number 13 (remember it for the next time you play Scrabble) and it's companion word: FRIGGATRISKAIDEKAPHOBIA is a fear of (yes the first 3 letters are a clue) Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>! So everyone

take care this month. Interestingly there can only be 1, 2 or 3 Fridays the 13th in a year.

*Barbara Carrodus*

## HURSTBOURNE PRIORS CHRISTMAS PRESERVES



## Marmalade - Chutney – Jam

Following the tremendous support for the on-line sale of the Preserves Stall over the summer, we have been inspired to make a new selection of Christmas marmalades, chutneys and jams. These are now available and we hope you will be tempted to purchase some of the following:

Ginger Marmalade  
Cranberry Marmalade  
Orange Marmalade  
Whisky Marmalade  
Orange and Apple Marmalade with Calvados

Fierce Bengal Chutney  
Tangy Tomato Chutney  
Sweet Pear and Apple Chutney  
Exotic Courgette and Carrot Relish  
Spicy Courgette Relish  
Festive Pear, Apple and Cranberry Chutney  
Traditional Apple Chutney  
Damson Chutney

Apple Ginger Preserve  
Pear Jam  
Damson Jam (with fruit stones)  
Spiced Damson Jam (with fruit stones)  
Damson Jelly  
Spiced Pear and Walnut Jam  
Pear and Ginger Preserve  
Pear and Lavender Jam  
Gooseberry and Lavender Preserve  
Victoria Plum Jam  
Blackberry and Apple Jam

Apple Sauce

As well as replenishing your own larder, these will make ideal Christmas gifts and stocking fillers. As before, all funds raised will go towards our Village amenities. Jars are priced at £3.50 and if supplied with a Christmas label will be £3.75.

To make your purchases, please email Josephine Hutchinson at [josephine.hutchinson@btinternet.com](mailto:josephine.hutchinson@btinternet.com)

*Josephine Hutchinson and Denise Bradley*

## MEMORIES OF HURSTBOURNE PRIORS DURING THE WAR

A few months ago I was given an opportunity to read some of the Minute books belonging to the Hurstbourne Priors Womens Institute during the Second World War. These books are now in the Hampshire W.I. HQ archives in Fareham and the following is from some notes I made at the time.

At the monthly meeting in the Village Hall in May 1940 members decided that they would make jam for the war effort. Sugar was available but only members who were able to supply fruit were to be involved. The first two sessions took place on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of August, the cooks on the stage using oil stoves and a primus stove. By October that year well over 1,588lbs of jam had been made and distributed to hospitals, Army camps etc.

In 1941 owing to a shortage of fruit only 555lbs were made, mostly rhubarb and marrow. During 1942 over nine sessions the WI ladies made 709lbs of jam and supplied two and a half cwts of potatoes to Andover War Memorial Hospital.

No jam was made in 1943 owing to a shortage of fruit and no mention in the minutes of 1944.

1945 will long be remembered as the year the war ended - the Jam Centre on five days and with 16 members had made 355lbs of jam and jelly. Altogether over the years the WI members had made over 3,700 lbs of jam and one member, Miss Tancock, had tied the knot on every single jar.

Also during those five years, members had collected 4 hundredweight (approximately 200kg or 450lbs) of rose hips to make rose hip syrup.

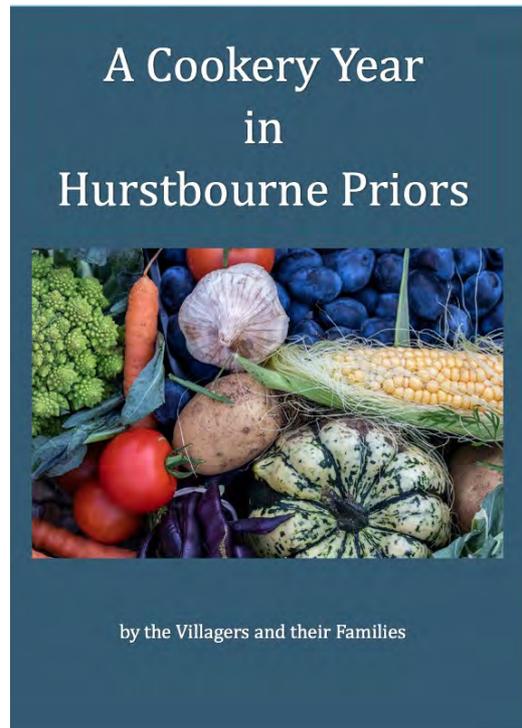
During the war I was a child and lived in Longparish. My Mother, Mrs Goulder belonged to the WI and was involved in helping make the jam. One of my earliest memories is of sitting in the Village Hall, holding my Teddy Bear and watching all this take place on the stage. I had been told to sit still and not move!

*Marion Scull*



During the Second World War members of the Women's Institute made jam on an epic scale and made a significant contribution to Britain's food supplies. In their first wave of jam **making**, it is estimated that the WI saved 450 tons of fruit from rotting.

## HURSTBOURNE PRIORS RECIPE BOOK



With over 100 delicious recipes, photos and gardening tips from the Villagers of Hurstbourne Priors our seasonal cookbook is available for pre order. Please email [hurstbournepriorsmayfair@gmail.com](mailto:hurstbournepriorsmayfair@gmail.com) by November 12<sup>th</sup> to place and pay for your order. Although the print deadline is looming, we may have enough time to print a second batch in time for Christmas. The cook book is £16 with all proceeds going to St Andrews Church and the Parish Council to help spruce up the playground. Get your friends and family a wonderful part of Village history.

*Lulu Beasley*

## CHRISTMAS TREES



Christmas Trees for Sale with Free Delivery in aid of Project Trust

A limited stock of Nordmann Fir Christmas trees, either 5-6ft (£26) or 6-7ft (£32) are available for FREE DELIVERY to your home in Whitchurch and surrounding areas on Saturday 12th

December 2020. Non-contact deliveries available. Please book early to avoid disappointment. For more information, or to order your tree, please email [whitchurchchristmastrees@yahoo.com](mailto:whitchurchchristmastrees@yahoo.com) or call 07957 944 677 if you don't have access to email.

*Project Trust is a registered education charity (SC025668) which supports 150 projects in countries worldwide. Project Trust empowers young people to be confident, effective, creative, independent and resilient. Local teenager, Emma Davies, will be volunteering for them in China for 12 months from August 2021.*

## WHITCHURCH SILK MILL



### WHITCHURCH SILK MILL Funding Lifeline

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded £131,550 as part of the Government's £1.57bn Culture Recovery Fund. This will help us face the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic and do much to sustain our future. It's a lifeline which will help us keep the art of silk weaving alive at Whitchurch Silk Mill in the short term, but we still need all the help our supporters and the wider community can provide in the way of volunteering, purchases from our shop, use of the café and attending events. Here's to a brighter, post-virus future for us all!

### Lockdown Open Art Exhibition

We hope you've enjoyed our social media posts highlighting the work and talents of the exhibitors in the Mill's first Open Art Exhibition. The exhibition is running until 22 November from 10.30am–5pm, Tuesday–Sunday, and is free with Mill admission. The artwork on display was created by artists from the local community, sharing their responses to the Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdown experience.

### A Covid-secure Winter Service

We've instituted a Covid-secure winter service for the Welcome Building (reception, shop and café), involving changes as follows:

- There is now no vehicle entrance for visitors.
- Additional seating has been created in the café, our gazebos have been moved closer to the buildings to make sitting outside a more comfortable experience, and we are operating table service rather than self service.
- We are following the Government's Covid-19 secure guidelines on use of face masks within the Mill buildings, and operating the required test and trace system.

Please help us spread the word that the café has both inside and outside seating, the shop and online shop are open, and we have some great deals at the moment. People shopping with us online can click and collect, and if within walking distance of the Mill can ask us to hand deliver.

### Virtual Tours

We're offering Mill Tours via Zoom. The tour starts with a talk about the history of the Mill, then proceeds with a guided tour of the winding and warping machines and the looms, with a close-up look at what's being woven and also examples of silk from our archives.

### Actual Tours

Our group tour bookings have resumed with a maximum group size of six, and we are delighted to have several bookings for the autumn.

### REGULAR EVENTS

Our regular events including Mini Millers, Young Millers and Pins & Needles will resume as soon as we're able.

### Volunteer & Friends Coffee Afternoon

For the time being these get-togethers are being held via Zoom on publicised dates.

Contact: [info@whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk](mailto:info@whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk) – 01256 892065 – [www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk](http://www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk)

## ANDOVER FOOD BANK

Thank you so much to everyone who has kindly donated to the Andover food bank. It is much appreciated.

The food bank is in need of the following items:

- Deodorant
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Potatoes/Instant Mash

### CHRISTMAS GIFT BOX APPEAL 2020

We are pleased to announce the launch of this year's Christmas Gift Box appeal. Please visit our website: [www.andoverfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.andoverfoodbank.org.uk) for details.

Last year the Andover food bank distributed over 900 Christmas gift boxes to local children in need. 2020 has been a very difficult year for many families in our community and we invite you to help make this Christmas happy for a local child by donating a gift box or by donating money.

The scheme is very simple. Key workers at local agencies and schools identify children for whom a gift box will make a real difference and request a box for a boy or girl of a certain age from the Andover food bank.

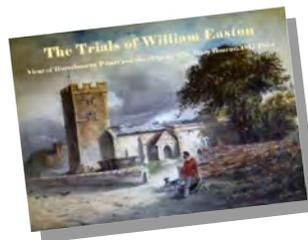
We would be grateful if all completed boxes could be handed in to the Andover food bank office no later than November 6th 2020. If you are unable to participate in the appeal itself but have any spare shoe boxes that you no longer need please could you bring them to the office – wrapped or unwrapped – as soon as possible.

Thank you!

**Andover Foodbank**

Tel: 01264 362111 [www.andover.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.andover.foodbank.org.uk)

## A PIECE OF LOCAL HISTORY



*The Trials of William Easton*, vicar of Hurstbourne Priors (and the chapelry of St Mary Bourne) 1817-34, will be available on 22nd November from Mandy Briant-Evans (01264 738489 or [a.briantevans@gmail.com](mailto:a.briantevans@gmail.com)) for £5, all the proceeds going

to support St Andrew's. It gives some insight into life in this parish during a turbulent period, with one of the earliest known photographs of St Andrew's church. For more information about the booklet and contact details, please see the St Mary Bourne pages.

*Martin Coppin (vicar of St Mary Bourne 1988-2013 and Hurstbourne Priors 2000-2013)*

## TESTBOURNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL – VIRTUAL OPEN EVENTS

We have seen 2020 present many new hurdles, and staff and students started this new academic year stepping up to the challenge. We are genuinely impressed with how resilient and adaptive our students have been to cope with the new daily routines. To list a few adjustments, we have implemented:

- A one-way system
- Staggered breaks and lunchtimes
- Designated year group areas
- Cleaning of tables/equipment after each lesson
- Sanitising hands throughout the day
- Coming into the school in PE kit for the days with PE lessons
- Mandatory mask-wearing areas
- Social distancing wherever possible

Staff too had an IT crash-course to improve our computing skills for remote learning. It has been a busy few weeks.

Our strengths as a school are our positive relationships between staff and students, excellent behaviour, focus in lessons and good order during lessons and at breaks and lunches.

It is our amazing staff and students that we showcase on Open Evenings, so it has been a challenge to host our Open Evening in 2020 as a virtual online event. We decided to host a live Open Evening event, broadcast over the Internet, so parents and students could meet our wonderful staff and experience their passion, dedication and expertise for themselves.

In preparation, our website was furnished with 360° photos of our classrooms giving people the freedom to look around the rooms as the next best thing to standing in them. Staff members were filmed answering frequently asked questions, we had a school tour presented by our incredible Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Sudds, staff made and recorded virtual sample lessons, and there were interviews with Year 7 students and a talk by our Year 11 head boy and head girl.

On the night, we hosted a live presentation with our Headteacher and Heads of Departments along with an open Q&A so parents could interact with the presenters. Feedback from the event shows that this was very well received and that parents appreciated this opportunity to get to know us.

The event ran very smoothly, operating like a live TV production, especially as it is the first time that our teachers and technical staff have done anything like it. To find out more about our Virtual Open Evening, please find recordings and other materials on our website [www.testbourne.school/openevents](http://www.testbourne.school/openevents).

## CHRISTMAS CARDS



Christmas cards from an original watercolour by Stephen Shuttleworth are available from MarkWilliams (01256 892081; [mark.williams@btpopenworld.com](mailto:mark.williams@btpopenworld.com)). They come in packs of 10 cards for £5 and all proceeds will be donated to the Fabric Fund for St Andrews Church.

## ST ANDREW



St Andrew's Day on the 30th November. St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland and as an Apostle, he is patron of our church in Hurstbourne Priors. He is also the patron saint of Romania, Greece, Russia, Ukraine and Poland.

In the Bible, we read that Andrew was a fisherman and the first of the twelve disciples of Jesus. In the miracle of the feeding of the

5,000, it is Andrew who brings the boy with his five loaves and two small fish to Jesus.

There is no one clear explanation as to how St Andrew came to be the patron saint of Scotland.

One story says that in the 9th Century, King Angus of Scotland was preparing for a battle against the English. St Andrew appeared to King Angus in a dream promising him victory and on the day of the battle, an X symbol appeared in the sky, which was the symbol of St Andrew. Angus vowed that if they won, St Andrew would be made the patron saint of Scotland - and that is exactly what happened.

This is why the Scottish flag has the X-shaped cross on it for St Andrew.

Another Scottish tradition claims that it goes back further than that. The Scots are believed to descend from an ancient population called the Scythians, who lived on the Black Sea and who were converted by St Andrew to Christianity.

St Andrew was officially named the patron saint of Scotland in 1320.

**St Andrew's Church will celebrate its patronal festival on Sunday 29th November at 11am.**