

WEATHER – AUGUST 2020

Total rainfall for month	114mm	4.48in
It rained on	13 days	
Rainfall same month last year	76mm	2.99in
Total for 2020	706mm	27.79in
Total for 2019	534mm	21.02in
Max temp (on 12 th)	38.5C	100F
Min temp (on 31 st)	7C	44F

What a variable month!

First we had the longest spell of hot weather (over 34C per day for 6 days) since 1961.

At Papermill Farm, we recorded 38.5C on the 12th August which is the second highest ever recorded in the UK.

Then there was a lot of rain in second half of the month, including one inch in one hour on 26th August.

In all we had 38mm more rain in the month than our 10-year average of 75mm per month.

John Smail

TOFFEE APPLE PUDDING RECIPE

When cooked, this separates into an apple sponge with its own toffee sauce.

Ingredients

85g butter – melted	1 egg
140g self-raising flour	2 large cooking apples
100g caster sugar	
1tbsp baking powder	250ml boiling water
200ml milk	140g dark brown sugar

1. Mix together the flour, caster sugar and baking powder and add the milk and beaten egg, mixing until smooth.
2. Peel, core and slice the apples and line the base of an oven proof dish.
3. Pour the melted butter over the apples.
4. Pour on the batter mixture.
5. Mix the 250ml boiling water with 140g dark brown sugar and pour them over the mixture in the dish.
6. Bake for 40 minutes at 180C.

Serve with custard, cream, ice-cream...

Fenella Williams

WORD OF THE MONTH

There is an autumnal feel to this word with the trees taking on a RUBIGINOUS glow as the leaves take on their rusty hue prior to their annual abscission.

You may remember abscission from last autumn!

Barbara Carrodus

PCC ST ANDREWS ANNUAL MEETING

Due to lock down, we were unable to hold the elections to the Parochial Church Council earlier this year. These will now take place on Wednesday 28th October at 7.30pm using Zoom and the link will be circulated nearer the time. There are two meetings:

The Annual Vestry Meeting – this is a meeting of all parishioners to elect the churchwardens for the coming year.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place immediately after the Vestry Meeting for the election of members of the PCC.

Anyone who is on the Electoral Roll of Hurstbourne Priors can attend and vote at the APCM.

Notice of the revision of the Electoral Roll are displayed in the church and on the Church noticeboard. Revision of the Electoral Roll must be completed by 12 October. Application forms for enrolment on the Electoral Roll are available from mark.williams@btopenworld.com and must be returned to him by Tuesday 12th October for inclusion on the revised Electoral Roll.

Fenella Williams
Churchwarden

HARVEST TAKE-AWAY SUPPER AND QUIZ

We invite you to join us for a Harvest Take-Away Supper and online Quiz on Saturday 24th October.

You will be able to order and collect your meal from the Village Hall between 7 and 7.30pm to eat at home and then we will join together on Zoom at 8pm for Mark Williams' annual quiz.

Tickets are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children (under 5s free) and proceeds will be donated to the support the work of the Mityana Projects Trust, in our link Diocese in Uganda. The menu is available from fenella.williams@btopenworld.com or 01256 8892081. We hope to offer a local delivery service if you are unable to collect your food from the Village Hall. Please place your order by 17th October.

We hope it will be fun!

Fenella Williams



WHITCHURCH SILK MILL

**'Hanging by a Thread' Golf Day**

The Mill has been hit hard by the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and has launched a fund-raising appeal (see the JustGiving page on our website for more details). A golf day at Sandford Springs Golf Club on 14 October has been organised as part of the appeal and is open to golfers of all handicaps. Meeting time at the Club is 9–9.15am for registration and team selection. Breakfast will be provided, participants can expect to have fun, and there will be prizes to win. Cost £50 per person. The number of tickets is limited to 30, so early booking is recommended. See the Mill's website for more details and to make your booking.

Please Come and Buy Your Greeting Cards from Us

We're swapping over to reduced plastic packing for our greeting cards; instead of plastic sleeves they're now being kept tidy with a small sticker. Our five cards for £10 deal is proving popular. If you haven't already done so, please support us by buying greeting cards from our shop, and tell your friends and family about this great deal, too!

Lockdown Open Art Exhibition

The Mill's first Open Art Exhibition runs until Sunday 22 November from 10.30am–5pm, Tuesday–Sunday. Twenty-five artists submitted over seventy works of art and it was a tough job narrowing down the selection. The artwork on display was created by a wide range of artists from the local community, who we asked to share their responses to the Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdown experience. The artists share their thoughts of hope for the future and brighter days to come, also tragic loss, and a wish to relive past happy memories. The exhibition is free with Mill admission.

Family Activities

Please check our website for family friendly trails and activities for the half-term holiday. We will be running outdoor sessions for families to enjoy.

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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Please keep an eye on our website for news on all our events. We'll give updates when we can.

Contact: info@whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk – 01256 892065 – www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk

ANDOVER FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Andover food bank over the past few weeks. Your donations are, as always, greatly appreciated.

The Andover food bank is currently in need of the following food and non-food items:-

Tins of rice pudding
Tinned fruit
Tinned potatoes or Instant Mash
Laundry powder/liquid
Dog Food

Andover Foodbank

Tel: 01264 362111 www.andover.foodbank.org.uk



This gorgeous cat is Marley, she is about 3 years, very friendly but can be a bit unpredictable so would not be suitable for families with young children. She would love a garden to relax in once settled into her new home. Annie from last month has already gone off to her new home and is settling in well. Please get in touch if you think

you could offer Marley, or any of our other cats, a home.

We are looking for a volunteer to help us run our eBay page. We use eBay to sell cat dinners which is a vital part of fundraising for our branch. If you have an hour or two you could spare every week to manage the page for us, please get in touch. A small amount of experience with the website would be helpful.

For all homing, fund raising and volunteer enquiries;

Telephone: 0345 260 1501 or

Email: sylvia.cp@outlook.com

To view all cats currently up for adoption visit www.andover.cats.org.uk

KEEPING IN TOUCH

If you would like 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 RECIPE BOOK

In the absence of the traditional Hurstbourne Priors May Fair, this year's Plant Stall and Preserves Stall took place on-line, with tremendous support from the entire village and beyond. Those sales have helped to raise a fantastic sum to support Village amenities, but we'd like to try to do a little bit more to help plug the gap left in our village finances this year. With Covid-19 and the necessary social distancing still very much with us, fund-raising social events are out of the question right now, so our challenge was to find an idea that could safely involve the entire village over the autumn months.



After a little brainstorming, it struck us that Hurstbourne Priors is a community who marches on its stomach. Our village year is made up of social gatherings often centred around food: the Safari Supper, the Harvest Supper, the May Fair with its cakes, produce and teas, concerts with delicious plates of nibbles and the village clean up with sustaining cake.

Our village cooks have shared the secrets of their favourite recipes which Lulu Beasley is assembling to produce a full colour professionally printed hardback cookery book. It will be available to pre-order for delivery in plenty of time for Christmas – the perfect gift for family and friends!

The May Fair Team have agreed that all proceeds will be divided equally between St Andrew's Church, and the Parish Council towards their fundraising to improve the playground equipment.

Price will be in region of £15 and all profits will be donated to the nominated village causes. If you are interested in a copy, please register your interest at hurstbournepriorsmayfair@gmail.com by 16th October 2020. Once the book is ready to print, we will e-mail you a few sample pages of the book, from which you can decide if you'd like to place an order. Note at this stage we're only planning a single print run, so do get your orders in by the deadline to guarantee your very own copy of a little bit of village culinary history!

Lulu Beasley and the May Fair Team

VILLAGE LITTER PICK

Whilst the Parish Council traditionally holds our Litter Pick and Churchyard Tidy in the Spring we have been inspired by the efforts of one of our national newspapers to have another effort around the village and its footpaths and roads. It has been disappointing to see how much rubbish is being dropped – mostly from passing vehicles – in our beautiful village.

In order to comply with the current guidelines regarding social distancing we are not setting a specific date but would ask villagers to take a bag out with them and pick up litter whilst enjoying the countryside during the next couple of weeks. Litter pickers and bin bags are available from Clare Read clareread@aol.com Please make sure you wear appropriate clothing and only pick up where it is safe to do so.

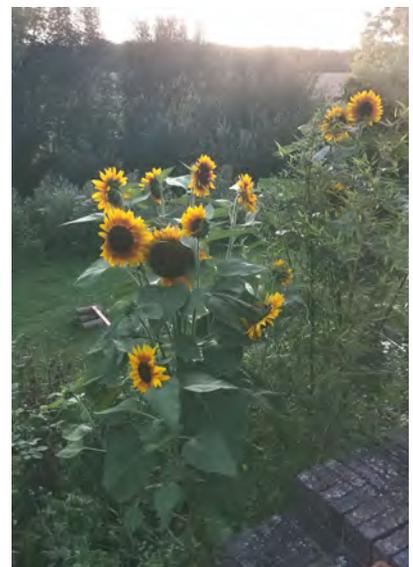
*Many thanks,
Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council*

MORE SUNFLOWER PRIZEWINNERS!



*The biggest sunflower -
was grown by Rose
Urquhart*

*The most flowers on one
branch - Megan and
Alfred Brunwin*



THE GREAT HURSTBOURNE PRIORS SUNFLOWER CHALLENGE



A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the Parish Council’s village sunflower competition, to the children, parents and grandparents who helped, staked and watered all the wonderful sunflower plants. The weather both helped and hindered our challenge with sunshine, driving rain, hail and howling winds and then more hot sunshine!

The final results based on data provided by 20th September 2020, are now in and we are delighted to announce the winners in each category as follows:

Lily and Isobel von Guionneau – Tallest sunflower	Rose and Hugo Briant-Evans – Most successful gardeners in getting all their seeds to grow and flower
Rose Urqhart – Largest flower	Harriet McCullough – Best junior award
Megan and Alfred Brunwin – Most flowers on one plant	James, Jo, Rosie, Matilda and Henrietta Macmillan – Best decorated flowerpots, family prize
Rufus Read – Green fingers award for persistence in getting his sunflowers to grow	Lottie and Fred Tuffnell – Best decorated flowerpots

Special mention goes to the Stanes, Ryan and Adeney families for having a really good try but falling foul of slug and weather sabotage!

We hope that everyone has enjoyed taking part and will be running the competition next year. The inspiration for children to learn about growing things from seed led to a range of other plants and vegetables being grown up and down the village which was an added bonus.

All your beautiful flowers can be cut once the petals fade. Simply cut keeping about 15/20cm of stem, lie them on a sheet of newspaper somewhere dry inside and then hang in the garden for the birds to eat the seeds once the weather gets colder. Then you can watch how many different birds come and enjoy them. Do send in pictures if you can!

The Parish Council will be distributing prizes at the beginning of October so keep an eye on your letterbox. Huge congratulations to everyone who took on the Sunflower Challenge.

Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council



Tallest sunflower with Lily von Guionneau



Best Junior Award - Harriet, obviously being held up by Mummy as the sunflower is several times bigger than she is!



Green Fingers award – Rufus Read



Best decorated flower pots family prize – The MacMillans



Most successful gardeners – Rose and Hugo Briant-Evans



Best decorated flower pots – Lottie and Fred Tuffnell