

WEATHER JULY 2016

Total rainfall for month	25mm	0.981ins
Rained on 6 days		
Rainfall in July 2015	56mm	2.20ins
Total for 2016	652mm	25.66ins
Total for 2015	407mm	16.02ins
Max. Temperature	34°C	93°F (20 th)
Min. Temperature	10°C	50°F (31 st)

20°C (or higher) was the maximum temperature per day all month.

For 7 consecutive days between 17th and 23rd July the temperature exceeded 30°C.

Ladies Coffee Morning

The September coffee morning will be hosted by Doreen Finlayson at April Cottage (☎ 893667) on **Tuesday 6th September**, from 10.15am onwards, so make sure the date is in your diary.

**Whitchurch Silk Mills**

**Country Food and Craft Fair
at Whitchurch Silk Mill
Sunday, September 25th 2016
10.30am - 4pm**

A fun day out for the whole family with live music and games. More stalls than ever before. Return of the popular Boat Race. Come and taste your way through the food stalls. Have a look at the beautiful craft items on sale. Craft demonstrations throughout the day.



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

We have recently received a media release from our head office with the following suggestions for keeping your cat safe that we would like to pass on:

Keep cats in during hours of darkness. As evenings become darker, remember that cats are at increased risk of road accidents after nightfall. Try to keep your cat indoors overnight and time meals to coincide with rush hour to help keep your cat away from busy roads.

Ensure cats are neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. Ensure your cat is neutered for a host of benefits, including preventing unwanted kittens being born. Neutered cats are less likely to roam, lowering the risk of car accidents, and less likely to fight and contract serious diseases spread by saliva. Microchipping offers a safe and permanent method of identification, while ensuring your cat is vaccinated will protect against parasites and diseases.

Our next fundraising event will be the Whitchurch charity shop which we have from the 9th to the 29th of September. We have lots of interesting goods to sell. Please come and support us.

Hobo, now renamed Ginger, was such a nice cat that his fosterer was unable to resist him and he now lives happily and amicably with her four other cats. Poor Gemma is still in her pen waiting for a forever home.



Bertie and Belinda were handed to us because a child was allergic to them. They are about two years old, very friendly and would like to find a home together.

Susie Urquhart

Singing 🎵 *Piano* 🎹 *Maths and English Tuition*
Based In Hurstbourne Priors

Susie Urquhart moved to Hurstbourne Priors with her husband Charlie and daughter Rose a year ago. Since then she has thrown herself into the musical life of the area, singing with the Longparish Village choir and fulfilling local solo engagements including weddings, memorial services, concerts for the elderly, special church services and the Hurstbourne Priors May Fair.

Susie trained at the *English National Opera* and *Central School of Speech and Drama* before completing her PGCE at *The Institute of Education* in London. She taught for many years at *Eaton Square School*, Belgravia, both as a Music teacher and a class teacher and has provided learning enrichment for children with specific learning needs. She now gives singing and piano lessons and Primary Maths and English tuition from her home.



For further details please contact Susie on 07880 733121.



ANDOVER FILM CLUB

Andover Film Club's season-opener is **Love & Friendship**, an adaptation of Jane Austen's *Lady Susan* by American writer/director Whit Stillman and starring Kate Beckinsale.

This film was described by the Guardian as a 'hilariously self-aware period comedy polished to a brilliant sheen.'

Monday 12th September, 8pm, ODEON Andover. Admission is £6.50. Tickets online from www.andoverfilmclub.org

Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th July 2016

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Jan Atkinson asked if there was any news on the extension of the 30mph from St Mary Bourne to the Chapmansford cross roads.

The Chairman reported back by email that she had received the following letter back from Mandy Ware of Traffic and Safety in respect of this issue:

"Speed limits are set in accordance with Department for Transport criteria and the County Council's policy on setting speed limits. There are many factors that are taken into account in these criteria, including the road character, the level of roadside development, the accident history and road safety issues, the current traffic speeds, the frequency of junctions and private entrances and the presence of amenities that attract both motorised and non-motorised road users. To be effective a speed limit is reliant on drivers responding to a range of these factors, particularly those with a visual impact. A speed limit provides drivers with information of the surrounding environment and the activity that is likely to be encountered, but where these expectations are not met then speed limits can be ineffective and not achieve road safety benefits. For this reason, the Department for Transport recommend that speed limits are, in the main, self-explaining.

Aside from meeting criteria, successive rounds of funding cuts for local authorities has reduced the County Council's capacity to investigate and implement highway improvements, and required the Council to prioritise its remaining limited resources to address the causes of injury accidents to reduce the number of people killed and injured on its roads.

The County Council's Traffic & Safety teams use casualty data provided by Hampshire Police to identify locations where accidents are occurring and to assess the scope for engineering measures or traffic regulations to reduce the likelihood of similar accidents recurring.

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We regularly receive requests for physical measures or changes to speed limits where road safety is a perceived problem, but where injury accidents are not recorded. These locations are a lower priority compared with locations where injury accidents are occurring now, and with resources limited they are not being investigated further at this time.

Current policy supports this approach and the County Council is scaling back on the delivery of traffic management measures that do not clearly demonstrate a road casualty reduction benefit. In particular the County Council are scaling back work on the investigation and delivery of speed limits unless required to support casualty reduction. This position recognises the investment that the County Council has made in these areas of traffic management in recent years through its countywide A and B road speed limit reviews and village 30mph initiative, and also takes account of the impact on enforcement resources.

The police accident database has been examined and there are no significant and treatable patterns of collisions related to traffic speeds. I'm afraid this matter is a low priority and whilst I will log your request it will not be progressed further at this time. I'm sorry that this is not the response that you had wished to receive but hope it is helpful in explaining the current position."

The chairman stated in her email that she hadn't given up hope and would get in touch with Ms Ware again.

Jan Atkinson reported that she had a copy of a letter from the Parish Council to BDBC regarding the Vitacress extension and planning application dated 2008 in which the Parish Council asked for the 30mph to be extended at that stage. Because of that she was reluctant for the 30 mph issue to simply be dealt with as part of the Hurstbourne Station/Cleanslate planning application. She was assured that other efforts were already being made by the Parish Council in respect of this.

Jan Atkinson reported that the finger marker on the footpath sign post needed replacing. The Clerk will contact HCC to request a replacement.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR T THACKER

Cllr Mr T Thacker reported that HCC are consulting with Hampshire Residents on Devolution from the 27th July 2016 to the 20th September 2016. Cllr Mr T Thacker will forward the link to the Clerk so that the information can be placed within Hill & Valley.

Cllr Mr T Thacker reported that he had listened with interest re the 30mph extension but his personal view is that rural roads should not have speed limits. This was noted.

TUFTON

Cllr J Broomfield reported that there has been a further break in at Tufton in which a ride-on lawnmower was taken. There is now an increase in the police patrol and the church is now locked at night.

The A34 'No Entry' sign is now completely flat and has been reported to Steve Goodall by the Chairman. The telephone box is now being used as a lending library.

'Nasty Corner' Footpath 13 is impassable. A chance meeting in Tufton with a representative from HCC Rights of Way led to a discussion about the overgrown footpaths. It was noted that HCC have a team of 3 who are responsible for cutting all the paths in Hampshire.

PLANNING

Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby reported on the recent planning applications the Parish Council had discussed since the last meeting. The Parish Council had objected to a proposed lagoon at Apsley.

The Parish Council have received a large number of complaints from parishioners concerning the painting of the brickwork at the site of 'The Hurstbourne'. People have expressed concern about the colour and the impact of the painting given the prominent position of the building within the village. BDBC Planning enforcement have been notified.

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PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

CLLR MR J BROOMFIELD – Reported that the overgrown verge on the right hand side of the Tufton exit onto the B3400 is making that junction dangerous. This will be reported to the Lengthsman.

CLLR MRS S SORBY – Reported that large lorries are still using the St Mary Bourne road. It was not known if they are delivering to Vitacress. Enquiries will be made by Cllr Sorby.

FOOTPATHS REPORT

Via a written report the Chairman thanked Testbourne estate for clearing the paths and reported that, as far as she knew, all the Footpaths were clear and walkable (apart from footpath 13 at ‘Nasty Corner’).

RECREATION GROUND REPORT

The Chairman has one quote for the thatch and is waiting for one more. A number of cricket matches were cancelled in June due to very wet weather. The cricketers are looking to purchase a new mower to cut the outfield as the once weekly cut from Test Valley Services is not sufficient.

VILLAGE HALL

Cllr S Sorby has reported that the Village Hall has had its new floor laid and will be out of commission until at least November.

**HURSTBOURNE PRIORS PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING APPLICATIONS
19 JULY 2016 to 17 AUGUST 2016**

APPLICATION	PC RESPONSE	BDBC DECISION
16/02234/ADV Application to place advert on Winchester Road	No objection	
16/02389/HSE Application for two storey rear extension at North Tugbury Cottages	No objection	

**BDBC DECISIONS IN RESPECT OF
PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS**

APPLICATION	PC RESPONSE	BDBC DECISION
16/01564/FUL Change of use of Tufton Warren Farmhouse from residential use to overnight accommodation to include minor internal and external alterations	No objection	Granted

**Harvest Festival and Barbecue Lunch on
Sunday 9th October**

We are celebrating the Harvest Festival with a Family Service on Sunday 9th October at 11am in St Andrew’s Church.

We are again collecting non-perishable food items for the Andover Food Bank which provides food for local people in crisis throughout the year. Please bring contributions to the Harvest Festival or to the church beforehand.

After the service there will be a Harvest Barbecue Lunch on the Recreation Ground at 12.30pm with a quiz and a raffle. Tickets for the lunch are £5 for adults and £3 for children (under 5s are free). Tickets are available from Fenella Williams 01256 892081 or Fenella.williams@btopenworld.com . Please let Fenella know by 3rd October if you are planning to come.

Whitchurch Deanery is linked to the Diocese of Mityana in Uganda and proceeds from the lunch will be donated to support the work of the Mityana Projects Trust. We do hope you will be able to join us for our Harvest Celebrations.

Please contact Fenella if you could help with cooking or with setting up and helping on the day.

