

WEATHER - JUNE AND JULY 2018

	JUNE	JULY
Total rainfall for month	2mm (0.08in)	27mm (1.06in)
Number of days' rain	1 day	5 days
Rainfall same month last year	51mm (2.0in)	126mm (4.96in)
Total for 2018	500mm (19.68in)	527mm (20.74in)
Total for 2017	427mm (16.81in)	553mm (21.77in)
Max temp	31C (88F) on 24 th June	32C (90F) on 26 th July
Min temp	9C (48F) on 21 st June	13C (56F) on 14 th July

Rainfall

Our 2mm could be a record for June. The overall driest June in England was in 1925, when 2.3mm rain fell. There is still only 1 inch less rain than to this time last year.

Temperature

Our 31C was not the highest recorded for the month of June but it felt like it! Top July temperature ever in Hampshire was in 1976, 35.6C. The highest for us this July was 32C on the 26th. The high temperatures could make this a vintage wine year in the UK!

Sunshine

In July, Hampshire had the most sunshine of the month... 295 hrs.

John Smail

HARVEST FESTIVAL and BARBECUE



St Andrew's Harvest Festival

will be held on Sunday, 7th October at 11am. As usual, we are collecting non-perishable produce for the Andover Food Bank.

Please join us after the service for a Barbecue on the Recreation Ground at 12.15 pm. Tickets for the Barbecue are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children (under 5s free). There will be a quiz and a raffle.

Proceeds from the Barbecue will be donated to the Mityana Projects Trust.

Tickets are available from Fenella Williams 01256 892081. Please book your ticket by 30th September to help us plan the catering.

VOX CANTAB AT ST ANDREW'S

Vox Cantab gave us a double treat on Sunday 5th August. They volunteered to sing unaccompanied some parts of the 11.00am Eucharist, which they did with great skill. This must have been anticipated as 41 people attended. Rev'd Terry Hemming took the service at the last moment, owing to the unavoidable absence of the priest who was to have taken it, and rose to the challenge. David Blake played the organ beautifully for the hymns sung by the congregation and by Vox Cantab. The week before the concert John Budgen serviced the organ and diagnosed the likely cause of "sticky keys" as the excessively hot sunny weather. He also suggested ways of increasing the humidity within the organ which were implemented and, to David's relief, appear to have eliminated the problem.

In the afternoon Vox Cantab gave an increased audience a stunning concert of Madrigals from Renaissance England. This included pieces by Orlando Gibbons and William Byrd, and by lesser-known composers. After the concert the singers and the audience had a slap-up tea in the Village Hall. The audience also welcomed the opportunity to talk to the young singers. Our particular thanks go to Louisa Denby, the Director of Vox Cantab, who put together the programme and got together the singers, whom she then subjected to intensive rehearsals. Thanks also go to those who had some of the singers to stay on Saturday night, fed all the singers on Saturday evening and Sunday lunchtime (and luckily anticipated the healthy appetite of young people) and those who baked cakes and produced other delights for the tea in the Village Hall.

Jeremy Goad

LADIES COFFEE MORNING

The September Coffee Morning will be hosted by Precelly Murray at The Long House, Hurstbourne Priors (892606) on **Wednesday 12 September** from 10.15 onwards.



Sir Hubert Parry

returns to

Hurstbourne Priors

27th October at 7.30pm

100 years after his death the music of one of Britain's finest composers will return to St Andrew's church where he played at the inauguration of the new organ in 1906. Parry's son-in-law, Harry Plunkett Green, famous in his day as a solo baritone singer and still revered by fly fishermen everywhere for his book about fishing on the Bourne, lived in Hurstbourne Priors for 12 years. He was responsible for building up the church choir and turned to his father-in-law for advice in specifying and commissioning a new organ.

A concert comprising some of Parry's organ music and settings for anthems and songs, together with music from some of his well-known pupils, will be played and sung by a group of talented local performers. The concert is being staged to raise funds for the ongoing restoration of this historic organ and to celebrate the connection of the village with this most famous of British musicians.

Join in with us to sing some of Parry's settings to familiar hymns including, of course, "And did those feet....."
Bring your Union Jacks!

Advance tickets £10.00
to include refreshments
(£12.50 at the door)

Tickets available from

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& Hurstbourne Priors Facebook page

Cheques payable to:

Friends of St Andrew's Hurstbourne Priors

ANDOVER FILM CLUB



Monday 10th September, ODEON Cinema
Start time: 8.00pm
Cert 15, 122 mins. 2018
Directed by Kevin Macdonald
Starring: Whitney Houston, Bobby Brown,
Bobbi Kristina Brown.

A documentary film of the life and career of Whitney Houston.
'A deeply sensitive portrait of a troubled singer.' *BFI*



A PEAL APPEAL

Bellringers Needed!

No previous experience required. Expert tuition provided. Ages 9 to 90!

St Andrew's Church in Hurstbourne Priors is fortunate to have the best peal of bells in the Bourne Valley and visitors come from miles around to ring them. Sadly, the number of ringers from our own village has dwindled in recent years and they are now rarely rung for Sunday services.

We are keen to rejuvenate this ancient community activity which has been at the heart of village life for centuries, and are looking to recruit newcomers to join our small band. Whether you are a complete novice or a lapsed experienced ringer, please get in touch with a view to joining us for tuition and practice on Tuesday evenings and ringing for services a couple of Sundays a month.

Please contact Martin Briant-Evans on 01264 738489 or 07753 839219
martin.briantevans@btinternet.com



DIARY OF A WIMPY CYCLIST – no 2

*A brief write-up from a newbie MAMIL...**

I was recently arrested by the fashion police, in the form of a thousand thunder bugs – who, it turns out, love luminous clothing. Primarily, I bought high viz clothing to be seen by other road users (cars) and spent time carefully matching luminous gloves, helmet and jersey as is the wont of the modern cycling fraternity. But, on this occasion, a glorious bright and warm Saturday morning, I was feasted upon by clouds of marauding pollinators. My chuckling group-mates – who I then noticed were wearing very little luminous yellow gear – soon pointed out that bugs and bees love yellow. I was then regarded as some kind of malarial outcast with a following dust-storm, not unlike Pig-Pen from the cartoon series, Peanuts. I watched the Tour de France a little more 'aphidly' this year to see if the Geraint Thomas suffered this ignominious fate.



It was my second time out with the local cycling club, the Andover Wheelers. They are a well-organised bunch, using radio comms and applying their years of experience to stagger the groups by ability and control us all in batches. There seemed to be around 30-40 riders in total that morning. This results in a broad mix of abilities and has made the whole experience of road-cycling far more accessible. Many of the members called out the forthcoming charity rides and there is a close relationship with the local bike store too – with us all stopping for coffee and cake as a reward for two hours in the saddle.

We all slowed down to a careful crawl for several horse riders that we met *en route*, as horses are known to be skittish with their metal cousins. Sadly this week, a cycling group was videoed whizzing by a horse-rider, heard clipping their stirrup. This went viral via Sky News (major sponsors of cycling I note) – and we were all aghast at how irresponsible this was. The group appears to have been in a triathlon event – which raises other questions. Nevertheless, road etiquette is a huge concern for cyclists and scaring horses is not acceptable and not in anyone's interest.

"Single-file" shouted the lady towing a trailer at 60mph on a blind-bend this Saturday. There seems to be random instances of abuse – all of which contribute to the steely mirth of the amateur cyclist. If we are in twos it is actually marginally safer – giving cars a shorter manoeuvre to make to pass us. On a fast road, however, you will probably see us in single file.

In the next diary entry I will talk about technology – it seems to have come on a long way since my Raleigh Stryker with the pedal back brakes!

Simon Mattison

* MAMIL – Middle Aged Man in Lycra

MICHAELMAS

Michaelmas is the feast of St Michael the Archangel on 29 September. It is traditionally the last day of the harvest which used to start on 1st August and was called Lammas meaning Loaf Mass. Farmers would make a loaf of bread from the new wheat and give it to their church. The custom ended when Henry VIII broke with the Catholic Church and nowadays we hold Harvest Festivals at the end of the season near Michaelmas Day.

A BRIDGE TEA

A date for your diary



Hurstbourne Priors
Bridge Tea



2pm-5pm on Thursday 8th November 2018

Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall

In aid of *Andover Young Carers* and *Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall*

Prizes and Raffle

£50 per table

For more information contact **Lois Jones** 01256 892548
or **Susie Sorby** 01256 892665





If you are a cat owner it will come as no surprise to you that your moggy likes sleeping. On average cats spend about 16 hours a day asleep. A cat's need to sleep is a result of evolution. In the wild cats have to hunt in order to eat and the stalking and chasing involved, burns up a lot of energy, hence the need to replenish it with sleep.

At the end of July we had a stall at St Mary Bourne fete on a very hot and windy afternoon. It was an enjoyable and successful venture but unfortunately our gazebo blew away (along with those of a number of other stall holders) and we shall now have to replace it.

Our Whitchurch charity shop will be opening on the afternoon of Friday 14th of September. We have lots to offer at reasonable prices. Why not come and visit us.

Eight year old Lily is still looking for a home.



Meet Autumn, a one year old petite female looking for a quiet home. She has not been out much and will take time to settle. She would be suited to a household with older children and someone who will spend time with her each day, boosting her confidence and giving

her lots of attention.

She can be shy and nervous when meeting new people and experiences so will take time to settle in her new home.

Homing Enquiries: 0345 260 1501 or andover.cats.org.uk

Fund-raising and volunteers 07733 242196 or coord@andovercats.org.uk

Items for resale: 01256 892773

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications have been considered by Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council and Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council (BDBC) in 2018.

January

18/00333/ROC Variation of conditions 20,21,22,24,28, 29 and 33 of consent 16/02664 (Hirst site). Parish Council – objections raised. BDBC decision pending.

February

18/00505/HSE Garage with accommodation at 6 Cressington. Parish Council – No objection. BDBC – Granted

18/00425/HSE Single storey extension at 43 Hurstbourne Priors. Parish Council – No objection. BDBC – Granted

March

18/00910/FUL Erection of 4 new dwellings at Cressington. Parish Council – No objection. BDBC – Pending.

18/00842/ROC Variation of conditions 12 and 36 of consent 16/02664 (Hirst site). Parish Council – Objections raised. BDBC – Pending.

April

18/01087/ROC Variation of condition to allow for an increased number of weddings at Clock Barn. Parish Council – No objection. BDBC – Pending.

May

18/01481/HSE Erection of garage with accommodation at Cowdown House. Parish Council – No objection. BDBC – Pending.

18/015271/FUL Erection of 3 bedroom house incorporating existing garage outbuilding on Winchester Road (Whitchurch). Parish Council – No objection. BDBC – Pending.

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

September comes from the old Roman word 'septem' because in the Roman calendar, it was the seventh month. The Anglo Saxons called it Gerst month (Barley month) because it was their time to harvest barley to make their favourite drink – barley brew. They also called it Haefest monath or Harvest month.