

WEATHER – JUNE AND JULY 2020

	June	July
Total rainfall for month	66mm (2.59in)	59mm (2.32in)
It rained on	13 days	12 days
Rainfall same month last year	98mm (3.85in)	27mm (1.06in)
Total for 2020	526mm (20.70in)	592mm (23.30in)
Total for 2019	404mm (15.09in)	458mm (18.03in)
Max temp	35C (95F) on 24 th	33.8C (93F) on 31 st
Min temp	7C (44F) on 21 st	7C (44F) on 10 th

The third hottest day ever was 37.8C recorded at Heathrow on 31 July. We were way behind this time with 33.8C which was lower than our June high of 35C.

John Smail

FROM THE DELI STALL

To all our Deli Stall buyers
Of marmalades, chutneys and jams,
A big THANK YOU for your generosity,
T'was worthwhile slaving over those pans.



The total amassed was a whopping
£1,083.50 in this exceptional year.
Your patronage has been heart warming,
That's unquestionably crystal clear.



The fruits are currently growing
To be harvested for next year's Stall,
Au revoir, à bientôt, until then,
Keep safe and well, above all.



PS: Please could you return empty jars to Josephine if you bought preserves in June and July (if you still have them!).

Also a plea for any fruit and/or vegetables if anyone has a glut and doesn't know what to do with any extras. We are now into production of preserves for next year's May Fair Deli stall!

Denise and Josephine

WORD OF THE MONTH

Two words have come to my attention and in fairness to them both I cannot suggest one without the other. A good pair of words which should come back into more use!

OVERMORROW (spell check doesn't like it again!!) it means the day after tomorrow,

and its friend YESTEREVE which explains itself:
yes - "yesterday evening"!

Barbara Carrodus

THANK YOU FROM THE MAYFAIR TEAM



As you will be aware, with the May Fair cancelled this year due to Covid-19, we have been raising much needed funds for village amenities through on-line sales from some of our popular stalls.

We're delighted to report that total sales to date from Plants and Preserves have reached the splendid sum of £2109.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the sales this year, whether you have donated produce and plants, helped with deliveries and orders, or purchased plants and preserves. The team is tremendously grateful to you all, but special mention must go to Precelly Murray who raised a fantastic £1025.50 from Plant sales, and to the formidable team of Josephine Hutchinson and Denise Bradley who made a record-breaking £1083.50 from their Jams and Chutneys.

Thankfully, we took the decision to cancel the fair before any large costs were incurred this year, so with costs of just £55, we have total profits to date of £2054. For easy maths, we propose to disperse a total of £2051 as soon as possible to our nominated village amenities in the agreed ratio, as follows:

Hurstbourne Priors PCC: £879.00 (3/7 of the total)

Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall: £879.00 (3/7 of the total)

Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council: £293.00 (1/7 of the total) – this as a contribution to costs for the ongoing upkeep of the recreation ground / cricket pavilion as a suitable venue for the fair.

Despite this marvellous total from just two stalls, we're all acutely aware that these figures fall far short of a full-blown fair. From last year's fair we dispersed a total of £12,250 to the beneficiaries so we are more than £10k below that this year. If anyone has a bright idea for another fund-raiser to support our village amenities, but would like some support from the May Fair team to help deliver it, please don't hesitate to get in touch with any one of us!

The May Fair team

(Ed Beasley, Kim French, James Macmillan, John Perry, Clare Read, Mark Sorby, Fenella & Mark Williams)

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ST ANDREWS CHURCH OPENING

St Andrew's Church will be open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10.30am to 5.30pm for private prayer during September, except for Saturday 12th September when we will have to keep the church closed as there is a wedding the next day. Visitors for Ride and Stride will be welcome, but will only have access to the porch.

Fenella Williams

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS PARISH COUNCIL

Précis minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1st July 2020 via Zoom at 6.00pm.

A full copy of these minutes can be viewed on the Parish Website.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No members of the public asked to join the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The PC agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true record. The Chairman will sign the minutes in due course. Matters arising from those minutes:

RECREATION GROUND

After much discussion it was decided that the Recreation Ground should stay open for the use of the village during the Covid-19 Pandemic. This was due to a number of residents having small children who needed a safe place to 'blow off steam' and other residents wanting a safe place to take their exercise. Two portable goal posts were purchased and placed at a safe distance from each other. The Parish Council put up clear signage reminding users to stay in family groups and to wash their hands on their return home. The Chairman has received amazing feedback from the residents.

PAVILION – Replacement of the floor and the installation of a disabled use toilet have been completed during lockdown. The floor had rotted due to lack of air circulation rather than rot or infestation. Air vents have now been installed.

Paper towel dispensers, hand sanitizer and cleaner have been ordered for use once the Pavilion re opens for matches.

HIGHWAYS – There has been a significant increase in traffic (mainly due to Southern Water road closures) through the village, leading to lots of complaints. The PC agreed to install 'Children in Road' signs either side of the entrance to the Recreation Ground.

PLANNING

There was no news to report on Dairy Cottage, the building has deteriorated further and has become a dreadful eyesore within the village. It is surprising that the Testbourne Estate have let it get so bad.

TUFTON

Cllr Mr J Broomfield reported:

- The A34 Off Ramp signs have been renewed but not the On Ramp signs.
- The grass has been cut.
- Hampshire Highways have been in the area repairing potholes. Signs have been erected in Tufton for road surface dressing.
- New signs have been erected for Judd's Meadow corner together with white lining.

FOOTPATHS

All the footpaths are walkable with the exception of Footpath 13 which runs through the Testbourne Estate. This is a shame because all other footpaths through the Estate have been cut very well, including the Permissive Footpath.

The Parish Council have agreed to purchase two dog waste bins- one will be placed in Tufton and one at the entrance to Footpath 11 (the gallops).

VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall will remain shut due to the pandemic until further notice. They have received a £10,000 Business Interruption Grant from Basingstoke and Deane BC.

The Clerk is to investigate whether the Pavilion is eligible for the grant.

COVID-19 - The Chairman was pleased to report that there has been amazing community spirit during Covid-19 lockdown. Many residents have helped with shopping and prescription pick-ups for those isolating.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - It was agreed that the next Parish Council Meeting should try to take place in the Village Hall. Details will be posted on the village web page and in Hill & Valley.

RUBBISH AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

From the week commencing 17th August our household waste and recycling collections have returned to pre-Covid collections as the waste services team return to full strength. For those who have forgotten the cycle, this means that Friday 28th August will be black, green and glass recycling and Friday 4th September will just be black bins – and then in rotation. For our residents in Tufton who are on the Whitchurch route it is the other way round.

We hope that this will stop the awful amount of fly tipping that has taken place during lockdown.

If you wish to use the Waste and Recycling facility in Andover please remember that you have to register your car and book a slot via the hants.gov.uk website.

Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council

ANDOVER FOODBANK

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

Laundry washing powder or liquid
Multi-surface spray
Deodorant
Razors
Longlife Fruit Juice
Tins of rice pudding or custard.
Thank you.

Andover foodbank
T 01264 362111

www.andover.foodbank.org.uk

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Calling all sunflower growers who took part in this summer’s great Sunflower Growing Competition. Judging time is nearly upon us so please make sure you send in all your photographs. Next month’s issue of Hill & Valley will have all the results and as many photographs as the Editor can fit in.

There are prizes for the best decorated pot, the tallest sunflower, the biggest flower (please measure from tip of petal to tip of petal) and, don’t forget, that if you’ve managed to grow one bigger than you there is a prize too.

Please send your pictures to fenella.williams@btopenworld.com and clareread@aol.com by **Saturday, 12th September**. We already have several, some of which have featured in past issues, but do please keep them coming. Here are some of those hoping to win! Good luck everyone. *Clare Read*



Megan and Alfred Brunwin are very proud that their sunflowers are taller than Mummy!



Mary, Mary quite contrary, how does your garden grow?
With silver bells and cockle shells and pretty maids all in a row!



The Macmillans



Hugo and Rose Briant-Evans – lots of flowers on each plant!

(Right) Rose and Susie Urquhart made a ‘sunflower nursery’. They grew three different types of seed to compare and by far the tallest and most beautiful were Clare’s Hurstbourne Priors sunflowers!



RIDE+STRIDES



In aid of Hampshire & the Islands Historic Churches Trust

The annual sponsored Ride and Stride is on Saturday, 12 September between 10am and 6pm. Participants cycle, walk, run, ride or drive to raise money for the region’s historic churches and chapels of all denominations. The money you raise from your sponsors will be divided between Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches’ Trust and the church or churches of your choice. The sponsorship form and information can be downloaded from the Ride and Stride website:

COLIN KEITH MURRAY - a memoir

Born in Edinburgh on 18th June 1932 (Waterloo Day), Colin spent the first 8 years of his life “following the drum”. From Edinburgh to Dover Castle to Glasgow to Balmoral and, as War was imminent, to Fort George, Inverness-shire, Headquarters of The Seaforth Highlanders, of which his father was the Commanding Officer.

Educated, on and off, by a shared governess Colin went to school in 1940. Belhaven Hill had been evacuated to Dinnet House, a large sporting estate on the River Dee, where his great achievement was to catch and land a 9lb pike from a loch – a school record - and a passion for fishing remained forever. Five years followed at Wellington College before “joining-up” in 1950. He followed his father into The Seaforth Highlanders for National Service doing his WOSBE at Barton Stacey, was seconded to the King’s African Rifles and found himself aged 19 in command of his African Platoon fighting the Chinese Communists in the Malayan jungle. He learnt 10 words of Nyanga every day (an African provincial language) and later he added

Italian and Chinese (enough to top and tail a speech) to the French and German he already spoke quite well.

Returning to civilian life in 1953 Colin signed on with the T.A. but did not take up his place at Trinity Hall, Cambridge. He joined C.T. Bowring, a large firm of insurance brokers at Lloyd’s where he stayed for 10 years before moving to R.J. Kiln, a newly formed underwriting syndicate. Just before the move, Colin had become engaged to Precelly Davies-Scourfield. They married in 1964 and Sophia, Harriet and William happily arrived by January 1970. Colin followed Robert Kiln as Chairman in 1985. He also served on the Committee and the Council as well as a time as Deputy Chairman of Lloyd’s. During his years at Lloyd’s Colin was much involved with the Lloyd’s Volunteer Forces Fund as well as supporting some of the music at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. In 1992 he was appointed to the Lieutenancy of the City of London. Retirement came along in 1995 but Colin stayed on part-time with Equitas for another 5 years. He then devoted himself to life in Hampshire where he had lived with his family since 1978 having moved there from Putney.

Music was very important in Colin’s life both listening to all sorts of music from American 1930s Ruth Etting to all the classics especially opera. When first in London he took singing lessons and learned to play the Spanish Guitar so was much in demand at parties and gatherings of friends. In 2000 Colin joined the Friends of Music in Winchester. At one of his first meetings he said (something like this), “I know what we must do! We must have a Singing Competition and it must be Fun for everyone”. By 2018 the Hampshire Singing Competition was International and the finals took place at The Grange, Northington which has now taken it on.

2002/3 gave Colin a wonderful opportunity to really get to know the County that had become his home. The year as High Sheriff opened so many doors to the working life of the County as well as sitting in Court in Winchester beside the Judge when possible. The Legal Sunday Service in Winchester Cathedral marking the beginning of the legal year was extra special for him because his daughter Harriet, a barrister, was able to take part in the procession. Several days a week visits were planned to many places of interest from prisons to St John Ambulance, Army Cadets and many schools the last of which fed his particular concerns about the development of young people. He was Chairman and then President of Hampshire Youth Clubs, a Governor of a School in Andover, hands-on supporter of Young Carers and more recently he gave some young people at Winton Academy help in achieving steps towards their careers. Colin was always on the look-out for a way of “fixing” and many people benefited from his “Something must be done” and “Make a Difference” attitude.

Family life was of huge importance to Colin and family holidays continued until well after school years. The last two holidays were in 2018 and 19 when Colin gathered children and 7 grandchildren to the very North of Scotland where he had so much pleasure in watching the young learning to fish. Colin had spent many childhood holidays in Thurso with his own grandparents so it was a very happy time for him but he was unable to fish himself owing to the loss of his arm through cancer. His first operation was in 2003, five more followed with the last being the total loss of his right arm in 2015 – he was determined to drive with a gadget - and did!

Colin quite simply loved living in Hurstbourne Priors. He absorbed the fun of joining in everywhere especially if he had something to say. Nothing interfered with him being at the May Fair every year until Sunday 3rd May 2020 when he died peacefully in the morning of the day the May Fair should have taken place.