

WEATHER - JUNE AND JULY 2019

| | June | July |
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| Total rainfall for month | 98mm (3.85in) | 54mm (2.12in) |
| It rained on | 12 days | 8 days |
| Rainfall same month last year | 2mm (0.08in) | 27mm (1.06in) |
| Total for 2019 | 404mm (15.9in) | 458mm (18.03in) |
| Total for 2018 | 500mm (19.68in) | 527mm (20.74in) |
| Max temp | 34C (93F) on 29 th June | 36C (96F) on 25 th July |
| Min temp | 5C (41F) on 8 th June | 9C (48F) on 15 th July |

We certainly had more rain this June, seeing as we had virtually none last year !

June started wet and cold, but ended the month nice and hot.

The 29th was the third hottest June day since records began... the hottest June day in Hampshire ever was 36.8C in 1976.

The Met Office said it was the hottest July since records began with a high of 38.1C. We only managed 36.1C.

John Smail

LADIES COFFEE MORNINGS

The September Coffee Morning will be hosted by Denise Bradley(01256 896022) at Mistletoe Cottage on Wednesday 11th September 2019 from 10.15 onwards.



GET BAKING!

Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September in Longparish Village Hall from 9am to 11.30am - everyone welcome.
Further details from Anna McAllister 01264 720210.

HARVEST SUPPER AND HARVEST FESTIVAL

St Andrew's Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, 13th October. As usual, we are collecting non-perishable produce for the Andover Food Bank. Please bring your donations to the service or leave them in the church beforehand.

All are welcome and we will have a special activity for children during the service.

The Harvest Supper is on Saturday, 12th October in the Village Hall at 7pm. This is a family friendly evening and we do hope you will join us. Tickets are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children (under 5s free). There will be a quiz and a raffle.

Proceeds from the Harvest Supper will be donated to support the work of the Mityana Projects Trust, in our link Diocese in Uganda. Tickets are available from Fenella Williams (01256 892081).



AUTUMN CONCERTS

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

THE FARRANT SINGERS

The well known chamber choir from Salisbury will be performing in concert

**at ST ANDREWS HURSTBOURNE PRIORS
In aid of the Organ Restoration Fund**

on Thursday October 3rd at 8pm

Programme includes works by
Bach, Taverner, Bruckner, Parry, Stanford and
Rachmaninov

Tickets £10 to include refreshments which will be served in the Village Hall from 7pm.

Please contact:

Barbara Carrodus (01256 893473)
Amanda Briant-Evans (01264 738489)

Save the Date: Saturday 16th November at 7pm: A piano recital by Christopher Burrows, featuring Bach, Mozart, Brahms, Beethoven and Parry.
More details will be in the October Hill and Valley.

TOMBSTONE CORNER



To the Memory of MR. WILLIAM HAMBLIN
 one of his Majesties Messengers and
 formerly a Servant to the EARL OF PORTSMOUTH
 He passed through life in the Character
 of a faithful servant, a good Husband, a sincere
 Friend and an
 Upright Man and died the 7th day of December
 1761 in the
 71st year of his Age.

This, like many in the churchyard, records the life of a member of the Earl of Portsmouth's household. However, this one is unusual in that Mr Hamblin went on to greater things in life becoming a King's Messenger – possibly at the Earl's recommendation? It is also very unusual in that it refers to William Hamblin as "Mr", the only occurrence of this in the churchyard.

If you have a few spare moments do take the time to wander around and see for yourself the history of our village written in these inscriptions.

Martin Briant-Evans

VILLAGE HALL BOOKING SECRETARY

The Trustees of Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall are looking to recruit a new Village Hall Bookings Secretary as Anne Yeaman is retiring after several years.

The Booking Secretary is one of the Key people in the success of the Village Hall, handling the enquiries by phone and email for both regular and casual bookings such as weddings, parties etc. There is an online booking calendar which enables slots to be rapidly checked and booked. The Booking Secretary is a keyholder to the Village Hall and there are a number of additional keyholders who make up a rota to open the Hall for bookings. An email address and mobile phone are provided. The role is voluntary and involves about an hour per week on average across a year.

If you, or anyone you know, is happy to take on this role, please contact Jim Vyse, Village Hall Committee Chairman, by email:

jimvysearks@gmail.com or tel/text 07970 533764 (evenings)

OLDER PEOPLE'S FORUM

Andover & District Older People's Forum invite you to an **Independent Living Fayre on Wednesday, 2nd October 2019 between 1pm and 4pm at Andover Leisure Centre, West Street, Andover. IT'S FREE FOR THE OVER 50'S and even includes a cuppa!**

The Forum has linked up with local organisations to provide information, advice and support on living independently as you get older:

- NHS and Hampshire County Council services
- Hampshire's 'Connect to Support' computer programme.
- Learn about stair lifts and other home lifts, mobility and other aids to daily living. Find out how to apply for Disabled Facilities and Home Improvement Grants from our Borough Council colleagues.
- Supported housing and how to access it.
- Living at home safely with dementia.
- Alternative transport and funding for older people.
- Reducing the risk of falls and living more safely.
- Free cakes (to go with your cuppa) from Wiltshire Farm Foods who can help with providing meals to heat up if you no longer feel up to cooking yourselves.
- See what the Andover Leisure Centre has to offer older people to keep as fit and mobile as possible.

RIDE & STRIDE - 14 SEPTEMBER

RIDE + STRIDE



In aid of Hampshire & the Islands
 Historic Churches Trust

The annual sponsored Ride and Stride is on Saturday, 14 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 sheet can be downloaded from the Ride and Stride website: www.hihct.org.uk/rideStride.php

WORD OF THE MONTH

The word for September is ANEMOTROPISM - movement or growth in response to wind and air currents. From the Greek anemos 'wind' and tropos 'turning'.

Barbara Carrodus

DIARY OF A WIMPY CYCLIST

Ride London – the Prudential 100

I feel like I graduated this year from newbie MAMIL to slightly-more seasoned MAMIL. There are several members of my cycling club who are in their early 70's, which constantly amazes me, so I have a way to go yet. The Prudential 100 is the marquee event of the cycling year – organised by the same folk that run the London Marathon, but with a more moderate turnout of 30,000(!)

I was approached by Hampshire Medical Fund (<https://www.hampshiremedicalfund.org/>) to attempt the event, to raise money for their charitable efforts to fund medical equipment: Key radiological, resuscitation, prostate biopsy, cardiology and children's ultrasound equipment etc. that fall outside NHS funding. The equipment goes to Basingstoke & North Hampshire Hospital (Kennet Clinic and others), Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester and Andover War Memorial Hospital. I was able to raise £673.67 (including Gift Aid) from friends, family, co-workers, and fellow villagers – my thanks to all of you.

Riding through London was a blast! They closed many of the big roads from 4am, and released us in batches from around 6am, from the Olympic park at Stratford. We spun down the A12 to Poplar, right through Canary Wharf, docklands, the Limehouse Link, Tower Hill, then out via Hyde Park, Knightsbridge, West Kensington and onto the Great West road (the Hammersmith flyover!). We squeezed onto the lane running through Richmond park, and were joined by motorcycle camera-crews just like the Tour de France. We were cheered through Kingston from behind the barriers – I skipped the first major refreshments stop at Hampton Court, passed the huge water reservoirs of Molesey and Walton, Weybridge, Byfleet and steamed in to my first stop at Pyrford after 38 miles at an average 19.2mph – very pleased with myself! The buzz was then killed as we all departed Pyrford and into the country lanes of Surrey, forced to walk our bikes for 30-40 minutes with thousands of others – rumours of an accident ahead. Once going again, the Surrey hills challenged us all up Leith Hill, which was... Lethal. Then, downhill to Dorking, but diverted from Box Hill owing to another accident and fallen trees. Leatherhead, Oxshott, Esher and back into cheering Kingston – the crowds made the miles fall away with smiles and a sunny day. I had my Kung Fu Panda jersey on – which sent the WWF supporters wild!

We crossed Putney Bridge, into Fulham and followed the New King's Road towards the World's End. Cycling along the Embankment meant a second wind – mostly in the face, and fellow cyclists took their turn in the wind with me. A pedestrian partially crossed, eyes down at her phone and stopped in the road oblivious to us all – 90 miles into an 8-hour day and I had to shout for the first time! We rounded Horse Guards – I saluted the Bali bombing memorial – and we finished on the Mall, facing Buckingham Palace. Time in the saddle: 5 hrs 50 mins.

An exhausting, satisfying day – accessible to anyone with a bike of any kind – and my thanks to my wife and parents for scraping me off the floor at the end of it. The diet of jelly-babies and sports gels gave me the shakes – but it was all worth it for a lot of charity fundraising (and a little bit of fun!).

Simon Mattison

TESTBOURNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

On Wednesday, 17th July we held our inaugural Prize Giving Ceremony in the Guildhall, Winchester. It was a fantastic evening of celebration with over 145 students receiving awards in the company of staff, parents and guests.

Students in each year group received awards for effort and achievement across all subjects. Our Heads of Year also presented awards to their year groups to recognise our learning qualities of courage, integrity, ambition, respect, leadership and responsibility. Senior Leadership Team Awards went to students who showed exemplary effort and behaviour.

Thank you to our kind sponsors for supporting our awards: Access4Lofts North Hampshire Ltd, APG Cars, Create The Ripple, Fussey Piling, John Dollin Printing Services, Norton Park Hotel, Paperwork, Skills Shift Limited, University of Southampton, Vitacress Salads Ltd, Whitchurch Silk Mill. If your company would like to sponsor the awards next year, please contact us.

The academic year finished on a high with our Sports Day involving the whole school. Activities ranged from track and field events to team sports like football, ultimate Frisbee, badminton and tug of war. The day had an amazing atmosphere with students and staff cheering on their houses and each other as well as enjoying the ice cream van and BBQ. Beech House won first place!

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Photos from the Wimpy Cyclist and Testbourne are on the back page.