

## Hurstbourne Priors

### Weather February 2012

Total rainfall for month	17mm	= 0.64ins
It rained on	4 days	
Rainfall February 2011	64mm	= 2.63ins
Total to date 2012	67mm	= 2.63ins
Total to date 2011	146mm	= 5.75ins
Min Temperature	-10C	= 30F (3 <sup>rd</sup> / 10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> )
Max Temperature	18C	= 56F (23 <sup>rd</sup> / 29 <sup>th</sup> )

**With thanks to Peter Smail who has stepped into the breach whilst John takes a break.**

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### WANTED

**CHILDREN'S TOYS, BOOKS, GAMES, PUZZLES, DVD'S, VIDEO'S ETC.**



If you have any unwanted toys, games etc. we would



be very grateful for donations for the Toy Table at this year's May Fair. We can arrange collection, if necessary.

Please call Doreen Finlayson ☎ 01256 893667 or Mary North ☎ 01256 892973.

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### EASTER LILIES



**There is a wedding in the Church on Easter Saturday and the bride has kindly said she will leave the flowers in the Church – but we intend to have a jug of lilies near to the Font for those of us who would like to give in memory of someone.**

**Please let Marlene (01256 893034 or Lois (01256 892548) know if you would like to contribute to these.**

### Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall, from 11.05am until 11.35am, on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April.**

### Ladies Coffee Morning



Come along to the April coffee morning which will be hosted by Anne Yeaman at Paddock View ☎ 896432) on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>**, from 10.15 onwards.

### Church Spring Clean

**St Andrew's Church  
Hurstbourne Priors**

We are giving the Church a good spring clean on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March**, at **10 a.m.** and your help would be greatly appreciated. Please come and join us and bring your dusters!

**Fenella Williams** ☎ 01256 892081)

### Cats Protection



We are appealing yet again for new volunteer fosterers. Fostering requires commitment but is not overly time consuming. Applicants need to have a room in the house

that can be dedicated for the sole use of the cat or enough space in the garden to erect a pen. You also need transport to collect and deliver cats and make veterinary visits. Please call us for more information.

Thank you to everyone who supported our collection at Tesco in Andover and the Charity Shop in Whitchurch. On April 1<sup>st</sup> we shall be available for advice and information at the Open Afternoon at Anton Vet and on the 28<sup>th</sup> we shall have our usual stall on Andover Market.

Bobby is a grey cat who had been straying round his



village for months before he came into care. He was very reserved and nervous but thanks to his fosterer's patience he has come round and now much enjoys attention. He requires a quiet understanding, adult home where he can be allowed to settle in for a

couple of weeks while he gets used to new people and where he is the only cat. He is about five years old.

Enquiries: 01256-892019 or

[www.andovercats.org.uk](http://www.andovercats.org.uk)

Items for resale: 01256-892773

**Claire Bevan**

Coordinator Andover & District Cats Protection

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### MAY FAIR STALL HOLDERS

The following stall holders would be very grateful for any contributions. Collection can be arranged.

Bottles	Robert Selbie	892188
Posh White Elephant	Jo Burrell	078268 48123
Children's Toys, Books & Games	Doreen Finlayson Mary North	893667 892973
Tombola	Brian Mehaffey	893119
Books	Tom	895557
Produce	Josephine Hutchinson	896829
Cakes	Fiona Obert	896996
Teas	Fenella Williams	892081
Good as New: Clothes, Scarves, Bags, Jewellery	Lois Jones	892548

A sponsored trek across Watership Down in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support will leave walkers with bright eyes and a healthy glow.

Macmillan is offering the choice of a 7.5 mile or a 12.5 mile circular route on **May 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Starting from Ecchinswell on the Berks/Hants border, the walks give the opportunity to explore the fabulous countryside that formed the basis of Richard Adams' much loved book, *Watership Down*. They encompass picturesque villages, rolling downland and panoramic views.

To register or to volunteer to help on the Day, go to [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk) and click on to 'fund-raising' and 'walking events'. For more information ring 0300 1000 200 or email [watershipdown@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:watershipdown@macmillan.org.uk).

### Smooth Movers

Is now in Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall during the refurbishment of the Longparish Hall



Keep co-ordinated, supple and mobile through gentle exercise led by Lauren Mildenburger.

Thursday mornings 9.15 to 10.15am - £5 a session. For more details contact Anne Yeaman ☎ 01256 896432 or Gina Snowden ☎ 01264 720128

### Films at the Gill Nethercott Centre Whitchurch

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April: The Artist (PG)** starts 8pm  
The much nominated and anticipated silent film.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April: War Horse (12a)**  
An opportunity for older children and adults to see this stunning and moving film based on the Michael Morpurgo book.

Tickets cost £5 in advance or £5.50 for adults on the door, £4 for children.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April: Dreamworks - Puss in Boots (U)**  
Suitable for all ages the return of this much loved character to the screen makes for an entertaining afternoon.

Tickets cost £12 for family of 4 or £4 each including free squash and biscuits for the children.

**Tickets for all films are available from the Gill Nethercott Centre and the Library in Whitchurch.**

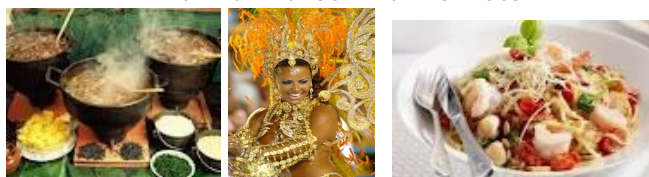


### "A Taste of Brazil"

Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm - Carnival Hall, Council Road, Basingstoke.

Rotary Basingstoke Loddon is holding an evening of Brazilian Food, Fun & Entertainment in aid of the Missao Resgate Arts Project for under privileged children in Brazil.

3 Course Authentic Brazilian Buffet Brazilian Music  
\* Brazilian Dance \* Raffle \* etc.



Just £17.50 per person

For more information email Margaret at [Margaret.macklin@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:Margaret.macklin@tiscali.co.uk) or call 07834 068580

### Need Help with Library Books?

The Home Library Service is for people who are no longer able to get to the nearest library or mobile stop, due to frailty or mobility problems, and don't have anyone living locally to borrow books for them.

If you know someone who could benefit from this service or you'd be interested in helping once a month as a Home Library Service volunteer, please talk to staff at your nearest library or email using the feedback form at

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/library/library-contacts.htm>

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### **HURSTBOURNE PRIORS MAY FAIR 2012**

**MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**12 NOON UNTIL 4PM**

**COME AND ENJOY A FUN-FILLED DAY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**



**MANY ATTRACTIONS - NEW & OLD - WILL INCLUDE: HULA HOOP DISPLAY, FACE PAINTING, JUGGLER, BOUNCY CASTLE, WADS DISPLAY, PONY RIDES, AND PENALTY SHOOT OUT.**

**ENJOY: TEAS - HOG ROAST - BBQ - COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS - CANDY FLOSS - POPCORN - ICE CREAM - INN ON THE PARK.**

**VISIT: THE EXHIBITION HALL WITH A FANTASTIC VARIETY OF ARTS & CRAFTS STALLS!**

**SPEND TIME AT A GREAT VARIETY OF STALLS: BOTTLES, CAKES, PLANTS, BOOKS, CHILDREN'S BOOKS & TOYS, DELICATESSEN, TO NAME BUT A FEW.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU**

### **Another Successful Safari**

Traffic was at its busiest in Hurstbourne Priors on the evening of Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March, with cars criss-crossing the village. This was the second Safari Supper organised by Phillida Goad and Susie Sorby and everyone was keen to be on time for their next course.



The evening ended at the Village Hall with coffee and the opportunity to swap stories of the evening's activities. This year's Safari Supper was another great success and enjoyed by everyone involved. Our thanks go to Phillida and Jeremy Goad and Susie and Mark Sorby for all their hard work in organising the event.

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### Can you Help?

We are looking for prizes for the Tombola Stall. Do you have any unwanted gifts, toiletries, pen/pencil sets or any other new items that you are willing to donate?

Collection can be arranged. Please call Brian Mehaffey ☎893119 or Graham Finlayson ☎893667.

### St Andrew's Church



#### Philip Chalk keeps a watchful eye on preparations to install the new Font

Sadly Philip Chalk has decided not to stand for election as Churchwarden again this year after his many years' most effective service in that role. Philip and Jean came to the village in the early 1990's and Philip first became Churchwarden a few years later. He has made outstanding contributions to improving the fabric of the historic church and churchyard. To list the most significant over the last 17 years: he has made the bells ring-able and augmented their number to eight; installed Marilyn Smith's wonderful Baptismal Font; saved and repaired the Churchyard walls and fences. On the way there have been a few fabric alarms which he dealt with speedily and with a lot of very careful and knowledgeable maintenance.

One significant talent Philip has deployed for the community benefit has been securing grants from trusts and a variety of grant-makers, sometimes even getting major and unappealing projects completely funded at no cost to local people.

Contractors quickly recognise and respect his no-nonsense approach. He even managed to reclaim some VAT.

Jean has also decided to stand down from her long-standing role on the PCC. We are so grateful to them both for their many years of joint service on the PCC, and wider, and wish to record our gratitude for all they have done, separately and together, for St Andrew's.

### Martin Coppen

At the Vestry Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March, Oliver Colman and Jeremy Goad were elected as Churchwardens of Hurstbourne Priors for 2012-13. We are very grateful to them both: Oliver for continuing and Jeremy for standing for the first time. At the Annual Meeting a number of Deputy Wardens were also appointed to help them.

### More Thoughts about Home Security

#### Expect the Unexpected...



When working in the garden, unlocked windows and doors are an easy and open invitation for the savvy intruder. Be careful to lock all your windows and doors and remember that the front of the house is just as vulnerable as back. Don't leave your keys in the lock or within easy reach.

Thieves will target your high value gardening tools: ride-on-mowers, powered hedge trimmers and strimmers to name but a few. Use a strong padlock on your shed and ensure your tools are securely locked inside.

When it comes to gaining entry to home, ladders, spades and other gardening equipment make excellent tools for an intruder, so lock all tools away securely and out of sight.

Unlit side alleys, over-grown bushes, trees and large gardens provide excellent cover for unwanted visitors. Motion activated security lighting will deter most intruders. To avoid disrupting neighbours and yet provide sufficient light, use a 300w option.

Your property, garages, outbuildings and sheds can house some of your most expensive possessions. CCTV cameras installed will act as a deterrent against any intruder or burglar and also provide recorded evidence in the event of prosecution. As an alternative, install a wireless home security alarm system that can be extended to cover outbuildings.

Make sure that all your windows and patio doors are firmly secured when you are not in the room.

A final useful tip is to consider photographing all your valuable items and marking them with your house number and/or post code, so in the event of the unexpected happening you will have your own personal identification.

The unexpected may not happen, but at least we should be prepared.....

### Garry Butcher

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator