

Hurstbourne Priors

Weather October 2012

Total rainfall for month	139mm	= 5.47ins
It rained on	16 days	
Rainfall October 2011	27mm	= 1.06ins
Total to date 2012	807mm	= 31.77ins
Total to date 2011	532mm	= 20.94ins
Min Temperature	0C	= 32 (27 th)
Max Temperature	20C	= 68 (7 th)

John Smail

Fireworks & Bonfire Party



The weather stayed fair for us and a good number of people were able to enjoy an exciting and colourful display of fireworks, after sampling the excellent mulled wine and tasty hot dogs.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the evening such a success and especially to Peter, Sid and Mike for giving up so much of their time to build the bonfire and put on such a spectacular firework display.

The Parish Council is very pleased to announce that the evening raised over **£1,000** which will be divided equally between St Andrew's Church, the Recreation Ground and the Village Hall.

Ladies Coffee Morning



Your chance to catch up with village chat at this month's coffee morning which will be hosted by Phillida Goad at The Old School House (☎ 893211) on **Wednesday 12th**, from 10.15 onwards.

Cats Protection



The festive season is nearly here once again. Hopefully the New Year will not bring too many requests for us to take in unwanted Christmas presents. We do not re-home cats in the two weeks running up to Christmas as it is only fair to let a cat settle in before the festivities start. We may make an exception for a household with no children and the occupants are spending a quiet Christmas with no guests.

Our final fund raising events for the year are a stall on Andover Market on the 1st of the month and a Jumble Sale at the Methodist Church in Bridge St on the morning of the 8th.



Humbug is a friendly cat about two years old that has been in care since June. He was a bit shy at first and liked hiding under his blanket but he

is feeling better now and will welcome visitors. He would prefer a quiet home.

Enquiries: 01256-892019 or www.andovercats.org.uk
 Stories of rescued cats: adrienne.major@hotmail.co.uk
 Fund-raising/volunteers: adrienne.major@hotmail.co.uk
 Items for resale: 01256-892773

Claire Bevan

Coordinator Andover & District Cats Protection

Keep Hampshire Green

Keep Hampshire Green is an environmental action group formed by Hampshire residents to oppose plans for the proposed wind-turbine power station near Bullington Cross. More information about the group can be found at www.keephampshiregreen.org.

Also, if you want to know more about the proposal and be kept up to date with developments, please contact info@keephampshiregreen.org.

A reminder that the EDF proposals can be viewed at: <http://www.edf-er.com/Projects/Proposed.htm>.

Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall, from 11.05am until 11.35am, on **Saturday 1st December**.

VILLAGE PUB NIGHT AT THE HURSTBOURNE INN

MAUREEN AND ADRIAN INVITE THE VILLAGE AND EVERYONE LIVING NEARBY TO THE CHRISTMAS VILLAGE PUB NIGHT THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER AT 7.30PM

**TRADITIONAL ROAST TURKEY DINNER WITH XMAS PUDDING & BRANDY SAUCE
£9.95**

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES & CAROL SINGING - HURSTBOURNE PRIORS

Festival of Lessons and Carols

11.00am Sunday 23rd December, St Andrew's Church

Christmas Day

9.30am Family Communion, St Andrew's Church

Nativity Play

9.30am Sunday 9th December Family Service will include a Nativity Play. If you would like to take part, please contact Mark Williams ☎ 01256 892081

Community Carolling

Our usual evening of Carol Singing in the Hurstbourne will be held in the week before Christmas. At the time of going to press, the date has not been confirmed.

YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME AT ANY OR ALL OF THESE

GILL NETHERCOTT CENTRE

Forest Forge Theatre presents - Midnight is the Place - Thursday 13th December 6pm



Inside the gloomy Midnight Court, Lucas Bell and Anna-Marie Murgatroyd live under the stewardship of Sir Randolph, owner of Blastburn's dangerous carpet factory. When a mysterious fire forces them onto the icy streets they face danger at every turn. Surviving in the

snow can be a tricky business but Lucas and Anna-Marie's friendship helps them discover what is needed to build a happy home.

Join us as we return to Blastburn with a shadowy but uplifting family adventure. Suitable for children age 5+ and the rest of the family.

Tickets - £7.50 for adults, £5 for children and £22 for a family of 4, available from the GNC or Library.

Merry Christmas



As your local editor, may I wish all readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I would also like to say a special "thank you" to those who contributed to the magazine during the year

and hope that other members of the village will be encouraged to submit items they would like to see in Hill & Valley, your village magazine

Graham Finlayson

HART Wildlife Rescue



HART Wildlife Rescue is hoping to raise £2,500 through crowdfunding to build a new waterbird aviary which will cater for the needs of

the many abandoned ducklings it admits every year.

The Hampshire based animal rescue centre is hoping to raise their money through Peoplefund.it - a crowdfunding website created by KEO digital, the makers of Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's Fish Fight, River Cottage and Chicken Out! Peoplefund.it enables project founders to ask the crowd closest to them for the funding they need. People can make pledges for small amounts of money in return for a reward.

HART Wildlife Rescue needs help to enable the redevelopment to go ahead as the ducklings will be arriving and they will need a safe, sheltered outdoor home.

pledge: <http://www.peoplefund.it/hart/>

Do You Recognise This Name?



The Parish Council has received an email about the above memento which was discovered amongst some items purchased at an auction. The inscription reads:

**Hurstbourne Priors to W. Mason
who served in the Great War 1914 - 1919.**

The purchaser is keen to pass the item to a member of the family so, if you recognise the name or can help in any way, please contact either the editor, ☎ 01256 893667 or the Parish Clerk ☎ 01264 772460.

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Hampshire Organic Gardening Group

Christmas Buffet and Quiz

Monday 10th December - 7.45pm
at Testbourne Community Suite

Mulled wine and interactive event following last year's popular quiz.

All are welcome - **free entry**

More information from 01256 890160

Website: www.hampshire-organic-gardening.org



TICKETS NOW ON SALE for

The 2013 All Saints Winter Lecture Series

"The Artist in War"

"Lev Kerbel - Sculptor of Lenin" by Phil Wilkinson

Monday 14th January 2013

Phil Wilkinson, well known resident of Upper Clatford, brings our first view of the artist in war, describing the work of a principal monumental sculptor of the Soviet Union. Lev Kerbel worked large and small, from small tributes to military heroes, to huge expressions of State power.

His talk will move across this broad range, and draw on the intense personal relationship that developed between artist and speaker during Phil's years in Moscow as the UK Defence and Air Attaché at the height of perestroika.

"Sassoon's War Poems" by Dennis Silk
Monday 28th January 2013

We are delighted to welcome Dennis Silk CBE, for an informative and personal, illustrated lecture on Siegfried Sassoon, one of the greatest poets of the First World War. Dennis and Sassoon became and stayed great personal friends, united by a love of literature and a mutual devotion to cricket. Up until the time of the Sassoon's death in 1967, Dennis Silk made an extraordinary and unique series of recordings of the poet at his home in Wiltshire.

Dennis has a deep and personal knowledge of the poet. He will be known by many in this area, as he taught at Marlborough College and in 1968 became Warden (headmaster) of Radley College.

Tickets cost £10.00 each and will be on sale in the Clatford Stores Post Office and at the Abbots Ann Village Store from 1st December. They can also be ordered through Nicki Crosthwaite Eyre at the Old Malthouse, Upper Clatford, Andover, SP11 7QL. Tel 01264 35 25 30 or e-mail nicki.eyre@talktalk.net.

Doors open at 7pm and the lectures start at 8pm in the King Edward VII Memorial Hall, Upper Clatford.

Christmas in Whitchurch - Lights Switch On - Shopping - Fairs

Thursday 6th December 5.00pm to 9.00pm

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

GILL NETHERCOTT CENTRE

5.00pm - Fair opens - Gift Stalls, Crafts, Jacket Potatoes, Refreshments.



TOWN HALL FORECOURT

Carol Singing and Music - 6.30pm Grand Switch on of Christmas Lights, with stars Luke Roberts and Brian Wheeler (from the Anvil Pantomime *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*).

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

Shops open throughout the town - includes Santa's Grotto, special offers and mulled wine.

SILK MILL OPENING

5.00pm - 9.00pm Christmas Mill Crafts Evening. Arts and Craft stalls inside the main building with music and refreshments. Silk Mill Shop will be open.

WINDOW COMPETITION

Vote for your best Shop Window. Send votes (with your name and telephone no.) on which window you think is best to: contact@whitchurch.org.uk

METHODIST CHURCH

5.00pm - 7.00pm - Open with FairTrade Refreshments, Children's Lucky Dip and Commemorative gifts. Celebrating *Christkind* night

A Glorious Celebration of 2012

Sunday 3rd February at 3.00 pm

Anvil Theatre, Basingstoke



featuring The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines.

Join us for a fabulous musical celebration of The Queen's Jubilee, the Olympics and the Paralympics.

The majestic Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines

will perform a selection of well known stirring pieces featuring their top class soloists. They are supported in concert by the voices of the highly talented **Hampshire County Youth Choir** and, by special invitation, the world class trombonist **Professor Gordon Campbell**.

All proceeds will go to **Help for Heroes, Combat Stress, and other charities supported by Rotary**

Tickets: £20 or £25 - Box Office 01256 844244
www.anvilarts.org.uk