

Hurstbourne Priors

Weather December 2011

Total rainfall for month	72mm	= 2.83ins
It rained on	7 days	
Rainfall December 2010	36mm	= 1.41ins
Total year 2011	671mm	= 26.42ins
Total year 2010	645mm	= 25.39ins
Min Temperature	-5C	= 23F (9 th)
Max Temperature	11C	= 52F (25 th)

Although December rainfall was double last year's, our average for the year was still 6.5 ins less than our 10 year average. In common with most of the country, December was much warmer than usual, our max. daytime averaged 8.2C (46F), compared with last December when it was 1.5C (31F)!

John Smail

19 February 2012

2 pm to 6 pm

**Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall
Turn up and play chess
Sunday Afternoon Chess**



Banish the boredom of Sunday winter afternoons by coming along to Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall for a game of chess. All ages welcome, especially beginners. Not a competition, but we will try to match you against opponents of similar ability. Open to all, beginners and Grand Masters equally welcome. Play for fun, no competition. Bring a board if you have one, we will provide one if you don't

Admission free, but donations welcome

Refreshments available

For more details, contact Mark Williams
☎ 01256 892081 or email:
mark.williams@btopenworld.com

Ladies Coffee Morning



Your **February** coffee morning will be hosted by Lois Jones at 28 Hurstbourne Priors, ☎ 01256 892548, on **Thursday 16th**.

If you would like to host a coffee morning in 2012, please contact Doreen ☎ 01256 893667.

Cats Protection



This month we are lucky to have a two-week slot at 'Rotations', the charity shop in Whitchurch, starting on Friday 10th. This is one of our more successful fund raising events of the year but requires a lot of effort on the part of our volunteers, sorting and pricing the goods and transporting them to and from storage. We would welcome donations of clean, good quality books, bric-a-brac and clothing, preferably beforehand, though goods will be accepted at the shop.



Rollo is an extremely large, male, tabby cat, about 8 years old. He is quite chatty, friendly, likes lots of attention and doesn't mind other cats but when he is feeling anxious he growls, very much like a dog. Although he is gentle he doesn't

appear to be used to children so would prefer a quiet, adult home.

Enquiries: 01256-892019 or

www.andovercats.org.uk

Items for resale: 01256-892773

Claire Bevan

Coordinator Andover & District Cats Protection

Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall, from 11.05am until 11.35am, on **Saturday 18th February**.

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HURSTBOURNE PRIORS SAFARI SUPPER



The second Hurstbourne Priors "Safari Supper" will be held on **Saturday Evening 10th March 2012**

We hope it will be just as much fun as last year and that anyone who has recently moved to the village or who was not able to come last year will join in.

The supper will be on the same lines. There will be four courses: drinks and nibbles, starter, main course and pudding. Each couple will host one course of their choice and go to other houses for the other courses where they will meet different people on each occasion.

We hope that those who do not have a husband/wife/partner will join together with someone else to form a 'couple' for the evening.

If you would like to take part (or would like further information) please contact Susie Sorby ☎ 892665 (email: sbsorby@hotmail.com) or Phillida Goad ☎ 893211 email: phillida@thegoads.co.uk) by **Monday 13th February at the latest.**

Quiz & Village Pub Night at the Hurstbourne Inn Thursday 2nd February at 7.30pm.

Please note that there is **NO** village pub night in march

Special dates:

St Patrick's Day 17th March
Mothering Sunday 18th March
We apologise for the absence of cheese & biscuits at the last get-together

The next village pub night will be on Thursday 5th April

Whitstock 2012

11 - 12 February

12 noon onwards

Longmeadow Sports and Social Centre

A small, friendly all acoustic festival with music ranging from folk to jazz and all points in between

There will be a small beer festival so come along and enjoy a drink or two and listen to the music

Or, if you feel brave, we could possibly offer you a short set

... and what's more, entry is absolutely free!

Whitchurch Library Hours

It is understood that the revised opening hours for Whitchurch Library (published in the January Hill & Valley) will be introduced on 1st April.

Hurstbourne Priors Cricket Club Provisional Fixture List as at 6th January 2012

	Opponents	Venue
05/05/2012	Sutton Scotney	Home
12/05/2012	Kingsclere	Away
19/05/2012	Steeple Langford	Home
26/05/2012	Crown Taverners	Away
02/06/2012	Amesbury	Home
08/06/2012	Stoke on Teignhead	Home - Friendly
09/06/2012	South Wilts IV	Away
16/06/2012	Farley	Away
23/06/2012	Chawton	Home
30/06/2012	Tadley Hobos	Home
07/07/2012	St Cross Syms IV	Home
14/07/2012	Burghclere	Home
21/07/2012	Donington	Away
22/07/2012	Rioteers	Home - Friendly
28/07/2012	Old Alresford	Away
04/08/2012	Dinton	Away
11/08/2012	Hursley Park III	Home
18/08/2012	Compton and Chandlers Ford II	Home
19/08/2012	Bournemouth Wanderers	Home - Friendly
25/08/2012	Ramsdell	Away

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Basingstoke Deane Rotary Club's
production at
The Haymarket, Basingstoke

Pre-order form

Friday 16th March 2012 at 7pm

Presenting
Top tribute band

TAKE THAT 2 with ROBBIE



and **The Basingstoke ROCK- CHOIR**



This concert is being held in support of Basingstoke Hospital Young Diabetes Group & other local & Rotary Charities. The cost is £20 per ticket, available from the Anvil Arts Box office at both the Anvil & The Haymarket, also by phoning 01256 844244 or www.anvilarts.org.uk

Please support this event & have a great evening!!

For more information about Basingstoke Deane Rotary Club and details of other charity events please see our website at: www.therotaryclubofbasingstokedeane.co.uk

Road Traffic Injury Maps

There is a website <http://map.itoworld.com/> which shows the location of every road traffic accident giving rise to an injury in the UK.

Searching for "Hurstbourne Priors" in the top right hand corner shows the location of all local incidents. Please note that this map only records accidents where injuries were reported.

There is also a new web page on the BBC website that maps the locations of fatal road accidents: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-15975720>

Thanks to Mark Williams for this information.

Parish Council Minutes

There was an error in the Minutes of the November Parish Council Meeting reported in the January Hill & Valley. The reference to the memorial bench should have stated that it was for the late Mr Ken Jones. The Parish Council offers its apologies for the unfortunate error.



WHITCHURCH SILK MILL Millinery Miniatures

From Tuesday, 31
January 2012 to Sunday,
29 April 2012

Open during Mill opening
hours: 10.30am - 5.00pm

Deirdre Hawken brings skill and elegance to Whitchurch with her exhibition of miniature hats. The calibre of this artist is such that one of her hats is featuring in a touring worldwide exhibition.

Each hat is a work of art created in the greatest detail and mostly made of silk. Sometimes whimsical but always elegant, this will be a perfect opportunity to be inspired for that special event and uplifted.

See more of the artist's work at
www.deidrehawken.com



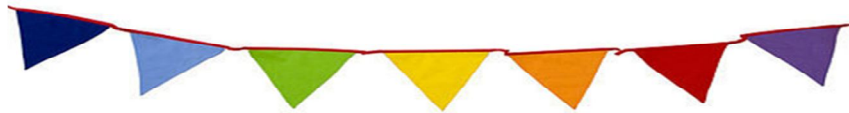
New Forest Spring Fair

Brand new for 2012! New Park, Brockenhurst will be hosting a variety of events next year, starting with the launch of our New Forest Spring Fair on Sunday 8th April.

The Fair will have a full programme of events in the display ring, country activities, trade stands and animals. This will be a fun filled day out for all the family and something for all ages.

If you would like any further information, please visit our website at www.newforestshow.co.uk or contact the Show Office on 01590 622400.

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MAY FAIR 2012

WE ARE EXCITED!

**WE HAVE MANAGED TO SECURE
NEW AND INTERESTING EVENTS TO ENSURE THIS SPECIAL YEAR'S MAY FAIR IS
ONE OF OUR BEST**



**PLEASE COME ALONG
ON MARCH 15TH AT 7.30PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**AND TELL US HOW YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP US TO MAKE
THIS YEAR'S MAJOR VILLAGE EVENT BIGGER
AND BETTER THAN EVER.**

Film Thursday- Gill Nethercott Centre, Whitchurch

**Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (Cert 15) - Thursday
23rd February at 8pm**

In the bleak days of the Cold War, espionage veteran George Smiley is forced from semi-retirement to uncover a Soviet agent within MI 6's echelon.

Starring Gary Oldman, Colin Firth and Benedict Cumberbatch, this is a very stylish and gripping version of the John Le Carre novel.

Tickets are £5 in advance or £5.50 on the door.

A Thoughtful Valentine's Day Gift

Jim asked his friend, Tony, whether he had bought his wife anything for Valentine's Day.

'Yes,' came the answer from Tony who was a bit of a chauvinist, 'I've bought her a belt and a bag.'

'That was very kind of you,' Jim added, 'I hope she appreciates the thought.'

Tony smiled as he replied, 'So do I, and hopefully the vacuum cleaner will work better now.'

THE LIGHTS – ANDOVER



**An Audience with Henry Blofeld
9TH February at 7.45pm**

There is so much more to Henry Blofeld than the cosy old Test Match Special commentary box. No one has lived life more to the full. No one's views are more prickly and earth-shatteringly funny.

The pompous, the politically correct, the prancing popinjays on every platform of life, are kicked unceremoniously into touch.

Price: T: £15 P: £16 Tel: 01264 368368

And finally...

A new employee stood before the paper shredder looking confused. "Need some help?" a secretary, walking by, asked. "Yes," he replied, "how does this thing work?" "Simple," she said, taking the fat report from his hand and feeding it into the shredder. "Thanks, but where do the copies come

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out?"
