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Weather May 2012

Total rainfall for month	45mm	= 1.77ins
It rained on	2 days	
Rainfall May 2011	23mm	= 1.37ins
Total to date 2012	270mm	= 10.62ins
Total to date 2011	210mm	= 8.26ins
Min Temperature	2C	= 36F (11 th)
Max Temperature	32C	= 90F (26 th)

John Smail

St Andrew's Church

Last autumn a Hawthorn tree (Crateaegus) was planted in the churchyard extension of St Andrews Church in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.



Marilyn Smith and David Oakley helping with the planting.

New Forest & Hampshire County Show – 24th to 26th July at New Park, Brockenhurst

Last few weeks to get 20% off all visitor tickets – offer ends on July 11th so don't miss out - get them soon! Entry for under 5's is free.

There is literally something for everyone to enjoy no matter what age you are. You can enjoy an exciting programme of events, with country pursuits, woodland activities, livestock competitions and equestrian displays. The theme of the Show is 'The Best of British' and we have some really well known people running demonstrations of their skills and letting the public have a go too. Other highlights include the return of the Shetland Pony Grand National, the largest Heavy Horse Musical Drive ever and the Solent Dog Agility display to name just a few.

Don't forget the international Show jumping, the best of the cattle, sheep, pigs and horses and some of the best selection of craftsmen in the UK.

For more information and how to get tickets, e mail Jackie@neylon.co.uk or telephone 01590 622409.

Ladies Coffee Morning



Come along to the July coffee morning which will be hosted by Jean Chalk at the Barn House (☎ 893133) on **Wednesday 11th**, from 10.15 onwards

Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall, from 11.05am until 11.35am, on **Saturday 14th July**.

Cats Protection



At Cats Protection, we are frequently depressed by stories of cats suffering neglect and others in situations where we are powerless to help through lack of resources.

However, when something nice happens it all becomes worthwhile. Tigger, a lovely, fluffy, tabby and white cat came to us in an emergency situation; his owners, who had had him since he was a kitten, were moving the next day and had failed to find him a new home. Although 14 years old, he was seen by a wonderful lady who not only took him but gave us a generous adoption fee. We have heard since that he settled quickly into his new home.

Come to our stall at St Mary Bourne Fete on 28th July.



Hilton has now been in care for six months. He is a young cat who had been living rough for some time while a kind family provided him with food and shelter. Unfortunately he was a bad boy and he started attacking ankles in an

attention seeking way. He has now seen the error of his ways; an attractive, friendly cat with beautiful green eyes. We do think he would be best suited to an adult home.

Enquiries: 01256-892019 or www.andovercats.org.uk
Items for resale: 01256-892773

Claire Bevan

Coordinator Andover & District Cats Protection

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Hurstbourne Priors May Fair 2012

The weather forecasts were not on our side for the build up to our annual May Fair but all the hard work put in did not go un-rewarded. The Fair raised in the region of £8,000 which is a very worthwhile sum for its three beneficiaries, the Church, Village Hall and Recreation Ground. The income and expenditure figures were shared with interested parties on Wednesday 23rd May, in the Village Hall over a glass of wine.



Whilst the prevailing weather for the opening of the Fair was cold and damp it did not deter our visitors, who donned appropriate clothing, and carried on regardless, many people staying for the afternoon to enjoy bursts of sunshine and blue skies.

The children were enthralled by all the entertainment laid on for them, with parents joining in around the Maypole, in the village stocks and at the circus workshop. There were plenty of bargains from books, clothes, toys and bric-a-brac, all looking for new homes.

The home-made cakes and preserves had their usual appreciative customers, as did the plant stall. Much luck was chanced on the always popular bottle stall and tombola. Refreshments were abundant around the Fair along with an array of interesting trade stalls.



Lastly but most importantly a very big thank you to all those who contributed in whatever way to yet another very successful May Fair. If you have any skills or ideas that you think would benefit next year's event, you can contact any member of the committee. We look forward to hearing from you - email mehaffey9@aol.com or barbara.carrodus@btinternet.com



More pictures from the May Fair can be seen on the village web site at www.hurstbournepriors-pc.gov.uk

EDF ENERGY PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS FOR BULLINGTON CROSS WIND FARM PROPOSAL

EDF Energy Renewables is holding two public exhibitions to consult and encourage feedback on its investigation for a new wind farm on a site located south of Whitchurch and to the north east of the junction of the A34 and the A303 (Bullington Cross).

Venue - Whitchurch Parish Hall

Dates - Wednesday, July 4th (2.00pm – 8.00pm) and Thursday, July 5th (12.00 noon – 7.00pm).

The events will provide further information on the proposed scheme with the opportunity to pose questions of the project team and to provide feedback on the proposals.

More details on the proposed scheme are also available at: <http://www.bullingtoncrosswindfarm.co.uk>.



North Hants Clinical Commissioning Group Roadshows

North Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group is holding four

summer Road Shows to share and exchange local health care news. This is a chance to find out what the biggest shake-up of the NHS in 60 years means locally.

The Road Shows will start at 7pm with a 60-minute agenda to include a short film, presentations and a question and answer session. This will be followed by light refreshments and the chance to chat informally. Questions can be submitted in advance to North Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group. Details on the website: <http://www.northhampshireccg.com/>

The dates and venues are as follows:

24th July – Shakespeare House Seminar Room, Shakespeare House Health Centre, Shakespeare Road, Popley, Basingstoke, RG24 9DT

26th July – Chawton Park Surgery, Chawton Park Road, Alton, GU34 1RJ

31st July – Hackwood Partnership, Essex House, Essex Road, Basingstoke, RG21 8SU

1st August – Tadley Community Centre, Newchurch Road, Tadley, RG26 4HN

For further information contact Anne Phillips, 01256 324666 or email hamp-pct.NorthHantsCCG@nhs.net

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Hurstbourne Priors Jubilee Picnic & Cricket Match

Following a grey start, the sun shone on the Jubilee Cricket event. The picnic was enjoyed by adults and children alike and the bouncy castle proved to be a popular attraction.

Once the picnic was over, the cricket match between the Hurstbourne Pirates and the Panthers started in earnest. Runs flowed at a good rate until we all retired to the Village Hall for the Jubilee Tea. The tables groaned with delicious offerings, with sandwiches, cream and jam scones and numerous gateaux. Diets were forgotten for the day and we all took advantage of the scrumptious feast.

Then we all staggered back to the cricket match to cheer on the teams. It was a close run match, with Ekins hitting a six to take the Panthers to 118 (vs114) to win, with only an over to spare. Our thanks to everyone whose hard work made it a day to remember, especially to all those who helped provide the wonderful tea.



The Teams - Ready for Action.....



Anyone for the Bouncy Castle?



Who's this motley crew?



What do you mean, new rules?



A Gatecrasher?



Here comes the sun!



Leg break coming up!



Oh, Bad Luck Sir.

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There are photographs of the day, courtesy of John Smith at www.flickr.com/photos/copperbeechhbp and more pictures can also be seen on the village web site at www.hurstbournepriors-pc.gov.uk

Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council



The following is a summary of the Minutes of the Parish Council Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 30th May. A copy of the full Minutes will be made available on the Village

Web Site at www.hurstbournepriors-pc.gov.uk.

Annual General Meeting

Chairman's Annual Report: Cllr Mr P Smail reported it had been a relatively quiet year in Hurstbourne Priors and he thanked the new team of fellow councillors for their hard work in their respective jobs, especially Vice Chairman, Sarah, for her work in planning issues.

In the past year, the council continued to develop a better rapport with Highways, Vitacress, Borough and County Councillors. The Borough and County Councillors had a 'can do' and 'how can we help' attitude which was very positive and much appreciated.

The Pavilion thatch repair was completed this year along with improved fire safety measures. The May Fair continued to raise funds for the village but last year's Bonfire event was less successful, probably due to it falling on the 5th November. The Safari Supper was once again very popular and well attended.

The unfortunate accident at the B3400 bridge led to further discussions on speed limits with static and mobile cameras possibly being available in the near future. The bridge itself was repaired promptly but the installation of drainage pipes in the grass strip leading to the bridge was still being debated.

Finally he thanked Parish Clerk who continued to keep the council on the right track and Graham Finlayson for his work on the Parish Magazine and Parish Web Site.

Financial Report: The Parish Clerk produced a financial statement showing the results for the year ending 31st March 2012. The Accounts had been approved by the internal Auditor and were ready to be sent to the District Auditor. Basingstoke and Deane had again given the Parish Council an additional grant of £620 towards the Parish Grass Cutting for 2012/13.

Parish Council Meeting

Bonfire - Negotiations were ongoing and things looked positive for this year.

Highways - Hampshire Highways agreed to put a white line along the edge of the road on the B3403, before the corner leading into the 30MPH zone from St Mary Bourne, to mark the carriageway; a soft verge sign will also be erected along with black and white verge markers.

The Parish Council was advised to request a Traffic Regulation Order to move the 30MPH sign nearer to the bridge. Highways favoured the integrated speed limit and village name signs, similar to the top of the hill on the A3400 from Andover.

Cllr Mr T Thacker had no further news on the problem of the mud on the B3400 from the Apsley Landfill site.

Quotes are to be obtained to erect a white post and rail fence by the bridge on the B3400 (refer to March Minutes) and Cllr Mr T Thacker will see if can provide any funding towards the cost.

Vitacress - had issued a statement following the Diesel Spill incident on the 18th May 2012.

Tufton -

- The Parish Clerk is to check if the telephone box at Tufton is covered by the PC's insurance policy.
- Jubilee celebrations are to be held in Tufton to help raise funds for the roof of St. Mary's Church.
- Cllr Mr M Williams reported that all 01256 telephone numbers from the Whitchurch exchange will get the improved broadband.
- The work to narrow the river at Tufton had been completed.
- Cllr Mr K Watts reported the outline planning request for Dipper Barn was work in progress but he would keep the Parish Council informed of any developments.

Planning - The Apsley Land Fill operation had applied to extend their licence for the site. The Parish Council approved the continuation, provided the wheel wash issue was resolved and the drain and road repairs were done to stop the large puddle that forms on the B3400 opposite the entrance to the site.

Bullington Cross Wind Farm - the reply sent from the Parish Council covered all major concerns.

Borough Cllr Mr K Watts Report - the Local Development Framework had been rejected by the Planning Inspectorate and work will have to start again.

County Councillor Mr T Thacker's Report - He spoke about his new responsibilities at Hampshire County Council and advised that HCC has frozen the Council Tax for another year. He also spoke about the Village Agents scheme.

Parish Councillor Reports - Cllr Mr M Williams reported that he had been appointed Vice Chairman of Hill and Valley. Cllr Mr Williams reported that Hill and Valley has surplus funds of £19,000 in the bank with net assets of £14,000. It is proposed to keep a year's printing costs and to distribute the remaining funds to the Parishes proportional to readership.

Footpaths Report - Cllr Mrs C Read reported all of the parish footpaths were clear and walkable. She had contacted Hampshire Rights of Way about the stile near the railway embankment at Tufton but it was the Landlord's responsibility to maintain the stile.

Whitchurch Town Council wants to erect "No Dog Fouling" signs at the beginning of the permissive footpath from Whitchurch to Hurstbourne Priors. The Parish Council thought this a good idea.

Recreation Ground Report - There had been 35 bookings for Cricket Matches, to date. The shingles on the Scoring Hut were being repaired and the scoring hut may be moved nearer to the pavilion.

Village Hall Report - Bookings are going well. The new banner with the telephone number for bookings had been erected outside the hall and the front has been re-gravelled.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations - It was planned to cater for 120 people for the Cricket Tea. There had been enough volunteers to make up two complete teams, including children from the village. The picnic lunch, with petanque for those who want to play, will be followed by the first 20 overs, then tea provided by the Parish Council and then the final 20

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overs. There will be a bar in the Pavilion from lunchtime onwards.

Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 25th July 2012 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 7.30pm.