

## Hurstbourne Priors

### Weather January 2012

Total rainfall for month	50mm	= 1.97ins
It rained on	<b>9</b> days	
Rainfall January <b>2011</b>	82mm	= 3.22ins
Min Temperature	-5C	= 23F (30 <sup>th</sup> )
Max Temperature	12C	= 54F (12 <sup>th</sup> )

*John Smail*

### ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT YOUR PARISH CHURCH AT THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING IN THE HURSTBOURNE PRIORS VILLAGE HALL, 7.00PM ON FRIDAY 16TH MARCH.

THERE WILL BE REPORTS ON CHURCH LIFE DURING 2011. WE SHALL BE ELECTING CHURCHWARDENS FOR THE COMING YEAR, AND MEMBERS OF THE PCC (CHURCH COUNCIL).

ELECTORS FOR THE LATTER NEED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL: DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE FROM MARK WILLIAMS, ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER, ON 01256 892081 OR

[MARK.WILLIAMS@BTOPENWORLD.COM](mailto:MARK.WILLIAMS@BTOPENWORLD.COM)

ELECTORAL ROLL FORMS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE IN CHURCH, BUT NEED TO BE RETURNED TO MARK BEFORE THE MEETING.

CANON MARTIN COPPEN

### Ladies Coffee Morning



Your **March** coffee morning will be hosted by Sheila Perkins at Mistletoe Cottage, Hurstbourne Priors, ☎ 01256 892181, on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March.**

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

### Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall, from 11.05am until 11.35am, on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March.**

Many thanks to the 12 villagers who braced the freezing temperatures on 11th February 2012 to collect glass bottles, beer cans, fast food wrappers and a car bumper from the verges around Hurstbourne Priors.

Particular thanks are due to Mark Williams who cleaned the graffiti off the road signs and to the Hurstbourne for supplying the much needed warming coffees afterwards.

### Cats Protection



We now have our figures for 2011 and are pleased to report that homing (217 cats) is slightly up on the previous year.

We also helped with the neutering of 315 cats which is considerably more than in 2010. We have several older cats in care at the moment. Because these cats are difficult to home we are willing to waive our usual adoption fee and assist with any future veterinary bills. It is sad that they are living their last years in a pen and it also means that we cannot currently take in older cats as we must keep enough pens free for the younger cats who may only spend a few weeks in care.

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March there will be a Jumble Sale in the Methodist Church, Bridge St, Andover and on the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month Cats Protection will be providing teas for the Open Garden afternoon at Bere Mill, Whitchurch.

Jazz is about 12 years old. He has been in Cats Protection

care before but sadly, the new owner that we found then is in ill health and no longer able to look after him.

He doesn't like going out much and would make an excellent companion for an older person. He does require regular brushing to keep his coat in good condition.



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 2012

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 THURSDAY MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>  
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.

### Dormice Settle into their New Abode



Two dormice, which were saved after their nest was wrecked by a cat and taken to HART Wildlife Rescue, have been successfully transferred to Paignton Zoo. There they will have a second chance at life and take part in a breeding programme.

When the siblings arrived at HART, at Medstead near Alton, they weighed just 5g and 6g – little more than a teaspoon of sugar. They had to be fattened up considerably before facing the journey to Devon and the start of what everyone hopes will be a successful hibernation.

Tipping the scales at 19g and 20g they appeared not to have even noticed their travelling box had moved so many miles when they came out of their fleece hat home to meet their new carers.

When they awake after their long sleep in the spring, they will be introduced to other dormice and, in time, help to increase the drastically small numbers of this endangered species

You can see video of their arrival at the zoo by clicking on a link from the Info/News page on HART website: [www.hartwildlife.org.uk](http://www.hartwildlife.org.uk)

### Jubilee Cricket Match

The Parish Council would like to organise a cricket match to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on the Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

This would be a modern T20 style match between two village teams, quite probably between Hurstbourne Priors North and Hurstbourne Priors South, but we are open to other suggestions. It will have all of the razzmatazz and glitz of a professional T20 match but none of the ticket prices. By way of contrast there would be a traditional cricket tea open to all the village and a bouncy castle or similar entertainment for young children.

In order to be certain to raise at least two full teams anyone would be eligible to play if they are, or have been, broadly connected with the village in the last 60 years, but players of any age and ability from the village would be welcome, especially any veterans of the village women's team of years gone by. The emphasis would be on having an enjoyable afternoon so do not be discouraged from volunteering to play.

If you think this is a good idea and would like to play, or would like to be an umpire or scorer, help with the tea, man the public address system, be a team cheerleader, or anything else, please contact any member of the Parish Council.



DON'T FORGET  
HURSTBOURNE PRIORS SAFARI  
SUPPER ON SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH

## Hurstbourne Priors



### RAISE FUNDS for YOUR CHARITY

The Rotary Club of Basingstoke is holding their Annual Walk for charity on **Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> 2012**.

Please join us and enjoy the beautiful Hampshire downs on one of three circular routes varying between 4 and 9 miles starting from the Hannington communication mast.

This event is designed to give all the participants the opportunity to raise funds for their favourite charity. A nominal charge of £6 per walker is made to cover administration costs and to provide water at points around the route, with light refreshments at the finish.

90% of the funds you raise goes to the charity of your choice and 10% to Sebastians Action Trust and other local charities.

Registration, entry forms, details of the walk and sponsorship forms are all available online at [www.basingstoke.rotaryweb.org](http://www.basingstoke.rotaryweb.org)

We look forward to meeting you at the end of May.

**Please come and join us.**

### Film Thursday- Gill Nethercott Centre, Whitchurch



**My Week with Marilyn (Cert 15)**  
**Thursday 22nd March at 8pm**

In 1956, aspiring film-maker Colin Clark secured his first job on the Pinewood set of *The Prince and the Showgirl*. During the shoot, according to two diaries he later published, he became close to Marilyn Monroe. Starring an award-winning all-star cast including Michelle Williams, Eddie Redmayne, Kenneth Branagh, Emma Watson, Dominic Cooper, Judi Dench, the film captures a love affair with the world's most famous woman, Marilyn Monroe.

Tickets cost £5 in advance or £5.50 on the door

### Whitchurch WI



**15 March 7.15pm**  
**Gill Nethercott Centre**

**The Hospice Movement & St Michael's Hospice**

A talk by Caroline Mathias

Refreshments from 7.15pm; talk starts at 7:45pm

*Guests and new members welcome!*

### Hurstbourne Priors Cricket Club

2011 was the most memorable year in the club's history by winning the North East 2 league; the first time the club has won a league title since entering the Hampshire league. Hurstbourne Priors' fantastic season included only two defeats away from home and an impressive seven straight wins to gain the title from their close rivals Compton and Chandlers Ford.

A few impressive statistics from the 2011 season:

#### Top three batting averages:

Mark Hamson averaged 79 - top score 111 not out;

Richard Carter averaged 49 - top score 51;

Ashok Nautiyal averaged 38 - top score 124.

#### Top bowling averages:

Mark Hamson took 18 wickets - average 11;

Richard Carter took 20 wickets - average 12;

Rajiv Kumar took 21 wickets - average 13

Mark Matthews took 19 wickets - average 4;

Stewart Samways took 16 wickets - average 16.

The club would like to say a big thank you to:

**Umpires:** John Golding, David Smith, Malcolm Noble.

**Teas:** Debbi Samways.

**Sightscreens:** Paul Collins.

**Sponsorship:** RJC Agencies, Simplyhealth, Bryan Hirst, DJ Geoff, NSC Global.

**Hill and Valley:** Graham Finlayson - for publishing match reports.

*Mark Hamson* Team Captain

WHITCHURCH HISTORY SOCIETY  
6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 7.30PM  
GILL NETHERCOTT HALL

### THORNYCROFT

PART II OF THE TALK ON THORNYCROFT GIVEN BY  
CHRIS TREE OF THE THORNYCROFT SOCIETY  
MEMBERS FREE, VISITORS £2

MORE INFORMATION FROM RON COOK ON  
01264 781222

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### Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council



The following is a summary of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January. A copy of the full Minutes will be made

available on the Village Web Site.

**Tufton** - The telephone box will be refurbished in the spring. The next time slot for narrowing the river will now be in the autumn. A grant funding for the roof repairs for St Mary's Church has been successful.

**Village Bonfire Party** - The Parish Council was asked why such a small profit had been made (the £178.24 included the £100 donation), as some residents wondered "Is it worth the effort for such little profit?"

Numbers attending were down and there was a mix up with the sausages, so there were a lot of rolls left but no sausages to put in them. The St Mary Bourne event was also down in numbers attending.

For the 2012 event, the Parish Council will consider cooking the sausages and onions themselves and a possible increase in the entrance fee.

**Memorial Bench** - The Clerk apologised for giving the incorrect name in the report for the Hill & Valley.

**Highways** - The Parish Council is to meet with Hampshire Highways to discuss the road signs, speed limit, new bridge and repairs. It is understood that the stretch of the B3400 through the village did not meet the criteria for a 30mph speed limit.

The issue of J Hirst's lorries coming through the village, will also be raised with the HCC.

**Broadband** - New cables are being laid now.

**Hedges** - The hedge in Longparish Road has been cut but the hedge bordering the B3400 and the Recreation Ground is in need of a cut. *After Note: The hedge was cut soon after the meeting and the Clerk has thanked Mr W Murray for an excellent job.*

**Planning** - BDB/75653 - Change of use of existing building to agricultural recycling - Application BDB/75652 - Apsley Landfill, Grid Ref : 442390 142390, Picket Piece. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION subject to the following conditions: that there was no further increase in the volume of traffic visiting the Apsley site.

BDB/75395 - Cert of Lawful Development - proposed operation - Erection of two storey extension - Faulkners Down Farmhouse, Picket Piece. The Parish Council had NO COMMENTS.

BDB/75562 - Outline planning application for the erection of an agricultural dwelling - Dipper Barn Farm, Manor Farm Lane, Tufton. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION.

**Footpaths** - HCC Rights of Way has provided a map of the footpaths, indicating those they will cut and the frequency.

**Road Issues** - HCC is proposing to impose new speed restrictions. The changes to the speed limits on the B3400, relevant to Hurstbourne Priors are:

- a 40mph limit on the exit from Whitchurch for a third of a mile towards Hurstbourne Priors from the point where the existing 30mph zone ends;
- a 50mph limit between the end of that 40mph limit and the start of the current 40mph limit through

Hurstbourne Priors;

- keep the existing 40mph limit through Hurstbourne Priors;

- a 50mph limit for half a mile west of the existing 40mph through Hurstbourne Priors towards Andover.

#### **Borough Cllr Mr K Watts' Report: -**

Garden Cottages, Hurstbourne Park - This application was left to be approved under delegated powers.

Dipper Barn Farm, Tufton - This application was supported in principle.

Vitacress - The application for Judicial Review is listed for hearing on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

Highways - HCC's A/B Traffic Speeds Review recommended stretches of new speed limits between Whitchurch and Hurstbourne Priors (see above).

#### **County Cllr Mr T Thacker's Report: -**

HCC Budget - Council Tax will be frozen again for 2012/2013. HCC needs to reduce costs by a further £45 million next year.

Hurstbourne Priors Matters - The Casualty Reduction Team of HCC Officers and the Police will be investigating the sad, fatal accident at the bridge.

**Parish Councillors' Reports** - Cllr Mr Smail will be asked to raise a number of issues at the next Vitacress Committee meeting in February.

It was agreed that the village clean up will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 9.30am.

Barbara Carrodus suggested installing outdoor gym equipment on the Recreation Ground, at a cost of approximately £3000, plus installation. Whilst the Parish Council thought it was a good idea, it was decided not to pursue it in view of possible issues regarding maintenance costs and insurance.

Cllr Mr M Williams will provide more information about Daniel Park (Whitchurch) winning a ballot run by Basingstoke and Deane to be dedicated as Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Field.

**Footpaths Report** - Cllr Mrs C Read reported that all the Footpaths are clear and walkable. She also praised the Testbourne Estate for the speedy clearance of a fallen oak on the footpath.

Cllr Mrs C Read also congratulated the PCC on clearing the churchyard and replacing the old fence.

**Recreation Ground Report** - Cllr Mr R Selbie reported Cllr Mr M Williams had now officially taken over from Mr John Perkins. The Parish Council wished to thank Mr John Perkins for all his hard work over the years.

Cllr Mr Selbie reported that the 2012 fixtures are looking good. Repairs to the mower cost £413.68 but this was a lot less than the cost of a new mower. There has also been a metal theft from the Lych Gate and the cost of replacement handles was being looked into.

**Village Hall Report** - Cllr Mrs S Sorby reported the Village Hall had taken no bookings for January and February.

**Queens Diamond Jubilee** - It was agreed to hold a family fun cricket match, with a traditional cricket tea, on 4<sup>th</sup> June. A Bouncy Castle and other activities will be available for younger children.

**Date of Next Meeting** - 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 7.30pm