

Hurstbourne Priors

Weather January 2013

Total rainfall for month	72mm	= 2.83ins
It rained on	10 days	
Rainfall January 2012	50mm	= 1.97ins
Min Temperature	-5C	= 23f (21 st)
Max Temperature	13C	= 56f (30 th)

John Smail

Church & Churchyard Tidy-up and Spring Barbecue



Calling everyone in Hurstbourne Priors who is interested in the appearance of our Church and Churchyard!

On **Saturday April 20th**, starting from **10.30am**, please come and lend a hand with:

- In the Churchyard: clearing undergrowth, removing dead branches, cutting ivy, trimming around graves - please bring your own choice of tools.
- In the Church: dusting and sweeping, polishing pews, brass, silver, removing cobwebs, cleaning windows - please bring your own mops and dusters; polish will be provided.

At 1.00 pm there will be a barbecue and hot dogs will be provided. If you would like to bring something else to barbecue please do so.



Please ring Fenella Williams (892081) or Mark Sorby (892665) if you are planning to come so that we can cater for you!

Quiz Night

*It's time to form your teams...
Hurstbourne Priors Village Pub Night and Quiz at the Hurstbourne*

Thursday 4th April 2013 at 7.30pm

*Put together your own team of 6 to 8 people
£10 per person – includes food, quiz entry and prizes
Limited spaces*

Tickets in advance available from the Hurstbourne

Any queries to Sarah Wyatt-Tilby on 01256 895979

All Welcome

Ladies Coffee Morning



The **March** coffee morning will be hosted by Susie Sorby at Bourne House, Number 53 (☎ 892665), on **Wednesday 13th** from 10.15 onwards.

Forest Forge Theatre Present

The Boy at the Edge of the Room
Thursday 7th March 7:30pm

"He was not like other boys... He did not see the world through the same eyes as us"

A boy called Tony struggles to fit in and find his place. He has a different way of looking at the world and longs to retreat to place where he can be "nothing more than small and far off". Those surrounding him have little patience for his dreams, with the exception of his mother who will do anything to ensure his happiness.

This is a fairytale for adults, inspired by Lucy Clifford's 1882 story *Wooden Tony* and brought to life through song, movement and puppetry.

Tickets £7.50 adults, £6 concessions, available from Gill Nethercott Centre or Library

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HURSTBOURNE PRIORS VILLAGE

TIDY UP

Saturday 6th April 2013



Meet outside The Hurstbourne at 10 am.

Please help if you can.

Bin bags provided.

Refreshments kindly supplied by the Hurstbourne afterwards



MAY FAIR VILLAGE MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL

CHANGE OF DATE

THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 7.30PM

Everyone welcome to share your plans, any ideas and to volunteer your help. We look forward to seeing lots of faces, old and new. Please come and enjoy a glass of wine with us and hear about exciting new attractions for this year's event.

The May Fair is only 8(ish) weeks away, so if you are having a spring cleaning turnout keep those re-cycling miles to a minimum. The May Fair Bric-a-Brac, Books, Toys and "Good as New" stalls are all looking for stock to raise money for the village.

Has the current Great British Bake Off bitten you? Why not plan a **BIG BAKE OFF** in your kitchen for the Teas or Cake and Produce Stalls.

Please come on 21st and join in the biggest fund raising event for our village amenities.

Cats Protection



Why not join our Group, 'Andover and District Cats Protection' on Facebook. You will then be able to read our latest news and exchange cat stories with your friends.

On the afternoon of March 23rd we shall be providing teas for the NGS opening of the garden at Bere Mill in Whitchurch. It is a lovely garden on the River Test; well worth visiting.



Bob has been in care before. We re-homed him in 2006 and for six years he had a very happy home. Unfortunately, his owner can no longer keep him. Bob is feeling very sad in a pen with his housemate Kira,

who is a grey female and hopes that someone will soon come along and choose him. He is now 8 years old. The cats could be homed either separately or together.

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

Phil Beer in Concert

Thursday 28th March – 8pm

Gill Nethercott Centre, Whitchurch

Tickets are now on sale for this much awaited night with Phil Beer.

Phil is one of the most popular ambassadors for acoustic roots music. A dazzling instrumentalist, he is perhaps best known as a top flight fiddler and plays in the all-star line-up, Feast of Fiddles. But his skills don't stop there, he also plays slide, Spanish and tenor guitar, mandocello, viola, mandolin and South American cuatro, not to mention contributing rich vocals. He played the Gill Nethercott Centre in 2010 to a sell out audience and everyone had a fabulous evening.

Tickets cost £11 adult, £10 concessions, also available from the Library

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NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE

There are times and events in the life of a school which are a source of real joy and our latest school production was one of those. Students from all year groups - actors, singers, dancers and technicians – treated us to three impressive performances of “Our House” at the Haymarket Theatre in Basingstoke. The musical, based on the songs of Madness, tells the story of Joe and the challenges he faces to make the right moral choices for him, his girlfriend, friends and family in Casey Street. In spite of only gaining access to the theatre on the afternoon of the first show, the cast and crew overcame technical teething troubles to deliver an impressive and committed performance worthy of this professional venue, earning many compliments in the process. Students gain so much from such an experience, as this feedback from one family indicates:

“We thought the Our House production was outstanding - for a secondary school to put on such a tremendous show is really something. Our daughter has so enjoyed being a part of it all, and she said last week how wonderful the team had been. She had a real sense of it being something bigger than just the three shows - she said that everyone supported everyone else, helped out where needed and encouraged one another (and that came across during the performance when the atmosphere was so positive.) Such a superb experience for them all.”

As I write, another group of students is enjoying a memorable experience, having just begun a two week visit to our partner community in Mityana, Uganda. They are the sixth such group to make this life-enhancing journey and we shall look forward to hearing how they have fared when they return after half-term.

Such events are part of the rich tapestry of school life that make a headteacher proud - and, as you may have heard, this particular proud headteacher has decided that having recently celebrated her sixth decade she is ready to allow someone else to take on that privilege at the end of this academic year. It would be a hard decision whenever I made it, loving my job and Testbourne as I do, but for many reasons the time feels right, not least because the school is in a strong position and we have a superb team of talented staff who have been responsible for the success we have achieved and for the caring, family atmosphere that makes Testbourne a special place to be. They are absolutely committed and determined to maintain and take forward all we have achieved.

I have had to let Governors know now as the process of appointing a Headteacher is a long one but there is plenty still needs doing and I look forward to keeping you in touch with more news from Testbourne.

Hilary Jackson, Headteacher

Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall, from 11.05am until 11.35am, on **Saturday 23rd March.**

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance is now accepting text donations



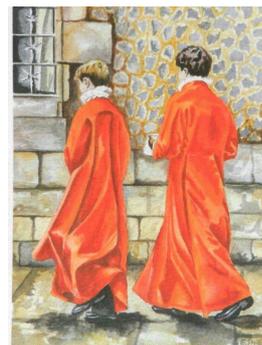
With over half the population opting to text people, text donations have become a very popular way to donate to your chosen charity.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance are now launching their own text donation line specifically for the Hampshire region. To donate, simply text the word HANTS followed by the amount in whole pounds that you wish to donate, to 70500. For example text HANTS5 to 70500 to make a one time donation of £5.

The charity relies on the generosity of donors to raise the £125,000 needed each month to keep the Air Ambulance flying and saving lives. For regular donations to the charity, there is a text donation service on a different number, 70300. We will receive a monthly donation from donors who text HANTS followed by the amount of their donation, to 70300. For example, text HANTS3 to 70300 to give £3 a month.

Donations will be paid from your mobile phone account. The whole amount of the donation goes to the charity. This service costs your text donation plus the cost of sending one text message at your standard rate.

The Quiristers of Winchester College directed by Malcolm Archer Organist Jamal Sutton



Music both sacred and secular
with a talk on the History of the Quiristers by
Malcolm Archer

7.30pm Saturday 9th March 2013

Winchester College Chapel, College Street
Winchester SO23 9NA

Tickets £15 from Jessica Hasan on **07503 176350** or
info@swvg-refugees.org.uk

Proceeds to the

Southampton and Winchester Visitors Group
Working with refugees and asylum seekers
www.swvg-refugees.org.uk

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Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council



The following is a summary of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd January. A copy of the full Minutes will be made available on the Village Web Site at

www.hurstbournepriors-pc.gov.uk.

Parish Council Vacancy: Some interest has been shown and the Clerk will confirm the number of vacancies and how many applicants trigger an election.

Tufton: There was a meeting in Whitchurch about the Tufton A34 junction. It is hoped that the slip road will be narrowed to one lane and that the speed limit will be reduced; currently traffic comes off the A34 at 60mph.

Oak Tree - The Jubilee Oak Tree delivery has been delayed by bad weather and is now due in February.

Speed Signs - The cost of the speed sign will be £2,625. The Parish Council would have one sign, with adjustable speeds ie: 30, 40 or 'Slow Down' which could be moved between the four different roads in the village. The posts would be fixed permanently. The camera records how many times it has 'flashed' a vehicle (though not the licence plate) and that information can be sent to the Police.

Vitacress Charitable Trust would not be able to make a grant, but Vitacress will be approached to see if there were any other grants available. A further discussion on the costings will take place at the next meeting.

Road Sign, St Mary Bourne Road - It is hoped that the village sign, with an integral 30 mph notice, will be moved nearer the iron bridge before the end of the year.

Cressington - Vitacress has now received an offer for the premises from a Property Developer and it is likely to be turned into 2 or 3 bedroom flats for the rental market.

Mud on Andover Road - This continues to be a problem and a response from the owners of the site is awaited. All correspondence will be copied to HCC Cllr Thacker.

Memorial to Robert Selbie - A plaque will be erected in the Cricket Pavilion in memory of his great contribution to the village and his work on the Recreation Ground and Parish Council.

Grass Verges - Owing to the weather, the quote for the pipe work has been delayed but it is hoped that this will be received before the next meeting.

Caravan at Faulkners Cross - The Planning Enforcement Officer has visited the site but not yet filed a report. There were signs that at least one of the Caravans was being lived in just prior to Christmas.

HBP Web Site - As Basingstoke & Deane Boro' Council is withdrawing the free hosting facility, an alternative is required, if the site is to continue. A quote from VisionICT is under consideration and B&DBC may provide a grant of up to £375 to assist in the transfer. Subject to confirmation on a couple of points, it was decided to take up the offer.

Proposed Windfarm - In response to a question, it was explained that planning permission had not yet been applied for and so the Parish Council was not in a position to do anything until it was clear what was being applied for. The Parish Council's response to the Scoping Document had been submitted and the Scoping Document is available on the B&DBC website or alternatively from Cllr Mrs Wyatt-Tilby. It was agreed that, if a planning application was made

by EDF Energy, the Parish Council would ask all residents for their views to ensure a fair reflection of feelings.

Planning: Planning application BDB/77430 from the owners of Clock Barn for the conversion of a further barn for use as part of their wedding venue business. There was NO OBJECTION.

Borough Councillor's Report - Cllr Mr K Watts received a request for intervention from a resident at Chapmansford regarding rising water levels. He contacted the Environment Agency on her behalf and understood they had visited her and provided sandbags.

The proposed new station car park on the Northern side of the station in Whitchurch was progressing slowly. It is likely to be many, many months before it reaches a viable planning stage.

Lengthman's Scheme: Concern was expressed that the £1,000 allocated to Hurstbourne Priors should be ring fenced and not just lost in the 'pool' of the Scheme. There was a number of questions which would be raised with Cllr Thacker and, subject to satisfactory answers, Hurstbourne Priors would like to join the scheme.

Parish Councillors' Reports - Cllr Mr M Williams reported there had been a break-in at the shed behind the Cricket Pavilion. Nothing appeared to have been stolen but two strong padlocks had now been fitted to the door bolts.

The Cricket Booking fee is to be raised from £75 to £80 per match, with a reduced fee of £60 offered for those wanting to play limited over, evening matches, if they were happy to re-use the wicket. The Cricket Club was looking into the purchase of a second hand set of covers.

Cllr Mrs S Sorby reported that the bookings for the Village Hall in January and February were poor but that this was not uncommon at this time of year.

Cllr Mrs Sorby was concerned about the continuing traffic coming from the Hurst site at Hurstbourne Station. She will contact Mr Goodall, from Highways, to see if there was anything that could be done.

Cllr Mrs Wyatt-Tilby will organise a date for the annual village tidy-up and put a flyer through everyone's doors. It was agreed that it would be held on Saturday 6th April.

Cllr Mrs Wyatt-Tilby also offered to organise the Quiz Night, once again, and liaise with the pub to find a suitable evening (*Note: since the meeting the Quiz has been arranged for Thursday 4th April*)

Cllr Mrs Read reported that, apart from flooded areas, all footpaths were passable, as far as she was aware. There is a broken stile at Tufton which she has reported. The hedging around the electricity substation is overgrown and arrangements will be made to get this cut back.

At Christmas and New Year the bin collection rota was changed. Cllr Mrs Read wondered if Mr Finlayson could include the dates in Hill & Valley so that residents knew the changed dates. This would also apply to Easter.

Correspondence - Mr Philip Chalk thanked the Parish Council and said what an improvement the new white picket fence by the bridge was; it had certainly appeared to 'calm' the traffic. In view of this, the fence supporting the signs at the top of the hill on the A3400 is to be painted white.

Two letters had been received in objection to the proposed wind farm.

Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 13th March at 7.30pm.