

## Hurstbourne Priors

### Weather August 2012

Total rainfall for month	60mm	= 2.36ins
It rained on	<b>9</b> days	
Rainfall August 2011	107mm	= 4.21ins
Total to date 2012	643mm	= 25.31ins
Total to date 2011	453mm	= 17.83ins
Min Temperature	5C	= 41 (30 <sup>th</sup> )
Max Temperature	34C	= 93F (10 <sup>th</sup> )



Although the August rainfall was almost half last year's, the Met Office says we have had the wettest summer for 100 years! The August minimum temperature of 5°C was the coldest August night for 40 years.

*John Smail*



**Hurstbourne Priors Fireworks and Bonfire Party on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November starting at 6 pm at Hurstbourne Priors House**

*In addition to watching Guy go up in smoke and a fantastic firework display, you can sample the hot dogs, washed down with mulled wine (or a soft drink). A further attraction will be "glowsticks" and/or necklaces for children.*

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING SPARKLERS AS THESE CAN BE A HAZARD TO LIVESTOCK IF LEFT ON THE GROUND**

**Pay on entry - Adults £3, children 3-12 £1.50 and under 3 free**

### Ladies Coffee Morning



Make a note in your diary - the October coffee morning will be hosted by Helen Mehaffey (☎ 893119) at the Limes, Hurstbourne Priors on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>**, from 10.15 onwards.

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### Hampshire Organic Gardening Group

**Plant Swap followed by Coming Clean with Goats Milk**

**17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45pm**

**Testbourne Community Suite**

A talk by Catherine Shutler of CyrilSSoapShed on making soap with goat's milk (No, I'm not kidding). There will be some to 'buy and try' - makes a change from ass's milk. All are welcome - **free entry**

More information from 01256 890160

Website: [www.hampshire-organic-gardening.org](http://www.hampshire-organic-gardening.org)

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### JOIN LIVING PAINTINGS FOR BRIDGE

LUNCH FOLLOWED BY BRIDGE IN BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS

AT CHEAM SCHOOL, HEADLEY, NEWBURY

ON FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2012

FROM 12.30 – 4PM

TICKET COST IS ONLY £20

INCLUDES A GLASS OF WINE AND DELICIOUS WARMING LUNCH

BRIDGE PLAY FOLLOWS LUNCH AND THE AFTERNOON IS ROUNDED OFF WITH TEA AND A RAFFLE

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL SUPPORT LOCAL AWARD WINNING CHARITY LIVING PAINTINGS, WHO PROVIDE A FREE NATIONAL POSTAL LIBRARY OF TOUCH TO SEE BOOKS FOR BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED CHILDREN AND ADULTS LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY.

TO BOOK TICKETS OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:

TEL 01635 299771, OR EMAIL [RACHELK@LIVINGPAINTINGS.ORG](mailto:RACHELK@LIVINGPAINTINGS.ORG), OR VISIT [WWW.LIVINGPAINTINGS.ORG](http://WWW.LIVINGPAINTINGS.ORG)

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### Harvest Supper



The Harvest Supper will be on **Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> October** in the Village Hall at 7pm.

Plus QUIZ and RAFFLE

Tickets (£5 for adults and £3 for children, under fives are free) are available from

Fenella Williams ☎ 01256 892081.

Please contact Fenella if you would like to help with cooking or with setting up and helping on the day.

We do hope you will be able to join us for our harvest celebrations.

### Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall, from 11.05am until 11.35am, on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October**.

### Cats Protection



Cats Protection is having difficulty homing cats. The Andover branch seems to be experiencing a particularly bad patch. At this point in the year, we are already thirty five percent down on last year's homings and Jazz, a twelve year old ginger, long-haired cat has been with us since last December.

We shall be holding a Jumble Sale at the Methodist Church in Bridge Street, Andover on the morning of Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October. As well as the usual clothing, bric-a-brac and books, Christmas cards and calendars will be available.



Mo is quite a chunky, young, tabby and white cat. He is very friendly and likes attention and would be fine in a home with older children. He has been in care now since June and would be delighted

to find a new home.

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

### Harvest Festival



**The Harvest Festival will be on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am in St Andrew's Church.**

**This year we are again collecting non-perishable food items for the Andover Food Bank which provides food for local people in crisis. It issues vouchers which can be exchanged for emergency food boxes containing 3 days' supply of nutritionally balanced tinned and dried food.**

**Families and individuals within the Andover area may require food boxes for a variety of reasons. The food boxes are a short term measure, providing breathing space until additional help is offered by professional agencies.**

**Please bring your contribution to the Harvest Festival or hand it in to the church beforehand.**

## GILL NETHERCOTT CENTRE

### Whitchurch Films

**October 25th**

**Moonrise Kingdom (12a).**

Set on an island off the coast of New England in the summer of 1965, Moonrise Kingdom tells the story of two twelve-year-olds who fall in love, make a secret pact, and run away together into the wilderness. Warm, whimsical and poignant, this gentle comedy stars Bruce Willis and Edward Norton.

Tickets are £5 in advance or £5.50 on the door.  
Doors open 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start.

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**Tickets are now on sale for Hampshire's  
October Fest 2012.**

**It will return to Milestones Museum, at Basingstoke  
Leisure Park from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>  
October.**

**This is a great family event for all to enjoy. The  
festival has a large range of produce, selling great  
food, beers and cider, a full programme of  
demonstrations, exhibitions, craft workshops as well  
as live music and dance, street entertainment,  
traditional games, competitions and children's  
activities.**

**For more information and to purchase tickets please  
visit: [www.hantsmustrust.org/octoberfest](http://www.hantsmustrust.org/octoberfest)**

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### NEWS FROM TESTBOURNE

#### EXCELLENT RESULTS GET THE YEAR OFF TO A GOOD START

An excellent set of examination results has helped to get the new school year off to a positive start. It was good to celebrate the success of our recent Year 11 students, who collectively achieved Testbourne's best ever results.

96% of students achieved 5 A\* - C grades and 76% with English and Maths. A diverse range of talents was rewarded, with some students gaining Young Apprenticeship Awards or distinctions in other vocational subjects such as Health & Social Care or Land Applications. In addition, 28% of all grades were A\*'s and A's.

These results are amongst the very best in the County and, I hope, enable our local community to have every confidence in our local school.

It is all the more pleasing that we managed to achieve these results in the midst of the national fiasco over English results. 80% of our students achieved an A\* - C grade in English, against our prediction of 87%, whilst Maths and Science achieved 85% and 86% respectively. It certainly does not seem fair that the life chances of individual young people, as well as schools' reputations, are put at risk by what has happened. We are appealing for re-marks for some and are following the national picture closely.

#### TEACHERS MAKE A SPLASH FOR CHARITY

We know that results matter but it is also important to find time for the fun side of life, though it may not be everyone's idea of fun to take a dip in the pool in

September. Students, however, certainly enjoyed paying a pound one lunchtime to push a teacher in the pool or 20p to watch, to raise funds for the team due to visit our twin school in Uganda in February. Fortunately, the weather was kind, the children good-humoured and the staff good sports. We had, however, not anticipated that one of the boys doing supervised football practice in the Sports Hall would trip over, bump into the fire bell casing and set off the fire alarm, resulting in a set of rather soggy (but still smiling) teachers, lining up with the whole school on the playing field. I have to say it is the first, and I hope last, time I conduct the fire drill and (wo)man the megaphone in a dripping wet state!! Fortunately plenty of funds were raised ~ so at least it was all in a good cause!!

*Hilary Jackson*  
Headteacher

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### JAMES'S PLACE

The Rolfe family takes tremendous pleasure in introducing you to James's Place, named for James Rolfe, the son of the family who has complex disabilities. The lovely 18<sup>th</sup> Century Penton Lodge at Penton Mewsey situated just outside Andover, has been completely restored to its full Victorian elegance and now serves as a leisure and social centre for adults with disabilities, to enrich their lives through learning new skills and experiencing new activities. All people who attend the centre are "members" of the family and are encouraged to explore the extensive grounds and the house and to treat both as their own homes.

Totally accessible, with hoists and a fully equipped shower room as well as standard facilities for people with disabilities, James's Place has a lot to offer. All staff are hugely experienced, CRB checked; member/staff ratios tend to be very small and members' own carers or supporters are always welcomed. Activities range from making domestic cosmetics for personal use to grooming the goats and the dogs, from making models and statuettes to weaving cushion covers and handbags, from growing vegetables to turning them into vegetable soup with a sprinkling of egg-collecting, arts, jewellery making, genealogy and metal detecting thrown in for good measure!

Prices for the activities vary depending on individual support needs but are competitive, starting at just £8 per hour, and everyone is asked to attend at least one free session before deciding if James's Place is right for them.

Each month Penton Lodge hosts a Theme Tea, a full afternoon tea with entertainment (a murder mystery, a history talk, ghostly tales of old Andover, comedy shows or just music and singing) to which everyone, members and the general public are invited.

The next Theme Tea is an afternoon of music, comedy, and reminiscences prompted by archive material of the 40s and 50s which takes place on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact Trish or Guy on 01264 772400 for further details.

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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> July. A copy of the full Minutes will be made available on the Village Web Site at [www.hurstbournepriors-pc.gov.uk](http://www.hurstbournepriors-pc.gov.uk).

**Tufton** – It was confirmed that the Fibre Optic cable should provide an improved Broadband Service for the telephone numbers on the Whitchurch Exchange, including Tufton.

Villagers still have concerns about the removal of the Poplar trees and the possible removal of conifer trees in the same position which would have an adverse effect on the landscape. The Basingstoke and Deane Tree Officer stated that he will contact the Parish Council again regarding these trees and the Clerk will keep Mr J Huxford informed of any developments.

**Highways** - Photographs and measurements have been taken for moving the 30MPH signs on the St Mary Bourne road to support the request for the signs to be moved further back towards the bridge.

**Wind Farm** - Members of the Parish Council visited the presentation on the **proposed** wind farm and have made comments on both the proposed wind farm site and on the Environmental Impact Assessment. *NOTE: The full content of the response drafted by the Parish Council has now been included within the Basingstoke and Deane report as part of the consultation process. It is available online at: <http://www2.basingstoke.gov.uk/test/4753/01/00/00/01000089.PDF> Alternatively it can be supplied in hard copy by Cllr Sarah Wyatt-Tilby to any interested parishioner. Please contact her if you would like a copy.*

#### Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations -

Everyone has commented on what a great event it was and gave a big "thank you" to all those involved in organising the event.

**Planning** - BDB/76599 -Application advice for potential Solar Installation at land at Faulkners Down House, Picket Piece, Andover, SP11 6LZ. The Parish Council made the following comments:

1. Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council has considered the documents provided by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council in respect of this application sent under cover of letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012. A number of us also attended the public consultation given by Steadfast Solar at Hurstbourne Priors Parish Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012.
2. In our opinion an EIA is required for this proposed development, given its size and location.
3. In terms of any specific matters that we would wish to see addressed within the EIA, we would ask that the scope of the EIA should include the impact of the proposed development on the performance and reliability of the local electricity distribution network. We are keen to avoid a

situation in which our local electricity supply is affected by sudden surges and reductions in the level of power being generated by the solar park given the impact this could have on local businesses and individuals. We understand that this information is available from S&SE and capable of review by a firm of independent power engineering consultants for incorporation into any EIA.

**After Note:** *The application has been withdrawn.*

**Parish Councillors' Report** – Cllr Mrs S Sorby reported that Mrs Helen Butler has spoken to her about her concerns for the proposed wind farm and the effect it will have on her wedding business at Clock Barn. The proposed wind farm will be visible from the Clock Barn and the setting in open countryside is a major selling point. The Parish Council noted this.

Cllr Mr M Williams reported that there is a large puddle after rainfall near the Church entrance. This was reported to Steve Goodall when the site meeting was held earlier in the year. He further advised that he is gradually painting the May Fair marquee poles left on the Recreation Ground and moving them round the back of the pavilion for storage.

Cllr Mr R Selbie reported that there was an accident at the Tufton junction by the Bee House; the road had to be closed but he had no further information.

Cllr Mrs C Read has spoken to the estate manager regarding the site for the bonfire and he said that the field will be fallow in November. However she has not yet had a reply from Henry du Val asking if he is happy for us to hold the bonfire in the field again. William Murray has said they are happy, as landowners.

**Footpaths Report** – Most footpaths have been cleared by the landowners but the path through the middle of the Gallops is rather overgrown and she would like confirmation about who is responsible so that they can be asked if they would run the mower that cuts the gallops, through the middle. The Parish Council thought that the best person to contact would be Mr Tacchi's Land Agent.

**Recreation Ground Report** - Due to the recent bad weather, several bookings have cancelled although a few have re-scheduled and there have been some extra bookings. There is a possibility that wicket covers could be provided and these could be stored around the back of the pavilion when not in use. The scoring hut has yet to be repaired but it is in hand.

**Village Hall Report** - Nothing to report

**Village Web Site** - Mr Graham Finlayson reported it is unclear what information will be retained on the current sites and the alternatives proposed by Basingstoke and Deane look costly. Mr Finlayson will keep the Parish Council informed of any developments.

**Date of the Next Meeting** – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm