

WEATHER - MAY 2017

Total rainfall for month	84mm	3.30 ins
Rained on 11 days		
Rainfall in May 2016	57mm	2.24 ins
Total for 2017	376mm	14.80 ins
Total for 2016	508mm	20.00 ins
Max. Temperature	31C	88 °F (25 th)
Min. Temperature	3C	34 °F (9 th)

So far there is nearly 5 inches less rainfall than this time last year.



Homing Enquiries 0345 260
1501 or andover.cats.org.uk
Fund-raising and volunteers
07733 242196 or email
coord@andovercats.org.uk
Items for resale 01256 892773

If you are taking a holiday this summer make sure that your cats are safe in a cattery or at home with a minder. If they are staying at home it is a good idea to confine them to the house. The cats may not appreciate this but we frequently get calls from owners whose cats have wandered while they we away.

Should you live in a rural area you may find, now summer is here, that your cat has collected ticks in his fur. Not all flea preparations can deal with this so check with your vet that you are using the right one.

Clyde, last month's cat, went off to a home but unfortunately had to come back as he didn't like the resident dog.



Vera came into the care of Cats Protection with her three new born kittens, who have all now gone to new homes. She is about a year old and very friendly and playful.

Ladies Coffee Mornings for the Months of July, August & September

Make sure the following dates are in your diary:

The July Coffee Morning will be hosted by Gilly Radford at Stable Cottage, Chapmansford (☎896255) on **Wednesday 19th July**, from 10.15 onwards.



The August Coffee Morning will be hosted by Fiona Obert at Bourne Cottage (55-56), Hurstbourne Priors (☎896996) on **Monday 7th August**, from 10.15 onwards.



The September Coffee Morning will be hosted by Clare Read at Hurstbourne Priors House (☎896672) on **Tuesday 19th September**, from 10.15 onwards.



A letter to all residents

Dear Hurstbourne Priors Residents,

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to tell you about a survey which we have decided to participate in within the village. It will be put together by Action Hampshire and all the responses will be anonymous. We hope to circulate it with the new look Hill & Valley in October.

Its aim is to give us an idea of the current and future needs of our residents in relation to housing, facilities within the village and possible improvements which could be made to improve our quality of life.

As you may be aware from the Parish Council's meeting minutes, there is a new funding strategy in place called the Local Infrastructure Plan which will provide funding for Parishes within B&DBC. By necessity we will have to jump through lots of hoops and provide background facts and figures in order to apply for any grants under this new strategy. The Parish Council hopes that this survey will enable us to support any applications which we may make.

The survey is being paid for by the developer of Cressington who has kindly agreed to let us participate in the construction of the questions and will share all the answers with us. I do stress that no-one will know who said what on their responses as we do not see the answers at any stage. All replies will go straight to Action Hampshire who will collate all the data. All the data compiled will be available to view in late 2017.

Can I remind you that we have our next Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26 July in the village hall. It is open to anyone within the Parish who has any questions or concerns that they would like to raise.

With best wishes,

Clare Read
Chairman

THE MAY FAIR 2017

The May Fair Committee would like to thank all those wonderful, committed band of helpers who once again made our May Fair such a tremendous success and very happy day.

With a good crowd and the blessing of the weather we have achieved another grand amount and banked takings of over £14,000 (£12,500 last year). This is a remarkable sum and a real tribute to the hard work of all involved not only on the day but also during the months of preparation leading up to 1st May.

Again, very many thanks on behalf of the May Fair Committee for making our 2017 fair such a wonderful community event. It enables us to help support St Andrew's Church, the Village Hall and Recreation Ground on whose behalf the May Fair is organised.

THANK YOU!





Andover Young Carers are holding a Champagne Afternoon Tea on Hurstbourne Priors Village Green on Saturday 16th September, from 3.30 pm to 6pm. Enjoy a mouth-watering afternoon tea, provided by Jenny Robbins of 'H's Coffee Shop in Whitchurch whilst listening to the famous Military Wives Choir and local soloist Susie Urquhart.

This promises to be a fantastic musical treat, £20 tickets available now from

Andover Young Carers
Churchill Bungalow
Admirals Way
Andover
SP10 1QG

or call

01263 333788

info@andoveryoungcarers.org.uk`

Tables of up to ten available

ANDOVER FILM CLUB

La Belle et la Bête – 10th July

Monday 10th July, ODEON Cinema, Andover.
Start time: 8:00 p.m.
French with English subtitles, 1946.

Based on Beauty and the Beast by Jeanne-Marie Leprince de Beaumont



Andover Young Carers is looking for volunteers to drive our minibus collecting young people from local schools, and returning then home again after attendance at our after school clubs. These clubs are a vital respite for young carers, who give so much to their families.

If you do have a few hours spare, either regularly or an ad hoc basis, please contact

Jill Baines on 01264 333788

jill.baines@andoveryoungcarers.co.uk

FRIDAY REFLECTIONS

On the first Friday of every month (apart from August), a number of us 'take time out' in order to reflect in silence, to gather our thoughts and perhaps to pray.

The silence is broken periodically when a poem, short reading or prayer might be read. Sometimes a piece of music might be played. Those who come along for the hour between 7.00 and 8.00pm find the time relaxing and refreshing.

If you would like to join us, please keep an eye out for details which are always included in the vicar's diary dates towards the front of the Hill and Valley.

The next 'Friday Reflections' will be held at Mark and Susie Sorby's house on Friday 7th July at 7.00pm

For more details contact Craig the Vicar
01264 738308

RENOVATIONS AT ST MARY'S TUFTON

St Mary's is undergoing the final stages of restoration work at last! Having had the rainwater and roof work completed a couple of years ago, we have been waiting for permission to complete the restoration by stripping the church of the render that has been the cause of much of the damp in the church, and replacing it with the correct lime render.

The entire north wall of the church was clad (probably during the 1960s) with a cement render. This was almost certainly done in the mistaken belief that it would prevent water ingress. A similar render was also applied below the dado rail inside the church. Unfortunately, the result was that the water was trapped inside the walls resulting in significant damage to the lime plaster.

Over the next few weeks, weather permitting, the lime render will be restored, the damaged lime plaster repaired and the church redecorated.

The 8.45 a.m. services will continue to happen on the first and third Sundays of each month, but will be held in the All Hallows Church Rooms while St Mary's is closed. All are very welcome to join us, as always.

Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall

Why not book the village hall for your special event?

For bookings:

Email: hbpvillagehall@live.co.uk or
Telephone: Anne Yeaman 01256 896432

COMMUNITY APPLE PRESSING EVENT, SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2017 QEII DANIEL PARK, DANIEL ROAD, WHITCHURCH

Enjoy your apples for months ahead, as delicious juice, in glass bottles with your own label.

A mobile apple press will press your apples on site. Your juice will then be taken away to be pasteurised, bottled and labelled and sold back to you at a very reasonable price. Any juice that you can't drink can be sold on to raise money for a local group or charity of your choosing. Other planned attractions on the day: children's activities, apple identification service, music, food and drink.

"Over 90% of apples in private gardens go to waste and yet...

60% of all apples eaten or drunk in the UK are imported"

One plastic crate will hold enough apples to produce roughly 15 bottles of juice. Even cooking apples can be used for juice.

The Friends of QEII Daniel Park (Community Orchard) need to gauge whether or not we will have enough local interest for this event to go ahead. If you are interested and would like to receive more information, please email your answers to the following questions to whitchurchapplepress@yahoo.com by 21 July:

- Do you have apples (anything from a bucketful to a skipload) that you would like to press?
- Do you have a neighbour or friend who might also be interested?
- Would you like any juice that you cannot drink to be sold in aid of a local good cause of your choosing (e.g. playgroup, school, charity)?
- Would you like to find out what kind of apples you have in your garden (e.g. eaters, cookers, cider)?
- Would you like to make cider from your apples?

Without feedback, the event won't go ahead – SO DO PLEASE GET IN TOUCH!

Telephone enquiries: 07979 908004
www.qeiidanielpark.org.uk
www.myapplejuice.co.uk