

Hurstbourne Priors

Weather June 2011

Total rainfall for month	81mm	= 3.18ins
It rained on	13 days	
Rainfall June 2010	27mm	= 1.06ins
Total year to date 2011	291mm	= 11.45ins
Total year to date 2010	293mm	= 11.45ins
Min Temperature	5C	= 41F (10 th)
Max Temperature	30C	= 86F (3 rd)

John Smail

St Andrew's Church

St Andrew's PCC, at its meeting on 15th July, reported progress on the plan to improve the fencing in the churchyard extension -- the current burial ground for the village. It is hoped that the grant-funded work will begin soon. This will also involve the tidying up of the boundary area to improve the appearance of this part of the churchyard.

The PCC is very grateful for the voluntary work being offered to help maintain the churchyard. Further volunteers for the grass cutting and strimming will be very welcome, with the idea of 'adopt an area'. Kind offers, please, to churchwardens Philip Chalk 01256 893133 and Oliver Colman 01256 892115.

Canon Martin Coppen

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Summer Holiday Activities at Whitchurch Silk Mill

From 2nd to 25th August there are a series of activities for children at the Silk Mill. They all run daily from 11am - 3.30pm and cost £5 per session. There's no need to book, just turn up on the day. For more information, telephone 01256 892065.

2 - 4 Aug	Batik and potato dextrin resist designs on cotton and silk – Bring your own T Shirt
9 - 11 Aug	Japanese Shibori – Japanese tie dye twisting, folding and clamping
16 - 18 Aug	Cyanotype – Printing on silk depending on the sunshine!
23 - 25 Aug	Printers Block – Screen printing and block printing on silk and cotton – Bring your own T Shirt.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

12 NOON TO 4PM

Picnic and Pétanque in the Park

Come and join in a friendly informal village event at the Recreation Ground

Bring your picnic, refreshments and yourselves for a relaxing afternoon, lunching, mixing and playing boules.

BBQ facilities will be set up for anyone wishing to cook their own sausages, burgers etc.

Free for All the Family

For further information, call Jo ☎ 01256 893445

Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall, from 11.05pm until 11.35pm, on **Saturday 13th August.**



Summer Streetz is back in Whitchurch, throughout August.

The Gill Nethercott Centre, Testbourne Youth Suite School, and the BMX track

are this year's venues for the programme of free activities for 11 to 17 year olds.

There are workshop sessions on Graffiti, Pottery painting and BMX, while throughout the period there will be a regular Open Access Club with large screen Nintendo, Wii, Xbox, Dance mats, Giant Jenga and other exciting attractions.

A full programme can be downloaded from www.basingstoke.gov.uk/community/0-19/Streetz.htm

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Burglars are after your car keys!

A number of burglaries have occurred in the Whitchurch area recently where 'quiet entries' have been gained to houses and the main target seems to have been car keys. Some householders are making it a bit too easy for the thieves.

Keys left in the lock on the outside of doors, keys left on the inside of locked doors with cat flaps below them and people who just single-lock doors that have a double-lock facility, are examples of how the burglars quietly gained entry to homes.

The thieves aren't targeting any particular make of vehicle, just reasonable looking cars. Recently, they have taken an eight-year-old silver VW Golf, a six-year old silver Vauxhall Tigra and a brand spanking new blue Vauxhall Insignia. All these cars are still missing. And a plumber from Whitchurch who fixed a problem in our kitchen had a relatively new Jaguar car stolen from his drive.....he left his keys near the letterbox!

It appears that the culprits drive to our area from the Thames Valley for their spates of "burglaring". Living in an idyllic rural area with good road links has, of course, both its benefits and problems.

So please improve your security tonight. Make sure you lock doors properly, double-locking wherever possible. Secure cat-flaps or remove keys from the locks above them. Don't leave keys in outside locks and, before you go to bed, put your car keys away securely or hide them.

If you would like some Crime Prevention advice relating to improving the security of your home, please contact our local PCSO, Wendy Eaglestone at wendy.eaglestone@hampshire.pnn.police.uk... or please contact me (01256-892632) and I will pass on your details.

In these uncertain times, with unsavoury characters visiting our area, with the shooting of a pet dog in Longparish, it must pay for us all to be extra vigilant, especially if we see strangers acting suspiciously....if in doubt 'phone the police on 101.'

Garry Butcher

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Cats Protection



Andover and District Cats Protection is looking for new volunteers. We need someone to do PR and Publicity, someone to take charge of the Lost Cats

Register, people to help with fund raising and we are always on the lookout for new, reliable fosterers. Please call us if you think you might be interested in helping.

Don't forget to visit the charity shop in London Street Whitchurch. We shall be there between the

19th and 31st of August. On Bank Holiday Monday 29th we shall be at Goodworth Clatford Fete.

Dean was found wandering in Harewood Forest. He was painfully thin for such a young cat and the vet thought that he would not survive, but good



veterinary care and much effort on the part of his fosterer have nursed him back to health. He is an exceptionally friendly little cat and it is a great shame that we have not yet managed to find him a home.

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

Claire Bevan

Coordinator Andover & District Cats Protection

Consultation on guidance about improving design of new housing

Residents are being asked for their views on draft guidance for developers designing new homes on issues such as the size of gardens and privacy.

As part of an initiative to improve the design of new housing developments, Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council has drawn up key principles on appropriate levels of what is known in planning terms as 'residential amenity'. This gives guidance for those building houses or flats in the borough on how overlooking by neighbours can be prevented, amounts of outdoor space and individual design of the homes.

Now the council is asking residents, local community groups, parish and town councils and developers for their views on the guidelines in a consultation running until **Monday 5 September**.

Cabinet Member for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure Cllr Rob Golding said: "The size of their garden or shared outdoor space and how much they are overlooked are important to how people feel about the homes they live in. The relationship of buildings to each other and their individual design can have a huge impact on this and that is the reason these guidelines have been drawn up. I urge residents to give us their views so that we can benefit from their experiences".

The guidelines can be viewed on the website at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/go/amenityguidance or as a paper copy in all libraries and at Parklands Reception at the Civic Offices on London Road, Basingstoke. Individual copies are also available by calling the council's contact centre on 01256 844844.

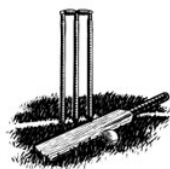
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Ladies Coffee Morning



The July Coffee Morning will be hosted by June Dunford (☎ 896812) at number 18, Hurstbourne Priors on Wednesday 17th August, from 10.15 onwards.

Hurstbourne Priors Cricket Club



Priors charge for Promotion with their fourth win in a row.

In the away match against **Flamingo II**, Priors batted first and, in spite of some early losses, reached a total of 176 for 7 in 37 overs.

Priors made a great start in the field and, at one stage, Flamingo were 8 for 5! Although the home side put on a stand of 59 for the 7th wicket, they were all out for 94 and Priors took home 23 points.

Against **Rotherfield Park**, Hurstbourne Priors opponents could only muster 8 players for the game at the Recreation Ground. Rotherfield won the toss and boldly decided to bat and, although they made a sterling start, they only managed a total of 78 all out.

Priors response to the low total was positive and they secured the win by 9 wickets, taking 23 points.

Hurstbourne Priors late decision to leave out Will Shahinian and play Sandeep Naik proved critical in their win against **Midhurst III**. Priors won the toss and elected to bowl to make good use of the swinging conditions. Ady Budd removed Andrews, thanks to Dilip Mali snaffling a decent catch in the covers. When Stewart Samways (2-23) replaced Mark Matthews at the other end, he soon deceived Adams with a slower delivery and skipper Mark Hamson took a decent catch at long off. Matthews followed this up by trapping key man Leon Fourie, LBW for 8. However, Hughes (57) batted well, helped by lackluster Priors fielding.

Rajiv Kumar entered the attack with gusto and removed both Clements and Luxton, with keeper Trinder springing majestically to his right to take a great catch. Kumar continued to bowl well (4-23) and Priors might have wrapped up the game quickly but Hughes had other ideas and, supported by a number of partners, pushed the total to 124-9.

Priors response was steady as Richard Carter (19) and Steve Cady (14) put on 21 for the first wicket before Cady was caught brilliantly by Luxton off Clement. Carter soon followed when Fourie took a stunning one-handed catch to remove him. Priors skipper, Mark Hamson, took up the challenge and was supported by Steve Trinder (21) until he was caught at first slip, with Ady Budd following the next ball. Priors continued to lose wickets as Blyth and Matthews fell to Andrews. However, Hamson (43 not out) picked up the pace, supported by Sandeep Naik (14), batting for the first time. They guided Priors to a win in the 39th over, ensuring they remain second in the division.

Mark Hamson, Team Captain

Plant & Gift Fair

In Aid of the North Hampshire Medical Fund

Sponsored by the John Lewis Partnership

Longstock Park Nursery

Longstock, Nr Stockbridge SO20 6EH

Sunday 11th September 2011

10.00am to 4.00 pm

Jazz Band, Hog Roast, Beer Tent, Ice Creams with a Wide Variety of Stalls & Produce

Entry - Adults £4, Children Free

Free Parking

Road & Rail Closures - Whitchurch

Between September 2011 and April 2012 Network Rail will be working on a number of bridges in Overton, Freefolk and Whitchurch. The works are to enable trains carrying larger freight from Southampton to use part of the Basingstoke to Salisbury line as a diversionary route when the Winchester line is not available. The following roads/bridges will be closed:

Newbury Road, Whitchurch - To be closed to traffic between 26th September and 16th December 2011.

Pedestrian and cycle access across the bridge will be available.

Diversionary routes for all traffic will be via the A34 and will be signposted. It is envisaged that locals will attempt to use unofficial routes which could become congested and may not be suitable for all vehicles - particularly in bad weather during the winter months.

There is a possibility that drivers of larger vehicles, perhaps relying on their sat-nav, may seek to avoid the rather long diversion and use the Harrow Way/B3408, without knowledge that they should not be coming into Hurstbourne Priors along the B3408. ***If an increase in traffic of this kind is seen during the Autumn please contact me so that I can feed it back to those who need to know at Basingstoke.***

Priory Lane, Freefolk - Same closure dates as above

Watch Lane, Freefolk - To be closed between 16th January and 2nd April 2012, with Priory Lane and Watch Lane acting as relief roads/diversions for each other.

It is currently envisaged that the railway line will be closed for a number of weekends during September and October 2011. Replacement buses will run.

Sarah Wyatt-Tilby

☎ 01256 895979

GILL NETHERCOTT CENTRE

Whitchurch Films

The volunteers are taking a well earned rest in August but will be back in September.

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Ken Jones

8th October 1922 to 12th June 2011

A tribute by Ken's daughter, Mary North.



Ken was born in Durrington, Wiltshire, one of seven children, a time in history of great hardship for many families. Ken talked little about his childhood, except to make reference to the

fact that he had to walk miles to get to school and back each day. He was a very bright child, doing well at school and excelling in maths. His numerical mental agility was to remain with him throughout his life – in recent years he loved to watch 'Countdown' and compete against the contestants.

Ken left school at the age of fourteen, and found work farming. With the outbreak of war Ken signed up to join the Navy. He was to become a Gunner, and saw action in Burma, where, whilst playing a cricket match was to come under attack from a Japanese plane. Ken ran in the opposite direction to all his other comrades, thinking that the enemy would aim at the majority rather than the minority. Unfortunately this was the wrong decision and resulted in him being shot in the leg. He was also to contract Malaria, spending several months convalescing.

Whilst back in England on leave, Ken met the love of his life, Rosie, at a dance. Irish by birth, Rosie had found work in England caring for evacuees. For Rosie, on meeting Ken, it was love at first sight.....of his uniform! Ken was de-mobbed on 11th April 1946 and the couple married on 29th June 1947.

Initially the couple lived in Kent where Ken found work painting and decorating. Then he was offered employment on the Watercress Beds near where his parents lived in Whitchurch. As this came with a house in Hurstbourne Priors, Ken readily accepted, and he and Rosie lived there happily for the next fifty four years.

Ken and Rosie were to have three children, Mary, Michael and Patricia (Trish). Following Trish's birth in 1951 Ken declared that the time has come to dig up the gooseberry bush! Ken adored and lived for his family, involving his children in all he did. A warm, kind, fun, easy going and loving man, he had the ability of

letting the children know if he was disappointed with them without actually telling them off. He commanded their respect, and as such, they, in the main, kept out of trouble.

Ken worked extremely long hours to provide for his family, but always made time for them each evening when he came home from work, before going out to attend to his allotment. He was exceptionally talented with his hands and, being able to make hurdles, earned extra money river clearing at Longparish.

He was always very involved in village life – a keen cricketer throughout his life, and still umpiring in his sixties, he took his turn at cutting the pitch and the hedges. Rosie for her part was instrumental in providing the cricket teas. During the early years in Hurstbourne Priors, Ken also joined in organising the annual bonfire night celebrations, with each villager providing something towards the food and fireworks, a real community affair.

He was a keen gardener, and on his 'retirement', took up gardening as a part time occupation. When he moved to Overton 9 years ago, not only did he put his own garden in order but also gardens belonging to several of his neighbours, winning him various awards over the years for the best communal garden.

Apart from reading and watching westerns all Ken's hobbies tended to involve outdoor activities. Ken was always at one with nature; he grew his own vegetables, could tickle trout, kept chickens and was an expert at water divining. Loving the great outdoors, it is no surprise that he was to take up golf, achieving his first hole in one in his late seventies.

Ken's and Rosie's long and happy marriage (64 years) was rewarded with an invitation to the Buckingham Palace Garden Party, the year in which both they, and the Queen and Prince Phillip, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversaries.

Having three children, Ken and Rosie were to be blessed with six Grandchildren and seven Great-Grandchildren. Ken took them all under his wing, loving to spend time with them and supporting and encouraging them in all their endeavours, as he had with his own children. They in turn adored him, as he did them.

He will be sorely missed by his family and his passing has left a void which can never be filled. May he rest in peace.