

## Hurstbourne Priors

### Weather October 2011

Total rainfall for month	27mm	= 1.06ins
It rained on <b>6</b> days		
Rainfall October <b>2010</b>	64mm	= 2.52ins
Total year to date 2011	532mm	= 20.94ins
Total year to date 2010	548mm	= 21.57ins
Min Temperature	-2C	= 28F (21 <sup>st</sup> )
Max Temperature	28C	= 82F (2 <sup>nd</sup> )

*John Smail*

### Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall, from 11.05pm until 11.35pm, on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

### Neighbourhood Watch



#### Home Security Advice:

Most burglaries are opportunistic, not planned, so they're easy to prevent:

**Lock up:** Deadlock doors and close and secure lockable windows if you go out or upstairs. Unlocked UPVC units can be sprung. Keep keys away from doors and windows so they are not

visible to anyone looking in, and don't hide them outside.

Get a strong door with insurance company-approved locks. Fit an entry viewer and/or a good door chain or door bar. A letterbox cage will prevent lock release or theft via the letterbox.

**Windows:** Visible window locks may deter thieves. Draw the curtains in the evening.

**Lighting:** Use lighting with timers, movement or night sensitive switches on external doors, etc. to deter thieves. Neighbours get used to movement sensors being set off by cats etc. so don't rely on them alone.

**Valuables:** Keep valuables (and Christmas presents!) hidden out of sight and not visible from windows. Keep jewellery and credit cards secure and house deeds and other important legal documents in banks. Never keep large amounts of cash at home. Never leave packaging from new valuables such as computers and televisions visible. Secure bikes by locking them to an immovable object inside a locked shed or garage.

**Alarms:** Visible alarms can deter burglars. Insurance companies, your local Neighbourhood Watch or Crime Prevention Officers can recommend approved local alarm companies who can offer you quotations.

**Gardens:** These can be routes into homes. Secure yours with lockable gates and good quality fences, with 12 inch/300mm trellising and/or thorny plants. Lock away tools and ladders so thieves can't use them to access your home.

Lock outbuildings. Don't store valuables in sheds unless well secured and use electronic shed alarms or padlock alarms.

**While you're away:** Don't make it obvious that your home is empty. Use timer switches for lights and radios (tuned to talk stations). Ask someone to take in mail, take out rubbish and close curtains etc.

Also, we often think that burglars operate at night....but according to a local police security advisor, most burglaries take place between 8.30am. and 10.00 am. or between 2.30pm. and 4.30pm, coinciding with school runs. Those houses with burglar alarms and dogs are known usually to never switch on their alarms.....

*Garry Butcher*

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

### Ladies Coffee Morning



As December is such a busy month, there will be **no coffee morning**. Look in the next Hill & Valley for your chance to catch up with local matters and enjoy a "cuppa" in January.

### Cats Protection



Homing has been very slow for the last few weeks. Families are preparing for Christmas and are not inclined to think about adoption. This is good because Christmas is not the time to introduce a

new cat into the home. Cats Protection policy is not to home in the two weeks before Christmas. However, for a couple who will be spending Christmas at home alone, it can be an ideal time to welcome a new pet and we will make an exception in these circumstances.

Apart from a stall on Andover Market on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, our fund raisers will be taking a well earned rest this month but watch this space for our activities in the New Year.



Harry is a lovely, good tempered, one year old, Persian type cat looking for a home. He has been used to house space but would appreciate a nice safe

garden.

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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### Fireworks & Bonfire Party



After a doubtful start, the weather stayed fair for us and over 500 people were able to enjoy an exciting and colourful display of fireworks, after sampling the excellent mulled wine and tasty hot dogs.

Thank you to all of the people who helped before, during and after the event, without whom it would not have been possible.

The event raised approximately £200 which will go towards repairing the floor of the pavilion.

### Carols in the Hurstbourne



On **Wednesday 21st December**, come along to the Hurstbourne at **8pm** and exercise the vocal chords, at the annual carol singing, fortified with mulled

wine, mince pies and Christmas cheer. **All Welcome!**

### St Andrews' Church

The Church Council (PCC), as indeed are many others in the village, is extremely grateful for the hard work put in by Mark Sorby and John Smith in the churchyard. While their efforts have been heroic, they would also value offers of assistance to maintain what has been achieved.

The fence in the new churchyard has been completed, wholly financed by grants secured by Philip Chalk. There is a need to revise and publish a new edition of the Church Guide, including information about the new Font—which has been mentioned in the latest edition of Pevsner for North Hampshire.

Through the generosity of many, it looks possible that the church finances will just about break even this year, with income meeting necessary expenditure. We are very thankful for that, as we are also for Fenella and Mark Williams providing refreshments after Family and Benefice Services.

Looking ahead to the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations next year, it was suggested that a commemorative tree is planted in the churchyard in addition to what the village will be doing.

Everyone will be most welcome at the Carol Service at 11.00am on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December in St Andrew's.

*Martin Coppen, Vicar*

### CHRISTMAS VILLAGE PUB NIGHT AT THE HURSTBOURNE INN

#### (FIRST THURSDAY EVERY MONTH)

AFTER A GREAT EVENING ON THE LAST PUB NIGHT, MAUREEN AND ADRIAN INVITE THE VILLAGE AND EVERYONE LIVING NEARBY TO A FESTIVE EVENING. ON EACH VILLAGE PUB NIGHT WE WILL BE SERVING A SPECIAL MEAL FOR **ONLY £9.95**.

ON THE 1ST DECEMBER IT WILL BE: "TRADITIONAL XMAS ROAST TURKEY DINNER" FOLLOWED BY HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS PUDDING WITH BRANDY SAUCE OR ICE CREAM

(7:00 FOR 7:30 SIT DOWN)

IF YOU ARE VEGETARIAN PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN BOOKING.

**PUT THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER IN YOUR DIARIES NOW!**

CALL ON 01256 892000 TO MAKE YOUR TABLE RESERVATION

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU**

### A Celebration of Music and Voice

7:30pm Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2012

The Anvil, Basingstoke

*Featuring the world famous*

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#### **National Brass Band Champions**

The band will perform a selection of well known pieces featuring their world class soloists.

They are supported by the superb Romsey Male Voice Choir and the talented Soprano **Rosanne Havel**.

*Tickets : £20 Obtainable from:*

**Anvil Box Office Tel: 01256 844244**

**www.anvilarts.org.uk**

All proceeds go to support **Help for Heroes** and other **Rotary Charities**



### Merry Christmas



I would like to wish all readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

A special "thank you" to all those who have contributed to the magazine during the year. I look forward to continue receiving articles of interest from them in 2012 and hope that other members of the village will be encouraged to send me items they would like to see in Hill & Valley, your village magazine.

*Graham Finlayson*

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### Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council



The following is a summary of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28th September 2011. A copy of the full Minutes will be made available on the Village Web Site

[www.hurstbournepriors-pc.gov.uk](http://www.hurstbournepriors-pc.gov.uk)

**Bonfire** – The arrangements for the village bonfire party were all in hand. The public will enter through Hurstbourne Priors House gates and, as in the past, food and drinks will be available on the drive.

Any proceeds will be split three ways between the Village Hall, Church and the Recreation Ground.

**Tufton** - Cllr Mr J Beach spoke about the narrowing of the river, to increase the flow and help to combat the problem with weeds. The residents have had a meeting and feel that narrowing to a maximum of 3 metres would be acceptable. Cllr Mr J Beech will keep the Parish Council informed of any progress.

The Chairman reported he had spoken to Mr J Threntham from the Fishing Syndicate who offered to meet with the PC onsite as a planning application has been submitted to Basingstoke and Deane.

**Pavilion Fire Risk Assessment** - This has been completed and the Pavilion now has Fire Extinguishers, signs and smoke detectors.

**Welcome Letter** - The updated welcome letter has been completed and a copy delivered to a new resident.

**Highway Issues** - The Clerk was asked to contact highways again regarding the graffiti on the road signs and the Deer sign facing the wrong way.

**Financial Report** – Income: Second half of precept = £3,500. Bank Balance after cheques below have been issued = £3,778.10.

**Planning** - BDB/74862 - Construction of a tennis court - Chapmansford Farm House, Harroway. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS.

BDB/74870 - Creation of access drive to dwelling and adjacent paddock (retrospective) Priors Barn, New Barn Farm, Harroway. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS.

BDB/74799 - Erection of car port/workshop and machine store with home office above - Hurstbourne Priors House, 37 Hurstbourne Priors. The Parish Council OBJECTED to this Planning Application. Representations from neighbours had raised concerns over the height and bulk of the building; the position would create overshadowing of neighbouring gardens. However the Parish Council approved of the design and materials and felt the building was in keeping with the village.

**Cllr Mr K Watts** - reported that he had attended a site meeting at the Old School House prior to the planning decision to grant permission for the new garage building at Hurstbourne Priors House.

There was no news to report on the Vitacress court case.

Cllr Mr Watts reported that he had attended a 10 hour meeting to discuss the Development Framework and

possible sites which have to be agreed by the end of 201. Whilst there will be some development in Whitchurch there will be no development in the Hurstbourne Priors Parish.

Following the recent announcement of the reduction in the Bus Service, Cllr Mr T Thacker had spoken with the bus company and confirmed that the existing evening journeys on the 76 service will be retained.

In common with all services, following the recent Bus Subsidy Review, these journeys will be reviewed over the next six months to ensure that they are meeting needs and providing value for money.

Cllr Mr Watts reported that work on the railway bridges has been put on hold, as an endangered species of Dormouse had been found on one of the sites.

**Parish Councillors' Reports** –Cllr Mrs S Wyatt- Tilby reported that it had been decided to postpone the Quiz Night until February 2012.

It was suggested that the Village Signs could be improved, to make the entrance to the village more attractive. It was agreed that Highways should be asked to attend a meeting to discuss this and other issues.

Residents in the vicinity of Dairy Cottage are concerned about the state of the property; the hedge needs cutting and it appears to be falling into a state of disrepair which could be dangerous. The Chairman suggested that residents write to the Testway Estate Land Agent and copy the letter to Mr Tacchi.

Cllr Mrs C Read reported that both of the 30MPH signs on the St Mary Bourne road are obscured by the overgrown hedgerow. The Clerk will report this to Highways.

Cllr Mr M Williams spoke about the new cycle route past St Mary Bourne. New cycle signs have been erected along the route. Test Valley Borough Council is holding a meeting in Longparish on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October to discuss possible cycle routes. Sustrans (the cycle network group) will be present to answer questions. The Parish Council thought it would be a good idea to have a cycle route linking St Mary Bourne with Longparish and beyond to Wherwell.

The Bourne Valley Social Enterprise Scheme is holding a village meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Hall and Cllr Mr Williams will be attending. Harvest Supper tickets are now in sale.

**Footpaths Report** - Cllr Mrs C Read reported all the footpaths are walkable. The Testbourne Estate has cut back all the hedges and undergrowth on the Hurstbourne Priors to Whitchurch Footpath.

**Recreation Ground Report** - Mr James Hiller has organised the materials required to put the Cricket Square to bed, at £65 less than through the usual supplier. Cllr Mr M Williams agreed to take over the bookings for the Recreation Ground from Mr John Perkins.

**Village Hall Report** - Cllr Mr J Beach had nothing to report.

**Date of the Next Meeting** – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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