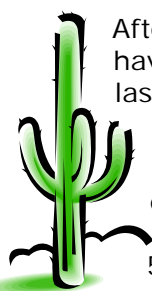


## Hurstbourne Priors

### Weather April 2011

Total rainfall for month	1mm	= 0.04ins!!
It rained on <b>1</b> day – sort of!		
Rainfall <b>April 2010</b>	23mm	= 0.90ins
Total year to date 2011	164mm	= 6.45ins
Total year to date 2010	231mm	= 9.11ins
Min Temperature	2C	= 36F (11 <sup>th</sup> )
Max Temperature	30C	= 86F (23 <sup>rd</sup> )



After the driest March for 60 years, we now have April as the 6<sup>th</sup> driest in the UK in the last 100 years, as well as the hottest April for more than 350 years.

Here, we had a dry April in 2007, not even 1mm of rain! Our average rainfall for April, over the last 10 years, is 51mm.

*John Smail*

### Churchyard Clean Up

There was a massive turnout to clear up the churchyard on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, organised by Mark Sorby and under the project management of Philip Chalk and David Oakley.



Muscles and more were provided by Jeremy, Phillida (& grandchildren), Mark I, Oliver, Jo, Jean, Marilyn, Mary, Mark II, John, Claire (& boys) with refreshments and encouragement from Susie, Fenella, Lois and Cynthia.



### Ladies Coffee Morning



Enjoy a cup of coffee and catch up on the post May Fair gossip at the Ladies coffee morning which will be hosted by Jean Chalk (☎ 893133) at the Barn House, Hurstbourne Priors, on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June**, from 10.15 onwards.

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As Part of the  
Hampshire Food Festival  
the Smallholding at Tufton  
Is holding the 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Crafty Ways with Wool



Enjoy demonstrations of spinning-braid making-peg loom weaving.

Interactive projects for children. Our own wool and products will be on display.

Members of Hampshire Organic Gardening Group will be on hand to give advice. Come and see alpacas and various breeds of sheep.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2011**

**Between 2.30pm and 5.30pm**

Entry £2.00/adult, children free

Donated to 'Help for Heroes'

Refreshments will be available

**Please ring 01256-893518 to book.**



### St Andrew's Church



A very big "Thank You" to all the kind people who contributed so generously for the beautiful lilies, in memory of loved ones, that made our Church so welcoming for the Easter services.

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### Garden Safari Kingsclere 26th June 2011

Kingsclere will host a Garden Safari on Sunday 26th June 2011, to show off the best gardens that the village has to offer. The gardens may be big and beautiful, small and perfectly formed or simply different. One thing's for sure, they will all be blooming wonderful on the day.

Tickets cost £5 per person and will be on sale at "That's Entertainment" on 25th June, and also on 26th June, from St Mary's churchyard.

The Safari will be in aid of St Mary's Keystone Project, raising funds to help improve the facilities of St Mary's Church for the whole community. For further information, please contact Eileen Selsey on 01635 42962 or [eileen.selsey@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:eileen.selsey@hotmail.co.uk).

### Mobile Library



In June, the Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall, from 12.05pm until 12.25pm, on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup>**.

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### New Forest & Hampshire County Show 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July at New Park, Brockenhurst



This amazing County Show is not to be missed, so get your tickets now before the 20% offer ends on July 11th. Entry for under 5's is free.

There is something for everyone. You will enjoy an exciting packed programme of events, with country pursuits, woodland activities, livestock competitions and equestrian displays. Highlights include the return of Jamie Squibb's aerobatic motorcycle stunts, the Pony Club Mounted Games and the Dog Agility display. New this year are a Discovery Zone for children, a poultry show and Longdown Dairy farm is providing the Show farm.

Look at [www.newforestshow.co.uk](http://www.newforestshow.co.uk) for information, discounted tickets and the best way to travel to this popular event. Tickets also available now by ringing 01590 622409.

### Cats Protection



It is a sad fact Homing has been going quite well this year, probably aided by the unusually warm spring weather.

June heralds our biggest event of the year, the Open Day on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>** from 2.00 until 4.30pm at Herbsland, Stoke Rd, Hurstbourne Tarrant. There will be stalls, afternoon teas, ferrets, music from Dave and the opportunity to meet some of our cats in care. Entrance by donation of money or cat food.



Toby and Tyrone have been brought up as house cats but would be delighted to find a new home where they can go out and about. They are just over one year old, used to children and dogs, like attention and would be happy to be homed either separately or together.

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

### Whitchurch WI



The next meeting is on Thursday, the 16<sup>th</sup> June when there will be a talk by the Worshipful the Mayor of Basingstoke & Deane. With his year of office recently ended in mid May, Cllr Keith Chapman will present "The Role of Mayor".

Doors open at the Gill Nethercott Centre at 7.15pm for tea, coffee and a chat before the main event beginning at 7.45pm. Non members and guests are welcome.

Check out the website for further information: [www.whitchurchwi.org.uk](http://www.whitchurchwi.org.uk) or contact us by email: [whitchurchWI@gmail.com](mailto:whitchurchWI@gmail.com).

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### Hill & Valley Gardening Column



This month I am talking about **Greenhouses**. I am not going to discuss the different shapes and structures, save to say ventilation is essential and as much as can be included

in the design is imperative.

A cold greenhouse, as the name suggests is one with no heating at all. I line my glasshouse with bubble wrap which makes a surprisingly large difference in the temperature and I cover all my plants in layers of horticultural fleece, during really cold periods. Very rarely do I use the gas heating system. Don't use plastic to protect plants against frost as, when they transpire, the moisture against the plastic will freeze and kill them. It is also important to protect pots from freezing weather either by plunging them in the greenhouse beds or wrapping them in sacking or fleece. Plants are generally more likely to die through frozen roots in pots than anything else during a severe winter.

The cold greenhouse could be thought of as another room in the garden, using it as a display for bulbs in early spring and summer. Growing from seed with both hardy and half hardy annuals will ensure a continuous splash of colour and interest throughout most of the year. Fruit, including melons, grapes, peaches and apricots can be grown very successfully, encouraging earlier more reliable cropping. The quality of plants grown in a cold greenhouse is of a higher standard as the plants are not having to contend with adverse weather conditions. Or perhaps your interest lies in Alpines. The structure should be open with much more ventilation than a normal greenhouse; constant air movement is essential.

**Penny Wood**

[penny@wbn.demon.uk](mailto:penny@wbn.demon.uk)

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#### Overton Scarecrow Weekend

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

Events planned for this year include: Friday night, a wheelbarrow race, followed by two live bands in one of our Halls. On Saturday and Sunday there will be stalls, arena events, live bands and of course, the scarecrow competition - fun for all the family.

All proceeds from the weekend will go to local sports clubs and activities which are held in our halls, so will be beneficial to all the community.

For more information contact John Findlay 01256 771311 [john@paranormaltours.com](mailto:john@paranormaltours.com)

#### GILL NETHERCOTT CENTRE - WHITCHURCH

##### Films in June:

**Brighton Rock (15) Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 8pm**

A remaking of the famous 70's film... 'charts the headlong fall of Pinkie, a razor-wielding disadvantaged teenager with a religious death wish.'

Tickets are £5 in advance or £5.50 on the door.

**Family Film - Gnomeo and Juliet (U) Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2pm**

'The neighbouring gardens of Montague and Capulet are at war, but the gnomes, Gnomeo and Juliet, are in love!'

Family ticket £12 or £4 each

**For more information, contact Sarah Castle 896270**



#### Free Unique Gardening Course for Over 50's

Gardening Charity Thrive is running a **FREE** 8 week gardening course for people aged 50 and over in Whitchurch. Each session lasts 2 hours, once a week, and will be based around table top gardening activities, using Thrive's adapted tools and techniques, showing how gardening can be made easier. It is beneficial to people with restricted mobility or a disability. All materials, tools and refreshments are provided by Thrive.

The course commences on **Tuesday 14th June** at **Testbourne Community School**. For more information please contact Paul Scott at Thrive on 01189-885688 or email [paul.scott@thrive.org.uk](mailto:paul.scott@thrive.org.uk)

#### **The 9th Andover Town Scout Group Invites you to a Charity Open Gardens Day Sunday 17th July 2pm - 5pm**

Longstock Park Water Garden - by kind permission of John Lewis Partnership.

Set in Longstock Park, the Water Garden forms part of the 3,750 acre Leckford Estate. The seven acre garden includes around two and a half acres of lake.

All proceeds from tickets go to the Scout Group.

£5 for an Adult ticket & £1 for children (under 14). Tickets are available from "Stans Pet Needs" Kenyons Yard, Weyhill Road & "Winton Stores", Old Winton Road in Andover or can also be bought on the gate.

Members of the three local churches will provide teas at Longstock Park Nursery (The nursery is just a few minutes' drive from the Garden)

Parking will be on the grass opposite the garden entrance. [www.longstockpark.co.uk](http://www.longstockpark.co.uk)

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### Hurstbourne Priors May Fair 2011

The organising committee extends our grateful thanks to all who contributed in any way to ensure that we had another very successful May Fair within the village.

The sun shone, the ground was dry, and the crowds arrived and stayed to experience a very enjoyable afternoon of varied entertainment, Arts and Craft exhibition stands, in addition to our very popular traditional stalls.



On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, the income and expenditure figures were shared with stall holders and interested villagers, who joined us for a glass of wine. The figures are yet to be finalised but, thanks to everyone's hard work, it looks as though we might have done a little bit better than last year.

Discussion took place around the organisation of next year's Fair. More details of the outcome of these talks will follow in due course. All profit from the Fair will be shared, as in the past, between the Church, Village Hall and the Recreation Ground. Anyone wishing more information regarding the outcome of the Fair, please contact either Anne Yeaman ☎ 896432 or Helen Mehaffey ☎ 893119.

**Helen Mehaffey**

