

## Hurstbourne Priors

### Weather July 2011

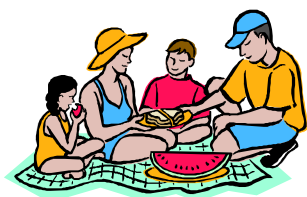
Total rainfall for month	55mm	= 2.16ins
It rained on	9 days	
Rainfall <b>July 2010</b>	41mm	= 1.61ins
Total year to date 2011	346mm	= 13.62ins
Total year to date 2010	334mm	= 13.14ins
Min Temperature	8C	= 46F (12 <sup>th</sup> )
Max Temperature	31C	= 88F (1 <sup>st</sup> )

*John Smail*

### Ladies Coffee Morning



The September Coffee Morning will be hosted by Doreen Finlayson (☎ 893667) at April Cottage, Hurstbourne Priors on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, from 10.15 onwards.



**DON'T FORGET!**  
**SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> 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

### Whitchurch Badminton Club

Come and join your local competitive badminton club. The new season starts 8th September and runs until late May. It's on every Thursday evening 7.30pm



to 10pm at the Testbourne Community Centre.

There are 4 courts, so there's never any hanging around for a game. Both male and female players are welcome to come along to play this great sport.

You don't have to join the club straightaway in order to play, you can visit 3 times as a guest (£5 each night) before making the decision to join or not. It works out about £3 per night once you've joined.

A bit of experience is needed as there is no training - you just simply turn up and play. Please feel free just to arrive on the night but if you'd like to know more please call Stuart Robinson on 01256 896064.

### Cats Protection



The summer holidays are always a difficult time. Homing is slow but there are still a large number of cats waiting to occupy our pens. Things have been particularly bad this year and, for the first time ever, we have had to refuse admission to cats whose owner was moving and unable to take them. One wonders what happens under these circumstances. Are the cats put out on the street? Even kittens are hard to re-home at the moment; we currently have about twenty in care.

Fund raising in September is centred on Whitchurch. On the 8<sup>th</sup>, there will be a coffee morning at 1, Test Rd; on the 11<sup>th</sup>, an Open afternoon at 103, Micheldever Rd (see some of the many cats in care) and the 18<sup>th</sup> is the last opportunity this year to see the fantastic garden



at Bere Mill and sample our teas. On the morning of the 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a Jumble Sale at the Methodist Church in Bridge St, Andover.

Asha (black) and Susie, sisters and now five months old, are just two of the many kittens residing with us. They are devoted to each other and could not be homed separately.

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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### Andover & District Mencap



Andover and District Mencap is a growing organisation which supports adults, children and young people with learning disabilities in Andover and surrounding villages.

Formed in 1964, it has grown considerably and very soon will be moving to a new, purpose-built home, the Wellington Centre on Winchester Road, Andover (next door to the Southampton Arms). We would be pleased to show you around our new home. Why not give us a call on 01264 321840 to arrange your visit or join us at our Opening Day?

On **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September** we invite you to our Opening Day at the Wellington Centre. A family fun-day and an opportunity to see what activities and facilities you can enjoy at Andover and District Mencap. The day runs from 11am-3pm and the Mayor of Test Valley, Cllr Mrs Zilliah Brooks performs the opening ceremony at 12 noon.

On **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September** we have the exclusive use of Leckford Golf Club for our Golf Day and lunch, which was a success last year. We are keen to hear from you as an individual or if you are able to make up a team of 4.

For further information, please contact Chris on 01264 321840 or email [chris.wynn@andovermencap.org](mailto:chris.wynn@andovermencap.org)

### Events at East Aston, Longparish

Police have released an e-fit picture of a man they'd like to speak to in connection with a number of suspicious incidents at a home in Longparish. Since December 2010 the premises have been subject to a range of very concerning activity. This has included the shooting of the family dog earlier in the month, footprints found in snow around the garden and a masked man being disturbed in the garden as the occupiers returned home.

Police have asked anyone who may recognise the individual in the e-fit image or who has any information which could help police with their enquiries to contact them.

The e-fit and further information is available on the Andover Sound web site:  
<http://www.andoversound.com/pages/extranet/longparish-e-fit-released-i-11477.php>

*Garry Butcher*

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

### Mobile Library



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

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On **Saturday 1st October** at The Gill Nethercott Centre 10am - 4pm there will be a Craft Fair,

to raise money for the NSPCC and Childline.

Meetings are held twice a month at The Gill Nethercott Centre from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. These are open to everyone; the next meeting will be on **Tuesday 13th September - Beautiful 3D textile covered book covers.** One of the members will be showing how to make these covers, using strips of organza and simple stitching with stunning results. Entry £1.50, including refreshments.

**Wednesday 26th September - felt work,** from brooches to key fobs, the list is endless with what can be made, once you know how.

For further information refer to the website [www.craftyaffairs.org](http://www.craftyaffairs.org), email - [info@craftyaffairs.org](mailto:info@craftyaffairs.org), or telephone Miranda 01264 720561.

### GILL NETHERCOTT CENTRE

#### Whitchurch Films

22<sup>nd</sup> September



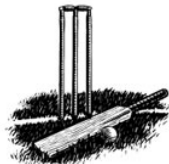
**True Grit (PG)** The Coen Brothers remake of this famous story of the tough US Marshall helping a stubborn young woman track down her father's murderer...multiple Oscar winning film!  
Tickets are £5 in advance or £5.50 on the door.  
Doors open 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start

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### Road & Rail Closures Postponed

The planned road and rail closures in Whitchurch scheduled for September to December 2011 (see August Hill and Valley) have been delayed until January 2012 (Dormouse habitat discovered). For more up to date information please refer to: <http://whitchurch.org.uk/2011/08/newbury-road-railway-bridge-closure-date-changes/>

### Hurstbourne Priors Cricket Club



#### Priors in touching distance of promotion!

Hurstbourne Priors achieved an emphatic 161 run win at home to Old Basing II. Old Basing won the toss and put the home side in. Malcolm Curtis bowled a disciplined line for the away side, troubling both Steve Cady and Ashok Nautiyal and he bowled Nautiyal with the score at 55. Priors' skipper Mark Hamson joined Cady and they put on 60 for the second wicket. Cady rode his luck throughout his knock of 50 before being yorked by Oldcorn with the score on 115.

With batting conditions improving, Hamson and Richard Carter scored freely. Basing rotated their bowlers but only stopped the Priors charge when Oldcorn superbly ran out Carter (42). At 189 for 3, skipper Hamson took the assault to the opposition, powering six huge sixes and 10 fours. Hamson (111 not out) reached his century with a delightful six through square leg. Priors were in control at 261 for 4 at the break.

Mark Matthews removed Oldcorn's leg stump in the third over. With Priors keen on early wickets, skipper Hamson introduced Kumar into the attack and he bowled a jaffa to remove Kevin Oldcorn with a seaming delivery. Basing batted stoutly and Curtis was digging in for the duration until Carter took a stunning one-handed catch off Kumar in the gully. Richard Dane (27) showed his class, stroking a number of deliveries off the Priors bowling, until Matthews juggled an easy catch in the deep to remove him. Skipper Hamson added to his hundred with two wickets in his first over and was unlucky not to complete a hat trick. Priors rotated bowlers to keep the wickets flowing. With one over remaining, Priors needed one more wicket to claim maximum points and when Samways rattled round the boundary to stop Basing claiming a second run, Kumar reacted quickly to complete a fine run out. Priors remain top after taking all 24 points.

*Mark Hamson*, Team Captain

### Broadband

To check if you are on the Whitchurch Exchange and to see if, in future, you will have access to VDSL, type your telephone number on the web site:

<http://www.dslchecker.bt.com/adsl/adslchecker.welcome>

You should receive a message which includes:

**"Your cabinet is planned to have WBC FTTC by 31st December 2011. Our test also indicates that your line currently supports a fibre technology with an estimated WBC FTTC Broadband where consumers have received downstream line speed of 500Kbps and upstream line speed of 100Kbps.**

**The actual stable line speed supportable will be determined during the first 10 days of use. This speed may change over time, to ensure line stability is maintained."**

If you do **not** see this message and FTTC will not be available on your line, please contact Mark Williams: [mark.williams@btopenworld.com](mailto:mark.williams@btopenworld.com).

### Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council



The following is a summary of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th July 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)

**Fly Tipping** - The various items have been cleared.

**Hurstbourne Inn** - The recent landscaping work to the front area of the pub is a great improvement.

**Highway Issues** - The signs that have been the target of Graffiti and turned round will be reported to the Highways Department.

**Recreation Ground Hedge** - The Recreation Ground hedge has not been cut as it was not clear if the Parish Council would receive the maintenance funding from Basingstoke and Deane. A quote for cutting will be obtained, before making a decision.

**Planning** - BDB/74556 - Variation of condition 1 of planning permission BDB/72495 to allow continued siting of mobile home for further period of three years - Dipper Barn, Manor Farm Lane, Tufton. The Parish Council OBJECTED to the application and proposed that the extension be for a period of 1 year instead.

BDB/74605 - Partial demolition and re-construction of superstructure to existing over bridge, Apsley Over Bridge, Grid Ref 441970, North of Apsley Lane, Picket Piece. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS.

BDB/74585 - Erection of a three bedroom dwelling for estate manager with ancillary outbuildings, workshops and dog kennels, following demolition of No's 1 & 2 Garden Cottages and Outbuildings. Alteration to garden walls, piers and installation of new gates attached to the listed walled garden - 1 & 2 Garden Cottages, access to Hurstbourne Park, Hurstbourne Park. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS.

BDB/74708 - Erection of tennis court in garden - Apsley House. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS.

T/00693/11/TCA - Notice of intent to fell 1 Leyland Cypress at St Mary's Church, Tufton. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS.

**Welcome Letter** - The up-dated Welcome Letter, produced by Cllr Mrs Sorby will be distributed to every resident in the Parish.

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**County Councillor's Report** - Cllr Mr T Thacker reported on the redundancy situation at Hampshire County Council. The Library Service has started its new schedule, visiting the Parishes once a month. H.C.C. is debating whether to carry on with their Insulation/Solar Panel scheme as the Government is also running a similar scheme. The Andover Hospital looks as though they will be losing the bed side of their Birthing Centre, as it is to become a depot for midwives.

As part of the changes to the Bus Service in the Rural Areas, Hurstbourne Priors may lose the Community Commuter Kango Bus. Cllr Mr M Williams pointed out that if Stagecoach organised the bus service to coincide with the train times, more people would use the bus.

**Parish Councillors' Reports** - Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby reported that another Quiz Night is being planned for the autumn and it will be held in the Hurstbourne Inn.

Cllr Mr M Williams reported on the Bourne Valley Social Enterprise Scheme. Two people from St Mary Bourne have come forward to work as Help the Aged agents under the HCC banner.

Cllr Mr J Beach reported on the Environment Agency plan to tackle the erosion happening in Tufton by narrowing the river.

Cllr Mr P Smail reported on the redundancies at the Vitacress plant, this year. The Vitacress Minibus is available for Parish functions, subject to conditions. Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby agreed to become the second Parish member on Vitacress Community Forum.

Southern Electric will be asked for an explanation for the recent second power cut this year

**Footpaths' Report** - Cllr Mrs C Read reported the permissive footpath between Whitchurch and Hurstbourne Priors is very overgrown in places. As the Testbourne Estate is responsible for its maintenance, Cllr Mrs Read will contact them to report the matter.

**Recreation Ground Report** - Cllr Mr R Selbie reported that a new memorial bench for Ken Jones will be placed under the Tree to the right of the Lych Gate.

**Village Hall Report** - Cllr Mrs S Sorby reported the Village Hall bookings are healthy, the ventilation ducts for the floor have been fitted and Options Flooring are to return to replace sections of the floor, at no cost.

**Bonfire** - Cllr Mrs C Read reported that negotiations are still underway but the matter is in hand. It is hoped to hold the event on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

**Date of Next Meeting** - 28<sup>th</sup> September 2011 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 7.30pm.

### **OBITUARIES**

**Cornell Roland Lawrence**—died 15th July 2011

Cornell was very much a family man - born 83 years ago in Eastbourne, in a large family of 12 or 13. Central to his life were his wife, his children, Daphne, Adrian and Margaret and their partners and his grandchildren, Luke, Emily, Gemma and Natalie.

He spent his life working on farms which is where he first spoke with his wife when she was still at school. They were married on August 5th 1961 - just short of fifty years ago. Apart from time as a cook in the army, he has worked on the land, retiring from chicken farming over 20 years ago. It was work which brought him from Sussex to Hampshire living in Harewood Forest, before moving to Hurstbourne Tarrant and spending the last 10 years in Hurstbourne Priors.

He was a gifted mechanic who enjoyed repairing things and could always mend and make do. He was well-known for his cooking. There are even some goodies for this Christmas already made by him ready for family celebrations then - and homemade wine. He had a good sense of humour. His son Adrian says of his father, "Dad worked hard all his life, as most of his generation did in those days. He was a small man in stature, but had a heart of gold. If you asked for help, he would be there. If a DIY project of mine needed something, I would just pop round Dad's, then off we would go down to his garden shed, where everything was neat and tidy. My eyes would light up as it was like Aladdin's cave. Then out came dad with the right tool for the job in hand. I miss my Sunday, when we would exchange our points of view about how farming should be done."

Cornell is very greatly missed by his family, to whom we offer our deepest sympathy in their loss.

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**Ronald Hall - 1910-2010**

His son, Rodney, writes, "Dad was born Ronald Clarence, to William and Lucy (Louie) Hall on the 16th of November 1910 in Abbots Ann. Most of his youth was spent in the Bourne Valley, in and around St Mary Bourne and Hurstbourne Tarrant. When he was 15 years of age he left home and joined the Royal Navy and, although found to be under age, he was allowed to stay. During his visits home whilst on shore leave he had occasion to visit the Woolworths Store in Andover and there met his future wife, our mother, Dorothy (Dot) Golding.

Mum lived in Hurstbourne Priors and they were married on March 4th 1936. They spent many happy years together travelling the world and raising a family, Jean, Rita and Rodney. They celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary together then sadly Mum died in September 1996. Dad passed away in September 2010 in Australia, and has now come home to be with Dot."