

Parish Pages

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New Year and a New COLOUR Newsletter

The Village Fen - Volunteers needed.

During the adverse weather this Autumn, a number of trees were damaged in Amport Fen, an area which belongs to the community. As a consequence of this weather, some trees need to be felled and tidied away (leaving nature to finish the clearance). This work should be done on a weekend from mid-February – late March, weather permitting.

Volunteers - especially anyone with skills/experience in using chain saws to assist the team - are sought ASAP please.

Please volunteer even if you can only spare an hour. Please contact the clerk if you can help – indicating of there are particular weekends/times when you cannot be part of a working party.



HIGHWAYS

The news on the Fyfield Road / Amesbury Road junction is that repair work by Hampshire Highways on the broken bollards is scheduled to take place in January. Our HCC councillor, Cllr Donnelly, is pressing for more information, and in particular for news on HCC’s plans to mandate a “no left turn” at the junction for lorries heading up Amesbury Road.

Amport PC, along with other parishes in the catchment, is pushing HCC to address a number of identified flooding hotspots in the Parish, most notably the regular flooding where Sarson Lane North meets the A303. A meeting was held recently with HCC’s Flood and Water Management team, and their feedback is awaited.

As many residents will know, HCC is planning to carry out some roadworks on Keepers Hill / Furzedown Lane on 10 January 2025, and also along The Green in Amport. The precise work to be done has not been reported to the PC, which is concerned that HCC should carry out its work in phases so as to ensure that some routes into all parts of the village remain accessible to traffic. Representations have been made to Cllr Donnelly on this point. The PC has also pointed out that HCC’s notice of roadworks distributed to local addresses is not accurate and insufficient.

On a related topic, this New Year, parishioners are encouraged to clear up the refuse that has collected along roads in the parish. Any parishioner wanting to have access to necessary equipment should email the clerk. Thanks are due to parishioners who already undertake a regular clear up.

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WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

Hawk Inn - January Events

£20.25 Set Menu

Monday to Thursday All Day , Friday Until 5pm

Kick off the New Year with a delicious midweek treat - a 3-course meal and a drink from our special January fixed price menu!



Hawk Conservancy Trust

Winter Woodland Lights

Friday 17 January – Sunday 2 February 2025

Start 2025 with a sparkle at Winter Woodland Lights, a mesmerising display of lights, music and beautiful owls in flight.

Owls by Moonlight

22 February and 1, 8, 15 and 22 March 2025

This spring, wrap up warm and step outside for a special evening with owls. As night falls, you'll experience mystical owls flying and witness their graceful, silent flights in and out of the darkness in two magical flying displays.

Feathers Restaurant

For a catch up cuppa or a light lunch - don't forget this local venue!



Breach Farm Brewing

The Brewery is open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays throughout the Winter. There are food vans and events on the following nights in January. Thursdays are Mug Night and Run Club. Open 4 - 10PM

Thursday, 9 Jan - Open 4 - 10pm - Vendor TBA

Friday, 10 Jan - Open 4 - 10pm - The Traveling Thai

Saturday, 11 Jan - Open 4 - 10pm - Desi Express

Thursday, 16 Jan - Open 4 - 10pm - Mug Night, Run Club meets at 6 pm Quiz Night 7 - Vendor TBA

Friday, 17 Jan - Open 4 - 10pm Loaf - (New vendor!)

Saturday, 18 Jan - Open 4 - 10pm - The Funky Pickle

Thursday, 23 Jan - Open 4 - 10pm Mug Night; Run Club - Vendor TBA

Friday, 24 Jan - Open 4 - 10pm - Vendor TBA

Saturday, 25 Jan - Open 4 - 10pm - Scottish Night (Check the website and stay tuned!)

Thursday, 30 Jan - Open 4 - 10pm Mug Night, Run Club - The Funky Pickle

Friday, 31 Jan - Open 4 - 10pm - Vendor TBA

Saturday, 1 Feb - Open 4 - 10pm - Vendor TBA



Weyhill Area Salt Bins

The Salt Bins have been replenished and please remember that it is neighbourly for those that can spread the salt will be helping those that can't!

The damaged salt bin at the top of Fairways has been reported and if you see one in your area that is damaged please report it:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/damagedsaltbin>

Southern Water News - a Tanker Free Christmas!

Even though groundwater (GW) level at the Environmental Agency's (EA's) Clanville Gate borehole exceeded the 84 m on 21 October 2024 Southern Water's (SW's) water pumping stations have not needed any support from tankers.

The EA use the level of 84 m, at their Clanville Gate borehole, as a trigger level over which SW need to prepare to take action against GW infiltration in their sewer network. Currently GW level sits at just over 87 m and still no tankers.

It does seem that SW's relining programme is making a difference.

Last GW season the GW level at Clanville Gate reached 87 m on 7 December 2023 and we had 2 tankers stationed at Stanbury Road, Kimpton and 1 at Mullens Pond, East Cholderton (see graph below). Today, 4 January 2025, the GW level at Clanville gate is at 87 m, 2.5 m lower than this time last year due to a much drier December. Long may that last.

You will see SW vehicles in Kimpton and on the A343 near the Poplar Farm Pub but these are carrying out proactive jetting to keep the sewer pipes free of any blockages.



NEW VILLAGE HALL OPENING THIS YEAR

Happy New Year!

2025 is the year when there will be a new village hall opened in Monxton and Amport.

The exterior of the new hall is complete, apart from the completion of groundworks. The internal floor is currently being laid. Work is under way to complete the fitting of the toilets and the kitchen and other necessary services.

On 14th December, a successful gathering was held in the (unfinished) hall attended by over 100 local people from both Parishes. All attendees were impressed with the design of the new hall, and are looking forward to the hall being opened. Thanks are due to the organisers and the residents who helped with the event.

Further funds from the community are still sought in order to equip the hall to the standard that is expected for various uses. The more money that is raised now for equipment, the less effort will be needed as the hall opens.

Volunteers are still sought from this Parish to serve on the village hall committee once the hall is open. Details are available from Mike Cleugh in Monxton or from Chris Harris.

DONATE HERE



Any suggestions for news or events for 2025 please get in touch!
Any local business events are welcome!

WHO IS WHO ON THE AMPORT PARISH COUNCIL

Chris Harris - Chairman & responsible for the Village Green & The Fen, Southern Water, Highways, Village Hall & local Crime

Stephen Coke - Vice Chair & responsible for finance, principle & process & Speed Awareness

Sally Baker - School liaison & resilience plan.

Alan Montagu - Solar Farm liaison & Fox Farm Liaison

Tessa Hawkings-Byass - Projects , footpaths & communications - newsletter and Face Book

Peter Harvey - Projects & children's play area

Diana Stephenson - Neighbourhood planning/Village design statement/parish plan.

Peter Waller - Resilience plan including flood planning

Clare Hemmings - Weyhill representative and Neighbourhood plan

Howard Dix - Dauntsey Lane representative & Local crime

Heather Bourner - Our Amazing Clerk!

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MEETING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025

The Parish Council meets on a Monday at 07:30pm at the Amport School. Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings.

20 January

17 February

17 March

14 April

19 May

16 June

21 July

15 September

20 October

17 November