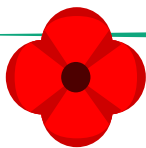


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## OUR LOCAL VE DAY HEROES

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Nine Army and Navy men are remembered on a brass plaque in St Mary’s Church, Amport. They all died during or just after World War II. On the 8th of May, we celebrate **Victory in Europe -VE Day**, and it is important to give a thought to these nine Amport men who died fighting to save the UK from almost six years of war and repression. **VE Day** extends far beyond the end of a brutal conflict. It represents triumph over adversity and the resilience of humanity in the face of darkness. On 8th May 1945, Prime Minister Winston Churchill addressed the Nation: *“I bring you great news. The war in Europe is over. It is finished in the complete and overwhelming triumph of the Allies and has been officially declared at the end by Britain, United States and Russia, speaking with one voice.”* Victory in Europe Day marked the end of World War II in Europe and symbolises hope, resilience, and unity. Amidst the VE Day celebrations, many were also remembering those they had lost, individual lives among the millions that had perished. Peace is precious and must be cherished. The significance of VE Day extends far beyond the end of a brutal conflict. It represents triumph over adversity and the resilience of humanity. As we mark its 80th anniversary, we are reminded not only of the sacrifices made but also of the hope that emerged from those challenging times.

The nine Amport men – some left behind wives and children :

- Leading Seaman Charles Samuel Annetts** - Royal Navy – 1910–1942 By December 1942 he was a Leading Seaman on board ‘HMS Activity’, a small aircraft carrier. Charles died on 11th December 1942 when he fell between a motorboat and a ship in Greenock in Scotland.
- Bombardier Albert Victor Annetts** - Royal Artillery – 1906–1941. In 1936 Albert married Clementina Whyte, and they lived in Amport. Albert died during the siege of Tobruk, Libya on 25th November 1941.
- Lance Corporal (Trooper) Alfred Daniel Still** - 17th/21st Lancers, Royal Armoured Corps – 1916–1943. In 1939 the family home was 1 Woodside Cottage, Amport. Alfred married in 1940 to Marjorie E. Tweed. Alfred died in the conflict at El Alamein in North Africa on 19th January 1943.
- Able Seaman Reginald Percy David Still** – Royal Navy - 1922 -1942. He served on board HMS Blean, a destroyer. While escorting a British convoy off the Algerian coast, Blean was torpedoed by German Submarine U-443 and she sank within four minutes with the loss of 89 men.
- Private Ronald Thomas Carr** – 1/4th Battalion Royal Hampshire Regiment – 1926–1946 born in Amport and the family home was 7 The Eights Amport. It is possible that Ronald was in a POW camp in Austria and maybe was badly injured and died as a result in April 1946.
- Corporal Thomas Robert Henry Longman** - Royal Army Medical Corps - 1921–1944. The family address in 1939 was ‘Boldre’, Sarson Lane, Amport. Thomas was in the RAMC but attached to the 8th Battalion the Parachute Regiment, Army Air Corps, and was involved in the D-Day landings in Normandy; he died on D-Day, 6th June 1944.
- Seaman Edward John Pearce** - Merchant Navy – 1922–1943. In 1939, he was living with his widow, Susan Joyce, at 1 The Alms Houses, Amport. By 1943 he was on SS North Britain. She was torpedoed and sunk 250 miles south of Greenland by U-707 on 5th May 1943, with the loss of 35 of her 46 crew.
- Corporal Harry Franklin Sandilands** - Royal Armoured Corps 5th Royal Tank Regiment – 1916–1941. In 1939, Harry’s wife, Lucy, and their son, Robert, lived in The Green, Amport. Harry joined the 5th Royal Tank Regiment, and by November 1941, he was in Egypt. The British Eighth Army launched a surprise attack in Libya ‘Operation Crusader’, but the dispersal of British armoured units led to 530 tank losses, and Harry’s death.
- Sergeant Arthur ‘Jimmer’ Wiltshire** – Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers – 1899–1943. Jimmer was born in Amport and lived on The Green. After WWI he was a blacksmith on the Amport House estate. He re-joined the REME in WW2 but was captured in Sumatra and transferred to Japan as a POW where he died ten months later.

Do you have any more information or photographs of any of these brave Military men? Please connect with the Editor if you do



# WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

## Hawk Inn - January Events

**Save on Sips** - Monday to Friday - 3pm - 6:30pm, £1 off a pint of draught beer  
25% off cocktails (excludes Tapas Tues-yay offer) , 25% off bottles / carafes of wine (excludes Tapas Tues-yay offer).

## Blue Light & Defence Card Discount

As a token of our appreciation you can get 20% off your food bill for up to 6 people by showing the team your Blue Light Card or Defence Discount Card while dining at The Hawk. This discount is available all year around and includes our Festive Menu! Available 7 days a week

## Hawk Conservancy Trust

### Brand new flying display!

Saturday 5 April

Woodland Wonders will take you deep amongst the trees to discover the owls and other birds of prey that live among the trees.

### Feathers Restaurant

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

### Biodiversity Breakfast

Saturday 3 May - 7:00am-10:00am

Join us for a special morning to enjoy and discover the best of British nature.



## Breach Farm Brewing

The Brewery is open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. There are food vans and events on the following nights in April Thursdays are Mug Night and Run Club.

Thursday, 3 April, 4-10pm - Georgies Greek Grill

Friday, 4 April, 4-10pm - Arty-Stan Pizza

Saturday, 5 April, 4-10pm - The Topsy Toastie

Thursday, 10 April, 4-10pm - Quiz Night 7pm Original Fryup Material

Friday, 11 April, 4-10pm - Peppone's Street Food

**Saturday Open time moves to 2pm on 12 April!!**

Saturday, 12 April, 2-10pm - The Funky Pickle - Celtic Music

Thursday, 17 April, 4-10pm - Mug Night; Run Club

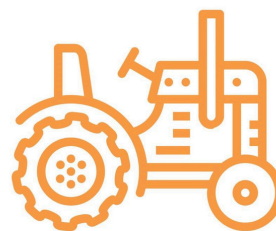
Friday, 18 April, 4-10pm - The Traveling Thai

Saturday, 19 April, 2-10pm - Food by Aneke

Thursday, 24 April, 4-10pm - Hulk's Smoked Meat

Friday, 25 April, 4-10pm - The Nomadic Kitchen - Asian Fusion Street Food

Saturday, 26 April, 2-10pm - LOAF - Grilled Sandwiches



## Abbotts Ann – Your Local Post Office (Community, Not-for-Profit)

### More Than Just Post!

#### Banking Made Easy

With thousands of bank branches closing, you can still access your personal or business bank account at Abbotts Ann Post Office. Most UK banks are supported.

- Pay in cash & cheques – Deposit with your card & PIN or use cheque deposit envelopes.
- Withdraw money – Get cash easily with your bank card & PIN.
- Check your balance – Quick and convenient for most banks.

We also offer essential services: **Royal Mail, EVRi, Amazon Hub, Parcelforce, and Travel Money.**

*Maureen Flood – Postmaster*



# Appetite!

With the pleasant weather season approaching, please let us know if you want to continue having food vans at the Amport Village Green.

A call to diners and vendors: Is it a yes or a no?

Let us know: [clerk@amportparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@amportparishcouncil.org.uk) or [tessa@amportparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:tessa@amportparishcouncil.org.uk)



## Village Hall IS OPEN



The Village Hall had its opening on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March. With a great turnout and a successful event.

The hall is now ready to take bookings for your events and parties!

### Hire Rates

One-off booking £20 per hour

Regular Classes For those running regular classes or meetings. £15 per hour

Half Day (4 hours) £75

Full Day (8 hours) £140

Deposits will be required and the costs for cleaners charged (2 hours).

Terms and conditions will apply.



Bookings can be made via the website: [www.monxton-amportvillagehall.org](http://www.monxton-amportvillagehall.org)

Or contact Judy at Email: [judyhsail@gmail.com](mailto:judyhsail@gmail.com) Tel: 07769682766

*Scan to Donate*

Donations to the village hall can be made on the following link:

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/monxton-and-amport-village-hall>

PBA volunteers have been out counting trout nests or 'redds'. The number of redds gives an indication of brook health and the size of future trout populations. We

counted 24 redds from East Cholderton to Abbots Ann. Although we didn't see any redds north of the A303 we did spot a 12" trout by Fyfield Church giving us hope that next spawning season we will see redds here.

Find out more about the PBA on our website [www.pillhillbrook.org.uk](http://www.pillhillbrook.org.uk).



### Delicious Sourdough Bread is now available in Amport!

Rachel's Cake House, based in Amport, is now baking regular sourdough bread in addition to delicious cakes. The loaves are available in medium (£5) and large size (£6.50) in brown and white. Rachel's Cake House will shortly be providing seeded loaves as well.

To order please contact Rachel on her website

[www.rachelscakehouse.co.uk](http://www.rachelscakehouse.co.uk)

Or phone: 07984172255