

AMPORT PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Pages



Ampport Fete

The Ampport and Monxton Village fete is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, July 6th**. We can't wait to see our wonderful villagers come out to support this special event.

Along with volunteering on the day, there are several ways you can support the fete:

We would be grateful for contributions of any locally made produce for The MADE IN AMPORT stall. Plants, preserves, knitwear, papercraft, and woodwork are all gratefully received.

Are you a keen baker? The tea tent needs you! This year, we are holding **"The Great Village Bake Off,"** with all entries going directly to the tent and some lovely prizes for the winning showstoppers.

The donation bins will be placed at the bus stops in the next few weeks for Bric a Brac and toys, so please consider donating any items you no longer need.

This year, we will be collecting bottles for the bottle stall, so if you have any spare bottles—anything from balsamic vinegar to a Dom Perignon and everything in between—please bring them along. Every contribution counts and helps make the fete a success!

Finally, after a day filled with fun and festivities, we invite everyone to join us for a delicious hog roast and live music at SUPPER ON THE GREEN. Tickets are available at <https://buytickets.at/ampportpcc> or you can email directly: Ampportfete@gmail.com.

Let's come together as a community, celebrate our village, and make this year's fete a memorable one. We look forward to seeing each one of you there!

Let's pray for the sunshine!

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THERE IS NO FOOD VAN THIS MONTH,
BUT THERE ARE A FEW FOR THE FETE
DATE NEXT MONTH!

THE NEW WEYHILL NOTICE BOARD

Have all those living in the Weyhill
Area of the parish seen the new
notice board?

It's at the top of Fairways!

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH



HAYDOWN TRAIL RUNNERS

30th June 2024

Breach Farm Brewing

This community event needs you!



On the 30th June, we have a very exciting event coming to the village so get the date in your diary and let others know.

'Haydown Trail Run', is a fun run starting and finishing at Breach Farm Brewing with a fun run, 5k and 10k. The aim of this run is firstly to join together as a community for a fun day out and secondly to raise money for the village hall. Everyone can take part! You don't need to be a runner- the trail can be walked/jogged/run by individuals of all ages.

Tickets and event T-shirts are available on <https://ticketpass.org/event/ETQHNN/haydown-trail-run> (or just search Haydown on ticket pass.org)

If you are injured then please still join to cheer competitors along, have a drink and eat the locally produced BBQ food on offer.

Tell as many as you can, it's going to be a great event! See you there.

Breach Farm Brewing

The Brewery is open every Friday, and Saturday. There are food vans and events on the following nights in May: Every Thursday is Mug Night and Run Club - 5-8pm. Friday times are 4 - 9pm and Saturday 12-9pm.

1st June - Peppones Street Food

2nd June - Arty Stan Pizza

6th June - Mug Night and Run Club

7th June - Traveling Thai (5pm)

8th June - Reggae Fest Catering

13th June - Mug Night and Run Club

14th June - FunkyPickle

23rd June - Topsy Toastie

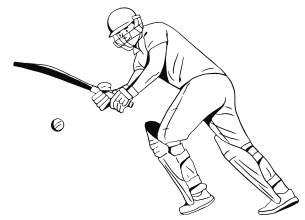


Councillor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a parish councillor on the Amport Parish Council. If you are interested in being a parish councillor and getting involved with everything related to the parish, please do get in touch.

We are a friendly bunch, and there are only 10 meetings that you need to attend.

AMPORT CRICKET CLUB



Approaching the end of May the season has started in earnest – although the weather has not been particularly kind to us.

Both the 1st and 2nd XI have started the league season with one win and two losses and would hope to turn close defeats into wins during June to consolidate their mid-table league positions. With some good fortune, both sides could still be in the promotion positions come the end of the season in August.

The midweek side has started well, winning at home against Broadchalke after losing their first game. The weather has canceled a couple of matches, but club members' interest in this new competition remains high.

For information on the club, please look at our website at www.amportcc.play-cricket.com, which contains all the details you need to contact us—or drop in on a Wednesday or Saturday.

01/06/2024 1st XI Kingsclere CC - 1st XI League Division 4 North

05/06/2024 Midweek XI Laverstock & Ford CC - Midweek XI League Division 2

08/06/2024 1st XI Steep CC - 2nd XI League Division 4 North

15/06/2024 2nd XI Old Tauntonians & Romsey CC - 4th XI League Division 6 North West

22/06/2024 1st XI South Winchester CC - 2nd XI League Division 4 North

26/06/2024 Midweek XI Berwick St James CC, Wilts - Midweek XI League Division 2

Later in the year, we hope to run some fundraising events that will hopefully be accessible and fun for the local community. When those are known, we will let you know the dates for the diary. We are always open to enabling access to our facilities where we can accommodate it, so if you would like to explore the possibilities, please contact us through the website.

Monxton & Amport Village Hall Solar System

As many will have seen recently we have installed 30 solar panels on both south facing roofs of the village hall. This will help save money and help the planet! This will provide a generation capacity of 12.9Kw/hour and that is roughly what an average 4 bedroom property would use in a day plus we will have 30Kwh of battery storage equivalent to three days electricity supply for an average house.

This means we have a lot of excess energy which we will export to the Grid via Octopus Energy using their Flux tariff and earn money to pay the running costs of the hall. This will also mean we won't have an electricity bill as we will be a net exporter and earn approx. £2,500/year.

This will also power the air source heat pump, the lighting and all electrical devices. Hot water will be provided by diverting solar power to an immersion heater in the water tank using another piece of technology.

All devices will be managed over the Internet using mobile phone apps by the Hall secretary.

On days when there is little or no solar typically December and January the system will download power from the grid between 2am and 5am at 15p/Kwh and then export it back to the grid the same afternoon between 4p and 7pm at 25p/Kwh thereby making a profit everyday irrespective of the weather.

On sunny days we will simply be using automated software to calculate the sun expected the next day and minimise the downloads as we will have excess power to sell at 100% profit,

This combination of innovative tariffs and these types of systems is relatively new and allows the grid to be rebalanced by tens of thousands of homes with solar and batteries downloading power when electricity is cheap and selling it back to the grid when most required during the evening period thereby stopping or reducing the need for coal or gas powered generators. This is called a virtual power station and is encouraged by the UK government.

Note I have owned this type of system for 3 years and while we have an electricity bill we get money back from Octopus as we are a net exporter on balance over the year.

It should also be noted that the price of solar systems has come down significantly over the last year giving any investment an excellent payback.

If anyone would like to discuss this type of system please contact Mike Cleugh (mikecleugh@hotmail.com) for more information and impartial advice.

WEYHILL AREA

The Weyhill resident's summer party was a roaring success on Saturday, 25th May, attended by around 30 people, all bringing food to share and plenty of refreshments! The green at the top of Fairways was filled with music and laughter until midnight when the fantastic weather eventually turned and ended the fun.

We hope to hold another one in September, weather permitting, so watch this space and check the NEW notice board!

The Watercress and Winterbournes Landscape Partnership Scheme and Hampshire Library Service reminder about the Poetry Competition.

The poetry competition which is free to enter, asks 7-18 year olds to write a short poem inspired by the wonderful world of chalk streams. Winners will receive National Book Tokens worth up to £75, and have their poems published in a special commemorative booklet. Entrants must live within the Watercress and Winterbournes scheme area and submit their poem by midnight on 31st July 2024.

We are looking to eventually make this newsletter digital, so it will come directly into your email inbox. But we need people to agree to this and sign up to receive news on the parish council website.

Sign up on the website: www.amportparishcouncil.org.uk

There is a blue button on the right of the first page of the website that says SIGN UP FOR NEWS.

AMPORT PARISH COUNCIL

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If you have any events or other interesting information regarding the parish please do let us know so we can add it into the next newsletter.

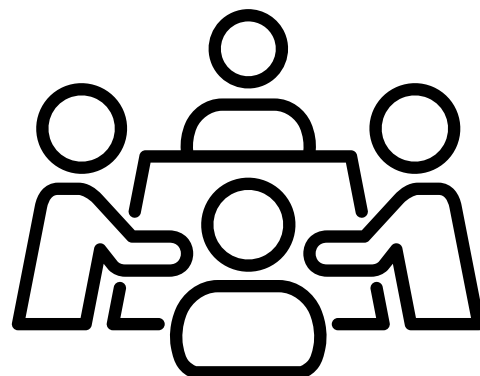
If you are unable to attend a meeting but would like to raise a concern, please contact the Clerk by email at clerk@amportparishcouncil.org.uk or by telephone on 01264 773796

MEETING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

24 June
15 July
16 September
21 October
18 November

Meeting



Thank you for reading!