

Ampfield Village Hall

The Village Hall continues to offer a variety of classes throughout the week including a Bridge Club, Romsey Modellers, Yoga, Art and many more. If you wish to hire the hall contact Martin Hatley on 02380 254040 or 07970 501050 or email villagehall@ampfield.org.uk

A monthly market is held on the 1st Saturday of each month from 10am - 12 noon, excluding January and August. There are an excellent range of food and craft tables. Refreshments are served all morning. Parking and admission are free. Tables available to rent for this very successful and popular event. December 7th is the Christmas Market and our first date in 2020 will be February 1st.

Ampfield Burial Ground

The Burial Ground behind St Mark's Churchyard in Chapel Wood is owned and managed by Ampfield Parish Council as the burial authority. All parishioners are eligible for burial in Ampfield Burial Ground. Details can be seen on the Parish Council website. In order to provide a single point of contact, Ampfield Parish Council and the Church of England Benefice of Ampfield, Chilworth and North Baddesley have agreed that the Benefice will deal with the administration of burials and interment of ashes in Ampfield Burial Ground. For more information contact the Church Parish Office Tel: 023 8073 7617

Lead Stolen From St Mark's Church



A total of 24 metres of lead was stolen from St Mark's Church on the night of July 24th. The ridgeline of the entire nave and chancel of the church has been destroyed. The repair costs will be in the region of £15,000, £500 of which St Mark's Parochial Church Council will have to pay.

Allotments

If you would like to apply for an allotment at Morleys Green please contact Doreen Matthews

Details as below

How do I get in touch with Ampfield Parish Council?

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An update on what's going on in our parish

Commemoration Service in Chapel wood

On Tuesday 2nd July 2019, over 100 people gathered around the stone memorial in Chapel Wood, Ampfield to remember and honour the death of 5 United States airmen who tragically died when their Cessna Bobcat aeroplane crashed into the wood exactly 75 years ago. The programme began with a formal procession from the front door of St. Mark's Church to the USAAF memorial. This was led by the St Mark's processional cross and escorted by a detachment from the United States Air Force.

At the memorial site, the airmen formed a guard of honour, as our vicar, Reverend Victoria, joined by United States Chaplain Major Michael Carollo and USAF Major Kenneth French, read a moving service of remembrance. A pupil of Ampfield Church of England School joined Steve White, an Ampfield resident and an eyewitness to the crash 75 years ago, to provide the responses to the Act of Remembrance. Martin Vear read one of the lessons and Chris Penny read the poem 'High Flight', a pilot's tale of his experiences flying through the air until he 'touched the face of God'.

Around the base of the memorial, wreaths were laid on behalf of the armed forces and local government organisations, whilst schoolchildren placed floral posies alongside. The anthems, the Star-Spangled Banner and the United Kingdom National Anthem were played, whereupon the assembled company dispersed to the sound of the Glen Miller Orchestra echoing through woodland.



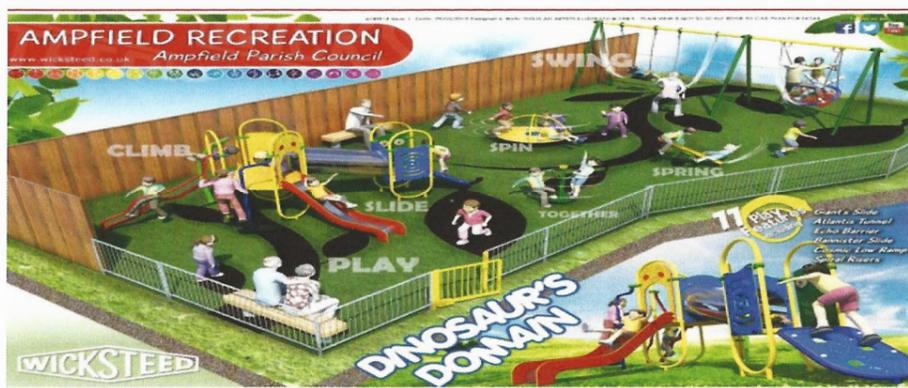
After the service, tea was laid on in the St. Mark's Room and enjoyed by both the local parishioners and their USAF guests. Everyone then went into the church to listen to Steve White's account of the events of 75 years ago. This was followed by two fascinating presentations given by Martin Vear and Chris Penney. It was Martin who, some thirty years ago, found a small piece of metal in Ampfield Wood and with the help of his school chum, Chris, pieced the whole history together. It was through their persistence and investigative skills that the personal possessions of the five young airmen killed in the crash could be reunited with their families so many years later.

This was a memorable and moving day. It is a good reminder of what can be done when a community comes together to act in one common cause.

(For more information and photographs please visit: <https://www.acnb-church.org> and <https://ampfield.org.uk>)

Ampfield Recreation Ground

We are finally able to report some progress towards our intention, as reported in previous newsletters, of moving the playground and installing a hard surface car park. Funding for a new playground has now been secured. The new playground has been designed and a contract has been let for its installation.



The redundant old wooden changing pavilion has been removed, the path reinstated and a 6 foot fence erected along the boundary with the White Horse.



If you look closely at the picture above you can see the new view from the pitch.

Decisions on funding for the new car park will be made in December. If our application is successful then a car park should be in place in early 2020.

The new pavilion was well used by the cricket club throughout the 2019 season and attracted favourable comments from the visiting teams. Families who attended the Allstars coaching sessions for children on Friday evenings were also complimentary. Ampfield now has a very attractive cricket venue, a very pleasant place to be on a sunny Saturday afternoon. Match details can be found on www.anbcc.co.uk/fixtures.

The pavilion is an ideal location to hire for events such as children's birthday parties. There is a function room which can accommodate 46 people with tables and chairs. The room, which opens out onto the recreation ground, has TV and has internet access. There is also an associated fully equipped kitchen area.

Planning and Enforcement

Your parish council continues to pursue a number of areas where planning conditions are not being complied with. We have met with the TVBC enforcement team and have established good channels of communication. Enforcement can be a difficult and prolonged process. We have had some successes, including the cessation of work on what we believe to have been an unlawful development.

We continue to take a vigorous response to planning applications including addressing, on occasion, the TVBC Southern Area Planning Committee.

Village Design Statement

It is pleasing to report that the revised edition of the Ampfield Village Design Statement was formally adopted by Test Valley Borough Council as a Supplementary Planning Document at its council meeting at the beginning of September.

As a result, the team responsible for the production of the VDS has been able to put the finishing touches to the design process and prepare the final document for printing. It is anticipated that this will be undertaken during the autumn period.

Overall, the revision of the VDS has been a long process but it is a very important one. It is a means by which the residents of Ampfield have been able to set out what is important to them in terms of planning and ensure their views will be considered in all future planning decisions. Ampfield Parish Council would like to thank all those who have helped with this project.

Traffic Calming

The parish council is planning to request some traffic calming measures for the A3090 close to Morleys Green which will be funded by contributions from the Morleys Green developer. Traffic calming does not mean speed bumps on the A3090, but some small practical measures to assist pedestrians and to try to improve adherence to the 30mph speed limit.

Four measures are currently planned:

New tactile crossings in the footway on both sides of the road are to be added from the footpath exit from Morleys Green just east of Redburn Farm entrance to aid access from Morleys Green to the bus stop, public house and recreation ground, all located on south side of the A3090.

A new footway link across Green Pond Lane, with dropped kerb and tactile crossings on both sides of Green Pond Lane is to be added at the Green Pond Lane junction with the A3090 to aid access from Morleys Green to the bus stop located on the south side of the A3090.

A dropped kerb on each side of the road and a traffic island in the centre of the road at the bus stop east of Green Pond Lane to aid access from the footpath on the south side of the A3090 to the school, church, burial ground and Chapel Wood, all located on the north side of the A3090.

A 'Gateway' feature to replace the existing village sign at the east end of the village which is intended to draw driver's attention to the change to the lower limit.

Ampfield Parish Councillors

Bryan Nanson (Chair), Allan Clark, David Stevens, Chris Ling, Graham Roads Julian Jones, Julie Trotter, Martin Hatley and Kathleen McCallum