



# Parish Pages

September 2026



## LITTER PICKING

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

In this newsletter  
you can expect:

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RWhilst it's disappointing that this is even needed, we can all see that rubbish is dumped around the neighbourhood. A group of residents are planning to do a community clear up on on **Sunday 27th September** from 10am for a couple of hours. We'll meet at the green at the top of Fairways/Fyfield Road junction.

This event is supported by Test Valley Borough Council, who will provide high vis vests, grabbers and bin bags and they will also collect the filled rubbish bags once we've finished.

Anyone who wants to join in would be very welcome - the more the merrier - and any child over the age of four is also welcome, with at least one supervising parent per child.

In order to provide enough kit, we need to know numbers in advance, so please email or text the Amport Parish Council Weyhill representative, Clare Hemmings, before Sunday 20th September if you can spare a couple of hours to help out:

Clare@AmportHantsParishCouncil.gov.uk  
07592 379737

***Anyone from anywhere in the parish is welcome to register and come and collect their kit to pick litter around their own location. It would be wonderful to see the community coming together to keep Amport beautiful."***



## A342 Group



An initiative in the parishes west of Andover is being run this year, named the A342 Group.

The survey that many parishioners took part in earlier this year was part of this exercise. Amport PC plays a leading role in the Group, and we have made good progress in writing a report which will be submitted to Hampshire County Council and TVBC in a few weeks' time.

The report seeks to address the problems with local roads, including the A303 and the A342 and the junctions that meet them. It also touches upon feeder roads and rat runs, and addresses the difficulties that exist in the area with public transport, especially buses. The intention is to make clear to the authorities what road improvements are needed in this rural part of Hampshire.

Further details will follow.

## VACANCY – PARISH COUNCILLOR

Amport Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested in getting involved in your local community and would like to find out more, we would love to hear from you.

Expressions of interest should be sent to the Parish Clerk, Heather Bournier, at: [clerk@amporthantsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@amporthantsparishcouncil.gov.uk)

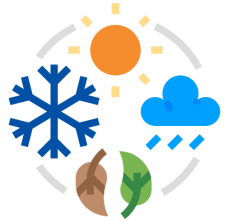
Please get in touch if you would like further information about the role.

# Monxton & Amport Village Hall

If you would like to get more involved in helping to run and organise hall events or clubs we would love to hear from you. Similarly, if there is a community event that you would like to see or a talk you'd be keen to give - do get in touch with Karin Staines at [maavhevents@gmail.com](mailto:maavhevents@gmail.com) or 07809 413322.

To keep up-to-date with what is happening at the hall, please consult the village hall noticeboard and the parish magazine. For details of regular classes, see the bookings website at [www.hallbookingonline.com/monxton/calendar.php](http://www.hallbookingonline.com/monxton/calendar.php).

Contact details for regular classes can be found by clicking directly on the booking link.



## Weather, water and winterbournes

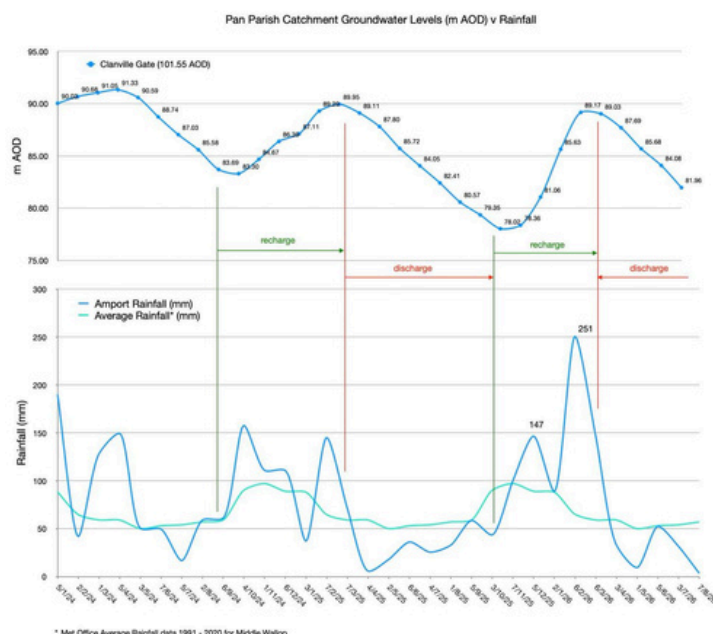
How is this year's drought affecting the water level in our precious chalk stream the Pillhill Brook? The answer may surprise you - it hasn't!

Whilst most rivers in the UK are rain-fed and do depend on surface runoff from rainfall to replenish them chalk streams are very different. They are spring fed from a store of water deep beneath our feet in the chalk rock called an aquifer. A spring is where this water reaches the surface via cracks or conduits in the chalk and the quality of this water is quite special. It flows out of the ground at a constant pressure and temperature and has a unique mineral rich content. It provides a unique and rare habitat for wildlife to thrive.

Springs are therefore governed by the water table or groundwater level in the aquifer. It is quite natural for part of the Pillhill Brook to dry during the summer. These sections of the brook are called winterbournes as they do not flow all year round.

We have had two very hot, dry summers but we have also had two very wet winters which have recharged our aquifer. The graph below shows how dependent recharge is on winter rainfall. Should we have a series of dry winters then recharge will be impacted.

More information can be found on the [Pillhill Brook Groundwater webpage](#).



# WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH IN SEPTEMBER



## Breach Farm Brewing



The Brewery is open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. There are food vans and events on the following nights in SEPTEMBER. Thursdays are Mug Club and Muddy Runners.

Thursday, 3 Sep, 4 - 10pm - DeadMex - Mexican Street Food- Music Quiz

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

Saturday, 5 Sep, 2 - 9pm - Hulk's Smoked Meat

Thursday, 10 Sep, 4 - 10pm - Field & Furnace

Friday, 11 Sep, 4 - 10pm - May's Chinese

Saturday, 12 Sep, 2 - 9pm - Urban Events - Burgers and Dogs – Live Music Richard Baugh and Friends

Thursday, 17 Sep, 4 - 10pm - Son of a Bun - Chicken Burgers - Quiz Night

Friday, 18 Sep, 4 - 10pm - The Funky Pickle - Canadian Street Food - EDP Garlic Fundraiser

Saturday, 19 Sep, 2 - 9pm - The Travelling Thai

Sunday 20 Sep, 11am - 5pm – Indriya Kitchen EDP Health Walk, Tickets £20 (include lunch!) and Live Acoustic Music

Thursday, 24 Sep, 4 - 10pm - Georgie's Greek Grill

Friday, 25 Sep, 4 - 10pm - The Nomadic Kitchen - Celtic & Trad Music jam sesh

Saturday, 26 Sep, 2 - 9pm - Peppone's Street Food



## THERE IS A LOT GOING ON AT THE TRUST THIS SEPTEMBER :



### International Vulture Awareness Day| Saturday 5 September

On International Vulture Awareness Day, join us in celebrating these incredible birds and their essential roles as nature's clean-up crew! With even more vultures in our fantastic flying demonstrations and plenty of other vulture-themed activities throughout the day, it's a lovely day out to raise awareness and support for these quirky and entertaining characters.



### Wedding Fair | Friday 11 September

Join us for a FREE enchanting evening to discover what your dream wedding day could look like at the Hawk Conservancy Trust! Filled with inspiration, beautiful birds of prey and stunning surroundings.



### Fine Dining in Feathers Restaurant - | Saturday 12 September

Fine dining takes flight at this special evening, where our Head Chef Kierran uses locally sourced and seasonal ingredients to create an exquisite menu. Enjoy a sumptuous five course meal with an exclusive wine-paring menu provided by Elegant Wines! There are limited spaces so for updated menus and bookings please email [jemma@hawkconservancy.org](mailto:jemma@hawkconservancy.org).



### Wings & Woodlands Artisan Markets | Sunday 20 September

See the Hawk Conservancy Trust transform into a vibrant marketplace, peruse talented creators from across Hampshire and see our birds take flight. Hidden among the trees, discover local makers and bakers, browse beautiful handmade goods, and soak up the creativity Hampshire is known for.

This event is included as part of a day admission ticket, and our members can experience these exciting market events for free!





## COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

The Amport Community Coffee Morning is a welcoming gathering that brings local residents together in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Held regularly at Monxton and Amport Village Hall every **Monday from 10h00 - 12h00**, it provides an opportunity for neighbours to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, homemade cakes, and good conversation while strengthening community connections.



### THE HAWK INN OFFERS!

**Pizza deal** - any 2 pizzas for £20

Monday to Friday 3pm-6pm, Sundays from 7pm

**Steak Night** - Every Wednesday from 5pm

Enjoy any two steaks from our main menu and enjoy a complimentary bottle of La Copa red, white or rose wine.

**2 For £16 Breakfast**

Monday to Saturday until midday and 11am on Sunday

Enjoy 2 for £16 on our breakfast and brunch dishes



### **RIB NIGHT**

Thursday 24TH September - 6-9PM



## WHO IS WHO ON THE AMPORT PARISH COUNCIL

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

**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 & newsletter

**Peter Harvey** - Projects & children's play area

**Diana Stephenson** - Neighbourhood planning

**Peter Waller** - Resilience plan including flood planning

**Clare Hemmings** - Weyhill representative & Neighbourhood plan

**Howard Dix** - Dauntsey Lane representative & Local crime & A342 Working Group

**Heather Bourner** - Our Amazing Clerk!



## MEETING DATES

The Parish Council meets on a **Monday at 07:30pm** at the Monxton and Amport Village Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings. Next meetings are:

21<sup>st</sup> September , 19<sup>th</sup> October and 16<sup>th</sup> November

## AMPORT PARISH COUNCIL EMAIL CONTACTS

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