



Monxton Matters

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Crash at Monxton Crossroads

The village of Monxton was the scene of a road traffic accident at about 1400 hrs on Friday 25 April 2003. The incident took place at the crossroads and involved a red Ford Sierra heading in the direction of Grateley and an orange van moving in the opposite direction. The first vehicle on the scene was a British Army Ambulance whose crew quickly took charge of the incident until the police arrived about an hour later.

Fortunately, there were no life threatening injuries to those people involved, but there was considerable disruption to the flow of the ever-increasing volumes of traffic trying to pass through the village.

Our Intrepid photographer Richard Williams snapped this shot and several others as the incident lasted around 3 hours as the emergency services sorted out the mess.



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The Village Design Statement Teams Are on Target To Produce The First Draft By the End of June 2003

A very well attended second Workshop for design group researchers was held in the Village Hall on Saturday morning, 26th April. There was a high degree of enthusiasm in each of the three groups, i.e. Landscape and Surroundings, Pattern and Content of Settlement, and Buildings and Materials. Each group's collection of photographs was fascinating. Although many of the images were familiar, some proved tantalisingly difficult to identify when taken from unaccustomed angles. Texts on all aspects within each group's remit were presented, some verging on the poetic. There was no doubt of the truth in one of the Village Design Statement booklets of the statement that "To prepare a VDS you do not need to be an expert on planning or architecture. We (the community) are the experts on the character of our village and its distinctive qualities."

It was evident both from the questionnaire, which had a response rate of almost 90% of the parish, and the design groups that there was a very high level of interest and a common desire to maintain the unique character and style of the village. The researchers had much enjoyment and satisfaction. The next stage is a display in the village for further comments. Then the first draft sent to Test Valley Borough Council including any amendments from our Parish Council.

The draft will be a summary of the current texts, it will concentrate on what gives Monxton it's unique character and will make clear to planners, in an interesting an objective manner, what gives our village it's distinctive qualities and what we believe are helpful and practical planning guidelines.

Team addressing Landscape and Surroundings



Team addressing Buildings and Materials



Monxton Village Design Statement Teams

Landscape and surroundings	Pattern/Content of Settlement	Building and Materials
Leo Allen Ken Hopkins Bill Horrell Charmian Howarth David Wells Jacky Wells Richard Williams Joan Wood John Wood	Alan Barbone Diana Coldicott Mike Cleugh Ivor Gower Diana Jones Len Locke Jennifer Richards Valerie Whitewick	John Chaffey Robert Davies Jo Day Vince Douglas David James Phil Jones Sue Ryan Catrina Saville

Monxton Village Hall Forthcoming Events

At the VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 24 th May	Duck race starting 11.30ish
Sunday 25 th May	National Garden Day Cream teas at the Village Hall 2.00 – 5.30
Monday 26 th May	National Garden Day Cream teas at the Village Hall 2.00 – 5.30
Village Hall Weekly Programme	
Mon. Evening	Jujitsu
Tues. Evening	Occasional Band Practise and Four Parishes Meetings
Weds Afternoon:	Badminton
Wednesday Evening:	Line Dancing
Thursday: Evening:	Occasional band practice/ PC Meetings
Saturday:	Jumble sales, occasional children's parties
Sunday Mornings:	Monthly Church coffee mornings

Refurbishment of the Village Hall

At a meeting of the Village Hall Committee on Wednesday May 14th at 7.00p.m, it was decided to get a preliminary quote for the refurbishment and alteration of the service block at the side of the village hall.

By the 1st October 2004, local parish councils are charged with having "to make reasonable adjustments" to accommodate the disabled. Due to the physical limitations of the site and the proposal by TVBC to put a preservation order on the yew tree in the garden of Bec house, any extension is restricted.

The proposal included a preliminary quotation for essential repairs i.e. the re-roofing of the flat roof and minimum alterations.

These consist of moving the kitchen to the front end of the building to replace the existing store and raising the floor, which would leave the area of the old kitchen to take a unisex disabled toilet with a separate corridor leading to a secondary disabled emergency exit. The existing store would remain, the ladies toilets would be refurbished.

Outside a combination of new steps and a ramp would lead to the entrance. The project would be provided in the form of grants, Hampshire County Council, Test Valley Borough Council, Monxton Parish Council and the Village hall, a reasonable figure within reach of Monxton's population.

For more info: Jennifer Richards Committee Member



Norman Arnell Appointed Borough Councillor

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**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF
THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
8th MAY 2003 at 8.00pm**

Full edition available on the Monxton Website or from the Parish Clerk

MATTERS ARISING

PARKING FOR THE VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman reconfirmed that she had received a letter from Mr E Thelwell of Monxton Manor stating that he is not willing to give any of his land to the village hall for parking.

VOTE FOR NEW CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Following the recent elections, although Monxton did not partake, the vote still had to be taken to elect a new Chairman and Vice Chairman. Both Mrs Sue Ryan and Mr David Eaglesham held their positions. Mr Eaglesham is also the Financial Officer.

FINANCE

The bank balance is approximately £8,403.62. The balance is high and the Chairman explained that £900 was put aside for a Council election, which was not required. Also £1,000 was set aside towards the traffic calming scheme and £2,800 towards the village hall refurbishment, neither of which have been spent as yet.

ABBOTS MEAD Planning Application

Following the TVBC Planning Meeting there will be site meeting at Abbots Mead on 23rd May. A letter was circulated concerning this site visit to all the borough councillors. Planning rules mean that no parties will be able to speak or voice their opinions at the site visit. The results of this visit will then be discussed at the next Planning meeting to be held at the next one on the 29th May.

VILLAGE HALL The Chairman confirmed that she has written to HCC to confirm that the Council wishes to go ahead with the car parking spaces opposite the village hall and that the preferred option was the cheaper one, having pebble core on the surface as opposed to tarmac. Mrs Richards asked the Chairman to find out about a new road surface that had been mentioned. Mrs Ryan asked about the wheelchair access to the village hall as it will be a legal requirement by 2004 to offer this facility. The access must also be permanent. TVBC and Monxton Parish Council will share the costs for this.

CLOSURE OF A303 AT SARSON LANE

It was agreed that in principle this was a good idea but that no thought had been made to any viable alternatives. An article was circulated from Tim Southern who had written to the Andover Advertiser. The Chairman advised that she would be replying to the letter received from Mott Macdonald in association with Hampshire highways concerning the matter. It was agreed that the traffic would not come through Monxton unless a viable alternative was provided.

Mr Norman Arnell (TVBC councillor) advised the council that it was Sir George Young's initial idea that a provision of a bridge was the best alternative. He will try and contact Sir George regarding this matter. The current suggestion that traffic should use the East Cholderton slip road onto the A303 is not viable as the acceleration lane is already inadequate. A temporary road closure was not considered tenable unless an agreed solution is found.

Planning Matters (Abridged version)

Item	Ref/Description	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
1	TVN.06096/8 - Outline - Business development for Class B1, B2 and B8 together with hotel and conference facilities at Andover Airfield, OS Parcel 8742, Monxton Road, Andover Applicant: Lady Clark	Traffic Report received and responded to. Documents passed to Andover Airfield Assessment Group. This now returned and circulated to Parish Councillors		This item is also in Draft Local Plan to which a response has been made. No further news.
2	TVN.08558 - Erection of 4 bedroom dwelling accessed off Chalkpit Lane and formation of new access from the C17 road (Monxton/Abbotts Ann Road) with erection of attached double garage for Abbots Mead - Mr & Mrs Wild	Objection to original plans dated 15/07/02 Objection to revised plans dated 14/08/02. Objection to further revised plans dated 01/10/02	Withdrawn 07/02/2003	19 parishioners objected 14 parishioners objected 15 parishioners objected
3	TVN.08558/1 - Erection of 4 bedroom dwelling and erection of detached double garage to Abbots Mead - Mr & Mrs J Wild (Amended plans received 11/03/03)	Object on numerous ground including tandem development	Following the Planning Committee meeting a site inspection will take place on 23 rd May	
4	TVN.CLE.00022 +1/2/3 Certificate of lawfulness for existing use at Prospect Farm - Mr Machin	Letter from TVBC dated 8/11/02 should be resolved by end of November 2002. No further information		The Chairman asked Mr Arnell to look into this.
5	TVN.08522/4 - Demolition of existing concrete walls and piers fronting Green Lane and erection of new brick piers with railings at Brewery House - Mr R Davies	Objection - plans are inaccurate and low wall in front of brick piers not approved		Now approved
6	LB.00097/4 Black Swan Replace one window with door on rear elevation - Mr S Barron	Noted in Weekly List but plans not yet received	Permission received	Approved & installed

New Recommendations from Parishioners of Good Local Tradesman

Monxton Matters recent survey to nominate the best providers of vital services, that we all need from time to time, has a number of suggestions from parishioners.

Financial Warning:

Please note that this is not a recommendation by the Editor, we advise you to take references from any trades people mentioned below, before signing any contracts.

Trade type	Person/Company Name	Telephone Nos
Plumbers	Richard Saunders	01264-363976 07957-158419
Electrician	Wiltshire & Willey	01264 790250
Builder	D&G Builders	07979 300552
Carpenter/Joiner	Adam Rose	01264 710779
Roofer	Chris Barlow	07702 264455
Thatcher	Christopher Morton	01794 388500
Window Cleaner	Pete Lock/Reflect Cleaning	01264 395312
Gardener	Derek Guest	01264 337914 07711 216521

Village Clean Up Team – Cuts A Dash Through the Weeds and Rubbish – Sunday 18th May

The village green received a serious tidy up and the team created several large piles of vegetation to prove the hard work undertaken!!



**Clean-Up Crew
(Right to -Left)**

On Camera

Graham Leslie
Keith
Robert Davies
Pamela Hurst
Mike Cleugh
Chrissie Williams
Vincent Douglas

Off Camera

Sue Ryan
Richard Williams
Brian Alan
Sally Cleugh
Jennifer Richards
Alan Barbone
Charles McCausland
Michael Ross

Traffic Matters - Results of the Recent Monxton Survey

Many thanks to all those who took the time to complete the questionnaire included in the last edition of Monxton Matters. We had a full range of responses ranging from an agreement that it is a serious problem (94%) through to it was not a problem at all (6%): the majority however, agreeing that there was a problem that needed addressing now, with some determination, if further deterioration was to be prevented.

General comments:

- Too much traffic (81%),
- Vehicles too wide,
- Travelling too fast for the road conditions (30mph is too fast for most roads in Monxton) (71%)
- Lorries/HGVs: size and speed.(87%)
- The safety of pedestrians should be a priority as there are no pavements
- Liaison with Parish Council essential
- Reducing traffic is unrealistic

Sources:

- HGVs to Prospect/Manor Farm (Abbotts Ann) (68%)
- DLO (68%)
- Pass through to Grateley (68%)
- Impatient/inconsiderate drivers
- Parking in High Street (residents/pub visitors)
- School runs

Resources: (to help with solutions)

- DLO
- Emergency Services
- Hampshire Highways
- English Heritage
- HAPTAC (Hampshire Parish Councils)
- Local MP

Solutions:

No shortage of ideas, but basically falling into three categories.

- Physical restrictions (weight/size) on the size of vehicles entering/transiting the village
- Parking restrictions
- Probably, re-routing

The first step seems to be some investigation with the relevant authorities as to what the options actually are in the short, medium and longer term. By the time the next issue of Monxton Matters comes out we hope we will have further news.

Neighborhood Watch report

There has been one incident recently, a car was broken into in Broad Road, and two saddles a generator and mobile phone were taken. The police say that the majority of crimes are thefts from motor vehicles and thefts from garden sheds. These crimes can be prevented in some way. Don't leave valuables on display in your car, even when the car is locked. Lock up your sheds/garages. Only 12% of car crimes are detected. **For further information call Chris Brandwood. 710848**

Brewery House (A potted history)

Brewery House has had a long and varied history that is closely linked to the business interests of the families that lived there and historically it has had a strong association with alcohol.

The Bush Inn was closed c1703 after being partially destroyed by fire. In 1705 it was rebuilt and the surviving part of The Bush now forms about one third of Brewery House. Burned and charred Oak timbers are visible inside the house and when the western end was opened up, as part of the recent restoration work, it was possible to detect the smell of the fire that occurred three hundred years ago. The timber frame exposed recently on the front of the house is visible also from the rear and it shows the outline of the surviving part of the old Inn. Some of the oak timbers used in the 1705 partial rebuild are charred and it is probable that the builders salvaged and re-used materials from the fire damaged part of the Inn.

Judging by the method of construction and the shape of the oak timbers, an expert in old Hampshire houses believes that The Bush Inn was built around 1590 – or a few decades either side of that date. In recent months a very old wattle and daub wall was discovered as well as a wide variety of other materials including brick, flint and cob. Under the existing roof, the frame of the older thatched roof is still in place and is made from roughly cut timbers that probably were taken from nearby woodlands, some oddly shaped with the bark still attached.

The house became The Monxton Brewery, hence the name, and the grain for the beer making was stored in two saddle-stone granaries to the rear – one of these granaries has survived and currently it is being restored. In 1882 Messrs. F Ellen & Son of Andover were instructed to sell The Monxton Brewery, together with The Black Swan in Monxton and The George in Thruxton, which were all owned by the brewery.

For while the house was known as Brewery Farm House and the agricultural interests included daily milk deliveries to the houses in Monxton and Ampert. The roadside cowshed and the land across the road were used for this purpose until the land was sold for residential development in the latter part of the twentieth century. In living memory, it was the village shop, one or two of the older local residents remember buying sweets there as children. After nine months of careful restoration work, which frequently involved using traditional building methods and materials, Brewery House is in first-rate condition and is an interesting and comfortable house.

It is believed that the current owner is trying hard to re-establish the ancient association with alcohol!

