



# Monxton Matters

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## Another Motor Crash In Monxton

Monxton residents witnessed yet another crash last week involving a young man in a car and a lorry colliding on the narrow stretch of road coming into the village from Andover, outside Jevron. The accident occurred at 9.30 am on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2004 and appears to have been caused by the very narrow bend in the road. The pictures below tell the whole story and provides a lesson to all who travel this road of the dangerous bend, which has no road signs. Our thanks to Cathy Barbone for directing the traffic during the clear up operation and Jules Douglas for taking these pictures.



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## Miscellaneous Matters

### The February Quiz

For any of the archaeologists or historians in the village here is a curious carving in a wall somewhere in Monxton. If you are the first person who can find the location of this strange artefact you will be eligible for a free drink at the Black Swan.

**Best of luck!!**



### NEW PARKING AREA FOR THE VILLAGE HALL

The village hall will get some more badly needed parking spaces thanks to the generosity of Eric Thelwell the owner of Monxton Manor and the Parish Council.

A new set of parking spaces will be provided in the area pictured opposite using some ingenious tough plastic matting, which allows grass to grow through and maintain the green verge.

### NEW FACILITIES FOR THE VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman of MPC has spoken to the DLO about the redecoration of the Village Hall. They hope to come up with an exact date soon for volunteers to help decorate the hall.

Mr Morrell, of TVBC technical services in Romsey, has visited the hall recently and has given various ideas on providing facilities for the disabled especially relating to fire exits which the Village Hall committee are considering.



## Monxton Village Hall Forthcoming Events

### At the VILLAGE HALL

<b>Sat. January 31<sup>st</sup></b>	2.00 pm. Jumble Sale at Monxton Village Hall
<b>Thursday February 12th</b>	7.30 pm - The Pantomime, 'Dick Whittington'
<b>Friday February 13th</b>	7.30 pm - The Pantomime, 'Dick Whittington'
<b>Saturday February 14th</b>	2.00 & 8.00 pm. Performances - 'Dick Whittington'

Tickets for the pantomime are available from Ottakars, Chantry Centre, Andover  
**Adults £4.50, OAPS & Children £3.00, Families (2+2) £12.00**

A RETRO MUSICAL COMEDY – “**RADIO DAYS AND TV TIMES**”  
*Celebrating the Golden Age of Radio and Television.* - “**ITMA to DYNASTY**”  
 A Times of our lives Music Theatre Production FRIDAY 19th MAY, 2004.

### Village Hall Weekly Programme

<b>Mon. Evening</b>	7.30 – 9.30 Jujitsu
<b>Tues. Afternoon 2.00-3.00</b> <b>Evening 4.30-6.00</b> <b>Evening 8.00pm</b>	Badminton Drama Class Occasional monthly Four Parishes Meetings
<b>Wednesday Evening:</b>	Line Dancing (last class Feb 4 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>Thursday: Evening:</b>	Drama Class (Bi-monthly Parish Council Meetings)
<b>Friday: Evening:</b>	Available for social events
<b>Saturday: 10.30-11.30am</b> <b>Afternoons</b> <b>Evening</b>	Drama Class Jumble sales, occasional children's parties, social events Available for social events
<b>Sunday Mornings:</b>	Monthly Church coffee mornings

#### Flicks in the Sticks

A recent article in The Times describes the activities of a successful company called Flicks in the Sticks bringing Cinema to village halls. This concept may be of interest to villagers who are not able to travel the 34 mile round trip to Basingstoke or Salisbury and are keen cinema goers. Films are generally relatively new, small scale, funny and heart warming and British. Films have included Notting Hill, Calendar Girls and My Big Fat Greek Wedding. Halls will run their own film societies using equipment shared with other villages. The company has had great success in other counties. If this is of interest please email the editor with your views.  
 Email the editor at [Monxton.matters@btopenworld.com](mailto:Monxton.matters@btopenworld.com)

#### Notice on behalf Oliver Williams (Poor Student in Need of Funds)

**He would like to thank all those villagers who have responded so generously to his plea for work during the Christmas Holiday. He would also like to advise his customers that he will be back at Easter (only a few weeks away!) and will be available for further work.**

**For advanced bookings please call Richard Williams on:  
01264 710319**

### Planning Appeal for Abbots Mead Rejected

**The application for a house in the front garden of Abbots Mead reached the final stage on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January. when the Planning Inspector visited the site. This application was finally refused last week, on the negative effect of it's size and impact on the conservation area. Full details of the Inspectors decision are available on the Monxton Website <http://www.monxton.org.uk> (under the section called Council matters) or can be obtained from the Parish Clerk (Jules Douglas).**

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF  
THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**25th January 2004 at 8.00pm**

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

**MATTERS ARISING**

**FOOTPATHS**

The Parish clerk read out a report she had received from Emma Horrell. There was not a lot to report.

Mrs Horrell announced that she would be monitoring the dog excrement problem. The Chairman announced that she had spoken to Ron Clarke, who said that he did not think bins would be appropriate in this area, but that a sign might be a good idea. Mrs Horrell also reported that she has received a map from Alex Lewis, the Map Review Officer. The map clarifies the route of footpath 3. There was a question over its existence, as the definitive statement implied that part of it had disappeared. The part of the footpath at the southern end of the parish, running from Monxton Oakcutts down to the old Stockbridge Road, had been ploughed. Mrs Horrell wanted clarification on whether it was still part of the footpath. This has been confirmed, so Mrs Horrell will be checking to make sure it has been reinstated.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Chris Brandwood advised the Council that the last two months had been very quiet. The only incident to report was the break-in at the Black Swan Pub on the 29<sup>th</sup> December, where thieves entered the premises through the kitchen window. Mrs Brandwood will be organising a group meeting in due course.

**TRAFFIC CALMING GROUP**

The Chairman invited Mr Paul Richards to provide an update on any progress made since the last meeting. Mr Richards said, that he did not have much to report, except that there had been an accident on Monxton High Street, on the bend just past Little Cottage. The accident happened at about 9.45 am on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January. The Parish Clerk was passing at the time and was able to take a few photos, which were then circulated at the meeting. Again this emphasises the narrowness of the road at this point. Mr Richards stressed that it may be a good idea for the Chairman to write to HCC

to include the photos and again highlight this problem. Hopefully, this may then encourage the HCC to speed up their proposed traffic calming measures in the village. A sign could be very useful on this part of the road.

**BROAD LANE**

The Chairman reported that she has received a call from Mr Greedy, of Broad Lane, telling her, that he has been in contact with HCC to complain about the rubbish dumped under the railway bridge in Broad Lane, requesting that it be cleared.

**FINANCE**

Mr Eaglesham said that, following the decision made at last month's meeting, the bank account at Lloyds TSB had been closed and a new account for the Parish Council had been opened at the Bank of Ireland.

The Parish Council had previously received a letter from Lloyds in August 2003, which said the bank was to cease paying interest on credit balances. Also due to advice received from the last internal auditor, the council was advised to move its account to the Bank of Ireland.

Mr Eaglesham confirmed that the council received the annual return from the external auditors on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2003. There were no observations to report and the report was published and displayed on the village hall notice board for all to inspect for the statutory 14- day period. The current bank balance stands at £8,016.69.

**VDS UPDATE**

The draft is currently with the designer and will be delivered to the village shortly. Once the chairman has received the next version, a copy will be given to each councillor for approval prior to a final version being sent to the TVBC for approval.

## Planning Matters (Abridged version)

Item	Ref/Description	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
1	TVN.08558/1 - Erection of 4 bedroom dwelling and erection of detached double garage to Abbotts Mead - Mr & Mrs J Wild (Amended plans received 11/03/03)	Letter of objection sent to the Secretary of State with MPC comments	Sec of State Inspector. site visit on 12-01-04	<b>Appeal refused 21-01-04 see article on page 3</b>
2	TVN.CLE.00022 +1/2/3 Certificate of lawfulness for existing use at Prospect Farm - Mr Machin			No further information
3	TVN.08869 Erection of slim line lattice tower, antenna, dishes and cabin and associated works, Part OS Parcel 8600, Salisbury Road, Kensboro, Abbotts Ann		Approved	
4	TVN.LB.00829 Halles Croft, Abbotts Ann Road	Application supported	Approved Subject to conditions	
5	TRE.CA.0587/83 – Crown, reduce Ash tree by up to 30% at the Cottage, High Street, Monxton	No objection	Approved	
6	TVN.05120/1 Erection of rear conservatory – Saddlers Cottage, High Street, Monxton	No objection	Approved	
7	TRE.CA.00587/85 Reduction of holly tree, Little Cottage, Monxton	No objection	Approved	Carried out
8	TVN.08981 – Erection of two storey front extension to provide extended dining room with bedroom over, open porch with canopy over, extend garage on front/side elevation and erection of lean-to on rear elevation – Marshag (now known as Orchard House)	Application supported		
9	TVN.03722/5 Erection of dwelling and detached double garage and construction of vehicular access- Corner Cottage, Monxton	Letter of objection sent to TVBC as a result of a 2 <sup>nd</sup> application	Previous application withdrawn 12-02-03	Extension of Brown-line (infill development) refused
10	TVN.09011 – Erection of two storey extension to provide sitting and dining room with two bedroom and bathroom over, provision of new vehicular access and front wall and siting of new oil tank – High Trees, Monxton	Letter of support sent to TVBC		
11	TVN.07224/1 – Retention of stables, Part of OS Parcel 4400, Broad Lane	Supported	Retrospective application	The owner wishes to sell

## **STREET LIGHTING**

Following the discussion on street lighting at the November Council meeting and the subsequent article in the December issue of Monxton Matters, only one call received was in favour of any street lighting, the others were all strongly against it. This includes the views of Sunnybank residents. Each light would cost £500 plus any annual running costs.

The Parish Council has decided not to take this any further.

## **Letter from Hampshire Highways**

Now is the time for the MPC to remind all land owners of their responsibility for roadside ditches. Efficient and clean roadside ditches will make a big contribution to reduce the flooding problems experienced in recent winters.

It is generally accepted that roadside ditches were dug to define land, when it was originally enclosed. The soil was deposited within the land and often created the bank on which the hedgerows or fences were established. The owner of the enclosed land is responsible for ditches even though they may appear to be outside his boundary.

Any roadside ditches previously filled by the Highways Authority, have been done so with the adjoining owner's consent. However, if land has a boundary hedge, wall etc. (as shown on the registration documents) next to a grass verge, which was previously a ditch and has now been filled in, this may indicate the land may be owned by the Highways Authority.

## **Obituary – Mrs Rolfe**

Mrs Edith Rolfe sadly passed away during November 2003 after several years of pain and discomfort. She was well known in the village in happier times, exercising her beloved Labrador.

Several villagers attended her funeral at the Salisbury Crematorium, which was conducted by Rev. Chris Pettet and Charmian Howarth. Her ashes are to be buried at Weyhill, which was her original home. May she rest in peace.

## **Magpie Cancer Centre Campaign**

The Magpie Cancer Centre Campaign has had a busy 2003 and are now looking forward to 2004 and seeing the Centre developing. It is with all thanks to the community that building has commenced, this being twelve months in advance of what was initially anticipated.

The Campaign expects to have a very busy 2004 and needs all the help it can get to raise the final £800,000 required to reach its goal. The sooner it's reached the sooner we shall have a Centre that will be a caring environment for patients diagnosed with cancer, balancing the traditional approaches to treatment with a range of therapies and individual support. A comfortable, quiet environment that will be beneficial to them and their families, during a time of great emotional and physical stress.

If you would like to know more about this very ambitious project please call Anne Jackson on 01962 825089 for an informal chat or if you would like her to be a speaker at any group you may be involved with, large or small, just give her a call, she will be delighted to hear from you.

## **Renewed Support for Village Halls**

Thanks go to all those, who helped to collect 130 signatures in Monxton and Ampport for a petition, to support Community Action in Hampshire and the National Village Halls Forum. We are trying to persuade the new Lottery Distributor (in effect from 2005) to include Village Halls in their funding programme for community buildings.

## **DATES OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Parish Council will meet on Thursday 25th March 2004 in the Village Hall at 8pm.  
The AGM will be held on the 13th May 2004.



### **Welcome Party for Monxton Newcomers given by Monxton Parish Chairman**

**There have been a significant number of new arrivals in Monxton over the last few months. The picture above, was taken at a newcomers party held by Sue and Paddy to introduce new arrivals to their local Parish Councillors and to some of the longer serving members of the village,**

**The names from left to right (back row) are :- Vincent Douglas, Leon Allen, Judith Balding, Paul Richards, Nick Simon, Niall Barry-Walsh, Clare Fleming, Diana Jones, and Jennifer Richards, middle row - Paddy Ryan Stella Allen, Penny Roberts, Maxine Barry- Walsh, David Eaglesham, Phil Jones, Sally Cleugh, Jules Douglas, David Ryan and Coral Eaglesham, front row - Carol Pratt, Sue Ryan, Catriona Sackville with her daughter Marie, and Harriet and Henry Egerton.**

### **Thanks Go to the Village Hall Organisers for Christmas with a Twist**

**The party on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December was quite splendid. Thank you so much for all your very kind hard working effort. I had a lovely time and the hall was made to look so lovely and our meal more so. Eleanor Conradi**

## OLD HOYLES AND DOUGLAS GUYATT

Returning to one's roots in old age can sometimes be a disappointing experience. For Douglas Guyatt (1914-2002) it was not. In August 2000 he and his wife visited his childhood home at Old Hoyles and it proved to be a memorable day for them both. Thanks to its "1747", Old Hoyles is the one old cottage in Monxton that can be dated. It would still have been looking very new in 1751 when John Doharty drew it for his splendid map of the village, and showed that it was built as a two storey cottage. It is presently named after the two Miss Hoyles who lived there at one time and played the organ in church.

Early in the 20th century the Guyatt family were living there. Douglas was born in 1914 and spent all his childhood at the cottage with his grandparents, Joshua and Charlotte Guyatt, his mother Lottie Irene, and later his Norwegian-born stepfather, William Ambrosen. A 1930 photograph shows a smart young Douglas in the garden, aged 16. By then he was an apprentice with Taskers, and earning occasional pocket money for cleaning the car of Gordon Harker who lived next door at The Old Farm House.

When he was 19 years old Douglas joined the army and later saw wartime service in Egypt with the British Military Mission. It was there that he met and married his French wife, Lilianne. Afterwards he brought her back to live with his parents at Old Hoyles until he was demobbed; she remembers the beauty of the village with its thatched cottages, beautiful gardens and the green fields around - all new to a girl who had grown up in Egypt.

In retirement they moved to Poole, so it was from there that Douglas and Lilianne drove up to Monxton on that day in August 2000 and were made welcome at Old Hoyles. He was able to see the room where he had slept and the garden where he had played as a boy. On that day life came full circle for Douglas Guyatt. D.K.C



**22<sup>nd</sup> August 2000 visit to Monxton by the Douglas & Lilianne Guyatt**



**Douglas at 16 years old in the garden of Old Hoyles**