



Monxton Matters

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Monxton Annual Duck Race



Picture of the Monxton Annual Duck race organised by Alan and Cathy Barbone aided by Tony Darbyshire (on the left in waders). Thanks to them for a wonderful day and our landlord Matt McCann of the Black Swan for the superb Hog roast. The event raised £1,300 for Amport School and the Monxton village hall.

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Report from The Monxton Traffic Group

In the May edition we provided the results of the Traffic Survey and said we would publish updates in Monxton Matters.

There have been a number of developments: firstly the Group are now working as part of the Parish Council and attended the last meeting; secondly they have developed some terms of reference as a document for discussion with third parties, this is shown below. Lastly, they have had a useful and positive meeting in the village with representatives of Hampshire Highways (HH) and TVBC, some details of the outcome of that meeting are:

HH confirmed that the outline of the traffic calming issues discussed with them would be developed into proposals for the Parish Council to consider in more detail.

Options to be explored are; for the start of the village speed limit, at the Grateley end of the village, either a visual narrowing or a trial physical pinch point.

In the vicinity of Brewery House - provision of an edge of carriageway line to visually narrow the width of the road.

At the Andover end of the village to the northeast of the Chalkpit Lane junction, a trial physical pinch point half way between the junction and the bridge over Pillhill Brook. Also edge of carriageway lines to visually narrow and reinforce the narrowness of the Pillhill Brook bridge itself.

General review of signs in the village as part of the overall traffic calming proposals. Review of direction signing to Monxton and possible improvements to ensure that vehicles, in particular lorries, do not travel through the village by mistake.

Speed checks within the village will be carried out and we will report the results to the Parish Council.

HH will also provide the Parish Council with details of the requirements for providing planters on the highway as part of the proposals associated with the start of the village speed limit.

HH will endeavour to provide the Parish Council with details of the proposals before the next Parish Council meeting on the 25 September.

Extract from the MONXTON VILLAGE HALL TREASURER'S REPORT Year ending 30th April 2003

The basic operating costs of the Hall before Booking Commission are about £3,500 per annum, including a modest allowance for maintenance on the ageing building. Income from Hall Bookings (without the Play Group and the Band Practice income) will probably amount to just over £2,000 so from now on there will have to be £1,500 of extra net income generated from "Special Efforts" each year just to pay for the deficit on future operating costs. In addition, some minimum improvements have been identified to the hall, which include repairs to the roof of the kitchen and toilet block; provision of a toilet and an entrance ramp for the disabled and some refurbishment to the kitchen. The estimate for these improvements is likely to be in the region of some £30,000 to £40,000.

We have a reserve fund of £10,000 towards these costs. If the future viability of the Hall is now in question, because of a lack of interest, lack of parking facilities and a reduction in use, then the time has come for the inhabitants of Monxton to be balloted. The question is whether the Village Hall is worth saving for future generations or should be allowed to close. It would be unwise to proceed with the improvements to the Hall, if we, the village as a whole, cannot guarantee the future viability of the Hall.

We hope to include a questionnaire in the next issue of Monxton Matters, and receive your views.

Monxton Village Hall Forthcoming Events

At the VILLAGE HALL

Friday 22 nd August	Village supper (evening see advert below)
Saturday 4 th October	Jumble Sale 2.00pm (collection Friday 3.-5.00pm or Saturday 9-12.00pm)
Village Hall Weekly Programme	
Mon. Evening	Jujitsu
Tues. Afternoon	Badminton
Tues Evening	Occasional Four Parishes Arts Society Meetings
Wednesday Evening:	Line Dancing
Thursday: Evening:	Parish Council Meetings Bi-monthly

VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

At the recent Parish council meeting The Chairman read out a letter of complaint from Mrs Rushworth-Lund of Bec House. This complaint related to the noise from the hall on a Tuesday night when used for band practice. It was advised that the band provides more than 10% of the annual income for the hall and that they have already reduced the number of nights they play.

Mr. Cleugh said that last Tuesday during the band practice, he went down to have a chat with them and was surprised that some band members were wearing earplugs while practicing.

The Chairman advised that she has once again spoken to Mr. Atherton (Environment agency) about this issue and he advised the best solution was not to allow the band to practice during the summer.

It is noted that during the winter months no nuisance is caused.

As this will result in a drastic loss of income it was suggested that sound absorbent foam could be used inside the window frames to reduce the volume of sound. This was to be followed up by the village hall committee; if this proves successful then the band may be able to continue.

It was requested that the Chairman write to Mrs. Rushworth-Lund explaining the potential loss of revenue and what measures are being taken to address the situation.

With regards to trying to increase the revenue for the village hall, Diana Jones will do a piece for the next edition of Monxton Matters.

It is very important that the village hall remains active, as the Parish requires a grant for disabled access; it needs to be able to justify the request.

Village Hall Rentals

We are continuing to advertise and follow up various suggestions to rent the village hall. With the new floor, many people have said how good the hall looks; please pass on this information to friends and family. It is an ideal location for family parties, children's parties, meetings and discussion groups, painting classes and the further car parking spaces across the road, planned for the autumn, will help.

Please help to save the hall call Diana on 710147!!!

Village Get Together Food & Wine Evenings

Starting in August, a series of themed suppers, based on various countries, Greece, Spain, etc are planned in the village hall, the first will be on August 22nd at 8.00pm, anyone willing to help and with ideas, please call Liz Allen on 710472. Tickets available one week prior to the event.

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF
THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY 3rd July 2003 at 8.00pm**

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

MATTERS ARISING

VILLAGE HALL

Parking at the Village Hall (re item 9 of last meetings minutes) The Chairman reconfirmed that she has had no reply to the letter sent to HCC about our acceptance of the parking requirement for 6 new spaces opposite the village hall. The chairman will contact Stuart Cox.

FOOTPATHS

Mr. Ross advised that the stile at Manor Farm has a broken bottom step. He has spoken to Ken Hopkins to request it be replaced. Mr. Ross has requested that the Chairman perhaps write to Mr. Peter Watson, the rights of way officer, to advise that the Bridle path under the railway line and the footpath at Sunnybank are still outstanding matters.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Chris Brandwood was not present so Mr. Ross spoke on her behalf. He advised that there was little to report except for an incident, which took place at Sunnybank the previous week. A couple of con men tried to gain their way into two properties and managed to steal money from the owners.

TRAFFIC CALMING GROUP

The Chairman invited this new group to speak and confirmed that it is now a Sub-committee of the Parish Council. Leon spoke on their behalf and confirmed that their aim is to develop long-term sustainability for the village. At the moment the group is gathering facts and has already carried out a village survey. The results showed that the villagers are concerned with the size and number of lorries passing through the village and the speed at which the traffic passes through. He advised that there had been a meeting set up with 2 representatives from HCC. They will be on site in the village from 1000 am on 14th July and the traffic calming group will represent the village along with a representative from the Parish Council to talk about possible ways to alleviate/reduce this problem. Four possible suggestions are:

- 1. Reduce the current speed limit**
- 2. Pinch points**
- 3. Extended speed bumps**
- 4. Size restriction of lorries**

The sub-committee had two requests from the Parish Council. Firstly that it should become more determined in their approach to Manor Farm on Abbots Ann Road and secondly that the group request small expenses for photos etc when needed. The Chairman confirmed reasonable expenses would be reclaimable.

The Chairman advised the group that she had spoken to Mr. Diplock again and that he had agreed that any large lorries passing through the villages were unacceptable, he confirmed that two smaller lorries would be more appropriate.

On this occasion the police were called and went to Manor Farm to check the size of the lorry and warned the driver who hopefully, will relay this to the company involved, so that the same size (large) lorry will not be used again.

The traffic-calming group has requested the Parish Council go back and check exactly how the farm has permission to operate under their planning agreement. Mr. Arnell confirmed he is already in the process of doing this.

Leon suggested that perhaps the villagers should take ownership and perhaps stop the lorries as they pass through the village and keep a log of where they are going, numbers plates etc.

It was discussed that ATF have a workshop in Penton, but planning restrictions prevent them from expanding their operation, they are therefore using Manor Farm. High-sided vehicles passing through the village are also a problem.

It was agreed that although Mr. Diplock has good intentions, the villager's expectations are not being met. Mr. Arnell confirmed he would get back to us with an answer as soon as he has one regarding the legality of the operation.

FINANCE

Mr. Eaglesham (Treasurer) was not present so The Chairman presented the above information and advised that the current bank balance stood at £7,393.16.

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	The Parish council will request further clarification on access to the airfield site and the existing new roundabout	Amendment received 03/07/03 with new plans on traffic flow/new bridge. They were studied by all councilors present	A number of issues were discussed relating to traffic flows
2	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 grounds		See insert article regarding the recent activities by the council and the applicant
3	TVN.CLE.00022 +1/2/3 Certificate of lawfulness for existing use at Prospect Farm - Mr. Machin	The Chairman asked Mr. Arnell to look into this.	Letter from TVBC dated 8/11/02 should be resolved by end of November 2002. No further information	Regarding Certificate of Lawfulness- no response as yet but Mr. Arnell is now looking into this and awaiting a response.
4	TRE.00587/77 Pollard or fell 1 Willow tree, Lodwick, High Street, Monxton	Approved		No objection
5	TVN.03722/4 Erection of dwelling and detached double garage Corner Cottage, Monxton	Objection raised; it does not comply with policy C1 development within the countryside, TVBC plan.		Response sent to TVBC 03/07/03

Abbots Mead Planning Application

Abbots Mead planning application was sent to the TVBC planning control meeting held in Romsey on the 8th July 2003. Mike Cleugh of behalf of the Parish council, spoke at the meeting and raised objections to the development of the four bedroom house in the grounds of Abbots Mead. The objection was supported by Margot Townsend, a borough councillor, as well as Councillor Anthony Hope. A solicitor acting on behalf of the applicants Mr.&Mrs. Wild addressed the meeting. The councillors were unanimous in rejection of the application. An appeal may be lodged and will then become the subject for the Planning Inspectorate to address.

TRAFFIC ISSUES

Another set of red tarmac has been put in place; the word 'slow' is yet to be added! It was confirmed that this is in hand and will happen in due course.

No update has been received about the A303/Sarson Lane gap closure.

DATES OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council will meet on Thursday 25th September 2003 in the Village Hall at 8pm.

The dates for the meetings for the rest of the year are as follows:

Thursday 20th November, Thursday 22nd January 2004, Thursday 25th March 2004

The AGM will be held on the 13th May 2004.

Doors of Monxton



Competition to Win a Glass of your Favourite Tipple

This is a collage of the doors of Monxton, which as you may be aware are varied in both style and colour; the object of the competition is to identify the houses to which the doors belong. When you are sure that you have the correct answers, take this to the Black Swan and present it to Matt McCann, who will give the first person to present the winning answers with a glass of their favourite tipple.

Best of luck to all who attempt the quiz, the original can be found in the pub !!!!!!!



Power Cut In Monxton Causes a Bit of a Stink!!!

The power cut, which occurred last week, for no apparent reason caused the pumps at the sewage works to stop. This cut



lasted for some eight hours from 4.00 am to 12.00 am and the tankers from the OCS group spent most of the time clogging up the village removing

I'vor message for Ivor you are greatly missed in the pub & Monxton Matters takes this opportunity to wish you a speedy recovery.

MUCKY MATTERS



"We must do something about the traffic through the village!"

National Garden Open Days - Monxton Gardens

Three Monxton gardens were open for the National Gardens Scheme, on Sunday and Monday 25th and 26 May, owned by Carol Pratt, Bob & Judy Crick and David & Coral Eaglesham. The money paid to the NGS as entrance fees goes to a number of specified charities including Macmillan Cancer Relief, The Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society, Help the Hospices and other nursing and gardening funds. By tradition Monxton provide teas for the visitors in the Village Hall. The money raised from the teas goes to St.Mary's Church Monxton. Thanks to all the exhibitors and Jean Wood for their hard work in organising this event and raising £923 over the two days.



Field House



White Gables

