



Monxton Matters

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Royal Wedding Party for residents of Monxton and Ampport - 12.30 - 6.30pm April 29th 2011

Thanks to the support of many in the villagers in Ampport and Monxton we now have a team dedicated to making the event a great success and the Ampport and Monxton Parish Councils for their financial support.

The flyer for the event can be downloaded from the Monxton website or can be obtained from Katrina Saville, from the Black Swan or from the back of this issue.

Print Out and Keep the Flyer on the back Page

If you want to help on the day we need volunteers to assist with the erection of Marquees, setting up tables and chairs on the High Street and Green and clearing up afterwards.

Please contact any of the people listed below ASAP.

Katrina Saville 01264 710597 - katrina.saville@virgin.net (MPC Chairman)

Mike Cleugh 01264 710 276 - mikecleugh@hotmail.com Events team

Sarah Dowding 01264 710376 - sarah@classictravelling.com Events team

George & Mel Bacon 01264 771080 - daelmelbacon@hotmail.com Events team



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Monxton and Ampport Village Hall Bookings Diary

Regular Bookings:

Day	Time	Activity	Contact Name	Dates known
Mon	9:30am - 10:30am	Yoga Class	Jane Borley	ad hoc usage
Mon	Afternoon	AVAILABLE		
Mon	Evening	AVAILABLE		
Tue	Morning	AVAILABLE		
Tue	2pm - 3pm	Badminton	Brenda Gower 01264 710538	Dec 10
Tue	7:30pm - 10pm	Pipe Band	Iona MacDonald 07545142924	Dec 10
Wed	9am - 12pm	Music with Mummy	Nicky Derrick 01264 720452	Dec 10
Wed	2pm - 4pm	RAGS (Art Group)	Renata West 01264 889507	
Wed	Evening	AVAILABLE		
Thu	9:15am - 11:45am	Music with Mummy	Nicky Derrick 01264 720452	Aug 10
Thu	Afternoon	AVAILABLE		
Thu	6:15pm - 9:15pm	Shuffles & Splits	Louise Ray 01264 356042	Dec 10
Fri	8:30am - 2.30pm	Baby Sensory Class	Imogen Day 07762 364132	Dec 10
Fri	Afternoon	AVAIL after 2.30pm		
Fri	Evening	AVAILABLE		
Sat	All day	AVAILABLE		
Sun	Morning	Coffee after Church fortnightly	Jean Wood 01264 710518	
Sun	All Day	AVAILABLE		

Additional Bookings for Mar - May

Date / Time	Activity	Contact Name
Mon 28 Mar	Poppies Day-care centre	Jonathan Price
April 29 th 12.30pm - 6.30pm	Royal Wedding Street party	Mike Cleugh 710276 /Katrina Saville 710597
May 10 th 8.00pm	Monxton Parish Council AGM	Katrina Saville 710597

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF The Monxton Parish Council Meeting

TUESDAY 11th January 2011 At 8.00PM

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

MATTERS ARISING (Abridged version)

Benches for village green

The village green belongs to Enterprise Inns. Sue has written formally to ask to site a bench on the green, and is waiting for a response. There is no indication at this point, which way the decision will go. Sue will submit the necessary paperwork to apply for the grant.

Memorial Plaque for Graeme Lesley.

The plaque will be unveiled at the AGM May 10th.

Speeding

This to be followed up in 6 months time – when Charlton may be in a position to share SID signs.

Playground Inspection update

Inspection requirements with AON Ltd have been confirmed. Hannah still happy to be part of the Village Inspection Team, and David Eaglesham has also volunteered.

Katrina will undertake weekly inspections until training takes place. Sue to arrange training. Log book now been purchased to log dates and details of weekly inspections – a requirement of the insurance cover.

FINANCE (David Eaglesham)

No payments made since the last meeting.
Payment authorised for Nick Adams for the Annual playground inspection.

The current bank balance is £9,382.60

The Chairperson and Treasurer signed the accounts.

Further meetings for the year were booked for 2011 May 10th, AGM, July 5th, Sept 6th, Nov 8th and Jan 10th 2012, all meetings will be held at the village hall.

A direct mail letter was received promoting Internal Audit services. The Parish Council agreed they wished David Hodgson to continue with this function.

The Parish Council currently banks with Bank of Ireland. David Eaglesham will investigate moving the account to an English building society.

VILLAGE PARTY TO CELEBRATE THE ROYAL WEDDING – 29th April 2011

There has been a positive response to the idea of a Village Party to celebrate the Royal Wedding.

Veronica Rushworth-Lund will loan the paddock if required for the event.

The village marquees and village hall are booked and the Amport marquee plus tables and chairs.

The Black Swan will provide BBQ & drinks as a private function with real ale, cider and lager served from casks in the street.

Entertainment will include local bands and children's games plus some surprises. It will be a lunchtime event starting at 12.30 and concluding at 18.30.

The council will provide funding of £250 to sponsor the Village Hall to put on this event with matching funds from Amport Council.

Volunteers are asked to contact Mike on 710276 or Katrina 710597.

PLANNING MATTERS

Item	REF/DESCRIPTIONS	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
1	11/00337/FULLN – The Stables – Alts to barn incl mezzanine to provide add. accom.	Under consideration	Pending	
2	11/00338/LBWN - The Stables- Int & ext alts to form additional living accom.	Under consideration	Pending	
3	11/00371/FULLN – Windermere House – 2 storey and single storey rear extension	Under consideration	Pending	
4	11/00108/FULLN – Manor Farm - Conservatory	Under consideration	Pending	

TOTEM – CO-OP Application 11/00549/ADV

Pat West will talk to Steve Jenkins about the application. The MPC will be commenting on the application. There is great concern about the height (3m) and the necessity of what can only be classed as an advertising sign, and its resultant light pollution

Red Post Bridge is to be finished by the end of April – when traffic lights and equestrian lights will be installed. The reason for the work is that freight trains using the line are higher – hence the bridge needs to be raised.

1. Councillor Tim Southern will provide advice with listed building applications.

2. All planning applications can be accessed on line at www.testvalley.gov.uk

SUNNYBANK

1. Play Area

Signs from TVBC have been obtained to inform visitors - No dogs allowed. TVBC do not have/provide signs/stickers notifying fines will be imposed. David will put up signs.

There are options on style/cost of dog bins. Sue is waiting to receive the Dog bin/litter pack from Commercial Services.

Sue to email to cllrs when received.

Sue to check who is emptying the bins, and request the playground bin also gets emptied.

2. Traffic calming update

Sue to contact Simon Nightingale and ask that the Public Consultation is arranged ASAP. Providing MPC with 3 weeks notice)

3. Sunnybank email address

Sunnybank email distribution list has been updated.

4. Salt Bins

Three salt bins have been requested, and a letter has been received confirming our request has been acknowledged and our requirements have been included on the waiting list.

5. Complaints – Broad Road

Katrina has contacted Phil Everitt (HQLF) re: the road being used as a rat run. He is sending out a message to ask people to act more considerately.

Mr Bateman re: Solar Panels – MPC made no objection. The decision was taken by Hyde Martlett and TVBC.

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FOOTPATHS

Organizing a working party to cut the relevant footpaths - After consulting with Pete Watson and Justin Harvey (who deals with volunteers as well as The Small Grants Scheme) and there are certain problems with having working parties working on public Right of Ways (ROWs).

Briefly they are as follows:

- * Training must be given if a brush cutter is used; it is also advisable if a strimmer is being used.

- * Personal Protective Equipment for the eyes and ears must be used; also high visibility garments must be worn.

- * Signs must be erected to warn the public.

- * Two people must work together, i.e. one on "look out" and one using the equipment.

- * The PCC Public Liability insurance must be up to date and must be valid for such activities.

- * Finally a written "Risk Assessment" must be undertaken.

It was suggested that the use of a lawn mower might be preferable to a strimmer although some of the surfaces might not be suitable for this.

There is an outstanding question to be checked, before any work starts - if somebody's personal equipment was damaged/broken during this exercise, who would be financially liable?

It has been reported that an incident took place when a villager's dog was attacked by another dog that was running free and obviously was not under "close control". The offending dog was accompanied by a female runner who had to pull it off the other dog, who suffered puncture wounds to his neck but fortunately did not require veterinary treatment.

The law states dogs must be "under close control"; please will everyone adhere to this.

Liz Allen has reported that the fingerpost on Broad Road where footpath 4 emerges is down and that the way marker post south of the railway bridge where footpath 6 meets Amport footpaths 4 & 3 is also down. The bridge across the ditch north of the A303 on footpath 10a is slightly wobbly and the fingerpost north of this bridge is also down – I have reported this as well as the signage missing at the end of track 12 where it meet the Grateley Road.

Monxton Lane – the track going up to the "crossroads" from Sunny Bank - has not been trimmed this winter as Kurt does not have the equipment to do so. HCC is therefore responsible for the maintenance of this track.

All Monxton footpaths have been walked within the last month. I gather from Pete Watson that it is a myth that footpaths have to be walked a certain number of times a year.

As I am now standing down and am grateful to Alan and Ros King for taking over from me. May I take this opportunity to thank the PCC (especially Katrina), Kurt and Pete Watson for all their help and support.

The Parish Council appreciate all the hard work Liz has done, and as she was unable to attend the meeting pass on their thanks and gratitude.

Alan and Ros to contact Pete Watson to confirm whether each path needs to be walked once a year.

Alan and Ros will maintain a record of the footpaths walked. Where problems are found, photos will be taken and attached to emails to visually explain concerns/problems.

More MPC Matters

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Written report received from Robert Davies.

The only criminal incident since the last Parish Council meeting on 11 January is the **theft of a car from the car park of the Black Swan**

For some years Robert has been working closely with the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators in our Four Parishes. Roger Kitson, our local PC, arranged a meeting recently with all the Coordinators from the 14 villages in his "beat" area. This meeting provided an opportunity to exchange news, views and ideas and helped to keep Monxton NHW in touch with local criminal activity and other matters of Police interest. It is planned that these meetings will be held every six months.

Rachel Cassells, MPC's usual PCSO, has been redeployed by Hampshire Constabulary for three months.

Her replacement is PCSO Natalie Lock and PCSO Lisa Flowers - and together with PC Roger Kitson - they are available as usual on 0845 0454545.

MAY ELECTIONS

The process for making an application to stand as a candidate, the election timetable was covered. Forms were handed out to those interested in standing.

Any people wishing to stand as a councillor can get forms from Sue Corney.

Posters informing of the election to be put up around the village on the 25th March

MATTERS BROUGHT BEFORE THE PARISH COUNCILLORS

Grain store on Track 501

The reason why two walls were missing from the back of the store has been raised with TVBC.

This will be investigated and also progress on landscaping. Sue will inform all interested parties when TVBC have visited the site.

Pot holes in Broad Road should be reported on the HCC website.

Objection has been submitted regarding Monxton Nurseries.

Little Thatch – the entrance is a temporary measure whilst landscaping on the property is being undertaken.

**The next meeting of the Monxton Parish Council will be on
the 10th May 2011**

Monxton and Amport
Royal Wedding Celebration & Village Party
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Where: Monxton High Street & Village Green

When: Fri 29th April 12.30pm - 6.30pm

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