



# Monxton Matters

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# Traffic Matters

## Traffic Calming Group Traffic Calming Measures Up-date

Hanna Baker of HCC wrote to the Traffic Calming Group on 17<sup>th</sup> May with the following information on the 20 mph speed limit within the villages of Hampshire.

Only one 20 mph speed limit exists at present, at Crondall, as part of a trial to ascertain the effectiveness of 20mph limits, where there are no other physical traffic calming measures such as pinch points or road humps. Results will be reported at the end of the summer and a policy for further use of such speed limits in other Hampshire villages will then be established.'

By the time this goes to press another pinch point should be in place to narrow the road on the approach road from Andover, beyond the bridge. The aim of these is to create a visual narrowing so that drivers will proceed at lower speeds and with caution.

In Monxton, when permanent traffic calming features (pinch points and signs) are discussed and finalised with the PC, (as a result of the present trial) then speed checks will be undertaken to see whether a lower speed limit (20mph) can be justified for the built up part of the village. One comment, however, received recently is any speed limit will be difficult for the police to enforce but it may lead to the majority of drivers reducing their speed.

An additional weight restriction sign is proposed by HCC on the second of the roundabouts by the DLO, so that heavy goods traffic can use this as an opportunity to turn if necessary.

**Any constructive comments on these measures should be addressed to Leon Allen at Shoemith Cottage in the High Street or to the Mike Cleugh at Monxton Matters. This is your chance as residents to put your views forward.**

## AGM Traffic Calming Group Report By Mr. Leon Allen

Mr. Allen told the APA that in the opinion of his group there had been no concrete progress made in the last year. He is aware that Monxton now has the attention of HCC but believes they have not really made anything happen.

He explained that many phone calls and various exchanges of letters had taken place and that there had been a site meeting. The result was the white lines, which were painted the morning of this meeting and several pinch points, which in the group's opinion are 'a joke'. Mr. Allen then explained that thanks to Vince Douglas, who had spoken to HCC that morning an additional pinch point would be added opposite the pinch point on entering the village from Andover. The scheme will also be reviewed after a couple of weeks. HCC also appear to be open to a proper 'Give Way' system.

Mr. Allen continued, stating that the objectives remain the same, to reduce the lorry traffic, to reduce the speed to 20 mph and to reduce the traffic in total.

In other words to make Monxton a safe, family village as discussed in the Village Design Statement. Mr. Allen and the team believe the Parish Council needs to be firmer in order to make things happen. He also advised that the team is prepared to take whatever action is necessary to get the improvements done.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Allen and his team for their continuous work. She confirmed that the Parish council supports their efforts. With reference to the pinch points it was explained that for them to be narrower would require extra signage, which was not considered appropriate at this stage. The proposed cost of £2500 is a one off cost for implementation and any maintenance costs are met by HCC.

# Monxton Village Hall Forthcoming Events

## At the VILLAGE HALL

Thursday 10th June 7.0am-10pm	European Elections: Hall use as Polling Station
<b>Village Hall Weekly Programme</b>	
<b>Mondays: Morning</b> <b>Evening</b>	10.30 – 12.30 Arts & Crafts group 7.30-9.30 pm Jujitsu
<b>Tues. Afternoon 2.30-3.30</b> <b>Evening 5.00 -7.00</b>	Badminton Sonnets Drama group
<b>Wednesday Morning 11.15</b> <b>Evening</b>	Exercise class and circuit training Sonnets Drama group
<b>Friday: 10.00am – 3.00pm</b>	Cricklade college mobile computer bus: Web site & email courses
<b>Saturday:</b>	Jumble sales, occasional children's parties, social events
<b>Sunday: Mornings</b>	Monthly Church coffee mornings

### The 2004 Duck Race

The 2004 Duck race attracted many people from the surrounding areas and was once again a successful event raising over £1,000 split which will be split between Monxton Village Hall and Amport School. A variety of excellent stalls were presented selling a wide variety of goods and the five races themselves attracted a large number of participants. Sir George Young our local MP opened the event (pictured on the front cover). Our thanks go to the organisers, Cathy Barbone (Monxton) and Melinda Veal (Amport) who worked very hard to make this event such a success.

Stalls included a Tom Bowler (Jennifer and Robert), the Book Stall (Rhonda and Katrina), Greenhouse Plants (Mike Cleugh), Garden Centre (Tina Wells), Weyhill Craft Centre, Cherished China and finally a Cake Stall and Childrens games. Thanks to Alan Barbone and Tony Darbyshire for great work, see front cover, who managed the duck race and were assisted by Graham Leslie who supervised the thrilling finishes. In addition, thanks to Matt & Mandy at the Black Swan for the superb "eat all you can" Hog roast which was good value for money and extremely delicious. Our final thanks go to all those who attended and made the event such a success.

### AGM 2004 VILLAGE HALL REPORT Presented BY MRS J. RICHARDS.

Mrs. Richards presented a report from Mr. David Hodgson, the Village Hall Treasurer.

Mrs. Richards said that the bookings income for the hall shows a healthy increase of almost £1,800. This is however due to income of £1,083 from Line Dancing, Band Practice and the Play Group, all of which have now stopped using the village hall. If this amount is therefore subtracted, the annual income is reduced below £2,400. The annual operating and maintenance costs of the village hall are £3,861. Mrs. Richards explained that the village hall therefore continues to depend on the special efforts of Diana Jones and herself in raising the extra revenue. Both the Duck Race and the Pantomime raise over £1,000 together. The village hall is hoping to encourage residents of Amport to use the hall as mentioned in previous minutes. The village hall committee wishes to encourage residents from both villages in assisting with fund raising events to ensure the future of the hall. As yet, nobody has come forward to represent Amport on the village hall committee and therefore this direction is uncertain. This does not mean that the village hall will have to close but means that it would not be advisable to go ahead and use most of the improvement fund on the planned improvement

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF  
THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
29th April 2004 at 8.00pm**

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

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Traffic Calming Measures.**

There was concern about when the scheme would be starting. The Chairman confirmed that progress has been made as the road markings are in place for the road narrowing areas and the pinch points. There have been a few inaccuracies, which have been discussed with HCC. Mr Colbourne advised the Council that the speed of traffic coming past Sunnybank was a serious problem and requested that this area is also addressed.

**Village Design statement**

As previously mentioned TVBC have confirmed that they will be looking at this on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. The Council hopes to hear back from them before the AGM.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Chris Brandwood told the Council that she has spoken to Ian Robinson, the area policeman and requested 120 Neighbourhood Watch packages. Hampshire Police are happy to provide these to all households, however due to reorganisation within their department this may take some time. The Chairman thanked Mrs Brandwood for her efforts in organising this. There have been no issues since the last meeting. Mr Colbourne did point out that the rogue 'tarmacers' are still operating in the area and should be ignored.

**BROAD LANE**

The Chairman informed Mr Gready that she had spoken to Mrs Smith of Broad Lane regarding storage and that a small barn had been discussed. Following the meeting in April the Chairman has spoken to Mrs Smith, and advised that in principle the Council have no objections subject to certain conditions, such as, the removal of all excess vehicles from the site. .

With reference to the issue of 'private or commercial use', Mrs Smith informed the Chairman that they had inherited the 'commercial use' license from the previous owners

**FINANCE**

Mr Eaglesham produced the end of year accounts and discussed them in detail. The Parish Council approved the accounts. The Chairman signed the account's book and the end of year bank statement showing a credit balance of £7602.52.

Mr Eaglesham expressed his concern over the funding of the proposed Traffic Calming Scheme as this had not been taken into account when calculating this year's precept. The Parish does not have sufficient funds to pay for this at present. This is because over £6,500 of the above balance has already been set aside for other improvements. This will be discussed at the AGM along with a summary of the end of year accounts. Mr Eaglesham explained that the trial measures do not have to be paid for unless they become permanent. However, assuming the Parish Council decides it wishes to go ahead with the scheme, the Parish Council will be responsible for paying approximately £2,500. The Chairman will contact TVBC to ascertain the length of the trial period. The subject of financing the scheme will be discussed at the AGM.

Mr Eaglesham confirmed that he had received the Audit forms and next year's Insurance Premium. Having looked at the liability sections and coverage, it was agreed that £5,316.55 for street furniture and the bus shelter plus £584.70 for gates and fences were sufficient. It was agreed that the policy should be renewed as it stood. The premium for next year's cover has increased by approximately £20 to £299.73.

## Planning Matters (Abridged version)

Item	Ref/Description	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
1	TVN.CLE.00022 +1/2/3 Certificate of lawfulness for existing use at Prospect Farm - Mr Machin			See below
2	TVN.05969/5 Erection of woodland workshop and installation of septic tank, Monxton Nurseries	Letter of objection sent to TVBC		See article at foot of page
3	TRE.CA00587/89 Pollard willow tree, Glebe Cottage, Monxton	Letter of approval sent to TVBC	Approved	

### **MANOR FARM, ABBOTTS ANN ROAD**

The Chairman stated she has spoken to Paul Jackson of TVBC. Mr Jackson advised his department will shortly be enforcing the Manor Farm planning situation with an 'illegal operation order'. The Parish Council will be endorsing this.

### **Prospect Farm**

The Chairman advised that she has spoken to Mr Machin regarding this issue. As far as he is concerned the farm has been operating as such for the past ten years. TVBC are unable to confirm any details regarding this issue and it remains a technicality they are not resolving.

### **MATTERS BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEETING BY PARISH COUNCILLORS**

The matter of waste disposal at the allotment area on Sunnybank was mentioned again as being a potential problem. Mr Colbourne said he would be monitoring this.

The Chairman advised that the 'Best Kept Village' Competition had reverted back to the old format and that Monxton would be entering.

### **MATTERS BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEETING BY PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Mr Cleugh advised that due to his broadband connection he no longer required the internet access and that if 'Monxton Matters' was to continue then the Parish Council would be liable to pay the £15.99 monthly charge. The Council agreed the website is an important communication tool. The Council is happy to pay this subscription fee. Mr Cleugh also said that he would speak to a few of the advertisers within the publication to see if they may contribute.

It was briefly discussed that Mr Haywood of Millcroft, Chalkpit Lane should apply for retrospective planning permission for the second gate on his land. The Chairman will write to him concerning this matter.

Mr Colbourne has requested information and a map of all road and area denominations from Mr John Murcell of HCC. This is for his new role as the Parish Highway Coordinator for this area.

### **Appeal launched by Monxton Nurseries in Amport**

Under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the owners of Monxton Nurseries have made an appeal to the Secretary of State and have asked it to be dealt with at an Informal Hearing. Details of the date, time and venue of the Hearing to be announced. The proposal for the erection of a woodland workshop and the installation of a septic tank was refused by TVBC on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The Chairman of the Parish Council has written to the Inspector in opposition to the proposal as being contrary to the present Local Plan as an intrusive form of development, out of keeping with the surrounding countryside, landscape, and character and appearance of a Conservation Area (under policies C1, E5 and D1)

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF  
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY  
13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2004 at 7.30pm**

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**REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF  
MONXTON PARISH COUNCIL.**

Mrs. Ryan explained that in her second year as Chairman, the year had been busy and eventful, with some successes and some mistakes. The Chairman talked in length about the Traffic Calming issues, which have dominated the village's attention over the past year, and she thanked Leon Allen and his team for their dedication and hard work.

On the subject of planning, Mrs. Ryan mentioned the Abbotts Mead Application. She said the decision to reject the application with full reasons was on file with the Parish Clerk for viewing purposes.

The Chairman spoke about the retrospective application for Prospect Farm and stated that according to Mr. Machin, the farm had been operating as such for over 10 years and therefore nothing was likely to change. The Chairman explained that the lorries give the village no problem as they are properly guided via the Grateley Road.

Mrs. Ryan then spoke about Manor Farm, Abbotts Ann and the continuing problem of large lorries coming through the village high street. The Parish Council has worked very closely with Mr. Diplock throughout the year. As a result, Mr. Diplock has agreed that the distribution network will be changed and that in future all vehicles will unload at the Charlton road depot and transfer all long term storage by their own smaller vehicles via Sarsen's lane.

However various residents along this proposed new route coming from Amport into Monxton have expressed their concern with these lorries. TVBC have also decided to enforce the planning refused notice.

The Chairman stated the Parish Council is fully aware it has a lot of work to do in resolving this issue and is working together with the Traffic Calming Group to resolve such matters.

The Chairman then discussed the issue of Monxton Nurseries in Amport. Although the Nurseries are outside Monxton, TVBC are informing Monxton Parish Council of all planning applications relevant to the site as the Council believes it is relevant to Monxton, especially with regards to vehicle problems and noise pollution.

Mrs. Ryan advised the parishioners that both the clerk and herself regularly attend The Test Valley Association of Parish Councils bi-monthly meetings. Here one is addressed on up to date matters such as the new waste bins and policing in rural areas. Mrs. Ryan also said that she had recently attended the AGM of the Campaign to Protect Rural England. The foundation is concerned about their dwindling membership, but very pleased at the Dibden Bay result.

The Chairman thanked the parishioners who turned up to help with the village clean up. The youngest team member Charlie Horrell collected a large bag of rubbish, as he has done for the last 3 years. Mrs. Ryan said it showed great community spirit and a vibrancy in the village which we should all be proud of.

The Chairman's final thanks go to Mrs. Joan Leslie and the VDS teams for the tremendous effort they have put in over the past year. Thanks also go to Mrs. Chris Brandwood, Neighbourhood Watch, Mrs. Emma Horrell, the Footpaths representative, Mike Cleugh for Monxton Matters and the website and to Matt from the Black Swan who sponsor Monxton Matters. Mrs. Ryan also thanked Julie Douglas, the Parish Clerk for her work.

**DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**The meeting will be held at 8.00 pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2004.**

**AGM FINANCE STATEMENT OF  
PARISH ACCOUNTS FOR FINANCIAL  
YEAR 2003/2004**

Mr. David Eaglesham (having circulated a copy to each parishioner present on arrival) went through the accounts for the last year. He explained that the precept last year had only increased by £500. The current bank balance stands at £7,550.86. From this amount, £5,000 has been set aside for improvements to the village hall, £750 has been set aside for improvements to traffic calming. In addition, £750 has been set aside for the church and village hall car parking. This therefore leaves a working fund of £1,050 to be carried forward. This amount will then be added to this year's precept of £4870, making a total of £5,920. The Parish Council had previously agreed not to increase next this year's precept and in fact it has been reduced. The subject of funding the proposed traffic calming scheme was then discussed. At present the Parish Council does not have sufficient funds to cover the suggested amount of £2,500 should the scheme be implemented.

Mr. Williams of Saddlers Cottage suggested that the MOD could perhaps pay towards this, as they are partly responsible for the increase in traffic.

The Chairman said she had already spoken to Brigadier McCall and he was not very forthcoming. The Chairman advised that she would speak to Councillor Arnell to see if he could speak to Hampshire County Council and TVBC on the village's behalf. The general public feeling was that being such a small village, Monxton should not be expected to pay for these improvements, as it is a highway issue. Mrs. Ryan explained the improvements were being done through a partnership scheme and that under normal circumstances the village would not have qualified for such improvements.

**Monxton Nurseries, Amport**

Mr. Graham Leslie urged the Parish Council to support Amport Parish Council with this issue. There will be a significant increase of traffic through Monxton if the plans go ahead. As mentioned in her report, the Chairman reconfirmed that although this application comes under Amport, Monxton Parish Council has been kept informed of all applications and correspondence regarding the site. The Chairman will be contacting Amport Parish Council regarding the forthcoming appeal. Mr. Allen requested the Chairman to call TVBC to express the horror of Monxton at the proposed application. He believes the Parish Council is being too soft and should be more aggressive and perhaps seek professional legal advice.

**VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT**

Mrs. Joan Leslie confirmed that TVBC have adopted the Village Design Statement. Mrs. Leslie expressed her thanks to all those involved and to Mr. Mike Cleugh for all his efforts in relation to this in Monxton Matters. She expressed a special thanks to Mrs. Diana Coldicott for her tremendous input and to the graphic designer. The Village Design Statement was published earlier this month and every household should now have a copy. Additional copies can be obtained by downloading them from the Monxton web site <http://www.monxton.org.uk> or by contacting Joan Leslie.

Finally the village thanks all those who contributed time and effort to creating this successful and important document, which should assist in keeping the village a great place to live.

**VDS team members:**

Leo Allen, Ken Hopkins, Bill Horrell, Charmian Howarth, David Wells, Jacky Wells, Richard Williams, Joan Wood, John Wood, Alan Barbone Diana Coldicott, Mike Cleugh, Laura 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.

## **"Radio Days & TV Times"**

Originally called Gilt and Gaslight, Time of Our Lives was founded in 1991 to perform Old Time Music Hall for older people in East London. It now specializes in Retro'Revue touring the country for six months a year giving approximately two hundred performances in Theatres, Arts Centres, Village Halls and Sports and Social Clubs.

This production celebrated the golden Age of Radio and Television. The Village Hall was sold out for this latest showing on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May. The cast, Gavin Barnes, Dymphe Le Rasle, Kathryn Nutbeen and Matthew Woodyatt performed a hilarious mix of music, songs, dance, reminiscence, stand up and sketch comedy. They traced the importance of radio and television in entertaining and informing us from wartime to the 1980's.

The acts included a musical m lange from the 40's to the 80's, Flanagan & Allen, the Forces Sweetheart Serenades us, Music to watch the girls go by and Be Bob A Hoo Ha. The production also featured songs from My Fair Lady, the Sound of Music and the Wizard of Oz, Saturday mornings with Uncle Mac, Saturday evening with the Six Five Special and Top of the Pops. Music aside, the stand up and sketch comedy was equally entertaining and included scenes from the Arches, Watch with Mother and Emergency Ward 10.

This production has been given previous reviews such as "An absolutely brilliant performance" and "A brilliant evening of sheer entertainment." A view that Monxton residents would also endorse.

