



Monxton Matters

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The Spanish Evening

This was held at the Village hall in September, organised by Jennifer Richards, Diana Jones, Maxine Barry-Walsh, Joan Leslie and Sally Cleugh with Liz Allen providing advice, this proved to be a great success and as you can see all concerned had a great time and excellent hangovers. **Next event coming soon!!!**



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

Villagers should be aware that there has been a house breaking in Chalkpit Lane and several items stolen. Access was through a bedroom window situated over a conservatory. The incident happened on the afternoon of Tuesday Sept 23rd. Everyone should ensure that windows are kept locked if they are easily accessible. Care should be taken, when sleeping that windows are openable from the inside, in case of fire.

Andover Police will be joining forces with Eastleigh in the near future and Andover will lose its Superintendent Chatterton, together with one other Inspector. We are assured that there will be no loss of manpower!

Anyone in the village who feels vulnerable and would like any advice on security in their home is being offered a free door chain or a spy hole. Any elderly person who would like advice please either call Chris on 710848, or your local road Representative and we will arrange for Fiona from Weyhill Police to visit and discuss matters. Please also note that if there are any elderly residents who feel vulnerable and would like

extra home security such as chains, locks and spy holes the Andover Police force can provide them.

Your road representatives are as follows.

Abbotts Anne Road, Laurence Saville has now replaced Mervyn Heard, 710597

Andover Road, Joan Leslie, 710253

Green Lane, Michael Ross, 710053

Amport Road, Liz Allen, 710472

Broad Road, John Wood, 710518

Chalkpit Lane, Bob Ryle, 710388

Green Lane, Michael Ross, 710053

High Street, Tony Collins, 710324.

Monxton Road & Sunnybank, Roland Colbourne, 710589

Prospect Farms, Sue Kerrison, 710370

For any other assistance call Chris Brandwood on 710848, Monxton Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Monxton Village Hall Forthcoming Events

At the Village Hall

Saturday 18 th October	Benefice Concert Evening of Music & Comedy 7.00pm Tickets, Chris 772950, Sue 773838 or Maureen 772658
Friday 14 th November	Quiz Night with Ann & Nigel Fox, 7.30pm start
Saturday 29 th November	Xmas Bazaar 10.00am - 2.00pm
Saturday December 6th	"Christmas with a twist", drinks/supper - 7.30 start, £10 pp call 710472

Village Hall Weekly Programme

Mon. Evening	Jujitsu
Tues. Afternoon	Badminton
Tues Evening	Occasional Four Parishes Arts Society Meetings
Wednesday Evening:	Line Dancing

The Future of Village Hall

On the fifth of August 1968 a release deed was agreed and signed by the Lord Bishop of Winchester, The Church Commissioners, The Provost of Kings College Cambridge and the Dean of the Cathedral Church of Chichester who agreed to the sale of the land, which now houses the Monxton Village Hall, to Edward George Franklin and John King, both of Monxton for the purpose of providing a village hall for the inhabitants of Monxton. The hall was duly built and for the past 35 years has served the people of Monxton well. During those years it has been used for many different activities - Play School; Line Dancing; Band Practice; Badminton; Jumble Sales; Pantos; Parties; Plays and various meetings.

Those 35 years have taken their toll on the Hall and it now needs some improvements, and the future of the Hall needs to be determined to decide how extensive those improvements should be. Ideally the fabric of the Hall and the facilities it offers need to be improved to bring it up to the standard required for the 21st Century. The roof over the kitchen and toilets leaks. The kitchen looks out of date and unhygienic. The Hall does not have toilets for the disabled nor does it have a ramp to enable wheel chairs access to the Hall. The electrics need renewing and the plastic chairs although very practicable are not conducive to comfortable sitting for any length of time.

The basic cost of maintaining the Village Hall is £3,350 per annum. Without the Play Group and Band Practice our estimated regular income is only £3,600 per annum and if we lose Line Dancing our income would fall below £3,000. Then there is the question of local interest in the Hall, this year no one other than the Hall Committee attended the Village Hall annual general meeting though the date had

been published in «Monxton Matters».

Last year the Play School group closed down with a loss of £1,500 per annum. This was followed by instructions from the Parish Council not to accept any more Band Practice bookings, because of complaints about the noise from people living near the Hall. This has cost the Hall a further loss of income of £850 per annum and if the improvements to the Hall are not carried out we could lose other bookings, such as the Line Dancing at a loss of £750 per annum.

So we are asking you, the people of Monxton to decide on the future of the Village Hall. Do you want it to be improved and remain open and available for social activities or would you rather see it closed down and the site used for other purposes such a car park for the Church or the site redeveloped for low cost social housing. If you decide you wish it to remain open then we will require your ACTIVE support. We need regular income from events. We need you to attend the events that the Committee organises. We need new ideas for social events. We also need a new, enthusiastic and active Chairperson for the Hall Committee. Please tell us what YOU want to happen to the Hall by completing the questionnaire slip below and returning it to The Black Swan or Diana Jones, The Owls, Chalkpit Lane.

Members of the Hall Committee have been raising extra funds for improvements and if we are to go ahead with these, we would be applying for grants from the Local and County authorities. Unfortunately lack of support for recent events has now meant that we have to question whether those improvements should go ahead. We also need to know whether the people of Monxton still want/need a village hall?

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF
THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY 25th September 2003 at 8.00pm**

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

MATTERS ARISING

TRAFFIC CALMING GROUP

The Chairman invited Paul Richards to provide an update on any progress made since the last meeting. Paul explained that the group had had a meeting with Martin Wiltshire of Hampshire County Council, who has been gathering data since then from monitoring devices in the village. He will be writing to the Chairman within 14 days to advise of the findings and the plans for the next stage. With reference to the ongoing issue of very large vehicles passing through the village, progress has at last been made. Nick Parker from the Planning Department at Test Valley Borough Council advised Sue that a Planning Application at Manor Farm on Abbotts Ann Road has been refused. He has requested that the council provide him with a file concerning the issue of heavy and large vehicles travelling through the village along with any pictures for evidence etc.

TRAFFIC

The words 'slow' have now been painted on the red arrows as you come into Monxton. This will hopefully reduce the speed of traffic through the village

FINANCE

Mr. Eaglesham advised that the current bank balance stood at £6,614.59. Of this, £5,000 has been set aside for improvements to the village hall such as renewing the flat roof.

The Council had previously set aside £1,000 for the road signs etc, but the council has learnt the borough will meet these costs and therefore this money may be used for further traffic calming issues.

The Chairman requested that we should not increase the precept for next year. The Council is also expecting the second half of the annual precept of £2,828.75 shortly. Mr Eaglesham advised that he would do the audit as soon as possible.

VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Jennifer Richards on behalf of the village hall committee advised that they wished to send out a questionnaire regarding the Village Hall and its future, to all residents of Monxton. As the annual upkeep of the hall is considerable, the Village Hall Committee needs to know if the villagers wish to keep the Hall or whether it should be closed.

With regards to the parking issue, it has been agreed that Mr. Eric Thelwell (Monxton Manor) will have the area re-turfed and mesh put down to provide a more sightly area for cars to park. If this does not prove successful for any reason, Hampshire County Council will still provide the original requested parking subject to budget approvals. Should the council not apply before the end of this financial year then the grant may not be given.

VDS UPDATE

Joan Leslie (VDS Chairman) has presented the draft VDS document to the parish council. Councillors will review the VDS draft and pass any comments on to the Parish Clerk, who will then update the document and pass to the VDS Chairman for it to be forwarded on to Test Valley Borough Council for approval. Colour mock-ups of the final document were also received for review and looked to be of an extremely high standard and we look forward to the final proof.

Matter Brought before the Meeting

The chairman advised that the piece of land belonging to Mr. Blandford opposite Little Cottage is no longer designated an area of outstanding beauty. This should be looked at in more detail when the next stage of the Local Plan is issued. The Chairman has written a letter to Test Valley Borough Council to object to this change.

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	Amendment received 03/07/03 with new plans on traffic flow/new bridge. They were studied by all councillors present. Subject to clarification the Parish Council had no objections.		The Parish council understands that permission has been granted subject to various conditions.
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	Refused	New planning appeal to TVBC has been made since the MPC meeting
3	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 Council is collating a file on this matter to give to TVBC.
4	TRE.00587/77 Pollard or fell 1 Willow tree, Lodwick, High Street, Monxton	No objection	Carried out	
5	TVN.03722/4 Erection of dwelling and detached double garage Corner Cottage, Monxton	Response sent to TVBC 03/07/03		This application has been withdrawn for the moment.
6	TVN.08869 Erection of 25m lattice tower, antenna, dishes and cabin and associated works. Part OS Parcel 8600, Salisbury Road, Kensboro, Abbots Ann			Consideration by committee 18 th September. This application has yet to be decided.
7	TVN.04867/2 Erection of rear conservatory, the Willows, High Street, Monxton	No objection		
8	Planning Application TVN.05969/4 - The erection of a workshop to include office, store, staff room and toilet facilities.	Monxton Parish Council objects to this application.		Mr Kieron Beattie has withdrawn his application

News & Views

Mr Ross has announced that he wishes to step down as the footpath representative. The Parish Council was very sorry to see him resign, but thanked him for all his hard work and perseverance over the years in keeping the footpaths maintained and ensuring they are kept patrolled on a regular basis. Mr Ross will be replaced by Emma Horrell (see picture opposite) The council is delighted to welcome Emma into the role and wish her every success in keeping our footpaths in great shape!!



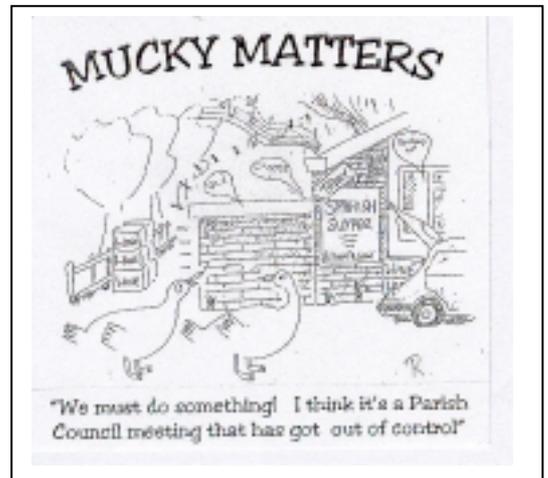
Test Valley Borough Council Insulation Grant

The grant is a maximum of £600 towards insulation and draft proofing measures. This is available to over 65 year olds, who receive state pension as the main source of income and who are private tenants/owners of their houses.

The contact number is 0800 512 012 this will put people in touch with us at the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre, we then can make referrals to the installer. There are a few places left on the grant scheme, so please apply to:

Yve Rose, Energy Advisor, Solent Energy Efficiency
14-15 Brunswick Place Southampton S0152AQ
Tel: 023 8063 0128

yve.rose@environmentcentre.com



Broadband Internet Access for Monxton

If you are interested in fast access to the Internet, please go to the BT web site (www.bt.co/broadband) see adjacent page and register for broadband access.

This is very important to many people who work from home or small offices and we only need a few more registrations to get past the magic number set by BT.

A Brief History Of Mill Pond Cottage



Mill Pond Cottage is one of the whitewashed cottages in the centre of Monxton - "Three doors from the Black Swan", as we always say to visitors. It was built with cob walls over a flint base, probably in the 1600s, and has always been thatched. It is not known whether it was originally one farmhouse, but by the middle of the 18th century it was divided into two cottages, which were held by copyhold from King's College, Cambridge. By Victorian times it had become three cottages whose front doors can be seen in a photograph taken about 100 years ago (on p.117 in *Monxton*). When the post and chain barrier was put up outside (to protect the thatch from lorries) the positions of those front doors were found and were marked with flints. The centre door, which is now unused, is still in its original place but the present front door has been moved. At the time of the 1921 auction of Monxton properties by King's College, the cottages were offered for sale in two parts rather than three.

The tenants of each were named in the particulars for Lot 7 'A Pretty Thatched Cottage' and Lot 8 'A similar lot'. By the end of the 1920s, the whole building was owned by Frank Hartington, the local racehorse trainer, who let the cottages to his employees. There were evidently still three of them, because in 1938 he received a grant to convert the three into two cottages. He continued to own them until his death in 1952. The following year they were sold to Col. W.H. Whitbread, who in turn sold them to Mrs Norah Staton of Monxton Mill in 1957. Six months later the two cottages were bought by John Kotch, who converted them into one house that he called Mill Pond Cottage. Two other owners followed before 1976, when it was bought by David and Caroline Mallam who sold to the house to Peter and Diana Coldicott, when they moved to Amport in 1981.

Wedding of Hannah Colbourne & Nathan Goddard

The wedding of Miss Hannah Colbourne and Mr. Nathan Goddard took place at St. Mary's Church, Monxton, on Saturday 23rd August. Hannah is the daughter of Mr. Roland and Mrs. Jennifer Colbourne of Monxton and Nathan is the son of Mr. Edward Goddard of Andover and Mrs. Alison Smith of Kent. (Hannah lived in Monxton all of her life until three years ago when she moved to Ampport. She attended Ampport School as did her brothers).

The bridesmaid was Miss Lisa Mitchell a very good friend of Hannah's and the flower girl was India Hannaby-Lee, the daughter of a school friend. The best man was Mr. Gary Tolfrey, a friend of Nathan's from childhood. The ushers were Mr. Peter Goddard (cousin) and Mr. Jason Goddard (brother). Hannah arrived at Field House and then went onto Monxton village green in a Morgan car for photographs on a beautiful day. The Reverend Christopher Pettet took the service. Phillip Colbourne, Hannah's eldest brother delivered the reading. The signing of the register, took place in the choir pews, in full view of the entire congregation, which is most unusual, during which Mr. Lock played the organ. The wedding party then walked to the village green where more photographs were taken. Hannah and Nathan then returned to the beautiful setting of Field House for even more photographs, they are extremely grateful to Carol and Mrs. Pratt for providing use of their garden.

The wedding reception took place at Willow Farm, Monxton, where a marquee was erected in the garden of Hannah's godmother Mrs. Sandra Batten and her husband David. Mr. Toby Colbourne, the bride's brother was toastmaster.

From left to right:

Kirsty, Phillip and Minnie Colbourne, Nathan & Hannah Goddard, Jennifer, Roland, Toby and Andrea Colbourne.

