



Monxton Matters

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Monxton Parish Council Needs New Councillors
The elections will be in May 2007
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Be Aware, Fuel Stolen from the Village Hall!

On Saturday night, July 29th, the contents of the oil tank at Monxton and Amport Village Hall was stolen. The feed pipe between the oil tank and the boiler room was unscrewed and the oil put into some kind of containers and taken away.

The oil was Gas Oil and not meant to be used in domestic boilers. With the rise in fuel prices, this kind of theft may become more widespread. A similar occurrence happened at Quarley Village Hall last year!

The police have suggested some kind of notice indicating the fuel is not suitable for domestic use, might be a deterrent. However, if it was domestic fuel the thieves were after, this means all domestic users with oil tanks visible or near the road are vulnerable.

A film - The Clandestine Marriage - 17th October at the Village Hall

Hogarth's England of 1776 is the setting for this exuberant, sexy comedy, as sharply relevant today as it was then. It is centred around the intended merging of two families through marriage; the STERLINGS and the OGLEBYS - the first, all city money and no class and the latter, country aristocrats - all class and no money. Their need for each other is absolute, but nothing is that simple in love and high finance

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The film opens with RICHARD LOVEWELL (Paul Nicols), clerk to the autocratic MR STERLING (Timothy Spall), being married at dead of night by clerical inmate of Fleet Prison to Sterling's daughter, FANNY (Natasha Little). The reason for this secrecy is that FANNY is pregnant by LOVEWELL and would stand to lose both family and fortune if this was discovered - LOVEWELL would certainly forfeit his job. After agreeing to wait for the right moment before announcing their married status, they sneak back to the family country estate at dawn, narrowly escaping the scrutiny of both STERLING and MRS HEIDELBERG (Joan Collins), who rules her brother and the household with an iron rod.

A film - The White Countess 17th November at the Village Hall

Shanghai. 1936. Crossroads of the world and into this city of political intrigue comes Sofia, a Russian Countess who, with the remains of her family, has been left stateless by the Revolution. Forced by her reduced circumstances to support herself and her family as a bar-girl and taxi dancer, Sofia forms a relationship with Jackson, a blind former diplomat who opens an elegant bar; The White Countess.

Their curious relationship matures but they are caught up in the fall of the city to the Japanese invaders. Russian Countess Sofia Belinskya (Natasha Richardson) remembers old times of opulence and fancy dance parties, while she's living exiled in Shanghai, during the 1930s. Now, she has a poor life with her daughter Katya (Madeleine Daly) and her husband's family. The Countess works as a hostess and companion lady in a dance club, where she entertains all kinds of men, dancing with them and having a chat. There, she comes to know an American diplomat, Todd Jackson (Ralph Fiennes), a nice, kind man with whom she begins a friendship, despite the fact that Jackson is blind. Meanwhile, Jackson meets there a friendly Japanese diplomat, Matsuda (Hiroyuki Sanada), and they become friends. Years later, Jackson sets up a glamorous club, called "The White Countess", taking Sofia with him to work there as a companion lady. But Sofia doesn't want Katya to find out about her real work, protecting the girl from following in her foot steps in the future. Between Jackson and Sofia exists a special attraction, which could turn into love at any moment. But Jackson is being tortured by a traumatic event from the past, while Sofia is longing for leave the city. The Japanese invasion takes place and threatens their dreams and longings.

Monxton & Aport Village Hall

Forthcoming Events

Village Hall Weekly Programme

Mon Morning Mon. Evening	9:30am - 3:30pm 7.30 - 9.30 pm	Upholstery Classes – more details on web site Jujitsu
Tues. Afternoon	11:30am - 1:30pm 2.00pm - 3.00 pm	RAGS Arts Group Badminton (contact Warren Palmer on 01264 710962)
Wednesday	9:30am - 12:30pm	Baby Sensory Classes: if interested and you want to know more please contact Lin Day on 01722 320779 (new term starts 20th September 2006) Available for social events
Thursday	9:30am - 3:30pm 7:00am - 9:15pm	Upholstery Classes – more details on web site Tap and Modern classes: Call Louise Ray 01264 365243, newcomers welcome!
Friday	10:30am – 12:30pm	Mothers and Babies coffee morning
Sat. Afternoons and Evenings		Available for children's parties and social events
Sunday: Mornings		Monthly Church coffee mornings

Diary Dates

7 th October	Jumble sale in aid of the village hall
17th October	Film night – feature for the evening is “The White Countess”
22 nd October	Church coffee morning
27th October	Quiz night
29th October	Church coffee morning
4th November	Skittles evening
17th November	Film night – feature for the evening is “The Clandestine Marriage”
25th November	Christmas bazaar
26th November	Church coffee morning
9th December	Christmas meal
15th December	Bingo evening

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF

The Monxton Parish Council

TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2006 AT 8.00 pm

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

MATTERS ARISING (Abridged version)

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With reference to the minutes of the previous meeting, concerning the situation at one of the properties in Broad Road. The clerk told the meeting that she has spoken with an enforcement officer at TVBC who confirmed the matter was being investigated and that they would get back to Monxton Parish Council shortly.

FOOTPATHS

Mrs Egerton (Footpath Officer) told the meeting that she has spoken to the highways officer, who is aware that there are several posts within the village which are in need of repair. They will hopefully be attended to in the Autumn.

Mrs Egerton has also been in contact with the department dealing with the new legislation for "B.O.A.T's", concerning the path off Hook Lane. They have reconfirmed that no action is required at present and that the Parish council will be kept informed of any progress. The back log of applications is huge and will take several years to process.

VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Saville informed the council that Mrs Richards has resigned from the village hall committee and that Mr Graeme Leslie will take over as Chairman with immediate effect.

TRAFFIC CALMING

This item will remain on the agenda until all works have been completed.

FINANCE

The current bank balance is £10,243.97 £4,000 is still set aside for improvements to the village hall. £3,000 is still set aside for traffic calming.

This leaves a current disposable balance of £3,243.97

It was agreed by the Parish council to purchase 2 extra 'Monxton' sign posts at a cost of £299. The Parish council has previously committed to a contribution of £2500. This additional amount will come out of the £3,000 currently set aside for improvements to traffic calming.

The current 'Monxton' village sign will be moved to Sunnybank to incorporate this part of the village and the 2 new signs will be erected on the stretch of road as you leave Sunnybank heading towards the high street, just after the turning down to Abbots Ann. These 2 new signs will also incorporate a 30mph sign.

Mr Eaglesham read out the comments received from the Internal Auditor which were discussed and noted. The main recommendation was the suggestion of having a separate bank account for any events held by the Parish Council.

Mr Eaglesham advised the council that at the next meeting the Precept would need to be discussed and that all councillors should consider this before the next meeting. The figures must be submitted by the end of December.

PLANNING MATTERS

Item	REF/DESCRIPTIONS	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
1	06/02344/FULLN Erection of a 2 storey side and rear extension to provide additional living space with 3 bedrooms over. The Old Farm House, Abbots Ann Road	No objection	Pending consideration	
2	06/02343/LBWN As above and internal alterations to include the repositioning and erection of walls and doors.	No objection	Pending consideration	
3	06/01665/FULLN Erection of block works and timber panels. Monxton Mill	No objection	No objection	
4	06/01673/LBWM Demolition of 2 metres of block work boundary walls and removal of double gates and erection of repositioned block work and timber panels. Monxton Mill.	No objection	No objection	
5	Corner Cottage, Monxton. A planning application for this property will be filed before the next parish council meeting. This was discussed at the end of the meeting once the Parish Clerk who resides at the property had left the hall.	Will be discussed at the next MPC meeting once the application is received		
5	<u>06/01471/FULLN Manor Farm.</u> Conversion and change of use from agricultural to office light industry and storage and distribution together with associated works. A second application has been filed for this site although there may be an issue with the paperwork filed. The clerk will contact TVBC again to request that the council is kept informed.			

The Next Monxton Parish Council Meeting

Will be held at the Village Hall on the Tuesday evening at
8pm. 7th November

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Matters Arising from Monxton Parish Council

SUNNYBANK

There is concern over the removal of fencing from the allotments allowing residents to walk on the 'set aside'. Mr Ken Hopkins, of Manor Farm, Monxton who owns this land advised the council that 'DEFRA' do not permit people to walk on land known as 'set aside' and that this can be regarded as trespassing. Mr Hopkins has asked the council to remind residents of this fact and to desist from trespassing on the land.

MATTERS BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEETING BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

Mr Colbourne spoke again about the poor state of the roads at Sunnybank and the clerk agreed that she will contact HCC again to request some action on the matter.

The Chairman spoke of a letter she had received regarding the Rothsay Hotel application. This letter was received only 2 days before the date for objections closed and the Parish Council did not comment but will offer their support if required in the future.

Future Monxton Parish Council Meetings

New dates for MOC meetings – please note that there have been a couple of changes.

The new dates are as follows:

**Tuesday 7th November,
Tuesday 23rd January 2007,
Tuesday 6th March 2007.**

The AGM will take place on 8th May 2007 at 7.30pm (this may be subject to change depending on the local elections).

Obituary of Brigadier Paddy Ryan

My father, Paddy Ryan, died peacefully at home, aged 80, in the early hours of 28th June 2006 after battling with various illnesses over the years, culminating with cancer of the oesophagus which, following diagnosis in January, proved terminal.

In many ways, it was surprising that he survived as long as he did. He was born on January 8th 1926 in Shoeburyness, Essex, to a doctor and his wife, Pat and Eileen:

With the coming of the War, he was destined to be a soldier. Turning down the opportunity to go up to Oxford University, he joined up and served in India as a Gunner during the latter stages of the conflicts there. Staying on in the subcontinent after the war, he witnessed the terrible horrors of Partition. From India he went to Korea following the invasion by the Communist forces of the North. Mentioned in dispatches having brought fire down on a number of occasions on to his position to clear overrunning troops, he settled down to peaceful army life in Malta and Germany having met and married my mother, Sue.

Long service in Northern Ireland as second in command of the UDR, for which he received an OBE, was followed by the delights of being Defence Attaché in Tokyo and Officer Commanding the RA Ranges in the Outer Hebrides.

My parents arrived at Lodwick, a house they had acquired in the early 1970's, in the summer of 1981, happy to put down some roots. My father continued his military life for the next 10 years or so as a retired officer, recruiting and administering to young Gunner officers at Larkhill and as Secretary to the RA Institution at Woolwich in London.

Worried that when finally retiring at the age of 67 he would find the transition difficult, we need not have been concerned as he threw himself into the governorship of Grateley and Vigo Infant Schools (in time becoming chairman of the latter). He was especially proud of the progress made at Vigo. His great love of reading (mostly of non-fiction) made for an active role and interest in child literacy.

Although not actively involved in parish affairs, he was devoted to the parish church (despite being a devout Catholic all his life), supporting events in the village hall and being a regular and enthusiastic patron of the Black Swan.

So, what kind of man was my father, after these many and varied experiences? First and foremost he exhibited a great love of life, underpinned by a tremendous sense of duty. That sense of duty was shaped by his war experiences and life in Northern Ireland.

In retirement he was a modest man of habit and some eccentricity, who enjoyed good claret, a good book and good conversation around the dining room table.

He will be greatly missed by us all.

By Christopher Ryan

Amport Fete



The Amport Fete was a great success, however as disaster nearly struck, when early in the proceedings torrential rain and a freak gust of wind and nearly caused the tents to be blown away and they were only saved by the quick actions of the volunteers.