



Monxton Matters

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**Put the First Big Monxton Event of 2005 in Your Diary
The Duck Race on the 28th May (Pics from 2004)**

**Your attendance is requested at
10.30am – 1.00 pm for the 2005
Duck Race**

**Proceeds go to Monxton Village
Hall and Ampport School**

Stalls on the village green

**Hog Roast at the Black Swan from
Lunchtime**



**Wanted volunteers from Monxton or
Ampport to assist with the
Duck race.**

**Monxton & Ampport folk who want to
have a stall on the Village Green &
want to donate all or part of the
proceeds to the good causes.**

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Hollywood Comes to Monxton

Monxton Movies

Monxton Movie fans can look forward to more events at the Monxton Village Hall and now we have some new very comfortable chairs this can be a pleasant experience without the need to bring your own cushion.

After a sell out performance of 'Ladies in Lavender', Dorset Moviola will be back with 'De-Lovely' on **Thursday 28th April**.

De-Lovely is a musical that depicts the life of American composer Cole Porter (Kevin Kline) and his wife (played by Ashley Judd).

The story is told in flashback, as Porter is near death. It follows the Porters' fabulous, if unconventional relationship. A must see for Cole Porter fans!

Tickets are on sale from Tanya 710620, Caroline 772375 and Veronica 771285. Doors will open at 7pm; the performance will start at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5.

Can you help?

The success of ticket sales has shown that there is a huge demand for a cinema in our area. As you can imagine, putting on the films does take a lot of organising by the volunteers in the parish.

We are therefore looking for other willing volunteers!

Anyone who is willing to sell tickets for future films, please contact Tanya Pastiroff on **710620**.

DATE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The AGM will be held at the Village Hall
on Thursday 12th May 2005 at 8.00 pm.**

Monxton Village Hall Forthcoming Events

Village Hall Weekly Programme

Mon Morning	10.30 - 12.30	Arts & Crafts Group (RAGS) (Beginning April 4th for 4 weeks)
Mon. Evening	7.30 – 9.30	Jujitsu
Tues. Afternoon	2.00-3.00pm	Badminton
Evening	8.00 pm	Occasional meetings - Four Parishes Arts Society
Wednesday, Thursday Friday:		Available for social events Monxton Parish Council meeting (every 2 months)
Sat. Afternoons and Evenings		Available for children's parties and social events
Sunday: Mornings		Monthly Church coffee mornings
Tuesday 12th April.		8 pm. Four Parishes 'Improving Your Photography'.
Saturday 23rd April.		7 pm. Benefice Charity Concert.
Thursday 28th April.		7 pm. Film "Delovely", Dorset Moviola, (See review)
Thursday 12th May 2005		The Annual Parish Meeting
Friday 20th May.	7.00 for 7.30	"Two for the 1/9d's", a Musical Comedy Review presented by the 'Time of Our Lives Music Theatre' at Monxton and Ampport Village Hall. Tickets available from May 1st on 710308, 772082 and 710147 - £10 each
Saturday 28th May	10.30 am start to 1.00 pm	Annual Duck race & Village Fete with stalls on the Village Green and Hog roast at the Black Swan
Sunday and Monday 29th & 30th May		'National Gardens' Open Day' in Monxton Village Hall open for Cream Teas

Village Hall Report

Dorset Moviola, the film company that brings cinema to village halls, has now shown two films in the hall, both of which were an overwhelming success. The first 'My house in Umbria' brought in 80 cinema-goers and raised over £150 towards village hall funds, the second 'Ladies in Lavender' was more successful selling 90 tickets sold out within two days.

As a result of there being such a demand, the organiser, Tanya Pastiroff, have decided that another three films will be shown this year, in September, October, and November.

A suggestion that 90 new chairs would benefit everyone using the hall, was taken up by the village hall committee, they arrived the day before the last film so no extra cushions were needed! The old chairs are now stored up at Gollands farm, alongside the Monxton marquee, available for private hire.

'The Time of Our Lives' theatre production company are coming to the hall on Friday May 20th at 7.30 pm. with 'Two for the 1/9ds' This will be their third visit to Monxton. It's a Musical Comedy Revue, remembering the British experience of going to 'the Pictures' from the Slapstick Silent Era to the Swinging 60's.

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF
THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

22nd March 2005 at 8.00 pm

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

MATTERS ARISING (Abridged version)

FOOTPATHS

Mrs Horrell spoke again about the bridle path at Hook Lane, which is at the top of the hill coming up Green Lane in the direction of Grateley. She explained to those who did not attend the last meeting that an application has been made to make the bridle path open to all traffic. If it could be proven that in the past, vehicles had used this path then this application could be successful.

Since the last meeting, Mrs Horrell has received a letter from the organisation 'Campaign to protect rural England' enquiring as to whether Monxton was affected by such issues. Emma will make contact with Mrs Horsey of CPRE to explain our case and advise them that the matter is in hand and that Monxton Parish Council has written a letter of objection. Mr. Colbourne advised that the Government would shortly be passing a law on such ruling. The red litter bin for dog excrement will be replaced by a green one in due course. Mrs Horrell also advised that there are a couple of path signs which have fallen down in the village and having spoken to Mr John Watson, the rights of way officer, they will be re-erected soon.

TRAFFIC CALMING GROUP

Mr Leon Allen told the Council there was little to report. He explained that various departments had recognised that there is a speed issue with cars travelling through the village and that some further traffic surveys would be taking place shortly. The group are still waiting on previous data to be analysed by the audit team, the results of which will come back via the Parish council. It was mentioned that traffic signs to highlight children walking to school in Amport from Monxton would be a good idea. Councillor West suggested a telephone call to HCC concerning this issue with the possibility of the school applying for a road safety travel map and pedestrian training, both of which could mean benefits for both the school and children. The clerk will look into this.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mrs Brandwood told the council that she has attended a recent meeting by Hampshire Constabulary, who advised they plan to communicate in future via e-mail instead of paper. Mr Cleugh told Mrs Brandwood to give them the Monxton website e-mail address as he can distribute the information via the web and print off leaflets if she wished. Mrs Brandwood informed the council that Weyhill Police station is now closed to the public. The team of police officers in this area will shortly be joining forces with the New Forest area. All police will be soon carrying radios, mobile phones and global positioning systems to alert their whereabouts in cases of need. The neighbourhood watch signs in the village were discussed and it was approved by the council that a new one should be bought. Mr. Colbourne offered to put it up.

FINANCE

The village hall committee has recently bought 91 new chairs at a cost of £1,726.27 plus VAT of £302.10. The parish council has suggested it pays the bill (on behalf of the village hall committee) as it can claim back the VAT. The parish council approved that it would contribute £500 (out of the funds previously set aside on the accounts) towards this purchase. Therefore the village hall committee will be paying £1,226.27 in total for the chairs. As of 18th March 2005 the current bank balance was £8,774.36. This includes the money set aside for the village hall improvements and the traffic calming.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCILLOR

The councillors welcomed the new councillor Mrs Katrina Saville.

Planning Matters (Abridged version)

Item	Ref/Description	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
I	TVN.00022/1/2/3 Certificate of Lawfulness Prospect Farm		Certificates not issued	See comments below
ii	TVN.05969/5 Erection of woodland workshop and installation of septic tank, Monxton Nurseries	Objection		Appeal January 26 th 2005 – Appeal allowed permission granted
iii	TVN.07241/3 Erection of storage building and provision of manege – Part of OS Parcel 4400, Broad Road	No objection – subject to removal of all access vehicles from the site	Refused	Going to appeal date to be advised – see below
iv	TRE.CA00587/102 fell 4 sycamore trees to 50cms from ground level, fell 1 ash tree to 50cms from ground level. Thin and deadwood other trees on the site. Brewery house, Monxton.	No objection	No objection from TVBC	
v	TRE.CA00587/105 and TRE.CA00587/107 replace by TRE.CA00587/110 Fell 2 sycamore trees, School House, Monxton	No objection	Awaiting response	
vi	TRE.CA00587/106 Crown lift lime tree and prune ash tree on the village green, opposite Fourways cottage.	No objection	No objection from TVBC	
Vii	TRE.CA00587/109 Fell 9 beech trees; reduce height of willow tree by up to 50%. Garden cottage, Chalkpit Lane.			Application withdrawn
	<p>TVN.00022/1/2/3 Certificate of lawfulness Prospect Farm.</p> <p>The chairman explained briefly this case to Councillor West. The Councillor advised the chairman to write another letter to TVBC to Paul Jackson and to copy in Madeline Winter and Roger Tetstall to clarify the situation and to ask for a response within 7 days. One needs to ascertain if a change of use has been obtained for office use and if so then business rates should be being paid. Also a fire officer should have inspected the buildings and approved them for such use. The day after the meeting, the chairman informed the clerk that she had spoken to Mr Machin again and he had told her that they were applying for retrospective planning permission.</p>			

Monxton Parish Council Minutes (Abridged version)

AGM

The AGM will take place in the village hall on **Thursday 12th May 2005**. A flyer will be sent out to all households during April to ask for any items for the AGM to be forwarded to the council beforehand. A Parish council meeting will take place on **Tuesday 3rd May** prior to the AGM.

MATTERS BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEETING BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

Mr Cleugh advised the council that the responses to the survey regarding the villages' views on Monxton matters had been extremely positive.

The survey that appeared in the last edition of Monxton Matters, had a disappointing number of replies but each one was very complimentary.

Everyone appears to be very happy with Monxton Matters. Mr Cleugh also told the council that Michael from the Black Swan was contributing 50% of the printing costs for Monxton Matters, which was much appreciated.

ROTHSAY HOTEL PROJECT

Mr Colbourne told the council that he had attended a meeting organised by parishioners concerning this application. The applicant however, was not present and the meeting was not structured. Councillor West then explained that Sir George Young organised a second meeting for both parishioners to meet the applicants Covenant Health Care and discuss the matter further. Councillor West gave a brief history of the issue and explained that the original application was for a nursing home that was given approval.

The applicant then submitted a change of use and submitted the new proposals for a secure unit on the site. Covenant denied the fact that they had anything to do with the original application. During the meeting the question of the need to build such an establishment in this area was questioned. Covenant Health Care has not contacted any of the relevant organisations such as fire service, social services or any strategic health authority to advise them of their plans. Hampshire and the Isle of White have adequate care in this area for such persons and the need is therefore not local. The proposed plans are for an establishment 8 times the original size of the hotel and as such constitutes over development of the site.

The chairman told Councillor West that Monxton Parish Council has already objected to this application.

Open Air Summer Party at the Village Hall Saturday 2nd July

A village party will be held this summer to raise money for the Village Hall and Amport School. This party will be Themed "Hoedown at Monxton Creek" and will be a themed as a Cowboys & Indians evening with a barbeque with live music. Contact Mike Cleugh on 710276 for more info or offers to assist.

Monxton Gardens Open to Public Viewing

Summer will be on us soon and three of Monxton's superb gardens are open again under the National Gardens Scheme, on Sunday 29th and Monday 30th May, from 2.00 - 5.30 p.m.

These gardens are located at Field House, Hutchens Cottage and White Gables.

The entrance fees go 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 tea will be provided for the garden visitors in the Village Hall. The money raised from the teas goes to St. Mary's Church Monxton. The cream teas have been highly acclaimed by those who visit the gardens year by year and appreciate the homemade produce.

Jean Wood will be coordinating the provision of teas and would be most grateful for the gift of cakes or donations towards their purchase. Also, volunteers to help for even a short time would be most welcome on either of the two days, to serve tea, cakes, clear tables, wash up, etc.

If you are able to contribute in any way please give call Jean Wood, Greenbanks, Broad Road on 01264 710518.

Hot News

If you want the latest news or be kept up to date with issues that Matter to Monxton send an email to the editor now

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With the words put me on your email list ASAP

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Whatever your issue.

Whatever you need to say.

If you want to make a point.

If you feel there is something you want to say.

If you feel the parish council needs to do something better.

A Potted History of Lilac Cottage



The origins of Lilac Cottage date back to the late 1700's where it was very likely a small thatched cob walled tenanted farm workers cottage. Appearing in early maps of Monxton it is one of the original houses in the village. Somewhere later, possibly in the mid 19th century judging by the white brick construction (visible now only in the roof void, a second cottage was added making a pair of semi-detached cottages. Much of the original 1st roof including spars and timbers are still in place forming the thatched base coat and the new second roof was thatched straight into the original forming a seamless join.

Little is known of the early occupants and being just outside the main street area it does not feature in any significant detail in the history of Monxton, nor are there any surviving early photographs.

Sold as part of the Kings College break up in 1921 along with most of the village, Lilac Cottage and the adjoining Cambrai Cottage were purchased along with a section of water meadow at auction for the not insignificant sum of £150. The pair of cottages remained in the hands of the Wheeler family, passing from father to daughter until being sold in 1957 to a retired army officer who in 1968 converted both into the one single dwelling in roughly the format seen today. It still retains all chimneys and fireplaces, 2 front doors and two sets of stairs.

Purchased again in 1983 by the Davey's for the princely sum of £37,500 it was further modernised and improved over a number of years and the current triple garage and driveway were added. In early 2000 the current occupants bought the cottage and after detailed negotiation with the listed buildings planners the newly constructed two story extension was added at the back, the main condition being a hand made clay tiled roof, rather than more thatch.

Lilac cottage really does represent in one building a full history of English construction techniques across 300 years of evolution, yet in its entirety manages to retain all the charm of a traditional 17th century listed thatched cottage.