



# *Monxton Matters*

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**A Very Happy New Year At the Black Swan!!!**



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## **A review of the Peter Pan Pantomime held at Monxton Village Hall on Friday, 2 December 2005**

There is only one way to describe the Peter Pan play at the Monxton Village Hall on the evening of Friday, the 2nd of December: a great success. Thanks to the untiring efforts of Jennifer Richards and her team, the village hall was completely sold out - a really delightful evening with even a break when drinks and snacks were served, just right to keep the younger audience going.

The play, adapted from J M. Barrie's classic story by the apt-named James Barry, was fun; sheer entertainment for the whole family. There was a white wall of doors on several levels through which the actors would pop out, in a quite acrobatic manner!

A film of a passing landscape was projected on to the wall giving the impression of Wendy and Peter Pan flying through the air. On stage stood a single bed, serving a multitude of purposes, transporting the audience from Wendy's bedroom to the Lost Boys' camp, even to Captain Hook's ship.

At the end it even turned into the crocodile which swallowed Captain Hook up. Not forgetting Tinker Bell, who was represented by just a little glimmer of light held in each actor's hand and accompanied by, of course, the bright tinkle of a tiny bell.

We were also full of praise for the actors from the Proteus Theatre Company. Peter Pan (Chris London) gave the impression of a never grown-up, slightly saucy, insolent boy. Wendy (Sarah Gobran) was the naïve and good-willed girl, whose big blue eyes would turn on Peter in admiration. Pan. Smee (Michael Castleton) could not have been more stupid and entertaining.

And I liked the actress who played Mrs. Darling (Claire Stanley) and one of the Lost Boys, whom she made out to be torpid and dumb in obvious need of a loving mother! Then best of all, Captain Hook (Clive Holland) with his rolling eyes and smirk was never scary but always funny (which was just perfect, as there were lots of smaller children among the audience) and reacted to interjections from the audience wittily and readily.

To sum up, it was an amusing family entertainment that made everybody laugh, from the very young to the most senior. As a resident, I really hope that the committee will organise another play for our village hall, again in this coming year.

**Review by Andrea Buist**

### **The Future of the Monxton Hall**

The Committee made the decision last year that a large improvement project, possibly costing as much as £40,000 could not be justified in view of the uncertain outlook for the Hall over the next ten years. Never the less some small improvements to the Hall are required. The most urgent improvement required is an upgrade of the kitchen facilities, which are looking tired and worn, and difficult to maintain to an acceptable hygienic standard. We also need to review the Hall lighting, as the current fluorescent tubes are difficult to replace and produce a harsh lighting ambience.

*Treasurer's note: At the Hall Committee meeting that took place on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2006 it was agreed to put these improvements on hold, because both Jennifer and Diana wish to take a year off from their committee duties and it was agreed the improvements should wait until new volunteers had agreed to join the Committee. David M Hodgson - Hall Treasurer - 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan*

# Monxton & Ampport Village Hall Forthcoming Events

## Village Hall Weekly Programme

<b>Mon Morning am</b>	<b>10.30 - 12.30</b>	Arts & Crafts Group (RAGS) Jujitsu
<b>Mon. Evening</b>	<b>7.30 - 9.30 pm</b>	
<b>Tues. Afternoon</b>	<b>2.00 - 3.00 pm</b>	Badminton Occasional meetings - Four Parishes Arts Society
<b>Evening</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	
<b>Wednesday, Thursday Friday:</b>		Available for social events Monxton Parish Council meeting (every 2 months)
<b>Sat. Afternoons and Evenings</b>		Available for children's parties and social events
<b>Sunday: Mornings</b>		Monthly Church coffee mornings

## Diary Dates

<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 6.30 -7.30 pm</b> Doors open 6.00 Tickets 4 kids 5 adults	The Box of Delights a 3 hour epic for children from a classic book by John Masefield this is a treat for all the family By Hampshire Moviola, more tickets & info from: Caroline Unwin 772375 or Carol Pratt 710305 or Veronica Bacon 771285
<b>Friday Feb 3rd Fundraiser for the village hall, start at 8.00pm drinks available close 10.00pm</b>	Video and Photos of the Expedition to Antarctica and the Falklands by Richard & Caroline Unwin <b>Donations appreciated for the village hall</b>
<b>Saturday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 7.00 bar and 7.30pm start</b>	<b>Pride &amp; Prejudice – The film</b> By Hampshire Moviola tickets & info from: Caroline Unwin 772375 or Carol Pratt 710305 or Veronica Bacon 771285
<b>Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> 7.00 bar and 7.30pm start</b>	<b>Mrs. Henderson Presents – The film</b> By Hampshire Moviola tickets & info from: Caroline Unwin 772375 or Carol Pratt 710305 or Veronica Bacon 771285

### MONXTON AND AMPPORT VILLAGE HALL SUMMARY OF THE TREASURER'S INTERIM REPORT For the eight months to 31<sup>ST</sup> December 2005 Financial Accounts

The results for the eight months are very good with an increase in our financial reserves of £2,766. Operating costs at £1,588 are quite low for the period but there are a number of bills to be paid during the next few months that will increase the operating costs to about £3,000 for the year.

Hall Booking income at £2,115 is reasonable, considering we no longer have any regular income from Play School, Line Dancing and Band Practice. But the main reason for the improvement in our finances is the income from Special Efforts, which has produced a net income of £2,241 for the eight months.

Our thanks must go to the small band of volunteers who put on these events, especially to Jennifer, who gives so much of her time in, either organising events, or persuading others to run shows, such as film nights and other special events. I would also like to thank Diana Jones for her help during a very difficult time for her and Phil. It is very important that if the success of the last eight months is to be continued, we must have more volunteers to help put on these events.

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF**

**The Monxton Parish Council**

**12<sup>th</sup> January 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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Mr Eaglesham has spoken to Mikael of the Black Swan and his is happy to continue contributing to the cost of printing Monxton Matters bimonthly.

This is greatly appreciated by the Parish Council who would like to thank Michael for his support and generosity.

Mr Colbourne told the council that the hedges have been cut at Sunnybank and the drains and gully have been cleaned and sorted out. Mr Colbourne has made many attempts to talk to Paul Walsh of Hampshire Highways about the general state of the road by Sunnybank and is still awaiting a return call.

The hedges on the left hand side of the road as you enter the high street from Andover just after the little bridge have now been cut.

Mr Eaglesham has prepared the precept figures for 2006/7 since the last meeting. They have been circulated and approved. The amount has been increased by £100 and is now £5,360 for the year. The paperwork has been sent off to TVBC.

**FOOTPATHS**

The Chairman introduced Mrs Harriett Egerton as the new footpath representative. She has already walked most of the paths in the area. There are a couple of signs in the area which need some attention and the Chairman asked Mrs Egerton to keep an eye on them and to contact the relevant department should she feel they need replacing. The path across the field in Broad Lane has not been ploughed over to allow easy access. The Chairman will contact the relevant farmer to ask if this can be done.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

The Clerk read out a report from Mrs Brandwood. There was a burglary in Chalkpit Lane in December where a door was forced. There have been several incidents of this nature around the villages in recent months. It was agreed that this should be highlighted in Monxton Matters again.

**FINANCE**

Mr Eaglesham told the council there is a current bank balance of £9,303.45. £4,000 of which is still set aside for improvements to the village hall and £3,000 for the improvements to traffic claming.

The Chairman signed the bank statement and the set of accounts. The Chairman also thanked Mr Eaglesham for his work on the accounts.

Mrs. Saville asked Mr Eaglesham about expenditure 137/free resources. Mrs Saville recently attended a HAPTC course where this was discussed. Although Mr Eaglesham is aware of it, the Clerk was requested to contact HAPTC for further clarity.

Mrs Richards also requested the Parish Council to write to English heritage to see if they will provide a new sign for the village hall, to match the current Monxton and Amport village sign.

## PLANNING MATTERS

Item	REF/DESCRIPTION	PARISH COUNCIL	TVBC	Comments
1	05/00178/FULLN Erection of single storey extension to provide kitchen, breakfast room and bathroom Monks Foyle 05/00180/LBN  Demolition of breakfast area as above Monks Foyle	Objection by MPC  Objection by MPC	Refused by TVBC	
2	05/00158/TREEN willow tree, crown and clean and reduce in height by one third, walnut tree crown and clean and lift branches off garage roof	No objection by MPC	Permission by TVBC	
3	05/00404/TREEN fell western red cedar. Cambridge cottage	No objection	Permission by TVBC	
4	05/00525/TREEN felling of pine and yew tree. Abbotts Mead.	No objection	Permission by TVBC	
5	05/00500/TREEN felling of pine tree. Whitmoor.	No objection	Permission by TVBC	
6	05/00740/FULLN Extension to existing bungalow to form a 2 storey 4 bedroom dwelling. Rosemary. Broad Road.	Objection by MPC	Refused by TVBC	
7	05/00586/FULLN Erection of detached double garage and stables/hay storage/tack room. Dingley Dell. Chalkpit Lane.	Objection by MPC		
8	05/01109/FULLN Erection of single storey extension to provide bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, lounge and hall, conservatory, bathroom, w.c and extended entrance hall. Springfield. Chalkpit Lane.	No objection by MPC		See below *

## PLANNING MATTERS (continued)

\* = 05/01109/FULLN.

This application was discussed at the meeting. Mr Welfare the applicant was present to answer any questions and to run through the plans. At the end of the meeting, the public then left and the application was discussed further. It was agreed there was no objection.

### MATTERS BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEETING BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

- (i) The councillors are not happy about the new bin collection service. It was discovered that most people have not received any notices about the request to change their current bins for new ones. The clerk will contact TVBC.
- (ii) The clerk advised the council that due to changes to planning legislation and procedures TVBC are holding sessions to update Parish councils. The date for Monxton will be Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm in Upper Clatford Village Hall.

## TRAFFIC CALMING

**MPC has been advised by email response from Hampshire Highways. That the traffic calming scheme is programmed for the end of April/May 2006, weather permitting. It should take no longer than two weeks the works which will be carried out under temporary traffic signals. The Council will contact Hampshire Highways to request a meeting to approve the construction materials to be used for the signs and other aspects of the sites.**

### **Monxton and Ampport Village Hall needs Help!**

The committee has lost one member due to relocation and two more are unable to continue due to personal commitments. We need enthusiastic new members to lead, inspire and promote our joint venture and to help the continuing success of the hall.

**Karen Simon has joined the team as our new bookings agent (710181) and Steven Rogerson has joined as a helping pair of hands and furniture mover.**

The films have been a resounding success due to Caroline Unwin, Tanya Pastiroff, Veronica Bacon and helpers (with the addition of new comfortable chairs) so we are on our way.

## Monxton Welcomes the Arrival of a New Parishioner at Brewery House

Congratulations on the arrival of a new villager in Monxton who we welcome to the village and who joins us just two months after another birth in the same road. The arrival of so many new recruits to the village is a wonderful event welcomed by everyone.

Rory William McAlister Glover was born on 8th January 2006 at 20.02hrs at Andover Memorial Hospital. He weighed in at 9lbs exactly and he and Heather were back home by lunchtime the following day.

As you can see from the pictures his sister thinks he is great and he is settling in well to Brewery House.

Jock and Heather would also like to thank everyone for all their kind wishes, cards and gifts that they have sent to Rory and Heather.



**A Birds Eye View of Monxton *courtesy of a Local Pilot***

