



Monxton Matters

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D-Day Celebrations at the Village Hall – A Great Time Enjoyed by All



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D-day Celebrations at the Village Hall

D-Day+81 Supper and Social Evening, Monxton Village Hall, 27th August 2004.

The event was a sell out with fifty four people attending a memorable evening for all concerned. They all talked about it for days! All delightfully well organised by the ladies of the Monxton Hall Committee and their respective spouses.

The theme of the 1940s era was effectively and imaginatively portrayed - the swing music of the day, the camouflage netting and the display of informative posters and photographs created a realistic atmosphere. Added to which, many of those present dressed in outfits of the period - the Land Army, US Army Air Corps, the French Resistance and Home Guard to name but a few.

A splendid wartime menu of Shepherds Pies, Woolton Pie, Sausage Plait, Corn Beef Hash, Summer Puddings and Bread-and-Butter Pudding rounded off a thoroughly happy supper, that was much appreciated and enjoyed.

With the encouragement of Robyn (as an evacuee) Maurice Orchard acted his role of Master of Ceremonies with effective and happy enthusiasm.

In close support were Caroline and Richard Unwin. Readings by Rhoda and David Bucknill set the historical context with contributions by Margaret Ross and Graeme Leslie. Len Lock read his moving poem of the times.

Those who attended this great evening expressed their thanks and appreciation to the many who had made such an event possible.

There was an air of 'let's do it again'.

Report by Graeme Leslie

The War Years Remembered

**The year was 1939
When Hitler with a roar
Declared we are the master race
And plunged Europe into War**

**Those Brits across the Channel
To fight they are not fit
They think they have peace in our time
And very soon will quit**

**But Winston Churchill said
Our land we will defend
If you set foot upon these shores
We will fight you to the end**

**Gas masks then were issued out
To adults and to tots
You carried them if you went out
In a little cardboard box**

**The ration books and clothing books
And a little ID card
Dig for victory we were told
Grow food in your backyard**

**We have powdered egg and whale meat steaks
The rations were quite small
And many things we have today
Were never seen at all**

**The music that we all enjoyed
That helped boost morale
Was heard daily on the radio
In cinemas as well**

**The great Glen Miller orchestra
And the music that they made
Like "in the mood" and "strings of pearls"
And "moonlight serenade"**

**So let us all be thankful
In this land where all are free
And never forget those brave young men
Who gave us victory.**

Poem by Len Lock

Monxton Village Hall Forthcoming Events

Cricklade College Mobile Computer Bus Back in September

Classes are to continue every Friday from 10 – 12am, from Friday 17th September.

The bus will be outside Monxton Village Hall with Graham Love in the driving seat.

For further enquiries contact Sharon Corbett (IT Training) at Cricklade College on 360125

Village Hall Weekly Programme

Mondays: Morning	10.30 – 12.30 Arts & Crafts group resumes in September
Evening	7.30-9.30 pm Jujitsu
Tues. Afternoon 2.30-3.30	Badminton
Evening 5.00 -7.00pm	Sonnets Drama group
Wednesday Morning 11.15	Exercise class and circuit training
Evening	Sonnets Drama group
Friday:	Available for social events
Saturday:	Jumble sales, occasional children's parties, social events
Sunday: Mornings	Monthly Church coffee mornings
Friday 12th November	Quiz Night.
7.30 for 8.00pm.	
Saturday 27th November	Monxton's Christmas Bazaar
10.00 –1.00pm	

Quiz Night at Monxton Village Hall, Friday 12th November at 7.30pm

We welcome back again, Nigel and Ann Fox, our excellent Quiz Masters for another amusing and entertaining evening, an increasingly popular event with supper included. Tickets £6 are available from Monday 1st November from Jennifer (710308) or Diana (710147). Advanced bookings please. Make up a team of 6 or come as a couple to join others in a team on the night.

Christmas Bazaar

This year, it will be held on Saturday November 27th from 10 - 1pm. Any stall holders wanting to book a place, please ring Diana on 710147. This was a great success last year with stalls offering a range of Christmas goods, including Christmas decorations, Festive fayre, and other seasonal novelties, refreshments are available.

Monxton VDS Brochure Now on the Internet

Village Design Statement can now be downloaded from the Website

Go to <http://www.monxton.org.uk> and click on the menu button named VDS

This document is around 1Mb in size and will take approximately 5 minutes to download with a 56K modem or around 60 seconds with 512K Broadband

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

9th September 2004

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

MATTERS ARISING (Abridged version)

Neighbourhood Watch Group (NWG)

The clerk read out a short report by Chris Brandwood. The subject of which was the reduction of rural policing. The NWG had asked for the villagers to write letter to them if they had concerns about this proposal. Mrs Brandwood advised that she was disappointed in the lack of response. She also mentioned that a recent article had appeared in the Andover Advertiser regarding this matter. All households have now received their Neighbourhood watch/crime prevention packages. Mrs Brandwood reported that Mr Michael Ross, who stands in as back up during her absence, no longer wishes to continue. Councillor Arnell told the Council that he has written to the Police regarding this inevitable reduction and they remain adamant that villages such as Monxton will not be impacted.

Traffic Calming Group

The Group was not present for this meeting. However there is a review meeting planned between the Traffic Calming Group and representatives from various departments as before, on the 30th September (see report of this meeting on page 7 & 8). The Chairman again congratulated the team on their efforts, as too did Councillor Arnell. Mr Mike Cleugh told the Council that the group have drafted a letter to other parishes to encourage group representation. The consensus being that the group would have more power if other parishes could get involved too.

Finance

Mr Eaglesham told the Council that he had completed the annual returns of last year on 2nd September and they are now with the external auditor. He said that the internal auditor had approved the accounts for the year ending 2003/2004 with several observations. The Council has to have a fixed assets register. All items purchased for the Parish Council must be invoiced to the Parish Council (as previously advised by Mr Eaglesham) otherwise VAT cannot be reclaimed.

Village Hall & Lay-By Parking

Mrs Richards said that following a site meeting at the village hall she is waiting for an estimate from the DLO for the redecoration of the hall. The Chairman told the council that Hampshire Highways are taking over the completion of the car parking area. It was confirmed that Monxton Parish Council owned the village hall and that this should be logged on the fixed asset register.

Planning Application from Kieron Beattie regarding Monxton Nurseries

TVN.05969/5 Monxton Nurseries – Mr Cleugh advised the council that he has been to see Mr Kieron Beattie at Monxton Nurseries. Also present was Mr Goble of Sarsen's Mill, Amport. As a neighbour, Mr Goble is satisfied with the operation at Monxton Nurseries. Mr Cleugh expressed the concerns of the Parish Council specifically in relation to the amount of traffic coming through the village. Mr Beattie explained that only small 7.5 ton lorries would be used, as the main activity involved the growth of small portable hedges. He also stated that his operation would enhance the area as he intended to plant several thousand trees on the site. Mr Beattie offered to come along to a future council meeting although the Chairman said this was not necessary at the moment.

Prospect Farm

TVN00022/1/2/3 Certificate of Lawfulness – Mr Machin – Prospect Farm. The clerk said that she had been into TVBC planning department to discuss this. She was told that the above numbers had all been given permission dating back from 1975 – 1983. Councillor Arnell said that to his knowledge this was not the case and that he would speak to TVBC concerning this issue. He said that he has been looking into this case for months but that TVBC have not clarified the matter.

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 previous page
2	TVN.05969/5 Erection of woodland workshop and installation of septic tank, Monxton Nurseries	Objection by MPC		1 day hearing on 26/01/05 * see next page
3	TVN.09123 Retention of access and gates – land adjacent to Dingley Dell, Chalkpit Lane, Monxton	No objection by MPC	Permission subject to conditions	N/A
4	TVN.07241/3 Erection of storage building and provision of maneage , Part of OS Parcel 4400, Broad Lane, Monxton	No objection – subject to conditions of removal of all excess vehicles from site	No decision as yet	
5	TVN.09011/1 Erection of 2 storey extension to provide sitting room and dining room with 2 bedrooms and bathroom over, provision of new vehicular access and erection of front wall (amended scheme) High Trees, Monxton	No objection by MPC	Permission subject to conditions	
6	TRE.CA.00587/92 Fell Ash Tree(T1) Lodwick, high street, Monxton	No objection by MPC	No objection	
7	TRE.CA.00587/93 Fell 1 Fletcheri, White Gables, Monxton	No objection by MPC	No objection	
8	TRE.CA00587/94 Pollard 2 lime trees, fell apple tree and crown lift Horse Chestnut, Portway Cottage, High street, Monxton	No objection by MPC	No objection	
9	TVN.00687/9 Continued use of yard and buildings for storage of fencing materials, Manor Farm, Abbots Ann road, Monxton	Objection by MPC	No decision as yet	See article on Page 8
10	TRE.CA00687/95 Fell Prunus tree, Little Cottage, Monxton	No objection by MPC	No objection	
11	TVN.05292/3 Erection of single storey rear extension, Oakcutts, Kentsboro, Monxton	No objection by MPC	Permission subject to conditions	

DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting will be held on Thursday 18th November 2004 at 8.00 pm.

Monxton Parish Council Minutes (Abridged version)

MANOR FARM, ABBOTTS ANN ROAD

Councillor N. Arnell requested the views of the Parish Council, as he had been led to believe by TVBC that the only concern was the size of the lorries used. The Council confirmed that the size and volume of the vehicles used is a major concern and that the size of the operation has become too large for the site and surrounding area. Councillor N. Arnell endorsed this view and explained that he is also opposing the planning application.

VILLAGE GREEN CONTRACT

The Chairman told the Council that Mr William Ross no longer wished to work for the Parish Council and that he has resigned from the contract for mowing the village green.

He has appointed a colleague, Mr Clive Hutchinson to mow the green until the end of the season. Mr Hutchinson may wish to take over the contract but in the meantime the clerk will obtain a two more quotes as required by MPC policy.

The Chairman advised that Mrs Dent provides the Andover Advertiser with edited minutes of the parish council's meetings. She requested this be recognised in the next edition of Monxton Matters.

The traffic-calming scheme was still in its trial period and therefore no monies were due. It was felt that the pinch points were in the wrong place when coming from Andover and that they should be before the bridge not after it.

A fine example of reversing across a main Road



**Villager beware!
Trucker coming your way!**



The truck in the photo is yet another example of the unbelievable size lorries that try and make their way through the village. The Monxton Traffic group is fighting to get the TVBC and HCC to free the village of Monxton of these juggernauts, which are travelling to Manor farm to service ATF and Siteweld. Thanks to Richard Williams for these photos.

Sir George Young Supports The Monxton Traffic Group & Meets Hampshire C.C & TVBC at Monxton Village Hall - 30th September



The Monxton Traffic Group (MTG) held a meeting with representatives from Hampshire County Council (HCC) and Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) in the Monxton Village Hall at 1000 hrs on Thursday 30th September 04. The Monxton Parish Council (MPC) was also represented, but the Hampshire Constabulary declined to attend. The aim of the meeting was to identify what had been achieved concerning the traffic issues in Monxton since the last meeting held on the 15th July 04, establish the current position, and agree a way forward. The overall objective was to update the Action Plan that identified the tasks to be taken, by whom, and by which date.

Leon Allen, the Chairman of the MTG, opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees and thanking them for coming. He described the importance of this second meeting as an opportunity to start to develop the solutions needed to solve the traffic problems being experienced by the village of Monxton.

(Picture Courtesy Andover Advertiser)

He wished to thank Sir George Young, MP and Norman Arnell, TVBC Councillor, for attending and supporting the meeting. He acknowledged the support that had already been given by HCC and TVBC, but was disappointed that the Hampshire Police had declined the invitation to attend.

Simon Ranger from the MTG delivered the MTG Presentation that reminded the meeting of the Monxton perspective of the traffic problems experienced in the village. This included the disproportionate volume of traffic, the excessive speed of some of the traffic, and the size of the haulage vehicles. Some of the trucks arrived in the village having gone the wrong way, and some were visiting local businesses. There was photographic evidence displayed showing huge trucks passing through the narrow streets in the village. The meeting then discussed in turn the actions agreed at the last meeting. **Continued Overleaf**

Martin Wiltshire (HCC) explained that a traffic survey would be carried out during October 04. He said that a survey had been done prior to the temporary calming measures being put in place in Monxton in June/July 04. The task now was to do a second survey to measure the impact the temporary measures had made. There was a lengthy debate about the value of such data when the general consensus in the village was the temporary measures had made the situation worse. The traffic survey would consist of measuring devices placed on all routes in and out of Monxton to record numbers and sizes/length of vehicles that pass by.

Ray Alborough (TVBC) explained that he and Martin Wiltshire would coordinate the next traffic survey to include a Plate Number (origin and destination) survey. A number of HCC personnel would be deployed at strategic points in the Monxton and Grateley area. They would record registration numbers of all cars passing in both directions between approx 0700 – 0930 hrs and 1500 – 1800 hrs on one working week day yet to be decided.

In the absence of a representative from the Hampshire Police Constabulary it was not possible to question the vague results of the police survey they had completed since the last meeting. The consequence is that MTG regard the survey as 'null and void'. The MTG made it quite clear that they wanted to see a 20 mph speed limit enforced in the village. Sir George Young suggested that for the next meeting the invitation is sent to the Police Authority.

The details outlining all the weight limits for the bridges in the immediate area of Monxton were received by the MPC. All bridges listed had no weight restrictions with the exception of Red Post Lane Bridge that was being reassessed by the Rail Authority. Ray Alborough stated that he expected an answer shortly, and pointed out the TVBC had made a recommendation that the weight limit should not exceed 7.5 Ton / Except Buses 14 Ton. Since the meeting we have heard that this information has been confirmed.

Martin Wiltshire explained that the results of the Traffic Calming Trail would be reassessed during the next month, and, in conjunction with the MPC/MTG, adjustments would be made.

The MTG made it clear that the strongly held view within Monxton was that the temporary calming measures had not worked as intended. The narrowing of the road had not achieved the pinch-point effect; a culture of 'Who Dares Wins' had emerged that had become dangerous. The temporary measures had not been maintained during the trial, much of the warning material had been broken or removed, and they had become unsightly. There was a general agreement that permanent, well designed pinch-points needed to be installed that had proper road signs erected that indicated which direction had priority. At the end of the meeting the following actions were agreed:

Item	Action	By Whom	By When
1	Traffic Survey (Volume/Length of Vehicles)	HCC (MW)	Oct 04
2	Origin and Destination Survey	HCC (MW) TVBC (RA)	Oct/Nov 04
3	Legal Status of 20 mph speed limit	HCC (MW)	ASAP
4	Establish Weight Limit on Red Post Lane Bridge	TVBC (RA)	Done
5	Clarification of light industrial status of Siteweld at Manor Farm.	TVBC (PJ)	Mid Oct 04
6	Write to Siteweld requesting they use smaller vehicles.	TVBC (RA/PJ)	Mid Oct 04
7	Review Traffic Calming Trail results with MPC/MTG, and discuss improvements.	HCC (MW)	Oct 04
8	Comments to HCC (MT) on Cob Wall Strategy Paper being published in Sep 04.	MPC	Late Sep 04