



Monxton Matters

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Andover Airfield – 40 weeks of mud and traffic jams at 100 Acre Junction



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Graeme Leslie -Chairman of the Village Hall Tribute to His Life and Work

Graeme Leslie 1930 – 2010

Graeme was born in 1930, in Nairobi Kenya, where his father was working in the Kenyan Police Force. His mother moved to Cape Town South Africa where Graeme went to school at Cape Town Grammar School.

At the age of 19 Graeme moved back to Kenya to join the Kenyan Police Force where he became a high-ranking police officer. While working for the Kenyan Police Force he also worked in Somaliland. In addition to those posts Graeme also worked for a while in the Malaysian Police Force.

In 1968 he decided to come to the United Kingdom and joined BP as a marketing executive. Shortly after arriving here he met Joan and following a whirlwind romance they married and moved to Monxton. He retired from BP in 1985 and later was able to follow his interest in Local Government by working as the Town Clerk in Wilton until he retired in 1991.

Graeme used his retirement to help others; he joined the Monxton Parish Council and became Chairman. He was also able to spend more of his time working for Masonic Charities.

Following Jennifer Richards resignation as Chairman of the Monxton and Amport Village Hall Committee I approached Graeme and asked him if he would become our Chairman. By this time Graeme was already 76 years old and was not sure if he wanted the responsibility, so he decided to sleep on his decision, but thankfully the next morning I received a call from him and he agreed to become Chairman. That was in September 2006 and he took on the task of seeing through all the improvements to the Hall kitchen, ably assisted by Robert Davies. In the three years that Graeme chaired our Committee he not only saw the new kitchen completed but he arranged for a new lighting system, improvements to the toilets and his last challenge was the new double glazed windows and entrance hall. Then sadly in October 2009 he had to resign because of ill health.

Graeme's Thanksgiving Service in July was held in a packed Church in Amport where a collection was held for the Macmillan Nurses and over £1,900 was raised.

David Hodgson
Village Hall Treasurer

Monxton and Amport Village Hall Bookings Diary

Regular Bookings:

Day	Time	Activity	Contact Name	Dates known (up until)
Mon	9:30am - 10:30am	Yoga Class	Jane Borley 01264 773429	ad hoc usage due to weather
Mon	Afternoon	AVAILABLE		
Mon	Evening	AVAILABLE		
Tue	Morning	AVAILABLE		
Tue	2pm - 3pm	Badminton	Brenda Gower 01264 710538	Dec 10
Tue	7:30pm - 10pm	Pipe Band	Iona MacDonald 07545142924	Dec 10
Wed	8:30am - 1pm	Baby Sensory Class	Lin Day 01722 320779	Dec 10
Wed	2pm - 4pm	RAGS (Art Group)	Renata West 01264 889507	28 April
Wed	Evening	AVAILABLE		
Thu	9:15am - 11:45am	Music with Mummy	Nicky Derrick 01264 720452	Aug 10
Thu	Afternoon	AVAILABLE		
Thu	6:15pm - 9:15pm	Shuffles & Splits	Louise Ray 01264 356042	Dec 10
Fri	Morning	AVAIL until 24 Sep 10		
Fri	Afternoon	AVAIL until Jan 11		
Fri	Evening	AVAILABLE		
Sat	All day	AVAILABLE		
Sun	Morning	Coffee after Church	Jean Wood 01264 710518	
Sun	Afternoon / Evening	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE		

Additional Bookings for August / September

Date / Time	Activity	Contact Name
Sun 01 Aug: 11am	Church Coffee	Jean Wood
Sun 15 Aug: 10am	Church Coffee	Jean Wood
Sun 22 Aug: 1700	Church Service - Songs of Praise (use Hall if wet)	Jean Wood
Tues 07 Sep: 8.00pm	Monxton Parish Council	Katrina Saville
Fri 10 Sep: 7.30pm	Hall Meeting	
Sat 11 Sep: 7pm	Party	Barbara Chatfield
Sun 19 Sep: 10am	Church Coffee	Jean Wood
Tue 21 Sep: 7pm	Café Service	Jean Wood
Wed 22 Sep: 7pm	Film Night	Caroline Unwin
Sun 26 Sep: 11am	Church Coffee	Jean Wood

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF
The Monxton Parish Council Meeting
TUESDAY 6th JULY 2010 At 8.00PM**

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

MATTERS ARISING (Abridged version)

The minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on the 11th May 2010, having been previously circulated were confirmed as correct and will be signed by Mrs Katrina Saville at the next APA.

The following matters were updated.

The clerk explained that she has spoken with the resident at 35 Sunny bank, who has agreed to move the large '35' house number sign away from the current speed signs to alleviate any confusion.

Cllr Chaffey confirmed that he has emailed the MOD concerning the large increase in helicopter movements over the Sunnybank area. The response he received was not a very positive one. Mrs Saville suggested that he pass this letter onto Mr Adrian Drage to consider the next move.

The clerk passed the new clerk a form to complete, received from Cllr Mutton and Pat West to request funding from the 'devolved budget' scheme to assist towards replacing new benches on the village green.

The clerk confirmed that she had received a response from Hyde Housing regarding the planting of the new trees along the fence by the new development at Sunnybank.

The response stated that this was part of the landscaping feature agreed at the planning stage and that the trees could not be removed.

The clerk will reply to the letter received from Mrs Johnson at no 5 Sunnybank.

FOOTPATHS

It was mentioned that the path along the field between Broad Road and Green Lane is impassable and could Mrs Allen please follow this up with the landowner.

The parish council would also like Mrs Allen to report back at each meeting which paths have been walked since the last meeting.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mr Davies provided a report for the meeting which was read out by the clerk. In short there have been no incidents reported since the last meeting.

FINANCE

Current bank balance is £7,939.23

£3,000 is set aside for improvements to the village hall.

£1,000 is set aside for improvements to traffic calming. This leaves a disposable income of £3939.23

The chairman signed the cash book, bank statements and accounts.

VILLAGE HALL

The chairman confirmed that Mr Robin Aisher is officially the Chairman of the village Hall. Mrs Saville mentioned that all councillors were extremely sad to hear the news of Graeme Leslie's passing away and would like to express their thanks for all his hard work on the parish council and with the village hall.

PLANNING MATTERS

Item	REF/DESCRIPTIONS	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
1	10/01519/treen - Ridgeway	No objection	Pending consideration	
2	10/01329/treen Field House	No objection	Pending consideration	
3	10/00718/fulln – Manor Farm Grain store extension	No objection but concerns raised	Permission by TVBC	

1. Councillor Tim Southern will provide advice with listed building applications.
2. All planning applications can be accessed on line at www.testvalley.gov.uk

Cllr Cleugh requested a copy of the decision notice on application 10/00718.

Wanted New Parish Councillor

Due to recent departures from the village of Jock Glover there is a vacancy for a councillor in Monxton.

Anyone interested should call Katrina Saville MPC Chairman on 01264 710597

Thanks to Jules Douglas for 6 years as Clerk to the Parish Council

Jules Douglas has served as Parish Clerk for over six years now, and has been vital to keeping the Parish Council running smoothly. Her hard work and dedication have been very much appreciated by all of us who have had the pleasure of working with her.

Unfortunately for us she has recently moved away from the village, and she will be very much missed.

We wish Jules, Vince, Megan and Oliver every happiness and success in their new home in Somerset.

Memorial Service for Karen Simon

There will be a service to celebrate the life of Karen Simon

at

4.00pm on the 11th September

St Mary's Church

Monxton

Additional MPC Matters

APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW PARISH CLERK

The clerk confirmed that Mrs Kelley Fennell (Sunnybank) will be taking over as parish clerk from 8th July.

VACANCY FOR NEW COUNCILLOR

The clerk confirmed that TVBC had not received any interest concerning the vacancy for a new parish councillor. Therefore she asked all councillors to think of anyone who may be interested in the position.

SUNNYBANK

Playground Inspection update

The clerk confirmed that she has spoken to Nick Adams, the playground Inspector regarding training courses for Kelly and Hannah. The clerk has requested that Kelly confirms with him a suitable date. The clerk advised that cost of the training will be about £100 per person. Cllr Eaglesham will confirm the insurance cover for liability and equipment replacement. The clerk will contact Hyde Housing to request signs to be displayed in the play area.

All members of the parish council agreed to take on the responsibility of this play area.

Traffic calming scheme

The chairman showed all councillors the first draft plans received that afternoon for the proposed traffic calming scheme along the stretch of road by Sunnybank.

ANDOVER AIRFIELD SITE

The latest update can be found on the Monxton website. The chairman confirmed she would contact Adrian Munday of TVBC concerning the monitoring committee for this development as there seems to have been very little communication recently concerning the developments.

BUS SHELTERS

The clerk confirmed that she has had a response from Mark Goodman from TVBC to confirm that the amount received from the S106 agreement from Sunnybank is £15,563.45. This amount is currently held by HCC for “sustainable transport measures within the locality”. He confirmed that this whole amount will probably be used for the new traffic scheme at Sunnybank and that there would be nothing left for replacement bus shelters. Mrs Saville confirmed that they could look at using funding from the S106 agreement from the Airfield Site development. Chris Fisher is the person to contact relating to this funding but was currently away on vacation.

MATTERS BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEETING BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

Councillor Chaffey mentioned the issue of maintenance at Sunnybank. It appears that Test Way Housing is responsible for some areas whilst Hampshire highways are responsible for other areas. For such as small area this seems a waste of tax payer’s money, 6 men and 3 lorries.