



# Monxton Matters

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# Monxton and Amport Village Hall Bookings Diary

## Regular Bookings: for July - August

Day	Time	Activity	Contact Name
Mon	Morning	AVAILABLE	
Mon	Afternoon	AVAILABLE	
Mon	Evening	AVAILABLE	
Tue	Morning	AVAILABLE	
Tue	2pm - 3pm	Badminton	Brenda Gower - 01264 710538
Tue	7:30pm - 10pm	Pipe Band	Iona MacDonald - 07545142924
Wed	9am - 12pm	Music with Mummy	Nicky Derrick - 01264 720452
Wed	2pm - 4pm	RAGS (Art Group)	Renata West - 01264 889507
Wed	8-9pm	Pilates Class	Elizabeth Williams - 01264 512387
Thu	9:15am - 11:45am	Music with Mummy	Nicky Derrick - 01264 720452
Thu	Afternoon	AVAILABLE	
Thu	6:15pm - 9:15pm	Shuffles & Splits	Louise Ray - 01264 356042
Fri	8:30am - 2.30pm	Baby Sensory Class	Imogen Day - 07762 364132
Fri	Afternoon	AVAIL after 2.30pm	
Fri	Evening	AVAILABLE	
Sat	All day	AVAILABLE	
Sun	Morning - fortnightly	Coffee after Church	Jean Wood - 01264 710518
Sun	All Day	AVAILABLE	

## Additional Bookings for August - October

Date / Time	Activity	Contact Name
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Hall Meeting	Committee
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Monxton Parish Council Meeting	Sue Corney
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Private Party	Barbara Chatfield
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Coffee, Cakes & Praise	David Baugh
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Amport PTA School Disco	Amport PTA
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Monxton Quiz	David Baugh

# EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF The Monxton Parish Council Meeting + AGM

TUESDAY July 5th, 2011 At 8.00PM

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

## MATTERS ARISING (Abridged version)

### Playground Inspection update

Sue to email inspection checklists to Hannah Goddard, and ask her to collect the weekly log book from John, to record weekly inspections and comments. David Eaglesham confirmed he would stand in for Hannah when she was unavailable to undertake a weekly inspection (i.e. holidays).

John Chaffey to bring the log book to all parish council meetings – and the PC will review the log (add as an agenda item).

### Grass cutting at Sunnybank.

This has been chased up. Contractors will stay as they are currently. Sue has requested that the quality of work, including the hedge be checked by the crew supervisor and reported back. Sue to check that the grass by the bus shelter on the opposite side of the road is included in the cutting schedule.

The road signs at Sunnybank have faded, so will be replaced. Plus additionally a new sign will be installed by the new housing (with house numbers). There is no cost for the signs, and will take approximately 6 weeks for the signs to be put in place.

### Stop lorries coming into the village

Ray Alborough is visiting the site this week to assess the feasibility of adding a new sign to deter lorries driving through the village. He will report back by 8<sup>th</sup> July.

New action raised – Sue to check with Ray Alborough about the 30 MPH speed signs. There are 2 signs on the road going out of Monxton, and one going into Monxton between Sunnybank and Lilac Cottage. The request is that additional signage is put in place to remind drivers the speed is 30mph.

### Speeding (SIDs)

Awaiting update from Broughton. Sue to chase.

The Internal Audit was approved. Many thanks to David Hodgson for doing the audit for us and thanks to David Eaglesham for his excellent work as treasurer.

The OS maps are ready to be framed. Thanks were extended to David Eaglesham.

The Village Hall ramp has been dismantled after TVBC said it did not meet H&S standards, and was to be removed.

The Parish Council have some money to contribute to the cost of the ramp, disabled toilets and fire exits (up to £3k) Katrina to talk to Robin Aisher about the work/getting quotes etc... with the view to work being completed by 30.11.11

### No dogs allowed signs.

The signs at Sunnybank had been installed but unfortunately have gone. David to buy and screw up metal signs.

### Dog bin/litter bin

Agreed to order a red plastic bin, to be located at the end of Footpath 11, with emptying every fortnight. (the current bin in situ will need removing). Additionally SC to organise for the playground bin to be emptied fortnightly. The Parish council extended their thanks to Mr and Mrs Withers for looking after the dog and playground bins.

### Benches for village green

Katrina found a legal document which is a licence relating to the village green. This gave permission to provide “for the purpose of providing an amenity area for the said inhabitants of Monxton Village” which included “the right to clear the land... lay out lawns and flowerbeds and to erect park benches and seats on the land”. It was agreed to refurbish the 2 benches in situ. SC to get 3 quotes from Queensbury, Marshall Street

Furniture and Littlethorpe. Then Sue to apply for funding from the devolved budget via Cllr West.

## PLANNING MATTERS

Item	REF/DESCRIPTIONS	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
1	11/00863/TREEN- Fell 1 Ash Monxton Manor	No objection	No objection	
2	11/00736/FULLN – Enlarged driveway/access The Old Cottage, Abbots Ann Road	No objection	Permission	
3	11/00446/FULLN – Glazed single storey ext & oak framed porch The Stables, Broad Rd	No objection	Permission subject to conditions	
4	11/00447/LBWN – Int & ext alts for office/lounge The Stables Broad Rd	No objection	Consent subject to conditions	
5	11/00485/FULLN – Single storey ext with int & ext alts Brying Lodge	No objection	Permission subject to conditions	
6	11/01130/TREEN – Fell tree Millcroft, Chalkpit Lane	No objection	No objection	
7	11/00835/FULLN – 2 storey ext to form annex The Morrells Farm	No objection	Permission subject to conditions	
8	11/00529/FULLN – 5MW Solar Farm Adj Andover Bus Park Monxton Rd	No objection	Pending	

**1. Councillor Ben Few-Brown will provide advice on planning applications as the new TVBC borough councillor.**

**2. All planning applications can be accessed on line at [www.testvalley.gov.uk](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk)**

**3. It was agreed that for those planning applications that require further discussions, a Planning Sub- Committee will be held involving Cllrs Saville, Dowding, Cleugh and Chaffey, and any interested residents.**

**The next meeting of the Monxton Parish Council will be on the 6th September 2011 at 8.00pm at the Village Hall**

### **Village Alert – 21 July 2011 A very dangerous vehicle crime.**

Yesterday morning a local mother, driving her two young children to school, had a very narrow escape – a wheel came off her car. This was a result of an unsuccessful attempt to steal wheels from her car while it was parked in a drive-way in Monxton. It is thought that the locking wheel nuts were removed on previous nights – possibly between 10.30 and 11.00 pm - and replaced with standard nuts, in preparation for the theft, and that the thieves were disturbed while the theft was in progress. The thieves left behind some bricks (presumably to stand the car on, minus its wheels) and one of the wheels on the car with only one wheel nut still in place. The following day, this very dangerous criminal act resulted in the car losing that wheel while moving. Fortunately nobody was injured. **It is essential that you check vehicles parked outside overnight, particularly the wheel nuts.**

### **Speeding in the village.**

Last week a Monxton parent, concerned about children and speeding cars, was injured while trying to indicate to a speeding driver that he/she should slow down. Fortunately the injury was slight but it shows how dangerous our roads can be. Cars driving too fast in the village continues to be a problem and this has increased again since the reopening of Red Post Bridge. Roger Kitson, our local PC, has been using a speed check laser on the road in front of Sunnybank and plans to use it elsewhere in the village to discourage speeding drivers.

*Beware! I understand that a high percentage of drivers caught by “speed traps” up and down the country are people who live locally.*

**Both the incidents above have been reported to the Police.**

## MPC Matters - REPORTS

### **FOOTPATHS** (Report from Alan King)

The ongoing issues from the 10<sup>th</sup> May meeting are still being monitored. Since 10<sup>th</sup> May, the fly tipping on bridleway (near to the railway bridge on Broad Road) will be reported to the Street Scene Team at TVBC on the 6<sup>th</sup> July by Alan.

Alan to organise a meeting with Pete Watson about the outstanding issues – Pat West will attend, if the meeting is on a Thursday or Friday Katrina will also attend.

Alan to contact Nigel Pratt re: Footpath No.4 as it needs to be wider (6-7ft).

Grass cutting - This was put to the vote, and the majority thought a cut should be undertaken.

David Eaglesham to organise cut by David Wells and get a quotes from Clive Hutchinson and David Wells for future cuts. These then to be considered alongside Kieran Beatty's quote.

Sue to contact Ian to find out who cuts Amport's grass

David and Sue to report back.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** (Report from Robert Davies)

There have been no incidents of criminal activity in Monxton since the last Parish Council meeting – although there has been some unsocial behaviour at Sunnybank.

In the local area things remain peaceful except for the theft of tools and materials from a building site and an unoccupied house undergoing renovation.

### **Other Items of Note**

#### Contribution to the Church Maintenance

It was agreed to pay the following cheque, and was signed off by the Chair, Katrina Saville. The Parish Council agreed to pay £104 for this year.

### **SUNNYBANK**

#### Traffic calming update

SC to email Simon Nightingale/Ray Alborough for anticipated dates and status.

#### Red Post Lane Closure

Letters have been distributed to residents and an apology received. Network Rail were late starting. Work will be finished by 15<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Pat West is talking to Mr Summers.

Cattle Lane will be resurfaced due to the increased usage.

### **Low flying helicopters.**

After some research the following was suggested, and residents are encouraged to ring the Helicopter Hotline call 0800 51 55 44 from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, to find out about planned low-flying helicopter activity and register complaints via the following link

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/ContactUs/LowFlyingComplaints.htm>