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Monxton and Ampport 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 Jul - Oct

Date / Time	Activity	Contact Name
Tues 5 th July	Monxton Parish Council Meeting	Sue Corney
Sun 17 th July	Service on the Green	Jean Wood
Mon 18 th July	Coffee, Cakes & Praise	David Baugh
Weds 24 th Aug	Hall Meeting	Committee
Tues 6 th Sep	Monxton Parish Council Meeting	Sue Corney
Sat 17 th Sep	Private Party	Barbara Chatfield
Mon 19 th Sep	Coffee, Cakes & Praise	David Baugh
Fri 7 th Oct	Ampport PTA School Disco	Ampport PTA
Sat 14 th Oct	Monxton Quiz	David Baugh

SUNNYBANK

The consultation on the options for the traffic calming scheme has taken place, and the exhibition will be in the Village Hall until Friday 13th May.

The scheme will take 3-4 months to complete after the go-ahead has been given.

There are currently 3 different contractors cutting various areas of grass at Sunnybank. The question was raised as to whether the different sections of grass as they are not big could be undertaken by one contractor?

The signs on Sunnybank need to be updated to show where the new houses are located.

“SUNNYBANK Nos XX-XX”

John to let Sue know the numbers. Sue Corney to find out costs.

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

TUESDAY May 10th, 2011 At 8.00PM

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

MATTERS ARISING (Abridged version)

FINANCE- STATEMENT OF PARISH ACCOUNTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2010-11

David Eaglesham reported the following:-

- The clerk's salary bill is lower than planned as the position was vacant for a period of time.
- Communication costs – were reduced drastically due to moving Monxton Matters to the website rather than printed copies.
- Maintenance of Parish property – TVBC had forgotten to send an invoice for the first chicane, therefore it was paid within this financial year; plus £230 for repair to swings.

This was adopted by the Parish Council tonight and will go for Audit.

This year's total Precept is within £70 of last year's precept.

VILLAGE HALL

Robin Aisher gave the Village Hall report:

The committee has been a successful organisation – There is only 1 day and 1 evening that the village hall is not routinely used.

At the start of the year the bank balance was £12,000 and by the end was £16,007. This was due to the activity/use of the hall.

It is planned to replace the gutters and soffits. There are discussions to brighten up the front and side of the hall and the cttee are currently looking at the costs of cladding, and are awaiting quotes.

The Royal Wedding celebrations were successful and brought the 2 villages together.

Thanks were given to Robin and his Committee for all their hard work.

Benches for village green

The village green belongs to Enterprise Inns. Sue is waiting for a response. There is no indication at this point, which way the decision will go.

Memorial Plaque for Graeme Lesley

The plaque was unveiled at the AGM.

Speeding

Broughton Parish Council is looking into purchasing a speed camera. Sue has submitted a note of interest of sharing the equipment. Awaiting decision from Broughton as to whether they want to go ahead.

Playground Inspection update

Village Inspection Team will consist of David Eaglesham, John Chaffey and Hannah. A checklist is being sent by Nick Adams, to use for the weekly checks. Sue to forward when received. Katrina will undertake weekly inspections until checklists sent to the Inspection Team.

Katrina then to pass the Log book now to the new team.

Play Area

There are options on style/cost of dog bins. Sue is waiting to receive the Dog bin/litter pack from Commercial Services.

Sue to email to cllrs when received.

Sue to request the playground bin gets emptied

PLANNING MATTERS

Item	REF/DESCRIPTIONS	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
1	11/00863/TREEN- Fell 1 Ash Monxton Manor	No objection	Pending	
2	11/00736/FULLN – Enlarged driveway/access The Old Cottage, Abbots Ann Road	No objection	Pending	Sight lines may be a problem (Highways)
3	11/00446/FULLN – Glazed single storey ext & oak framed porch The Stables, Broad Rd	No objection	Pending	
4	11/00447/LBWN – Int & ext alts for office/lounge The Stables Broad Rd	No objection	Pending	
5	11/00529/FULLN – 5MW Solar Farm Adj Andover Bus Park Monxton Rd	No objection	Pending	

1. Councillor Len 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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Report from Robert Davies:

The parish has a low crime rate, not a no crime rate. Please call the Police if you see anything suspicious. The cutbacks are putting more pressure on local policing; Robert remains impressed with the police coverage and with the NHW co-ordinators.

PC Roger Kitson was thanked for getting rid of the black car in the Black Swan car park.

Personnel changes: PC Roger Kitson has replaced Bill Williams and Lisa Flowers has taken over from Rachel Cassells. The new team is working well, and thanks goes to the new team.

Robert publicly thanked the members of the Monxton NHW and is very grateful to them.

PC Roger Kitson reported:

This meeting was the 2nd time PC Kitson had spoken to the Parish Council. It is difficult to attend all PC meetings, owing to duties and other engagements. Therefore will aim to attend at least one PC meeting for all his villages a year, but more if possible.

Information on how the constabulary is doing and what it is up to across the force as a whole can be seen on www.hampshire.police.uk

Locally Monxton has been very peaceful.

Police are facing changes – the force is trying to be more efficient with less resources e.g. phone calls rather than personal visits. PCs will be getting Blackberries and spending more time on patrol. They will always attend if a person wants them to. PCs will try to see residents as much as possible and is either a phone call one email away.

Speeding around villages is an issue and the police will soon be provided with radar devices and as often as possible will speed check and issue fixed fines; so expect to see speeding initiatives more often. PC Kitson extended his thanks to Robert and the NHW members. He had been to 2 meetings to discuss expectations. It has been a pleasure to assist the 4 co-ordinators who work well together.

Between 1/4/10 and 31/3/11 the following occurred. Figures in brackets are for the year in Monxton

Another comparable village

Burglary - dwelling.....	0 (1)	0
Burglary – Non dwelling	0 (1)	4
Theft	2 (4)	9
Criminal Damage.....	1 (0)	4
Theft from motor vehicles.....	0 (0)	3
Theft of motor vehicles.....	1 (0)	0

Theft of scrap metal and heating oil is popular, remain vigilant especially as the warmer weather comes – close windows and doors and if you need PC Kitson contact either 101 or email.

The conclusion was it had been a good 12 months.

MPC Matters - REPORTS

FOOTPATHS REPORTS

At the Monxton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15th March 2011 the final report of Liz Allen was tabled and she stepped down from the role of Footpath Representative to the MPC with Alan & Ros King taking up duties. The grateful thanks of the MPC were expressed to Liz Allen for all her years of hard work.

The ongoing issues at the 15th March 2011 (all previously reported for action to Peter Watson at the Countryside Service of Hampshire County Council) were as follows :-

- (1) the fingerpost on Broad Road where footpath 4 emerges is down.
- (2) the way marker post south of the railway bridge where footpath 6 meets Amport footpaths 4 & 3 is down.
- (3) the bridge across the ditch north of the A303 on footpath 10a is slightly wobbly.
- (4) the fingerpost north of this bridge is down.
- (5) signage is missing at the end of Boat 12 where it meets the Grateley Road at Oaklahoma Farm.
- (6) the track going up to the "crossroads" from Sunny Bank ("Monxton Lane" Boat 11) was not trimmed during the 2010/11 winter as the land owner (Manor Farm, Monxton) does not have the equipment to do so. HCC is in any event responsible for the maintenance of this track.

Since the 15th March 2011 :-

- (a) both Alan & Ros King met with Peter Watson on Wednesday 23rd March to both introduce themselves to him and seek his advice concerning the spoil that has been tipped on Boat 8. Peter Watson advised that this was technically an obstruction (albeit partial) to the public right of way and therefore illegal. In view of the extent of the spoil deposited Peter Watson said that he / HCC would discuss with the land owner (Manor Farm, Monxton) a resolution to the issue.
- (b) all of the footpaths 1b & 3), bridleways (1a, 2 & 503) and Boat (12) at the southern extremity of the Parish have been walked.
- (c) the recent fly-tipping on bridleway 9 near to the railway bridge on Broad Road has been reported to the Street Scene Team at Test Valley Borough Council part of "Customer Services on 01264 368000).

David Eaglesham will put up the Village's ordinance survey map, in the Village Hall.

Chairmans Annual Report (Katrina Saville)

Firstly I need to officially introduce the Parish Council committee to you all, as there have been a few personnel changes since we last met. Last May Jules Douglas was preparing to leave us, and was in the process of handing over to Karen Simon, who joined us as the new clerk at last year's APA. When Karen so sadly passed away, Kelley Fennell took over briefly, joining us at the July meeting, but had hardly got started when she had to resign for family reasons. This meant we were left clerk-less for a couple of months, with yours truly doing a very poor stand in job, so I was immensely grateful to Sue Corney for stepping into the breach back in October and getting us on track again.

At the last AGM we also said goodbye to Jock Glover, and I was delighted to welcome Sarah Dowding, who was co-opted onto the committee at the November meeting, and is proving to be a very valuable and enthusiastic member of the team. Then at the January meeting Liz Allen, our footpaths rep, stepped down from her post, and thankfully Ros and Alan King agreed to take on this role. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to them.

As you are aware, we have just had the local elections – but no one else stood for office in Monxton, so we were all re-elected uncontested. Let's hope we can live up to the parishioners expectations over the next year. One further new face is that of our new Borough Councillor, Cllr Ben Few-Brown. We welcome him to the borough, congratulations to him on his election victory and we look forward to working with him in the future.

It's been quite a quiet year compared to previous ones, although a steady stream of planning applications has continue to arrive, with 6 tree applications and 17 planning, including a Solar Farm on the remainder of the old Airfield site.

Talking of the Airfield, progress here has been very fast, with the site due to open, according to my latest information, on 24th May. The Parish Council have been cordially invited to the official opening. Throughout the year they have kept us well informed of the works, and have responded quickly to any queries and complaints.

The village playground by the new houses at Sunnybank has proved to be very popular. We had a bit of a surprise earlier in the year when we were informed that it was the responsibility of the Parish Council, despite having been categorically told TVBC would maintain it. Following this news, we have now instigated a weekly inspection routine, with two parishioners due to be given full H&S training in the near future.

We are in the process of agreeing traffic calming measures on the main road past Sunnybank, and I was very pleased to see such a good turn out to the exhibition put on by TVBC last night. The feedback from parishioners was very positive, and the proposed timescale for installation, once final details have been agreed, is in three to four months' time.

On the social side, we were very pleased to host the Royal Wedding Street Party, which turned out to be a great success. Many thanks to all those involved in organising it, and to all who attended from both villages and beyond. Particular thanks to the Black Swan for the huge amount of effort they put in. I felt it really pulled the two villages of Monxton and Amport together, and look forward to Amport hosting the Diamond Jubilee celebrations next year!

A project in the pipeline for next year is replacement of the two village bus shelters. They are both in a pretty poor state, and do nothing to add to the character of the village, the one at Sunnybank being particularly grim! The plan is to make use of some of the S106 money which should become available from the Airfield development, and which has been earmarked for improving sustainable transport. Hopefully we will see some movement on this during the coming months.

Finally I'd like to thank all of the team for their hard work throughout the year – my fellow councillors, David, Mike, John and Sarah, our clerk, Sue, and our many assistants, most notably Robert Davies, Liz Allen, Ros and Alan King, Robin Aisher and our friend and ally Pat West.

Katrina advised that the traffic calming consultations for Sunnybank – continue until the 23rd May.

The next meeting of the Monxton Parish Council will be on the 5th July 2011