

Monxton Matters

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Large Lorries Cause Major Traffic Problems in Monxton High Street

The volume and type of traffic now passing through Monxton is causing particular concern to residents. Monxton and Abbots Ann Parish Councils have strongly objected to a recent application from the owners of Manor Farm (on the Abbots Ann Road) to a change in use (Class 8 storage/warehousing distribution). The Highways Authority has objected on the grounds that the surrounding access roads are only suitable for private cars. Richard Williams took this photograph and along with others wrote to TVBC with objections, asking relevant questions to a sparsely documented application.

With the DLO site about to open, the situation can only get worse. A Group has already been set up with members from all Four Parishes, to focus on the impact of the DLO development plus that of Andover Airfield. An update of their work will appear in the next edition.

It is very important that the Parish Council (and Borough Councillors) have **your** views as well as raising them directly with TVBC whenever a Planning Application arises. **Make sure your views are taken into account** please email the editor at monxton.matters@btopenworld.com



Welcome to Matt McCann, the New Landlord of the Black Swan

Following the recent departure of Graham and Sara from the Mucky Duck, Matthew McCann, has joined us as the landlord having spent the last two years working in London for a major drinks company.

Prior to this he was travelling with his fiancée, Mandy, in the far east and Australia, coming home via New Zealand. Mandy is a primary school teacher who will be joining him towards the middle of next year, she will be down here at weekends.

Matts' previous experience was running the Clock Tower pub in Torquay, which he turned around from an "unpopular quiet venue" to a "lively bar and place to go"! He is a keen sportsman, a regular player of golf and cricket and is looking forward to participating in local events.

We wish Matt and Mandy all the best and look forward to many lively nights in the Black Swan.

The Monxton Parish Council wishes to thanks Matt McCann & Mandy of the Black Swan for their generous funding of the production costs of this issue of Monxton Matters and wishes them success for the future.



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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF
THE NOVEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2002

Members present		In Attendance	
Mrs S A Ryan	Chairman	Mr Jack Taylor	Borough Councillor Anna Ward
Mr D Eaglesham	Vice Chairman	Miss C Pratt	Parish Clerk
Mr M Cleugh	Councillor	Mr M Ross	Footpaths Representative
Mr R Colborne	Councillor		
Mrs J Richards	Councillor		

MATTERS ARISING

Newsletter

Mrs Richards and Mr Cleugh supplied an Editorial Agenda for Monxton Matters from November 2002 to October 2003, which was approved.

Village Design Statement

This is progressing and Mrs Leslie would like a member of the Parish Council to sit on the committee.

Traffic Calming

The works are behind schedule and are now due to start on 5th December with new signs. White lines require good weather and this will take place in due course. Councillor Taylor stated that at a Highway Management Committee Meeting on 15th November it was agreed that it was unfair to expect small parishes to pay the full contribution towards traffic calming particularly where the Village is a rat run between other Parishes. The Clerk will contact HCC to pursue this, as further funding is required to reduce the speed of traffic on Brocks Hill to Grateley and at Sunny Bank. Concern was expressed at the number of HGV's entering the Village, ignoring the weight restriction on Red Post Bridge, and it was agreed that this was due to poor signs at 100-acre roundabout. The Clerk will raise this with HCC.

Village Flood Plan

This has been circulated to every house in the Parish.

Parish Boundary Review

The draft proposals have been issued and the recommendations made by the Parish Council have been ignored.

Freedom Of Information Act 2000 - Publication Scheme

The Parish Council has agreed to adopt this standard in future

Village Hall

The formal application to fell the 3 sycamores made on 26th September 2002 has been withdrawn until such time as plans for improvements to the Hall are submitted to TVBC. Improvements for the disabled should be in place by 2004 but it is possible to provide a ramp, new loos and kitchen in stages over a three-year period.

Sunny Bank Car Park

The Clerk is to pursue this matter with Mr McGowan of Testway Housing but, bearing in mind that white lining cannot take place in wet weather, it probably will not take place until the Spring of 2003.

REPORTS

Monxton Footpaths: Nothing new to report. The repairs to the bridge are still outstanding together with the hardcore for the footpath and under the bridge on the gallops.

Neighbourhood Watch





A garage was broken into in Monxton and bogus Water Board Officials stole from a house in Grateley. Neighbourhood Watch stickers have been supplied to Street Watchers for distribution. 4 signs are on order costing £16.50 each.

Finance

Mr Eaglesham submitted the accounts for the period to 31st March 2002, which was unanimously approved. These will be submitted to the Auditors. Figures were submitted for the precept requirement for 2003/2004 and after some discussion it was agreed to set this at £5585. It was also suggested that the Clerks fees should be increased to £420.00 a year.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Item	Reference/Description	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
1	TVN.06096/7 - Outline - Business development for Class B1, B2 and B8 together with hotel and conferencing facilities at Andover Airfield, OS Parcel 8742, Monxton Road, Andover Applicant: Lady Clark	Traffic Report received and responded to. Documents passed to Andover Airfield Assessment Group. This now returned and circulated to Parish Councillors		
2	TVN.08558 - Erection of 4 bedroom dwelling accessed off Chalkpit Lane and formation of new access from the C17 road (Monxton/Abbotts Ann Road) with erection of attached double garage for Abbotts Mead - Mr & Mrs Wild	The Parish Council raised objections re unsafe access onto Abbotts Ann road, the size of the new house and the removal of many trees	The planning dept. has received twenty objections to this development.	The Parish council has elected to speak at the next planning meeting, which may now take place in January.
3	TVN.08522/1 Formation of vehicular access with gates and piers, demolition of front boundary walls/railings and erection of walls/railings to front boundary at Brewery House - Mr R Davies	PC studied plans supplied by Mr Davies and it was agreed to meet on site to view same	Refused 14/11/02	Mr Davies is to re-apply with amendments.
4	TVN.06767/1 Erection of equestrian stable block and provision of access onto Broad Road, driveway, parking and schooling manage Broad Road - Mr Ian Ockelford	Objection	Non-determination. Mr Ockelford Appealed to Sec of State	Approved by Sec of State 02/10/02
5	TVN.00687/8 Change of use from agricultural to open and covered storage (Class B8 storage distribution at Manor Farm, Monxton Road, Abbotts Ann - Trustees of Lady Boughey Trust Fund	Objection The council will be looking at what can be done to limit or stop altogether the movement of heavy lorries to this site which is the cause of great concern to parishioners		Abbotts Ann Parish Council has also objected as have the Hampshire Highways dept on the ground that the road is a country lane.
6	TVN.CLE.00022 + 1/2/3/ Certificate of lawfulness for existing use at Prospect Farm - Mr Machin	Letter from TVBC dated 8/11/02 should be resolved by end of November		See comments on item 2
7	TPO.587/67.CA Crown lift Sycamore by 3 metres, reduce Ash by 20%, Crown Lift and reduce Sycamore, Fell Ash and remove T27B (dead) - Mr Davies, Brewery House	No objection		
8	TVN.01309/4 Erection of 2 storey rear extension to create larger kitchen and drawing room with extended bedroom above at Holly House - Mr & Mrs Brandwood	No objection		

Members of the Monxton Parish Council (with mug shots)			
Sue Ryan Chairman 710413		David Eaglesham Treasurer 710338	
Jennifer Richards Councillor 710308		Roland Colbourne Councillor 710589	
Mike Cleugh Councillor & Editor of Monxton Matters 710276		Carol Pratt Clerk 710305	

Monxton Village Hall Forthcoming Events	
At the VILLAGE HALL	
Sat. Jan. 18 th	Mervyn Heard's Lantern Slide Lecture
Sat. Feb. 1 st	Jumble Sale
Fri. Feb. 14 th	Quiz Night (date to be confirmed)
Thurs. Feb. 20 th	. Pantomime 'Aladdin'
Fri. Mar. 14 th	'Time of Our Lives' Theatre Company follow on from 'England Swings'
Village Hall Weekly Programme	
Mon. Evening	Jujitsu
Tues. Evening	Occasional Band Practise and Four Parishes Meetings
Weds Afternoon:	Badminton
Wednesday Evening:	Line Dancing
Thursday: Afternoon:	Tai Chi
Thursday: Evening:	occasional band practice/ PC Meetings
Saturday:	Jumble sales, occasional children's parties
Sunday Mornings:	Monthly Church coffee mornings
Christmas Services at St Marys, Monxton	
Sunday December 15th	6pm Carol Service
Christmas Day	10.15am Family Service

Llamas at Rectory Cottage Monxton

Many of you who have walked past Rectory Cottage, opposite Bec House will have noticed the two strange animals in the adjoining paddock. These are not small horses or Alpacas, but are in fact are Llamas, who are called Pirate and Chocolate Chip who are both 2 year old males and have been in Monxton for over one year. Llamas are very intelligent animals and are very friendly, they are very economic to maintain in that they eat grass and can be kept four to an acre. They also love goats mix, which we give them to supplement their diet and hay in the winter. Contrary to popular belief they do not spit unless provoked, usually by another Llama, over food or females! They also make very good guard dogs to flocks of sheep, as they will see off either a dog or a fox.

Llamas, alpacas, guanacos and vicunas are collectively known as New World Camelids. Originally they all came from Central America. They are all members of the camelid family and are related to Bactrian and Dromedary camels. Llamas are traditionally pack animals. In the U.K. they are usually kept for trekking or as companion animals. Alpacas are primarily kept for their excellent fibre. There are only a few guanacos and vicunas kept in the UK. All camelids are naturally herd animals and should preferably not be kept in isolation.

They will live happily with other animals. Average stocking rates are 4-5 llamas/acre (0.5ha) or 6-8 alpacas/acre (0.5ha). They require an open fronted shelter. The llama is the largest of the South American Camelids, weighing anything up to 400lbs (180kg) and standing approximately 4 ft (1.25m) at the shoulder. Llamas are strong, intelligent, hardy animals with a gentle temperament and inquisitive nature. These elegant animals, with their distinctive "banana" shaped ears, are found in a variety of colours from solid white to black and with varying shades and mixes of brown and grey.

Llamas are gentle by nature and have an elegant, exotic quality. They quickly learn to wear a halter and to be led. Llamas can be taught to pull a cart. They will happily carry a pack, offering the long distance walker or the picnicking family both a fun companion and a willing helper!

Come and see them and say hello, they like to meet new friends!!



THE DATES OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

**The Parish Council will
meet on Thursday 23rd
January, 13th March
and 8th May 2003 in
the Village Hall at 8pm.**

**Note that Council
Elections will take
place on 1st May 2003.**

The next issue will be in February 2003 and we will be eliciting adverts from residents for items they wish to sell. Please let us have brief details including, name, tel. no, description before February 1st 2003 for inclusion in the next issue. Email to monxton.matters@btopenworld.com or phone 710276.

Flash News Monxton Parish Council Offers Allotments On a 1st Come, 1st served basis, with preference given to those who assist in clearing the current rubbish dumped by uncaring outsiders

Many of you may not know that Monxton has allotments available to parishioners for hire (see picture below) at virtually no rent for growing your own veggies and anything else considered legal.

However the parish needs to clear the allotments which have been used as a dump for several years and now require some volunteers to assist in filling a skip with the rubbish dumped on the site.

Once the clearance has taken place on the 28th of December, you can then apply for priority preference to growing your own veggies, flowers and fruits. Once cleared this area will be sub-divided into plots and allocated to parishioners on an annual contractual basis at £1/year.

To book your place on this team effort please call: Alan Barborn on 710612



**Farewell to
Graham, Sara & Lauren**

Monxton residents would like to thank them for their hospitality over the last four years and wish them all the very best on their new venture.

Wanted

Desktop Publishing person for Monxton Matters.

The magazine requires someone who has good Desktop publishing skills and who owns a computer and appropriate software packages to undertake the work required to set out the magazine every two months. This work is voluntary and would be open to anyone wishing to contribute to village life. **Please contact Mike Cleugh, the Editor on 01264 710276 after 7.00pm.**

**Black Swan Christmas
Opening**

Christmas Day

12 noon until 2pm Drinks only
Closed in the evening

Boxing Day

12 noon until 3pm
Closed in the evening

New Year's Eve

Buffet open until "late".

New Year's Day

Closed

Monxton Village Hall: Update

Planning Application for a new Extension

An application was submitted by the Village Hall (with the kind agreement of Mrs Rushworth-Lund) for permission to fell the sycamores by the entrance to the hall. Not only are the roots bringing up the tarmac but also getting into the drains. To our surprise we were asked to withdraw the application as TVBC indicated that permission would only be granted in the event of a full development/extension. In addition, TVBC would object to any application for a full-scale development including the chair store as this could damage the roots of a yew tree at the back of the hall. In effect this limits us to only extending the kitchen, toilets and storeroom.

Financing the Future

As you may already be aware the Play Group has ceased to exist due to lack of support. This was one of the Hall's main sources of income. At a subsequent meeting of the Hall's Management Committee it was accepted that future income derived from current activities would only just cover ongoing costs. The Committee felt that if the Hall were to become the Village Hall for both Amport and Monxton there would be much greater usage of the Hall and the cost of major improvements could be justified. An initial approach has been made to Amport Parish Council.

Monxton Neighbourhood Watch

This was reconstructed this year, Chris Brandwood, (710848) is the new Monxton co-ordinator. Each road has a representative and if you notice anything suspicious please report it to the person listed below who will pass the information on to others in their area:

Road	Representative	Home Number
Abbotts Ann Road	Mervyn Heard	710281
Andover Road	Joan Leslie	710253
Amport Road	Liz Allen	710472
Broad Road	John Wood	710518
Chalk Pit lane	Bob Ryle	710388
Green lane	Michael Ross	710053
High Street	Tony Collins	710724
Monxton Road / Sunny Bank	Roland Colbourne	710589
Prospect Farm	Sue Kerrison	710370

Four new neighbourhood watch signs have been purchased for the village. Stickers for your windows are available please ask your representative. Please be aware that a locked garage in Monxton was recently burgled!! You can install a separate alarm "Micro Mark" available from Woolworths.

Monxton in the Electronic Age

In order that the Parish council and parishioners can communicate more effectively and rapidly we have created a new email address for everyone to use as a simple and quick means of sending any news, views or concerns to the council for consideration at parish meetings or inclusion in Monxton Matters.

Important: If you are on the Internet or have an email address, please send us an email and we will add you to our distribution list.

Please email us at:

monxton.matters@btopenworld.com

Monxton Mill (a short history)

There is evidence of a mill in Anne (soon to be Anne de Bec), in the Domesday Book of 1086, rated as worth seven shillings and sixpence a year. Described in 1595 as 'one decayed watergrist mill with a little cottage and a parocke of meadow', it was repaired along with the waterwheel about ten years later, using oak trunks provided by Monxton Manor. It has been rebuilt several times, and the date 1792 appears in the brickwork of the old mill.

John Munday rented the mill for over 40 years. In 1748, it had grown to 'a mill dwelling house, stable, backyard, garden and meadow'. It was separated from the river by water meadows, owned by the manor.

By 1830 Isaac Holdway was working the mill, milling wheat, oats and barley. Later his widow, living in Brewery House, and described as a maltster and brewer, employed a journeyman miller until the 1860's.

In 1935 the mill was sold off with garden and water meadow to John Tulk and the cottage was converted into a shooting/fishing lodge. The internal mill workings were removed to make a gunroom and the millstones built into the garden and the wall by the roadside.

During the war airmen billeted there and water was hand pumped for their weekly baths. In 1947 the mill was sold to the owner of the Black Swan, Frederick Payne. Then on to Air Vice Marshall Staton in 1952 who removed the wheel, blocked the headrace and made a driveway onto the road.

Over the last ten years further improvements have been made to the house. These include an extension to the kitchen and bedrooms at the back, a new double garage, the conversion of the mill room into an integral part of the house and areas of the garden has been redesigned and replanted.

