



# *Monxton Matters*

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## **Amport and Monxton Village Hall Chairman Applicants Urgently Required for this Vital Role**



Please, please help with running the village hall especially if you live in Amport as this is your hall as well and your assistance would be much appreciated. Call David Hodgson on 01264 710405 for more info.



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## **VILLAGE HALL Appeal for a new Chairman and Hall Booking Secretary**

It is with great regret that I have to announce that in view of the health problems of two very important and key members of the Hall Committee, namely Graeme Leslie, our Chairman, and Karen Simon, our Hall Booking Secretary, it is necessary for them to stand down from their Hall Committee posts immediately.

We thank them for their hard work and for all they have achieved during the last three years and it is sad that they are having such problems at this time, but it is important that both of them put their health and their families before their community work for the Village.

As we know Graeme has been searching for someone to take over from him as Chairman, but unfortunately no one has come forward. The Village Hall needs a committed group of volunteers to manage the day-to-day management of the Hall.

So it is important that these two vacant positions on the Committee are filled as soon as possible. In the mean time it has been agreed that the duties of Chairman are eased by appointing a Hall Management Co-ordinator, this may help in the task of trying to get someone to come forward and agree to become Chairman of the Hall Committee.

Rose Wareham, ably supported by her husband Colin, has agreed to be our Hall Management Co-ordinator.

Diana Jones has agreed to become Hall Booking Secretary until a replacement comes forward.

David Hodgson, has agreed to become acting Chairman until a replacement Chairperson comes forward.

As the Hall is the Village Hall for both Monxton and Amport residents there is no reason why the vacant posts of Chairman and Hall Booking Secretary have to be filled by Monxton residents, in fact we welcome applicants from both villages. Should anyone wish to apply or would like to know more about these two vacancies please contact me on 01264 710405.

We will operate with this new Committee until new appointees are made, but should no one have come forward to fill the two posts of Chairman and Booking Secretary by the end of February 2010, then the future of the Village Hall will be in doubt and the responsibility for the Village Hall will have to be passed back to the Monxton Parish Council, who are the "Owner Trustees" of the Village Hall for a decision to be made as to whether to close the Hall.

David Hodgson

Hall Treasurer

31<sup>st</sup> October 2009

# Monxton & Aport Village Hall

## Weekly Programme and Forthcoming Events

**To book the hall for an event please call Diana Jones on 01264 710147**

Day	Time	Activity	Contact Name
Monday	9:30am - 10:30am	Yoga Class	Jane 01264 773429
Monday	Afternoon	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Monday	Evening	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Tuesday	9:30am - 1:30pm	<b>** NEW ** 'Wake Up' Toddler Activity class (ages 1 - 3 years)</b>	Katy Hayes 01722 411083
Tuesday	2pm - 3pm	Badminton	
Tuesday	Evening	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Wednesday	8:30am - 1:30pm	Baby Sensory Class	Lin Day 01722 320779
Wednesday	2pm - 4pm	RAGS	
Wednesday	Evening	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Thursday	9:15am - 11:45am	Music with Mummy - baby and toddler music class	Nicky Derrick - 01264 720452
Thursday	Afternoon	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Thursday	6:15pm - 9:15pm	Tap and Modern Dance Classes	Louise Ray - 01262 356042
Friday	Morning	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Friday	Afternoon	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Friday	Evening	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Saturday	All day	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	

### Events

5 Dec, Sat 2pm - 4pm	Christmas market	
27 Dec, Sun 12:00pm	Church Coffee	
6 Dec, Sun 11:00am	Church Coffee	
20 Dec, Sun 7:30 pm	Festive Refreshments after Carol service	Jean Wood
12 Jan, Tues 8:00pm	Parish Council Meeting	Katrina Saville

## EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF

### The Monxton Parish Council Meeting

**TUESDAY 19TH November 2009 at 8.00PM.**

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

## MATTERS ARISING (Abridged version)

### FOOTPATHS

Mrs Allen read out her report, mentioning that she had attended a meeting at Manor Farm, Monxton, where Mr and Mrs Snow, their grandson Kurt and Peter Watson, the footpath officer from HCC were present. A number of issues were discussed. As a result it was agreed that further signage would be put up, especially where the footpaths and tracks diverge.

Also the hedging either side of Monxton Lane, the track by Sunnybank, would be cut back. The hedge trimming has since been done.

Mr Watson will investigate the narrowing of Monxton Lane where it meets the road. This has arisen due to the recent building work at Sunnybank.

This narrowing was discussed and it was agreed that although it is accessible for walkers and horse riders, tractors and other farm vehicles may not be able to access the lane. If it becomes an issue then Hampshire Highways/HCC will need to address this issue as Mr Snow does not have the machinery to cut back far enough.

Concern was raised about the kind of language used by Kurt towards some villagers walking their dogs on his land. Mrs Saville confirmed that she had spoken to him about this and other issues and he understands his tone was not appropriate.

It was pointed out that in the past some dog owners may have gone slightly off the designated paths and that both Kurt and the dog owners have to understand this. However as further signage is to be erected all parties would be clear as to what paths should be followed.

Concern was also raised about some of the stiles around the village not being dog friendly. Mrs Allen agreed to discuss this with the local farmers and also to bring it to the attention of Amport Parish Council.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mr Davies addressed the meeting. Since the last meeting there has been an increase in night poaching of deer. It is a difficult matter to deal with and the public are advised not to approach such offenders.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> October an outbuilding was broken into in the village.

Bogus phone callers have also been a concern. Mr Davies reiterated the recent warnings made in the media that due to the recession, there has been a general increase across the UK in theft.

Mr Davies also advised that the mobile police unit has ceased for the immediate future.

### FINANCE

The parish council has reserves in hand and the finances are extremely sound and £3,000 continues to be set aside for improvements to the village hall and £1,000 continues to be set aside for improvements to traffic calming.

### MPC Meetings

**The next meeting will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 8.00pm at the village hall.**

## PLANNING MATTERS

Item	REF/DESCRIPTIONS	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
1	09/01737/lbwn – the School house, Provision of replacement window	No objection	Permission given	N/A
2	09/01668/lbwn and 09/01667/fulln – the stables, external and internal alterations	No objection	Permission given	N/A
3	09/01639/treen – Portway Cottage, crown, thin 1 tulip tree	No objection	No objection	N/A
4	09/01636/treen – Rectory cottage, fell 1 Norway Maple	No objection	No objection	N/A
5	09/01600/treen – Abbots Mead – various tree applications	No objection	No objection	N/A
6	09/01877/treen – Brookside – various tree applications	No objection	No objection	N/A
7	09/01680/treen – Field House, various tree application	No objection	No objection	N/A
8	09/02038/lbwn – School house – external works	No objection	Pending consideration	N/A
9	09/01691/fulln – Willow Glen- erection of bridge over watercourse	No objection	Pending consideration	N/A
10	09/02251/treen – 1 Manor Farm cottages, various tree applications	No objection	Pending consideration	N/A

**Notes:**

- 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](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk)**

### VILLAGE HALL

David Hodgson and Diana Jones spoke at the meeting. David announced that due to the health of both Mr Graeme Leslie and Mrs Karen Simon, both have had to step down from their posts as chairman and booking clerk/secretary. Mrs Jones will replace Karen until the end of February and Mr Hodgson will act as chairman until a replacement can be found.

Mr Hodgson confirmed that all major repairs/improvements have been carried out to the village hall and that the work for the new chairman will be minimal. During the next 3 years the only concerns will be a possible new heating system and replacement roof. The other issue which needs to be addressed is a new, wider fire escape as the current one can not accommodate the width of a wheelchair. The village hall continues to be busy and well patronised.

## Matters Arising

**Due to questions raised about Dogs and the countryside, the following has been taken from [www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk](http://www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk)**

### **Keep dogs under close control**

**The countryside is a great place to exercise dogs, but it's every owner's duty to make sure their dog is not a danger or nuisance to farm animals, wildlife or other people.**

- By law, you must control your dog so that it does not disturb or scare farm animals or wildlife. On most areas of open country and common land, known as 'access land' you must keep your dog on a short lead on most areas of open country and common land between 1 March and 31 July, and all year round near farm animals.
- You do not have to put your dog on a lead on public paths, as long as it is under close control. But as a general rule, keep your dog on a lead if you cannot rely on its obedience. By law, farmers are entitled to destroy a dog that injures or worries their animals.
- If a farm animal chases you and your dog, it is safer to let your dog off the lead – don't risk getting hurt by trying to protect it.
- Take particular care that your dog doesn't scare sheep and lambs or wander where it might disturb birds that nest on the ground and other wildlife – eggs and young will soon die without protection from their parents.
- Everyone knows how unpleasant dog mess is and it can cause infections – so always clean up after your dog and get rid of the mess responsibly. Also make sure your dog is wormed regularly to protect it, other animals and people.
- At certain times, dogs may not be allowed on some areas of access land or may need to be kept on a lead. Please follow any signs. You can also find out more by phoning the Open Access Contact Centre on 0845 100 3298.

### **SUNNYBANK**

Cllr Chaffey mentioned that the 2 sycamore trees over hanging the parking spaces have been trimmed by 40%, which alleviates the immediate problem but will still mean that next spring/summer there will continue to be 5 parking spaces out of use due to sticky fluid from the trees dropping on cars.

It was agreed that as soon as the problem reappears next year, the Parish council will contact Testway Housing again.

Cllr Chaffey has also written to TVBC regarding the bin shed erected on the new development and the fact that the new roadway has had tarmac laid instead of block paving as originally planned. The response from TVBC states that a site visit has been made and that the development so far has been carried out in accordance with the approved plans.

Since the meeting the damage to the paths and pavements at Sunnybank has been repaired.

**If you wish to receive a printed copy of Monxton Matters, please complete and return this page to either, Mike Cleugh, Rectory Cottage, Monxton or for those who live in Sunnybank please return to John Chaffey at No 11.**

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**Given it is free to download in full colour from the Monxton Web site and many people have the Internet we want to take this opportunity to get your views.**

**I Mr/Mrs \_\_\_\_\_ insert name:**

**Address: \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Signed**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_



## **Black Swan Events Calendar**



**Themed Evenings 2010**

**January 30<sup>th</sup> Italian**

**March 27<sup>th</sup> Mexican**

**February 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Valentines**

**April 24<sup>th</sup> Seafood & Fish**

**To book please call 01264 710260**



## **Sunnybank New Social Housing - Welcome Additions to the Village**



**The four new houses at Sunnybank have been allocated to local people, three families from Monxton and one family from Amport. We now have four children in permanent residence and two more at weekends and holidays in these houses, all the new houses are for rent only and cannot be purchased. There are now seventeen children at Sunnybank of school age. The new residents are delighted with their new properties and we look forward to their participation in village life.**

