



# *Monxton Matters*

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## **Stagecoach to Drastically Cut Bus Services to Monxton**



**Stagecoach has cut their services to Monxton from the 4<sup>th</sup> September due to cuts of 45% in subsidy from Hants County Council. The parish council along with other villages has been trying to get this decision reversed for more on the story, see last page.**



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# Monxton and Amport Village Hall Bookings Diary

## Regular Bookings: for September to November

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	

### Moviola Film Events at the Village Hall

26th September - Oranges and Sunshine 7.30pm start

24th October - Mao's Last Dancer 7.30pm start

22nd November - Beneath Hill 60 7.30pm

12th December - The Way 7.30pm start

For more information contact: Caroline Unwin 01264 772375

[www.moviola.org.uk](http://www.moviola.org.uk)

### Additional Bookings for August - October

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 September 6th, 2011 At 8.00PM*

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

**MATTERS ARISING (Abridged version)**

**OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

Speeding Signs (SIDs)

Broughton are still considering using Speed Signs, as the costs are beginning to escalate due to recalibration costs (required every time they are moved). Charlton do not want to join with Monxton to share equipment.

Pat West is coming back with a list of possible parish councils with whom Monxton can share cost. The Clerk will request that this be added as a topic for discussion at the Test Valley Association of Parish and Town Councils. Sarah Dowding will look into different alternatives of the signs. The Clerk to check with TVBC whether 'smiley face' speed signs are legal/allowable if not on Highways land.

Playground Inspection update

The Clerk to re-email inspection checklists to Hannah Goddard, and ask her to collect the weekly log book from John, to record weekly inspections and comments.

Grass cutting at Sunnybank.

Contractors will stay as they are currently. TVBC crew have been up to check the quality of work, and are happy with it.

The road signs at Sunnybank have been replaced. Plus additionally a new sign has been installed by the new housing (with house numbers). However, this is obscured if a car parks in the end bay. The Clerk to get the sign moved to the bin shelter.

**Stop lorries coming into the village**

A new sign has been ordered and will be installed imminently, to deter lorries driving through the village. Ray Alborough (TVBC) will check whether the number of 30 MPH speed signs comply, and will report back early September. The Clerk to check answer.

**VILLAGE HALL**

Moviola are no longer receiving funding from TVBC and have requested in MPC would consider contributing. Amport are considering funding and have asked Monxton to consider doing the same. The Chairman will find out more information and report back at the next meeting.

Copies of the Local OS maps are to be put up in the Village Hall by David Eaglesham.

The Village Hall ramp

Linda Peters has been looking into replacements, and collecting quotes (metal or wood). TVBC have stated the ramp does not need to be 1:20, that 1:15 is acceptable, and will bring the ramp to the front edge of the hall. The ramp will be sectional so that access to the drains can be facilitated. In addition, the toilets will be changed to one disabled toilet and one able bodied toilet. The existing emergency door meets standards. Thruxton have just renovated their hall fascia, so can be used as a reference point.

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

The red plastic dog bin has been installed at the end of Footpath 11, with emptying every fortnight. It has been suggested that monthly emptying would suffice.

The Clerk to contact TVBC and change. This change to also apply to the playground bin – with the proviso that emptying may change back to fortnightly in the summer months.

Benches for village green

The Clerk to apply for funding from the devolved budget via Cllr West for 2 benches, groundwork and installation (£1,500).

## PLANNING MATTERS

Item	REF/DESCRIPTIONS	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
1	11/001805/FULLN - 3 Bed extension Melbury, Red Post Lane	No objection		
2	11/01651/FULLN – A new 6 bedroom house and double garage to be constructed by Mr & Mrs King on the south side of the Pillhill Brook between Orchard House/PillBrook House and the brook.			Discussion with residents to take place.

**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. For those planning applications that require further discussions where there may be supporters and objectors, a Planning Sub- Committee will be held involving Cllrs Saville, Dowding, Cleugh and Chaffey plus any interested residents.**

**The next meeting of the Monxton Parish Council will be on the 8th November 2011 at 8.00pm at the Village Hall**

### ANDOVER AIRFIELD SITE

MPC will chase HCC (Pat West) about the status of the Section 106 monies due from Goodmans for the Andover Airfield development.

**Lorries through the village** – The Clerk to write to Pat West and find out what information is being collected on lorries driving into the village.

**Stagecoach Bus route 5** - Consideration of using the S106 money for 2-3 years under the sustainable transport banner will be considered. Key Parish Councils, Stagecoach, HCC Finance Officer and Cllr Pat West to meet to discuss the way forward. The Chairman to ring Stagecoach and Pat to arrange date.

**Trees on the green** – a resident has raised a concern that trees may be causing problems with the sluice gate. This has been investigated. The Chairman to write back with reply.

## MPC Matters - REPORTS

### FOOTPATHS

Report from Alan King:

The on going issues both from and since the last MPC Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011 (all reported for action to Peter Watson at the Countryside Service of HCC) are as follows :-

- (1) fingerpost on Broad Road where footpath 4 emerges is down.
- (2) 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 up to the “crossroads” from Sunny Bank (“Monxton Lane” Boat 11) was not trimmed during the 2010/11 winter – and complaints have been received that the vegetation on the track is now excessive.
- (7) the spoil tipped on Boat 8 is 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 would instigate a meeting with the land owner (Manor Farm, Monxton) to find a resolution.
- (9) complaints have been received that the width of Bridleway 7 as maintained by the land owner is not adequate (and is less than is defined in the Definitive Statement of Public Rights of Way).

With regard to items (6), (7) and (9) exchanges of emails have taken place at regular intervals with Peter Watson and his Line Manager Alison Perry at HCC Countryside Service – without any sign of the promised meeting with the owners of Manor Farm taking place. A number of Parishioners are now taking an interest in the outcome of these intended discussions.

Since the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011 :-

- (f) footpath 4 and bridleways 9 & 721 have been walked.

### Note

Fly-tipping can be reported by anyone to the Street Scene Team at Test Valley Borough Council who part of “Customer Services” and are contactable on 01264 368000. They require a brief (but accurate) description / quantity of the material to be removed together with an exact location.

## **MPC Matters - REPORTS**

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Report from Robert Davies:

There was an attempted theft of car wheels in late July and a Monxton resident had her handbag stolen in Amport. The Police have investigated both these incidents but do not expect to achieve positive results.

Outside the village, but within our Four Parishes, there have been break-ins at a holiday caravan and a garden shed.

Speeding through the village continues to be a concern to people here and Roger Kitson has been taking steps to reduce this problem by operating a laser speed check at the approaches to the village. Roger has visited Monxton residents who have expressed particular concerns about speeding.

Thanks are extended to Roger for finding time to send periodic notes to the NHW co-ordinators about local incidents involving the Police. These are helpful and enable us gauge the level of criminal activity in the district.

**Breaking News on the 11/9 – An oil tank with 1000 litres of oil was stolen on Wednesday from a rear garden at a house in Monxton/Amport. It is believed a fork lift truck or Hiab truck was used in the theft.**

**More telephone fraud has been experienced locally from people who claim to work for Microsoft please never give anyone any information regarding your computer.**

## Bus Time tables from 4th September 2011

Route 5/5A: Revised route and timetable. All journeys will run as route 5 via Monxton, Amport, Grateley, Quarley, Thruxton and Weyhill and will no longer serve Palestine, Fyfield, Kimpton and East Cholderton. There will be a morning arrival at John Hanson School (Colebrook Way) at 0815 and an afternoon departure at 1516. There will no longer be a Saturday service. The 0710 and 0750 journeys from Andover will no longer serve Macadam Way, running from Hopkinson Way via Reith Way to Weyhill Road and on to Monxton Road MOD site. Afternoon peak journeys from the MoD will still run the usual route via Macadam Way. Daytime buses will still run via Gallaghers Mead.

**From:** [Mark Turner](#)

**To:** Katrina Saville

**Sent:** Friday, September 02, 2011 10:26 AM

**Subject:** Bus Route 5

Dear Ms Saville

I refer to your e-mail of 24<sup>th</sup> August and the various other e-mails that were sent after that. I will reply to you and you can forward to those who you feel appropriate.

I need to clarify one clear area of confusion in terms of the responsibility for the service.

In the case of the bus route 5 we simply operate the service on behalf of Hampshire County Council and the decisions made to cut the service were made by them as a result of their policy of cutting bus service subsidy by 45%.

As the operator we were asked to identify the most poorly used services and to design something that met as much demand as possible but at a vastly reduced cost. Unfortunately the 5 is one of the casualties along with services to Salisbury via Stockbridge.

The complication is that the legislation under which the bus industry operates means that many services are operated without any County Council support and in fact they represent the majority of our business. These are services like the Active 8 from Andover to Salisbury and the 76 from Andover to Basingstoke. It is those services where we as a business are investing in newer vehicles and increasing frequencies. Therefore it is that part of our business that our website is in the main referring to. In fact the Active 8 is being improved from next week as a direct result of us wishing to develop our main business.

I fully understand your point and clearly as a business we are financially affected as we are losing work, which is something that isn't good for us. However in this case the decisions were out of our control.

I hope that this goes some way to explain the position.

Regards

Mark Turner  
Commercial Director  
Stagecoach South