



# BRYMPTON NEWSLINK - Spring 2011

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## From the Chairman

**Winter Weather** - It was heartening to see a bit of self-help during the bout of snow and icy weather, even if that did include people helping themselves to the contents of the "community" grit bin at Acer Drive. Just a reminder that the grit in these bins is provided for use on **public** footpaths and not private property!

**Cuts** - There has been much comment about this at all levels of government and everyone will be affected at some point, but until we see what actually happens during this coming financial year we won't be in a position to know what the cuts really mean at delivery level and by then it'll be too late!

**Council Tax** - Other tiers of local government have chosen to freeze their council tax as in doing so they have been able to "lever in" extra central government funding in a "carrot and stick" exercise. Parish councils have no funding from central government so we have chosen to raise our precept by £1 a house for the next year as we expect to have to subsidise some of the "lost" services from the other tiers.

**Allotments** - As we were asked by many local residents to provide an allotment site within the parish of Brympton we are, by law, obliged to do so. This process is now well on the way but as usual the legal/planning element is slow. We have been offered a site by a local landowner, and although perhaps not "ideally situated" it is all that is on offer.

**LOSP** - is another project that seems "long and drawn out" but is now having a good effect on the community and our local environment. Our next task in this project is to address the King Arthur Drive play area but finances may be a bit tight so, "watch this space" and we will do the best we can.

**Parish Environment** - In partnership with SSDC we hope to be improving the stream corridor at Alvington this year. We also plan to clear the woodland near King Arthur Drive.

If you know of an area that needs some improvements let us know.

**Planning** - Well nothing much changes with this subject, as we are merely "consultees" and have no planning power, all final decisions lie with SSDC as the Local Planning Authority.

I think the temporary closing of the Bunford Bridge was a salutary warning to those with the power as to what happens to the road network on the west of Yeovil, if someone drops a match, the whole area grinds to a halt. Sadly there still prevails a "do nothing" option for the west of Yeovil. WHY? The planners are happy to allocate massive Key Sites and employment sites which increase traffic but WHY will no one have the courage to mention the "Elephant in the Room"?

**Eco Urban Extension** It was interesting to witness the vigour of the opposition of the councils south of Yeovil to any building there. We wonder if they'll be ignored as we were on the west of Yeovil? Every one so loves to build in Brympton !!

Hope you are all enjoying your extra "sort it" box. Think I need a bigger house to accommodate them!!!

As we come up to the **Local Elections** in May please remember that at Brympton Parish Council we are non-political.

*Liz Glaisher, Chairman, Brympton Parish Council*

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**New Councillors** - We welcome the following new Councillors to Brympton Parish Council -

John Hanson, John Strong, Peter Sealey and Ernie Appleby.

This brings BPC up to full strength of 11 Councillors.

As the population of the parish gradually increases we are contemplating applying to increase our numbers. It would be nice to get some 'younger blood' on the Council as some of us are a bit 'long in the tooth'!

**Abbey Community Association** - We understand that more committee members are needed to help with running the excellent facility at The Forum. There are loads of users of this resource, it would be nice if someone could give something back.



**New PCSO** - We are sad to lose PCSO Jason Helyar as he was just 'settling in' but we're happy to welcome his replacement Elaine Weeks who introduces herself later in this edition of Newslink.

**True Grit** - Liz mentions the grit bin we provided at Acer Drive steps. The cold weather this winter certainly caused some problems and we had loads of requests to provide grit bins. There are 110 streets in the parish and it would have been difficult to accommodate every request. So BPC took a pragmatic view and decided that as we couldn't respond to all of them it would be wisest not to provide any especially as there is no requirement to do so - public pavements and highways are the responsibility of Somerset County Council.



**Higher Ream Play Area** - The parish council is refurbishing some of the safety surfacing and repairing/painting some of the play equipment.



**Localism Bill** - At the risk of boring you I should mention that the Government has passed a new Bill aimed at revising the way Local Government works. It's a far-reaching bit of legislation and one of the principal aims is to give 'power to the people' so you can all become involved in making decisions and questioning those that are made at local level. Councils are obliged to become more 'transparent' in their proceedings and this all comes at a cost, of course. As far as Brympton PC is concerned we think we are already pretty 'transparent' but rules is rules and we will comply. Previous legislation had established Standards Boards, Codes of Conduct, Quality Status and Power of Wellbeing to control things but in their wisdom Central Government have brushed most of this aside. Instead of the 'Power of Wellbeing' that BPC had managed to achieve we will now have to obtain a 'Power of Competence' instead. I guess that those who don't achieve this will be deemed as 'Incompetent'!



**Youth Facilities** - BPC has for some time been endeavouring to facilitate the provision of more youth facilities but have met difficulties at every corner. The latest challenges are that the County Council is withdrawing funding and the District Council will no longer be providing their Activity Bus.



**MORE PARISH COUNCIL STUFF**

**Parking Problems** - We have for some time been endeavouring to resolve difficulties to do with inconsiderate parking on YTFC match days. Sadly we keep being passed from YTFC to the Police then to the District Council in ever-decreasing circles so we are not really any further forward. The message seems to be that if someone is causing an obstruction then the Police should be informed.

**Traffic problems at Houndstone** - The parish council received complaints about traffic rat-running through the Houndstone housing estate where the roads are basically not up to it.



This problem has been referred to Somerset County Council but a solution to this human behaviour issue may be difficult to find.

**Cricket at Brympton House** - we mentioned in previous issues about the possible resurrection of games at the cricket ground at Brympton House. Unfortunately, for various reasons, it now looks as though this won't go ahead. Sorry.



**New Notice-board at Thorne** - Residents will hopefully have noticed that a smart new parish notice-board has been erected at Thorne. I think the previous one was probably older than most of the residents!

Our thanks go to the owner of the house to which it is attached.

**Grant to Thorne Jubilee Hall** - the parish council recently provided a grant to improve the facilities at the village hall in Thorne.

**Lights at The Forum** - Hopefully most of these have now been fixed. The District Council are liaising with the Abbey Forum Management Group about possible replacement of some of these troublesome lights.



**Trees at Lufton 2000** - Our 'eagle-eyed' Chairman, Liz Glaisher, spotted some potential problems with contractor's activities in close proximity to some 'TPOed' trees on the Lufton 2000 development. SSDC's arborist rapidly responded to make sure that they weren't damaged.

**Larkhill Open Space** - The parish council is pleased to note that there is much public appreciation of the recently resurfaced footpath linking King Arthur Drive to Abbey Manor Park.



Total cost of this work was about £10,800 of which SSDC paid £3,000, SCC contributed £4,200 and Brympton Parish Council paid the balance of £3,600. The photograph below shows delighted residents together with County, District and Parish representatives and last, but by no means least, Darren Lashbrook the SSDC/BPC funded Ranger who has been carrying out the excellent work of clearing and planting this public open space.



Photograph by kind permission of Western Gazette

**Budgets**

Way back in December Brympton Parish Council set its Precept for the year 2011/12. The Precept is the money we need to fulfil our commitments and provide services and it is collected from residents by the District Council as part of the Council Tax. After much soul-searching and in recognition of the fact that we were aware of proposed cuts in services being proposed by District and County Council we decided to increase our Precept by £1 per property for the year bringing it up to the princely sum of £19.78 per year.



South Somerset District Council have kept their Precept the same as last year in order to qualify for a 'special bonus' from Central Government - this is after they had received a very poor deal in National cutbacks. In order to balance the books SSDC are endeavouring to make efficiency savings but some services will be affected e.g. the 'Activity Bus' is going



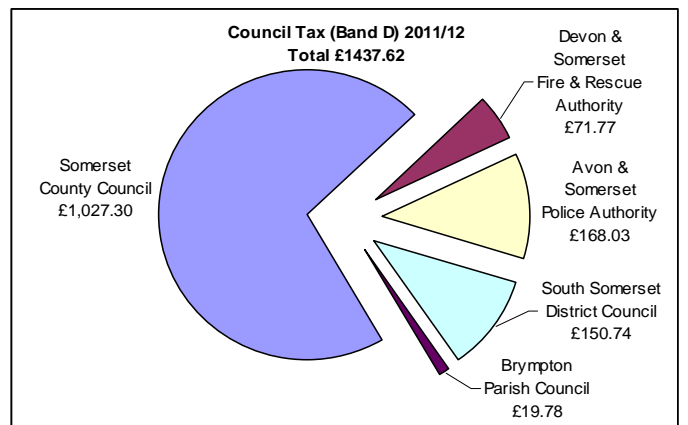
Somerset County Council started warning of draconian cuts in services back in the Autumn and you will have seen/heard in the media about staff redundancies, closure of some libraries and recycling centres along with reducing or doing away with funding for PCSO's, youth services, etc. - it's a long list and I won't bore you with it. SCC is also proposing a 0% increase in their Precept in order to take advantage of the Government 'deal'.

Fire and Police Services are also proposing a 0% increase so the only change you will see in your Council Tax bill this year will be the £1 that we've added.

The table and 'pie' chart below shows the breakdown of Council Tax payments and who gets the biggest 'slice' of pie.

The Council tax for 2011/12 for band D is detailed below:

	2010/11	Increase £	2011/12
Somerset County Council	1,027.30	0	1,027.30
Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority	71.77	0	71.77
Avon & Somerset Police Authority	168.03	0	168.03
South Somerset District Council	150.74	0	150.74
Brympton Parish Council	18.78	1.00	19.78
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,436.62</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1,437.62</b>



**New PCSO for Brympton**

Can I introduce myself as Elaine Weeks, the new Police Community Support officer for Brympton. I have been in the PCSO role for 3 1/2 years and in December moved to Brympton. I have found the residents and businesses very welcoming and look forward to working with you all.



Can I bring your attention to a recent spate of lead thefts, where a number of properties in the Ermine St and King Arthur Drive and road leading to have had lead stolen from their porches and car ports during the hours of darkness.

This has been made the policing priority for the area and all lines of enquiries followed up. If you have lead, or know of those that do have please be aware of crime prevention measures that may deter: - coating the lead in anti vandal paint, which is a black sticky paint and thieves don't like. Should you be a victim of lead theft not to replace with lead but with an alternative. Mark or etch a unique marking into the lead so if the lead is found elsewhere we know it is yours. Operation Fragment is a specific policing team targeting metal / scrap theft and patrolling, checking scrap vehicles and yards regularly. Should you witness any suspicious behaviour please contact us if in progress on 999 or after the event on 0845 456 7000.

Should you wish for more advice please contact the Safer Stronger Neighbourhood team.

I also join Liz James regularly at Parish room, Abbey Community Centre for a Beat Surgery. Dates are advertised on the notice boards and police website.

Regards  
Jackie Poole  
PC 3573 Neighbourhood Beat Manager  
Yeovil South and Brympton  
Ext 62238

**Best ever Zero - 700 clubbers enjoy latest under 18's club night**

Nearly 700 teenagers flocked to the latest Zero under 18's club night in Yeovil on Wednesday 23 February making it the most popular night since the project launched in October 2008.



The popular Zero events for fourteen to seventeen year olds are now held at Club Neo and the latest event went ahead with a Valentines theme.

Organisers at South Somerset District Council, Avon and Somerset Police and the organisations that make up the Mendip and South Somerset Community Safety Partnership were impressed by the behaviour of those attending.

Zero aims to reduce alcohol related anti-social behaviour and zero tolerance to underage drinking by providing a safe, alcohol free environment where young people can enjoy a good night of music. Clubbers arrive and leave via a safe drop off and pick up point at nearby Stars Lane car park.

Profits made by the Zero team will be available as small grants to other groups wishing to carry out projects under set criteria. Cllr Ian Martin, South Somerset District Council Chairman said, "We're really pleased to see so many teenagers coming out to enjoy these nights. It's great that they can benefit from a real club, safely and legally, through the Zero events that we support."

The Zero project was initially funded by the Healthy Living Pooled Fund and is now self sustaining. It is open to 14, 15, 16 and 17 year olds.

Zero events are held every school holiday - one in each half term, two during summer holidays. Next one is the Easter Party, Wednesday 13th April.

**Street Parties for Royal Wedding**

A page has been set up on SSDC's website giving loads of useful advice and links for anyone wanting to celebrate the coming Royal Wedding. See:



[www.southsomerset.gov.uk/business-and-regeneration/your-business/licensing,-permits,-registrations-and-notifications/street-parties,-celebrations,-that-may-require-a-road-closure](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/business-and-regeneration/your-business/licensing,-permits,-registrations-and-notifications/street-parties,-celebrations,-that-may-require-a-road-closure) or contact Gill Barnwell. Licensing Co-ordinator at SSDC.

**Freeing pedestrians from pavement parking blight**



The Government is making it easier for councils to tackle pavement parking and stop it causing an obstruction to pedestrians Regional and Local Transport Minister Norman Baker announced recently.

Vehicles parked on pavements can cause particular problems for people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and those with pushchairs. The Minister has recently written to councils prompting them to use their powers to prevent parking on the pavement where it is a problem.

Along with the letter, the Department for Transport has given all councils in England permission to use signs to indicate a local pavement parking ban. Until now councils have had to gain special signs authorisation from Government each time they want to put a pavement parking ban in place.

While in some circumstances pavement parking is unavoidable - for example in narrow residential roads with no off-street parking - the Government believes that in many cases it can be avoided. Pavement parking is completely banned in London.

A local authority can now make a traffic regulation order (TRO) to prohibit footway parking on a designated length of highway or over a wider area. This means the Council can target problem areas rather than applying a blanket ban.

*The use of this new legislation will of course be down to individual authorities and success will be dependent on enforcement.*

Local authorities can, of course, use physical measures such as high kerbs or bollards to prevent vehicles mounting the footway where footway parking is a particular problem. Such measures have the advantage of being largely self-enforcing.

For more information visit: <http://nds.coi.gov.uk/content/detail.aspx?NewsAreaId=2&ReleaseID=418175&SubjectId=2>



## Your Parish Needs You!

Elections for District Councillors and Parish Councillors are being held on 5<sup>th</sup> May. **USE YOUR VOTE** - if you don't vote you shouldn't complain!!

### 800 Councillors Required!

Have you ever:

- ❖ had ideas about how your local services could be improved?
- ❖ wanted to see if your ideas could make a difference?
- ❖ felt you could be a voice for your community?

### So, why not become a Parish or Town Councillor

With local elections due in May 2011, over 800 town and parish councillors will be required.

### Could you be one?

Every four years people are elected to serve on one of the 121 town or parish councils within South Somerset. The parish or town council has an overall responsibility for the well-being of the local community. Parish and town councillors are local people like **you** who have an active interest in their community and a concern for it. They are elected by their community to represent them on the council. Every community needs people like **you** who are willing to be the voice of the community, to represent the users of local services and to decide how local resources should be spent.

People from all walks of life and backgrounds, with different ideas and beliefs are needed to really represent their communities.

Why don't **you** stand for your local parish or town council and **see what difference you can make?**

### What do parish or town councillors do?

Councillors represent the electors in their parish ward. They are accessible to residents to listen to their concerns and to deal with them or pass them for action to the appropriate authorities directly or via the Parish Clerk. Councillors may represent the Council on local bodies and in meetings with other authorities. They help formulate responses to county or national consultations when relevant local issues are involved. Councillors can provide leadership on local initiatives for example Parish Plans. In everything they do, councillors need to bring integrity and common sense to their approach and look for viable realistic outcomes that can be achieved.

All this work involves time, meetings have to be attended and planning applications and other documents have to be reviewed. The workload varies but an average monthly estimate is about 5 hours. In return is the immense satisfaction of putting something back into the community.

### But I'm too young....

Some parish or town councils also run youth councils, which are made up of young people representing their local schools and colleges. This provides young people with a time and place to meet and discuss matters that affect them. These youth councils are in direct communication with their parish or town council so they can be involved in decision-making.



### Am I qualified?

You are able to be a councillor if:

- You are a British subject, a citizen of the Irish Republic or other Euro national and on the day of nomination are over 18 and registered as an elector and
- During the whole of the twelve months preceding nomination day or the day of election, resided or had your principal place of work in the parish or town, or within three miles of it.

### You cannot stand for election if you:

- Work for the Council you want to become a councillor for
- Have been declared bankrupt in the past five years and have not repaid the debt
- Have been convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to not less than three months imprisonment (including any suspended sentence) within the past five years.

### How can I find out more?

You can get a detailed guide to being a councillor from:

Democratic Services, South Somerset District Council, The Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT. Tel: 01935 462462

### You can also:

- e-mail [democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk)
- visit our website at: [www.southsomerset.gov.uk](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk)

### Keep on Running - Yeovil Half Marathon 27th March



Total Buzz Events Ltd is a dynamic, new sports events company based in the South West whose aim is to provide high quality, memorable events that are competitive, as well as catering for all abilities from the beginner to the pro.

The team at Total Buzz are all seasoned runners and triathletes, as well as experienced event organisers, and so understand what is required to put on such events.

Yeovil Half Marathon takes place on the 27th March 2011 9am, starting and finishing at Huish Park.

The route will take in many of the features of Yeovil, including the town centre and Ninesprings Country Park.

Buzz are expecting in the region of 500 runners in the first year with a view to this being a regular fixture in the running calendar.

More details can be found at [www.totalbuzzevents.com](http://www.totalbuzzevents.com)

### Yeovil Half Marathon Race Route





**Sort It Plus - Additional Recycling**



All homes in South Somerset should, by now, have received an additional recycling box and instructions about the new 'Sort It Plus' system which will enable householders to put cardboard and plastic bottles in with their weekly kerbside recycling collections.

The added collections will mean hundreds of tonnes more waste will be recycled, but will also lead to long term savings on what would be spent on sharply increasing costs of landfill sites. In April, the cost of dumping the contents of South Somerset's rubbish bins jumps another £8 a tonne to around £75 a tonne because of the government's annual rise in its "escalator" tax on landfill.

Collection data from across the county has shown that adding plastic bottles and card also improves recycling of tins and glass jars. Lifting countywide recycling rates from today's 50% to 60% would save £1.7 million a year, rising to £2.5 million in 2014.

Sort It Plus accepts only plastic bottles and not other plastic items, such as yoghurt pots, because few UK recycling firms can process these types of plastics. Somerset Waste Partnership will keep this under review and consider collecting other plastic items if reliable and cost-effective processing outlets can be found, preferably in the UK.

**Sort It Plus** receives financial assistance negotiated from many partners, including a national first by securing a contribution from a private retailer, Marks & Spencer

**Timing:** It is important not to put plastic bottles and cardboard out for collection until the correct day. Collection date information will be delivered with the new recycling boxes.

**Materials:** Sort It Plus includes weekly recycling of food waste, paper, glass bottles and jars, food and drink cans, cardboard, household plastic bottles, clothes, shoes and car batteries, and a fortnightly wheeled bin refuse service (households unsuitable for wheeled bins use refuse sacks).

**Plastic bottles:** Sort It Plus collects household plastic bottles, with the tops removed, such as those for drinks, milk, shampoo, bleach and disinfectant. It does not collect bottles for gardening or DIY chemicals. Other types of plastics, such as yoghurt pots, margarine tubs, meat trays or plastic film, should be put in the refuse bin or sack, and not left out for recycling.

**Garden waste:** Paid-for fortnightly services for garden waste continue as before, with residents able to buy special sacks in advance or subscribe to collections using a dedicated wheeled bin.

**About Somerset Waste Partnership:** Somerset Waste Partnership manages waste and recycling services on behalf of Mendip, South Somerset, Sedgemoor and West Somerset District Councils, Taunton Deane Borough Council and Somerset County Council.

If you want to know more about what happens to your rubbish visit [recycle@somersetwaste.gov.uk](mailto:recycle@somersetwaste.gov.uk)

**Weekly recycling**

Please keep different materials separate in your boxes as this makes it much easier to sort. Please rinse food cans and jars, and it helps to squash plastic bottles. Most boxes have grooves so they can be cross-stacked on top of each other.

**Cardboard** - Flatten, fold and put out in Box 2. Small amounts of extra cardboard can be put out in flattened bundles alongside the box. Take large quantities to Household Waste Recycling Centres or order a bulky waste collection.

Extra amounts of other materials can be put out in carrier bags alongside the boxes.



**Box 2 - YES please:**

- ✓ Food and drinks cans
- ✓ Plastic bottles only (no tops)
- ✓ Cardboard (flattened) - clean packaging card, corrugated card and greetings cards
- ✓ Brown envelopes

**Box 1 - YES please:**

- ✓ Paper including: newspapers, magazines, leaflets, printed paper, white envelopes and telephone directories
- ✓ Glass bottles and jars
- ✓ Aluminium foil (clean, not paper or plastic backed)
- ✓ Clothes - bagged to keep dry
- ✓ Shoes - tied in pairs & bagged
- ✓ Car batteries

Please do not put clothes or shoes out on wet days.

**NO thanks:**

- ✗ Drink cartons or Tetra Pak
- ✗ Broken glass, Pyrex, window glass, tableware, light bulbs
- ✗ Plastic pots, tubs or film
- ✗ Plastic bottles used for engine oil and garden or DIY chemicals
- ✗ Household batteries
- ✗ Business waste for recycling

**Bank Holiday Household Recycling & Refuse Collection Day Changes for 2011**

Easter 2011 & Royal Wedding Bank Holiday			
Usual Collection Day		Revised Collection Day	
Good Friday	22 April	Saturday	23 April
Easter Monday	25 April	Tuesday	26 April
Tuesday	26 April	Wednesday	27 April
Wednesday	27 April	Thursday	28 April
Thursday	28 April	Saturday	30 April
Friday (Royal Wedding)	29 April	Sunday	1 May
Monday (May Day)	2 May	Tuesday	3 May
Tuesday	3 May	Wednesday	4 May
Wednesday	4 May	Thursday	5 May
Thursday	5 May	Friday	6 May
Friday	6 May	Saturday	7 May

May & August Bank Holidays in 2011		
Bank Holidays		Revised Collections
May Day	2 May	All collections in these weeks will be one day later than usual; i.e. Monday collected on a Tuesday, through to Friday collected on a Saturday.
Late Spring	30 May	
Summer	29 August	

**A Few Words of Wisdom:**

An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.  
We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.

To avoid criticism do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.  
Never answer an anonymous letter  
Always forgive your enemies - nothing annoys them so much.



**News from St. James Church**

We've just welcomed our newest member, a wide-screen TV to enable relays of services into the church room, to accommodate the growing numbers. Here's a bit of what's going on:

**Regular Groups**

- Tots and Toys** - Tues 10.00 -11.30, for 0-2's and their parents /carers, St. James church room.
- Parents and Toddlers** - Weds 10.00-11.30am, Abbey Community Centre. Ring Karen on 425877
- Coffee Mornings**, - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month,
- Youth & Junior Youth** - Sunday Evenings, contact Karen on 425877 for details

The church is open for visitors and prayer on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 10.00am - 12 noon

**Special Events**

- Café Service with the Bishop of Taunton** followed by lunch in the Arrow **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am** in the community centre.
- Messy Church** - A morning of fun for all ages, followed by lunch. Messy Church is an event where families can come for time together, to make things, play games, learn from each other, eat together, and find out about God. **Sat 12<sup>th</sup> March & 9<sup>th</sup> April 10.30-12.30** Venue is St. Peters Hall, Coronation Ave. Westfield.

For more information please call Karen 425877 or email Karen@stjamesyeovil.org.uk

**Easter Events**

- Good Friday Family Fun** 2-4pm Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, St. James Church. *An afternoon of workshops for all the family, with an Easter theme, and free entry. Suitable for children aged 0-11 and their parents/carers. Hot Cross Buns and drinks served at half-time!* Contact David on 422286 or the church office 414097 for more information.
- Good Friday Meditation** 10.00am Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> April, an hour of prayer and reflection.

**Easter Day** 8.00am communion service  
10.30am Family Communion

**Contacts:** Church Office 414097, Rev. Tony Perris 429398, Rev. David Keen 422286, email: [clergy@stjames.org.uk](mailto:clergy@stjames.org.uk)



**The Church of St. Peter & St. Paul, Lufton**

A Part of the Church United Benefice of Odcombe with Lufton, Montacute & Brympton)

Our beautiful, small, rural Church nestles at the heart of the ancient hamlet of Lufton and we welcome all those who wish to worship with us. For those of you who have had difficulty in finding us, we are situated adjacent to the Manor Farm section of Lufton College. Follow the Montacute road out of Yeovil and take a right turn where you see a sign to the College, pass through the hamlet, turning left at the first T junction and you will view the Church by the Green.

Our regular Services are more traditional, as we still enjoy **BCP (1662) Services of Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday of each month & Evensong on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays** of each month, at **6.00pm** throughout the year. We still enjoy traditional hymn singing.

On the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month** we are holding a Celtic Service (in the Iona Tradition) at the moment. Each service has a differing theme, the time remains at **4.30pm.** throughout the year and is taken by our regular Lay Reader, Bill Chapman.

Special Services & Events coming up during March & April include:-  
**During Lent we are hosting our Benefice Lent Talks**, which commence on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15pm.** These talks are of half an hour duration only and are given by our Rector, Rev'd. John Jenkins. They will run each Tuesday evening, the last one being on **12<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Additional Services during Holy Week:-**

As Lufton is the warmest Church in our Benefice, during Holy Week we are hosting the **Services of Complin.** Thus on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>** these short Services will commence at 7.30pm.

**Good Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April - The Service of 'The Last Hour' at 2pm.**

**Easter Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April - Holy Communion at 6pm.**

**ALL ARE MOST WELCOME AT OUR SERVICES.**

For more information about the Church & Services please contact Rev'd. John Jenkins (01935 863034) or Churchwardens Mr Marvin Collins (01935 426153) or Dr. Francis Burroughes (01823 652500 during office hours).

**Allotments**



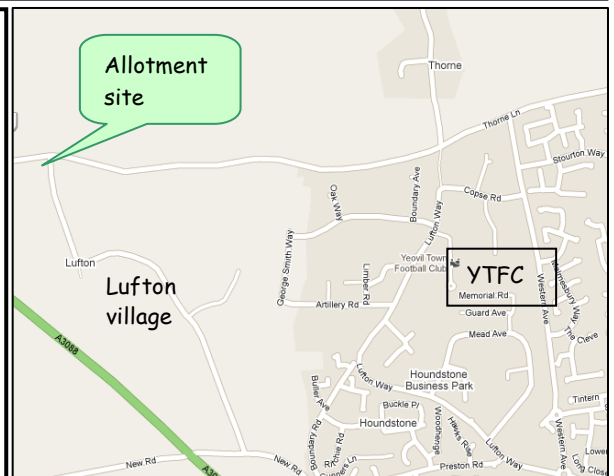
An inaugural meeting took place in December of those interested in taking on an allotment on the site being put forward by the Parish Council. Quite frankly we were amazed at the turnout - over 40 people attended. This has caused us to review our allotment proposals and we now intend providing space for 40 plots (previously 28).

At the inaugural meeting an allotment association was formed - Brympton Allotment Association - and a committee elected.

A water service and a parking area are being provided and the location of the site is shown on the map.

Budget for this project has been agreed as £10k and we are currently putting together a planning application.

This allotment site has been made available by local landowners Colin and Maggie Baker. If anyone is interested please contact the Parish Clerk.





**Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance calls for recipe support**

An appeal has been launched for people to come forward with their favourite family recipes for a charity cookbook to raise money for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Supporters of the Air Ambulance are being called upon to visit the specially created website [www.eattogether.co.uk](http://www.eattogether.co.uk) and upload their best breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snack recipes.

Around 30 dishes will be chosen for the charity cookbook, which will be published and launched this summer - it will also include a number of contributions from well-known local chefs.

The charity cookbook will be the end result of the 'Come Together, Eat Together' campaign, supported by rural insurance firm Cornish Mutual.

They're looking for favourite traditional, homemade family recipes that stand the test of time or might well have been handed down over generations, dishes and meals families can prepare easily.

For more information about the 'Come Together, Eat Together' campaign and to upload a favourite family recipe for the charity cookbook, visit [www.eattogether.co.uk](http://www.eattogether.co.uk). More information about the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance can be found at [www.dsairambulance.org.uk](http://www.dsairambulance.org.uk).

**Museum of South Somerset**



The historic building which houses the museum of South Somerset is to close at the end of March as part of district council efficiency savings.

Exhibits, which range from a reconstructed Roman dining room to tools and photographs illustrating the history of the gloving industry, will move from the converted coach house in West Hendford, Yeovil, to the modern Community Heritage Access Centre at Lufton Trading Estate on the edge of the town.

South Somerset District Council says moving resources into the purpose-built Access Centre will save £30,000 a year in premises costs alone.

The centre will continue to be open for group viewings and tours on request and all of the cataloguing and documenting work will continue, as will the quality of care of items in trust to the council's heritage service. The museum's dedicated volunteers will continue their work from the Community Heritage Access Centre.

The council is also in discussion with Somerset County Council to explore how each council's heritage services could work closer together to preserve the future of the service.

The district council also runs a Tourist Information Centre in the Hendford building, and is in talks with Yeovil Town Council over a possible new home for this service.

**Motoring with Pete.**



Powering a car with an electric motor is not just a modern idea, because in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century electricity was among the preferred methods for car propulsion, providing a level of comfort and ease of operation that couldn't be achieved by petrol driven cars. It was not until the 1920's with the advent of mass produced petrol driven cheap cars i.e. the Ford T Model that electric cars ceased to be produced.

At the present time there are only a few true electric cars available for sale, e.g. the Mitsubishi i-MiVE, the Renault Fluence, the Peugeot iOn, the Citroen C-Zero and the Nissan LEAF. These are all true electric cars and should not be confused with several Hybrid cars e.g. the Toyota Prius which use both petrol and electric motors for propulsion.

At the moment electric cars use Lithium-ion battery technology, a smooth body shell and in some cases advanced regenerative braking. Electric cars have no gearboxes as they produce maximum torque instantly and have usually a top speed of about 80 mph. A fully charged lithium-ion battery should deliver a range up to 80 miles per charge. The batteries are usually either mounted under the floor or are incorporated into the floor structure of the car, thus providing a low centre of gravity and therefore a more stable drive, also the electric car generates little noise. Future electric cars may well use a system of electric motors in each wheel hub, thus freeing up more available space within the car or reducing the size of the car.

The electric car has zero emissions of CO2 and even when you compare the CO2 emitted by the power plants in producing the electricity this is by far less per year than the CO2 produced by a petrol car. The cost of the power used by an electric car is far cheaper. Assuming an electricity price of between 12p and 14p per KWh the cost to drive up to 80 miles is about £2.00, which is about 10% of the cost to run a similar sized petrol car.

The main problem with an electric car at the moment over a fossil fuel car is that the electric car has a range of only about 80 miles, before it requires recharging making it an ideal car for commuting in and out of the big cities, whereas a modern fossil fuel car can travel between 400 to 500 miles before refuelling. Electric cars can be recharged from a normal domestic 240 volts household power supply and will normally take about 6 hours. Also some garages have a Quick Charger System which will give an 80% charge in just 30 minutes. Many electric only car parking spaces in the larger cities have recharging facilities available for use whilst the car is parked during the day. However like all rechargeable batteries, each time you recharge the battery there is a slight loss of power, so that eventually the battery will have to be replaced. If the future is electric cars we may well find that refuelling garages and the electric cars will have a quick change system where by you will drive into a refuelling garage and merely change the battery thus quickly extending the miles that the car can travel.

At the present time The Government will give you a £5,000.00 grant when buying an electric car, also electric cars are exempt from company car tax, road tax and London congestion charge.

The future of battery electric cars depends primarily upon the cost and availability of batteries with high specification energy, power density, short charge time and long life, as all other aspects such as motors, motor controllers, and chargers are fairly mature and cost competitive with internal combustion engine. Components Li-ion, Li-poly and zinc-air batteries have demonstrated specific energy high enough to deliver range and recharge times comparable to conventional vehicles. It is estimated that there are sufficient lithium reserves to power 4 billion electric cars.

Happy motoring,  
Pete

**BRIMSMORE KEY SITE**

A planning application was recently submitted for the first phase of this development. This application relates to initial highways infrastructure from the Western Avenue junction to Brimsmore together with the erection of 298 dwellings along the southern part of the site.

The current 'Masterplan' opposite represents a revision from the one submitted and approved at Outline planning stage. The principle revision is that the original concept was for a new road around the northern edge of the site whereas the current proposal is for 'through' traffic to be accommodated by the internal highway network.

It's difficult to show very much at such a small scale so I would suggest that, if you want to see it in detail you visit the SSDC website and look for '11/00361/REM' under the planning applications section.

The application will be considered by SSDC's Area South Committee in a few weeks time so if you have any comments please let them know.



Brimsmore Key Site - Masterplan



Brimsmore Key Site - Phase 1

Liz James recently celebrated her 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Clerk to BPC. In that time a lot of things have happened and Local Government has got a lot more complicated.

Thanks for all your hard work Liz.



**Dates for your diary**

Sunday, June 26th 2011 - a performance of "Twelfth Night" will take place in the gardens of Brympton House, by kind permission of Judge Glossop. The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Wednesday, 27th April 2011 at 7.30 p.m. at the Parish Room, Abbey Community Centre.

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**Parish Council Meetings**

Members of the public are always welcome at Brympton Parish Council Meetings and there is an open forum at the start to raise any concerns.



Agendas are published on the Parish Notice Boards 5 clear days before the meetings and also on our web site [www.brymptonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.brymptonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Next meetings:**

- 23<sup>rd</sup> March Parish Room, Abbey Community Centre
- 27<sup>th</sup> April Parish Room, Abbey Community Centre
- 18<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Parish Meeting) Jubilee Hall, Thorne
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June Parish Room, Abbey Community Centre
- 28<sup>th</sup> July Jubilee Hall, Thorne

All meetings start at 7.30 p.m.  
 The meetings held at the Community Centre are held at the Parish Room and entrance is from the external ramp only - there is no entrance from the main hall

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