



BRYMPTON NEWSLINK - Summer 2010

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From the Chairman

The Noise - After many "man hours" from all concerned the event was extremely well attended and there were several new stands/events of interest for a wide spectrum of residents. The individual organisers of the groups all did us proud with their displays. A great day!!! and our thanks to everyone who "helped out" or displayed. The only major "downside" was the litter left behind (38 bags collected on the evening) and the attitude of **some** of the young users it's such a pity their attitude is so negative to both the asset of the Skate Park and the litter they constantly scatter, besmirching their own environment and everyone else's.

Play in the Park - Wow !!! what a great day this turned out to be!!! Beautiful weather, wonderful setting (our thanks to the owner of Brympton d' Evercy House who allowed us the use of his parkland) and great entertainment.....and no litter!!!!

Planning - BPC is heavily involved in the Key Site at Lufton where the developer has applied to increase the housing numbers by 90 dwellings thereby increasing the traffic movement increase of 450 on top of the 3300 per day already factored in...how will our roads ever cope with this exponential increase... 3 story buildings.. narrow roads , density and many other "design" topics are of concern.

Yeovil Sports Zone - As expected SSDC are again focusing on West Yeovil to locate this "facility". Of the 7 sites selected 4 are either in or near **Brympton!!!** As if we are not already "dumped on" enough with the 2 housing Key Sites proposals and the Bunford Employment land (including the Magic Roundabout) all in the West of Yeovil!! Now they want to inflict more highway chaos on us. - we are obviously considered a "soft touch". I hope residents of Brympton will voice their concerns loud and clear to SSDC, as we shall be doing as BPC. So "speak up " Brympton!!!!

Boundary Review - BPC Councillors are currently "knocking on doors" to obtain signatures to trigger a review. It would be great if residents could sign this as we need 550, and your support would be appreciated as last time.

Larkhill Open Space - This project progresses albeit slowly. The next stage is surfacing of the existing pathway from King Arthur Drive to the old bridge.

I am sure everyone has noticed the massive amount of work done by our ranger, a sterling effort on his behalf.

The Wiggly Path - Now seems to be establishing itself, after many months of "dealing "with this as a problem, hopefully that is behind us now.

As many of you head off for your summer breaks, spare a thought for BPC still working away on your behalf!!!

*Liz Glaisher,
Chairman, Brympton Parish Council*

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Well, the Annual Parish Meeting came and went in April but sadly there were no members of the public to witness the event. We can only assume that residents of Brympton are satisfied with the way we are running things! The Council's Annual Report can be seen elsewhere in this edition of Newslink.



At this meeting Parish Councillors received an excellent presentation by a representative of the Citizens Advice Bureau about how this organisation works and the sorts of cases they deal with. CAB's are independent charities staffed by trained volunteers and funded by local authorities, trusts and donations from individuals. We were amazed at the workload they deal with and they are always looking for volunteers to assist in the form of Receptionists, Assessors or Advisors. No qualifications are needed and training is given. If you are interested in giving something back to the community further information/details are available at www.citizensadvice.org.uk



In May, at the Parish AGM, following a hard fought battle, we re-elected Liz Glaisher as Chairperson for another year and yours truly as Vice-Chair.

Over the last few months three parish councillors have, for various reasons, stood down and we are currently looking to co-opt replacements. Again no qualifications are necessary, just an interest in the local community. If you want to know what being a parish councillor entails 'Google' 'being a parish councillor'. It's not a major commitment, and there are no politics involved (not at Brympton PC anyway). If you're interested please contact Liz James, the Parish Clerk.



It may not have escaped your notice that, since the last edition of Newslink, we've had some Government elections and there is now a new regime in place. Lots of changes are happening as a result but the World is still going round (for now anyway). It's difficult to know exactly what the future will hold but it certainly looks like we're all in for a bit of belt-tightening and some changes in public services.



As Liz mentions in her bit, we are trying to resurrect the boundary review that SSDC initiated a couple of years ago and then dropped for some reason. Brympton PC's suggestion was that the houses at Abbey Manor basically to the south of Stourton Way that are currently in Yeovil Town ought to be in Brympton parish. This is in line with Government guidelines about defined communities, etc. When we carried out a survey a couple of years ago there was overwhelming support for this among residents. So, if someone from the parish council knocks on your door this is what it's all about. Please don't tell them to shove off!



As Liz also mentions we are planning, in conjunction with SSDC and with generous funding from the County Council (thanks Sam!) to properly surface the existing path from King Arthur Drive to the Abbey Manor bridge. This is planned for August and should stop people having to paddle through the mud in the winter!



We've had a request to erect a staggered barrier across the end of the footpath near Preston Primary School to prevent cyclists, etc from careering out into The Toose. What do you think? Good idea or bad idea?

We keep badgering the County Council to install a pedestrian crossing across the main road near the Crematorium. As we understand it various contributions have already been received from developers towards improvements to the highways in this area but we keep being fobbed off. We won't give up on this one!



Planning stuff has been fairly routine over the last few months until, that is, the Lufton Key Site plans landed on our doormat with a thud a couple of weeks ago. Details relating to this are on a separate page and we would urge nearby residents to look at the proposals and make your views known to SSDC.

Speaking of planning, one of the proposed changes coming from the new Government is that the current National guidance that says density of housing should be between 30 and 50 dwellings per hectare has been scrapped. These numbers may not mean

much to you but they have been, in our experience, a licence for developers to squeeze as many houses in as they can. In dropping this requirement the Government has said that densities should be determined at a local level and on the principle that they should be basically in accordance with local needs and should respect the local area. At BPC we are encouraged by this and will await the response from developers and planners with bated breath.

New Parish Office

Liz James, the Parish Clerk has now settled into her new office at the Abbey Community Centre and got part of her house back (but don't mention BT to her). Please note that this is simply an admin office and is not suitable for members of the public to visit so if you wish to speak to Liz or view plans etc it is advisable to telephone her first on 01935 424332 so that she can make arrangements.



Queries - if you have any queries about the Parish Council, want information on local tourist attractions, advice leaflets on planning, etc., call in at the Abbey Community Centre between 12 and 2 p.m. on a Wednesday. If we can't answer your question we should be able to find someone who can. Also, at some of these sessions you will have the opportunity to discuss any problems with our PCSO Jason Helyar

Preston C of E Primary School

As the school year ends I can't believe that I've been in post for almost a year. As you probably know Bob Steele retired from Preston last July following 12 very successful years at the school. I'll be continuing to ensure that the school goes from strength to strength and provides an excellent education for all of the children in the Parish. We have a wonderful environment and enthusiastic children and parents. I'm looking forward to future developments to improve our school. I'm not new to the role of Headteacher, as I was the Head at Abbas and Templecombe for 9 years prior to this post. It will be an exciting year ahead with some staff and curriculum changes that will provide new opportunities for the children.

Bernie Green, Headteacher



Preston Cricketers at the Somerset Schools County Cricket final

Another fabulous production brought to you by....
 Girlguiding Yeovil Division - Bright Sparks

It's a Small World

This show will take you around the world
 through song, dance and laughter

Directed by
 Debbie Soper

Music directed by
 Martin Emslie

At the Octagon Theatre, Yeovil
 From 18th - 20th November 2010

Performance: 7 pm nightly
 Matinee: 2 pm

Tickets: £9.00

Don't be a Dirty Chucker - A lorry-load of litter dropped in just one month at a Yeovil skatepark has been put on display to help encourage youngsters to stop leaving their park in a mess.

Under the banner of 'Don't be a Dirty Chucker', South Somerset District Council's Streetscene Team showcased the disappointing amount of rubbish left during June at Oak Tree Park using a cage van, revealing nearly forty full black sacks - plastic bottles, carrier bags and crisp packets were the most dropped items.

Chris Rowland, Environmental Enforcement Officer for South Somerset District Council explained, "We wanted to show people what would happen if it wasn't cleared up. We decided to collect and keep all of the waste dropped there over one month so we could show the park users exactly how much it all adds up to. We hope this will encourage park users to use the bins rather than rely on others. Seeing the extent of the problem can be one positive way to help solve the issue".

South Somerset District Council and Brympton Parish councillors were shocked at the amount of waste left.

Liz Glaisher, Chairman of Brympton PC said, "The Noise event itself was a fantastic day and really well attended but litter is a problem at the park and we thought it would be a good idea if the young people who throw the litter in the area saw the amount collected. We need to encourage children to take their own initiative for their facility, and all other users."

Cllr Peter Seib, Brympton Parish Councillor and district council ward member added, "There are plenty of bins around so there is no excuse. Oak Tree Park's skate park provides a very positive activity for young people but the litter that is dropped gets spread all along the park. It is dangerous to the wildlife which lives here and occasionally to the users themselves".

For information on help and free equipment for community litter picks, contact South Somerset District Council on 01935 462462.



Councillors Liz Glaisher and Peter Seib demonstrate the amount of rubbish collected.

Wise Words about Change

"If you don't like something change it; if you can't change it, change the way you think about it." *Mary Engelbreit*

"If you're in a bad situation, don't worry it'll change. If you're in a good situation, don't worry it'll change". *John A. Simone, Sr.*

"Change always comes bearing gifts". *Price Pritchett*

"Just because everything is different doesn't mean anything has changed." *Irene Peter*

"Change is inevitable - except from a vending machine." *Robert C. Gallagher*



The Noise

The event held at Oak Tree Park on 3rd July was a great success thanks to a lot of hard work by volunteers from the 'Urban Warriors' group, parish councillors and others.

Several hundred people attended on what was a great afternoon and were entertained by various performances from dance groups, majorettes, dog handlers plus, of course, the skateboarders and cyclists who seemed, at times, to defy gravity (although there were one or two instances when gravity bit back!).

I was personally impressed by the Brazilian Capoeira (you'll have to Google it like I did!) dance group. Those South Americans have certainly got natural rhythm (shame about the World Cup!)



Great Expectations!

Well it actually exceeded ours! This open air theatre event was a first for us and was very ably written and performed by the Quantum Theatre group. It was amazing and if you ever see another one advertised I would recommend that you go.

The setting on the front lawn of Brympton House was excellent and our sincere thanks go to Judge Bill Glossop for allowing the parish council to use this venue where visitors were allowed to wander around the grounds and have picnics, etc.

The actual performance was an adaptation of Charles Dickens's classic novel (you'll have to read it to know the plot). The cast of 4 (yes 4!) young actors played several parts each and there were some rapid costume changes with slick set alterations. I just don't know how they remembered their lines and which character they were playing.

A great afternoon was had by all!!



Lufton Key Site

The plan below shows the current proposals for the development of this major site between Lufton village, Boundary Road and the A3088 (Cartgate Road). This site, along with two other Key Sites on the outskirts of Yeovil, was allocated in the Local Plan and was granted outline planning permission in 2006.

The 'Reserved Matters' planning application (ref 10/01875/REM) has recently been submitted and is currently available for public consultation. Details of this application can be viewed either at the District Council offices at Brympton Way; by appointment with the Parish Clerk at Abbey Community Centre or on the District Council's website.

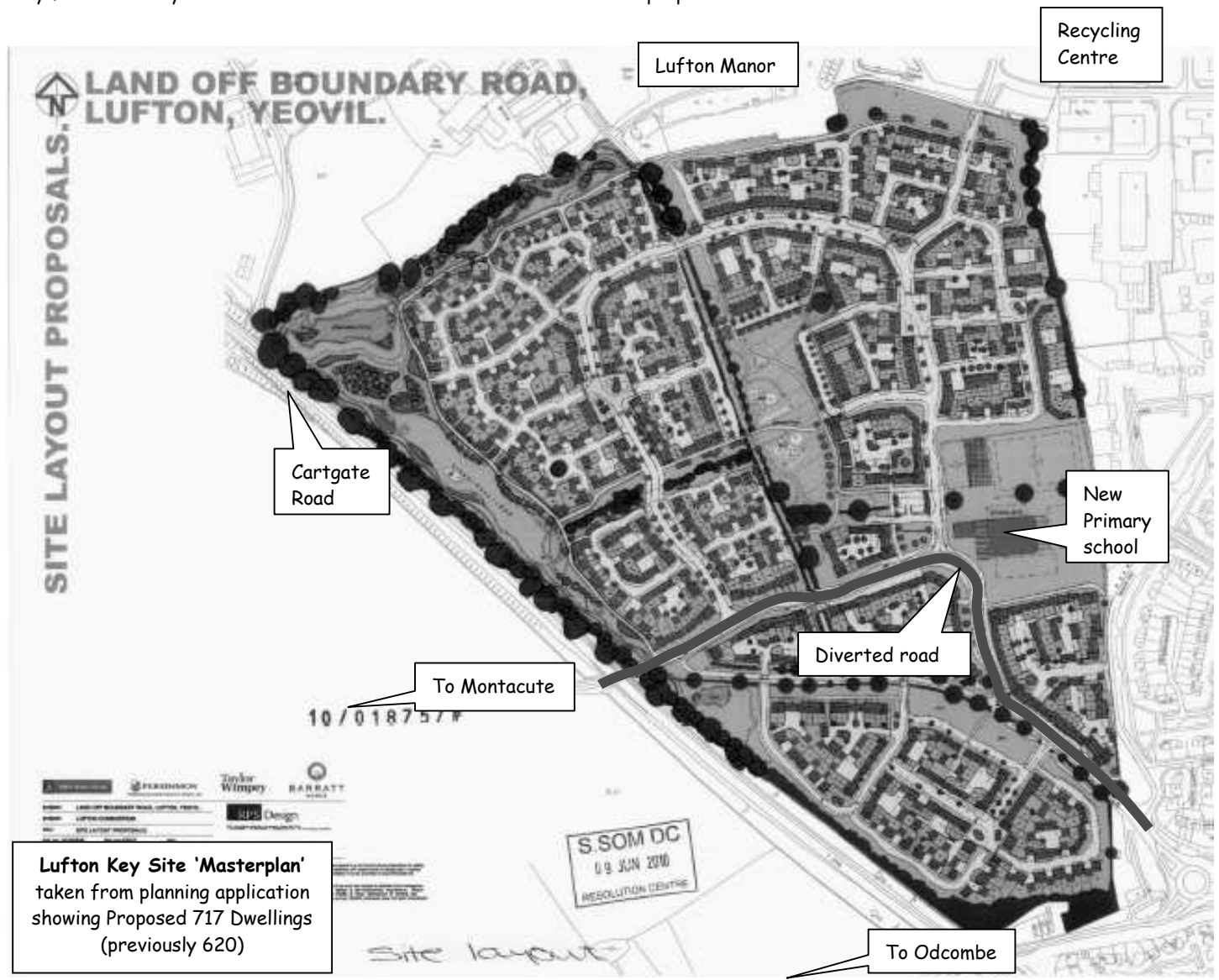
The site straddles the existing road to Montacute and one of the features of the proposed development will be the diversion of this road to create a 'village' effect similar to Montacute with houses fronting onto the road which, because of its sinuous route (highlighted on the plan), will automatically have a traffic calming effect. Away from this through road the site will consist of various parcels of development with their own distinctive features. The existing Lufton Lane will remain but only for use as a cycle route.

The proposed development will incorporate a community/shopping centre, various recreation/openspace areas (including a Multiuse games area) and a new Primary School. Details of these facilities can be more readily seen on the submitted plans.

The basic concept of this development, assuming we must have it, was considered by the Parish Council to be sound but the Parish Council have several concerns about the submitted proposals among which are:

- Why have house numbers increased from the original 620 to 717?
- Inappropriate and Excessive use of 3 storey buildings.
- Too much terracing.
- Gardens too small.
- Insufficient play space
- Unnecessary removal of existing trees.
- Lack of parking.
- Significant departure from original village concept.

The Parish Council will be expressing these concerns and would suggest that members of the public might wish to comment on the proposals as well.



POLICE NEWS.



The new PCSO for Brympton has said his first priority will be tackling the antisocial behaviour.



PCSO Jason Helyar sets sights on bad behaviour

First posted to the area in February, a move which is now permanent, PCSO Jason Helyar has already been nicknamed The Cycling Policeman by residents because of his love of travelling around his beat by bicycle.

Jason comes to the team from a similar role in the Martock area. Jason said: *"I have had a fantastic time so far and am enjoying the new challenge. I use my bike most shifts as it is a great way to travel and means I can cover more ground and be more visible.*

"I really enjoy the job and love meeting people in different situations and being able to help them sort out their problems. We do not want anyone to experience nuisance behaviour in their area, whether it is from mini-motos or the underage drinking, littering and vandalism caused by a handful of people in the area. We are working to tackle these problems and will undertake proactive, visible patrols to deter youngsters and give the community confidence. The work is ongoing and I would encourage anyone who experiences anti-social behaviour to report it."

What you can expect if you report anti-social behaviour?

Anti-social behaviour affects people's daily lives and is something we take extremely seriously. This is what you can expect if you call to report it:

- Every weekday anti-social behaviour reports are reviewed and passed on to an officer from the local neighbourhood police team
- The local Police Community Support Officer will contact victims to update them within 48 hours and make an appointment to visit if desired
- Victims will be informed of police action taken at the time of the incident

You Said, We Did - tackling minimotos in Brympton

In his first few months, Jason has already set his sights on the nuisance caused by mini-motos in Brympton. A problem for local residents, Jason has been speaking to drivers about their behaviour and working with a housing association to deal with any of their tenants causing a nuisance. The problem has now reduced.

To contact Jason or your local officer call Avon and Somerset Police on 0845 456 7000.

Tackling truancy

Police are cracking down on truancy in Yeovil.

Operation 'Fetch' saw the Police and Council stopping and speaking to school-age children in the town centre.

A total of 20 children were spoken to who were able to provide legitimate reasons for their absence. These were then followed up by Somerset County Council who checked with their parents.

The operation, which will be repeated throughout the year, aimed to reduce the number of people playing truant.

Young people not in school can commit crime and anti-social behaviour and become victims of crime themselves, particularly if they drink alcohol under age. During the operation feedback from the public was positive and most of the parents of those stopped supported the action being taken. Officers were also accompanied on the operation by **BBC Radio Somerset** who featured the activity on one of their programmes.

Date for your diary: - Beat surgery on Wednesday 28 July between 12noon and 2pm at Abbey Manor Community Centre.

Granny Trekking

The families and staff of Children's Hospice South West send a sincere thank you to everyone who supported this year's Granny Trek at Charlton Farm, Wraxall, on 25th April. 550 walkers took part on a lovely day, enjoying the newly emerging bluebells and fresh green countryside.

Brisk sales of the Granny Trek book are bringing in valuable funds, entire purchase price of £7.99 going to the hospice due to the generous sponsorship of Bristol Water. Early reactions from readers are positive:



".....I went to bed to just read the first page or two..... Have finished it and just had to write and say how much I enjoyed it. have only once before written to an author in praise of a book."

"I did so enjoy it Beryl, you brought the walk to life and it was great to be able to do it vicariously so to speak."

The book is available through the web site **www.grannytrek.co.uk** (£2 + p&p) or from Granny Trek, 35 Lower Road, Woolavington, Bridgwater, TA7 8EF. It would make an excellent Christmas present, so please bear it in mind when writing your lists!

ABBEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Help Abbey Manor Community Centre raise funds



When shopping online, you can access over 100 leading retailers such as BT, Thorntons, Marks & Spencer and HMV - using our web shop. Every time you use our web shop to go to a retailer's web site and subsequently buy something, you'll automatically earn money for us! You don't pay anything extra by using our web shop, so please try to use it whenever you can. Please spread the word. Thank you!

Find our web shop at [Http://buy.at/centre](http://buy.at/centre) (please bookmark this link for future use) or use the link on the home page of the centre website.

Deputy Booking Secretary

A vacancy exists for the post of Deputy Booking Secretary to serve on a voluntary basis. The successful applicant will initially support the current Booking Secretary - but with a view to take on the role when she relinquishes the post. The successful applicant should live on Abbey Manor Park.

For further details please phone (01935)474584 or e-mail richjackson03@aol.com

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. We are situated adjacent to the Manor Farm section of Lufton College.

A number of Newslink readers live within our parish and may consider our Church more appropriate for holding smaller, more intimate Wedding Services or Baptisms. Find out more by coming to our services or by contacting one of the numbers below.

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 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month, at 6.00pm throughout the year (on trial). We still enjoy traditional hymn singing.

On the 3rd Sunday of each month we hold either a less formal all age 'Service of Music & Praise', a Taize Service, or Celtic Service (in the Iona Tradition). This service remains at 4.30pm. throughout the year and is taken by our regular Lay Reader, Bill Chapman.

On Sunday 30th May - Trinity Sunday, we held our Annual United Benefice Holy Communion Service and were very pleased to welcome a good congregation for this special event, the majority of whom stayed after the service to join us for our traditional summer refreshments. The weather, once again, was dutifully warm and sunny.

We convey a special 'Thank You' to Francis Burroughes for taking two memorable Services of Evening Prayer, during the Rector's absence.

Please refer to the Parish Notice Boards for details of Services and future events, which will include an Autumn Musical Evening & Harvest Thanksgiving.

On Sunday 7th November we have invited the Rev'd. Jane Eastell, the Diocesan Director of Spirituality, to give our Annual Sermon, based on Psalm 34 v. 8 - '*O Taste & See how Gracious the Lord is, blessed is the man that trusts in Him*'.

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).

Calling all cricketers



It is hoped to form a new cricket team, that would be able to use the cricket pitch at Brympton House.

This pitch is in a beautiful setting in the grounds of the house and has in the past been used by the 'Lord's Taverners' for their charity matches.

Please contact the Clerk if you are interested and she'll put you in touch with the right person.

What's On at St. James Church.

Messy Church

A morning of fun, games, crafts, food, prayer, and time together as a family. Messy Church is very relaxed and runs on the 2nd Saturday of every month from 10.30 - 12.30, at St. Peters hall/church on Coronation Avenue. Next dates are 10th July, 8th August and 12th September. All welcome.

Cafe Service

An informal Sunday morning for all ages, coffee on tap throughout, 2nd Sunday of the month at the Abbey Community Centre.

Childrens Groups

these will be taking a break over the summer holidays, and will resume in early September. New members always welcome!

Junior Church: Sunday morning, running alongside the main Sunday service. Groups for children 3 and up, crèche 0-2 yrs.

Tots & Toys: 10am every Tuesday in the Church Room, with toys and refreshments, for 0-3's and parents/carers.

Abbey Parents and Toddlers: 9.30am every Wednesday in Abbey Manor Community Centre.

Activ8 - 10-14's youth group, 6.30pm Sunday evenings,

Eskal8 - 14-18's youth Group: 8-9.30pm every Sunday in the Church Room.

For more information on these, contact Karen, our Children and Families worker on Karen@stjamesyeovil.org.uk, or 01935 425877

Midweek Groups

Coffee Mornings: 1st Thursday of the month, 10am in the parish room, home made cakes for sale, prize draw & bring and buy stall.

Ladies Groups: 2-3.30pm each Wednesday, tea chat & social group.

St. James Church is open from 10-12 every Tuesday and Thursday morning for prayer and quiet, feel free to drop in.

Most people who receive Newslink are in the parish of St. James and St. Peters, which means that you're eligible to be married here, or to explore baptism for yourselves or for young children.

Sunday morning worship every week at 10.30am at St. James Church, and at Abbey Community Centre on the first 2 Sundays of the month.

For more information contact: Rev Tony Perris (429398), Rev David Keen (422286) or the Parish Office (414097).

Church website www.stjamesyeovil.org.uk/
 Email: revdmkeen@btinternet.com

Quotes about life.

"Every day may not be good, but there's something good in every day." *Anon.*

"Life is not measured by the breaths you take, but by its breathtaking moments." *Michael Vance*

"Life has got to be lived -- that's all there is to it."

Motoring with Pete.



The first people to use directional signs were the Romans, when they installed milestones along new straight roads they had built giving distances to the next town or military base.

It was not until the 18th century when The General Turnpike Act of 1773 was passed that Turnpike Trusts were responsible for not only maintaining their roads but also erecting "Fingerposts" milestones along the route for the purpose of calculating the tolls payable. Until the middle of the 19th. Century roads were only used by people either walking, on horseback or in a horse drawn carriage and were rather sedate. However with the coming of the bicycle which was considered fast and dangerous an organisation called the "Bicycle Union" was formed and they began to erect signs at dangerous bends and steep hills, with a skull and crossbones sign for the steepest hills.

Also in the mid 19th. century railways and canals began to be constructed, which meant the construction of bridges so that the roads could either go over or under the railway or canal. These bridges often had weight restriction so that the railway and canal companies erected weight restriction signs.

By time the car arrived at the end of the 19th. century, there was a profusion of confusing signs which were completely unintelligible to the average road user !!!!!

In 1903 the Motor Car Act made legislative provision for local authorities to erect their own warning signs. A standard design was specified with a hollow red triangle meaning a hazard, a solid red disc meaning a prohibition, or a hollow white ring meaning a speed limit, above an explanatory plate. Each local authority designed their own signs again adding to a confusion of differing signs. In 1921 the Government issued a Circular suggesting more warning and regulatory signs but this was only a guide and local authorities were not obliged to follow it. About this time the Government were beginning to number roads and it was decided that these numbers would be used on directional signs along with the letter "A" for class 1 roads and a letter "B" for minor roads. This was a great step forward but again was still not obligatory. However in 1933 a Government Committee finally specified some recommendations for signs which were legally enforceable.

With the outbreak of the Second World War many directional and fingerpost directional signs were removed for fear that if left they would assist the German Invaders and although these signs were re-erected at the end of the war, no major change to the signing system was made until 1957. when a half hearted effort was made to introduce more symbolic signs like the ones used in mainland Europe.

Also at this time the first motorways were being opened and the Government appointed a committee under the chairmanship of Sir Colin Anderson to completely modernise the road traffic signs in relationship to motorways, they of course came up with the blue background signs with white lettering as we know them today. These new motorway signs were a world away from the existing signing system. With some warning signs dating back to 1904 and directional signs back to 1933, a new committee was appointed, chaired by Sir Walter Worboys, to review signs on all other roads.

The Worboys committee delivered its report in 1963. The recommendations, most of which were implemented in the 1964 regulations, marked the biggest change yet in British traffic sign design. The main changes were that signs were brought into line with European system, using symbols to warn or order drivers. Warning signs now had a symbol contained within a red triangle, Regulatory signs had a symbol within a red ring (prohibitory) or a blue ring (mandatory). Directional signs had a new colour system with white on a dark green for primary routes, with the route number in yellow. Black lettering on white, with a black border for non primary routes and the same but with a blue border for local destinations. Since 1964 there have been no major changes although several minor ones have taken place. In 1970 bilingual signs were introduced in Wales. In 1975 mini roundabout signs were introduced also in that year the old triangular/circle "STOP" sign was changed to the red octagonal design used in Europe and in 1986 the white on brown tourist attraction sign was introduced.

Finally, the mayor of Mogliano, Italy in his fight against prostitutes lining the streets of the town is warning motorists with a new traffic sign showing a well endowed woman in a mini skirt and high heels and the words "Attention Prostitutes" written underneath.

Happy motoring, Pete.



Somerset Military Museum

The museum is located within the Somerset County Museum at Taunton Castle) however please



note that it is currently closed for extensive restoration and redesign work. The Museum will re-open to the public in 2011, and looks forward to welcoming visitors of all ages.

The new military museum will compliment the story of Somerset, which will be told in the main County Museum. It will tell the story of the regiments of Somerset in war and peacetime.

On entering the Museum visitors will be introduced to the wider background - that relating to the formation and development of Somerset's regiments, and will also be given an explanation of why soldiers fight for their country.

After the introductory displays visitors will be able to choose to start their visit either with a display of regimental life or a series of displays dealing with conflict.

The Regimental Life Display will look at the bonds forged by the common experiences of regimental and army life. The displays dealing with conflict will cover a number of key engagements which involved the regiments of Somerset, each one representing a significant event or development.

There will be a uniform display under the heading "Chosen Men" which will highlight some of the museum's most colourful objects, and will provide a "guard of honour" that leads visitors to an impressive medals display.

The Medals Display and a Memorial Display will be two focal points within the Museum. The Medals Display will give visitors the opportunity to explore where and why individual medals and decorations were awarded. The Memorial Display will use objects, symbols, images and audio to pay tribute to those who gave their lives in the service of their country.



Annual Report from Brympton Parish Council 2009 - 10

Councillors - This year we said goodbye to Mary Thomas, Chris Legg and Eddie Galjaard - we currently have vacancies so please contact the Clerk if you would be interested in joining the Council.

Meetings - BPC has held monthly meetings at 3 venues across the parish. We have also had occasional special meetings/ workshops.

Finance - The parish council's budget and precept for 2009-10 was £48,868. For 2010-11 the figure has increased to £50,863 which represents approximately £20.32 per Band D property out of the total payment of £1,438 per year.

In addition to the normal costs for running the parish council the budget last year provided for various other commitments such as:

- Grants - £2,650
- Loan payments for ACC improvements - £5,894
- Yeovil in Bloom - £700
- Part funding of Open -Space Ranger - £4,066
- Tree planting - £880
- Additional litter picking at Oak Tree Park - £1236
- New waste bins - £436

Power of Wellbeing - Having achieved Quality status a couple of years ago BPC has now been granted the Power of Wellbeing. This will allow us to enhance our role as a parish council, should we wish to, and allow us to carry out certain other functions.

Community Information Point - For the last couple of months BPC has been operating a Community Information point at ACC - thanks to Peter Dutton and Liz for manning this. The public seem to be now becoming more aware of this facility.

LOSP - Work on fulfilling the objectives established from the Planning for Real exercise are continuing. The new footpath link to Abbots Way is proving popular and Daryl, the Ranger provided in partnership with SSDC, has been working extremely hard in clearing the undergrowth, etc. The next project is to improve the footpath link to King Arthur Drive and this is scheduled for August.

Crime and Disorder - Problems of anti-social behaviour continue to be the main concern and we are extremely grateful for the continued involvement and liaison with our local PCSO in tackling the issues.

SCC and SSDC - BPC are grateful for the continued support and information from our County and District Councillors, Sam Crabb, Peter Seib and John Richardson.

Planning - BPC continues to receive copies of planning applications that have been submitted to SSDC and on which we are consulted. Numbers were well down this last year and this is no doubt a symptom of the economy. The Local Development Framework which looks to set the scene for development over the next 10 years or so is currently being drawn up by SSDC with input from parish councils and other stakeholders. This will undoubtedly present some serious challenges and issues in identifying new development areas required in order to achieve Government targets.

Financial Report



Summary of Financial Statement year end 31 March 2010

Income	
Balances brought forward	£33,335
Annual Precept	£48,868
Other receipts	<u>£ 2,734</u>
	£84,937
Expenditure	
Staffing costs	£16,095
Other expenditure (as detailed in the report)	<u>£30,088</u>
	£46,183
Balances carried forward	<u>£38,754</u>

Your Parish Council

<p>Elizabeth Glaisher (Chairman) Roger Meecham Mark Amor Peter Dutton Alan Graham Graham Pritchard Peter Seib Darren Shutler Vacancy Vacancy Vacancy Parish Clerk: Elizabeth James</p>	<p>11 Athelney Way, Yeovil, BA21 3TN 13 Tintagel Road, Yeovil, BA21 3RE 47 Shrewsbury Road, Yeovil, BA21 3UY 46 Thorne Gardens, Yeovil, BA21 3RG c/o South West Coaches, Oak Way, Yeovil 10 West Combe, Yeovil, BA21 3UE 11 Forde Park, Yeovil, BA21 3QP 5 Streamside Cottages, Dodham Crescent, Yeovil,</p> <p>The Parish Office, Abbey Community Centre The Forum, YEOVIL. BA21 3TL</p>
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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 days before the meetings and also on our web site www.brymptonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Next meetings:

28th July	Jubilee Hall, Thorne Coffin
25th August	Jubilee Hall, Thorne Coffin
22 nd September	Abbey Community Centre
27 th October	Abbey Community Centre
24 th November	Abbey Community Centre

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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