



BRYMPTON NEWSLINK - Spring 2016

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Thoughts from the Chairman

As always with Brympton the two top topics are planning and highways related issues.

Highways

The Police are now promising to attend regularly on Stourton Way and Bluebell Road and have agreed that they can use sites already available on Bluebell Way for their speed bike.

Thanks to Josh and his Speed Watch Team, we now seem to have the sites giving concern covered.

The SIS (Small Improvements Scheme) for Stourton Way is now with SCC for a business plan and the funding to be agreed and released. This has been real team work between BPC, SCC, the Police and, of course, residents.

We have been joined by Yeovil Without PC in the SID scheme so we will have a shared speed indicator device for Brympton on a rota system.

We are now entering another round of Traffic Regulation Orders (parking restrictions) for several areas in Brympton. If these are agreed, residents will then be consulted by SCC.

Planning

YTFC has one definite application, to move the informal play area from Copse Road to the back end of Lufton along Thorne Lane and to turn the area into a Yeovil wide facility. There are many problems to be addressed.

Another "virtual" application is for the actual YTFC site but, as this is only on WG website and no actual application has yet been submitted to SSDC, it does not seem appropriate to comment further at this time.

Lufton Key Site is progressing apace but sadly the school site is not. It is disappointing that our children are going to have to be driven across town to attend school (albeit temporarily). Bet that's not in the estate agents adverts.

The Brympton Youth Club has now come to an end. It was disappointing that so few children were interested in this and it was decided, reluctantly, to withdraw from this scheme. It seems to have worked very well in Westfield. BPC will continue to support our youth in different ways.

Lufton Dig. Dr Gerard, has obtained permission to actually excavate up the Roman Villa itself this year, so that should be really interesting to be able to really see it. This investigation will be carried out for 4 weeks in August

Boundary review, 10 years ago we "fought off" a land grab by YTC for half of Brympton to be ceded to Yeovil Town, luckily we won the argument but it was subsequently pushed into the long-grass. We did renew the request for the lower half of Abbey Manor and the KFC business park to be included in Brympton, but we have lost that argument. So we are sorry if half of your road is in Brympton and the other half is in Yeovil Town, we did try for a common sense solution, but failed to convince others.

Liz Glaisher
Chairman

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



Budget

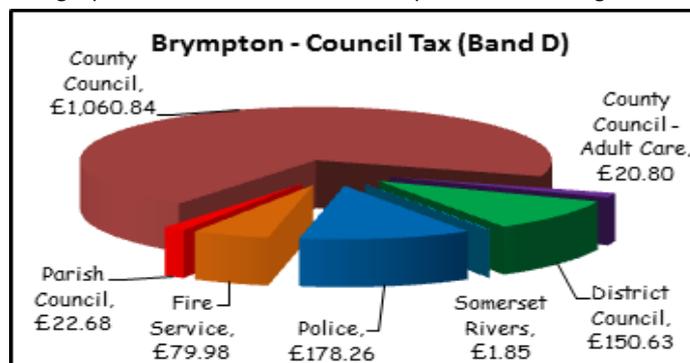
Back in January Brympton PC agreed their Budget for 2016/17 at **£56,100** (compared to **£55,620** for 2015/16). Because of changes in property numbers this works out at **£22.68/year** for a Band D property, exactly the same as last year. Details of the Budget can be seen on the website.

This Budget figure includes a contribution of **£3,366** to the 'Yeovil Joint Burial Committee' towards maintenance of the Yeovil cemetery - more about this in a minute.

We have also included another **£5,000** towards the Stourton Way traffic calming project, making **£10k** in all as our contribution towards this project.

£5,000 has also been allocated to 'Local Leisure Provision'.

The graphic below indicates where all your Council Tax goes.



Yeovil Joint Burial Committee - This Committee is made up of representatives from SSDC, Yeovil Town Council, Yeovil Without Parish Council and Brympton Parish Council. Their function is the management of the Crematorium and Cemetery although BPC's role only relates to the Cemetery. BPC's financial contribution this year is **£3,366**, as indicated in the Budget, and for this, parishioners are entitled to a 50% reduction in burial costs (please note, not cremation costs). We have been looking at the numbers and it would seem that very few people from the parish (or anywhere else) actually opt for burial nowadays, most are cremated. It may seem a bit morbid/mercenary but the finances just didn't stack up so we agreed to opt out of the YJBC with effect from April 2017.

Parish Councillors - When the development of 700 new houses at the Lufton Key Site has been completed the population of Brympton parish will be about 9,500. As such, the number of parish councillors, currently 11, will be a bit low so we have asked SSDC to arrange for an increase to 12.

Bill Pritchard has been looking after the flower bed in the Forum but he has unfortunately injured his shoulder and won't be able to do anything with the bed for quite a while. In the meantime we have arranged for Darren, the Park Ranger, to attend to it. Thank you Bill for all your past efforts and get well soon.



New Dog Bin - BPC are installing a new dog waste bin at Alvington Lane (at rear of the Airfield Tavern). Please ask your dog to use it!



MORE PARISH COUNCIL STUFF

Have You Visited BPC's New Website?

Over the last few months we've been redoing the website and now have something that we think is much more dynamic and eye-catching.

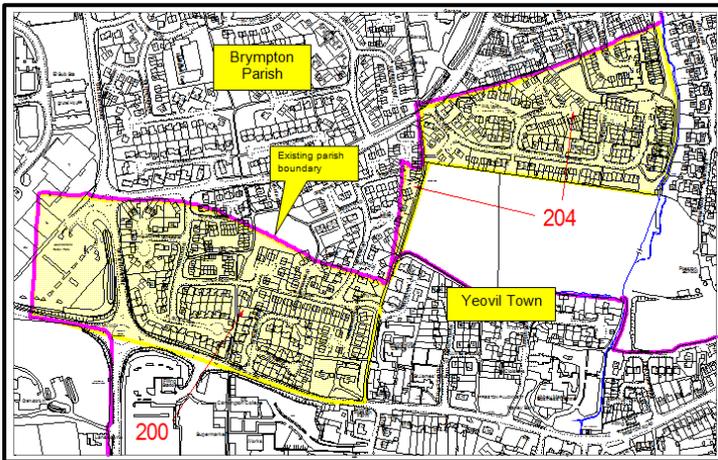


It's not just boring old Minutes and Agendas, there's lots of useful and interesting information to do with what's going on in the community and further afield.

Disappointingly we don't seem to be getting many 'hits'. In this edition of Newslink I have shamelessly included a number of extracts and references to the BPC website. Go on, have a look at www.brymptonparishcouncil.gov.uk, you know you want to!

Parish Boundary Review - A few years ago some of you may recall that there was a suggestion that the parish boundary to the south of Stourton Way ought to be amended to incorporate all of the Abbey Manor estate into Brympton (part of it is in Yeovil Town). After some canvassing by BPC we found that there was some considerable support for this from the YTC residents. Unfortunately the proposals got 'shelved'.

BPC recently tried to reactivate this process and, following advice from SSDC, spoke to Yeovil Town Council about it. Unfortunately they, perhaps understandably since it involved over 400 properties that currently pay £97.48/year Council Tax to them, were not receptive to the idea. So we're sorry to advise that those of you that live to the south of the purple boundary line shown on the map below will remain as Yeovil Town residents for the foreseeable future. This may also mean that we are not legally allowed to deliver Newslink to you so this may be your last one! Still, you can always see them on-line on our website.



Youth Club - After much soul searching and discussion Brympton Parish Council has decided that the youth club that has been running at the Community Centre is just not sustainable. As has been mentioned in previous editions of Newslink, numbers attending have been low (about 10 on average), perhaps partly to do with the time it's open.

Cost of running it this year was going to be £8,000 and next year this was set to increase to £10,000.

In the end we thought it would be better value to spend this money on improving the youth facilities at Oak Tree Park, funding the 'Youth Day' and offering funding to other youth groups in the area when requested. The BPC Chairman, Liz Glaisher, drew the short straw in having to inform the youth club attendees.

Footpaths and Public Rights of Way



With the coming of summer and, hopefully, better weather, more people will be using the footpaths and public rights of way within the parish. In order to keep these footpaths, stiles, gateways etc. maintained and safe for the public to use it is very helpful to the Parish Council if users report any faults or safety concerns they come across. The Council will then pursue necessary repairs/replacements or other suitable solutions via the appropriate bodies such as the SCC Public Rights of Way team. Already this year action has been taken to fix two broken stiles and a ploughed up footpath.

Unfortunately some issues may take longer to resolve because of necessary bureaucratic or legal processes, such as the broken down fencing along Footpath Y3/6 behind the Trading Estate in Stourton Way.

Maps showing the Public Rights of Way can now be seen on the BPC website.

Oak Tree Park



To commemorate the 90th birthday of HM Queen, Brympton PC has arranged for a new oak tree, with a commemorative plaque, to be planted at OTP.

A 'Brympton Youth Day' (like last year's event) is being arranged for 2016. This is being organised by SSDC in conjunction with Somerset Rural Youth Project and BPC are assisting financially.

BPC have agreed funding (£1,874) for additional litter picks at OTP again this year although to be honest it gets a bit frustrating when you see rubbish just scattered around.

HIGHWAYS



In response to concerns expressed by residents BPC have asked Somerset County Highways to consider implementing Traffic Regulation Orders (parking restrictions) at the following:

- Alvington Lane - introduce 'pull in' sections
- Westminster - extension of existing restrictions
- Monks Dale - extension of existing restrictions
- Thorne Lane - additional 'pull-ins' and across closed road
- junction of Old Preston Road with Lufton Way,
- junction of Hawks Rise with Old Preston Road
- left hand side of Boundary Road (opposite No's 1 to 8)
- junction of Edwards Close with Mead Avenue
- Mead Avenue - opposite the Edwards Close junction

These suggestions will be considered by Highways who will consult with adjacent properties in due course.

SSDC has recently fenced off the grass verge areas at Boundary Road to discourage football supporters from parking on them.

Various discussions have taken place regarding parking on Stourton Way adjacent to Rug Ratz and also at the junction of Athelney Way with Stourton Way. These discussions have involved the owner of Rug Ratz who encourage visitors to use the parking area at the front of their premises. We are considering ways of encouraging this.

Potholes in the road and problems with the pavement at Thorne Lane have been referred to County Highways on a number of occasions but disappointingly the repair of these doesn't appear in their list of works for this year. We will be pursuing this with them in the hope that something is done before there is an accident here.



CRIME & DISORDER



Your Local Safer Stronger Neighbourhood Police Team currently comprises:

Sgt Richard Barnett, PC Amanda Perrin and PCSO Elaine Weeks.

If you want to speak with the Police about anti-social behaviour issues in the area or anywhere in Yeovil - please call 101.

PCSO Elaine Weeks can be contacted on 07825 756422 (switched off when not on duty) or elaine.weeks@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Monthly beat surgeries to discuss any local issues or concerns and offer crime reduction advice are held at the Parish Office (Abbey Community Centre) on Wednesdays at 12.00 - 1.00pm on 9th May, 8th June, 20th July - dates for future sessions are posted on the BPC website.

For both Regional and Local information it's well worth visiting the Police website at www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/

Crime statistics for your local area and other police forces can be found by entering a postcode or place name on the Police website (www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/).

If you want to see what's happening at the Police Crime Commissioner level please visit www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/

There seems to have been a recent spate of burglaries in the Yeovil area so you are advised to be on your guard.



THE "DOORSTEP" CODE

Don't open the door without using the Doorstep Code:

- Observe first - always look through a window or door viewer
- Only open the door after connecting a chain or limiter.
- Refuse entry if you are not satisfied.
- Switch on outside lights when it's dark to see who's there.
- Think 'thief' - ask to see an identity card and check it closely.
- Ensure strangers are not left alone in your home.
- Protect yourself - if you are worried ring the Police.

Parking Enforcement



The County Council's parking enforcement officers have been visiting the area when Yeovil Town are at home, the fixture list is checked when the work patterns are prepared.

Recently two vehicles received penalties, both being parked on double yellow lines.

If vehicles are parked over a drive and you can't leave your property SCC can only take action upon request. Residents should call 0333 999 8889, option 4 and SCC will do their best to get someone to attend

SCC have no authority to take action over parking on private land.

'Car Enthusiasts' (new name for 'boy racers')



There have been a number of incidents of anti-social behaviour caused by vehicles being driven around the parish, and other areas, by 'car enthusiasts'. The Police and the District Council are well aware of this and are trying to deal with it.

Please report any incidents to the Police on their 101 number.

PLANNING



As well as the usual house extensions, flagpoles and other minor planning applications that the parish council gets consulted on we have a few 'biggies' at the moment:

Yeovil Town FC has submitted a revised application for creation of a public recreation ground at Thorne Lane (near Lufton). They claim to have overcome most of the objections to the previous proposals. We don't think they have! SSDC reference for this application should you wish to have a look on their website is **15/02535/FUL**.

A recent article in the Western Gazette advises that YTFC are looking to submit revised proposals for the redevelopment of the land to the north of the main pitch. This land is currently designated as community recreation land. Watch this space!

The long-awaited (not) 'Reserved Matters' application for development of the employment land opposite the SSDC offices has now been submitted - SSDC ref **16/01185/REM**.

An application for amendments to the layout of the next phase of the Brimsore Key site has been submitted. Not in Brympton but we've been asked for comments SSDC Ref **16/00978/REM**

We have also received details of a proposal to store 49.9 tonnes of LPG at a site at Saracen Business Park, Lufton Trading Estate (junction of Artillery Road and Lufton Way). BPC will be interested to hear about safety issues on this application. SSDC refs **16/01184/HZM and 16/00949/FUL**.

YEOVIL GREEN BELT - Brympton Parish Council fully supports the campaign launched by CPRE Somerset which calls on South Somerset District Council to establish a Green Belt around Yeovil.

Primary School Update.

This message from Bernie Green, Executive Head-Teacher at Preston Primary School:



Having finished the Spring Term with Easter assemblies, the Somerset Music spectacular and a production of Joseph by year 4, we are now engrossed in Summer Term activities and plans for our new pupils who will be starting school in the Autumn Term.

This year will see us welcoming 'Kingfisher Primary School' into the Preston Primary Academy Trust.



As a much needed new school on the West side of Yeovil, there are already 22 new pupils registered for September. Kingfisher Primary will operate in a Huish Primary School classroom until building works are finished. The Huish site offers us an attractive, spacious classroom and an excellent outdoor area to give a wonderful environment for the children's first experience of school. Transport to the school will be provided by the Local Authority and a member of staff will travel with the children.

There will be lots of opportunities for new parents of Preston Primary and Kingfisher Primary to meet with respective staff in order to ensure a smooth transition into school.

As a Trust we are committed to making sure that Preston Primary and Kingfisher Primary offer the same high quality provision for children in this area of Yeovil. We are all looking forward to welcoming new children and families to our schools.



Stourton Way Traffic Calming

Residents will hopefully be aware that a scheme for installation of traffic calming measures at Stourton Way has been approved by SCC and their design team is currently working on the details we believe (hope!). The proposals will hopefully bear some resemblance to our suggestions but we will be consulted on these before they are implemented.

In the meantime, speeding vehicles are still a problem and the Police are regularly setting up their speed-check equipment to catch errant motorists.

Parish Councillor Josh Williams and the team of Community Speedwatch volunteers are also active in the Stourton Way and Bluebell Road areas. In a recent check at Bluebell Road they 'clocked' 17 motorists in a one hour period doing in excess of 36mph (this is the speed at which you would expect to get a summons from the Police).

Recent reports via the Abbey Manor Community Facebook page would suggest that incidents at pedestrian crossings remain a serious issue. At the risk of being a bit provocative, and in the apparent absence of sensible motorists, can I suggest that pedestrians using the crossings should ensure that they do so in a safe manner in order to minimise risk. I quote from the Highway Code:

Rule 18 - At all crossings. When using any type of crossing you should:

- always check that the traffic has stopped before you start to cross or push a pram onto a crossing
- always cross between the studs or over the zebra markings. Do not cross at the side of the crossing or on the zig-zag lines, as it can be dangerous.

You **MUST NOT** loiter on any type of crossing.

Rule 19 - Zebra crossings. Give traffic plenty of time to see you and to stop before you start to cross. Vehicles will need more time when the road is slippery. Wait until traffic has stopped from both directions or the road is clear before crossing. Remember that traffic does not have to stop until someone has moved onto the crossing. Keep looking both ways, and listening, in case a driver or rider has not seen you and attempts to overtake a vehicle that has stopped.

As you may have observed the Brympton Parish Council has positioned a speed indication device (SID) at various locations on highways running through the Parish. The location of the SID varies periodically as dictated by current regulations, it cannot be positioned permanently at one monitoring location.

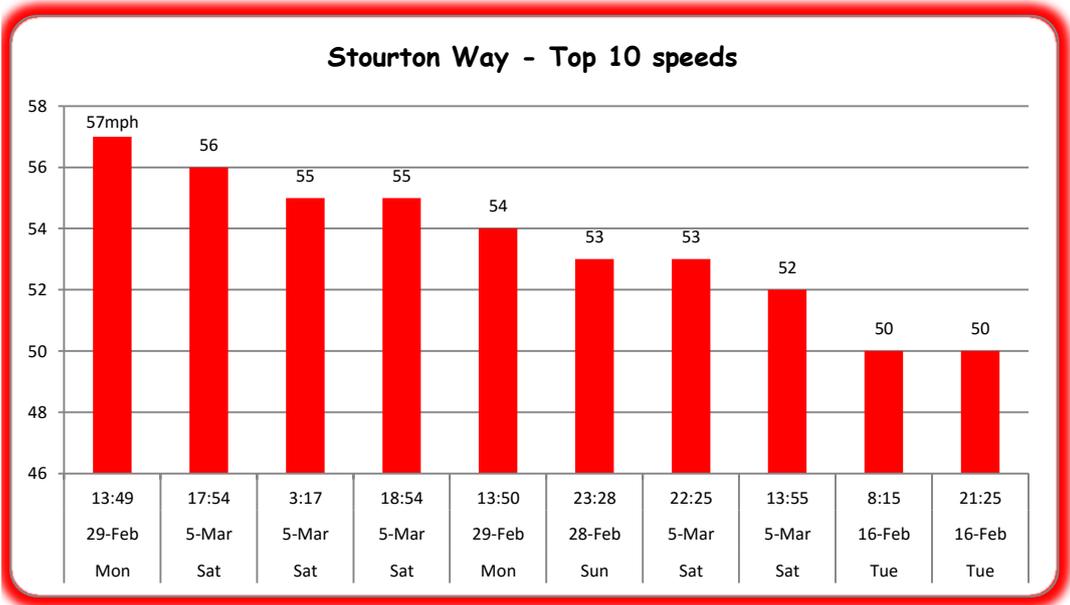
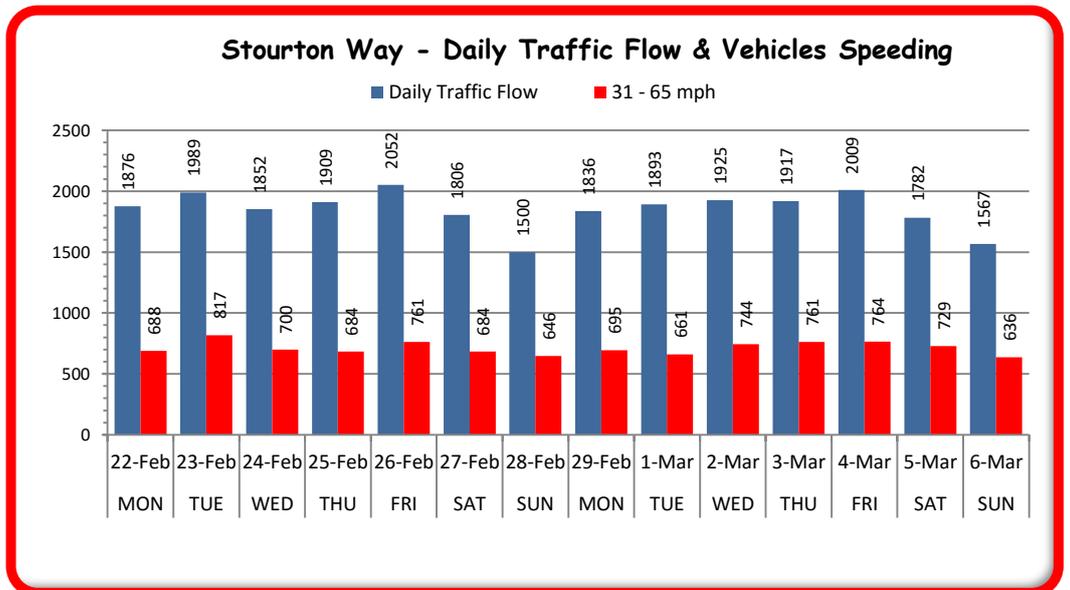
The sites chosen for the location of the SID are as agreed with the SCC Highways Department and generally cover the roads that are known to be areas where the speed limit is regularly exceeded.

The charts opposite are based on data recorded by the SID during a 2 week period in February/ March at Stourton Way.

Study of just this small sample of SID data taken over a two week period indicates that the 30 mph speed limit within Stourton Way was exceeded by some 38% of the total number of vehicles recorded by the SID.

The 'Top 10' chart is frightening when you see that the 'winner' (I'm trying to think of another 6 letter word beginning with 'w' and ending 'er') was doing 57mph at 1.49 pm on a weekday. He was followed just 1 minute later by someone doing 54mph. I guess they were late getting back to work!

See our website for more data.





Planning information and advice

For general advice on planning in the home try the *Government Planning Portal* at www.planningportal.gov.uk
 For advice on conservatories, for example, go to www.planningportal.gov.uk/permission/commonprojects/conservatories
 Information about the review of planning applications can be found on the parish council's website under 'Council'/ 'Planning' ,
 Further information about planning and individual planning applications can be found on the District Council's website at www.southsomerset.gov.uk then click on the 'Planning' link.



homefindersomerset.co.uk

Homefinder Somerset is the new way of finding a home to rent which lets you select the homes you would like to be considered for. Almost anyone can apply to join the scheme including existing tenants who would like to transfer.

What is Homefinder Somerset?

It is a partnership of local authorities and housing associations who are working together to make the process of finding a home simple and transparent for all applicants across Somerset.

How the Scheme works

Anyone looking for social housing anywhere in Somerset now only has to complete one application form and their needs will be assessed against the same clear set of criteria no matter where they live. Depending on their circumstances applicants are placed into one of 4 bands, Gold, Silver, Bronze or in a very small number of cases an emergency band.

www.homefindersomerset.co.uk

Your local advice charity is busier than ever

In order to help more people we urgently need to recruit and train new volunteer advisers.

To be a volunteer adviser all you need are:

- People and communication skills
- Confidence using the Internet and a keyboard
- 4 – 7 hours a week

In return, we offer a great package of free training and excellent on-going support.

For an informal chat or more information contact June

Email june.carty@southsomcab.org.uk

Call 01935 847675

Application packs are on our website: southsomcab.org.uk



Abbey Manor Community page



Facebook

Join the Abbey Manor Community on Facebook today

Just search 'Abbey Manor Community' on Facebook and look for the tree



Abbey Manor Community Closed Group

Join today and start discussing activities, issues and anything else in Abbey Manor.

Abbey Community Centre



The improvements to the toilets and entrance foyer at Abbey Community Centre have now been completed and thanks are due to all those that worked on this.

There are many activity groups using the community centre but it is available to hire for private functions/meetings and offers a very large hall, with kitchen facilities, as well as the Parish Room for smaller gatherings. Availability and details can be seen on the website at www.abbeymanorcc.org.

The ACC management committee are currently seeking a new Secretary and a new Treasurer so if you have some spare time and would like to devote some of it to the community please get in touch with them.

BRYMPTON ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Do you like to garden?
 Would you like to grow your own fruit and veg?
 If the answer is 'Yes', why not get an allotment?



Contact Brympton Allotment Association at www.baayeovil.btck.co.uk

Wurzle Cloche 'ere - Seezons greetin's, spring is sprung at last. Luvverly bit o' sunshine lately to warm up yur bedz. 'Ope yur 1st early tatties were chitted and planted in March, second earlies and main crop won't be far behind.

Top tip for guaranteed parsnip germination, use a clean plastic container with a sealing lid (margarine/take away container). Put a layer of kitchen towel in the bottom and make it damp (not sodden), sprinkle parsnips seeds on the damp kitchen towel. Put another layer of kitchen towel on top of the seeds and spray with water to dampen it. Place the container on a south facing window sill. Check the kitchen towels are damp every 5 days (ish) and lift the top towel to examine the seeds for tiny shoots (germination). As soon as you see the seeds have germinated, carefully sow them in the ground in their final positions, 6" between nips, 12" between rows. Start a new container every 3 to 4 weeks for a longer harvest through to the new year. Honey roast nips for Chrimbo dinner guaranteed.

PS: Only use fresh bought seed, bin last year's packet, it's just not worth it.

Cheerio fur now an' 'appy growin'.

Wurzle



News from St. James Church - Under Starter's Orders!

As this goes to print, the full refit of St. James' is just a few weeks away. Starting (probably!) in August/September, the new-look building will have:

- Underfloor heating
- Pews replaced with comfortable flexible seating
- New sound, light, loop and WiFi facilities
- Raised central dais for shows, performances etc.



It's the first major refit since 1860, when Preston Plucknett was a village of 250-300 people. The new layout will enable community groups to use the building for meetings, events, displays etc., as well as the existing church room.

More details on the website www.stjamesyeovil.org.uk. We aim to re-open in time for Christmas, but watch this space, and the website, for updates or where to find us whilst the church is shut!

Vicars reach the finish line



Vicar Rev. Tony Perris, after 28 years in Yeovil, will be retiring at the end of the summer. When Tony arrived, Abbey Manor was newly begun, Yeovil FC was playing at the old Huish Park and St. James had just become a parish church in its own right. Tony will be greatly missed, and leaves a great legacy at St. James'.

Meanwhile, thank you to those who sponsored associate vicar David Keen to run the Yeovil half-marathon in his clergy kit, raising over £2,000 towards the refit.



Special Events

"Royal" Tea Party Friday 10th June 2.30-4pm, tea, cakes, raffle and Royal Quiz. In the church room, all welcome. .

Horsemanship Display, Sat 11th June 2.30pm with cream teas & ice cream, at Winyards Penn Lane Hardington BA22 9PP, ticket information from church office 414097.

'Jazz up St. James': Concert in the church, late June 2016, more details locally nearer the time.

Social and Community Groups

Tots and Toys Tues 10-11.30, for 0-2's and their parents/carers, St. James church room.

Abbey Parents and Toddlers Weds 9.30-11.30am, Abbey Community Centre. contact Karen 321385



Junior Church runs alongside Sunday morning services, 10.30-11.30

Youth Group 6.30-8pm Sunday evenings, contact Steve on 07951 690937 for details

Coffee Mornings, 1st Thursday of every month 10am, with stalls & mobile library.

Knit and Natter, 4th Thursday of the month 2pm-3.30pm, contact Barbara 415896

St James Community Choir - Vocal Workshops every month, contact Mandy 07946 642133

The church is open for visitors and prayer on Tues & Thurs 10am-12.

Regular worship is 10.30am each Sunday at St. James, Preston Road, plus an informal child-friendly service on the 1st two Sundays of each month at Abbey Community Centre, also at 10.30am

Contacts: Church Office 414097, Rev. Tony Perris 429398, Rev. David Keen 422286, email: office@stjamesandstpeters.org.uk.

Website <http://www.stjamesyeovil.org.uk/>

**The Church of St. Peter & St. Paul, Lufton
(Also in Brympton Parish)**



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. Our Church may also be suitable for your small Wedding, or Baptism Service, if you live within our Church Benefice, or qualify in another respect. 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 2nd & 4th Sundays** of each month, at 6.00pm throughout the year. We still enjoy traditional hymn singing.

On the 3rd Sunday of each month at 6.00pm we have a **variable Evening Service**, led by either Father Peter Down, Norman Preston, or Sallyann Batstone the regular Lay Readers for the Tintinhull Benefice.

Our Church not only serves our small community, including students from Lufton College during term time, but also regular members of the congregation from further afield. We are working together with other Churches in the area to welcome families & individuals who will be moving into the new housing developments within our Parish.

On 6th April we hosted the Licencing Service of our new Priest in Charge, Father Peter Down. The Licencing was carried out by the Archdeacon of Wells, in the presence of members of our own congregation, clergy and Lay Readers from the surrounding parishes, Churchwardens and visitors from all the churches in our new benefice and previous benefice. This was a very special event, followed by celebratory refreshments. We look forward to our future in a growing parish, which will also have a new school* (see below).

During the coming months, Special Services & Events in Lufton will include:-

Holy Communion Services on 1st May, 5th June and 3rd July at 6 pm.

Evensong Services on 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of each month.

On Sunday 29th May at 10.30 am we shall host the United Benefice Holy Communion, followed by our traditional summer refreshments.

Please follow information on Parish Notice Boards for any additional events.

ALL ARE MOST WELCOME AT OUR SERVICES.

For more information about the Church & Services please contact either Father Peter Down -Tel: 01935 829058, or Churchwardens - Dr. Francis Burroughes (01935 429279), or Mrs Deryl Rennie (01935 864523).

The benefice web site is at: [www.fivecrosses@weebly.com](http://www.fivecrosses.weebly.com)

Just a Thought!

"Whether one believes in a religion, or not, and whether one believes in rebirth, or not, there isn't anyone who doesn't appreciate kindness and compassion."

Dalai Lama



Who Does What? - A Guide to Government Roles

Who Governs You? Who Governs You? Who Governs You? Who Governs You? Who Governs You?

UK Parliament

MP - ELECTED for up to 5 years
 Makes the Law in England and Wales
 Government Ministers set National Policy
 Nation-wide services e.g.

- Defence
- Health
- Trade
- Employment & Benefits
- Customs & Excise
- Air, Rail, Motorways, trunk road network, etc.

Controls various taxes including Business Rates
 Decides Rate Support Grant to County and District levels
 Can 'Cap' Council Taxes at County and District levels
 See www.parliament.uk for details

Somerset County Council

County Councillor (1 No.) ELECTED for 4 years
 County-wide services e.g.

- Schools
- Social Services
- Local Roads, footpaths and bus services
- Fire & Rescue
- Waste Disposal
- Libraries

Council Tax collected by District Council
 See www.somerset.gov.uk for details

South Somerset District Council

District Councillors (2 No.) ELECTED for 4 years
 District-wide services e.g.

- Social Housing
- Domestic Waste Collection
- Local Planning & Development Control
- Parks, playgrounds and green spaces
- Street Cleaning
- Maintains Electoral List

Collects Council Taxes, Police and Parish Precepts
 See www.southsomerset.gov.uk for details

Brympton Parish Council

Parish Councillors (11 No.) ELECTED for 4 years
 Local services e.g.

- Represents specific interests of Brympton parishioners to ALL higher levels of Government
- Publishes Brympton Newslink
- Consultee on all development proposals in Brympton
- Manages Higher Ream Play Area under Licence with SSDC
- Provides street furniture e.g. Seats, Bus Shelters, Waste & Dog bins
- Partner with SSDC in local projects (e.g. Parish Ranger, upgrading play areas)
- Supports Abbey Manor Community Centre and Thorne Jubilee Hall
- Funding for local community projects

Parish Precept (Council Tax) collected by District Council
**Public Open Session - Wednesdays from 12 noon - 2 p.m at
 The Clerk's Office, Abbey Community Centre**
 See www.brymptonparishcouncil.gov.uk for details

UK Parliament

Marcus Fysh MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA
 Telephone 020 7219 4527 or email: marcus.fysh.mp@parliament.uk

Somerset County Council

Website: www.somerset.gov.uk
 County Councillor: **Councillor Sam Crabb**
 Telephone 01935 851155 or email sdcrabb@somerset.gov.uk
For all services - 0300 123 2224

- Care Direct
- Children, Young People, Learning
- Environment & Community Protection
- Libraries Services
- Roads & Transport
- Cultural Heritage

Open 8am - 6pm Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm Sat

Street Lighting Faults - 0845 601 0939 (office hours) and 0845 795 9639 (for out of hours emergencies)

South Somerset District Council

Website: www.southsomerset.gov.uk
 District Councillors (for Brympton):
Sarah Lindsay - Telephone 01935 474112
 email sarah.lindsay@southsomerset.gov.uk

Peter Seib -Telephone 07970 194710

e-mail peter.seib@southsomerset.gov.uk

For all services - 01935 462462

- Council Tax,
- Planning & Building Control
- Benefits,
- Housing Advice,
- Waste Collection & Recycling,
- Pest Control,
- Leisure,
- Car Parks,
- Business Rates,
- Abandoned Vehicles,
- Dog warden

Normal opening hours for telephone calls are Monday to Friday (8.45am to 5.15pm) with an out of hours service providing cover for emergencies outside of these times.

Brympton Parish Council

Website: www.brymptonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parish Councillors:

Elizabeth Glaisher (Chairman),

Roger Meecham (Vice-Chairman), Barbara Appleby, Kevin Bowles, Bob Brookes, Peter Burt, Andy Marchant, Graham Pritchard, Peter Seib, Josh Williams and Rob Wood.

Parish Clerk: Elizabeth James - Telephone: 01935 424332

e-mail: clerk@brymptonparishcouncil.gov.uk

or write to: The Parish Office, Abbey Community Centre, The Forum, Abbey Manor Park, Yeovil, BA21 3JH

Police

Website: www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

For anything non-urgent the telephone number for Avon & Somerset Police is 101

The emergency number is 999

PCSO - Elaine Weeks - mobile no. 07889659279

Email: elaine.weeks@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Anyone with information about a crime can contact 'Crimestoppers' on 0800 555 111. Calls can be anonymous..

Contact Points. Contact Points. Contact Points. Contact Points. Contact Points.



Stitch, Knit and Natter

Do you like to sew, knit, crochet or just natter?

There is group that meets every Tuesday from 7.30 till 9.00pm in the Parish Room at the Abbey Community Centre (up the ramp).

There is a £2 charge to cover the cost of hiring the room and tea/coffee.

If you are interested, please phone me on 01935 427226, email craftnchatter@talktalk.net or just turn up on the night.

We look forward to seeing you. **Ingrid.**



Brympton Parish (it's grown a bit)

In 1870 - 72, John Marius Wilson's Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales described Brympton like this:-

"BRIMPTON, a parish in Yeovil district, Somerset; adjacent to the Yeovil and Exeter railway, 2 miles W by S of Yeovil. It includes the hamlets of Alvington and Houndstone; and its post town is Yeovil. Acres 465. Real property, with Hestcome, £3,014. Pop 135. Houses 24. The property is much subdivided. The manor once belonged to the Sydenhams; and Brympton House now belongs to the Earl of Westmoreland. The living is a rectory in the diocese of Bath and Wells. Value £170, Patron, Mrs E Morris. The church is good."

Some time in the 1950's the parish of Brympton took in the then separate parishes of Thorne and Lufton together with part of what was at the time the parish of Preston Plucknett.

In the last published census figures of 2011, there was a population in Brympton of **7,308** and the number of dwellings was **3,078**. There is currently a large housing development being built at Lufton (**696** dwellings) and, once this is completed, the projected population is about **9,500**.

Brympton also plays a significant role in economic terms with trading estates at Houndstone, Lufton, Abbey Manor and Alvington.

A comprehensive 'Parish Profile' listing the various facilities/amenities in the parish can be seen on the website.



PUZZLESWAP

'Puzzleswap' is a local group of people who enjoy Jigsaw Puzzles in the Yeovil, Somerset area.

We are looking for people to join our small group and look forward to swapping Jigsaw Puzzles with you.

- This group is run by volunteers
- Puzzles are swapped free of charge
- We need your jigsaw puzzle donations
- Please donate puzzles that are complete in pieces
- Enjoy Puzzling!

For more info Contact: puzzleswap@outlook.com 07780702278

The Parish Council Office at the Abbey Community Centre, The Forum, Abbey Manor Park, is open for visits from the public from 12 - 2 p.m. each Wednesday. The Clerk and a Councillor will normally be available to answer queries, and also show planning applications received.

If you wish to contact the Clerk prior to your visit please ring 01935 424332 or email clerk@brymptonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Why not visit BPC's website at www.brymptonparishcouncil.gov.uk where you will find useful information (along with this Newslink!).

Keeping you informed

Did you know that the Parish Clerk sends out occasional emails regarding changes of recycling dates, highway closures, winter road reports, items of general interest, etc.?

The email address list is kept securely, is not passed on to anyone else and emails are sent using the "bcc" address so that recipients remain anonymous.

If you would like to join this list please email the clerk on clerk@brymptonparishcouncil.gov.uk



Your Parish Council

- Elizabeth Glaisher (Chairman)
- Roger Meecham (Vice Chairman)
- Barbara Appleby
- Kevin Bowles
- Bob Brookes
- Peter Burt
- Andy Marchant
- Graham Pritchard
- Peter Seib
- Josh Williams
- Rob Wood
- Elizabeth James (Parish Clerk)

Useful Contact Numbers

Police - For anything non-urgent the number for Avon & Somerset Police is 101. The emergency number is still 999.

Somerset County Council - 0300 1232224

South Somerset DC - 01935 462462

Street lighting - To report faulty streetlights, please make a note of the number on the light and call **0845 6010939**

Advice Centres:

Age Concern - 01935 411077

Citizens' Advice Bureau - 03444 889623

Parishioners can contact the Parish Council by:

Telephone: 01935 424332; e-mail: clerk@brymptonparishcouncil.gov.uk or post: Brympton Parish Council, The Parish Room, The Forum, Yeovil BA213TL

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

The next few meetings are:

- Wed. 25th May 2016, Parish Room, Abbey Community Centre
- Wed. 22nd June, Parish Room, Abbey Community Centre
- Wed. 27th July, Parish Room, Jubilee Hall, Thorne Coffin
- Wed. 24th August, Parish Room, 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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