



BRYMPTON NEWSLINK - Spring 2017

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Thoughts from the Chairman

Since the Chairman, Liz Glaisher, has recently resigned from the Council (for personal reasons) it falls to me as Vice Chairman to put together this editorial. By the time you read this edition of Newslink we will have elected a new Chairman at the Annual PC meeting on 24th May.

Liz - Liz Glaisher was Chairman for the last 11 years and throughout this time she has worked tirelessly to ensure that our parish is protected and, where possible, improved. During her Chairmanship quite a few projects have either been achieved or are in the pipeline. There have been major challenges at times due to pressures for more and more development in and around the parish and budget restraints within County/District Councils. **Thank you Liz.**

These pressures are set to continue for the foreseeable future with the imminent 'Western Corridor' highway improvements, proposals for the Bunford employment site and the ongoing Lufton Key Site development with its associated community facilities.

Brympton - is an ever-expanding parish, at least in population.

In terms of property numbers, of the 121 parishes in the South Somerset area, it is now the 5th largest with 3,237 properties (compared with 162 properties in 1966 and 2,109 in 2000) yet at £23.14/year the Council Tax per property is one of the lowest (properties in Yeovil Town pay £104.01).

Elections - The recent County Council elections threw up a few surprises not the least being that Sam Crabb, Brympton County Councillor for the last 20 years lost out to Josh Williams, Brympton Parish Councillor and Community Speedwatch leader. The net result however is that SCC remains Conservative led. At 39% (33% in Brympton) turn-out was typically, and disappointingly, low for a Local Election.

The forthcoming **General Election on 8th June** may hold further surprises and we await the outcome of this with bated breath.

Go and Vote - if you don't you shouldn't complain.

And then of course there are the ongoing debate/negotiations to do with Brexit. Sometimes I feel like going on a long holiday until it's all over!

YTFC - I have to say that I'm not an avid supporter but I am interested in how our local League team get on. This year has been particularly disappointing with the narrow avoidance of relegation to non-League football. Something needs to be done!

The Yeovil Town Ladies team however seem to be going from strength to strength.

By the way, I've slightly increased the font size in this edition of Newslink. Hope it's slightly easier to read.

Have a nice Summer,
Roger Meecham, Acting Chairman of BPC

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Councillors

We were sad to lose Bob Brookes who has resigned from the Council and will be greatly missed. In his place we are pleased to welcome Adrian Pitman as a new Councillor.



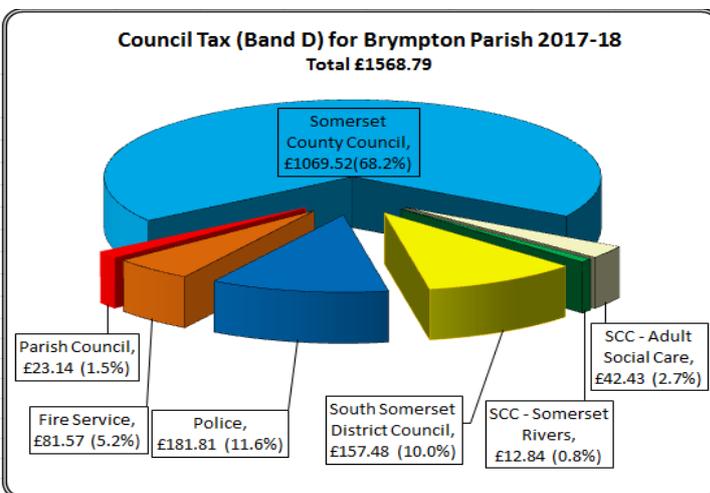
We were also sad to lose Liz Glaisher, our Chairman for many years, who has also stood down. Liz always worked hard to protect the environment and residents of Brympton, she will be greatly missed.

Finances

At the meeting in January BPC set a Budget for the forthcoming year of **£63,185** which results in a Precept (the money collected via Council Tax) of **£58,850**. This works out at **£23.14** per year for a Band D property, an increase of **£0.46 (2%)**.



The other Authorities that are financed via the Council Tax you pay also increased their charges and the amounts for 2017/18 are shown in the pie chart below. As you will see, BPC gets a very small 'slice of the pie' and most of your Council Tax goes to Somerset County Council (SCC's element also includes 'Adult Social care' and 'Somerset Rivers', these are shown separately).



Future Projects

As mentioned in previous Newslinks, the Parish Council is looking to update play equipment at the Higher Ream play area. This is being discussed with the children at Preston Primary School who have suggested a 'castle'. We'll see what we can do!



Another proposal is to carry out additional tree planting in the Larkhill Open Space and alongside Lawrence Way. We had a nice letter from a resident who is appreciative of the work carried out in the Larkhill Open Space area and offering a contribution towards new trees/shrubs.

If you have any ideas or requests for future consideration, please let us know.



MORE PARISH COUNCIL STUFF

Grants - Every year BPC offers grants to local organisations and events. In 2016/17 the following grants were awarded:

- £50 to St Michaels Scouts/Guides
- £500 to Citizens Advice Bureau
- £50 to Community Justice Panel
- £250 to 'Yeovil Shop Mobility'
- £1,500 to Abbey Community Centre
- £450 to 1st Preston Plucknett Brownies
- £250 to Somerset Girl Guides
- £1,000 to Lufton Villa archaeological investigation



'Trouble Over Bridged Waters' - The footbridge between West Brook and Larkhill Open Space continues to be damaged by vandals who think it's clever to remove the planks. These are continually having to be replaced. It must take some effort to do this damage and it's in full view of properties at West Brook so if you see anything please take a photo (from a safe distance) and report it to the Police.

Lights at The Forum - these continue to be a problem. They are, generally speaking, the responsibility of either SSDC or the Forum Management company. If you notice a light that isn't working please make a note of the number that should be stencilled on it and inform the Parish Council's Clerk so that it can be reported.

What a load of rubbish! - Litter seems to be a constant problem at Abbey Manor Park and a regular source of complaint, even though BPC pay for additional litter picking and we have the services of a Ranger.



It was nice therefore that a few weeks ago a number of residents got together to carry out a community litter pick. In just 90 minutes they collected the amount shown here.

We are grateful to Lynda Simonite for organising this and to The Arrow for providing free teas and coffees. Further litter picks are to be arranged so look out for the details on the Abbey Manor Facebook page and on notice boards. Well done all!



Litter problems also exist at the Alvington Open Space and we do need to look at the options here - possibly a new bin?

Dog Poop! - We've been asked to remind dog owners that it is the law to pick up after their dogs when they have messed.

As well as being illegal, it's a health risk and it's downright anti-social. To be fair, most dog owners do act responsibly but there are a few that don't.



Lufton Villa - Dr James Gerrard and his archaeological students are returning again this year between 24th July and 5th August to carry out further investigations. A talk on the findings will be given on 2nd August at the Community Centre.

Bees - Lufton bee-keeper Marvin Collins advises that there will be a bee-keeping stand at the Yeovil Show on 15/16th July. Well worth a look I would say but 'bee careful'. Sorry!



PLANNING



Brympton PC were consulted on a total of 45 planning applications in 2016/17. Many of these were for simple extensions but some were of a more major nature.

The YTFC application to create a recreation area near Lufton was one such application. Thankfully SSDC listened to the various objections and refused the application. An Appeal has been lodged against this decision and we are currently awaiting an invitation to the Government Planning Inspector's meeting.

Forward Planning

A couple of months ago SSDC published their latest version of their **Housing And Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA)**. This is a kind of preliminary assessment of the future Local Plan and looks at potential sites that might be considered for inclusion. It's a bit complicated to go into any details here but if you want to have a look go to SSDC's website and type 'HELAA' in the Search box (the url link is too long to show here!), click on the link then look at the 'Area South Maps'.

Please note that this is not a consultation document and goes with the caveat that it in no way suggests or indicates that planning permission would be granted for any of the sites identified. BPC nevertheless have submitted a response, just in case.

The 'Loan' Ranger!

Brympton residents will often see the parish 'Ranger', Darren Lashbrook (with the long blond hair) carrying out various tasks throughout the parish and perhaps it's time he got a mention. Darren actually works for SSDC but BPC pay for his dedicated services for a few days a week to carry out those little 'extras' for us. Everyone says how hard he works and he always goes the extra mile to ensure the job is done to a high standard. Nothing is too much trouble for him. In general having Darren means that the whole of Brympton is greatly improved.

Thank you Darren.

Abbey Community Centre



There are many activity groups using the community centre but it is available to hire for private functions and meetings, etc.

Availability and details can be seen on the website at www.abbeymanorcc.org. The support of Abbey Manor residents is always welcome, it's your facility!

The Abbey Community Association recently had the hall floor cleaned and re-polished. The bar room is also undergoing refurbishment and they are currently looking at ways of improving disabled access to their premises.

The most pressing need is to appoint a new Secretary to replace Richard Jackson who has fulfilled this role for a great many years. If you're interested please contact the Chairman on 07970 194710.



Lufton Key Site

Some uncertainty has been expressed about access to Lufton village during the ongoing Lufton Key Site development works and after development has been completed. The Planning Officer has advised that the arrangements are set out in the 'Section 106' Highways Agreement and there are various 'triggers' for when things get implemented. The Planning Officer appreciates the need for clarity and will raise the issue with Persimmon and Highways.

The plans for the Lufton site show access to Lufton via Lufton Lane north of the point where it is crossed by the new 'loop' road. South of this point Lufton Lane will be a cycle/pedestrian route.

There is reference in the Highways Agreement to closing off Lufton Lane somewhere north of this connection in order to prevent rat-running. It is understood that this will be the subject of consultation with Lufton residents.

School and Community Centre - An update on the proposed school/community centre at Lufton was recently given by Natalie Fortt, SSDC's Neighbourhood Development Officer. There had been some delays in completing the land transfer but this has apparently now been sorted and works on site are underway. The original opening date was February 2018 but we now understand that it is more likely to be sometime in May(ish) 2018.

An organisation known as 'Spark' has been engaged to establish community liaison within, and around, the Lufton key Site development. 'Spark' is a local organisation that provide information, advice, training and support to the voluntary and community sector to inspire people to get involved and make a difference in their communities. They have already arranged an Easter Egg Hunt and held an inaugural meeting on 15th May. The next Community Event is a picnic on 1st July. They have a Facebook page - just type 'Agusta Park community events' in the Facebook search box.

This is an opportunity for residents to get involved in what's happening in their community.



HIGHWAYS



Stourton Way Traffic Calming Scheme - Plans showing the proposals have been received from SCC Highways. These are much the same as the draft proposals that BPC submitted to SCC about 18 months ago so needless to say we responded to say we supported the scheme - BPC is also contributing £10k towards these works.

Thorne Lane - We're pleased to note that repairs to the surfacing have, at last, been carried out and they've made a good job of it. Thank you Somerset Highways.

Unfortunately it looks as though we're going to have to live with the condition of the pavement in the vicinity of Tintagel Road. The parish council met a Highways representative to discuss this and his response was that the pavement in its current state was not officially deemed 'out of repair' (holes needs to be 1 inch deep). There is no money in the budget for this year or next year and it would probably be 5 years before this site came to the top of the list under current conditions. Apparently, if patching was undertaken that would push the site further down the budgeting list. In the meantime the parish council is arranging for it to be swept to remove the accumulated gravel, etc.

Lufton Lane - Traffic remains a problem for the normally fairly peaceful village of Lufton with various road closures associated with the new water main and rat-running exacerbating things. One of the issues is to do with the rather 'blind' junction with Thorne Lane. County Highways have looked at this and have advised that there are practical difficulties in improving the junction but they will be looking to provide additional road signage and road markings.

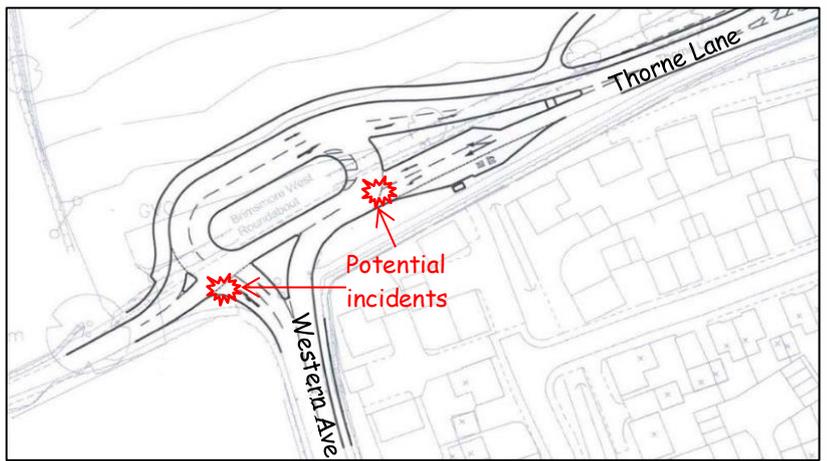
Houndstone 'rat-running' - As a result of continuing concerns about rat-running through Roe Avenue and Bond Street SCC have been asked to consider the options here. In order to assess the extent of the problem they will be installing traffic counters on this route.



Parked vehicles near Hawks Rise contribute to the problems here. The vehicles are owned by people working in the nearby trading estate.

Dropped Kerb at Derwent Way - This has been installed by BPC to facilitate disabled access to the shops, etc.

New 'Squashabout' (see layout below) - Following reports about confusion and near-misses at the new Thorne Lane/Western Avenue junction BPC carried out an on-site study of traffic movements here. The main issue seems to be an assumption by motorists turning from Western Avenue into Thorne Lane that they have priority over traffic continuing straight along Thorne Lane. They don't, it's a roundabout! There are white lines to signify this but they are not particularly clear. We have passed on our observations to SCC.





CRIME & DISORDER

Your Local Safer Stronger Neighbourhood Police Team currently comprises:



Sgt Richard Barnett, PC Claire Morgan, 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 via 101 or at elaine.weeks@avonandsomerset.police.uk



Beat Surgery - Beat surgeries are now being held c Palmers Garden Centre.

Drug Related Issues - Encouragingly, the Police Database has shown no recorded drug offences in the Parish again recently.

The police are apparently maintaining twice daily patrols of Oak Tree Park and so far, have not detected new signs of drug use.

Reporting of Crime, Disorder, etc.

The local Abbey Manor Facebook page is a valuable and productive tool for use by our local community for the sharing of information. However, some of the information posted on Facebook, whilst relevant and useful to the local community, could also be far more relevant and productive if passed on to the "Authorities" in a timely manner.

In cases of crime and disorder it is suggested that any relevant information pertaining to the incident is also conveyed to the Somerset & Avon Police Service.

Snapshot of Crime Statistics

The following table provides a general breakdown of the reported crime statistics in Brympton during February 2017 (latest info available).

Category of crime	Number of incidents
Anti-social behaviour	6
Bicycle theft	
Burglary	1
Criminal damage & arson	6
Drugs	
Public Order	2
Other Theft	2
Shoplifting	
Vehicle crime	
Violence & sexual offences	11
Theft from the person	
Robbery	
TOTAL	28

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.police.uk/). Their 'Crime Map' is interesting especially if you're looking to move house. You'll need to zoom in on the area of interest to identify individual crimes.

Speedwatch



The Brympton Community Speedwatch team continue to monitor traffic speeds at Stourton way, Bluebell Road and Larkhill Road. Most motorists seem to accept the valuable job they're doing but some are a bit abusive I gather - presumably they're the ones that are speeding. Results seem to show a general tendency of lower speeds which is basically what they are trying to achieve - it's not about punishing motorists it's about educating them!

The parish council's SID (Speed Indicator Device) is being regularly deployed and is also proving to be quite useful in reminding motorist of the speed they are doing. There are a few exceptions of course and the 'award' this time goes to the motorist that was doing **75mph** in Larkhill Road (near King Arthur Drive) at 20:10 on 6th April. The new speeding fine system would mean that if caught this driver would incur a Band C fine (150% of relevant weekly income and disqualification for 1- 8 weeks or 6 points on their licence). There is no excuse for excessive speeding, please travel at the correct speed and don't endanger lives!

The Police continue to carry out regular, official, speed checks at Stourton Way, Bluebell Road, Thorne Lane and various other locations.

A new speeding fine system has just been introduced and this is set out in the table opposite. The fines/penalties are much greater than previously. You have been warned!

Speed limit (mph)	Recorded speed (mph)		
20	41 and above	31-40	21-30
30	51 and above	41-50	31-40
40	66 and above	56-65	41-55
50	76 and above	66-75	51-65
60	91 and above	81-90	61-80
70	101 and above	91-100	71-90
Sentencing range	Band C fine (150% of relevant weekly income)	Band B fine (100% of relevant weekly income)	Band A fine (50% of relevant weekly income)
Points / disqualification	Disqualification for 7-56 days OR 6 points on your licence	Disqualification for 7-28 days OR 4-6 points on your licence	3 points on your licence



Primary School Update.



With a Year 3 production of "Puss in Boots" and lovely Easter Services bringing a lively end to our Spring term, our Summer term is already proving to be just as exciting.

In April, Boeing kindly sent a team into Preston C of E Primary to celebrate "Earth Day" by planting vegetables and various other plants to enhance our school grounds and teach the children about caring for our planet.

"Florence Nightingale" visited Year 2 children to support their learning about her role in the Crimean War. The children thoroughly enjoyed their nursing roles.

We were delighted that our Dance group came first in a regional dance competition held at Millfield School in Street. The group performed some Bollywood dance routines and beat other competitors from the state and private sector. Well done girls!



Kingfisher Primary School at Lufton is now well underway, with the second cohort of children enrolled for September. The interim arrangements, in coordination with Huish Primary, couldn't have gone any smoother. We have the use of wonderful Early Years provision until the new school is ready to occupy in 2018. Although behind the initial schedule due to site issues, we are very happy to move into the new school in a timely and appropriate manner.

Thank you to all in the Parish for your continuing support.
Bernie Green, Executive Head Teacher. 01935 474538

RSPCA - SUMMER'S COMING



Perhaps I shouldn't say this now but there seem to be less unowned cats around at present.

Does it mean that ours and Cats Protection constant neutering and chipping schemes are beginning to work at last? Keep it up please because while it means we have spent a lot of money to help neutering it's been worth it.

We had a call from a gentleman who found a tiny fox cub shivering and frightened in the hedgerow. After phoning me he kindly waited there for the Inspector to arrive to collect it.

We had an early call from a dog walker on Ham Hill who found a really tiny badger cub on a path. Turned out it was drastically undersized, about 600 gm but around 8 weeks old. It may have come out with mother at night for a walkabout but it was certainly too weak and small to be left on its own.



The local Inspector kindly took it to West Hatch Wildlife unit who passed it on to Pauline Kidner of Secret World where it is doing well. Thank you to all those people

If you do come across baby animals, please consider whether mum is nearby watching as with many fledglings or if they need our help. The first number to Call is 03001234999 for the professionals, the Inspectorate team. If your concern isn't urgent and perhaps all that is needed is advice try southeastsomerset.rspca@gmail.com. We check it regularly and will reply by email, phone or text if you leave your details.

Maggie Baker (Somerset east RSPCA)

SOUTH SOMERSET community transport

South Somerset Community Transport is a locally run charity. For the past 20 years we have provided a lifeline for people who don't have access to public transport and who would otherwise be very isolated. This may be due to a lack of provision in their area, poor mobility, disability or being elderly, housebound and/or vulnerable.



Our Community Car scheme is solely supported by a dedicated team of volunteers who use their own cars to take clients to their medical appointments, hair appointments and other vital social care journeys.

We also operate a fleet of accessible vehicles ranging from wheelchair accessible cars to 16 seater minibuses with tail lifts. We use these vehicles to provide transport for individuals to attend medical appointments, shopping trips and other essential journeys.



We also work with local nursing homes providing journeys for individuals and group days out. A lot of our elderly clients attend Yeovil Day Centre and Grovelands Dementia Day Care, as well as local church groups and lunch clubs.

We carry out work for Somerset County Council providing social care journeys and have several school transport contracts, taking children to and from Fairmead and Fiveways School.

In addition we operate the Slinky Bus Service Chard and Ilminster on behalf of Somerset County Council, which provides a dial a ride service in the area.

All our Volunteer Car Drivers, Minibus Drivers and Passenger Assistants are DBS checked. Our Minibus Drivers and Passenger Assistants have all undertaken SEN Training.

We aim to keep our fares low and affordable. If a client registers their bus pass with us we are able to claim back some of the fare through the Concessionary Fare Scheme and this saving is passed on to them.

Our service operates in Yeovil, Chard, Ilminster, Somerton and Langport as well as the surrounding villages.

We are always looking for more Volunteer Car Drivers and Casual Minibus Drivers. If you think you would be interested in joining our organisation, please contact me (Victoria Butcher) on the details below.

If you require any further information about the services that we provide please do not hesitate to contact us on 01935 477399 or email victoriabutcher@ssvca.org.uk



News from St. James Church: Opening Up

On April 9th, after 7 months of renovations, St. James re-opened for Easter. The church is now warm, light and comfortable (see right for the before/after photos), and lots of people have already commented how welcoming it looks.



St. James' is now open **10am-4pm Mon-Fri**, for anyone to pop in, pray, sit, light a candle in memory of a loved one, or just enjoy the peace of the place. Also planned...

- **Jazz Concert** 8pm Friday 30th June, tickets £10 including nibbles (414097 or contact us via the website (see below))
- **Flower Festival** Sat 22nd - Sun 23rd July
- **Quilting Exhibition** Sat 30th September

If you want to ask about a christening or wedding at St. James' (or both at the same time!) then grab one of the clergy on a Sunday (details below), or please contact us.



In other news, Rev David Keen, associate Vicar since 2006, has been appointed as the new Vicar of St. James' and will be licensed in June.

Social and Community Groups:

Tots and Toys Tues 10-11.30am, for 0-2's & their parents/carers, St. James church room. Contact Barbara 415896 or just turn up!

Abbey Toddlers Weds 9.30-11.30am, Abbey Community Centre, find us on Facebook.



Junior Church runs alongside Sunday morning services, 10.30-11.30am,

Youth Group Sunday evenings 6.00-8pm, contact Steve 07951 690937

Social groups:

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

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

Songs of Praise 3rd Sunday of every month, 4pm, short informal service with some favourite hymns, followed by a cuppa and a chat.

The Church Room is available for hire for local groups, parties etc. contact Chris Rusling on 413213

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

Contacts:

Church Office 414097, Rev. David Keen 422286, Rev. Alison Hancock 07791 546435
 email: office@stjamesandstpeters.org.uk
 website <http://www.stjamesyeovil.org.uk/>

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



(In the United Benefice of Tintinhull, Chilthorne Domer, Yeovil Marsh & Thorne Coffin)

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. The usual way is to 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. As we are experiencing road closures at the moment, access is from Thorne Lane only.

Our regular Services are more traditional, as we still enjoy **BCP (1662) Services of Holy Communion on the 4th 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, 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 & **have moved** into the new housing developments within our Parish. **We look forward to our future in a growing parish, which also has a new school, albeit not in Lufton until 2018.**

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

United Benefice Holy Communion Service on Sunday 6th August at 10.30 am. Followed by refreshments.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be on Sunday 17th September at 6 pm.

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](tel:01935829058)), or Churchwardens - Dr. Francis Burroughes (01935 429279) or Mrs Deryl Rennie (01935 864523).

St Andrew's Church, Thorne

St Andrews Church at Thorne Coffin is also in the parish of Brympton. The origins of this church go back to at least the early 14th Century but the current building has been much restored over the centuries.

The monthly 'FiveCrosses' Newsletter setting out events and Service details can be seen on their website at <http://fivecrosses.weebly.com/> or, alternatively, on the Parish Councils website.



Somerset County Council



The main news here of course is that, following the County Council Elections on 4th May, Somerset County Council is still Conservative controlled but by a slightly bigger margin.

County Councillor Sam Crabb who has represented Brympton and other parishes in his Ward for the last 20 years was one of the 'casualties'. Sam was always trying to get good deals for Brympton and the Council is very appreciative of his hard work. We now have a more direct link to SCC as Brympton Parish Councillor Josh Williams has taken on the mantle of County Councillor for the Brympton Ward.

Conservative SCC Leader John Osman was another notable 'casualty' having been beaten by Lib Dem Tessa Munt.

Sadly, regardless of local politics, the inevitable cuts to services such as buses, libraries, education, social care, highways, etc. will of course continue as these are mainly due to reductions in funding from Central Government.

BRYMPTON ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION



The Association continues thrive with the allotment site recently given a "short back and sides" ready for the new growing season. With such a mild winter and warm spring there is plenty of new growth (plants and animals) being seen across the site.

Most members have already had a glut of rhubarb and those with soft fruit beds are already seeing strong indications that it could be a good year for fruit. That said a drop of rain at night would be most welcome.

As ever the site looks its best when the weather is fair and the visibility clear. There is nothing better than sitting or standing on your plot on a clear warm day and being able to look out for miles all around whilst savouring the quietness punctuated by the distant call of the Buzzards or Skylarks as they go about their business.

Have I whetted your appetite? If so, the association has a small number of vacant full and half plots at the site so if you are interested in taking one or wish to learn more about having an allotment the Association has a website (baayeovil.btck.co.uk) where you can find information and who to contact regarding membership. You can also contact the Chairman: Andy Dustan (07894010128) should you wish.

Enjoy your growing
Wurz

South Somerset District Council



One of the items of news from SSDC relates to the extension of their Innovation Centre at Copse Road.

The extension of this facility will provide opportunity for lots more fledgling businesses and provide the jobs associated with them.

The other new SSDC venture is of course the 'Westlands' Sports & Leisure Centre which officially opened a few weeks ago. Works are still ongoing but initial reports are encouraging (must pay a visit sometime soon). See the website at <http://westlandseyevil.co.uk/> for events.

There are a range of fabulous events running at South Somerset countryside sites this year. For more details and bookings please visit www.southsomersetcountryside.com. Enquiries countryside@southsomerset.gov.uk or 01935 462282.

Forthcoming SSDC Countryside Events:

- 9th June Evening DSLR Photography at Yeovil Country Park
- 10th June Father's Day Leather Crafts at YCP
- 26th June Teddy Bears Picnic in Meadows at YCP
- 3rd July Woodland Storytelling- Pre-School Children at YCP
- 7th July Woodland Storytelling at YCP
- 8th July Chard Countryside Day, Chard Reservoir LNR
- 26th July Creepy Crawly Creatures at YCP
- 28th July Wonderful Woodlands at YCP

IPad Training

I have been asked by a village group in West Camel to put together a few hours' worth of training course for members of the community who may want help with their tablets (specifically iPads but this could extend to Android tablets too). The idea is to have two different classes for beginner and advanced abilities, and to cover things like:

- Security
- Storage
- Backup
- managing photos
- email
- itunes/syncing your device
- useful apps
- other subjects on request.



I wondered if this might perhaps be of use to any groups in your own community and if so it would be great to get in touch with the right people. There is a small charge per head, but I am happy to travel and can arrange hall hire, etc. and dates can be flexible to suit attendees.

Thanks very much and do let me know if you have any questions - or indeed other IT requirements, as I am a newly set up local IT freelancer specialising in MS Excel, web content and all things geeky!

Kate Kirkham, Crystal Clear Consulting, 07866 465415

kate@crystalclearconsulting.co.uk

If anyone is interested please contact the Clerk and she will get in touch with Kate.



Somerset Sight Working with people who lack sight, not vision

Somerset Sight, the local, independent charity serving visually impaired people in Somerset, is looking for more volunteers. If you are able to help please contact Sandra Harris on 01823 325785 or Sandra@somersetsight.org.uk

See their website www.somersetsight.org.uk for more info.



Stitch, Knit and Natter

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

There is a 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 nominal £2.50 charge to cover the cost of hiring the room and tea/coffee.

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

We look forward to seeing you.

Ingrid.



More Brownies and Guides Wanted

If you think your daughter might be interested in joining the Brownies or Guides there are vacancies in the various groups that meet at the Abbey Community Centre.



Their meetings are full of challenges, games and activities, usually ones that the members have suggested themselves, and there are often opportunities to take part in special activities and events throughout the year.

If you want to know more, contact:

Brownies (age 7 - 10) - Emma on 01935 415361

Guides (age 10 +) - Jenny on 01935 426842

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.

QI 1 - London burnt down in 1077, 1087, 1132, 1136, 1203, 1212, 1220 and 1227, as well as 1666.

QI 2 - Vaccinations don't work on octopuses.

QI 3 - Kissing was banned in England in 1439.

What's Your Problem?



If you have any 'burning' issues you want the parish council to look at or just get it off your chest please let us know.

We like to think we know what's going on in the community but we're not mind readers! We may not be able to sort out the problem ourselves but we probably know a man who can.

The Parish Council Office is situated at the Abbey Community Centre, The Forum, Abbey Manor Park, Yeovil BA21 3TL.

If you want to look at a planning application please contact the Clerk to arrange a visit.

Telephone 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

Roger Meecham (Vice Chairman)
Barbara Appleby
Kevin Bowles
Peter Burt
Eddie Galjaard
Adrian Pitman
Graham Pritchard
Peter Seib
Josh Williams
Rob Wood
Vacancy
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 BA21 3TL.

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. 24th May, Parish Room, Abbey Community Centre

Wed. 28th June, Parish Room, Abbey Community Centre

Wed. 26th July, Parish Room, Abbey Community Centre

Wed. 23rd August, Parish Room, Abbey Community Centre

Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. The meetings at the Community Centre are held in the Parish Room and entrance is from the external ramp only - there is no entrance from the main hall. Please note that wheelchair users may need assistance in using the ramp, arrangements are in place to assist if required.

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