

them as necessary.

- * It would help greatly if all householders cleared snow away from the pavement and road in front of their houses. **Be assured that by helping in this way you will not become liable to insurance claims.**
- * It is recommended that snow should be cleared as soon as possible after it has fallen, before it has been compacted by vehicles and feet. Then spread salt, at the rate of 1 tablespoonful per m² - more is wasteful and possibly harmful. If you are working in poor light wear high-viz clothing.
- * Every household would find it useful to obtain a snow shovel.
- * Ice gripping overshoes will enable you to walk safely and with confidence on ice and compacted snow - strongly recommended. There are several types available average cost seems to be about £20.
- * If snow is forecast, and you have to drive somewhere, consider moving your car near to a main road which will be treated by DCC Highways Department and so kept clear. If you do this, park with consideration for other road users.

Roads to be gritted by DCC are the A379, the road to Newton Ferrers, the road to Smithleigh. Important information will be posted on YPC's website www.yealmpton-parishcouncil.org.uk or devon.gov.uk/winter_travel

YEALMPTON EMERGENCY PLAN

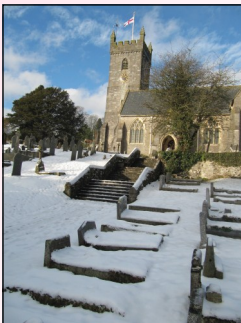
The recent floods have brought this subject into focus and the Parish Council is keen to recruit more volunteers for its Emergency Plan, to join the 4 Parish Response Teams: the **Co-ordination of Response Team**, the **Evacuation & Resources Team**, the **Shelter Team**, the **Area Wardens Team**.

There is also a group of volunteers who either have special skills of use to the Parish, such as first aid training, or special equipment - 4x4 vehicles, chainsaws, radio equipment. Also parishioners who would be willing to provide short term accommodation to people who have had to leave their homes.

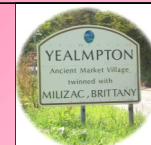
Membership of any Team is open to all Parishioners (the Evacuation and Resources Team will be operating outdoors and requires reasonably fit and active volunteers)

If you would like to volunteer please email Councillor Justin Robbins: justin.robbins3@btinternet.com

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Yealmpton Parish Council Newsletter 2012



Chair	Richard Yonge	Justin Robbins, Tim Stone, Helen Thom,
Vice-chair	Geoff Craddock	Keith Baldry , Giles Ebbutt, Cliff Tucker
Clerk	Mike Stickland	Patrick Healy, Sheila Barton

YPC Councillor Richard Yonge

The Parish Council has tried to continue its work within its budget without increasing the burden on Council Tax payers. We were well prepared for a really cold winter with the **Emergency Committee** placing supplies of salt around the village, stored by volunteers. They also drew up advice for residents which has recently been updated (see later).

The **Parish Room** is now very popular for small meetings. YPC took the controversial step of closing the public toilets which were little used & subject to frequent vandalism. This drew comments of approval & disapproval but hirers of the room regard it as an improvement.

We continue to try to improve the **appearance of the village**. We are grateful to the **Yealmpton Press** for the sign in Bakery Square. Additional **affordable housing** is still the prime aim of the Council and building phase 1 of "Kitley Place" is to start imminently.

Silverbridge Way - the Community path linking us to Brixton has been granted planning permission.

The **Olympic torch** passed through the village in May and this was followed in June by the **Jubilee celebrations** culminating in a picnic at Kitley, both events were very successful and very well supported. Thanks must go to Councillors Stone and Thom for their organisation of these events.



Parts of Yealmpton were flooded during the early morning on Saturday 7th July. Several homes were evacuated and 15 families had to move out. The damage to several residences is so bad that families have been told that it will be at least 6 months before they can return. In total 35 properties including businesses were flooded. The emergency services' response was immense and the Village Emergency Plan was activated in part.



County Councillor William Mumford

- ★ The **Council Tax freeze** for 2012-13 has been agreed & supported. The one off 'bonus' from Government is being reinvested in highway maintenance especially on "C" roads & upgrading some of our care homes.
- ★ Devon & Somerset County Councils are working together to bring **faster broadband** to the area.
- ★ The South Hams continues to lead the way in **waste recycling** & with other Devon districts the County now leads the way nationally.
- ★ After a comprehensive campaign the SWDWP chose the Devonport solution for the **waste treatment plant** with a combined heat & power package for the Dockyard. The **New England Application** has again been deferred by Viridor.
- ★ Change to the **speed limits** on the approach to Yealmpton have been put in place. There is now a 40mph zone running from Dunstone Cross, through Yealmbridge until the existing 30mph in Yealmpton.

District Councillor Keith Baldry

The year started with **elections** for District & Parish, I am most grateful to the Yealmpton voters for the confidence they showed by my re-election. The South Hams result was :

30 Conservatives	3 Greens
5 Liberal Democrats	1 Labour & 1 Independent

I was elected Leader of the Opposition.

- * SHDC approved a 2.5% increase in **council tax**. In view of the availability of a government grant to allow a council tax freeze, I opposed the increase.
- * The major issue of the year has been the finalising of the decision on **Sherford New Town**. I was most disappointed when the Development Management Committee gave the go ahead. This appears to be the end of a 16 year fight to stop the unnecessary destruction of high quality green land.
- * SHDC continues to make considerable efficiency saving from **joint working** with West Devon.
- * A detailed **planning application** for 60 dwellings to the north of Underhay ("Kitley Place", see earlier) made by Taylor-Wimpey has been approved.
- * I have been pleased to recommend the payment of grants from the **Community Locality Fund** to the Table Tennis Club, the Pre-school, the Toddlers Group, Junior Cricket, Arrows, Yealmpton Community Association, YOYO and the Patients Group.

Winter Preparations

Since the exceptional cold of winter 2010/11 one of the main concerns of the Parish Council has been to make sure that we are well prepared for the approaching winter. The measures taken include:

1. Signing up to Devon County Council's (DCC) Snow Warden scheme which led to 4 tons of free salt being delivered from DCC. Bags of salt were distributed to Winter Volunteers in most roads in the parish, the rest is stored by our contractor. No salt was used last winter so it is still available for this coming winter. Cllr. Robbins is the Parish Snow Warden, he will co-ordinate Winter Planning aided by the rest of the Emergency Planning Team (see later).
2. New salt/grit bins have been sited at Yeo Park, Dunstone Green and Bowden Hill.
3. The employment of a contractor to store salt and spread it on roads not included in DCC's schedule.

There is a limit to what DCC and the Parish Council can achieve and a successful response will depend on everyone helping others and themselves as much as possible. Here are some common sense measures:

- ** As it is the elderly/ frail/vulnerable residents who are most at risk from severe cold it would be really useful if neighbours checked and helped