

South Brent Parish Council

Having moved from the brink of being a village with no Post Office, we are particularly grateful to the Old School Community Centre and the postmistress from Strete for collaborating to host the new service in the Old School, which has become quite a lively hub of village life (see back page for opening hours). The Parish Council was active in this process and is relieved by the outcome.

Thank you to the band of folk in the village who went out to the A38 when it was blocked due to the recent bad weather. They supplied food and drink and helped the other services to move vehicles for several hours on Thursday evening, and opened and staffed the Village Hall and prepared it in case people needed shelter. Fortunately, they were able to stand down at about 10.30pm, when a snowplough got through and most of the vehicles were able to go on their way.

As we move on from the arctic blast, more changes, global, national, local, environmental and financial are afoot, creating new challenges for the community. As a Parish Council, we know what a special community we have. We would like to encourage anyone interested in and enthusiastic about our village and wanting to initiate or respond to change, to join us. (see below)!

'Casual Vacancy' on the Parish Council

Sadly, Councillor Richard Fone has decided to step down from the Parish Council. Richard has been a member of the council since May 2014 and we are most grateful for his contributions to the council during his time in office. Thank you, Richard.

This has created a 'casual vacancy' on the Parish Council, notice of which was published on 13 February. As an election has not been requested within the required period, the existing Parish Council propose to co-opt a new member. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, contact the clerk for further details and apply with brief, relevant information **by 23 March 2018** and come along to the Parish Council meeting on **26 March** in the side hall at the Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm. The successful candidate will then join the meeting.

Contact details: Mrs Julia Willoughby, Clerk to South Brent Parish Council, P.O. Box 246, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 9DY; Tel: 01364 72894; E mail: clerk@southbrent.gov.uk.

Annual Parish Meeting and Community Champion Nominations

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held at 7.30pm on **Monday 30 April 2018** in the Village Hall. **All are welcome.** We thank our outgoing Community Champions, Paul Timmins and Ben Parnell, and seek nominations for the 2017-18 Community Champion awards which will be presented at the meeting. If you would like to nominate someone who has made an outstanding contribution to this community for 'Community Champion' or 'Young Community Champion' (under 18 years) awards, please contact the Clerk to the Council on clerk@southbrent.gov.uk by noon on **Monday 26 March**.

That's a
good idea!



The Primrose Trail - proposed new cycle and walking route

Following an initiative in Kingsbridge, and in line with this parish's aspirations in the 2016+ Parish Plan to "Improve the cycling experience; increase cycle walk lanes", a small group is looking at the feasibility of developing a safe cycle trail as close as possible to the route of the old Primrose Line railway from Kingsbridge to South Brent. If you are interested in joining or contributing to this group please contact John Rawlinson (South Brent) - email john.rawlinson@southbrent.gov.uk or Barry Day (Kingsbridge) - email johnb.day7@gmail.com.



Some 'Pleas and Pleases' for our Community

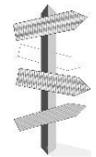
Very often in discussions about South Brent, apart from the occasional comment about rain, people talk about the sense of community felt by residents and the amount of community orientated activity there is in the village. Occasionally, however, the Parish Council has comments or feedback that seem to be at odds with this spirit, so this item brings together some pleas for more care to maintain the appearance, spirit and atmosphere of the village to the benefit of residents and visitors:

Please: report things that concern you in the neighbourhood. Devon County Councillor Richard Hosking has asked us to pass on numbers for the Domestic Violence helpline, which is 0345 1551074 and the Anti-Terrorist Hotline, which is 0800 789 321.



Please: as there has still not been any appointment to the vacant 'Dog Poo Fairy' post, we will need to clear up after our own dogs and 'bag it and bin it' (any litter bin can be used). If you see owners ignoring this, it is an offence (incurring a fine of £80- £1000) and may be reported to South Hams District Council either on line at <https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/webreportit> or via 01803 861234.

Please: respect and help maintain rights of way. Signposting rights of way help to make people aware that they are entitled to use them. Sadly, there has recently been recurring vandalism to some of these signposts - please report any acts of vandalism you see in our community.



Please: note South Brent Parish Council decided to lease Station Yard Car Park to keep free parking available in the village for residents and visitors. This followed the expressed wish at large consultation meetings. However, it is increasingly being used to store campervans and untaxed vehicles leaving less space for short term parking. The car park is a public space and *may not* be used for SORN ('Statutory Off-Road Notification') vehicles. Both untaxed *and* SORN vehicles will be investigated as abandoned vehicles and reported to the police.



Please: follow street parking restrictions which also promote safety, particularly by the drop kerb crossing outside 'The Village Shop' (formerly 'South Brent Stores')

Please: do not drive cars on to the cobbles in Wellington Square. Vehicles driven on to kerbs and cobbles damage them. If anyone has a stone planter which they could donate to be placed so as to prevent this, while preserving the square's picturesque character, the Parish Council would be most grateful.



Citizens Advice South Hams

Citizens Advice South Hams is a local independent charity providing free, confidential, independent and impartial advice to everyone. The issues that people have cover debt, housing, homelessness, disabilities, benefits, employment, consumer problems and more. Last year in the South Hams alone the charity helped over 4,300 residents resolve over 9,040 problems. **It is also staffed mainly by trained volunteers and relies on donations and funding to survive.**

The local charity needs people to come forward as volunteers, advisers and administrators. To find out more contact volunteering@southhamscab.org.uk.

It also needs people to help raise awareness and to fundraise. To find out more contact friends@southhamscab.org.uk.

Lastly it needs donations, so that it can carry on with its vital work; either by cheque made payable to South Hams Citizens Advice Bureau and posted to Follaton House, Plymouth Rd, Totnes, TQ9 5NE or by visiting its website southhamscab.org.uk.

For advice call 03 444 111 444 or come along to one of the drop in sessions at Citizens Advice, Follaton House, Monday – Thursday, Between 10am – 1pm or 2pm – 4pm

Citizens Advice South Hams is a Registered Charity, number 1091133.



South Brent Focus

This section is also available to voluntary organisations within the village to publicise their activities. Contributions should be sent to the Clerk or Editor for consideration; whilst there is no formal charge, any contributions towards the cost of printing and distribution would be appreciated.

A Word from our Dartmoor National Park Ranger, Ella Briens

Hello Everyone! I just wanted to take the opportunity to update everyone in the Parish on some of the local work that the Rangers have been doing around the area, and what we have planned for the future. We are really grateful for the continued support and practical help we get from the South Brent community...

Rangers spend a large proportion of our time on visitor management and the local path network. Last year we ran a number of 'tidy-ups' at Shipley Bridge in line with our #2minute litter-picks, where we have teamed up with the #2minute beach clean campaign to help address our national litter problem (we are proud to say that we were the first National Park team to go 'inland' with this particular initiative). Thankfully Shipley is a relatively tidy area compared to other honeypot sites, but we still found bits to clear (and a big thank you to our volunteer wardens who also help keep it tidy on a regular basis). Tim Ferry, Juliet Edmunds and Janet Bomback are all local Volunteer Wardens who support the Rangers with a variety of tasks. We also had lots of local help clearing vegetation and drainage on the paths - including Diamond Lane and the route out to Corringdon Ball Gate. In addition, Sustainable South Brent have offered to lend a hand and support our work which is great news. An example of this is the repairs on the path I am organising from Lydia Bridge that runs along the riverside, where Sustainable South Brent are providing funds.

We are always planning more litter-picks and works on Public Rights of Way. If you are interested in giving us a hand, then please look at our Facebook page or request to be on our e-news list where we can let you know what is going on.... We are also hoping to clear the vegetation off the archaeological remains of the Clay workings and Naptha site at Shipley and will be canvassing for more future help!



On a different topical matter, you will see that there are new signs going up around the commons to remind dog walkers of the bird nesting season and lambing time – keep dogs on leads.

Please get in touch if you would like any more information regarding our work - my phone number is 07711104546 or you can email me on ebriens@dartmoor.gov.uk.

And of course, if you see us out and about give us a wave! 😊

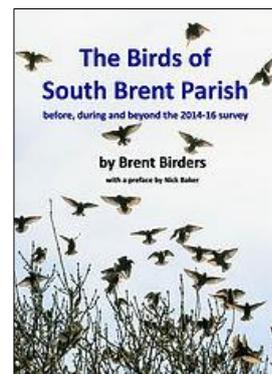


The Birds of South Brent Parish

Brent Birders will launch their new book "The Birds of South Brent Parish" on Friday 16th March at South Brent Village Hall, starting at 7:30 pm; and will also present a talk on Ring Ouzels by Nick Baker, a renowned naturalist and TV presenter.

After the talk there will be a chance to buy the 240-page full-colour, book which presents results of the 3-year Brent Bird Survey as well as some historical records and recollections of South Brent birdlife going back to the earlier part of the 20th century. The book, as well as books by Nick Baker and others, will be on sale or available to order for a special launch price of £15. Admission will be £4 including drinks and nibbles.

The Parish Council is pleased to have been able to support the publication with a Community Benefit fund grant. See: <http://brentbirdsurvey.co.uk>



News from South Brent Recreation Association



Table-Tennis: Two tables available with bats provided. £1.50 per person.

Tuesday mornings: 9.30-10.30am for **beginners**;

Tuesday evenings: 7.30-8.30pm for **more advanced players**.

Has anyone got a Table Tennis Table they would like to donate to the Rec as one of our tables has broken? Please contact Peter Kelly email: peterkelly@spx.co.uk or Anne Nicholls email: nichollsbennie2@gmail.com

Pavilion Hire: The hall is available for hire at £7 per hour plus £5 for kitchen. We are particularly keen to have more daytime bookings. Contact Anne on 01364 72223 / nichollsbennie2@gmail.com.

Monthly Lottery Pay £1 a month for 12 months = £12 a year. 50% will go in prizes and 50% will go to help maintain the facilities at Palstone Park Recreation Ground. You can join online at southbrentrecreationassociation.weebly.com/fundraising

We are currently trying to raise money to continue the footpath around the Rec.

Finally "Thank you" to some lady dog walkers who make regular collections of rubbish which is much appreciated. If anyone is interested in helping us to look after the Rec please contact Peter or Anne.

The next Parish Council newsletter will be published in **June 2018**.

Local organisations wishing to submit articles (maximum 150 words) for publication should send them to newsletter@southbrent.gov.uk (in Word, PDF or Rich Text Format) by **3 June 2018** at the latest please.

**SOUTH BRENT
POST OFFICE:**



in the [Old School
Community Centre](#):

- **Wednesdays** 9am-1pm
- **Fridays** 9am-12noon
- **Saturdays** 9am-12noon

Council Meetings



Full Parish Council meetings start at 7:30pm, in the Side Hall of South Brent Village Hall and are usually on the **4th Monday** of the month.

Parish Council meetings are open and there are opportunities for members of the public to raise issues which are not on the agenda in an open forum before each meeting and to speak to inform the council on issues which are on the agenda.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 26 March 2018**

Parish Council meetings for the rest of **2018**:

23 April 2018	23 July 2018	22 October 2018
21 May 2018	20 August 2018	26 November 2018
25 June 2018	24 September 2018	10 December 2018

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on 30 April 2018

Please see the Parish Council notice boards (near the Co-op entrance and outside the play park) for full details of forthcoming meetings.

LLOYDS BANK:



in the [Old School
Community Centre](#) Car Park:

- **Mondays** 9.45-11.15am
- **Thursdays** 2.00-3.30pm

Planning Committee

Meetings are held on the **2nd Monday** of the month - if required, in The Old School Community Centre.

South Brent Parish Council as at March 2018

Cllr. Cathie Pannell (Chairman)	(01364) 72275	cathie.pannell@southbrent.gov.uk	(Village ward)
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Cllr. Paul Fennessy	07967 393461	paul.fennessy@southbrent.gov.uk	(Village ward)
Cllr. Sue Gaskin (Planning Chairman)	07813 943590	sue.gaskin@southbrent.gov.uk	(Brentmoor ward)
Cllr. Peter Kelly (Open Spaces Chairman)	(01364) 73476	peter.kelly@southbrent.gov.uk	(Village ward)
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