



# South Brent Parish Council Newsletter

## Winter 2023, Issue 80

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### Act of Remembrance and Church Service

The **Act of Remembrance** was held at the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour, of the 11<sup>th</sup> Day, of the 11<sup>th</sup> Month at the Toll House in Church Street. This was well attended, despite the scaffolding and I wish to thank David Worrall and Peter Brown for bearing the Standards, Zoe Richards for tolling the bell, my wife for marshalling the traffic and everyone who attended.

The **Service of Remembrance and Rededication**, was held in the Parish Church of St Petroc on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Thanks to Reverend Professor Gina Radford for an excellent service and Jane Bellamy from the Methodists Chapel for leading the Intercessions. The service was very well attended with over 92 members of our Scout Group and Explorer Unit attending the service, a record attendance and the public made for standing room only. Thanks to Scout Seb Jamin and Cub Henry Forward for reading the Exhortations, Perluna Link and Wesley Willcocks for laying wreaths.

Particular thanks to Anne Marie Sampson, Teignbridge Scout Group District Commissioner, for playing the Last Post and Reveille. Also thanks to two of our newly elected Councillors Katy Armstrong and David Butcher for reading the 'Names of the Fallen' at their first Civic Service, not forgetting our Standard Bearers David Worrall and Peter Brown.



### Council Meetings return to the Village Hall

The Council has made the decision to move Full Council and Committee meeting back to the Village Hall, Station Approach, South Brent TQ10 9JL and will be held upstairs in the Stansbury Room, which can be accessed by a lift.

Full Council meeting, which will include planning items, will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, avoiding Half Terms and Bank Holidays. To reduce the burden of meeting, frequently two Committee/Working Group meeting will be held back to back. Meetings start at 7:30pm.

In 2024 it has been agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting, the public's opportunity to raise any issue, review the annual reports and accounts at 7.30pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting, at 8.15pm when the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council and Chairman of the Planning Committee will be elected and members appointed to Committees.

I wish to record the Council's thanks to Lucy Bruckner for acting as Locum Clerk, during the absence of the Parish Clerk.

Councillor Glyn Richards  
Chairman

## ALADDIN

Oh yes they are – South Brent Amateur Dramatic Society are putting on another pantomime. Following the success of Tom Thumb in January 2023, by popular demand SBADS is staging another panto from Thursday 25 to Sunday 28 January 2024 at the Village Hall. Aladdin with – spoiler alert – his magic lamp, will bring surprise, drama, music, dancing, comedy and, above all, entertainment for all ages.

A new script written by Somerset based author Alan P Frayn will be directed by Donna Wills, local legend of stage, screen and the Village Shop. Will the evil Abanazar get his scheming hands on a magical lamp? Can the glamorous Widow Twankey juggle the demands of running both a laundry and takeaway with the help of daft Wishee Washee and sensible So-Shy? Will Aladdin make his fortune and win the hand of the beautiful Princess Mandarin or will he be foiled by the potty policemen? Which South Brent stalwart is making only his second panto appearance in 48 years? And how on earth can SBADS make a carpet fly? All will be revealed thanks to a talented cast of both seasoned actors and newcomers to the Village Hall stage.

There will be three evening performances of Aladdin on Thursday 25, Friday 26 and Saturday 27 January and two matinees on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 January. Tickets are £10 for adults and £7 for children under 16. Tickets will be available online from [www.sbads.show/aladdin](http://www.sbads.show/aladdin) from November, and from our pop-up village box office in January. The last SBADS panto sold out, so if you want to join in the magical fun book your tickets early to avoid disappointment. The panto promises fun for the whole family - oh, yes it does!



## ART HOUSE

All Fired Up! A sale of pottery by South Brent potters and friends. Come along to the Christmas sale of pottery at Art House in South Brent on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December between 10am and 5pm.

Alongside the South Brent printmakers show, All Strung Out, it will be a day of getting in the Christmas spirit, with stocking fillers, gorgeous gifts and seasonal good cheer.

If you have left your Christmas gift buying to the last minute and want to support local makers and raise some funds for Art House then do come along. We would love to see you.

## Beating the Bounds 2023

The Beating the Bounds ceremony started in medieval times to show the parishioners their parish boundaries to prevent land being lost or trespassed upon. It could often be fairly bloody with parish versus parish at a border. To imprint the memory of our boundaries, the children had their heads banged on the boundary stones. Now, to be kinder, it is the other way and their bottoms often will get banged onto the stone.



South Brent Parish Council once more organised the re-enacted the ancient ceremony of Beating the Bounds which had to be stopped due to Covid stopped some years ago. The first bound chosen to be beaten again was the northern moorland part.



September 23 saw 113 walkers, aged between two and the upper seventies, meet in the Station car park and be transported up to Heathstone Head using Bob the Bus and Kingsbridge Community College mini busses. After registration and the traditional Loyal Address from Glyn Richards our Parish Council Chairman and an explanation from Tim Harvey of the Explorers they all set off. The

walkers were led by the Explorers who escorted everyone safely on their way for the nearly eleven miles with no lost people or mishaps.

At an elevenses' stop at the Avon Dam, South West Water arranged to open up the tunnel underneath so walkers could walk under the dam. We saw the boundary line between South Brent and Dean. Parishioners went through from South Brent side to the parish of Dean and popped up again. Traditionally they should have been beaten back with sticks as the people of Dean defended their territory but we fortunately went unnoticed.

The walkers continued for the longer section, via Buckland Ford, Petre's Cross and back to the road at Aish. Then down hill all the way to finish at a South Brent pub for a pasty and a drink. A round trip of nearly eleven miles completed by ninety-two people.

This memorable event was provided by our Parish Council with invaluable help from many people, most especially the Venture Scouts led by Tim Harvey.

South Brent managed with no clashes with neighbouring parishes to Beat the Moorland Bound. The southern area we will hopefully aim to beat again in 2015.

There are still some uncollected certificates from the Beating the Bounds walk. If anyone who successfully completed the walk and wants a memento of their great achievement please email me to arrange collection.

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# Brent Island Trust



Thanks to John Severn for mowing the field and to Tim Harvey and his team. It was wonderful to see so many young helpers on The Island from our local Scouts, together with parents and siblings. There were 27 people at one time and as the old adage says “many hands make light work” so we were able to rake up the cut grass and remove encroaching bracken from the

lower meadow in record time.

You may have seen much in the media recently about the significant problems our rivers, including the Avon, confront in maintaining clean, healthy, environmentally-sound water quality. In response to this, the Avon River Champions (ARC) has been formed as part of The South Devon River Champions whose remit is to “restore wildlife habitat, adapt your lifestyle, prevent pollution and campaign for sufficient investment from government and water companies - to Clean Up our Rivers.” Naturally, this is very much in tune with Brent Island Trust’s philosophy – people often swim from the Island’s ‘beach’ and we want to protect wildlife on and around The Island. ARC is recruiting volunteers to monitor water quality at points along the entire length of the Avon and so members of the Trust’s committee recently attended ARC planning meetings and also, together with other interested people from South Brent, went on a Citizen Science Investigations training course organised by Westcountry Rivers Trust. Here we learned various techniques to measure water quality with the aim of monitoring the Avon and also the Glazebrook which we’ll be doing on a regular basis. We’ll let you know the results and how the project is progressing in future newsletters. For more information see <https://www.avon-river-champions.org/>.



## Forthcoming events

**Easter Egg Trail:** Saturday 30 March 10am - 4pm Believe it or not, next year will be the Thirtieth Anniversary of the acquisition of The Island and we plan to celebrate, so please put the date below into your diaries & look out for further news about this event in the coming months

**Celebration of 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Brent Island Fun Day Saturday 21 September 2024. 11am – 4pm**

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members and Friends of the Centre are invited to attend our AGM on

**21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm in the Old School Hall**

The meeting will consider the Annual report and accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023, appointment of Trustees, and any matters raised by Members.

Should Members be unable to attend, you may appoint a proxy.

**Come along and have your say!**

## PALSTONE PARK RECREATION GROUND

### LATEST NEWS

Over the the next few months we intend to carry out **A consultation of the community of South Brent about the future long term plan for Palstone Park Recreation Ground.**

Palstone Park belongs to the community and for the last forty years it has been run by volunteers. The current volunteers want to make sure that there are adequate resources to provide care of the facilities at the Rec in the long term, to ensure future generations will be able to enjoy this great community facility. The Association must now attract new volunteers and secure its financial future either through a membership fee or by finding additional income generating uses. This consultation will aim to find out how many of the community of South Brent support or use the recreation facility and how it should be managed and financed in the future

We would appreciate it if as many people as possible can take part. The consultation will take the form of face to face consultations as well as the questionnaire being available both in hard copy and online.

**New Outdoor Gym Equipment** We are pleased that the new equipment at the far side of the field near the Adventure Trail is being used and over time we plan to add more pieces. We are very grateful to Co-OP members who made this project possible.

**TASTE OF THE WILD PIZZA VAN** will be in the Rec Car Park from 4 to 7pm on Thursdays from 9th November <http://www.tasteofthewildpizza.co.uk/>

## **Electricity – how much?!**

What are your plans/wishes that might change your electricity usage over the next few years? For example, are you thinking of getting an electric/hybrid car or bike, or installing a heat pump? Producing or storing electricity in some way?

SSB have devised a quick, very short and easy questionnaire (see link below) to find out what future electricity demands in South Brent might be and what help or support might be needed. We will then send the (anonymous) results to the National Grid, to encourage them to plan upgrades to meet our predicted demands.

There's a chance to win £25, for surveys completed by **19<sup>th</sup> Dec**. You can find the survey here:

<https://forms.gle/CgMx5jPwpXGr7vmK9>

## **Many Happy Returns to the Community Fridge**

The Community Fridge celebrated its birthday on 10th November. Over its first year, it's actually had many happy returns, with:

- ★ Use by up to 400 people a day.
- ★ Savings of an incredible 300 kilos of food each week.

This has been a real help for local people trying to reduce costs and waste. It couldn't happen without the goodwill and generosity of many people, so huge thanks to:

- The Fridge's 50+ volunteers.
- The Co-op, who generously gave a cheque for a fantastic **£2,223.77**, which will enable the fridge to run for the next two years.
- All the food donors who give so generously.

**For more information about SSB's great projects, activities and events, head to : [ssb.org.uk](http://ssb.org.uk)**

## What's on in South Brent

### Drop in and Meet the Parish Clerk - each Friday

"Do you have any questions about the Parish Council or want any information about what we do, or report any problems that you are experiencing around the village?"

Come to the Old School Community Centre  
from 9.30 - 11.30am

### Free Knitting Workshops

Every Wednesday in the HUB and Warm Space in  
the Moor Room at the  
Old School Community Centre  
From 3 - 5pm

### South Brent Community Fridge

Located at the Old School Community Centre in the  
Village Centre, it's open to all  
Open 24/7, supported by local businesses and manned  
by volunteers.

New volunteers always welcome - please contact :  
[fridge@ssb.org.uk](mailto:fridge@ssb.org.uk)



## Ivybridge Mobile Library 2023 timetable

### Tuesday

| Jan 10                   | Apr 4            | Jul 25 | Oct 17 |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------|--------|
| Feb 7                    | May 2, 30        | Aug 22 | Nov 14 |
| Mar 7                    | Jun 27           | Sep 19 | Dec 12 |
| Village                  | Stop             | Arrive | Depart |
| Rattery                  | Village Hall     | 10:15  | 11:00  |
| Dean Prior               | Cross View       | 11:20  | 11:50  |
| Buckfast                 | Furlong Close    | 12:00  | 12:30  |
| South Brent              | Station Approach | 13:45  | 14:15  |
| South Brent              | Clobells         | 14:30  | 15:45  |
| South Brent (trial stop) | Kerries Road     | 15:55  | 16:15  |

### Report a Crime online

Residents sometimes contact the Parish Council to tell us about anti-social behaviour or acts of vandalism. The

Parish Council is grateful for these reports but you should always report them to the Police as well. People don't report incidents to the Police therefore the Police believe South Brent is crime free!

If you've witnessed or been a victim of a crime, please report it by telephoning 101 or by reporting it really quick and simply online by:

<https://www.service.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/?frc=50>



**Mobile ShareShed 'Library of Things' – every Friday from 10 am to 12noon,** at South Brent Old School Community Centre <https://sharsheduk.lend-engine.com>.

For more information, visit [www.sharshed.org.uk](http://www.sharshed.org.uk)



**Old School Community Centre.  
Every other Monday 09:45 and 11:15**

<https://www.lloydsbank.com/banking-with-us/mobile-branch/south-west.html#South-Brent>



**Old School  
Community Centre  
Mon: 09:00 to 12:00  
Wed: 09:00 to 12:00  
Fri: 09:00 to 12:00**

## Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings start at 7:30 pm, at South Brent Village Hall, Station Approach, South Brent, TQ10 9JL

Meetings are open to everyone and there are opportunities for members of the public to raise issues that are not on the agenda before each meeting. The agenda and minutes can be found on the Parish Council noticeboards in South Brent Village (outside the Co-op and next to the Children's Play Park) and the website. If you cannot attend a meeting and have any issues or concerns to raise, please contact the Clerk or one of your Councillors.

### Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings

|                                        |                                       |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 11th December - FULL PARISH COUNCIL    | 19th February - FULL PARISH COUNCIL   |
| 8th January - Land & Estates Committee | 11th March - Land & Estates Committee |
| 22nd January - FULL PARISH COUNCIL     | 18th March - FULL PARISH COUNCIL      |

### South Brent Parish Council

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## South Brent Parish Council Digital Newsletter

The Parish Council has made the decision to move to a digital newsletter. A smaller number of copies and these will be left at the usual public places in the village centre, i.e. the Toll House, the Village Shop and the Old School Community Centre.

To receive the digital edition of the newsletter you will need to subscribe to updates on the Parish Council website at (or use the adjacent QR code) <https://southbrent.gov.uk/>. The newsletter will also be available on the website.

### Spring Newsletter 2024

The next Parish Council newsletter will be published in March 2024. Organisations wishing to submit articles for publication should send them to [newsletter@southbrent.gov.uk](mailto:newsletter@southbrent.gov.uk) (in Word) by Sunday 11th February 2024. Articles should be up to half x A4 page size (unless arranged otherwise)