



South Brent Parish Council Newsletter

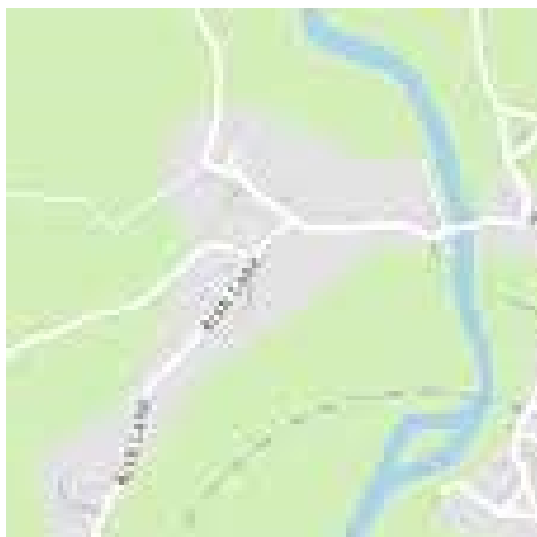
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Any Organisation in South Brent may use the Parish Crest

Amenity Land and Asset Review

The Parish Council is to carry out a review of amenity land in the village, inside the 30mph zone.

Amenity land are small parcels of land, usually grassed and unfenced, that are near or adjacent to residential properties. These areas of land may be owned by the County, District or Parish Council or the responsibility of local residents.



If you are aware on any areas of amenity land on your estate or street that is maintained by local residents associations, please could you let me or the Clerk know.

As an example, I am aware there is a Residents Association in Brookwood Close that manage and insure the grassed area in the centre of the estate, as well as maintaining the garage compound.

The Land & Estates Committee is currently investigating the installation of a new Bus Shelter South of Exeter Road, opposite Sanderspool Play Park.

The Parish Council has an extensive list of Parish Assets. This is being updated by adding What3Words locations to

every item to allow the Council to improve the inspection and maintenance of these assets.

If there is an asset you think is owned by the Parish Council that is not being inspected or maintained, please let me or the Clerk know by emailing glyn.richards@southbrent.gov.uk or clerk@southbrent.gov.uk

Annual Parish Meeting

For your information the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) will be held in the side hall at the Village hall on Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.00pm. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting (APCM) at 8.15pm. The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for residents to raise issues of concern with the Council and for the presentation of both Community Champion awards, while the Annual Parish Council Meeting is for the Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Chair of Planning along with appointments to Committees and representatives to outside bodies.

Councillor Glyn Richards
Chairman

Station Car Park

In 2013/14 South Hams District Council (SHDC) proposed to introduce parking charges in the Station Car Park. This proposal resulted in strong objections from local traders and residents. A meeting in the church, arranged by the Parish Council, attended by over 100 parishioners, and addressed by SHDC representatives strongly supported the preservation of free parking in the village centre and station car park.

Negotiations between your Parish Council and SHDC resulted in a 10 year lease commencing in October 2016. The lease calls for a rent of £4500 per year and responsibility for 70% of maintenance costs by SBPC.

The roadway through the site is private, not adopted by Devon County Council, resulting in maintenance costs falling on the owner/ leaseholder. Properties located within the site have no responsibility for maintenance of the roadway.

As privately owned land only the owner (SHDC) has the right to manage abandoned or illegally parked vehicles unless SBPC obtains a Parking Order at a cost of £1000 plus enforcement costs.

Since 2016 it has become apparent that whilst the provision of free parking is desirable, long term occupation of parking spaces does prevent visitors being able to easily park in order to shop or visit the district.

Increases in the number of homes and thus vehicles in the parish has exacerbated the demand for village centre parking and the Parish Council is keen to increase its supply. At the Church end of the site is an area which could provide extra spaces subject to planning permission and capital expenditure. This area is designated by the National Park as “parking for a possible Station reopening”.

The lease of the Station carpark expires in October 2026 and the Parish Council has established a working group to consider future options and present a proposal to the Parish Council in autumn 2024 enabling decisions to be made without the pressure of imminent lease expiry and aware of the council's budgeting timetable.

At present the following options are available, others may arise,

- 1 Renew the lease for a new term of up to 99 years
- 2 Surrender the lease to SHDC on or before its expiry
- 3 Acquire the site as a Parish asset

The Working Group wish to hear from Parishioners and Traders their views about the future of the Station Car Park. Please send any comments/views to:-

carpark@southbrent.gov.uk

or speak to the parish clerk / parish councillors at the Friday morning drop in sessions in the Old School Community Centre between 10.30 and 11.30



Brent Island Trust

January Working Party

The heavy rains and high winds at the end of December brought down a large tree from the far side of the river near the viaduct, which landed on the Island. On Saturday 6 January, members of the Brent Island Committee formed a working party to move and clear debris from the fallen tree & clear the pathway.

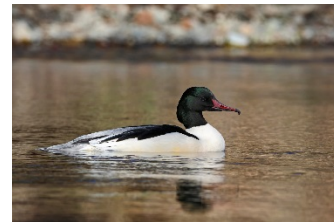


Bird Spotting

One of the regular early morning walkers to the Island has been lucky enough to have sightings of the black and white body of a male goosander, accompanied by his brown touseled-headed mate.

Two dippers under the railway bridge, inspecting last year's successful nest area.

Finally, behind the linnhay, the grey heron was fishing.



Forthcoming events

Spring working party: Saturday 2 March 9.30am

Easter Egg Trail: Saturday 30 March 10am – 4pm at the Island

30th Anniversary event: Saturday 21 September 2024. Anyone who would like to help organise the event please contact us.

Contacts: Website: brentisland.org.uk ;

Graham Royle (Chair) 01364 72803, grahamroyle@outlook.com

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PALSTONE PARK RECREATION GROUND

LATEST NEWS

During February we carried out a survey to consult with the Community of South Brent thoughts and ideas for the future of the Rec. We thank everyone who participated. If you would still like to participate please click on the following link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1CWal5Z-xJAto0beluvGFhuhTWaNgXStli8fSN-eL-6zEQw/viewform?usp=sf_link

We will be introducing "Friends of the Rec Membership" (£12 a year per family or £6 individual). If you would like to belong or didn't leave your details on the questionnaire please email Anne at nichollsbenzie2@gmail.com

Sadly we are **VERY** concerned about the increase in **dog poo** on the field and urge **ALL** dog owners to be vigilant about **picking up after your dog**. Please remember that the field is used for children and adults to play sport and the dog poo presents a safety hazard. It is also an offence which could lead to a £1,000 fine. As an incentive to encourage dog poo to be picked poo bags will be supplied in the dispenser for a triad period to see if it improves the situation.

Our **AGM** will be held on **Wednesday 1st May 2023 at 7.30pm in the pavilion**.

SBADS – Spring Production

Austen characters brought to life in Brent

One of Jane Austen's most artful and acerbic characters takes to the stage in South Brent Amateur Dramatic Society's Spring Production of 'Lady Susan' in the Village Hall from Thursday 16th to Saturday 18th May. Curtain Up at 7.30pm.

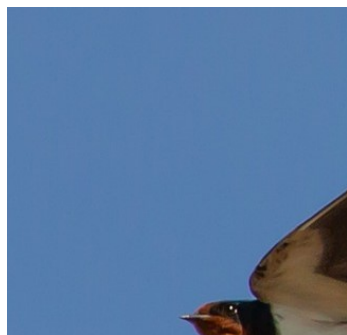
Directed by SBADS' stalwart Tim McGill this Regency era tale of a wily woman in search of a fortune has been adapted for the stage by Rob Urbanati and promises to be a real treat. The novella was written in the 1790s but not published for 80 years.

The charming, recently widowed, Lady Susan Vernon spends a week in the country house of her brother-in-law and his wife. In that short time prospects are explored, schemed and intrigued as she endeavours to secure a future for herself and her daughter. All this in the face of her reputation as "the most accomplished coquette in England".

If you recall seeing SBADS' production of 'Death by Design' you will have a flavour of Urbanati's work. His ear for the writing styles of Noel Coward and Agatha Christie made for a great evening and his take on Austen, whilst more homage than pastiche, enhances and develops the potential from the original.

Watch out for more details on the SBADS' website and posters. Tickets will be available online or in person nearer the date.

Helping Swifts to Soar



We've exciting plans to help our local Swifts, with 3 ways you can join in:

1. Map the nests: If you know of any current, abandoned or potential Swift nesting sites, please add these to the RSPB's [SwiftMapper](#) or email location details to yaa@ssb.org.uk.

2. Swift Talkers: One evening, two great speakers! On **Thurs.14th March** (7.30pm), renowned naturalist, John Walters, and carpenter Jerry Horn of Dawlish Swifts will give a talk at the South Brent Village Hall. You can learn all about House Martins, Swifts and Swallows and, crucially, what we can do to help these threatened birds thrive.

Tickets £10/£5/£0 via Eventbrite or from the Hub in the Old School Centre (help from SSB volunteers 9.30-11am every Mon/Wed/Fri.).

3. Put up a nest box: SSB volunteers, with Jerry Horn's help, have teamed up with Dartside Explorer Scouts to build Swift nest boxes. If you have a good spot for a box, please apply for one via the contact below. It could be yours for free, but donations would be welcome to offset the considerable cost of each box.

For further information, contact: yaa@ssb.org.uk.

South Brent Repair Cafe

In further great news, plans are underway for a repair cafe in South Brent. If you'd like to be involved - either as a repairer (household & electrical items, bikes, clothing), baker, organiser or general helper, you'll be very warmly welcomed. Please contact: repaircafe@ssb.org.uk



South Brent Feoffees (Charity no. 255283) - Welfare and Education Grants

Welfare Grants

The South Brent Feoffees charity has a small grant fund available for individuals and groups, resident in South Brent parish, to address specific welfare needs. Grants are not income related and are considered throughout the year on a case by case basis.

Education Grants

Grants from South Brent Feoffees are available to support post 18 education for all young residents of South Brent parish. The deadline for receipt of application forms for support for next year the will be 31st October 2024.

Application forms from:-

Tom Maynard – Clerk to the Trustees, South Brent Feoffees, Luscombe Maye Ltd, 6 Fore Street
South Brent. TQ10 9BQ Or email:- SBFfeoffees@outlook.com

See also <https://stpetrocsandstmarys.org.uk/south-brent-feoffees/>

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 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



Ivybridge Library
2024

NO Mobile service from February 2024

Monday 09.00 – 18.00
Tuesday 09.00 – 17.00
Wednesday 09.00 – 13.00
Thursday 09.00 – 18.00
Friday 09.00 – 17.00
Saturday 09.00 – 13.00

Brent Community Library
Monday 10.00 – 12.00
Wednesdays 14.00 - 1600
Fridays 10.00 – 12.00
Saturdays 10.00 – 12.00

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://sharesheduk.lend-engine.com>.

For more information, visit
www.shareshed.org.uk



LLOYDS BANK

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 March	- Land & Estates Committee	29th April	- Finance Committee
18th March	- FULL PARISH COUNCIL	13th May	- ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
22nd April	- FULL PARISH COUNCIL	20th May	- 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, e.g. 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.

Summer Newsletter 2024

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