

South Brent Parish Council Newsletter

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Any Organisation in South Brent may use the Parish Crest

Here is an update of Council activities since the last newsletter and future events.

At the meeting held on 23rd May, the Council co-opted Alastair Childs to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Jill Cruz and we welcome him to the Council. He has already got involved by taking on the role of Chairman of the Finance and Human Resources Committee. There is still a casual vacancy and if you or anyone you know is interested, please contact clerk@southbrent.gov.uk for further information.



After five years we have finally found a solution to installing a defibrillator in the car park at Shipley Bridge. This will take the form of a solar powered cabinet. We are grateful to South West Lakes Trust, who have offered to install this, once purchased by the Council and for grant support from both our District Councillors. Unfortunately, funding is not available from our County Councillor as the Leader of the County Council has arbitrarily decided to suspend all County locality grants for the foreseeable future.

A new public access defibrillator has now been installed at the entrance to Didworthy Park and we should all be grateful to Dr Michael Hart and others for pursuing this project. I think South Brent probably has more publicly accessible defibrillators per person than any other Parish! Defibrillators are located at:



Palstone Park Recreation Ground, Moortek, Old School Community Centre (to be relocated to Shipley Bridge when the new cabinet has been installed), South Brent Pharmacy, Aish Telephone box and Didworthy Park. Please familiarise yourself with the nearest to you.

November is going to be a busy month with the following activities taking place:

- 11:00am on Friday 11th November, Act of Remembrance at the Toll House in Church Street
- 10:30am on Sunday 13th November, Service of Remembrance and Rededication at St Petroc's
- 6:00pm on Saturday 26th November, Christmas Lights will be switched on by Holly Chapman-Burden our Young Community Champion, at the Village Shop

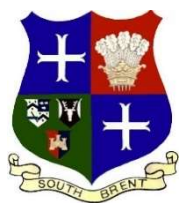
Current priorities for the Council are:

- Defibrillators and signage review
- Rewilding and grass cutting in the parish
- Improvements at Sanderspool playpark
- Use of section 106 monies for improvements to Open Space, Sports and Recreation facilities to benefit the community...

but there are many more items ongoing!

Cllr Glyn Richards, Chairman

Beating the Bounds 2023



Beating the Parish bounds probably started in the medieval age, to ensure parishioners knew where the boundary markers were and to stop disagreements with neighbouring parishes over poached land. Traditionally held after Rogationtide, after Easter, it would have involved many of the community with the information being drummed into youngsters perhaps by a bump of their head on a conspicuous marker stone! These days South Brent Parish Council beat half of the bounds every three years but in recent years the event has been postponed. The Parish Council is planning the event for early Autumn 2023 with each half of the boundary being beaten on consecutive weekends.

The Beating the Bounds working group has various responsibilities but will also be considering that some groups traditionally have limited access to the route, and the following should be able to attend if they so wish:

- Those in wheelchairs or trampers, who use walkers, cycle or walk with dogs,
- Those who would love to attend but don't know anyone and feel socially unable to engage, perhaps through anxiety or mental health issues,
- Those who used to walk miles, but now cannot,
- Those who are too young to walk miles, but are too big to be carried!
- Those many who cannot hope to walk the boundary, but want to be included, want to meet the group at various boundary stones, want to hear the old stories... and, this list is not exhaustive.

The Parish Council will encourage parishioner involvement and might consider –



- A booklet giving the history of South Brent and a map of its bounds, free to all households within the Parish.
- Engaging one of the amazing Dartmoor story tellers on the moor to tell a story at a boundary marker.
- Promoting the event through traditional methods and the internet.
- Involving younger people means they learn the history of the Parish and bounds.
- Fund transport around part of the route - possibly have tractors with trailers behind for those who aren't so mobile, there will be people in South Brent who haven't seen the Avon Dam for years – or perhaps have never seen very much of the parish at all.
- Have letterbox stamps cut and add them to those already on the moor.



This is a community event and the Council will endeavour to make it possible for anyone to be involved in this important ancient ceremony, for further information please contact the clerk, Lucy Bruckner on 01364 701900 or email clerk@southbrent.gov.uk.

List of illustrations from top to bottom. Colour drawing of the Parish crest. Colour photographs of Huntingdon Cross, the Avon Dam, Corringdon Ball gate with Labrador dog, view to Huntingdon Warren from White Barrow.



South Brent Recreation Association

LATEST NEWS

We are pleased to announce the completion of STAGE 2 of the FOOTPATH PROJECT from the Adventure Trail to Heather Park Entrance. It cost £28,086 and we were grateful to receive grants from South Brent Parish Council, South Hams District Council, Devon County Council, Awards For All, Arnold Clark Foundation plus our own fundraising efforts. We now look to complete Stage 3 from Heather Park Entrance to the Car Park but we need to raise £17,052

Details of contacts and the diary can be found on our website:

<https://southbrentrecreationassociation.weebly.com/> or contact either Anne Nicholls on 01364 72223 or email nichollsbenne2@gmail.com or Peter Kelly on 07836270576 or email peterkelly@spxservices.co.uk

Join our MONTHLY LOTTERY scheme £12 per year. We currently have 40 members and last year the fundraising helped towards installing security cameras.

50% goes in prize money and 50% goes directly to help aspects of maintenance or development of facilities in your local community. Players must be 18 and over

This lottery has been registered with South Hams District Council

SWEENEY TODDLERS TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 11AM -1PM £4 per family

Contact Angel Western sweenytoddlers22@gmail.com for further info

Sweeney Toddlers is a very friendly, interactive parent /toddler group for children from birth to 4yrs (preschool) and their adult /parent /carer.

SOUTH BRENT YOUTH SESSIONS

THURSDAYS 6.30-8.30 SOUTH BRENT SKATE PARK AGES 11+ RUN BY SPACE YOUTH SERVICES THE SESSION IS SUPERVISED BY YOUTH WORKERS AT ALL TIMES

THE BRIDGE PROJECT Run by Ivybridge Youth For Christ Wednesdays (term time) Our youth bus parks at Palstone Park Rec and is open from 7.00 to 8.30 pm for free hot chocolate, biscuits and a warm, safe place to play games and listen to music. For those in School Years 6+



Ivybridge Mobile Library 2022 timetable

Tuesday

Jan 25	Apr 19	Jul 12	Oct 4
Feb 22	May 17	Aug 9	Nov 1, 29
Mar 22	Jun 14	Sep 6	
Village	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Rattery	Village Hall	10:15	11:10
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	Ciobellis	14:30	15:45



Have Your Say: South Brent Parish Council Survey

At the recent Fair for South Brent, the Parish Council launched a survey open to all parishioners. The results of the survey will feed into the ongoing review of the 2016 Parish Plan. The survey is still open online and can be found at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/3cBf2gm3gD>

(or scan the QR code)



Rewilding in South Brent



You may have noticed that the Parish Council has left some grass verges in the village to grow longer this summer. We have purposely reduced the number of times that verges are mown to help encourage wildlife.

The UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world and we have lost 97% of our traditional wildflower meadows. Sustainable South Brent are already re-creating wildflower meadows and orchards in

the Parish to try to combat declines in invertebrate numbers and species which rely on invertebrates. A group of volunteers scythe some of these areas and we notice voles and frogs living in the moist invertebrate-rich habitat which includes ant's nests, butterflies, moths, crickets and bees. In turn the frogs and voles provide prey for species such as grass snakes and owls and bats feast on midges. The verges will, over time, have increasing numbers of wildflowers and less grass if managed correctly. Some residents have also been adopting parts of the verges next to their houses!

The Parish Council are currently exploring ways in which the verges can be best managed for wildlife but also for the community. We appreciate that some residents may feel that leaving the grass to grow long is untidy and we understand that it will be a change to what residents expect. However, we believe that this policy will help to support our commitments to the Climate and Ecological Emergency and that, in time, we can all enjoy the increased wildlife. If you have any suggestions, please get in touch with:

clerk@southbrent.gov.uk



Introducing: Bedroom to Business, 10 Weeks of Free Support for Entrepreneurs



You've discovered something you love to do, and it has the potential to grow and support you financially. But what is your next move? How can you take your passion from the kitchen table or bedroom and turn it into a business? The Business & Intellectual Property Centre (BIPC Devon) is staging a free 10 week 'Bedroom to Business' course (from 8th September) designed to help you make sense of the entrepreneurial journey ahead. You can attend in person or online every week.

Step by step, week by week, we'll cover the key business skills you'll need to launch a successful small business. At the end of the course, you'll have all the tools you need to move your business forward. BIPC Manager Richard Love said: "The past few years have been tough, and it has pushed many people to find alternative sources of income. If you have started, or are thinking about starting a new business venture, then this is the course for you!"

The free 10 week 'Business to Bedroom' course will be led by Award Winning Coach and founder of Clarity Coaching, Clare Palmer. At the end of the 10-week program, five lucky participants will receive an additional three months of one-to-one business support from Clare herself. Ensuring that we at BIPC can continue to build ongoing relationships with and deliver investment to Devon's most promising entrepreneurial talent.

Clare is an inspiring coach recognised as outstanding in her field and nominated for a Southwest Women Award in the category "Best Support Act". Clare's passion lies in helping people break back self-imposed barriers, increase self-belief and become more conscious of their thoughts, emotions and actions to achieve the best possible outcome for them.

The course will run in person and online every Thursday at 10am and also uploaded to the BIPC website <https://bipc.librariesunlimited.org.uk/> to watch again. There will also be additional webinars and workshops alongside this training.

The content will cover everything from negative self-talk, goal setting and time management, to intellectual property, sales, marketing, research and accounting basics. The course, like everything from the BIPC, is absolutely free and starts on Thursday 8th September. And if you can't attend, you can watch all of the webinars on the BIPC website.

For more information and to book go to <https://bipc.librariesunlimited.org.uk/>

Cost of Living Support:

Residents struggling to afford their energy, water, food or other essential items may be eligible for support. Please see:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>

<https://costoflivingsupport.campaign.gov.uk>

Lloyds Bank:

in the Old School
Community Centre Car Park:

Mondays 9.45-11.15am
Thursdays 2.00-3.30pm



South Brent Post Office



Please note new opening times
Now permanently located in the Old
School Community Centre. Open:

Mondays	9am-12noon
Wednesdays	9am-1pm
Fridays	9am-12noon

What a Day!



Stand up, South Brent, and take a bow

The Fair for South Brent on 16th July was a brilliant success and it was all down to the many local organisations and individuals who came together to create something really special. So many people were involved in making it such a great day and we simply can't thank everyone enough.

In the sparkling sunshine, around 1,300 people came to enjoy the stalls, activities, food, drink and music. There were nearly 70 participants, from community groups, businesses and activity-providers to musicians and caterers - and most of these were from South Brent or nearby.

Amidst all the fun, lots of great conversations were sparked, new links were made across organisations and useful advice and info shared. And although it wasn't the main purpose of the Fair, we also managed to raise some money for our Sustainability Fund. Any local organisation or individual with a great 'sustainable' idea can apply for financial help with getting it off the ground. (See our website for details: www.ssb.org.uk)

Best of South Brent

The Fair really did show the best of South Brent - but don't take our word for it. Here's just some of the overwhelmingly positive feedback we received:

"Fantastic job ... really showed off South Brent community."

"It was very obvious that it was well planned, I was amazed at how many sustainable organisations exist in South Brent, everyone was friendly and there was a really happy atmosphere."

"A great day and a great credit to South Brent as a community."

"A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and a great advert for the community of South Brent!"

"I can honestly say it was the best 'village Fair' I have been to....I know of some organisations and independent local sellers now I didn't know of before and there was a lovely atmosphere."

"It was lovely to see so much community spirit and we felt very proud to be part of such a vibrant and active village! "

"I took a group of friends from Ashburton who couldn't believe how active & innovative South Brent is!"

"I thoroughly enjoyed the whole day and it was incredible how the community came together with lots of activities and plenty for everyone."

"It was humbling to see so many members of the community coming together to raise awareness about both the environment and what our local facilities, groups and businesses have to offer."

"I had many comments from non-south Brenters about what an extraordinary community we are and what a good place it would be to live...!! "

More, more, more?

A couple of other parishes across the country have already taken us up on our offer to share our organisational resources (booking templates, advice and experience etc.) with others that may wish to run a similar event.

And, given that so many people have asked us, we may possibly run another Fair for South Brent in future - just give us at least a year to recover!

Andy Harker, SSB Chair

What's on in South Brent

Saturday 17 September 2022: Community Litter Pick from 2-4pm meeting up at Palstone Park Recreation Ground at 2pm organised by SSB's 'Talking Rubbish' group. Litter Picks are usually every 2 months on the last Sunday of the month, however, the September date is Saturday 17th to align with World Cleanup Day). FFI contact Eva or Tina at rubbish@ssb.org.uk

Saturday 12 November 2022: Christmas Craft Fair in aid of South Brent & District Caring at the Old School Community Centre - if you would like to help, are a local maker who would like to have a stall, or are just great at chutneys, knitting or card making and would like to make some beautiful things that we can sell to fundraise for essential funds, then please get in touch via info@sbadc.org.uk.

Saturday 3 December 2022: Brent Singers Christmas concert in St Petroc's church, South Brent. Programme to be announced – see www.brentsingers.org.uk/event-info/brent-singers-christmas-2022

There is currently a monthly informal folk music session in the bar at the Pack Horse Inn, South Brent, at 8pm on the third Thursday of the month.

Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings start at 7:30 pm, at Palstone Park Recreation Ground, Exeter Road, South Brent, TQ10 9JA

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

12 September	FINANCE & HR COMMITTEE	17 October	FULL PARISH COUNCIL
19 September	FULL PARISH COUNCIL	21 November	FULL PARISH COUNCIL
10 October	OSSR WORKING GROUP	12 December	FULL PARISH COUNCIL

followed by LAND & ESTATES COMMITTEE (at 08.15 PM)

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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.

Winter Newsletter 2022

The next Parish Council newsletter will be published in December 2022. Organisations wishing to submit articles for publication should send them to newsletter@southbrent.gov.uk (in Word) by Sunday 13th November 2022. Articles should be up to half x A4 page size (unless arranged otherwise)