



South Brent Parish Council Newsletter

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Chairman's Report

Staff Changes



Sophie Jones

The Council is very pleased to announce the appointment of staff. Sophie Jones has been appointed as Clerk to the Council and Lucy Bruckner appointed as Assistant Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) both with effect from 1st September 2024. The Council is very grateful to both ladies for their support following the resignation of our former Clerk Jane Sullivan at the end of May 2024.

I wish to record the Council's gratitude to Jane Sullivan for her service as Clerk to South Brent Parish Council.



Lucy Bruckner

Act of Remembrance and Church Service

The **Service of Remembrance and Rededication**, will be held in the Parish Church of St Petroc on Sunday 10th November 2024 at 10:30.

The **Act of Remembrance** will be held at the 11th Hour, of the 11th Day, of the 11th Month at the Toll House in Church Street.

Young Community Champion

You may recall that following our Community Champion Awards, South Hams announced their awards, so we nominated Councillor Cathie Pannell for their Community Champion and Kieran Grills for their Young Persons Award. Unfortunately Cathie was not successful, but Kieran won the South Hams Young Persons Award. This article can be seen via this link, [Latest News from South Hams District Council \(govdelivery.com\)](https://www.govdelivery.com/messages/govdeliv123456) where you can also subscribe to South Hams & West Devon 'Council News'



New Postal Address

The Council now has a new postal address, which is:

South Brent Parish Council, C/o School House, Totnes Road, South Brent. TQ10 9BP

Councillor Glyn Richards
Chairman

Front Cover



Brent Island Trust

Recent works to secure the railway bridge are on schedule and should be finished by the end of August when hopefully we will see The Island return to its normal peace and tranquillity!

July: On Tuesday 30 July a small working party of Phil, John, Felicity and Geraldine met at the Linhay to reinstate the refurbished and repaired noticeboards, ready for the new display from Year 5 pupils from South Brent Primary School.



September: The month of September is both exciting and busy with events to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the purchase of The Island for the village. There is to be a corridor display in the Old School Community Centre during the month of September, please take time to visit.

Thursday 19 September at 10am a working party is planned to prepare The Island for the 30th Anniversary Event on Saturday 21 September. If you are able to join us on the morning of Thursday 19 September, please meet at The Island at 10am.

Saturday 21 September: 30th Anniversary Fun Day 11am – 4pm Brent Island Trust have planned a Fun Day on The Island. There will be many stands/displays from local organisations, many of them related to local wildlife and the environment. There will be activities for children and plenty of information about The Island and its history. There will be music, hot and cold refreshments, snacks and ice cream to enjoy. I hope that you will all be able to come along and join us. Fingers firmly crossed for good weather!

Forthcoming events: Christmas Stall: Saturday 7 December – Brent Island Stall outside the Village shop 9.30am – 12pm

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PALSTONE PARK RECREATION GROUND

LATEST NEWS

The summer saw many people using and enjoying the Recreation Ground which is always pleasing. We are disappointed that the repairs to the Swing Scales in the Adventure Trail had to be delayed. All being well this will be carried out during September but we are reliant on dry weather so fingers crossed.

We are currently raising money towards more outdoor gym equipment and further benches. If you wish to make a donation or dedicate a bench please contact Anne at [nichollsbennie2@gmail](mailto:nichollsbennie2@gmail.com) or Peter at peterkelly@spxservices.co.uk or visit our website southbrentrecreationassociation.weebly.com for further info

We are hoping to welcome SSB when they embark on their Social Supermarket venture which aims to address the challenges of the cost of living crisis through the provision of affordable food, to decrease food waste, and to ensure future sustainability.

We also welcome the Break Through Trust who will be using our facilities during term time. We Thank all our regular users for their continued support.

Parish Council Station Car Park Working Group

The future options for the Station Car Park continue to be debated by a working group of the Parish Council. Responses to the consultation exercise demonstrated that strong views still exist on both sides about the continuance of free parking paid by all parishioners for the benefit of a minority and free parking being essential for the economic and social wellbeing of the village.

Discussions are planned with South Hams District Council (who own the site) and the Parish Council (who rent it) to explore options which might benefit both parties. It is possible that there could be restrictions on free long term parking.

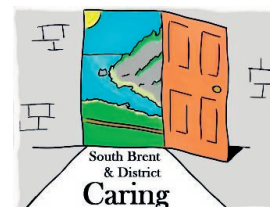
Meanwhile Network Rail have used part of the site as a working compound to support their project to repair their bridge over the Avon river.

Part of the agreement permitting this use committed the contractor (Balfour Beatty) to leaving the compound in such condition that it can be used for parking cars and car derived vans. This area will add much needed additional parking spaces in Station Yard.

Parking on this area will be restricted to light vehicles and any larger vehicles will be removed.

David Butcher
Car Park Working Group

South Brent & District Caring – Winter Craft Fair & The Hub



Our fantastic fundraising **Winter Craft Fair** is running again **Saturday 9th November from 10-1pm** at The Old School Community Centre. Are you a maker/crafter & interested in a stall? Could you bake a cake for our cake stall, or can you donate a fabulous tip-top raffle prize to help us raise vital funds for our services? Please get in touch. Otherwise see you there for a bit of early festive shopping and help us raise funds by eating cake and buying a raffle ticket!

The Hub – What's the Hubbub all about?

Based in The Old School Community Centre The Hub offers a weekday drop-in from 9.30am-12.30pm. There are regular events and one-off events – look out for our posters and social media.

Mondays - Coffee Morning – 10.30am-12noon, games, chat, craft & company.

Tuesdays & Thursdays – quiet session, hot desk, pick a game or jigsaw, digital support available, company & coffee too!

Tuesday afternoons in The Hub (for a trial period) – **The Grub Club** – low-cost food waste supermarket run by Sustainable South Brent (SSB) from around 1.30pm -3.30pm. See SSB social media as times vary. £3.50 for 10 items, fresh and store cupboard. TQ10 postcodes only.

Wednesdays - Walk & Talk every week - 10.30am gather in The Hub for a gentle walk, all welcome. **Knitting Group** 3pm-5pm hosted by Sue from Cosy Corner Crafts – friendly knit and natter – develop your skills with wool (and cake!). Children with adults very welcome after school!



Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays are also our lovely partners **Sustainable South Brent's Drop-In** in The Hub, pop-in and chat to someone about their events & activities.

Susanne, Lucy, Lisa & Marilyn are available in the South Brent & District Caring office weekday mornings to offer advice, support & help to access services, to help if you have a query, or match you with our other services like **transport**, **visiting for the housebound**, our **nail cutting** service, groups like our **Saturday Compassionate Café & Wednesday Friends Day Group**, **help with forms** and much more, including ample **volunteering opportunities**.

If we cannot help you directly, we will find someone who can! For more info visit www.sbadc.org.uk, follow us on Facebook, or visit us at The Old School Community Centre, Totnes Road, South Brent, TQ10 9BP. Get in touch on T - 01364 700282 or E- info@sbadc.org.uk.

Did you know...

We had over 3000 visits to the Hub between 2023-2024.

Not been yet? Pop-in and find out what the Hubbub is all about!

The Caring Office team had over 1500 visits to the office in 2023, lots of regular faces but we met over 300 new people last year, and we are even busier this year...

SBADS – Autumn/ Winter Production

South Brent Amateur Dramatic Society is busy behind the scenes and planning several exciting events after our usual 'dramatic pause' for the summer.

Cinderella

We're delighted to be performing another pantomime in January: the SBADS production of 'Cinderella' by Alan P Frayn will be staged at the village hall from 23rd to 26th January 2025, and promises much merriment, magic and mayhem for all the family. The production has been cast, but if you'd like to help with sets, front of house, costumes etc (or fancy forming a band) then please get in touch with SBADS: e-mail panto@sbads.show.

'Cinderella' will mark the start of the 100th year celebrations for South Brent's drama group. We staged our first panto way back in 1925, and we'll be inviting the whole village to celebrate our 100th birthday with us at a programme of events on and off stage throughout 2025.

November Mystery

But before we get to next year: we like suspense as well as drama, so we'll just tell you that we're planning a mystery event for November. Keep your eyes peeled for posters with details!

Tickets will be on sale for both our November event and the panto before the next newsletter, so keep an eye on our website at www.sbads.show or sign up to our mailing list at www.sbads.show/addme to be among the first to be told when tickets go on sale.

South Brent Parish Newsletter

Due to illness and cross communication, the Summer newsletter did not reach the Parishioners of South Brent as it was intended. This issue contains the Parish Annual Report and yearly Financial Report. Copies were stockpiled at public places and have since been collected in

Work has gone on behind the scenes and it is scheduled to be mail dropped into every household within the 30 MPH limit by the first week of September.

For Reference, the Parish Council produce 4 issues a calendar year, 1st week March, 1st week June, 1st week September, 1st week December



These are all available by internet, using the QR code on the left. There are limited copies available at Toll House, Old School, Art House, for those wishing to have a physical copy.

The June issue contains the Annual Parish report and Annual Financial Report and this is distributed to all households within the Parish, in paper form.

Rec Users – Be Careful

URGENT REMINDER TO DOG OWNERS USING THE REC:

Due to a significant increase in children being covered in dog poo which is causing a health risk to both children and people playing sports. You are required to pick up poo after your dog. We will be providing dog poo bags should you have forgotten your bag, in an effort to combat the problem.

You are also reminded that dogs are NOT ALLOWED IN THE ADVENTURE TRAIL AREA. You are urged to pay close attention to where your dog is and if they have poor recall and not under control they should be on a lead so that everyone can enjoy the Rec safely.

THANK YOU

South Brent Recreation Association

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 ?

September to November drop ins will be temporary hosted by a Parish Councillor

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



**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

16th September - FULL PARISH COUNCIL

07th October - Land and Estates Committee (7.45pm)

30th September - Finance & HR Committee

21st October - FULL PARISH COUNCIL

07th October - OSSR meeting (7.00pm)

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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 2024

The next Parish Council newsletter will be published in December 2024. Organisations wishing to submit articles for publication should send them to newsletter@southbrent.gov.uk (in Word) by Sunday 17th November 2024. Articles should be up to half x A4 page size (unless arranged otherwise)