



South Brent Parish Council Newsletter

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Chairman's Report

At the annual parish meeting was held in May, at which Glyn Richards resigned as Chairman of the Parish Council, having served in that position for four years. I was then elected by the councillors as the new Chairman.

Our thanks to Glyn for his contribution over the last four years, Glyn remains a valued member of the council.

Councillor Change

One of our councillors, Katy Armstrong, has resigned, due to the fact she is moving away from the area. This results in a space on the council if you would be interested in joining or know someone who would please contact the Clerk Sophie Jones. Our meetings are monthly and all members of the parish are welcome to attend if they so wish

Front Cover

Act of Remembrance and Church Service

Having recently commemorated VJ Day with a two minutes silence on 15th August, we are now preparing for the

The **Service of Remembrance and Rededication**, will be held in the Parish Church of St Petroc on Sunday 9th November 2025 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.

Saturday 29th November 2025, **Christmas Lights switch-on ceremony** with musical entertainment, outside the Village Shop from 17:30, including shop window display competition results

Councillor Alastair Childs
Chairman

South Brent & District Caring

Can you spare a few hours a week, do you drive a car, would you like to support local people and enjoy a chat. YES?



Volunteer transport driving might be the opportunity you are looking for.



We urgently need more volunteers to help us transport people from South Brent and nearby parishes to important health appointments and to get to our groups so they feel **less isolated and more connected**.

Many people have had to give up driving due to their health or surgery, and often when mobility is reduced it's not possible to get to the bus stop or walk around the village.

The volunteer role is really flexible and can work around your life if you only have a few hours here and there. Please consider giving us a call to find out more. Pop in, call 01364 700282 or email Lucy or Susanne at info@sbadc.org.uk to get involved.

Winter Craft Fair – Sat 15th Nov

Our **Winter Craft Fair** fundraiser is back on **Saturday 15th November from 10am -1pm** in the **Old School Community Centre**.



Come and buy craft from local makers and enjoy a slice of cake and hot drinks from the servery in The Library whilst perusing their books.



New Activities for September

Seated Exercise with Jenny every Thursday 2-2.45pm at The Old School Community Centre. £4 a session. Tel 01364 700282 to book.

Games morning every Thursday 10-12am in the Hub at the Old School Community Centre. **Free** to all. Games, company, hot drinks and biscuits. Volunteers for these sessions also needed – join us for cards, scrabble and more.

Susanne, Lucy, Lisa & Marilyn are available in the South Brent & District Caring office every weekday morning for advice, support and help.

For details of what's on regularly and our autumn and winter events visit www.sbadc.org.uk, follow us on Facebook, or visit us at The Old School Community Centre, South Brent, TQ10 9BP. *Get in touch on T - 01364 700282 or E- info@sbadc.org.uk*. Thank you to South Brent Parish Council for their continued support!



Brent Island Trust



The Island is in great shape with everything growing at a great rate, sadly including the bracken. Our AGM had a great talk from Louise Wainwright, Chair of Avon River Champions and all those present found it to be very informative and entertaining. We had a "bracken bashing" session on the morning of Thursday 26th June and despite a low turnout, we certainly made a big dent in the bracken in the meadow although inevitably there is still more! We have a working Party day booked for 11th September when we will be joined by volunteers from EE when we will tackle the bracken again, as well as other necessary maintenance tasks around The Island. Please come along and join in. Thanks to Phil and Laurette who have recently conducted a plant

survey on The Island. We have also had repairs carried out on the weir where stones and mortar had been washed out. A new dog waste bin has also now been installed near the entrance gate.



Island membership Renewal: Thank you to those members who have paid their subscriptions for this year. Subscriptions are due for those who don't pay by standing order (our preferred method) at the following rates: Individual £6. Family £10. Junior £2

Those who pay by BACS please make payment in the usual way to the Brent Island Account.

Bank details. **Account:** Brent Island Trust **Sort Code:** 30-94-58 **Account Number:** 00535426

Those who need to pay by cash or cheque please forward to Felicity Ferry or other members of the Committee. Those who pay by standing order do not need to do anything. We thank you all for your continuing support.

Forthcoming events

Nothing & Batting: Provisional date for talk / demonstration on Moths & bats (weather permitting) Saturday 13 September

Working Party: Thursday 11 September

Christmas Stall: Saturday 6 December – Brent Island Stall will take place in the Old School Community Centre. 9.30am - 12pm.

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Geraldine Coleman (Secretary) 01364 388477, geraldinemcoleman7@gmail.com



South Brent Community Library holds a wonderful range of books for all ages. Pop in, browse and borrow! There are no joining fees or late fees, and you can borrow books for as long as you need them.

The Library is located within the Old School Community Centre and is open on the following days:

Mondays 10am – 12pm.....**Wednesdays** 2pm – 4pm
Fridays 10am – 12pm **Saturdays** 10am – 12pm

Our friendly Volunteer Librarians are always happy to help you find your next great read!

For more info, contact info@theoldschool.org.uk or 07707 723637

Could this be you?



The Corridor Gallery at the Old School Community Centre is a wonderful community resource. We welcome exhibitions of work by local artists, and displays of information by local groups.

At just £10 to display your exhibition for one month, it's a great way to get your work / group noticed! We have vacancies in the coming months so get in touch with Michelle today to book your slot. Contact info@theoldschool.org.uk or 07707 723637.

Need a space to work?

Make South Brent Old School Community Centre your home-from-home with Workspace Wednesdays. **Every Wednesday 9am – 2pm**, the Beacon Room is open and free. Bring your laptop, use our free wifi, and enjoy a quiet space to get work done. No need to book – just drop in.

For more info, contact Michelle Parton: info@theoldschool.org.uk or 07707 723637



PALSTONE PARK RECREATION GROUND

We are delighted to welcome Tracy Ebbrell as our new facility and operations coordinator for the Rec. Her contact email is tracy.ebbrell@btinternet.com

She will be responsible for the smooth running of the Rec. This will include taking bookings, and other administrative tasks, finding grants to enable future projects to develop. We are most grateful to the Parish Council to enable this position.

The NEW mobile phone number for the Rec will be 07747458869

Peter Kelly peterkelly@spxservices.co.uk 07836270576 and **Anne Nicholls** nichollsbennie2@gmail.com 01364 72223 will still be on hand to offer assistance.

We look forward to a new stage in the life of South Brent Recreation Association and wish Tracy every success.

Do you walk your dog, attend any of the many activities/groups offered, go for a jog, or use the gym equipment at the REC and Pavilion in South Brent.? This tremendous community asset is vital for so many users and groups.

Can you help us maintain it and support the rising costs?

Become a Friend of the REC for £12, play our lottery £12, or donate if you can in support of this amazing facility.

Details on all the ways to support the facility for now and future generations are on our website
www.southbrentrecreationassociation.weebly.com



In this Newsletter we're celebrating the first-year successes of two of our newest Projects.

Tuesday Fair Share

The Tuesday Fair Share (TFS) was set up to redistribute surplus food from the Charity FareShare to the community of South Brent every Tuesday afternoon. The first year of TFS has been a huge success. This new venture has redistributed a MASSIVE 12,360 kg (12.36 tonnes) of food in the last year and has gone from strength to strength since it launched in July 2024. Since starting it has more than doubled the amount available each week from 100kg to 250Kg, especially since moving to Palstone Park Recreation Pavilion.

Sometimes we have additional food from Riverfood as well. On a recent Tuesday, for example, TFS together with the community fridge, accepted and redistributed 700kg of food. That's nearly three quarters of a tonne in one day. This amounts to the equivalent of 29,430 meals or 588.6 meals every week on average, saving the community an enormous £40,420.

We are pleased to also report that the majority of the food supplied has supported a healthy lifestyle with fruit and vegetables topping the categories on offer, followed by cupboard food basics like bread and pasta and then by those essential dairy products. All great for preparing good healthy family meals. All in all, it has been estimated that 62.5 % of the foods redistributed during the last year have been Fruit, Vegetables, Dairy and Ready Meals. No wonder the users love it.

With free refreshments and at least 3-4 homemade cakes and biscuits on offer each week, TFS is now becoming an important weekly fixture in people's lives. Everyone loves the care and attention they get from the lovely group of enthusiastic volunteers. Well done all the volunteers at the TFS. You are making a real difference to the people of South Brent. Massive thanks to Plymouth based FareShare for being such an amazing partner adding South Brent to its food redistribution work.



Every Tuesday 2.30 – 4.00 at Palstone Park; tuesdayfairshare@ssb.org.uk

South Brent Repair Café

Question: What do you get when you're faced with blunt tools, bikes with punctures, dodgy zips, broken toasters and snapped jewellery?

Answer: A team of willing volunteers waiting to repair them!

In our first year of operating we repaired 156 items, saved an estimated 1.12 tonnes of carbon

emissions and diverted 0.34 tonnes of waste from incineration. And at our last Repair Café we mended no fewer than 65 items! Only 3 were not repairable.

Please bring your broken items to Sustainable South Brent's Repair Cafe 9:30-12, Old School Community Centre. As long as you can carry it, we will have a go at mending it. The earlier you come along, the more likely we can look at the item. Please don't rush in at the last minute! Future dates:

Sat 13th Sept

Sat 9th Jan

Sat 9th May

Sat 8th Nov

Sat 14th Mar

Sat 11th July



We repair things for free but really welcome donations to support the running costs. We also have delicious cakes and savouries in our cafe.

What's not to like?

And we welcome volunteers whether as a repairer; a general helper on the day; baker for our café; or publicity or social media wonder. You can offer occasionally or regularly to suit you.

Any questions or offers to volunteer please email repaircafe@ssb.org.uk.

Dartside Explorers (South Brent Scouts)

The end of the school term and start of school holidays, saw Explorer Scouts from Dartside ESU (South Brent) attending the Teignbridge Scout District 105-year anniversary camp, with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from South Brent Scout Group.

At the same time, we had a group of 12 canoeing from Totnes down to Dittisham, supervised by Chris & Carl - which was a nice way for some of those not attending our Dartside summer exped, to get some time on the water.

From the 25th July through to 1st August, our Explorers, Network Scouts and leaders joined forces with Explorers and leaders from Hertfordshire at a week long Exped camp in Bude, where water activities were a key component (as was eating ice creams).

The 22 young people tried surfing, sea surf kayaking, canoeing and coasteering, the latter down at Tintagel, all under the expert guidance of Shoreline Bude activity providers.

Camping just north of Bude, they also enjoyed hikes down the South West Coast Path, abseiling down sea cliffs, an amazing afternoon learning about beach ecology and some very challenging team games.

Most of the catering was done by the leaders working with the young people, serving up breakfasts, and 3 course meals from gas burners, including our ever-popular Noodlearium and Cheese Club and also taking over one of the curry houses in Bude for a sit-down meal for all 34 leaders and young people on the camp. Lots of new activities were tried, but best of all, lots of new friendships were made between Devon and Hertfordshire Explorer Scouts.

There will be a few quiet weeks before term starts again, but we already have a canoe down the Dart with a wild camp at Sharpham point booked in, as a joint activity with other Explorers from Teignbridge, as well as the return of the Cremyll Challenge early October where over 50 explorer scouts from around Devon will be heading over to the Rame peninsula for a 36 hour activity camp - they literally have to catch the last ferry to Cremyll Friday night and then do a night hike up to the camp.

Planning for the rest of the term will happen in the first few weeks back, to see what the young people want to do, under the guidance of Tim, TC, Chris, Carl and our younger leaders Blake, Jake, Kristian and Paddy (as James will be back at university).

Having a few leaders helps us offer such a variety of activities, (hiking, camps, climbing, canoeing, caving, sailing etc) but we always welcome extra help, especially if there's something different you can help the Explorers try out for an evening (or two).

Chris Haigh
AESL Dartside ESU

What's on in South Brent

Drop in and Meet the Parish Council - 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 ?

Parishioners will be greeted by a Parish Councillor

Come to the Old School Centre
from 10.00am to 12 noon

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



South Brent Feoffees (Charity no. 255283) **WELFARE AND EDUCATION GRANTS**

Education Grants

Grants from South Bent Feoffees are available to support post 18 education, including vocational training and apprenticeships, for residents of South Brent Parish. The deadline for receipt of application forms for support for next year is 31st October

Welfare Grants

South Brent Feoffees 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

Application forms from:

Tom Maynard –
Clerk to the Trustees
South Brent Feoffees
Luscombe Maye Ltd
6 Fore Street
South Brent. TQ10 9BQ

Or email:- [SBFeoffees@outlook.com](mailto:SBFfeoffees@outlook.com)

See also

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

South Brent Allotments

The allotments at Vicarage Road have plots waiting for new tenants.

If you are interested in renting a plot then please contact Sandra on
contact.vraasb@gmail.com

Our prices per year are extremely reasonable and you do not need to be an experienced gardener as help and advice is available.

Sue Astal-Stain
Chair of South Brent Allotments



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

15 th September	FULL PARISH COUNCIL	29 th September	OSSR meeting 7.00pm
29 th September	Land & Estates meeting 7.30pm	6 th October	Finance and HR meeting
15 th October	FULL 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.

Winter Newsletter 2025

The next Parish Council newsletter will be published in December 2025. Organisations wishing to submit articles for publication should send them to newsletter@southbrent.gov.uk (in Word) by Sunday 16th November 2025. Articles should be up to half x A4 page size (unless arranged otherwise)