

South Brent Parish Council Newsletter

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Any Organisation in South Brent may use the Parish Crest (Unadulterated)

Former Councillor Honoured

On Sunday 16th July 2023, a reception and presentation was held for former Councillor Peter Kelly to be enrolled as an Honorary Freeman of South Brent. This is a very rare honour as only three others have been awarded in the past 25 years.

Peter Kelly has recently stepped down as a Parish Councillor after 28 years. He has been a mainstay of the Council, former Chair of Trustees at the Old School Community Centre as well as running Palstone Recreation Ground. He has taken on many roles within the Parish and has been instrumental in all the many projects that have taken place to enhance the village over the years, from the recreation ground to Sanderspool play park, and has been responsible for the daily management and upkeep of these shared spaces. The Parish Council felt that his dedication to improving the facilities in our village should not go unrecognised.

The Freeman citation reads *"At the meeting held on Monday 19th June 2023 it was unanimously resolved to grant Peter Kelly the Honorary Freedom of South Brent. The Parish Council of South Brent award you the highest honour we may bestow for the countless services you have steadfastly performed for our Council and community over 28 years."*

A Parish Councillor from 1995 to 2023, you also held the high office of Chairman from 1999 to 2003.

We thank you most sincerely and heartily applaud your invaluable and tireless service to our Parish'.

Cllr Glyn Richards, Chairman of the Council



Pictured is
Cllr. Glyn Richards (Chairman)
and Freeman Peter Kelly



Councillor Glyn Richards (Chairman Parish Council)

I was first elected to the Parish Council in 1995 and have just started my 29th year. My first appointment was Chairman of the Play Park Committee followed in October 1995 as vice Chairman of the Planning Committee and in May 1999 Chairman of Planning. From 1997 to 2006 I was a Parish Council appointed Governor of the Primary School, serving as Chairman during my final two years.

In 2005 I had the privilege of being elected Chairman of the Council, a position I held for four years. I was honoured to be elected Chairman again in 2021. I have served on several Dartmoor National Park and District Council forums as well as Ivybridge and District Association of Local Councils. I served on the County Committee of the Devon Association of Local Councils for 10 years and was elected as a Director, of the newly incorporated company, in 2020, and I have just been appointed Vice Chair of the Human Resources Committee.

Having served on all Committees of the Council and Chaired most, it is my nature to help people and by serving as a Parish Council I hope to improve the quality of life for the residents, as well as improving services, facilities and the environment.



Mrs Jane Sullivan (Parish Council Clerk)

Jane has lived just outside South Brent for 8 years, she used to be the care coordinator South Brent & District Caring and still helps out with the Friendsday Wednesday Group. Although born in Totnes and with family in Dartmouth, she worked for the Police in London for 23 years.

She is married with 3 children, and 2 grandchildren who go to South Brent Primary School



Councillor Alastair Childs (Vice Chairman)

I moved to South Brent, from Bigbury, in 2020. I am employed in Investment Management and have been for many years. I joined the council as I felt I would be able to contribute to the community in that way, since joining the council I have been elected as Vice Chairman of the Council and Chairman of the Finance and HR Committee.



Councillor Katy Armstrong

I have lived in South Brent for the past 20 years, and have a particular interest in the arts and the moor. I hope I use my time on the parish council as a voice for the younger members of the village, and to support the arts and the farming community.



Councillor Paul Astal-Stain

Active 74 year-old ex-forces entrepreneur.

Industrialist, inventor and published author. Ex Lecturer in Prisons and Secondary Teacher (B.Ed.) in Mathematics, Science and Careers Education.

Member of various charitable fund-raising institutions. Keen to promote activities for local young adult environment.

**Councillor Sue Astal-Stain**

72 year-old business woman, specialising in haberdashery, sewing, knitting and repair work.

Ex Lecturer in Prisons.

Dedicated volunteer in many areas (including free knitting and sewing classes).

Successful Craft Event organiser. Keen to promote profitable, local businesses employing local residents where possible

**Councillor David Butcher**

I have lived in South Brent since 1981 initially commuting to a job in Plymouth and subsequently operating South Brent Car Breakers. I stood for election to the Parish Council because I have a long term interest in maintaining the viability of the community that has surrounded me and my family.

I was a trustee of SSB for 8 years during which several projects were established including the Marsh Compost site.

The Parish Council can have serious impact on matters considered by other levels of government, not decisive but influential. My particular interest is in promoting the provision of housing that can be rented at a price in line with average local incomes. The term “affordable” often means unaffordable given local income levels. I am also keen to ensure that the Council develops a long term vision of the community against which individual decisions can be made and measured. Development of this “vision” should follow in-depth parishioner consultation. During this 4 year term I hope to assist in ensuring that South Brent does not lose its uniqueness but also prepares for the future particularly with regard to the climate change emergency”

**Councillor Richard Fone**

Hello! This is my fourth stint as a councillor on South Brent Parish council. I have lived in South Brent for over fifteen years and before that lived for five years in Harbertonford. I am a Geography teacher at Kingsbridge Community College and through my varied work there I understand the importance of community in supporting each other and looking after the place in which we live. This is what motivated me to join the council as I know too well that to create a great place to live like South Brent requires people to step-up and

do what they can. I try my best to do this for our community on your behalf.

On the council I am chair of Planning as well as a member of the media group, link councillor to Sustainable South Brent, the Refugee group and the local scouting organisations. This year I have also been involved in organising Beating the Bounds this September which promises to be a great event. Please feel free to contact me if you have any local issues you wish to raise and I will do what I can to help. Many thanks.

**Councillor David Hancock**

I have lived in South Brent since 2019 and am a researcher and project evaluator at the University of Exeter, working in the area of employment and skills in the local economy and where I have recently worked on projects on housing policy, social care and digital skills. My two oldest children attend South Brent Primary School and I have been a Parish Councillor for the Brent Moor ward since 2020.

I am particularly interested in delivering projects in the parish that enhance biodiversity and reduce carbon emissions. I am always amazed at how many great organisations and volunteers there are in this parish and believe that the Parish Council should support these efforts where we can. As someone who often cycles around the village with my children, I would love to see more people doing the same; even if only to free up car parking space! I was also elected as a District Councillor for the South Brent ward in May



Councillor Stephen Hanney

Having enjoyed my first time serving the Parish back in the nineties, as soon as work allowed I re-joined the Council 18 months ago and look forward to going from strength to strength re-learning the delicate art of being a Councillor. I strongly believe that the Parishioners should have a right to be allowed to say what happens in their village and not be told what to do by somebody who lives 50 miles away.

I married a true Brentonian back in the 80's and my two children, grew up here, one still lives in the village and the other is not far away. Being an outdoors person, my focus is on the recreational and social aspect of South Brent and in doing so improve the wellbeing of our residents as well as services



Councillor Katharine Johnston

I am a semi-retired physiotherapist by profession. This is my second term as a councillor.

I am currently the leader of the Beating of the Bounds organisation group, deputy chair of the Planning Committee, a member of Lands and Estates committee and the media committee.

My personal interests include wildlife, pottery and battling with my garden.



Councillor Cathie Pannell

Cathie has been a South Brent Parish Councillor for over 36 years and has served as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council and various Committees during that time. She also served as District Councillor on South Hams District Council for 28 years, retiring from that position just over 8 years ago. For the last 8 years she has been a member of the Dartmoor National Park Authority, representing parishes in South Hams, which are also in the National Park. After the recent Parish elections she decided not to put her name forward again for this post.

Cathie is active in the Parish, being a Member of South Brent Amateur Dramatic Society (SBADS) having directed Pantomimes, taken care of Costumes and serving on their Committee, she is also an active member of St Petroc's Church and the Village Hall Management Committee and she works (when needed) as a florist at South Brent Flowers. She has recently led the group that organised the Jubilee Celebrations and those for King Charles Coronation. She is also a Volunteer with The National Trust and South Devon Railway and enjoys reading, sewing, watching sport and travelling.



Councillor Guy Pannell

Guy has lived in South Brent and played an active part in village life for more than 40 years. He is a retired television journalist and university lecturer, teaching local government alongside other subjects. Guy is an active volunteer with the National Trust and the South Devon Railway. He was founding Chairman of the Brent Island Trust and still serves as a Trustee. A former Chairman of the primary school Governors and Churchwarden, he sings with the parish church choir. Other interests include theatre (as an active member of SBADS), sport, walking and gardening. Guy was co-opted to the

Parish Council in 2022 and elected to the new Council in May.

Guy adds: "My priorities as a Parish Councillor are to listen to local people and to try to reflect their wishes in our decisions. I have been active in trying to find a solution to clearing the weeds from our streets which is non-toxic to wildlife, and have helped organise recent successful parish events, such as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the King's Coronation celebrations. As the District Councillor for South Brent Ward since 2019 I have been vocal in calling for a fairer distribution of funds between South Hams towns and rural areas."

South Brent Recreational Association

Do you enjoy the Rec on a regular basis either as a walker enjoying the footpath or dog walker to exercise your dog or perhaps use the multi-games area, skate park or Adventure Trail?

We would like you to consider ways you could help the Rec Committee run the facilities either by volunteering your time, run a fundraising activity or simply making a regular donation.

If the answer is YES and you would like to discuss anything further we would be pleased to hear from you please contact either Anne Nicholls on 01364 72223 or email nichollsbenzie2@gmail.com or Peter Kelly on 07836270576 or email peterkelly@spxservices.co.uk

Current jobs which you might consider helping us out with include regular rubbish collection, setting up tables & chairs for activities such as bingo, minutes secretary, activity fundraiser or joining our committee to gain a better understanding of what is needed. We are fortunate to have a great facility but the job of looking after it is down to a small number of people who have given their time voluntarily for many years. As you will also understand, costs are rising all the time. We are currently reviewing and consulting with all parties as to the future running and financing of the Recreation Association

SBADS – South Brent Amateur Dramatic Society

'Confusions' – November 2023

- Comedies By Alan Ayckbourn
- Performances will be 9 -11 November, 7:30pm
- South Brent Village Hall
- Directed by Veronica Brown and Robin Willoughby

'Confusions' is a set of 5 one act plays which are linked but can be performed in various combinations. We have chosen to perform 3 of these.

A Talk in the Park

Five strangers encounter one another and misunderstandings ensue. A period 1970/'80s piece which uncannily echoes the social isolation felt by many so recently.

Mother Figure

A mother isolates herself from both her husband and the adult outside world. She receives a surprise visit from a neighbour and her husband, who in turn are becoming isolated from each other.

Gosforth's Fete

A light hearted farce, with more misunderstandings from the larger than life characters. However, they are no match for the British weather, a pack of cub scouts and an out of control tea urn. Chaos ensues!

Please join us for an entertaining evening, bar and other refreshments will be available from 7pm.

Rejuvenating the Old School Centre – Could you help run our Autumn Consultation?

Trustees are excited to be moving forward plans to rejuvenate the Old School Centre. These plans aim to see the roof replaced alongside improvements to energy generation & energy efficiency. We're also looking to refresh the Centre to be more spacious and inviting - providing facilities and support for South Brent residents for generations to come.

We are launching our plans and further fundraising at public consultation events in the early winter and need to recruit someone to assist this.

We need someone who can support the Trustees over the next 6 months to plan, manage, run and evaluate consultation events in the Centre and online. We anticipate between 60 and 80 hours of flexible, home-based work – alongside the consultation events, when you'll need to be at the Centre.

We are seeking someone who is well organised, community focussed and works well independently. A more detailed brief for the work is available at <https://www.theoldschool.org.uk/> We are seeking submissions of interest by Monday October 2nd. These are to be made to info@theoldschool.org.uk giving a summary of your experience and skills along with your expected hourly rate

SOUTH BRENT SCOUT GROUP



South Brent Scout Group and Dartside Explorers have had a busy summer, with the most recent event being 19 explorers and 7 leaders spending ten days up at Lochearnhead Scout Station in Scotland with Hertfordshire Scouts.

Whilst there they hiked in the Trossachs, around Ben Lawers, (including wild camping on the hills), tried mountain biking along the Glen Ogle trail, spent time sailing on Loch Earn and undertook different canoe and kayak sessions in and around the area.

There were some 71 young people on the trip, and they also enjoyed a day's visit to Stirling.

Of the Dartside members, four were old enough and with enough kayaking experience to take part in a two-day canoe expedition across Loch Lomond from Balmaha to Luss via the islands. We slept on Inchmoan, with a view out over the loch to Ben Lomond a stunning backdrop whilst cooking evening meals on Trangia stoves.

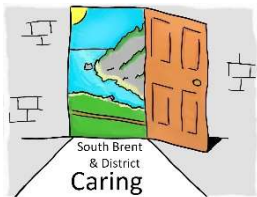


Earlier in the year, the South Brent Scout Group had a rather damp St George's Day camp near Torquay and the Scouts had a long weekend camp, hiking from Haytor over to near Mortonhamstead for a few days enjoying that side of Dartmoor.



Scouting in South Brent is for all ages from 6 – 18 on a Friday evening, either at South Brent Village Hall, or out and about, and any help from parents / carers is most welcome, to help deliver amazing activities to young people in our community.

Autumn Events at South Brent & District Caring



November Craft Fair! Our annual craft fair is back on Saturday 11th November, 10am-1pm, in the Old School Community Centre. Free entry, wonderful craft stalls, homemade cakes at the café and a fantastic raffle. If you'd like to book a stall, are able to volunteer on the day, or if you'd be happy to bake us a cake then please let us know on info@sbadc.org.uk

The Hub in the Old School Community Centre will be open Monday-Friday from 9.30am-12.30pm throughout the year. You can drop-in anytime for a coffee and a chat, take part in one of our regular groups, access the support of South Brent & District Caring, or use it as quiet to place to work. Everything is free with donations welcome. Monday is coffee morning from 10.30am with scrabble, games, and a chance to socialise. Wednesday morning is a Wellbeing Walk from 10.30am, with a cuppa and a chat afterwards, and Wednesday afternoons from 3-5pm is a free knitting group with Sue. No need to book, just turn up!

If you're interested in volunteering at the Hub this autumn, then please email info@sbadc.org.uk for a chance to get involved.

South Brent & District Caring,
The Old School Community Centre, Totnes Road, South Brent, Devon TQ10 9BP.
Tel. 01364 700282
Email info@sbadc.org.uk www.sbadc.org.uk
Registered Charity No. 1150875

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

South Brent Christmas Lights 2023

Don't forget to come and join together for the Christmas lights switching on ceremony on
Saturday 25th November 2023 at 6pm.

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of this year's lights please contact
clerk@southbrent.gov.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://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

Full Parish Council meetings start at 7:30 pm, at **South Brent Village Hall**, Station Approach. TQ10 9JL. All other meetings at The Pavilion, Palstone Recreation ground, TQ10 9JP

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

18th September - FULL PARISH COUNCIL
25th September - Open Spaces, Sports & Recreation
25th September - Land & Estates Committee
16th October - FULL PARISH COUNCIL

20th November - FULL PARISH COUNCIL
27th November - Finance & HR
11th December - FULL PARISH COUNCIL

South Brent Parish Council 2023 - 2027

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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 2023

The next Parish Council newsletter will be published in December 2023. Organisations wishing to submit articles for publication should send them to newsletter@southbrent.gov.uk (in Word) by Sunday 12th November 2023. Articles should be up to half x A4 page size (unless arranged otherwise)