



Jubilee Crossing

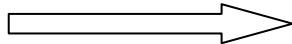
Devon County Council contractors are due to begin work in Station Road on 5th March 2012, to provide a pedestrian crossing point in Station Road between the Post Office and the Anchor building.

The plan (which is on display on the Parish Notice Board outside the School House, Old School Centre, Totnes Road, South Brent) is to build out a new kerb outside the Post Office using natural stone and granite.

The Parish Council has been working towards this project for years, following consultation in our first Parish Plan which highlighted the need to enhance the safety of all road users including pedestrians within the village centre. The Jubilee Crossing aims to reduce the speed of traffic in Station Road and provide a shorter, safer crossing point.

The Parish Council has worked closely with DCC and Dartmoor National Park on this project which will be funded by the Local Sustainable Transport Fund.

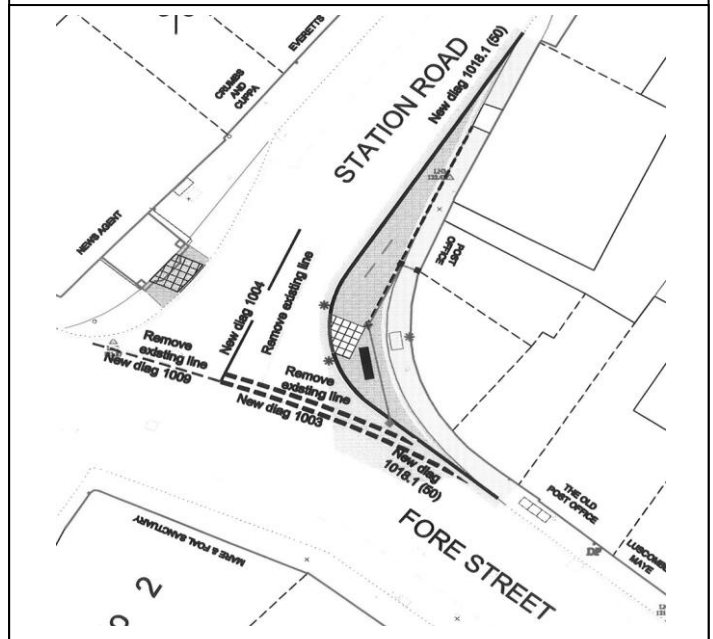
(DCC plan on the right)



Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

will be celebrated over the weekend of 2nd to 5th June 2012 (with 4th & 5th June being two special Bank Holiday dates).

Sunday 3rd June will be the official day for neighbourhood street parties with a Big Jubilee Lunch, and a special Service will take place at St Petroc's Church.



^{2nd} Sustainable South Brent's **BIG Public Meeting**

Wed 28th March 7.30 to 9.30 at South Brent Primary School

**Can we create a sustainable future in the face of recession?
Can we create a community that matches our values and beliefs?
Can we build on SSB's successes of the last five years?**

Five years ago we held our first BIG public meeting. Over 80 people attended. From that meeting grew many of our hugely successful groups and projects: the Community Compost Scheme, the Community School Garden, the Wind Turbine Project, Household Energy (loft insulation and/or cavity wall filling for 93 homes) and many more.

The questions we will be asking at this BIG meeting are:

- How can sustainability and saving (or even making) money go hand in hand in a time of recession?
- What do we mean by sustainability?
- If South Brent was really sustainable, what would it look like?
- What are SSB's priorities for action for the next 5 years?

To bring focus, we will look at specific areas, such as:

Food & Shopping, Local Services, Housing, Transport, Consumption & Waste, Energy, etc.

We will also have a **Heart & Soul space** (for the more philosophical among you)

and a **Creative space** (for the more creative among you)

and a **teas and refreshments area** (for everyone!).

So it won't be all problems and solutions!

If you're interested in helping out in any way, contact Massimo on 01364 72664 or massimo@itsorted.org.uk

'Community Champion & Junior Community Champion Awards'

The Parish Council agrees that this is an excellent way to acknowledge the huge contribution volunteers make in our community, volunteers are essential to the smooth running of so many local organisations, and it is time this contribution is recognised and applauded by the community as a whole.

The Junior Community Champion Award has been introduced this year for the first time to recognise the efforts of the younger members of our community. Juniors must be 18 years old or younger.

The Parish Council hereby request nominations for these awards for the Council year 2011/12, from village organisations in the Parish, with a supporting statement of not more than 100 words.

Nominations need to be made to Julia Willoughby, clerk to the Council by noon on 2nd April 2012.

The winner of the Community Champion Award 2010/11 was Tim Harvey of '1st South Brent Scout Group', pictured here receiving his award.



The Awards will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on 2nd May 2012

Car Parking Charges in Station Yard

The prospect of having to pay to park in the Station Yard car park has come a step closer with the decision of South Hams Council to introduce charges subject to 'further consultation'.

The decision at full council on 9th February overturns the recommendation made by the majority of all council members at a meeting of the Joint Scrutiny Groups in January not to proceed with charges before a thorough review of all the council's free car parks in the district, including the large one at their own headquarters at Follaton House. At the full council meeting virtually all the Conservative members who had voted at the Scrutiny meeting that the charges should not be imposed, changed their minds and voted against my proposal to shelve the introduction of charges in three of the council's car parks at South Brent, Aveton Gifford and Beesands. I was disappointed that these included other members representing parishes around Brent who had previously spoken up against the charges. With many members expressing their doubts over the wisdom of bringing in charges at such a perilous time for many of our local businesses, the Leader of the Council would only offer the prospect of delaying the charges for more consultation. All the Lib Dem, Green, Independent and Labour members, stuck by their original votes, that the charges should not be introduced.

'More consultation' seems a little incongruous as the charging proposal had not been subject to any consultation before it was tabled. As Sustainable South Brent pointed out at the meeting of the Councils Executive in January, this is in contravention of the council's policy of meaningful consultation with communities before important decisions affecting them are made, to quote "putting communities and involvement at the heart of all that the Council undertakes". Furthermore there has been no impact assessment of the repercussions of charging for our hard-pressed shops and businesses in Brent, for the people who work here – many of them on low wages – the effect on our streets caused by vehicles displaced from the car parking being left elsewhere, legally or otherwise, and the impact on the environment caused by shoppers deciding to drive further afield to stores such as Tesco's and Morrison's, which offer free parking to customers. There has also been no consideration of the impact caused by drivers seeking to escape the charges parking for example in Station Approach, by the Village Hall, which could have a devastating impact on its viability particularly for day-time events and conferences.

Some 200 people, from the South Brent area, wrote to the Leader of the Council expressing their opposition to the introduction of charges, for all the reasons above, but these views have so far been ignored. The full council voted to set aside a sum of money to cover the shortfall in the budget until after consultation of the issue. It is now up to us to make sure our views are heard when that consultation takes place. The Parish Council has also been invited to discussions at Follaton House over the possibility of taking over responsibility for Station Yard car park, in the same way as Dittisham was given control over their village car park for a peppercorn rent in return for taking on the financial liabilities. Having spoken passionately against the charging proposal at three council meetings I hope these consultations will bear fruit.

The District Council has estimated it will receive an income of £6,000 a year, after expenses, from the Station Yard. This has to be set against the devastating effect it could have on our local economy and the loss of business rates if more shops close – we have already lost our newsagents – together with the impact on many of our voluntary organisations, and on the wider environment by causing many more car journeys out of the village.

Cathie Pannell, District Councillor for South Brent



South Brent Focus

This section is available to voluntary organisations within the village to publicise their activities. Contributions should be sent to the Editor for consideration, and whilst there is no formal charge, any contributions towards the cost of printing and distribution would be appreciated.



South Brent 110

South Brent Mothers' Union
invites you to
celebrate 110 years of
Mothers' Union in South Brent
on
Thursday March 15th 2012
From 10.00am until 2pm
in the Village Hall, South Brent

Exhibitions, Stalls,
Light refreshments available
Celebration Service at mid-day



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GRANTS DECEMBER 2011-FEBRUARY 2012

DNPA: towards a new handrail (at Lydia Bridge)	£200
Victim Support	£25
Ivybridge & District Inter Parish Quiz	£10
South Brent Old School Community Centre: towards overhaul of heating system	£1000

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1 st South Brent Scout Group: summer expedition	£743
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A grant of £750 was made in August 2011 to enable the Scout's summer expedition to go ahead, the refund was gratefully received by the Parish Council.

Chernobyl Children's Lifeline

Following the highly successful visit of 8 children from Ukraine last Easter, which marked the twenty fifth anniversary of the nuclear explosion at Chernobyl, the Totnes and South Hams link of national charity Chernobyl Children's Lifeline is hosting a group of 10 eight- and nine-year olds from a deprived and highly contaminated region of Belarus.

The children will be spending the month of April staying with families in the area. They all have weakened immune systems as the food they eat and the milk they drink is still contaminated by radiation and will be so for generations to come. Research has shown that four weeks of fresh air and healthy food adds as much as two years to their life expectancy.

'The children often arrive here with nothing' says link Chairman Sue Wyeth, 'sometimes not even a toothbrush or a change of underwear. The people of the South Hams have been incredibly generous during previous visits, providing clothes, fundraising and helping in countless ways to make the children's time with us an enjoyable one'.

If you feel you can assist in any way, please contact Sue on 01548-821201 or visit our website www.ccll.org.uk/totnes

South Brent Produce Association Spring Show Saturday 31st March 2012 In the Village Hall.

Entries to be delivered to the Village Hall
between 08:00 and 10:00 on Show Day

Doors open to the public at 2.00pm.

Pauline Richards - Show Secretary

FLOWER FESTIVAL 2012

13th, 14th AND 15th JULY 2012

DIAMOND CELEBRATIONS

The Flower festival this year will be a celebration of the sixty years that Queen Elizabeth II has been our monarch. A special feature will be The Diamond Celebration Tree amongst the many other floral displays depicting important milestones in the Queen's reign. This is an inter-denominational event that is being held in St. Petroc's Church, with Shelterbox of Helston being the nominated charity for the event. We look forward to welcoming you then.

Council Meetings



Full Parish Council meetings start at 7:30pm, in the Side Hall of South Brent Village Hall, normally on the fourth Monday of the month.

Dates of Parish Council meetings for 2011/12

26 th March 2012	23 rd April 2012
28 th May 2012	25 th June 2012
23 rd July 2012	20 th August 2012
2 nd May 2012 Annual Parish Meeting	

Planning Committee Meetings are now held on the 2nd Monday of the month – if required, in The Old School Community Centre. Please see the Parish Council notice boards (near the Co-op entrance and outside the play park) for full details of forthcoming meetings.



Buckfastleigh Bowls Club

Why not test your skills and come and join us, in a healthy outdoor activity.

Bring the family and join in the fun.

We are a very sociable club.

For details ring Terry Deemer on 01364 644162

Blue Jewel, South Brent Village Hall, Saturday 31st March 2012

SOUTHBRENTFOLK presents Blue Jewel who are an exciting South Devon folk-acoustic band, made up of four top musicians - Steve Banks violin/vocals, Scott McGowan acoustic guitar, Pat Butterly double bass, Ben Burrows drums.

The band was formed in 2010 by Steve Banks (Maddy Prior & the Carnival Band, Chanter), since when they have been building an enthusiastic local following. Listen to tracks from their album *Dart Songs* at www.bluejewel.info. The set will include tracks from *Dart Songs*, along with storming Irish jigs and reels, covers of some classic acoustic songs (e.g. Incredible String Band, James Taylor, Monty Python) and great songs by Steve.

Doors 7.30pm, on stage 8pm. Licensed bar. Tickets £8/£6 from Artworks and the Mare & Foal Charity Shop in South Brent, Totnes Tourist Information, www.wegotickets.com, or on the door.

"Amazing instrumentals... subtlety and imagination... a memorable and enjoyable album." - 'What's Afoot Magazine.
"A journey down the Dart that brings in all the skill of serious musicianship. This album is a delight of variety... a triumph!" — Maddy Prior

The next newsletter will be published in June 2012.

Any local organisations wishing to submit articles (Maximum 150 words) for publication, should send them to newsletter@southbrent.gov.uk (in Word, PDF or Rich text format)

BY 13th May 2012 please.

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