



Chairman's Annual report

Another year has flown by and we have, for a small community, been incredibly busy!

The Council awarded numerous grants this year to Totnes & Dartmouth Ring and Ride, Recreation Association, Village Hall, Citizens Advice Bureau, St Petroc's PCC works to 1910 cemetery, Carnival Committee, Ivybridge & District Community Transport Assoc, DNPA: towards a new handrail, Victim Support, Ivybridge & District Inter Parish Quiz and South Brent Old School Community Centre - we hope that the Parish Councils contribution was of great benefit.

I would also like to mention the award we made to the 1st South Brent Scout Group summer expedition of £750, £743 of which was refunded as their expedition was able to self fund - we gratefully acknowledge such integrity, this refund was able to support other grant requests.

We monitor our performance, and are continually mindful of the parishioner's objectives, in part these are contained within the Parish Plan (launched in 2009) and we are pleased to report on progress made this year;

- Devon County Council completed work on the Station Road Crossing. The Parish Council has worked towards providing this project for years. The 'Jubilee Crossing' aims to reduce the speed of traffic in Station Road and provide a shorter, safer crossing point.
- The Parish Council in conjunction with the Recreation Association was pleased to see the opening of the adventure trail at Palstone Park and the new play equipment for Sanderspool Cross Play Park. It is however with regret that we had to report damage to play equipment through vandalism. As a consequence the Park will be locked between Dusk and Dawn.
- The Parish Council was pleased to support the Allotment Association with their recent planning application for onsite storage facilities. The Council had to consider the implications of the uplift clause attached to the land and following professional and legal advice the application was made and subsequently approved at DNPA last month.

The Parish Council has staged two public meetings in this term – a sign of 'bottom up governance':

Parishioners requested a public meeting to be held to discuss the breach of planning regulations at Marley Head. In March we were advised by DNPA that a legal team has been retained and High Court proceedings have begun.

The possible implementation of car parking charges at Station Yard is very much on going – the Parish Council is most mindful of residents and retailers concerns and has endeavoured to demand a fair hearing on this matter. Some 200 people from the South Brent area wrote to the Leader of South Hams District Council expressing their opposition to the introduction of charges.

The public meeting on 18th April clearly demonstrated the District Council's intention to implement a charging regime or other revenue raising ideas. However, due to the continued tenacity of our clerk and parishioners we are pleased to report that the monitoring officer's interpretation of the DC resolution on car parking charges was not to proceed with any charging until a review of all the council's free car parks in the district was carried out. We are very mindful of the devastating effect car parking charges could have on our local economy and will continue with our objections and ensure that an equitable solution is achieved.

The Christmas lights in the centre of the village were very successful; the working group members challenge was to provide a display better than last year against a budget that has not changed for 5 years against rising costs. An initiative for sponsorship was suggested with a minimum donation of £50. We witnessed a terrific take up of this initiative and I take great pleasure in repeating the names of those companies and individuals who sponsored the village Christmas lights – they were;

South Devon Auto Repairs Ltd, Mr & Mrs M Copley, SPX Refrigeration & Engineering Services Ltd. South Brent Youth Club, Gildersleve Antiques and an Anonymous Donation

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The Signal Box working group carried out a survey and have instigated talks with Rail track – we sincerely hope this valuable historic asset can be secured for the village.

We were pleased to support the residents of Wellington Square who wanted to take responsibility for planting the stone troughs in the Square. They have done an excellent job.

Following the May 2011 elections the Parish Council witnessed some changes and welcomed two new members - Laura Howe and John King. Laura resigned in January and last month John Rawlinson was co-opted onto the Council.

The Remembrance Service in November was very well attended and our thanks go to Revd's David Winnington-Ingram and Gordon Davis, Anna Gower our bugle player, the uniformed servicemen Bruce Penhaligon and John Gower, and to Mr Graham Jordan and Mr Mike Roberts for parading the standards, and to everyone who took part.

The Council is grateful to District Councillors Cathie Pannell and Peter Smerdon and County Councillor Trevor Pennington for their continued efforts and regular attendance at our Council meetings and also to our local Police Officers for keeping the Council up to date on local matters.

The Council would also like to thank Pam Honeywill who takes care of the toilet at Sanderspool Cross Play Area and opens and closes the park as well as looking after the bus shelters.

Also our thanks go to Guy Pannell who has been a dedicated and most excellent tree warden for the parish advising on matters affecting trees.

I would like to personally thank Cllr Greg Wall my Vice-Chairman who has been incredibly supportive and most willing to take on so many tasks – thank you Greg.

Finally, however, for continued professionalism and maintaining an extremely high standard of governance I/we would like to thank, Julia Willoughby – the Clerk to South Brent Parish Council. Her continued effort enables this council to display the prestigious status of Quality Council. Her knowledge, experience, calming influence, and dedication is so very much appreciated in addition to her supporting role to Chairman / Chairwoman of the various committees - on behalf of the parishioners of South Brent please accept our deepest gratitude – thank you.

Councillor Mark Copleston

South Hams Town And Parish Fund

Devon County Council and South Hams District Council are making a TAP Fund available in this financial year of £1.10 per elector.

The TAP Fund is for Councils to work collaboratively on community issues and an application for funds must be made by two or more Councils.

If you have any ideas which could 'tap' into this fund, please contact
Julia Willoughby (clerk to the Council).

Annual Parish Council Meeting 2012

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 28th May 2012, the following appointments were made:

- ❖ **Chairman of the Council:** Cllr Mark Copleston
- ❖ **Vice Chairman of the Council:** Cllr Greg Wall
- ❖ **Planning Committee:** Cllr Glyn Richards (Chairman), Cllrs Mark Copleston, Mandy Haley, Peter Kelly, John King, John Summers, Greg Wall, Donna Warne & Donald Wiseman
- ❖ **Finance Committee:** Cllrs Mark Copleston, Peter Kelly, Jane Maunder, Cathie Pannell, Donna Warne & Donald Wiseman
- ❖ **Media Committee:** Cllrs John King, John Rawlinson, Glyn Richards, John Summers, Greg Wall & Donald Wiseman.
- ❖ **Open Spaces Committee:** Cllrs Mark Copleston, Mandy Haley, Peter Kelly, John Summers, Greg Wall & Donna Warne.

South Brent Parish Council**Receipts & Payments Account****01/04/2011 to 31/03/2012****RECEIPTS****PAYMENTS**

Brought Forward 33514.74

Precept	39462.00
SHDC Grass Cutting	2296.00
Grant	14660.86
VAT Reclaimed	9511.74
Deposit Account Interest	14.26
Stopped Cheques	0.00
Christmas Lights	522.81
Earmarked Reserves Interest	10.41
Refund	835.95
Wayleave	24.60
Donation	25.00
Copied Documents	0.00

Payroll	19288.38
Clerk's Costs	178.66
Office Supplies	720.78
Grass Cutting	4278.66
Local Projects	25962.30
S137 Payments	2369.56
Community Transport	600.00
Media	1416.64
Loan Board	3736.94
Insurance	1166.73
Audit Fee	720.00
Subscriptions	696.00
Hire Of Rooms	333.73
Open Spaces	2463.82
Parish Basic Allowance	81.60
Election Cost	242.60
Chairman's Allowance	69.90
Meetings / Training	135.00
Travel / Subsistence	111.60

Total	64572.90
VAT	3389.50
Balance In Bank	32915.97

Total Receipts 100878.37

Total Payments 100878.37

Grant 2011/2012

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| • Old School Centre | £1,000 | • PCC Cemetery entrance | £400 |
| • Recreation Assn | £ 600 | • Citizens Advice | £150 |
| • Village Hall | £ 500 | • VRAA Planning App. | £ 85 |
| • Carnival | £ 500 | • Victim Support | £ 25 |
| • Southbrentfolk | £ 400 | • Inter Parish Quiz | £ 10 |
| • DNPA (h/rail Lydia Bridge) | £ 200 | • Adventure Trail | £19,710 |
| • 1 st S B Scouts | £ 750 (£742.61 Refunded) | | |

South Brent Community Champion Award

South Brent Parish Council presented the Community Champion Award for 2011-12 to Sue Burgess of South Brent & District Caring.

Congratulations to all nominees for the award: Janine Tinkler - Brownies, Steve Squire - Judo Club, Ross Kennerley - Sustainable South Brent, Lyn Dent - Community Library, Rob Illman – Dartmoor Rescue, Jane Wellens – Breakfast cafés & Villages in Action, Sam Taylor & Jess Towl - Youth Club.



The inaugural Young Community Champion Award

The Young Community Champion Award has been introduced this year for the first time to recognise the efforts made by younger members of our community. The winner of this inaugural award was Anna Gower, who was nominated for sports coaching. Alistair Alexander, Lauren Williams and Sarah Wiseman were also nominated for this award.

Cllr Mark Copleston Chairman of the Parish Council explained “There were an amazing number of nominations for our Community Champion Awards this year, which reflects on the tremendous work being done in our community; all those who were nominated deserve to be congratulated – they have done so much for us.”

New Parish Councillor Co-opted



I have been a resident of South Brent since 1999 having moved to Devon in 1996. I live with Lynn in Aish Lane on the edge of the village and between us we have three grown up daughters.

We both love South Brent and are actively involved in the community. We support local events by collating a ‘What’s on in Brent’ e-mailout. We foster the immersion of the mature student visitors we have at ‘English on Dartmoor’ (Lynn’s small home-based English language school) in various village and Dartmoor activities. I am a member of Sustainable South Brent and as a councillor would want to support sustainable living projects in the village. I have a long term commitment to the peace movement.

I co-ordinate the activities of the community choir ‘Wild Harmony’ and have had a lifelong interest in English folk music. I am interested in supporting local arts and cultural events in Brent which has so much diverse talent to offer.

I hope that through membership of the Parish Council I can make a further contribution to the village.

Professionally, I retired as Associate Professor in Mental Health at Plymouth University in September 2011. My earlier background was as a nurse, having trained as a general nurse at St George’s Hospital, London, specialised in operating theatres and then retrained as a mental health nurse subsequently working as a Community Mental Health Nurse (CPN) in Bristol. I completed my teacher training and masters degree in Cardiff and have spent the last part of my career in Universities maintaining my links with NHS practice. I retain a particular interest in mental health and the continuation of an effective NHS.

I can be contacted by email John.Rawlinson@southbrent.gov.uk or phone (01364 73117)

Councillor John W. Rawlinson



South Hams
District Council

REGISTER OF ELECTORS 2013 – QUALIFYING DATE 15 OCTOBER 2012
EARLY PUBLICATION DATE 16 OCTOBER 2012

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Register of Electors is compiled each year with a qualifying date of the 15 October.
- The Register is usually published on 1 December, however in view of the fact that there will be Police and Crime Commissioner Elections held on 15 November 2012, a new register will be published early on 16 October 2012.
- Information is required by law from each household annually – forms will be sent out in Mid-June. If you don't receive one contact South Hams District Council Electoral Registration Office (01803) 861434
- Electors whose details are printed correctly on the form may register using the automated free phone number (if the telephone used has touch-tone dialling), or via the internet – using the security numbers printed on the form.
- Persons who do not register may be liable for a fine of up to £1000
- Only those persons whose names appear on the Register will be entitled to vote
- You have some choice about who can buy your details. The Electoral Registration Officer must publish two registers: the full version and an edited version. If you place a tick in the box on the registration form for exclusion from the edited register, your name and address will only appear on the full register which will only be used for certain lawful purposes, such as elections, law enforcement and checking applications for credit. If you do not place a tick in the box on the registration form your name will also appear on the edited version of the register which anyone can buy – this means anyone can use your details for any purpose.
- Although the qualifying date is 15 October, the Register has to be published on 16 October this year so please complete and return your form as soon as you receive it – you can always contact us if your circumstances change.
- Please ensure you return a form before 9 July to avoid receiving a reminder or a personal visit.

ELIZABETH TUCKER. ELECTORAL ADMINISTRATOR, SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL.

New Services for Carers

Carers in our community who provide support for family or friends who need help because they are ill, frail or have a disability will have improved access to support services with the introduction of *The Devon Carers Centre*. This service, run by eight non-profit making organisations, is jointly commissioned by Devon County Council and NHS.



With the assistance from the *Old School Centre* and *South Brent Caring* a new service will be available from April which enables carers to book a one to one meeting at the Old School with the Carer's Support Worker, Karen Safe. This is an opportunity to discuss the situation and to find out about services available which can assist.

Karen will be at the Old School Centre between 10am and 12 noon for appointments of half an hour on Monday 18th June, 16th July & 20th August. Appointments can be made by phoning the South Brent Surgery on 01364 72394.

To find out more about the Devon Carers Centre, telephone 08456 434 435.

South Hams Citizens Advice Bureau

“Behind the Beauty”

We are privileged to live in one of the most beautiful parts of the country, with easy access to the coast and to the open moors, so it is easy to forget that behind this beauty there are individuals and families for whom the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB), is an essential source of independent information and advice when they are in need of help.

We thought you might like to know a bit more about the service, you may never need it yourself but you might know someone who does- or you might like to get involved!

The advice provided covers the whole range of problems and issues and includes queries on benefits, debt, housing, employment, relationships and legal cases. In fact, it would probably be very difficult to find a topic that has not been raised with the CAB. And even within these broad topic areas, it breaks down into even more specialist areas. For example, benefit issues include council tax, working and child tax credits, employment support allowances, housing benefit and community care grants. All of these can be a bewildering forest of forms, bureaucracy and specialist knowledge, so it is no wonder that many people turn to **us** to help them through the foliage.

Also, the CAB collects information on the social issues affecting our community and this information is analysed nationally to identify statistics and trends. This in turn enables Citizens Advice nationally to submit policy recommendations, reports and to influence government policy. We are currently collecting evidence to submit to a review of the Work Capability Assessment review. In addition, a social policy briefing was provided to Sarah Woollaston MP on transport problems in rural South Devon. We have also been involved in the campaign to highlight the loss to CAB clients should the cuts to legal aid funding be implemented. This would mean there would be no legal aid for welfare benefits cases, and aid on debt and housing issues will be severely restricted.

None of the work carried out by the CAB would be possible without the dedication and loyalty of our volunteers and paid staff who are fully trained to deal with a whole range of problems, and provide guidance to specialists when appropriate. We have every reason to thank them.

Did you know that The South Hams Citizens Advice Bureau is a local and independent charity, set up to provide impartial and non judgemental advice to anyone who needs it?

Of course, we are very grateful to receive some grant funding from South Hams District Council and Devon County Council, but we always need more funding- and additional monies have to be found. We are keen to take up any ideas for fundraising!

If you need advice then you can call our Advice line on 08 444 111 444 If you need specialist legal advice you can call 01803 863129 Or, email: advice@southhamscab.org.uk Or, visit our website at www.southhamscab.org.uk for further details of location and opening hours, and for more information on the charity and volunteering.

Graham Meaden, Chair, South Hams Citizens Advice Bureau.

SSB wins Prince of Wales Award

Sustainable South Brent has won this year's Prince of Wales Award. The Award is offered each year by the Devon County Agricultural Association for community projects geared to sustainability. It carries a cash prize of £1,000, donated by the Prince of Wales.

“Sustainable South Brent stood out from among the finalists of this year's Prince of Wales Award competition because of both the range of its activities and the age-range of its members”, said Professor Ian Mercer, one of the judges.

“It is the combination it offers of the many different strands of local sustainability which drew an accolade from one of the judges for the award” said Professor Mercer.

Ross Kennerley who led SSB's work on preparing the bid for the Prince of Wales award commented, “We are very pleased to receive the Prince of Wales Award. Sustainable South Brent has proved to be very effective at harnessing local enthusiasm and turning this into practical projects. As villages and market towns come under increasing pressure it is important that local individuals and groups can work together to make them more resilient. Local groups, like SSB, are well placed to turn local ideas into action”

“We intend to spend the award on projects including improvements at the school garden and creating a community orchard”.

Massimo Giannuzzi



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.

Sheep worrying and The Island

Sadly we have experienced a number of cases in recent months of dogs crossing the river by the Linhay on Brent Island and chasing and attacking sheep in the fields beyond. These are serious incidents which cause distress, injury and pain to the sheep, together with concern and financial loss to the farmer. The owners of livestock being worried by a dog are quite within their rights to shoot the offending animal. It is of course the owner who is responsible for their dog's behaviour and while we would not wish to restrict dogs on The Island to being kept on leads, it is essential that owners keep their animals under close control at all times, and take special care to ensure that they never cross the river to the fields beyond.

Peter Hopwood, Chairman, Brent Island Trust
With so much of the parish lying within the moor, the following advice from the Dartmoor Livestock Protection Officer is useful for those who take their dogs onto open land:

- Always keep your dog on a lead near livestock
- Never let your dog chase animals or birds – even the friendliest dog can suddenly follow their instincts
- If you cannot rely on your dog's obedience, please keep it on a lead at all times near livestock
- If your dog is chasing sheep or cattle a farmer is entitled to shoot it
- Follow any official signs on access land
- Keep your dog healthy – dogs' mess is not just unpleasant but can cause serious infections in humans and livestock. Make sure your dog is regularly wormed
- Bag it and bin it

Signal Box Restoration Working Group

Following the inclusion of the Signal Box in the South Brent Conservation Area, Network Rail was contacted and a group known as the Signal Box Restoration Working Group was formed.

A site visit has taken place, Richard Everett has carried out an updated survey of the building and, the possible use of the Signal Box and funding are being discussed.

At present a possible lease is being worked on, other similar projects e.g. St Austell are being contacted and any ideas for a sustainable use of the Signal Box will be considered.

Anyone interested in joining this group is very welcome.

Cllr Cathie Pannell

South Brent Arts & Crafts Society

Biennial Exhibition:

5th - 8th October 2012 at the Old School Centre.

As usual, this exhibition is open to everyone in South Brent and its postal districts. Exhibitors of all ages may display at least 2 items at £1 per item, brought to the Old School Centre on Friday 5th October at 5 - 7pm and collected on Monday 8th at 4.30 - 6.30pm. Fliers and posters giving more information will appear in the village.

Please take part in this community exhibition to celebrate the society's 40th Anniversary and make it extra special.

Many thanks Deirdre Slocombe

South Brent Carnival

South Brent Carnival Committee handed over £500.00 to be shared between 1st South Brent Scout Group, South Brent Brownies, South Brent Pre School, Dartmoor Rescue and South Brent Recreation Association at its annual general meeting.

Jean Cleave said "it was refreshing to see so many people attending the AGM".

Carnival Week 23rd June to 1st July 2012



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 2012

25 th June 2012	23 rd July 2012
20 th August 2012	24 th September 2012
29 th October 2012	26 th November 2012

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.

South Brent Produce Association Summer Show Saturday 28th July 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

Composting Centre

Spring is here! And lots of us are out in our gardens weeding and pruning like crazy. If you want to turn those cutting into compost, or haven't room left in the brown bin then why not head down to the Marsh, Sustainable South Brent's composting centre, (next to the South West Water plant)

We have now been up and running for over a year and have been producing compost for a good few months. Weed free 12.5kg bags of compost are available for £1.00 each.

We are open every Sunday 10-1pm, you can bring any compost-able garden cuttings to us and we will turn them into sweet, local, sustainable compost. We don't take pernicious weeds, bamboo, tree stumps or earth. The scheme is run by local volunteers and all proceeds go to other Sustainable South Brent projects. If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer, please email Martin Duckworth

Ann & Martin Duckworth msdconsultancy@gmail.com we look forward to seeing you down at the Marsh.

The Compost Committee.

The next newsletter will be published in the Autumn 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 9th September 2012 please.

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