



## ***Possible introduction of parking charges – Station Yard Car Park, South Brent***

Dear Mrs Willoughby,

We promised to write to you in good time for your meeting next Monday to confirm the options that we discussed on 13 August.

The first is for South Hams District Council (SHDC) to install and manage pay and display car parking meters in the Eastern Car Park.

The second, for the Parish Council to make an offer to manage the car park and exercise its own choice to recover the income we would forsake by increasing the parish precept\* (or alternatively from some other source).

The third option we discussed was for us to provide you with a valuation with a view to the Parish Council considering purchase of the land.

Having listened carefully to the points members of the Parish Council raised in our discussion, I have reflected on the options. I believe we need to do more work together to overcome some of the barriers we discussed.

On the first option I take the point that it feels as though we are singling out South Brent unless we consider it within the context of a report setting out our charging policy and criteria for all our car parks that are free at the moment.

On the second option the reservations that you expressed about double taxation need further investigation and we also need to see if the Secretary of State will impose referendum requirements on Parish Councils that increase precepts\* above certain limits.

On the third option we acknowledged that a valuation would prove difficult until SHDC has a clear policy on the future use of its land assets.

Shifting the discussion on from where we ended up on Monday evening, I propose that we postpone any further consultation with South Brent residents until:

(i) we, SHDC that is, consider a policy report on all the free car parks which will feed into our 2013/14 budget process;

(ii) we investigate the precepting\* option if you are inclined to want to explore it further.

This will therefore take us into the early part of 2013 which means we will miss the opportunity to resolve things to increase the parish precept\* for 2013/14 if there is such a need.

However, I am sure you would agree it is better to step forward together cautiously rather than taking precipitative action that may prove not to be fruitful. We may well end up in the same place but we will have worked through the issues you raised in a logical sequence.

On my return from holiday on 3 September, I look forward to hearing the results of your discussion at the formal Parish Council meeting which will then inform our next report to the SHDC Executive.

Thank you again for the opportunity to talk to you. I sincerely hope we can find a way forward together.

Yours sincerely

**Richard Sheard**

**Chief Executive**

**South Hams District Council**

*\*A Parish Council gets its funding by receiving a small amount of the local Council Tax. This is referred to as a the Parish Precept*

## ***South Brent Parish Council – Vacancy for the office of Councillor***

There is a vacancy for one Parish Councillor to represent the village ward.

If you would like further information, please contact Julia Willoughby (clerk to the Council), or look out for details on the notice boards or on the website [www.southbrent.gov.uk](http://www.southbrent.gov.uk)

Thank you

## ***South Brent Folk Festival.***

South Brent now has an established Folk Festival. The first took place on Friday 13 – Saturday 14 July.

Planning for the South Brent Folk Festival began in September 2011 with Eileen McKee researching support for the idea from folk musicians and clubs across the whole of Devon and circulating a proposal to a small steering committee. A successful application was made to South Brent Parish Council for a start up grant in February 2012. This helped set up a successful fundraising concert with 'Blue Jewel' on 31 March and allowed the committee to go ahead and book traditional singer Jackie Oates and her band for the headline concert to precede a festival day with a range of activities and an evening ceilidh. A website under the auspices of 'South Brent Folk' (<http://southbrentfolk.org/>) was established.

The concert on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July sold out. Jackie Oates and her band lived up to their national reputation following her BBC Folk Awards and feedback was that all three acts had been much enjoyed. Fiddle duo and singers Nick Wyke and Becki Driscoll gave a warm instrumental and vocal performance and Si Barron sang to his dazzling, yet subtle, guitar accompaniment. (Si also gave the guitar workshop the following day.)

On a slightly overcast Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>, various lively, colourful events, inside and outside created a wonderful atmosphere around the village. Concerts, performances, workshops, ceilidh and dancers drew attendance from Brent and beyond, including overseas visitors who saw local adverts by chance and folk fans from the national advertising. There were 168 at the Friday concert, around a hundred performers and helpers on the Saturday and an uncounted audience in the Old School throughout the day and in both pubs.

Workshops ('Broom dance'; vocal harmony; 'DADGAD' guitar; recording your own CD) were full and free to participants. A 'Young Folk' concert, opened by South Brent's own thriving Children's Folk Band with groups from Plymouth, Totnes and Widecombe showcased talents of the younger generation. Other events included various dance and Morris teams in the open air, local singers, musicians and choirs, storytelling and a poetry competition. 'Open Mike' sessions afforded opportunities for others to 'have a go'. The event was rounded off by a lively, inclusive Family Ceilidh with 'Wrecks of Kildare'

All aspects of the weekend appear to have been a success, with positive feedback from participants, audiences and local traders and good coverage in the *Ivybridge & South Brent Gazette* on 20.7.12. The junction of the folk festival and "Dazzling Diamonds" flower festival appears to have been mutually beneficial.

The festival generated a profit which will provide advance funding for further 'South Brent Folk' events including a festival again next year – date to be decided. If you have any feedback or suggestions, or can help with organising or running next year's events, please contact Eileen McKee [eileen.southbrentfolk@gmail.com](mailto:eileen.southbrentfolk@gmail.com) or John Rawlinson [john.rawlinson@southbrent.gov.uk](mailto:john.rawlinson@southbrent.gov.uk)

John W. Rawlinson

## **SAVE MONEY ON YOUR HEATING OIL THIS WINTER**

Any homeowner, who relies on oil to heat their property, knows that the cost of oil is higher during the winter months. Worse still, those who live in rural areas like Devon, often pay more for their oil and incur further costs should they need a small tanker to get to their property, due to the county's many narrow lanes. As oil prices steadily increase as winter draws in, the Devon Oil Collective is ready to help save you money on your heating oil. Launched in spring this year, the Devon Oil Collective is a community based, countywide bulk buying scheme which can help households reduce their annual spend on heating oil. The principles of the scheme are to encourage Devon's homeowners to collectively buy their oil. The scheme, run by the Community Council of Devon and supported by Devon County Council, collates oil orders from around the county, negotiates with the suppliers and passes the savings back to the homeowner. When over half of Devon's parishes have over 70% of households off the gas network, and many relying on heating oil, there is huge potential for bulk buying savings. The more people who use the scheme to buy their oil – the more savings that can be made. So don't delay, join the Devon Oil Collective today [and get your order in earlier rather than later. Our next order deadline is Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October.](#)

For further information see our website [www.devonrcc.org.uk](http://www.devonrcc.org.uk) or call 01392 248919.



# 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.

## News from South Brent Recreation Association

**Activities at Palstone Park Recreation Ground**  
Exeter Road, South Brent

**After School Football** with Darrell Roberts will re-start on:

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September** £2.50 per session.

4-5pm. 5-7 years, 5-6pm. 8-11 years. 6-7pm 12+

**Youth Club Tuesdays** will re-start on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

7-8.30pm. for ages 9-12 or 13 years. Upper age limit is up to the young people to decide which group they feel comfortable. Sessions include sports, games, creative projects and a tuck shop. Entry £1

**Youth Table Tennis and Snooker Wednesdays** will start on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September** 7-8.30pm. for ages 13-17 years old. This will be a trial project and will be an informal opportunity to play table tennis or snooker and socialise with friends. Tuck Shop available. Entry £1

Information regarding activities or hall hire which is £6 per hour phone Anne Nicholls on 01364 72223 or email nichollsbennie@aol.com

## Tai Chi Chi Kung for Health & Rejuvenation at South Brent Old School

**Wed 26 Sept 6.30-8pm Thurs 27 Sept 1.30-3pm**  
**for 6 weeks**

Join this class for health, relaxation and laughter. Master Choy has taught Tai Chi Chi Kung for 42 years.

If Tai Chi is the trunk of the tree of knowledge of Relaxing Healing Exercises, then, Chi Kung represents the roots of Rejuvenation and Acupuncture Meridians. Both need each other to bear fruits of peace, love, health, longevity and prosperity.

Tai Chi Chi Kung has been scientifically proven to help with high blood pressure, arthritis, low bone density, cancer, MS, heart disease, heart failure, Parkinson's disease, sleep problems, stroke and depression (Harvard Medical School).

The title Master was awarded by Grandmaster Chen of Chen village, China; the birthplace of Tai Chi. Master Choy has even done stand-up comedy and brings laughter to all his classes, making it easier for you to enjoy learning! Contact Christine Chin 01364 653810. [www.rainbow-taichi.org.uk](http://www.rainbow-taichi.org.uk).

## CHERNOBYL BREAKFAST

The Totnes & South Hams link of Chernobyl Children's Lifeline are holding a **Breakfast Café** in **Ugborough Village Hall** on the morning of **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October** from 0900 – 1230. Please come and support us, have a hearty late breakfast (the clocks go back that weekend) and learn about the work of the charity, which brings children from Belarus and Ukraine over to the West for a month's fresh air and fun. Our next group comes to Devon in March next year and we are busy raising funds for their visit.

There will be an opportunity to buy Byelorussian craft items and souvenirs (nesting dolls etc.), which make original and unusual Christmas presents, and to talk to some of us who will have just returned from a visit to Chernobyl.

PLEASE COME. THERE IS AMPLE FREE PARKING IN UGBOROUGH VILLAGE SQUARE.

## South Brent Village Hall

### Future Events.

During the Autumn, we will be having a number of events on in the village hall. On the 29<sup>th</sup> September, Lucy Simister is organising the famous South Brent Village Show. Tickets will be available from the Mare and Foal prior to the show. On the 4<sup>th</sup> November we will be hosting a Murder Mystery Evening run by the Candlelight Company. This is for the inner Morse. In December we will be running a Christmas Quiz hosted by Graham Jordan. The date is the 15<sup>th</sup> December but this will be confirmed nearer the time. The cinema is showing the Exotic Hotel Marigold, on September the 8<sup>th</sup>, and Salmon fishing in the Yemen on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Posters for all these events will be displayed in the village.

This year we are hoping to raise money towards the replacement of our oil tank, due to changes in legislation this is becoming necessary.

Margaret Eales has asked me to advertise the Monday afternoon tea dance, all levels are welcome, and she is eager to recruit new members. Remember there are many activities in the hall, you may not want to be an Olympic athlete but we have many fun activities through which you can keep fit, find out details on our website.

Finally if you have oil delivered to you by Watsons, and do not belong to a delivery group, get in touch with us by phoning or talking to George Watson, as we can all save money by having the oil delivered in a group rather than individually.

Mary Shepherd

## 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

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2012 | 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2012  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2012  | 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2012 |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2013   | 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2013 |

Planning Committee Meetings are now held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Remembrance Service

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at St. Petroc's Church,  
Parading from the Anchor at 10.40 a.m.

## Date for your diary

Winter Carnival and Christmas lights 'switch on'  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2012 @ 6.00p.m.

With the possibility of car park charges and more and more vehicles on the road, I know that parking in the village is a bit of a hot subject, but as the local neighbourhood officer, I would prefer to prevent offences occurring rather than issue fixed penalty tickets, however, you have been warned!

South Hams District council has enforcement officers for limited waiting and double yellow lines, but the police deal with other parking offences, such as obstruction and lighting offences.

Please be aware of dropped kerbs like the ones outside the Post Office and Newsagents and avoid parking across them, and remember to check parking information signs like the loading bay restrictions in Church Street.

Now that the village street lights are no longer lit all night, (with the exception of Exeter Road) I thought I would just remind people about the law on parking in darkness, in so far as between sunset and sunrise vehicles should be parked with the nearside to the kerb.

Please be considerate when driving and think about where and how you park your vehicles so that South Brent remains a safe place for everyone. Thank you.

PC 2870 Jacqui Hopper

The next newsletter will be published in the Winter 2012.

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

**BY 25<sup>th</sup> November 2012 please.**

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