



Any organisation in South Brent may use the parish crest.

## **Station Yard Parking Update**

The Executive at South Hams considered an item titled "Free Car Parking Asset update" on 8th November. This was to look at a report which gave the latest position on free car parking land held by the District Council. The Lead Member for Environment Services, who is now Cllr. Rufus Gilbert, presented the item which he said was as a result of consultation with South Brent and other areas. A review was to be conducted to include all the free car parks, currently 36, controlled by the District Council. This, you will be pleased to know, included the car park at Follaton House. It was stated that the need for car parking charges to be considered in the wider remit of the asset review became evident during the consultation process with South Brent. So it would seem that the very strong views expressed by South Brent to the District Council, both at the Public Meeting and through the emails sent to the Leader of the Council, Cllr. John Tucker, have had some effect. The review will take some time, and it has been agreed by the Executive to take funding from the reserves to cover the shortfall of income expected from South Brent and the two other car parks where it had been intended to introduce charges this year. Unfortunately, there is no promise of a different outcome - we may still face the prospect of charging. But there will be an opportunity for all the communities in the South Hams who would be subject to this to be properly consulted and make their case against charges. If you would like to read the complete item from the agenda and the minutes of the meeting, go to the South Hams District Council website, -

[http://www.southhams.gov.uk/administration/committee\\_minutes/executive/08Nov12\\_min.pdf](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/administration/committee_minutes/executive/08Nov12_min.pdf).

Cllr. Cathie Pannell



## **MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE**

### **'Community Champion & Young 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 Young Community Champion Award has been introduced to recognise the efforts of the younger members of our community. Young people must be 18 years old or younger.

The Parish Council hereby request nominations for these awards for the Council year 2012/13, 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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.

The winner of the Community Champion Award 2011/12 was Sue Burgess of 'South Brent & District Caring', pictured here receiving the award and the Young Community Champion Award winner was Anna Gower.

The Awards will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2013



## **SPONSORSHIP OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTING 2012**

|                      |      |                                  |      |
|----------------------|------|----------------------------------|------|
| Anonymous donation   | £100 | South Brent Youth Club           | £ 50 |
| SPX Refrigeration    | £ 50 | Mrs Kate Sharp (nee Evans Jones) | £ 50 |
| Gildersleve Antiques | £ 75 |                                  |      |

The Parish Council is extremely grateful for these contributions (£50 covers the cost of a wall feature for this season); any further donations received will be listed in the spring newsletter.

### ***Land at Marley Head***

We have been advised by Dartmoor National Park Authority of the result of an application to the High Court regarding the Planning Enforcement Notice "requiring the occupiers of the land to stop using the land for residential purposes and to remove all vehicles, caravans and any other structures placed on the land as part of the residential use by 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011". This Notice was, as you will be aware, not complied with, so the Authority resolved to take the matter to the High Court.

The High Court, on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November, granted a permanent injunction prohibiting the use of the land at Marley Head for the stationing of caravans and vehicles used for residential purposes. One person came forward to contest the making of the injunction, but withdrew just before the hearing. This means that the only person who put forward grounds to contest the injunction has agreed to leave the site. Thus, no-one has put forward any grounds or reasons as to why they should be allowed to stay on the land in breach of planning control. The injunction has immediate effect, but does not require the occupiers to leave the land until 2013. One named individual is permitted to remain until 26<sup>th</sup> July (the end of the academic year) the remainder to leave by 31<sup>st</sup> March. Direct action can then be taken by the Authority if this is not complied with, or they can return the matter to court, where anyone found to be in breach of the injunction will face up to 2 years imprisonment for contempt of court. I hope this clarifies what is happening.

*Cllr Glyn Richards*  
*Chairman of Planning Committee*

### ***Memorial trees on 'The Patch'***

Parishioners may remember that the two trees on 'The Patch' – the grass area next to the Village Hall – had to be felled earlier this year as they had become dangerous. After consultation with the Parish Council, St. Petroc's PCC who own the patch, and other interested parties, we have planted two saplings to replace them. We have chosen Devon Whitebeams, a truly local species of tree which is under threat in the wild and seems fitting as a memorial for significant events.

The Parish Council has paid for one, to mark the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II, and the other is the gift of Peter Moore, former Chairman of our Parish Council. It will stand near the site of the beech tree planted by his parents in memory of his brother John, who was killed in the Second World War. The new tree will commemorate all those from South Brent who fell in the two World Wars, and the Royal British Legion are donating a plaque to signify this. Our Vicar has agreed to bless the two trees in the Spring, at a ceremony to which all are warmly invited. We have pencilled in Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April, probably at noon, as this date falls near St. George's Day and also the trees will hopefully be breaking into leaf and new life.



*Guy Pannell*  
*Tree Warden*

### ***South Brent Pantomime – Babes in the Wood***

One of England's most loved heroes and one of its most reviled villains appear on stage together in the South Brent pantomime 'Babes in the Wood' by Paul Reakes, from January 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. Yes Robin Hood and the Sheriff of Nottingham will be rekindling their ancient animosity for four nights and an afternoon as South Brent Amateur Dramatic Society present their eagerly awaited festive production, which promises to delight the young at heart of every generation.

Parish Councillor Cathie Pannell is directing once again, with support from another Councillor, Greg Wall. The cast have been hard at work for months, set construction is well under way, artists are producing some breath-taking scenery, and the costume department have excelled themselves. Two Brent youngsters, Freya Ingram and Victoria Lannin, play the orphan Babes who are sent to their uncle the Sheriff, supposedly for safekeeping. Robin Lee takes on the role of Dame as Nurse Nitwit, Andy Prowse makes his acting debut for SBADS as an absolutely dastardly Sheriff, while a third Parish Councillor, Donna Warne, comes out from behind the counter of the Crumbs and Cuppa to star as a thigh-slapping Robin Hood.

'Babes in the Wood' is in South Brent Village Hall every evening from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7.30pm, with a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm. Tickets go on sale in the Mare and Foal charity shop from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, between the hours of 10am and 12.30pm, or call 07812 414916 from that date. The South Brent pantomime is traditionally a sell-out, so book early to avoid disappointment.

*S.B.A.D.S.*



# 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

Back in September South Brent Youth Club started thinking about raising money to sponsor the Christmas lights in the village. Young people wanted to have a disco so we saved up for 8 weeks to get money to pay the DJ Andy and then on Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup> 21 young people from both Tuesday and Wednesday groups and a few extras turned up to support and enjoy a great evening of music and dancing.

We raised £62 of which £50 will go to the Christmas Lights and £12 will go towards resources such as art materials. Young people have learned that raising money can be fun and they helped contribute to something in our village which the whole community can enjoy.

CONGRATULATIONS to our young people, you can make a difference.

Tuesday sessions are for 8-11 year olds (we have lowered the age limit to encourage more of the younger group to attend). Sessions run from 7-8.30pm.

Entry fee £1 and there is a tuck shop. Wednesdays are for 12-15 year olds 7.00 - 8.30pm with tuck shop and £1 entry.

The youth club provides a valuable resource to young people who, apart from socialising with friends and playing games, are also able to learn the value of money as they work out how to spend their tuck money and how much change they need. We are grateful to Tracey Nicholls, Jess Towell and Mike Antonio for their continued support and without whose help youth club would not be possible.

Football on Monday with Darrell Roberts from 4.00 - 5.00pm for 5-7 year olds could also do with a few new members £2.50 per session.

*Anne Nicholls*

## South Brent Community Energy Society

The South Brent Community Energy Society has opened a community share offer to finance the installation of a 225kW wind turbine on high ground at the eastern edge of the parish. The society intends that any surplus from the sale of low carbon electricity will be made available to local charities and organisations to improve the energy efficiency of their buildings. Village halls, churches and other community buildings should benefit in this way. Subscribers will become members of the society and should receive modest interest on their investment.

The share offer is open until Friday 18th January 2013. For more information go to [www.sbces.org.uk](http://www.sbces.org.uk) or write to the Secretary, Edward Chapman, South Brent Community Energy Society, School House, Totnes Rd, South Brent TQ10 9BP or e-mail [admin@sbces.org.uk](mailto:admin@sbces.org.uk).

There will also be a Q and A session in the Old School Centre on Thursday 10th January 2013 from 7.30pm.

## GRANTS APRIL - NOVEMBER 2012

|                                                               |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| 50% towards tree works on 'The Patch'                         | 200 |
| South Hams Citizens Advice Bureau                             | 100 |
| Totnes and Dartmouth Ring & Ride                              | 400 |
| Ivybridge & District Community Transport                      | 100 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> South Brent Scouts: towards summer expedition | 175 |

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|--------------------------------------------|------|
| PLAY AREA EXPENDITURE (Sanderspool Cross)  |      |
| Upgrading of toilet                        | 1270 |
| Repairs to equipment (following vandalism) | 787  |

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| RECEIPT                                                                                                                                  |     |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> South Brent Scout Group: summer expedition                                                                               | 175 |
| A grant of £175 was made to enable the Scout's summer expedition to go ahead; this refund was gratefully received by the Parish Council. |     |



## Your local community needs you!

Community First Responders are Volunteers who support their local community by attending Emergency Medical Calls whilst an ambulance is on its way.

Your local Responder Group is made up of unpaid volunteers who give up their free time to train and attend emergencies on a shift rota. The Equipment and Training is supplied by the Ambulance Service.

We try to provide as close to a 24/7 cover as we can but we are short of team members.

If you think you can help or want more information please contact us on 07789000955 or visit us at [http://www.dcfire.co.uk/south\\_brent\\_first\\_responder\\_group](http://www.dcfire.co.uk/south_brent_first_responder_group)

*Paul Bannister*

## 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 2012/13

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2012 | 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2013 |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2013  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2013 |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2013 | 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2013 |
|                                | Annual Parish Meeting       |

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

### South Brent Produce Association

**A.G.M** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013  
At 7.00pm in the Old School  
We are considering putting on a coach trip  
To R.H.S Flower Show in Cardiff  
On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013  
If you are interested please contact:  
Eileen on 01364 72709

## New Parish Councillor co-opted



I feel very privileged to have been chosen to serve as a co-opted Councillor for South Brent. Having now lived in the village for over six years, I feel that I would like to serve the community that has made my family feel so welcome and at home since our arrival from Berkshire.

As publican of the Packhorse Inn and Hotel I feel I am in a unique and special position to understand many of the thoughts, concerns and values residents hold about our village. As a local resident, business woman and employer I will be able to play an active role in the community, sharing some of these views and working with a team who can make a difference to the lives of our villagers and the wider community.

*Councillor Linda Austin*

The next newsletter will be published in March 2013.

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 10<sup>th</sup> February 2013 please.**

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