



Any organisation in South Brent may use the parish crest.



NO EXCUSE

Recently the village has seen an increase in the amount of dog fouling being left on pavements & lanes. It has been particularly bad in Exeter Road, Plymouth Road, Totnes Road & Station Road. These are all areas used by young families with prams, elderly people & children going to school.

Dog fouling in any part of the village is unacceptable, but is particularly worrying where these vulnerable groups pass through. Dog faeces are known to carry the toxocara parasite which can cause blindness in children. It is also extremely unpleasant when it needs to be cleaned from children's shoes, carpets or pram/wheelchair wheels.

The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 states that dog fouling must be picked up and disposed of forthwith. Bagged faeces may be deposited in a dog bin, litterbin or household dustbin.

*There is **NO EXCUSE** for any dog fouling in the village. The South Hams Council Dog Warden is aware of our problems and will be making regular enforcement visits to the area. Make sure that you are not subject to a **£50 on the spot fine or a maximum £1,000 fine if taken to court***

As well as being unsightly and messy, dog fouling can be a serious health hazard. Please help us to clean the area up and make it a safe environment in which our children & elderly people can exist.

Should you see any offence occur or have any information, please contact your Parish Council or the Dog Warden on 01803 861234. All information is treated in the strictest confidence.

S.H.D.C. Dog Warden

'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 1st 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 29th April 2013



SPONSORSHIP OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTING 2012

Mr & Mrs M Copley	£50
South Brent Co-operative Store	£50

The Parish Council is extremely grateful for these contributions (£50 covers the cost of a wall feature for this season).

Calling all theatre-lovers!

2 Dramatic Events taking place during May 2013
May 4th The Uncommon Players present "Talking Heads" in the Village Hall and May 16th - 18th SBADS production of "Dancing at Lughnasa" directed by Carol Davies, again in the Village Hall

Cathie Pannell



MEMORIAL TREE BLESSING

Two memorial trees will be blessed by the Vicar of South Brent on The Patch, next to the Village Hall, on Sunday 21st April. One commemorates the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth, and the other honours all those from Brent who fell in the two World Wars. The trees are both Devon Whitebeams, a local species that is under threat.

The Parish Council has paid for the first, and the second is the gift of Peter Moore, a former Parish Council Chairman, whose brother John died in the last war. We hope to have a colour party from the Royal British Legion, and representatives of local youth organisations in attendance for the ceremony, to be conducted by the Rev. David Winnington - Ingram, at 12noon. All are warmly invited to attend.

*Guy Pannell
Parish Tree Warden*

Your opportunity to invest in a local Community Energy Project

The Share Offer for the South Brent Wind Turbine has been extended to 22nd March 2013. We are halfway to the £420k needed!

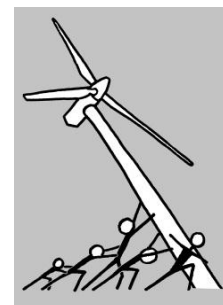
You could receive annual interest of around 5% (averaged over 20 year life of turbine). Equivalent to up to 7.1% for UK taxpayers (EIS tax relief).

As a community South Brent could receive £120k - £400k over 20 years in energy efficiency and renewable energy generation projects!

Open meeting on Tuesday 5th March 2013 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

At their meeting on 17th December 2012, the Parish Council Resolved to transfer £1000 from the unclaimed Parish Basic Allowance and purchase shares in the South Brent Wind Turbine.

For more information and share offer visit www.sbces.org.uk Email: info@sbces.org.uk or Tel: 07795 257849



Information Fair visits South Brent

Anyone living in the South Brent area who might be struggling with bills, looking for volunteering opportunities or simply interested in finding out more about public services is welcome at a forthcoming Information Fair.

South Hams Connect is teaming up with South Brent & District Caring who are hosting the Fair at the Old School Community Centre on Monday, March 18 between 12.45pm – 3.45pm.

The event is free and open to all

South Hams Connect, co-ordinated by South Hams District Council, is a friendly, help and advice service which takes information about a range of public services out to communities.

South Brent & District Caring aims to support elderly, isolated and vulnerable people in the parishes of South Brent, Rattery, Diptford and North Huish by matching a volunteer for befriending or on-going support.

A range of other public services partners will be joining the Information Fair to provide details about the work they do.

Partner organisations attending include Devon & Somerset Fire Service, Transport to Health, Devon County Council's Disc (Devon's Family Information Service), Action on Hearing Loss and the Community Voluntary Service – among others.

With changes to welfare and benefits starting from April, staff from the district council's Housing & Benefits team will also be on hand for a chat.

They will be able to give information to working age people about how the changes may affect them.

The Information Fair will be run on a drop-in basis so there is no need to book an appointment.

Residents are encouraged to pop along and browse. They can even enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee!

For further details please contact South Hams District Council on 01803 861234 or South Brent Caring on 01364 700282



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

South Brent Recreation Association is delighted to announce that we have secured Olympic legacy funding from Sport England's *Inspired Facilities* fund.

South Brent Recreation Association will receive £38,746 of National Lottery funding to upgrade the facilities at the Pavilion at Palstone Park Recreation Ground, South Brent. The Pavilion which is almost 30 years old will be upgraded, including the replacement of ceiling in main hall, changing rooms and shower area and upgrading of the insulation. Also, to upgrade heating, lighting and shower systems to a more energy efficient type, to make the Pavilion a much more environmentally friendly building. We hope that this investment will ensure the continuation of sports provision for the next generation.

We are currently promoting the Vice Presidents Club which is our fundraising scheme where subscribers have the chance to win £500 in our December draw. In the past funds have helped provide new tennis nets, contributed towards new front and back doors and also security cameras. The facilities at the Recreation Ground are not subsidised and rely on grants and raising funds through schemes such as the Vice Presidents Club. A yearly subscription is £48, Half Yearly payments are £24, Quarterly payments are £12 or monthly payments are £4. We are keen to attract new subscribers, an application form can be obtained from Louise Riding on 01364 649109 or email: XXtotallyloopyxx@aol.com

Anne Nicholls

Needed: a Local Correspondent

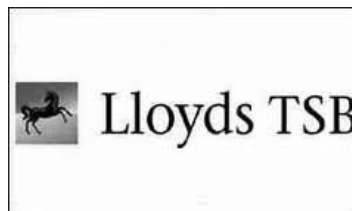
Getting South Brent into the Local Newspaper

The Ivybridge and South Brent Gazette has a large section called 'Village Voice'. It is made up of short local 'reports' from villages in the area. Ironically, South Brent is not represented!

Is there anyone out there who would be willing to take this on?

It would need you to write up to 400 words on a weekly/monthly or irregular basis.

We imagine that this would be a combination of editing and compiling news received from regular groups (Parish Council, Sustainable South Brent, SBADS, the Carnival, Brent Singers etc.) as well as some creative writing and keeping an ear to the ground and an eye on goings on! If you are interested please contact Massimo on 01364 72664 or 07795 257849.



Lloyds Bank, Station Road, South Brent will be closed for refurbishment from 12.30pm on Friday 15 February and will reopen at 9.30am on Monday 25 March 2013.

The Post Office advises that they can deal with most banks (so it may not be necessary to travel to a bank outside the village).

Parking on pavements

A previous parish newsletter featured a request to drivers not to park on pavements and I am wondering if this request could be repeated in the next newsletter as this continues to be a problem on Brakefield.

County Highways have started work to repair kerbs and recover pavements on Brakefield and it would be a shame and a waste of money if people continue parking on the pavement and cause further damage. Brakefield is wide enough to accommodate parked cars and passing traffic but it does mean that people need to drive more slowly which is a good thing.

Many thanks

Name & Address supplied

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 2013

25 th February 2013	20 th May 2013
25 th March 2013	24 th June 2013
22 nd April 2013	22 nd July 2013
29 th April 2013	19 th August 2013
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

Beating the Inner (Diptford) Bounds of the Parish

South Brent Parish Council proposes to hold this event on 21st September 2013.

If you are interested in assisting, there will be an initial working group meeting on Monday 18th March at 7.30 pm in the Old School Centre.

Thank you

Brent Birders Bamboozled by Little Reed Roosters?

Local birdwatchers have been studying STARLINGS this winter. A big increase in numbers roosting in the parish bamboos occurred in late December when the birds roosting in reeds at Slapton and Thurlestone apparently disappeared. We would be very interested to hear from anyone who had starlings roosting in their gardens or elsewhere, saw regular morning or evening flights or knows of any sites (perhaps cattle sheds in particular) where lots of starlings were feeding. Please contact either Mike Goss (72539, mrqandjng@tiscali.co.uk) or Peter Reay (73293, peter.p.j.reay@btinternet.com).

Peter Reay & Mike Goss



"Photograph by Steve Hopper"

The next newsletter will be published in May 2013.
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 5th May 2013 please.**

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