



Any organisation in South Brent may use the parish crest.



South Brent Parish Council



After some national and international shocks, let us hope for peaceful change and transition in the world and in our community. May people in South Brent come together during this season, which traditionally symbolises hope and joy, to love and care for each other, while extending a welcome and support to people in other communities or alone, in poverty, conflict or turmoil.

A very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year to everyone.

Public Access Defibrillators (PAD) for South Brent

A working group, reporting to the Parish Council, is seeking to secure funding for at least one (and hopefully more) Public Access Defibrillators (PADs) for South Brent and the surrounding area. "A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart through the chest wall to someone who is in cardiac arrest. This high energy shock is called defibrillation, and it is an essential life saving step in the chain of survival" (British Heart Foundation 2016)

Each PAD will be accredited by the South Western Ambulance service and will be clearly labelled / signposted. Training sessions on when and how to use it (as well as a CPR refresher) will be held in the village. The PADs will be available for all and will be a useful and important amenity for the village.

There are currently no PADs within South Brent itself and those that are available are outside the recommended 4 minute distance. (Our current, nearest PADs are located at Rattery, with plans for a PAD site at Bittaford in the very near future.) PADs can and do frequently save lives. They are easy to use and should be easily available.

See: <https://www.bhf.org.uk/heart-health/how-to-save-a-life/how-to-do-cpr>



Christmas Lighting 2016

South Brent Parish Council has arranged with Torbay Display for a lighting display with energy saving LED lights again this year.

If you are able to sponsor Christmas lights, please contact Julia Willoughby, clerk to South Brent Parish Council clerk@southbrent.gov.uk or send a cheque payable to 'South Brent Parish Council' to P.O. Box 246, Totnes, TQ9 9DY.

Sponsorship received for 2016:

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| • SB Conservative Club skittles | 100.00 |
| • Aspire Safety Ltd. | 50.00 |
| • Gildersleve Antiques | 75.00 |

- THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Community Champion Awards

The Parish Council is seeking nominations for the South Brent **Community Champion** and **Young Community Champion** Awards 2016/17. If you would like to nominate someone, please send your nomination with reasons why to clerk@southbrent.gov.uk by **28 February 2017**.

The 2015/16 Community Champions have been **Gracie Clayton (Young Community Champion)** the youngest and most prolific fundraiser raising hundreds of pounds for South Brent & District Caring and **Jane Wellens (Community Champion)**, organiser of many Breakfast Cafés and Villages in Action co-ordinator.

Some Festive Events



There are various events in the village marking the festive season including:

Saturday 10 December: [Brent Singers' Christmas Concert](#) at 7:30pm in St Petroc's Church. Conducted by Phillip Arkwright and featuring Charpentier's 'Messe de Minuit pour Noël' and a selection of Christmas carols. There will be a retiring collection.

Wednesday 21 December: **SASS Ladies Singers Christmas Concert** with guest singer **Clare Pettinger** (formerly of [Cuckoo Collective](#)) at 7.30pm in the **Old School Community Centre**. Tickets £5 from [artworks](#). Proceeds to South Brent Health Centre Donation Fund and South Brent [Old School Community Centre](#).

Tuesday 27 December: **Twixt Christmas and New Year Céilidh** in **South Brent Village Hall** at 7.30pm. Chill out and enjoy the music after the Christmas festivities or dance your (new) socks off with 'Buttoned up' with caller Kate Fincham-Powell. Doors open 7.00pm; Reel Ale bar. Tickets £7.50 from [artworks](#). Entry includes one free non alcoholic spiced berry drink.

Church Services in St Petroc's Parish Church:

Sunday 18 December: Traditional Carol Service at 6.30pm

Saturday 24 December: Christingle Service - at 4.00pm

Saturday 24 December: Midnight Mass by Candlelight - at 11.00pm

Sunday 25 December: Holy Communion at 8.00am

Sunday 25 December: Christmas Service with Communion at 11.00am.

South Brent Refugee Support

The **South Brent Refugee Support Network** is an open group for anyone interested in contributing ideas as part of our local response to the current refugee situation. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 17 January 2017** at 7.30pm in the Aune room at the Old School Community Centre.

There will also be another Refugee Breakfast Café on **Sunday 5 February 2017**.

There are number of other related local initiatives:

South Devon Refugee Support Network (SDRSN), which includes 'Beyond Borders Totnes', the Dartington Hall Trust (Social Justice/ refugees) and 'Integr8UK' project and other refugee support initiatives in the area: www.dartington.org/our-work/refugees/.

Connect me Community: Local appeal for items of clothing for young people e.g. footwear 7-11, rucksacks, hold-alls, art supplies and books.

Luck of Birth: Refugee crisis response charity started by a family in Totnes, which provides direct aid to refugee families, restoring dignity and providing shelter for people stranded in Greece: www.luckofbirth.org/.

For further information on these and other refugee support events – please contact lindseystewart@clara.co.uk.

'Scams'

More warnings have been received about a variety of scams which you may come across. These include:

- Rogue traders offering tool/knife sharpening, roof or drive repairs. Work can often be of poor quality and cost more than first agreed.
 - Bogus offers to survey work such as loft insulation already carried out. It is then suggested that it has not been carried out correctly and further remedial action is required.
 - There have been some daylight burglaries in the area recently– Diptford having been targeted
- Devon and Somerset Trading Standards advise residents to exercise caution before agreeing to any work offered by unsolicited doorstep callers. Work can often be of poor quality and cost more than first agreed. If someone knocks on your door and you are not sure, don't open the door. If you are concerned rogue traders are operating in your area, always report it. If you are concerned someone is at risk, always call the Police.
- Phone callers claiming to be from BT or Microsoft Technical department or similar claiming that there have been 'Internet problems' or 'faults on your Windows computer'. Do not log on to your computer or give them any information about your computer log on details.
 - Similarly, your bank will never ask for your full PIN or password.
 - Do not log on to bank accounts or secure services via links in emails you are unsure of. Some scams create sites that look similar to legitimate bank, PayPal or Utilities which then allow access to your account
 - If you receive an email which looks to be from someone you know, but then only has a greeting and a link - do not click on the link.

For more information see www.devonsomersettradingstandards.gov.uk/

- It has also been reported that men in a white van have stolen dogs from outside shops. Please don't leave your dog unattended.



South Brent Focus

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

Oh Yes they are!!

While most of us will be taking it easy on New Year's Day, the cast and crew of South Brent Amateur Dramatic Society's pantomime '**Sleeping Beauty**' will be hard at work rehearsing for the January show, which promises to be a cracker.

The team have revived the script written by the society's members and last performed in 2001 and have been busy polishing their lines, songs and dances. This production is notable for featuring a large number of youngsters in demanding roles.

The show runs from Wednesday 25th January to Saturday 28th, at 7.30 every evening and with a matinee at 2.30pm on Saturday. Tickets priced £8 for adults and £5 for children under 16, go on sale from Monday 9 January at the Mare and Foal charity shop in the village, between 10am and 12.30pm; or call the box office on 07812 414916.

Improve your skills with Computers & Phones

Bring your computer/phone - Bring your questions. Explore, play, discover and build your confidence - all with the support and help of a group of experts - these are not formal, structured lessons and are for all levels – beginners to experienced users.

Drop-in to the Old School Community Centre - on Thursday evenings between 7pm and 10pm on **5, 12, 19 and 26 January and 2 February**.

(to be sure of a place, please tell us you're coming).

Donations welcome

Got questions or want to book a place? email:

itskills@sustainablesouthbrent.org.uk or massimo@itsorted.org.uk or call 07795 257849.

These sessions are a continuation of the [Sustainable South Brent](#) Social Media Training Project



SSB Sustainability Fund Grants Available

Applications are invited from local organisations for a grant (min. £500) towards the cost of projects which improve the sustainability of South Brent.

Applications are judged, when received, by the Board of Trustees of Sustainable South Brent against criteria which include:-

1. Reducing energy costs in the community
2. Retaining/improving local services and facilities
3. Increasing awareness of sustainability issues through education

Application forms are available from [artworks](#) and can be downloaded from Sustainable South Brent's [website](#) at www.sustainablesouthbrent.org.uk.

Completed forms should be returned to the SSB letter box outside School House, Totnes Road, TQ10 9BP.

South Brent Community Radio is back



[South Brent Community Radio](#) is back for another quarterly series. The next broadcast day will be a **Yuletide Special** on **Sunday 18th December** 10am-4pm live from the Old School Centre. Tune in on 102.5 FM, online: www.soundartradio.org.uk or pop into the Old School Centre to listen live with tea, coffee & mince pies.

For further information on South Brent Community Radio activities, or to get involved with the Community Radio Broadcasting Project please contact Alice on 07813391294 or radio@sustainablesouthbrent.org.uk or see [facebook](#); Twitter: SBrent Radio.

Chopped Smallwood from SSB at the Marsh

For anyone with a wood-stove, the Sustainable South Brent site at the Marsh on Exeter Road now has sacks of wood available. SSB are experimenting with chopped smallwood, to bring more local wood into use as fuel. Sacks are available during opening hours, Sunday 10am to 1pm, and SSB are hoping for donations of £3 per sack, of £10 for 4 sacks. Supplies are limited. As this product is experimental, feedback is especially welcome.

News from South Brent Recreation Association

Table-Tennis: Tuesday mornings 9.30-10.30am for **beginners**; **Tuesday evenings** 7.30-8.30pm for **more advanced**. Three tables available with bats provided. **£1.50 per person**.

Scrabble: Wednesday afternoons 2-4pm. You are invited to join us for friendly social scrabble sessions. **£1.50 per person** with refreshments.

Pavilion Hire: The hall is available for hire at £7 per hour plus £5 for kitchen.

Call Anne on 01364 72223 or email: nichollsbenzie2@gmail.com to book.

Can you help us?: The Rec takes a lot of looking after and we would welcome new members to join our committee. Meetings take place once a month usually on the 3rd Thursday. We have a valuable community facility and it would be good if we have some new faces to help us out generally perhaps by developing a working party to help with some of the jobs or perhaps you have some new ideas to bring to the table.

Youth Forum: An idea has been presented that young people will organise a summer music family event. Young people may be able to gain a 'Certificate in Events Planning' if there is enough interest. Call Anne on 01364 72223 or email: nichollsbenzie2@gmail.com.

New for January 2017: Rec Association Monthly Lottery:

Pay £1 a month for 12 months = £12 a year. 50% will go in prizes and 50% will go to help maintain the facilities at Palstone Park Recreation Ground. Leaflets will be available around the village; lookout for info on posters or call Anne on 01364 72223 or email: nichollsbenzie2@gmail.com.

The next newsletter will be published in **March 2017**.

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 5 March 2017 please.

Council Meetings

Full Parish Council meetings start at 7:30pm, in the Side Hall of South Brent Village Hall and are usually on the **4th Monday** of the month.

Parish Council meetings are open and there are opportunities for members of the public to raise issues not on the agenda in an open forum before each meeting or to speak to inform the council on issues on the agenda.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **12 December 2016**

Parish Council meetings for 2017:

30 January 2017	22 May 2017	25 September 2017
20 February 2017	26 June 2017	30 October 2017
27 March 2017	24 July 2017	27 November 2017
24 April 2017	21 August 2017	11 December 2017

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be on **3 April 2017**



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 Parish Council From May 2015

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