



South Brent Parish Council Newsletter

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The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish all the parishioners of South Brent a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



And to thank you all for making South Brent such a friendly and vibrant community. The switch-on of the Christmas Lights and the wonderful Winter Carnival were a superb example of the Village turning out in force to celebrate the great place we live in.

The Council welcomes back Paul Astal-Stain as a member, but we are still on the lookout for one more person to join us to complete the twelve member council.

Thank you all once again for your support over the last year. Cllr. Cathie Pannell, Chairman South Brent Parish Council.



Chairman Cllr. Cathie Pannell and the South Brent Junior Champion, international judo player Lewis Widdicombe, who switched on the village's Christmas lights.



South Brent Carnival Club floodlit float (Photos courtesy of Keith Male)



Parish Council Vacancy

Following on from the Parish Council elections in May, and after co-opting four new members the Parish Council has a vacancy for one new Councillor.

If you are interested in taking on this rewarding role, and would like more details, please contact our Parish Clerk: Mrs. Katharine Griffiths, South Brent Parish Council, PO BOX 238, Yelverton, PL19 1EY Email: clerk@southbrent.gov.uk Tel: (01364) 701900

Remembrance Sunday

St Petroc's Church, South Brent



More than 80 young people from youth organisations, together with Parish Councillors, paraded through the village to the Remembrance Sunday service in St. Petroc's Parish Church on 10th November. Members of all ages from the Scouts and Girl Guiding movements were out in force to take part in the service, led for the first time by the new Vicar, The Rev. Professor Gina Radford.

Young people read the lesson and the exhortations to remember the fallen, and laid wreaths at the memorials for the First and Second World Wars. The Vicar also engaged with many of the youngsters during her sermon.

The annual Civic Service of Remembrance and Rededication is organised every year by the Parish Council in conjunction with St. Petroc's. The church was packed for the event, with an estimated 300 people attending.



(Photos Courtesy: Keith Male)

***Want to Make a difference?
Want to strengthen and grow community facilities in South Brent?***



The Old School Centre is on the lookout for Trustees to help us in our work.

We need to have strong local facilities and services in South Brent – and becoming a Trustee at the Old School is a very effective way of supporting a thriving village.

We host a range of facilities at the Centre and are looking at how we work with, and support, other organisations in and around South Brent. This is a real chance to make a difference for your local community.

If you want to find out more please join us for a drink, snacks and a discussion ahead of our A.G.M. alternatively call Ross (73665) or Mike (72559) or Email: info@theoldschool.org.uk if you want to find out how you can get involved

**Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 22nd January. 7.00pm. in the Old School Community Centre**

Road Safety Group



We are a group of local residents who are greatly concerned about pedestrian safety and road traffic dangers in the village, which only seem to get worse as traffic levels steadily increase. There are different but related problems, such as speeding cars, bad parking, big trucks or disregard for pedestrian crossing.

We recognise that South Brent is a busy working village but don't accept that it is not possible to do anything.

Did you know that most of the village is a 20mph zone? Few drivers seem to realise this, even professional drivers. Greater awareness is needed.

We are local residents, mostly of long-standing. Some of us are less able, or parents of children, or carers, and most of us have experienced 'near hits', and we don't want something really bad to happen. We also suspect that traffic chaos in the village centre discourages people – and trade – from the village. The village was not laid out with big traffic in mind!

Rather than do nothing, we have set up SOUTH BRENT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN (SBRSC). Our objective is clear: to press for pedestrian safety improvements in the village.

Please let us know what you think

Info20mph@gmail.com
SBRSC

South Brent Recreation Association



The Little Children's house is a new, nature friendly Montessori preschool—registration now open! We have weekly playgroups for families with 0-4 year olds. Our classroom is a calm space for children to explore with carefully designed toys and activities. We follow the Montessori philosophy, nurturing independence, respect and self-esteem.

The beautiful field and woodland offer us an exciting learning space where children can absorb the sounds, textures, and smells of all weathers and seasons. We are an outwards looking, celebrating British and worldwide cultures, music and art, as we build a peaceful community with strong links to local area.

For more information littlechildrenshouse.com or phone 07494 262962

South Brent Climate and Ecological Emergency

Welcome to a new section of the Parish Council Newsletter Parish Council Climate and Ecological Emergency News

In May 2019 Sustainable South Brent submitted a motion for South Brent Parish Council to declare a Climate and Environmental Emergency and this was supported and approved by your Councillors. On 25th November 2019, the parish council approved a written Climate and Ecological Emergency document that sets out, in more detail, its commitment and support for forming a 10 year action plan 2020 to 2030 for the parish of South Brent.

The Parish Council, as part of their Climate Emergency written declaration, has approved (provisionally for 6 months) the formation of a South Brent Climate and Ecological Emergency Advisory Group, made up of Councillors, local organisations and interested parties, to advise and support the Council in their commitment to form a 10 year action plan for the South Brent Community. This will involve collaboration and support with organisations, groups, residents and interested parties. All meetings of the Parish Councils SBCEE Advisory Group will be open to the public and residents are welcome to attend.

The first meeting of the Advisory Group will be in the New Year 2020, Thursday, 16th January at 7.30pm, In the Old School Community Centre Hall. Full details will be posted on the Parish Council website.

Local Experts

South Brent Parish Council is very lucky to have within the community active charities and organisations with successful established long term projects that fully support the ethos of the Councils Climate Emergency Declaration. In particular Sustainable South Brent have been invaluable in helping to nurture the parish council forward in line with other councils and national initiatives. With over 10 years' experience already under their belt, together with other key organisations, the community of South Brent couldn't have any more knowledgeable and dedicated team to support a Climate and Ecological Emergency Plan for the Parish.

County and Country Wide

Across the country councils on all levels are proactively supporting a climate emergency declaration and looking at ways they realistically and proactively form action plans in collaboration with organisations and residents. In the internal Council network ideas and reports are flowing through to Town and Parish Councils. Currently in Devon around 20 out of 40 Town Councils and over 11 Parish Councils (that are known) have declared a Climate Emergency and are developing or have written their local action plans.

Cllr. Lisette Granados attended the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) in October 2019 in Milton Keynes. During the Climate Change Workshop, consisting of a panel of experts and councils across the country sharing ideas, NALC jumped on board and declared a Climate Emergency too. Below are some of the Councillors who attended the conference and represent councils across the country who have declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency; Cllr. Lisette Granados is on the left.



Experts on the panel included: Tony Grayling, director of Sustainable Business and Development at the Environment Agency, Suzanne Jeffery, chair of the Campaign against Climate Change, Chaitanya Kumar, senior policy advisor at the Green Alliance, Cllr Susanna Rustin, Queen's Park Community Council and leader writer at the Guardian, and Cllr Paul Woodhead, Cannock Chase District Council.

Local Action

An exciting event is being planned by Sustainable South Brent next year in April, a Climate Fair, the Vicarage Road Allotment Association are transferring over their energy supply from fuel to solar power to run their horticultural equipment, and in November the eco reps at South Brent Primary school have been helping to re-wild the grass verge on the Totnes Road.

The Parish Council would very much like to hear from any resident or organisation in our community that has taken action themselves as a result of the Climate Emergency declaration, maybe you have changed from plastic to glass or paper products, started planting trees or reduced the use of their car.

Please contact lisette.granados@southbrent.gov.uk or rachel.rafiqi@southbrent.gov.uk

South Brent Climate and Ecological Emergency Devon Climate Emergency Response Group



Opportunity to submit your ideas for Devon's Carbon Plan

The Net-Zero Task Force has been appointed by the Devon Climate Emergency Response Group – made up of Devon's councils, emergency services and business groups – to deliver the Devon Carbon Plan.

The Carbon Plan will lay out in stark terms what every resident, organisation and business has to do to reduce emissions and safeguard the planet for the next generation.

This Call for Evidence is open to everybody, and every submission will be reviewed by the Task Force. Submissions will feed into the creation of the Carbon Plan, which includes a series of thematic hearings.

The call for evidence **opened** on Wednesday 23 October 2019

The call for evidence **closes** early 2020

Submissions can be made covering any subject area. However, the task force has identified four key themes which will form the focus for the hearings. These are:

1. Food, land and sea (agriculture, forestry, fisheries and land use)
2. Mobility (transport – air, land and sea)
3. The built environment (energy efficiency, lighting, heating and cooling needs, construction)
4. Energy and waste (heat and electricity generation, storage and supply)

Please visit www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk to submit your ideas

Christmas and New Year Festive Recycling

Christmas Trees up to 6ft can be placed next to your brown bin for collection or taken to recycling centers at Ivybridge or Totnes. Artificial trees need to go to a recycling center.

Normal wrapping paper will not be accepted for recycling and should be put in your general rubbish bin or reused. Brown paper can go in the blue recycling sack.

Christmas cards Only plain cards can be put in the blue recycling sack. Cards with glitter, shiny bits or stuck on decoration go in the grey bin.

Go to www.recycledevon.org/holiday-recycling for latest and more detailed information on festive recycling.

Reduce Reuse Recycle - Sustainable South Brent

Email talkingrubbish@sustainablesouthbrent.org.uk

Devon Air Ambulance

Could you spare an hour or two to help your local shop?

The Devon Air Ambulance needs a community of volunteers to keep our 19 charity shops open and our emergency helicopters flying. Could you spare an hour or two to help your local shop? We have a host of tasks which need to be completed to make our shops a success. From customer service on the till, sorting through our generous donations, steaming, tagging and creating displays. You do not have to have any previous retail experience as we offer Friendly support, training and encouragement. So why not give volunteering a go and arrange a trial session at one of our shops.

This opportunity would suit anyone who would like to meet new people and help to save lives. Pop in and have a chat with our lovely Managers at 10 Fore Street, Totnes or telephone (01803 868102) to find out more.





Climate Fair

**This is an invitation to participate in the Climate Fair taking place in South Brent
on**

Saturday 18th April 2020.

South Brent Village Hall 11.00am – 5.00pm

SSB are pleased that South Brent Parish Council has joined many other bodies in declaring a climate emergency. Our Climate Fair is a response to the ambition to make South Brent and other community's carbon neutral by 2030.

The purpose of the Climate Fair is to engage, inspire and educate the population of South Brent and surrounding communities around carbon reducing initiatives.

We are inviting projects, businesses, charities and workshop around the themes of Environment, Food, Fashion, Energy, Construction, Travel and Social.

This will be a free to enter family friendly event and will include stalls, demonstrations, activities and events plus delicious food and a café. We hope you will join us for the day. Volunteers are also needed before, during and after to ensure the success of the event.

Contact us at john.a.hopkins21@gmail.com if you think you are able to help in any way.

South Brent and District Caring

Coffee Mornings

Please join us for coffee/tea, biscuits, conversation, company and fun at our **Coffee Mornings** on alternate Mondays from 10.30am - 12 noon at the Old School Centre in South Brent. We make cards, knit, play scrabble, cards and dominoes, do quizzes, share information and advice and enjoy friendly, lively company. Entry is free but donations are welcome and we have a monthly raffle.

Dates are as follows: **Monday 23rd and 30th December 2019 10.30 - 12noon**

Monday 13th and 27th January 2020 10:30 – 12noon

Monday 10th and 24th February 2020 10:30 – 12noon

Lunch Club

Our **Lunch Club** is a popular place to meet with friends and make new ones too. It's held at the Old School Centre in South Brent on alternate Mondays from 12 noon to 1.15pm. It's open to everyone and there's no need to book, so please do come along and give it a try! Choose between 2 soups and 2 puddings, followed by a raffle and sweet - Cost £3.50.

Dates are as follows:

Monday 16th December 12 noon - 1.15pm - Christmas Lunch, so booking essential - only £5 per person

Monday 6th and 20th January 12 noon – 1.15pm : Monday 3rd February 12 noon – 1.15pm

Monday 17th February 12 noon – 1.15pm

South Brent & District Caring Monthly Quiz!

On the first Thursday of every Month at The Old School Community Centre in South Brent.

Thursday 6th February Door Opens at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Bring your own drinks. We will hold a Raffle. £3 per person. Come on your own or as a team (max 6). All proceeds will be going to South Brent & District Caring.

We always welcome new Volunteers to help us with fundraising and also with the other services we offer. If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer, please ring us on **01364 700282** or pop into the office for more information.

Spring Newsletter 2020

The next Parish Council newsletter will be published in **March 2020**. Local organisations wishing to submit articles (approx. 150 words) for publication should send them to newsletter@southbrent.gov.uk (in Word or Rich Text Format) by **Sunday 23rd February 2020** at the latest please. The editor in future will be sending a reminder email a week before the deadline so if any organisations and groups in the Parish would like to be included please email the editor newsletter@southbrent.gov.uk and you will be added to the list.

Parish 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 which are not on the agenda in an open forum before each meeting and to speak to inform the council on issues which are on the agenda.

Parish Council meetings for 2020:

27th January 2020	24th February 2020	23rd March 2020	27th April 2020
18th May 2020	22nd June 2020	27th July 2020	17th August 2020
28th September 2020	26th October 2020	23rd November 2020	14th December 2020

Planning Committee Meetings are held on the **2nd Monday** of the month - if required, in The Old School Community Centre. If you wish to attend please check the Parish Council website a week before to confirm if it is going ahead.

Please see the Parish Council notice board (near the Co-op entrance and outside the play park) or website for full details of forthcoming meetings.

www.southbrent.gov.uk

South Brent Parish Council

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Cllr. Vacancy			Ward

Parish Tree Wardens: Cllr. Lisette Granados and Mrs. Susan Jozsa

Climate & Ecological Emergency Advisory Group Cllr. Lisette Granados and Cllr. Rachel Rafiqi

District Councillors

Cllr. Peter Smerdon	(01364) 642207	Cllr.Smerdon@southhams.gov.uk
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County Councillor

Cllr. Richard Hosking	(01752) 690775	Richard.Hoskin@devon.gov.uk
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Christmas and New Year Rubbish Collection

Normal Collection day: Friday 27th December 2019

New Collection day: Monday 30th December 2019

Normal Collection day: Friday 3rd January 2020

New Collection day: Monday 6th January 2020

Ice and Snow

There are several salt and grit bins dotted around South Brent. You are welcome to take a small amount of salt/grit for your pavement in case it gets icy. Please check and help your neighbours if they are on their own and cold icy weather sets in.

A small amount goes along way: approx. one cup per square metre.



South Brent Post Office



Please note new opening times
Now permanently located in the Old School Community Centre. Open:

Mondays 9am-12noon

Wednesdays 9am-1pm

Fridays 9am-12noon

Christmas posting dates:

1st class: 20th Dec 2nd class: 18th Dec

Lloyds Bank:



in the Old School
Community Centre Car Park:

Mondays 9.45-11.15am

Thursdays 2.00-3.30pm

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 12 December 2019: A series of seven short talks by local experts on a diverse range of wildlife topics, organised by Brent Birders at 7.30pm in the Old School Community Centre. Details to follow. For further information, email brentbirdsurvey@gmail.com or contact Mike Goss on mrgandjng@tiscali.co.uk or call 01364 72539. Visit <http://brentbirdsurvey.co.uk/>.

Monday 16 December 2019: It's the 'Sweeney Toddlers' Christmas Party from 10am until 12 noon at South Brent Methodist Church, and everyone's invited! Bring & share buffet. Drinks will be provided. Games/activities, music, dancing and fun!! All Pre-school age children from birth to 4 years and their adults welcome. Only £2 per family to help with costs. Looking forward to seeing you there! For more information, please contact Viv on 07540 869840 or email sweeneytoddlers2018@gmail.com. For information about Sweeney Toddlers see below.

Tuesday 24 December: Crib Service at 4.00pm in St Petroc's Parish Church

Tuesday 24 December: Midnight Mass by candlelight at 11.00pm in St Petroc's Parish Church

Wednesday 25 December: Christmas Day: Prayer Book Communion at 8.00am in St Petroc's

Wednesday 25 December: Family Communion at 11.00am in St Petroc's Parish Church

Wednesday 25 December: Christmas Mass at 9.00am in St Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church

Friday 27th December 2019 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, Mick Bramich (melodeon) and Les Noden (guitar). Doors open 7.00pm; Reel Ale bar. Tickets (which might make good Christmas presents) £8 from *artworks*. Entry includes one free non-alcoholic spiced berry drink. FFI: contact Eileen McKee on 01364 73699 or email: eileen.southbrentfolk@gmail.com. See: www.southbrentfolk.org.uk.

Sunday 19 January 2020 (postponed from 15 September 2019): Breakfast Café from 9.30-11.30am in the Old School Community Centre in aid of South Brent Refugee Support Network.