

South Brent Parish Council Newsletter

Summer 2020 Issue 65

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South Brent under Covid19 Lockdown



Cllr. Cathie Pannell, Chairman

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic this is necessarily a very different Summer Newsletter from usual. The lockdown conditions meant that the Annual Parish Meeting planned for the end of March was unable to take place. If conditions allow it may be possible to hold this later in the year. Normally this edition of the newsletter would contain reports of the Parish Council's activities over the past year, and details of the person who has been awarded the honour of being our Community Champion. These now have to wait.

The crisis has reinforced just what a caring place Brent is. So many people have come forward to help friends and neighbours who have been confined to their homes, either in an organised way through the network set up by South Brent Caring – South Brent Community Crisis Assistance – or in a myriad of unofficial gestures of kindness.

Our thanks to everybody who is helping in this way. We are indebted also to those village shops and food outlets who have worked tirelessly to keep the community supplied, as have our chemists and DIY and gardening store, joined recently for deliveries by our florists. Our Health Centre continues to serve the village and wider community thanks to the efforts of doctors and other staff.

The Parish Council was pleased to be one of the first organisations to make a financial contribution, of £3,350, in support of the South Brent Caring initiative. We recognised that this organisation was ideally placed to co-ordinate assistance to the community, with valuable resources of staff, volunteers and experience. We are delighted that many other bodies have also made donations to the work being done, including a number of charities and local government partners – Devon County Council, Dartmoor National Park Authority and South Hams District Council.

The people of Brent have shown their generosity with a large number of individual donations. As Chairman of the Parish Council I am a member of the Crisis Assistance Group, which is chaired by our Vicar, the Rev. Professor Gina Radford, who had a distinguished career in public health. The many volunteers who have come forward are doing a magnificent job in so many ways, from shopping for those isolated at home and setting up and running a food bank from scratch, to providing counselling and befriending services. There are more details of all these elsewhere in this newsletter.

Government guidance required us to close our public toilets, the tollhouse, and the playpark at Sanderspool Cross, and we are awaiting advice on when they may reopen. Palstone Park recreation field remains open for informal exercise and relaxation, but please continue to observe social distancing at all times. Unfortunately we were forced to postpone our official recognition of the 75th anniversary of VE Day, which we had planned to mark with a church service in St. Petroc's. We intend to hold this when conditions allow. It was typical of the spirit of South Brent that so many people found safe ways to celebrate the occasion with informal gatherings. We would like to give a word of thanks to the residents of Wellington Square for planting and maintaining the floral displays in the planters there.

Normally this edition of the newsletter would be full of the many summer events taking place in the village, including our Carnival. Sadly they have all had to be either cancelled or postponed. I am sure we all look forward to the time when we can join together for these occasions. Our churches remain closed at present, but we hope it will not be too long before this changes. Government regulations and guidance is constantly being updated, so many of the issues referred to here may change over the next few weeks - hopefully for the better. The Parish Council continues to meet remotely by Zoom to discuss urgent business. Members of the public are very welcome to attend meetings by visiting the Parish Council website and using the Zoom link and password provided next to the appropriate meeting.

Thank you for all you are doing for our community and keep safe.

Cllr. Cathie Pannell, Chairman South Brent Parish Council

VE Day Celebrations during Lockdown



Friday 8th May was the 75th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe - VE Day. Due to Covid19 lockdown the weekend of events planned but unable to go ahead or postponed for the event didn't stop some localised fantastic displays and household celebrations.

Around and about in South Brent Community



(Photo Courtesy: Ursula Reid-Robertson)

Notice from Parish Council Newsletter Editor



Please note that all information within the Parish Council Summer Newsletter 65 is correct at time of print. Please check regularly on the websites, external notices, including Council and Community Noticeboards for updates to information or advice provided by contributors within this Newsletter. A copy of this newsletter is available on the Parish Council website and contains all the active links.

I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time and care to contribute to this newsletter during these extraordinary times. Thank you so much.

Newsletter Editor Cllr. Lisette Granados

South Brent Parish Council — Covid19 Pandemic

At this current time information and guidance is being updated at a fast pace and is correct at the time of publish. Please visit the relevant websites for up to date information.

We can all help control the virus if we all stay alert. This means you must:

- stay at home as much as possible
- work from home if you can
- limit contact with other people
- keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- wash your hands regularly
- Do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms.

For up to date information visit: www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Devon County Council

Schools will begin to reopen from the 1st June.

From 1 June, nurseries and other early years providers, including childminders, will be welcoming back all children.

Primary schools will welcome back children in nursery, reception, Years 1 and 6.

Secondary schools, sixth form and further education colleges will begin some face-to-face support for years 10 (and 12, if they have sixth forms), to provide them with support for their home learning.

For information on waste, schools, business support and getting tested visit:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/>



www.southhams.gov.uk

Car Parks at beaches and public toilets in some areas are beginning to open. With extra precautions being put in place.

SHDC's priority at this time is to help residents who need advice, support and reassurance, as well as maintain vital services.

Within South Brent the public toilets and playpark currently remain closed, while a safe way to reopen them is considered. Palstone Park Recreational Ground remains open, please enjoy responsibly and respect others whilst enjoying the outdoor space.

Parish Council Clerk Mrs Katharine Griffiths

COVID-19

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South Brent's Community Crisis Response

South Brent and District Caring

A local charity in Devon that helps people living in South Brent and the surrounding area



South Brent Assist Community Crisis Assistance



Need Help?



Advice or support



Friendly Chat & Check-in



Dog Walking



Prescriptions, Shopping Assistance or Food Support



Well-Being & Mental Health Support

Visit www.sbadc.org.uk or call 01364 700282

Give Help!



Volunteer



Donate money

Visit www.sbadc.org.uk or call 01364 700282

Over the past few months villagers in South Brent have come together to support each other in response to the Coronavirus crisis. A group including representatives from South Brent and District Caring, South Brent Parish Council, Sustainable South Brent and other village organisations, plus local businesses and volunteers, made a plan to help those self-isolating and experiencing financial hardship in the village and surrounding area.

In a matter of days, villagers had volunteered to support community efforts, fundraising was underway and a team of volunteers organised a leaflet drop to homes across the village, providing details of a prescription collection service, shopping support, takeaway deliveries from local businesses and a phone befriending service. A Facebook group encouraged people to support each other and share information digitally.

Since then over 170 volunteers have come forward, the community has set up and launched a new village food bank for those experiencing financial hardship, and over 700 deliveries of shopping have been made to those who are self-isolating. Local counsellors, coaches and therapists have set up a listening service to support individuals' wellbeing and mental health and a phone befriending service has made nearly 800 calls to those in isolation. Virtual coffee mornings are underway and email bulletins are keeping people informed about the changing situation.

A fundraising campaign was generously supported by the Parish Council, Sustainable South Brent, South Brent Feoffees, regional and national funders, plus many kind members of our community. At the end of May, with this fantastic support, we reached our fundraising target. We think the response has been nothing short of amazing. Thank you to everyone who contributed for their kind donations.

Dr James Hill is the Chair of Trustees for South Brent and District Caring:

"The response of volunteers, local businesses and donors to the crisis has been outstanding. The spirit of community and co-operation in the area has been wonderful and heart-warming to see and will leave a lasting legacy when we return to more normal times."

Ongoing Support

As restrictions are slowly lifted, there will be people who are still shielding, self-isolating or vulnerable. We will continue to support these people by offering help with shopping, prescriptions, and other deliveries using our team of volunteers. We are now registering people who are required to continue self-isolating. If this is you, please fill in the form on our website, or ask someone else to do it on your behalf. If that will not work for you, please call 01364 700282 and leave a voicemail message. Please include your name, phone number and address.

All the latest information for villagers in South Brent and the surrounding districts can be found at www.sbadc.org.uk. To stay up-to-date join the Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/southbrentassist> or sign up for the weekly email bulletin via the website.



Out and About with South Brent Crisis Support team



Kambeng Trust

Registered charity number: 1115951

For nearly 20 years the Kambeng Trust has been supporting education and healthcare, including the establishment of a school and clinic, and delivering aid in Bakary Sambouya, a village of similar size to South Brent in rural Gambia, West Africa.

Sue Currant, founder and chair of trustees now writes: "We've been devastated to hear that now, due to coronavirus lockdown, these villagers are facing starvation, a far greater risk to life than the virus. Two-thirds of the village are without their usual means to provide food for their families and are in desperate need". The Kambeng trust has launched a special appeal for the duration of the crisis, and we are asking for your help. If you are able to consider any or all of the following (option 2 costs nothing!), your kindness could make a life or death difference to families in Bakary Sambouya.

We are in daily contact with community leaders, who are assessing families and ensuring that food is distributed fairly. A sack of rice costs £20 and can support a family of 6 for a month. If you would like to help, you can do this in one of three ways:

- Make a much-needed monthly donation for the duration of the crisis only ([click here](#)). We will inform you as soon as the need abates.
- Every time you shop online, you can use this link ([click here](#)) to generate income for the charity (Basically you sign up to Give As You Live, use their portal to shop by at your usual places online; and those companies donate a percentage of their profit to the Kambeng Trust at no cost to you)-Make a one off donation ([click here](#)) Even if you are not in a position to help, you may know someone else who may be, please feel free to share."

For further information please contact Sue via 01364 73237 or email contactkambeng@gmail.com; or see:

www.kambengtrust.org

St Petroc's and St Mary's Churches – alive and well!

The church building may be closed at present, but the church, which is as much the people who worship there than just the building, is definitely alive and well in South Brent and Rattery. Like so many others at this time we have learned to be creative and to use technology to help us. So what's been going on?

Our services have continued every Sunday, with a 9.30am Morning service by zoom, a 10.30 Children's service also by zoom; and an 11.15 telephone service. We have 90+ people joining our services each week, with some beaming in from as far afield as Italy. We also hold a "Thought for the Week" discussion group, a Coffee morning, and a Friday Morning Prayer – details of our weekly diary are below.

We have had to change the way we do activities like home visiting, but we have tried to keep in touch with as many people as we can. If you would like a call or to discuss anything, please do let me know – we are here for you.

Communication has been a key part of helping us all to keep in touch. So we have a new dedicated website with lots of information about what is going on – please do look at it and see all that's happening in St Petroc's and St Mary's churches.

And why not join us? You will be very welcome.

The website can be found at :- <http://www.stpetrocsandstmarys.org.uk/>

Sunday	Sunday Service @9.30am	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89452452465 Meeting ID: 894 5245 2465
Sunday	Children's Service - Sunday @10.0am	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81679901253 Meeting ID: 816 7990 1253
Tuesday	Thought for the Week - Tuesday @10.00am	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86400064424 Meeting ID: 864 0006 4424
Wednesday	Coffee Morning - Wednesday @10.30am	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89026361208 Meeting ID: 890 2636 1208
Friday	Morning Prayer - Friday @9.00am	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84392152622 Meeting ID: 843 9215 2622



Some of the congregation at our zoom Morning service

We don't know when we will be able to reopen the churches for prayer or worship, so please do keep an eye on the noticeboard and website. And please do join us at any of our events in the meantime. Everyone is very welcome.

Finally, if you have missed seeing St Petroc's, watch the Church of England's recent national Sunday service which was filmed in it:- <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/join-us-church-online/previous-online-services/service-mental-health-awareness>

Wishing you all God's blessings, Rev Gina, Vicar

Covid19 Lockdown Experiences in South Brent

Coordinated and Compiled by Ella Green



(Pebble Photos Courtesy of Alison Roberts)



The Coronavirus pandemic is something none of us have ever witnessed. So, in response, I felt compelled to talk to people about their experiences. I collected the experiences of 15 individuals and families in South Brent, while my boyfriend did the same in Canterbury. I reached out to people on the South Brent Assist Community Group and through random letters through people's doors. All photos and conversations were recorded at a safe distance and official guidelines were respected.

The response has been so interesting, and I have been really inspired by the people who I have spoken to and photographed.

In doing so, I found that people had diverse stories to tell. Many people gave interesting insights from their personal lives, but people also touched on political issues. For many, it has been extremely tough and people I spoke to reported varying levels of isolation, practical, social and economic issues. At the same time, the pandemic has shed light on positive aspects of our communities, and it has made space for communities to reflect, grow and celebrate our strengths.

This creative endeavour became Voices of the Virus. Voices of the Virus is a platform for capturing experiences, sharing ideas and amplifying voices during this time. We think that sharing experiences is important and contributes to solidarity, support and community. I hope people enjoy reading stories from fellow members of the South Brent community and I am grateful to everyone who I have spoken to, it has been great to meet new people.

Please check out the pages here: <https://www.instagram.com/voicesofthevirus/> <https://www.facebook.com/Voices-of-the-Virus-101864571513742>

Here are some extracts from 4 people who I spoke to:



Jaye: 'It's a bit surreal. I watched my uncle's funeral online. Seeing a man who would have hundreds at his funeral, have very few, all very separate. Life is life and it can be very cruel at the best of times, but when the cruelty hits us on top of cruel, mentally you're going to have to be able to protect yourself.

I'm a manager of a bakery. Mentally, and physically now, I'm feeling it. It's gone from having a full-time job to feeling like I'm unemployed forever. To feel like a wage is a wage, it's going to take a long time.

Everyone is going to feel isolation at some point. It's going to put a lot of families to test. A lot of people's self-worth to test. Anyone who hasn't had the melt down needs to have one. Because positive thinking comes out of that. It shows that your human, your real and you're feeling it too. And it's okay to feel it.

What I love about this street, every Thursday, there's a lot clapping. It's been nice and brought a sense of normality. It's created that neighbourly feeling again. Re-exploring that neighbour. That friendship. Sticking together.'

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Jamie: 'I was due to have a kidney transplant in May which would have been fantastic and back to normal life. A lot of my appointments have been postponed or put off. It leaves a window where something could be going on that you don't know about. But there's people with life threatening stuff whose operations have been cancelled. That must be really tough.'

As someone who likes to get out and help people and do stuff, it feels like you're not doing enough for people because you can't really do anything and I'm reliant on people bringing stuff to me, whereas in the past I would have been the one going out helping people.

South Brent Assist has been really good. It's good to have that connection. For someone like myself, and loads of others like me, when you're sat in behind the front door, everything out there is alien.

I would like to think that people are more caring and sharing and think about supporting local businesses more. I think human society tends to revert back to its old ways very quickly. It would be nice to see a sustained, lasting effect, where that community sense is re-embedded. It is what it is at the end of the day, and we've just got to get through it.'



Esmie: 'I think when you're sick, sometimes you have fleeting moments where you wish that people would feel how you feel, like that isolation. And suddenly it became a reality that everyone was experiencing this isolation together and it's the worst thing ever and I would like never wish it on anyone.'

In terms of society, it is giving us an interesting perspective on the speed and pace at which our society runs. It's causing everyone to slow down, which I think can have a lot of positive effects.

It's interesting to see the shift in people's political opinion and how crisis encourages people on a local, global society level to support each other as there is nothing more valuable than one health. We have to unite, super cheesy, but it's true. I think there's a lot about a lot about the craving of British people to reconnect I think there's an interesting consensus that our society is so individualistic now and people can't stand that anymore. So there's a weird beauty to it that people want that connection again.'



Angela, Joanie and Matt. Angela: 'I work as a tutor and I am now teaching all my pupils online. I miss the connection you get when you are face to face with a pupil and the flexibility in being able to teach with pen and paper and physical apparatus but it has opened up a new avenue for me and I have taken on a new pupil who lives in Kent because of it. Matt is working harder than ever, from home every day.'

Now my partner and I are both trying to work, with no grandparent support. But I feel we have taken a step back to slow our lives down and realised that we don't need to rush around so much in one day.

We also have crossed paths with people (at a distance) on a Thursday night when clapping for the NHS. It definitely feels like more of a community. I think for a short time there will be a period of gratitude and appreciation for freedom of movement and so on but sadly I think this will be short-lived due to human nature. Hopefully there will be a move towards more working from home for many businesses- which should have a positive effect on the environment and family life.'

Nature and Wildlife during Lockdown

By Steve Hopper



The Covid 19 lock down has very much turned our lives upside down, from what I can glean from the news Devon has not been as badly effected as some other parts of the UK, so with luck everyone down our way has paid head to the guidance and listened to the "Stay at Home" message and as a result the infection rate has not been as problematic as it could have been. In some respects it was a pity that we could not take a leaf from the Chinese and block off our roads and communities to those who had no need or reason to be here, but that may not have slotted into the overall national plan, so just a random thought.

But what about wildlife? Some aspects of nature I suspect have done rather well out of the Covid 19 pandemic, during that initial lock down I spent a fair bit of time using my pedal bike for exercise, cycling around the local lanes and on occasional stretching it out a bit further and cycling down to Ivybridge and back and apart from the almost total lack of traffic what really struck me was the fact that there were no dead animals laying on the roads, as a rule our roads are littered with the sad remains of everything from frogs and toads to roe deer and every kind of bird and animal in-between, very few animals profit from human use of the road network.

One evening very early on in the lock down I was called out towards Marley Head where an owl was reportedly standing on the roadside, unfortunately when I arrived I found a barn owl laying dead on the side of the road at Stidston, such a rare bird for the South Brent area.

So no aircraft in the skies that seemed that bit clearer, no animal carcasses laid out on the roads, it seemed somewhat idyllic and peaceful as I enjoyed my cycling jaunts. I suspect that the only time that most people see a hedgehog is when it is squashed on the road as they drive by, the so called experts on these matters are claiming that hedgehogs have had a real boost due to the lock down, but entering phase two has put paid to that resurgence of wildlife and any benefit gained from the human lockdown, I drove up to Dorset and was dismayed to find the roads that were up until recently clear of dead animals once again liberally decorated with the remains of three deer, two fox, a badger, numerous rabbits, pheasant and sure enough hedgehogs....





Our roadside verges seem to be ablaze with the colours of numerous types of wild flowers, the bee's must be loving the results of the lockdown, yet as soon as some people could go back to work I saw a "highways" team out with brush cutters cutting down swathes of wild flowers at Marley Head, "Why, for what reason?"

The flowers did not in any way affect the vision of drivers, did not pose any risk to drivers, so why cut them down? The thoughtless stupidity of it struck me when passing a day or so later when I noticed that the workmen had not actually cleared the tall undergrowth at the actual junctions where good visibility is needed, for years we have been told that bees are in massive decline, this year's boom in blooms could have helped arrest that decline, I can only surmise that the highways teams don't like either bees or flowers, perhaps something for the parish council to raise, I for one would rather see wild flowers in bloom on our verges rather than brush cut vegetation. You have to question why some local authorities are actively sowing wild flowers on verges yet locally our highways teams are chopping them down.

South Brent is rather lucky in that there is a very keen local birding group whose members monitor and record all the birds species that they see across the parish, over the lock down it is more than apparent that many residents with lots of spare time now on their hands turned to nature and in particular bird watching in their gardens to pass the time, the group launched a three year "Parish Sparrow Watch" project back in March so with luck plenty of returns will be submitted and we will get a good idea of how well this cocky little bird is doing across the parish area, or not in some cases.



This spring has seen numerous migrating bird species returning to the shores of the UK and several of those migrating birds have arrived back in the parish, I saw my first House Martin and Swallow while out cycling around the lanes near Bloody Pool Cross on the 5th April and my first village Swift on the 4th May, so despite the lock down these species arrived pretty much on time as they do each year, the downside is that their numbers seem to be woefully low this year and all three species seem to be in annual decline generally. Cuckoo's on the other hand seem to be all over the moorland edge above the village where the right habitat to sustain them is present, any one presently walking up from Shipley to the Avon

dam cannot fail to hear the call of a Cuckoo with at least five birds in residence along the river valley.

Willow Warbler, Whitethroat, Garden Warbler, Pied Flycatcher, Spotted Flycatcher, Whinchat, Wheatear, Chiffchaff, Redstart, Blackcap, Osprey and Hobby have all been observed during the lock down across the parish area, Blackcap in particularly seem to be just about everywhere.

The lockdown clearly reduced human footfall from Shipley to the dam and in that initial period and I took advantage of that lack of human presence a couple of times to exercise by walking that route just after dawn which at this time of the year arrives rather early, on one such crack of dawn walk much to my amazement and I must admit excitement I came face to face with an otter as it worked its way down the river, seemingly totally unconcerned that it passed within a few feet of where I was stood watching it, that walk also gave views of Dippers, Grey Wagtails, Goosanders, Cuckoo's, from memory I recorded seeing over twenty birds species that morning.



Around home my garden has seen the arrival of fledged blackbirds, house sparrow, dunnock, robin and rook, woodpigeon and blue tit nests are active with each holding growing youngsters, magpies patrol the field hedgerows looking to rob nests of the eggs or young that they may contain.



A pair of nuthatch are starting to visit the garden feed station again as is a greater spotted woodpecker, across one of my fields a very shy pair of green woodpeckers are nesting having drilled out a new nest site in the branch of a dead oak tree. Tadpoles are reaching that point where they will soon be turning into little frog lets a fact that has not gone unnoticed by a patrolling heron that has dropped in a couple of time recently.

My garden camera trap over the last few weeks has recorded images and video of badger, fox, hedgehog and grey squirrel, a young grey squirrel spends most of its day on the ground below the garden feeders in clear view from the kitchen window picking up the left overs dropped by the feeding birds, not every ones cup of tea but highly entertaining all the same.



As much as we as humans and a nation need to get back to normality I suspect nature would like to see us in lock down on a far more regular if not permanent basis, hopefully some lessons have been learnt and I would like to think that the lockdown has encouraged and taught us all to be a little more tolerant and considerate in respect of the creatures, nature and wildlife in general that also calls the parish of South Brent home.

And somehow I forgot to mention a Slow worm that was spotted in the garden while we were doing some tidying up..

Steve Hopper



The Marsh, SSB's composting site reopened on 7 June on Sunday mornings from 10am-1pm.



However, in order to maintain social distancing and ensure the safety of customers and volunteers, twelve 15-minute time slots have been arranged each week, with 2 tickets available for each slot. The tickets are available free of charge from **outside** The Village Shop each week from **Wednesday** until the Sunday. You **must** obtain a ticket and show it to the volunteer **before** you will be permitted to drive down onto the site. You must arrive, unload your garden waste, load any bags of compost; and depart within your 15 minute time slot (limited help will be available from volunteers).

Full details of the new arrangements can be seen at:

www.sustainablesouthbrent.org.uk/projects/the-marsh-community-compost-and-re-use-centre/.
<http://www.sustainablesouthbrent.org.uk/>

Primrose Line to blossom again?

Plans for a feasibility study into the possible reinstatement of the Primrose branch line to Kingsbridge, including re-opening of South Brent Station, won the support of the Parish Council at their May meeting. Members were responding to a proposal from County Councillor Richard Hosking, to apply for grant funding for the study, which would seek to establish whether it would be possible and affordable to rebuild the branch line, and take tourist, commuter and freight traffic off our roads in a sustainable way. Cllr. Hosking hopes to make a bid for the grant in June. A separate New Stations Fund may also be of interest.

The Parish Council debated four questions posed by Cllr. Hosking. Members voted in favour of opening a station in Brent, with or without the Primrose Line. Issues raised in the debate on this were timetabling, increased traffic congestion and parking issues in the village centre, whether other stations on the mainline, such as Plympton, would be opened to provide a commuter service, and whether children could use the line to travel to schools in Ivybridge and Totnes, removing the need for school buses on the roads.

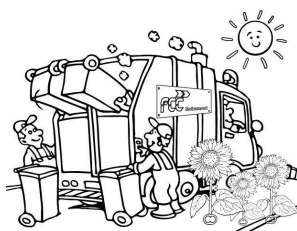
Debating the location of a new station at the old site or to the east, Members' preferred option was for the present site. There would need to be consultation with the present business users of Station Yard. A new station site to the east of the existing location would present its own issues. The majority of Members were in favour of reopening the Primrose line for passenger and freight transport, if feasible, and if problems presented by housing and road development on the route, and the piecemeal ownership of the track bed, can be overcome.

Councillors favoured the development of a shared or adjacent multi-use trails on the route of the Primrose Line, with space for cyclists, walkers and possibly horse riders alongside the railway. The concept of a Primrose Trail for leisure use by cyclists, walkers and riders received support irrespective of the reopening of the railway. Totnes MP Anthony Mangnall is supporting the application and the views of the Parish Council will be taken into account when it is made to the Government's 'Restoring Your Railway' fund.

Guy Pannell, District Councillor for South Brent Ward

South Hams District Council

Call for children and community to 'Spread Some Sunshine'



Delighted by the recent show of support for key workers, the campaign aims to bring the community even further together. Children are being encouraged to make more colourful pictures for their local bin and street cleansing crews. In return they will receive sunflower seeds that they can grow to bring a splash of colour and join in with the fun competition during the lockdown.

Whilst a number of people are isolated in their households, key workers across the UK are on the frontline continuing to deliver for the nation. Along with countless professionals in the emergency services, health, social care and other vital sectors, the list of essential workers also includes waste management. Cleaning up the streets and neighbourhoods of South Hams are crews from FCC Environment, the UK's leading waste and resource management company. Over the last few weeks, the team has been overwhelmed by the volume of community kindness it has received as it found warm, handwritten notes and drawings left on their bins by residents and children.

Councillor Keith Baldry, Exec Member for Environment said: "We are now looking to boost this special sense of community spirit even further with a 'Let's Spread Some Sunshine' campaign. Children can colour in the picture downloaded from www.southhams.gov.uk. Alternatively, children can create their own picture or collage and leave it on their recycling container on the next collection day. In turn, the bin crew will leave a packet of seeds for the children to grow as part of a community-wide competition to grow the tallest sunflower."

The judge's choice of winner is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.



**Sustainable South Brent
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday July 21st , 7.30. - 8.15 pm
via Zoom.**

**The Trustees of SSB invite you to take part in this year's AGM via a dedicated Zoom link.
Please support us and log on if you can.**

If you are a member of SSB and not able to attend via Zoom please consider registering your vote via Proxy. Details about the Zoom link and the Proxy forms will be emailed to members at least one month before the meeting . (Proxy forms will be delivered to members who do not use email).

Open to All

The meeting will be a short business meeting only, and will enable members to consider and agree last year's AGM Minutes, the accounts and balance sheet, exemption from audit for the year 2018 -2019, the Trustees' Report and the election of Trustees/Directors.

<http://www.sustainablesouthbrent.org.uk/>

**Devon County Council
Recycling Centres – slight relaxation of restrictions**

Thank you to everyone in the Division for your restraint and good manners in the use of our recycling centres. The County have been reviewing use on a weekly basis and we know that there is a lot of waste still being kept at residents properties. There is therefore still a real prospect of queues due to the reduced capacity at our sites created by social distancing.

From Tuesday 2nd June

Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) will relax vehicle restrictions to allow access for the following;

- Bicycles, including cycle towed trailers, observing social distancing and queuing with cars as part of the traffic flow to be directed to a unloading space by site staff;
- Van based people carriers with seats in the back;

From Wednesday 3rd June

Trailers attached to vehicles complying with the normal vehicle restrictions (except at Sidmouth, Totnes and South Molton where there is limited capacity to accommodate trailers). Pickup trucks not towing trailers.

Vans/ commercial vehicles are currently excluded from sites pending introduction of a booking system. Pedestrians are also not allowed to deposit waste to avoid the temptation to park outside and walk waste in when there are queues.

Reminder that the following new working practices apply when visiting a recycling centre in Devon

- A one-in one-out policy;
- two-metre social distancing;
- staff will not be able to assist with unloading waste;
- residents displaying coronavirus symptoms are asked not to visit the recycling centres;
- payments on site must be by credit/debit card only.



(Photo Courtesy Alison Roberts)

Square has had a makeover.

The Jubilee Memorial Sundial has had a facelift, take a look when you pass by, hopefully the sun will be shining, and you will be able to tell the time. Thanks goes to Pamela Wood for replanting the granite planters, lovely to have a splash of colour.



South Brent Parish Clerk Katharine Griffiths

NEWS FROM SOUTH BRENT RECREATION ASSOCIATION

We hope everyone is keeping safe and well during this difficult time.

THANK YOU to everyone who has visited the Recreation Ground and other facilities for being responsible and observing social distancing rules.

We hope things will return to normal in the not too distant future.

Join our **MONTHLY LOTTERY** scheme £12 per year.. We currently have 51 members and last year the fund-raising helped towards installing security cameras.

50% goes in prize money and 50% goes directly to help aspects of maintenance or development of facilities in your local community **Players must be 18 and over**

This lottery has been registered with South Hams District Council

<https://southbrentrecreationassociation.weebly.com/>



Autumn Newsletter 2020

The next Parish Council newsletter will be published in **September 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 16th August 2020** at the latest please.

Parish Council Meetings

Full Parish Council meetings start at 7:30pm, usually in the Side Hall of South Brent Village Hall however is now by remote access until further notice and are usually on the **4th Monday** of the month.

Parish Council meetings are open to everyone 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. The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 22nd June 2020**. Please visit the parish council website and click on the link provided next council meetings.

Parish Council meetings for 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, please check website a week before the meeting date for details. If you wish to attend. 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

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New! South Brent Parish Council Facebook Page



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Please follow us for the latest Parish Council news and activities



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South Brent and District Caring Wellbeing Centre

Lockdown getting the better of you?

**FED UP?
ANXIOUS?
UPSET?**

*SOMETIMES
IT HELPS
TO TALK*

If you are finding it tough facing issues brought about by the current crisis, a group of professional listeners are here for you

SOUTH BRENT AND DISTRICT CARING WELLBEING HOTLINE
01364 204357

www.sbadc.org.uk

South Brent and District Caring

SOUTH BRENT

POST OFFICE:



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

Open: opening times

(Temporary closing time for
Wednesday as usually until 1pm)

Mondays 9am-12noon

Wednesdays 9am-12noon

Fridays 9am-12noon

LLOYDS BANK:



in the Old School

Community Centre Car Park:

Mondays 9.45-11.15am

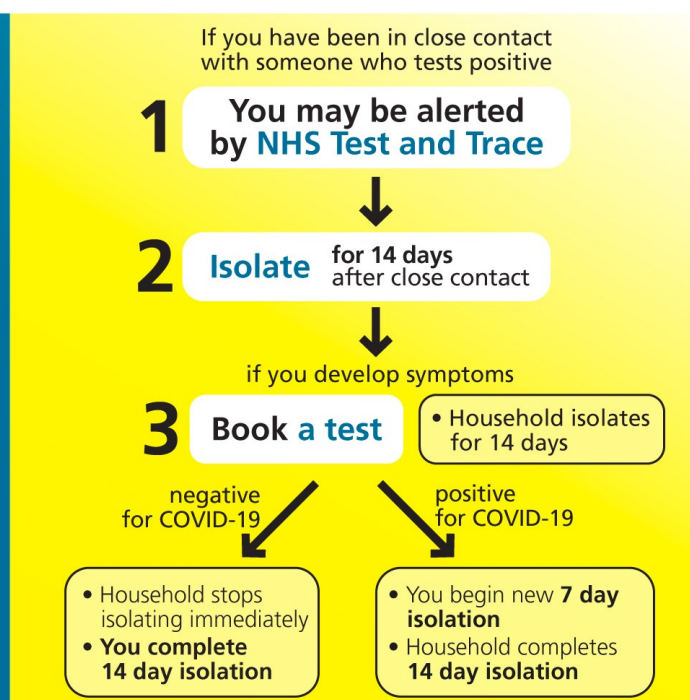
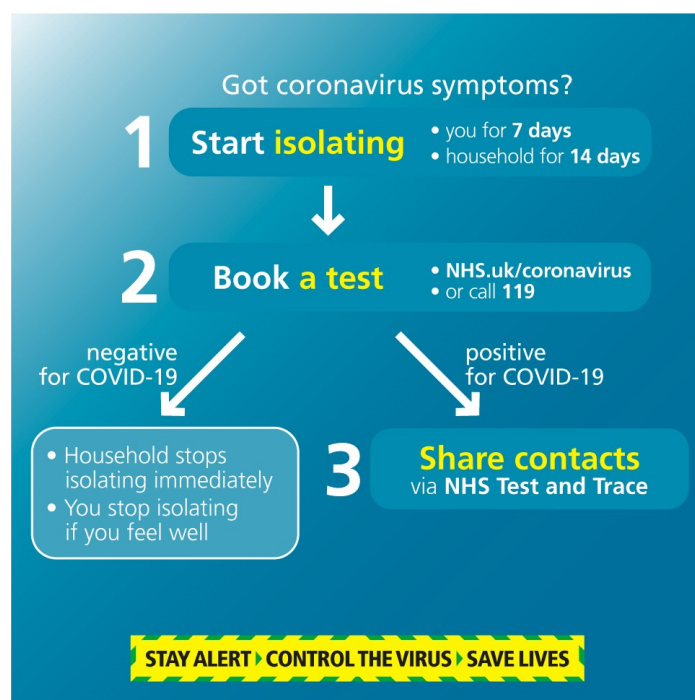
Thursdays 2.00-3.30pm

Covid19 Test and Track Guidance



HM Government

NHS Test and Trace



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CORONAVIRUS SELF-ISOLATE WHEN ALERTED

If you're told you have been exposed to an infected person you must self-isolate for 14 days.

PLAY YOUR PART.
PROTECT YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.
nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119

STAY ALERT > CONTROL THE VIRUS > SAVE LIVES

NHS Test and Trace

Contact tracers will **NEVER**:

- Ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to them (for example, those starting 09 or 087)
- Ask you to make any form of payment
- Ask for any details about your bank account
- Ask for your social media identities or login details, or those of your contacts
- Ask you for any passwords or PINs, or ask you to set up any passwords or PINs over the phone
- Ask you to purchase a product
- Ask you to download any software to your device or ask you to hand over control of your PC, smartphone or tablet
- Ask you to access any website that does not belong to the Government or NHS

The **ONLY** website the service will ask you to visit is: <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk>

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Devon & Cornwall Police