



Any organisation in South Brent may use the parish crest.

South Brent Parish Council re-elects its Chairman



At the Annual Parish Council Meeting, held on Monday 18th May 2015, Councillor Greg Wall was elected to the office of Chairman.

Councillor Wall said "I feel very honoured as a 'Son of Brent' to have been elected to serve a third term as Chairman of South Brent Parish Council. I look forward to continuing to serve this special community in this role".

Councillor Cathie Pannell was elected to the post of Vice Chairman of the Council and Councillor Glyn Richards was re-elected Chairman of the Planning Committee.

New Council, New Councillors

Following the uncontested election on 7th May 2015, Councillors Richard Fone, Mandy Haley, Peter Kelly, Jane Maunder, Cathie Pannell, John Rawlinson, Glyn Richards and Greg Wall were all re-elected to South Brent Parish Council. This left four vacancies.

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th May 2015, six parishioners put themselves forward for co-option. We welcome the following who were co-opted onto the Council: Carol Doree, Sue Gaskin, George Link and Heidi Rice.

New Councillors



Hi I'm Carol, owner with my husband for the last 12 ½ years, of The Oak in South Brent. I am also currently Chair of the Local Victuallers Association working with other licensed premises in the village. I am old enough to vote and will do my best to represent the views of the people of South Brent to ensure the village remains as welcoming and supportive to others as it has been to me. I am very keen for the village centre to remain open for business for all – both traders and villagers alike.



My name is Sue Gaskin. I moved from Harberton 18 months ago and have found South Brent to be a very welcoming village. We originally came from Leicester 35 years ago and started an engineering business in Dartington. Later I retrained and became a primary school teacher, getting my degree at Exeter. After we retired my husband and I have got involved with SBADS, have joined the committee and we were both in the last pantomime. I am going to be their representative on the Village Hall Committee after the AGM. We have also joined the church and last month went onto the PCC. I have joined the Planning Committee and the Open Spaces Committee so if you have any concerns please let me know.



My name is George Link, I am 46 years old, married to Flo and have lived in South Brent since 2001 having grown up near Kingsbridge; I also now have two daughters who both attend South Brent Primary school. I studied Development studies at university and qualified as a social worker in 1996 and now I work for Devon County Council as a manager for Adult Learning Disability Services which I have done for 7 years now and is work that I love. I have a personal interest in issues affecting young people and the environment; I served on the committee for the Kingsbridge Totnes and Dartmouth Youth Enquiry service for many years and currently volunteer for the village Compost Group. I get my other fun working on our allotment in the village and playing ukulele in a band, mostly for fundraising events locally which I find I have been doing for about 8 years already. So I am going to put as much energy into being a councillor for the Parish as I possibly can! , hope to see you sometime along the road.



Hello there. I am Heidi Rice, one of the new co-opted members of your Parish Council. I have been a local resident for nearly 10 years and am a free-lance English as a foreign language teacher. My passion for South Brent started from my first day here and has grown with the passing years. This area is a wonderful place to raise a family and has great energy and facilities. I am here for you, to help us keep our community safe and vibrant. I look forward to hearing from you on matters that concern you about our Parish.

Chairman's Annual Report

The Parish Council continues to measure its performance in relation to the Parish Plan which came to an end in 2014. A decision will have to be made by the next council as to the way forward. It may be that we go down the route of a Neighbourhood Plan, a new Parish Plan or something quite different

Matters of **Safety and Wellbeing** have played a significant part in our deliberations this year.

The Jubilee Crossing in Station Road has been completed although there have been problems with the bollards that were installed by the dropped kerbs. The coloured crossing surface has been installed to highlight the crossing point. Broken white lines were painted at each side to make it more obvious. It is hoped that this will remind motorists about the crossing and they will then refrain from parking across it, which is actually a traffic offence.

The parish council continues to express its concern about the amount of **dog fouling** on the pavements in and around Brent. The District Council has now installed signs to remind owners of the problem. Former Cllr Donna Warne has campaigned to make the small number of dog owners responsible aware of their responsibilities to clear up after their pets. The Dog Warden is seen more often in the community as a result of her efforts.

The Council is also in constant conversation with the Highways Authority about the state of the roads in and around South Brent. Totnes Road has been partially resurfaced at the Clobells end but we are still pursuing the problems of potholes at the Fore Street end. Our highways officer Lisa Edmonds continues to pursue the matter on our behalf for which we thank her.

The Parish Council has and continues to express its concerns about the **visibility and speed issues on Exeter Road** at the London Inn Mews.

The parish council has been actively involved in the plans for the developments at **Lower Green, and Fairfield**. Cllrs Pannell, Richards and Warne have represented the parish council on the Stakeholder Group; the parish council is very grateful to them for all their hard work. We hope to be equally involved with outline proposals from the Community Land Trust for land in Harwell Lane.

A solar PV array has been provided on the roof of Palstone Pavilion through South Brent Community Energy Society (our wind turbine) so our aspirations for **Energy Efficiency** have mainly been achieved as have all the aspirations under the Parish Plan for Renewable Energy.

We continue to pursue our objectives to facilitate where we are able opportunities for **Employment & Economy** - The future of the **Station Yard car park** is now near to resolution. We still await the final details of the lease from the District Council which we have agreed to take out pending the final decisions about its purchase as an asset for the community by the parish council. By taking a lease we can ascertain what the commitments of purchase might be at the same time keeping our options open.

Sadly our efforts to preserve **the Signal Box** came to nought. The box was demolished in November. We have however kept the finials from the box in the parish. Once restored we shall need to find a suitable place to display them.

Once again the Parish Council has been able to award numerous **grants** this year including both the Totnes and Dartmouth Ring and Ride and the Ivybridge and District Transport Association. We have supported the Citizen's Advice Bureau and more locally South Brent and District Caring, The Old School Centre, South Brent Carnival, and our various Youth Organisations as well as supporting the maintenance of our two cemeteries. (We shall hear from the larger beneficiaries a little later.) We have also given grants to various organisations through the Community Benefit Fund.

The Annual Service of Remembrance and Rededication took place on November 9th and was attended by many. It is particularly pleasing to see so many of our uniformed organisations taking part. Many thanks go to those who help organise and take part in the Service. The two-minute silence was held at the Toll House on November 11th. We were particularly delighted to see members of the school community taking an active part this year. 2015 sees the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. There is to be **Service of Thanksgiving** in the Parish Church on Sunday May 10th at 9.45am.

The **Christmas lights** continue to draw favourable comments from members of the public. We are very grateful to the organisations and individuals who have once again supported the initiative with sponsorship.

Continued:

South Brent Parish Council **Quality Status** expired in 2014. The Council now holds **Foundation Status** in the new Local Council Award Scheme until the end of 2015. A new Council will take office in May of this year following elections on May 7th. It will be for that Council to determine the way forward with the new Award Scheme.

During the past year Cllr Donna Warne resigned from the parish council (to pursue other activities). We should like to thank her for all her hard work on behalf of the council.

We should like to thank our District Councillors, Cllr Cathie Pannell and Cllr Peter Smerdon and County Councillor Rosemary Rowe for their attendance at parish council meetings and for the Reports they give of the District Council's work.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Mrs Pam Honeywell who looked after the toilet at Sanderspool Cross, secured the Park and looked after our bus shelters. We would like to thank her family for continuing to look after the park pending the appointment of a new "caretaker".

We should like to our Tree Warden Mr Guy Pannell for his work advising us on all matters arboreal, Cllr Glyn Richards who has taken responsibility for editing the Parish Council newsletter four times a year, to Cllr John Rawlinson, John Shepherd and Bill Stevens for their hard work to re-launch the Parish Council website and to those Councillors who will not be standing for re-election on 7 May (and we would encourage anyone here tonight who could be thinking of standing for election to do so, come and talk to any of us if you would like to!)

And last but by no means least we must express our sincere thanks to our clerk.

*Cllr Greg Wall
March 2015*

South Brent Community Benefit Fund

2014-15

This fund is available to groups, organisation and individuals in the parish for projects which are primarily for the benefit of the community.

Full details are available on the Parish Council website

<http://www.southbrent.gov.uk/index.php?id=719>

Applications should be sent to the clerk

clerk@southbrent.gov.uk

'Community Champion & Young Community Champion Awards'

Parishioners and village organisations were requested to make nominations and the following words were used to describe the nominees: selfless, commitment, hard-working, dedicated, willing, reliable, supportive and consistent.

Nominees for the Community Champion Award 2014-15:

Martin Duckworth - SSB, compost centre organiser;

Peter Hopwood - Village Hall Committee, Chairing the Island Trust and Group Scout Leader;

Cathie Pannell - Village Hall, she has been on the committee for over 20 years;

Pauline Richards - Produce Association.

The Award goes to Cathie Pannell.

Nominees for the Young Community Champion Award 2014-15:

Josh Antonio - for all his hard work within SBADS involving the lighting and sound;

Sophie Williams - Sophie helps Brown Owl as a Junior Leader. All Brownies look towards Sophie for help and support, she has a calm attitude.

The Award goes to Sophie Williams.

Receipts & Payments Account

01/04/2014 to 31/03/2015

Last Year Ended 31st March 2014		Current Year Ended 31st March 2015
32497.18	Brought Forward	38949.52
	<u>Receipts</u>	
41652.00	Precept	41992.00
6300.00	Community Benefit	6300.00
4989.92	SHDC Grass Cutting	2860.00
0.00	Grant	850.00
2179.91	VAT Reclaimed	0.00
14.72	Deposit Account Interest	16.54
0.50	Stopped Cheques	5.99
555.00	Christmas Lights	500.00
11.15	Earmarked Reserves Interest	11.11
2280.00	Refund	9984.32
25.20	Wayleave	26.42
300.00	Donation	257.75
0.00	Council Tax Support Grant	4160.00
0.00	Copied Documents	0.00
<u>£ 58308.40</u>		<u>£ 66964.13</u>
	<u>Payments</u>	
20225.64	Payroll	20563.70
291.94	Clerk's Costs	200.74
1674.55	Office Supplies	2331.55
4436.79	Grass Cutting	4438.39
6751.72	Local Projects (GPC)	36336.18
0.00	Station Yard	0.00
500.00	Community Transport	500.00
1350.52	Media	1717.52
3552.44	Loan Board	3460.19
1081.85	Insurance	1061.44
425.00	Audit Fee	500.00
709.52	Subscriptions	666.64
371.25	Hire Of Rooms	264.25
2411.69	Open Spaces	3324.51
0.00	Parish Basic Allowance	0.00
0.00	Election Cost	0.00
162.00	Chairman's Allowance	84.65
273.49	Meetings / Training	110.00
166.05	Travel / Subsistence	148.05
6300.00	Community Benefit	5857.98
1171.61	VAT	7411.70
<u>£ 51856.06</u>		<u>£ 88977.49</u>
38949.52	Closing Balance	16936.16

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Total Receipts 105913.65

Total Payments 105913.65

Beating the (Outer) Moorland Bounds of South Brent in 2016

South Brent Parish Council is setting up a small working group to organise this event. Beating the Bounds of the parish walks take place every 7 years and if you are interested in assisting in any way, please contact the clerk.

An initial meeting will take place on Tuesday 16 June 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Old School Centre, Totnes Road, South Brent.

ALL WELCOME!

Please contact Julia Willoughby, clerk to South Brent Parish Council

Email: clerk@southbrent.gov.uk

Tel: 01364 72894



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.

Sustainable South Brent Projects

Sustainable South Brent has been successful in securing lottery 'Awards for All' funding for 4 exciting projects in the village. The funding has allowed four skilled and experienced sessional workers to be appointed, one to develop each project:

Greenhouse Upcycling Project

Project worker: Richard Haines; email: greenhouseupcycling@sustainablesouthbrent.org.uk

South Brent, like many other places, has a number of unused greenhouses which owners are unsure about how to remove. Often left empty, these potentially valuable growing spaces could be 'upcycled' and made available to the growing number of green fingered people whose enthusiasm could be crucial to our community's food security as climate change threatens availability of resources. Food grown there could supplement the local food bank with healthy, locally grown fruit and veg. as well as being available for distribution to the house-bound.

Richard will be shaping the project and creating relevant partnerships, as well as recruiting and working alongside volunteers to engage in the physical activity of dismantling, relocating and renovating donated greenhouses. If you have or know of an under-utilised greenhouse that might be donated, please email Richard.

Cycle Bank Project

Project worker: Sam White; email: bike@sustainablesouthbrent.org.uk

This discreet sustainable transport initiative promotes healthy, green travel options and involves providing and maintaining a 'cycle bank' of free to hire, well maintained cycles for community use. South Brent has a number of satellite hamlets for whom access to bikes would improve access to amenities, a reduction in traffic, and improved health.

Sam will be shaping the project and creating relevant partnerships, finding storage facilities and recruiting and working alongside volunteers to promote, develop and maintain the project.

Social Media Training Project

Project worker: Massimo Giannuzzi; email: itskills@sustainablesouthbrent.org.uk

Massimo will be developing and rolling out free training within the village in a range of computer/online-based skills.

These include:

- How to use Twitter, Facebook and other social media sites effectively
- How to make the most of your smartphone
- How to use GoogleDocs, Dropbox, Yammer and other 'cloud-based' utilities.

Community Radio Broadcasting Project

Project worker: Alice Armstrong; email: radio@sustainablesouthbrent.org.uk

South Brent Community Radio builds on the success of the two pilot days broadcast in 2013 (during which 20 people made features; 30 took part on the broadcast day; 800 listened online with 200 on FM and more than 150 used the 'listen again' facility). The project helps to celebrate the diversity and identity of the village community and helps to combat rural isolation, connecting people to local services and opportunities, providing a platform for creative expression and giving local people a voice on issues that directly affect their lives.

Access is offered to equipment; training in recording, editing and presenting skills plus the relevant technical, social, IT and internet related skills is provided and participants gain the experience of broadcasting to the community (and anyone in the world with an internet!).

A number of residents had shared ideas for future features that they would like to produce or be able to listen to. Alice has already contacted volunteers and organised workshops on the 23 May (Introduction) and 3 June (on Cool Recovery) with more to come.

The first Broadcast is planned for **Saturday 18 July listen** on 102.5 FM or stream via the Soundart Radio website <http://www.soundartradio.org.uk/>

If you are interested in getting involved in any of the projects please contact project workers directly via the email addresses above.



South Brent Folk

Saturday 4 July 2015: South Brent Folk is organising the 4th annual **South Brent Folk Day** with singing, music, dancing, workshops and two concerts. There will be dance displays, performances and workshops during the day in the **Old School** and two concerts.

The afternoon '**Americana**' concert, also in the **Old School**, will include sets from by South Brent based band, **Skylark**, three piece Dartmoor band, **Appaloosas** and a **Dulcimer** set from exponents of both Hammer Dulcimer and Mountain Dulcimer. There is a poetry competition around the theme of either 'Trees and Tors' or 'Tree life' (entry £2.50 per poem; closing date is Saturday 20th June 2015). Food during the day is from '**Two Good Cooks**'. The **Workshops** will include Song accompaniment/Concertina; Hammer Dulcimer and Mountain Dulcimer; Appalachian Dance.

The evening concert (with Reel Ale bar) in the **Village Hall** has a national line up:

The **Hattie Briggs Trio** is fronted by the Gloucestershire based singer-songwriter and 2014 BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award Nominee, whose debut CD, '**Red & Gold**', released in April this year, has reached No 1 in the Amazon Folk Chart. **Steve Turner** is a multi-instrumentalist, with one of the best voices in the business who accompanies himself mainly on the concertina but also plays cittern, mandolin and banjo. His albums '**The Whirligig of Time**' and '**Rim of the Wheel**' have received great reviews. The **Claque** are four voices of depth and maturity blended who formed as a group together in 2006 having known each other for the best part of forty years. They also combine to run the Exeter and Sidmouth folk clubs.

Tickets for afternoon concert: £6 in advance / £8 on the door; Tickets for evening concert: £10 in advance / £12 on the door or by post; or tickets in advance for **both** concerts £14 (contact John Rawlinson or Eileen McKee on 01364 73699 or email eileen.southbrentfolk@gmail.com or john.rawlinson@southbrent.gov.uk).

On Sunday 5th July, following **South Brent Folk Day** which included dulcimer workshops, concert items and a dulcimer stall there will be a '**Dulcimer Day**' organised jointly by South Brent Folk and the **Nonsuch Dulcimer Club**. The event is dedicated to virtuoso hammer dulcimer player/teacher and a founder member of the Nonsuch Dulcimer club, **Ian Hay** who lived in South Brent towards the end of his life and died in September 2014. The day will start with a South Brent Breakfast Café from 9.30-11.30 in the **Old School Centre**, featuring good food, good company and Dulcimer music. In the afternoon there will be a session in **The Oak** pub from 2.00-4.00pm with the South West group of the **Nonsuch Dulcimer Club**. FFI contact John Rawlinson on 01364 73117 / email john.rawlinson@southbrent.gov.uk.

See southbrentfolk.org.uk/.

Community Fitness Centre Update

The Old School Community Centre is pleased to announce that all of the funding has now been secured, for the building work required to make the Fitness Centre fit into the Old School.

Thanks to funding from Awards for All, Dartmoor National Park Community Fund, DCC Town and Parish Fund, South Brent Community Benefit Fund, both County and District Councillors locality Budgets, Sustainable South Brent and the Traders Calendar.

This work will be carried out over the forthcoming summer holiday period. As a result, the Centre will be closed to the public from Monday 27th July to Wednesday 3rd September, except on Monday 3rd, 17th & 31st August for the Seniors Lunch Club and the Community Library, along with a few continuing activities. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Please check our website for further updates: <http://www.theoldschool.org.uk>

News from South Brent Recreation Association

THANK YOU to everyone who voted for the Aviva Community Award to help us finish re-surfacing the car park. To date we have over 1500 votes which is great however other projects from larger communities have a lot more so we will have to wait and see the outcome. We appreciate the community participation for this project.

South Brent Recreation Association have a new website which can be found at:

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

where you can find lots of information about the Recreation Association.

South Brent Carnival week

The Annual [South Brent Summer Carnival week](#) is from Saturday 20 – Sunday 28 June 2015:

- **Saturday 20 June: Carnival Street Fair.** The Carnival starts with the annual street fair in Church Street and Wellington Square starting at 2.00pm. (Church Street will be closed from 12.00-5.00pm).
 - **Sunday 21 June: Church Service** for the Carnival in St Petroc's at 6.30pm. Everybody welcome.
 - **Thursday 25 June: Children's Fancy Dress** judged by Holly Green, BBC Spotlight weather presenter in the Primary School playground (sign in at 6.00pm for 6.30 start) followed by the Floral Dance starting from the school playground at around 7.30pm with the Totnes Band leading the procession.
 - **Friday 26 June: Carnival Dance** in the Village Hall starting at 7.45pm with music from John Westlake. Light supper; draw; bring your own drinks. Tickets £7.50 per person from Doreen on 01364 73650 or Jean 01364 73292.
 - **Saturday 27 June: 6-15pm Carnival Procession** starting from South Brent Station Bridge and finishing back in Station Approach
 - **Sunday 28 June: Carnival Cricket and children's sports** at the Rec
- For further details contact **Jean Cleave**, South Brent Carnival Secretary, Middle Stidston, South Brent. Email: jean@cleave.entadsl.com; Tel: 01364 73292; mob: 07973 443318. Nearer the time, the full Carnival programme should be on the Carnival website <http://www.southbrentcarnival.org.uk/> or see South Brent Carnival Club on [Facebook](#).
- Carnival programmes will be on sale in the village.**

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 2015

22 nd June 2015	19 th October 2015
20 th July 2015	23 rd November 2015
17 th August 2015	14 th December 2015
28 th September 2015	

St Petroc's Church Fete

St Petroc's Church Fete will be held on **Saturday 11 July 2015** from 2.00 - 5.00pm and will be opened by our MP, Dr Sarah Wollaston. This event which is held every two years in the beautiful grounds of **The Manor** in Vicarage Road by the kind permission of Mrs Millicent Roper, features traditional stalls, bouncy castle, archery, pony rides, children's sports, beer tent, barbecue, cream teas etc. and has contributions from many of the village's groups and organisations. Local musicians, Folk at Oak, Shenanigans, [Wild Harmony](#) and [The Ukelective](#) will be providing the music. For information or offers of help, contact Peter Hopwood and Clare Guthrie, Tel 01364 72056 / 07967 671728 or email hopwoodclan@yahoo.co.uk.

The next newsletter will be published in September 2015.

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 30th August 2015 please.

South Brent Parish Council 2015 – 2016

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