



South Brent Parish Council Newsletter

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Casual Vacancy

A casual vacancy arose following the resignation of Paul Astal-Stain on 30th September 2024. As an election was not requested, at the meeting on Monday 18th November 2024, the Council were very pleased to co-opt former Councillor Rachel Rafiqi to fill the vacancy and hope she enjoys re-joining the Council.



Act of Remembrance and Church Service

The **Service of Remembrance and Redemption** was held in the Parish Church of St Petroc on Sunday 10th November 2024 and was very well attended, particularly by the young members of South Brent Scout Group.

The Council is grateful to Scout Karine Jamin for reading the exhortation 'For the Fallen' and Cub Scout Lara Thain for reading the 'Kohima Epitaph' as well as Cllrs Alastair Childs and Stephen Hanney for reading the names of The Fallen.

The **Act of Remembrance** was held at the 11th Hour, of the 11th Day, of the 11th Month at the Toll House in Church Street. This was well attended by Parishioners, along with Year 6 children from the Primary School and the Council are thankful to their teacher, Rachel Berry, for arranging this.

The Council is also grateful to Mike Roberts, Andrew Underhill and David Warren for acting as Royal British Legion and Unions Jack Standard Bearers on both occasions.

New Postal Address

The Council now has a new postal address, which is:

South Brent Parish Council, C/o School House, Totnes Road, South Brent. TQ10 9BP

I wish to record the Council's gratitude to Paul Astal-Stain for his service as Councillor on South Brent Parish Council.

Councillor Glyn Richards
Chairman

Front Cover

SBADS – Winter Production



Oh yes we are – to celebrate the start of our 100th year, South Brent Amateur Dramatic Society are putting on another magical pantomime. Following the sell-out success of 'Aladdin' in 2024, SBADS is bringing 'Cinderella' to South Brent Village Hall from 23-26 January 2025. Cinderella will bring surprise, drama, music, dancing, comedy and, above all, entertainment for all ages – just as SBADS has been doing since our very first pantomime in 1925.

Alan P Frayn's script is expertly directed and produced by Cathie Pannell and Donna Wills. This classic tale contains all the familiar elements of panto: can downtrodden Cinderella overcome the scheming of her ghastly stepsisters to find the man of her dreams? Will that man be the faithful Buttons or the dashing Prince Charming? Who could possibly be the mysterious beauty at the palace ball who drops her slipper? Can the Baron keep his new wife away from his cash? And can Bodgit and Leggitt work out how to use a hammer?

If you want to join in the fun and magic, book your tickets early to avoid disappointment: most performances sold out in 2024. Tickets cost £10 for adults and £7 for under 16s. You can buy tickets via the SBADS website at www.sbads.show or from the Village Shop in South Brent during their normal opening hours.

There will be a series of shows and events throughout 2025 to celebrate one hundred years of SBADS with the whole of South Brent, so keep an eye out for posters and our website for details. As the first event in our centenary year, the South Brent panto promises fun for the whole family – oh, yes it does!

PALSTONE PARK RECREATION GROUND

LATEST NEWS

We are pleased to welcome Jenny Harker **Gentle Years Yoga will recommence on Thursday 31st October. 3:30-4:15 with Jenny. Guide price £5 for seniors and those on benefits or pay what you can. ALSO Fridays 9-10.30am starting on Friday 1 November.** New friendly, restorative Hatha Yoga classes. Designed for your personal capabilities; Build resilience and explore release through breath; Improve stability, strength and balance. £8 Concessions available.

Contact jenny@palstoneretreats.com 07483896054 Register then drop in

We are also pleased to have **SSB's Tuesday Fair Share 2.30-4pm.** Affordable groceries and household products for residents of South Brent using surplus healthy food that will be different each week. Suggested contribution of £3.50. Refreshments available. Email: tuesdayfairshare@ssb.org.uk

You can keep up with what is happening at the Rec by looking at our calendar <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r/week>

The swing scales on the Adventure Trail are finally fixed and paid for by the Parish Council. We are currently raising money towards more outdoor gym equipment. If you wish to make a donation please contact Anne at nichollsbennie2@gmail.com or Peter at peterkelly@spxservices.co.uk
To book the hall email Anne or phone her on 01364 72223



Brent Island Trust



What a wonderful day we all enjoyed at our 30th Anniversary Event! Despite gloomy predictions, the weather stayed dry and even gave us lovely sunshine in the afternoon. The crowds came along in their hundreds and the whole day turned out to be a lovely South Brent community event. I have to thank everyone who was involved in any way during the preparations, the planning and on the day itself. It was a truly team effort.

Our thanks go to those who volunteered to help on the day and to visiting organisations Sustainable South Brent, Devon & Cornwall Police, Devon & Somerset Fire Safety, Dartmoor Rescue, Devon Wildlife Trust, Brent Birders, Local moth, butterfly and bats groups, Avon River Champions, Devon Freewheelers, Dartmoor National Park Authority, Moor Trees, South Brent Archives, Scouting groups. Music was provided by SCOBY & Wild Harmony, plus children's art, face painting & orienteering. Refreshments, provided by Rob & Donna from the Village Shop, and the Ice cream van proved very popular. Thanks to you all.
Graham

Forthcoming events

Island Working Party. November date to be confirmed 9.30am – 12pm

Christmas Stall: On Saturday 7 December from 9.30am – 12pm we will be taking up our regular spot outside the Village Shop for our Christmas Stall. Featuring a tombola, cakes, mince pies and jam and other items for sale, whilst being serenaded throughout by carol singers, we look forward to seeing you all. If you would like to contribute to the stall, we will have a box in Dame Hannah's Charity Shop for you to leave tombola prizes, from 25 November. Cakes, mince pies and jams can be bought to the stall on the day or contact Graham or Geraldine

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South Brent Old School Community Centre

Thank you for supporting our exciting, ambitious plans for the future!

In 2026, the Old School Community Centre will celebrate the 150th anniversary of this wonderful building being at the heart of the South Brent community. We want to make sure the Centre stays warm, dry and welcoming for at least another 150 years to come! So we recently conducted a Community Consultation under the banner 'Rejuvenating the Centre', to ask what you think about the future of the Centre.

A big thank you to the 400 people who filled in our Survey. We are happy to report that:

- 88% of you feel the Centre is important / extremely important to you
- 92% of you agree that the roof needs replacing
- 93% of you agree that when we replace the roof, we should install insulation and solar panels
- 89% of you agree that we should also upgrade the heating system.

Your support means that we can begin to move forward with the works we need to do to secure the future of the Centre. The Trustees are now undertaking detailed design work and fundraising, with the intention that the improvement works will start next year.

A new roof means that all the many varied things that happen at the Centre will be able to continue. From the Post Office to Lunch Club, Yoga to Dance classes, Knit & Natter to Karate, there is something for everyone at the Old School Community Centre. And whatever you come in for, you are sure to receive a warm welcome, a friendly smile, and probably a cup of tea!

We will be making an exciting announcement in the new year about our Rejuvenating the Centre project and fundraising appeal, but in the meantime do please keep giving at:

www.justgiving.com/page/rejuvenating-the-centre

If you'd like to support us through becoming a Member, a Volunteer or a Trustee, contact the Centre Manager Michelle Parton: info@theoldschool.org.uk 07707 723637



NEW YEAR, NEW WOOD FOR SOUTH BRENT

On Sat.4th Jan, 10am-4pm, a really tremendous new wood will put down its first roots in South Brent. The new 65-acre woodland-to-be, (including an SSB-led 10 acre community market garden and orchard) will be formally 'launched' by South Hams District Council (SHDC).

Everyone's invited to this historic occasion, and there'll be lots of opportunities for people to get involved on the day. Come and help plant the first trees - starting with one for every South Brent resident. It will take 5-10 minutes to plant each young tree, so depending on your ability and length of stay on the day, you could plant a few or as many as you want! And there will be a free tree for everyone who wishes to take one and plant it at home.

You can also join an introductory walk around the site, or take part in other exciting activities for all the family. More details to be announced nearer the time, so keep an eye out for posters and check out the SSB website: ssb.org.uk

The new wood is yet to be named. Local people have been asked to help SHDC make the final choice and the winning name will be unveiled on the 4th Jan.

The woodland site is near Portford Lane. At the opening, there'll be limited parking at Palstone Rec. (there is none in Portford Lane, and Palstone Lane should be kept for residents' use) - so everyone is encouraged to trim their Christmas excesses by walking to the site. Regrettably, there is currently no provision for wheelchair access. Please wear suitable footwear (wellies!) and clothing for being in a field. Equipment will be provided for tree planters, but if you can bring a spade, that would be helpful. Refreshments, including pizzas, will be available to purchase.

We're delighted with the overwhelming enthusiasm and support shown by the many people who came to the recent consultation on the project. For those who missed it, you can find details at: ssb.org.uk and www.southhams.gov.uk/palstone-land

SSB REALLY, REALLY NEEDS A TREASURER

Do you have a head for figures? Could you present our monthly finance reports to the Board of Trustees, help ensure SSB meets its financial obligations and advise on finance issues? You will be supported by a book-keeper and a wonderful volunteer who does our annual accounts. *The role is vital for supporting SSB's inspirational work.*

Please contact Andy Harker, for an initial, 'no-obligation' chat: chair@ssb.org.uk

Find our latest events on ssb.org.uk or check us out on social media: [Facebook](#), [X](#) and [Instagram](#).

South Brent Youth Club

News from Elis who runs the youth club at the Rec on Monday nights at the following times

Session one for School Years 6-8 is from 6.30-7.45pm

Session two for School Years 9+ is from 8-9.15pm.

If you are interested in helping out occasionally or more frequently it would be a great help.

Please contact Elis at admin@ivybridge.yfc.co.uk or phone 01752 898546

During November Elis will be raising funds to support activities run by Ivybridge Youth For Christ. You can help

PLEASE SUPPORT IYFC'S NON-STOP NOVEMBER FUNDRAISING EFFORT (Channel Swim, Marathon, and Cycling John O'Groats to Land's End) mainly at Ivybridge Leisure Centre

stewardship.org.uk/pages/ivybridgeyouthforchristnonstopnovember

South Brent Art Club

*all strung out
&
all fired up*

*Show and sale of prints and pots
made at*

Art House South Brent

Old School
Community Centre
TQ10 9BP

**SATURDAY
14TH DECEMBER
11am - 6pm**

What's on in South Brent

Drop in and Meet the Parish Clerk - each Friday

"Do you have any questions about the Parish Council or want any information about what we do, or report any problems that you are experiencing around the village ?

Parishioners will be greeted by either the Parish Clerk or a Parish Councillor

Come to the Old School Centre
from 9.30 - 11.30am

Free Knitting Workshops

Every Wednesday in the HUB and
Warm Space in the Moor Room at the
Old School Community Centre
From 3 - 5pm

South Brent Community Fridge

Located at the Old School Community Centre in the
Village Centre, it's open to all
Open 24/7, supported by local businesses and manned
by volunteers.

New volunteers always welcome - please contact :
fridge@ssb.org.uk



**Mobile ShareShed 'Library of Things' – every
Friday from 10 am to 12noon,**
at South Brent Old School
Community Centre

<https://sharesheduk.lend-engine.com>.

For more information, visit www.shareshed.org.uk



Ivybridge Library 2025

Monday 09.00 – 18.00
Tuesday 09.00 – 17.00
Wednesday 09.00 – 13.00
Thursday 09.00 – 18.00
Friday 09.00 – 17.00
Saturday 09.00 – 13.00

No mobile service available

Brent Community Library

Monday 10.00 – 12.00
Wednesdays 14.00 - 1600
Fridays 10.00 – 12.00
Saturdays 10.00 – 12.00

Report a Crime online

Residents sometimes contact the Parish Council to tell us about anti-social behaviour or acts of vandalism. The

Parish Council is grateful for these reports but you should always report them to the Police as well. People don't report incidents to the Police therefore the Police believe South Brent is crime free !

If you've witnessed or been a victim of a crime, please report it by telephoning 101 or by reporting it really quick and simply online by:

<https://www.service.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/?frc=50>



Old School Community Centre

Mon: 09:00 to 12:00
Wed: 09:00 to 12:00
Fri: 09:00 to 12:00

Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings start at 7:30 pm, at South Brent Village Hall, Station Approach, South Brent, TQ10 9JL

Meetings are open to everyone and there are opportunities for members of the public to raise issues that are not on the agenda before each meeting. The agenda and minutes can be found on the Parish Council noticeboards in South Brent Village (outside the Co-op and next to the Children's Play Park) and the website. If you cannot attend a meeting and have any issues or concerns to raise, please contact the Clerk or one of your Councillors.

Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings

16 th December	- FULL PARISH COUNCIL	07 th January	- Land and Estates Committee (8.00pm)
06 th January 2025	- Finance & HR Committee	20 th January	- FULL PARISH COUNCIL
07 th January	- Media Committee (7.30pm)	24 th February	- FULL PARISH COUNCIL

South Brent Parish Council

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Clerk Address: Ms, Sophie Jones, c/o School House, Totnes Road, South Brent. TQ10 9BP



South Brent Parish Council Digital Newsletter

The Parish Council has made the decision to move to a digital newsletter. A smaller number of copies and these will be left at the usual public places in the village centre, e.g. the Toll House, the Village Shop and the Old School Community Centre.

To receive the digital edition of the newsletter you will need to subscribe to updates on the Parish Council website at (or use the adjacent QR code) <https://southbrent.gov.uk/>. The newsletter will also be available on the website.

Spring Newsletter 2025

The next Parish Council newsletter will be published in March 2025. Organisations wishing to submit articles for publication should send them to newsletter@southbrent.gov.uk (in Word) by Sunday 16th February 2025. Articles should be up to half x A4 page size (unless arranged otherwise)