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WHAT'S ON IN SOUTH BRENT AND THE LOCAL AREA.

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[QUICK LINKS TO REGULAR SESSIONS & CLASSES: *\(Please let us know of changes\)*](#)

- [Community Choirs: Wild Harmony; Brent Singers; Wild Goose Choir; The Lost Sound; Collati singers](#)
- [Art House South Brent - Subsidised Summer Holiday workshops for children – wide range of classes and events, including Printmaking; Willow Weaving; Ceramics; Fused glass; Sewing; Life Drawing/ Portraiture/ Medieval paint techniques including residential Life-drawing in Provence with Isabel Coulton](#)
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GENERAL LOCAL INFORMATION;

- [Old School Community Centre](#); [South Brent & District Caring](#);
- [Lunch club](#); [The Community Hub](#)
- Old School Community Centre [Corridor Gallery](#); [South Brent Archive](#);
- [South Brent Community Library](#) – with new [Children's section](#)
- [The Village Hall](#)
- ['The Rec'](#) – including Bingo; Table Tennis; Judo; Cricket; Football; Pilates.
- [The South Brent Club](#)
- [Community Webpages](#): 'South Brent Assist', 'South Brent Community Group'; 'South Brent Community Website'.
- [Pubs](#): [Pack Horse Inn](#); [Station House Café](#); [Turtley Corn Mill](#); [Avon Inn](#)
- [Takeaway Food](#): [Fish and Chip shop](#) - *reopened*; [Rowan Grill](#); [Taste of the Wild Pizza](#); [Continental-Crumbs](#) on-line bakery
- Other local facilities: inc. [Post Office](#); [Lloyds Bank mobile services](#), etc
- Citizens Advice [Video Booth](#) at the Old School
- [SSB Marsh Composting Centre](#) – Compost available – Green waste wanted!
- [Mobile Share Shed 'Library of Things'](#) – plus [ShareShed Locker](#) in the Hub
- St Petroc's [Church](#)

NEWS:

- South Brent [Feoffees](#) – Welfare and Education Grants
- Choose your Co-op [local cause](#) for 2023-24
- Nominate a local Charity for a ['Movement for Good Award'](#)
- [South Brent Community Fridge](#) - Share Food - Save Waste! **[DRIVERS NEEDED!](#)**
- Old School Community Centre – **[LET'S RAISE THE ROOF](#)**
- [Public Consultation](#) on the future of the Station Car Park
- South Brent Parish Council – [meetings](#)

NB.: *Not all items are in chronological order as some events are grouped together*

- *Lightly shaded events or information have been recently added or amended.*
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- *Information is correct to the best of our knowledge but **please check** if you plan to attend.*
***Please** let us know if any advertised events are *cancelled*.*

VILLAGE EVENTS:

- **Wednesdays: Free Knitting Workshops** every **Wednesday from 3-5pm** in the [HUB](#) and Warm Space in the Moor Room at the [Old School Community Centre](#). Families and children welcome with their grown-ups. Never has there been a better time to learn to knit! Come & learn from our resident expert, Sue, from Cosy Corner Crafts. Bring your own knitting or use our needles & wool to start from scratch. FFI email hub@ssb.org.uk. See: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/free-knitting-workshops/2024-01-03/>.

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- Tuesdays** (*note change of day*) **6; 13 August: Informal Music / Jam Sessions:** from **8.00-10.30pm** in the [Packhorse Inn](#); (see [below](#)). FFI email John vjohn307@aol.com. Acoustic pop/rock/blues and folk (contemporary and traditional). Come, pop in, listen and enjoy; if you like, bring an instrument or your voice and join in; - anything goes and would-be performers are welcome.
- Drop in and meet members of the Parish Council - each Friday:**– “Do you have any questions about the Parish Council or want any information about what it does do or report any problems that you are experiencing around the village?” Come from **10.30-11.30am** for a chat with a parish councillor or the clerk to [South Brent Parish Council](#) in the [Hub](#) at the [Old School Community Centre](#). For more on South Brent Parish Council see [below](#).
- Thursday 1 August 2024: Family Craft Session:** from 10.30-12 noon In the [Hub](#) at the [Old School Community Centre](#). **Card making** – Stuck for an activity in the summer holidays? Come and join us for a fun-filled day of creativity; create beautiful, handmade cards for family birthdays and events, using craft materials that would otherwise be wasted! Perfect for children aged 4+ to unleash their artistic side (all children must be accompanied by an adult - only children need a ticket - accompanying adults don't). Book a place – pop into the hub or call [South Brent & District Caring](#) on 01364 700282 (9.30-12.30 weekdays) or book via Eventbrite www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-craft-event-card-making-tickets-957298203697. The session is free, however, donations are very much appreciated as we have no funding for this event; spaces are limited and offered on a first come first served basis (*If you book a space and then cannot make it, please let Susanne know on 01364 700282, so we can release your space as these events are popular and we may have a waiting list.* A lovely, thriving, community collaboration brought to you by [South Brent & District Caring](#) and [Sustainable South Brent](#). See: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/family-craft-session/>.
Crafter? – can you spare a couple of hours- volunteers needed for future events with adults or families: Get in touch via info@sabdc.co.uk or call 01364 700282.
- Thursday 1 August; Thursday 8 August; Thursday 15 August; Thursday 22 August 2024: Dartmoor Invasive Species Project underway again:** It's that time of year again with the Himalayan balsam just about to come into flower in several places. Following his survey for [Dartmoor National Park](#), ecologist, Mervyn Newman, with volunteer help, has been dealing successfully with the balsam over the last five years, and will again be taking volunteer groups out weekly starting from now until September, continuing the balsam control in three main areas: The **River Avon at South Brent**; the Wray Brook at Lustleigh; and the West Dart Headwaters around Princetown. **Please let Mervyn know** (preferably by e-mail) if you would like to volunteer for any balsam days/half days - invasives@dartmoor.gov.uk or call 07927 045042, and he will send you out the joining details. Dress for Dartmoor and bring gloves, drinks and lunch.
See: <https://mailchi.mp/dartmoor.gov.uk/lend-us-a-hand-with-balsam-bashing>

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- **Saturday 10 August 2024: It's Scything time!**: 5 years ago, a hardworking bunch of SSB volunteers now known as '[The 4Bs](#)' (Brent Bees Bugs & Butterflies) turned an overlooked patch of consistently mown grass verge in the Exeter Road / Play park area, into a diverse wildflower meadow... and every summer we scythe it. Please join us (bring friends or family) from **10am-1pm** (probably earlier if it's hot). A chance to have a go at scything with some tuition from experienced scythers, no experience necessary. No dogs please. Under 16s with responsible adults. Come for as little or long as you like. Please bring your own refreshments. See: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/scything-time/>
- **On Sunday 11 August** from **10-12noon** we will finish raking up the green hay and take it (with a vehicle) to the Marsh Composting site (see [below](#)). Bring a rake if you can. See: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/scything-time-2/>.

NB. There will be other opportunities to scythe in Brent this year. FFI contact beesbugs@ssb.org.uk and see: <https://ssb.org.uk/projects/brent-bees-bugs-and-butterflies-4bs/>.

- **Wednesday 14 August 2024: Creation of a Woodland and Market Garden at Palstone.** This is a **Community Drop** in between 3 and 8pm at the Aune Room at the [Old School Community Centre](#) to talk about exciting new plans for this collaborative project. Working together, [South Hams District Council](#) (SHDC), [Sustainable South Brent](#) (SSB) and [The Woodland Trust](#) are creating 65-acre Woodland, including a proposed 10 acre Community Market Garden and Orchard, to support Community Growing in South Brent, within SHDC's new woodland site near Portford Lane. With the support of the Government's Trees for Climate Land Acquisition Fund, South Hams District Council has been able to purchase the site. SHDC aims to plant 25,000 trees, with planting starting later this year/early next year. Food production will be continued via conservation grazing of the establishing woodland, and 10 acres of the site will be leased to SSB for a South Brent Market Garden & Orchard. The project will aim to deliver the following benefits:

- Local, healthy food production
- Opportunities for enhancing physical and mental wellbeing, education and volunteering
- Improve the natural environment
- Build local resilience

This public consultation is an opportunity to look at the proposed design, ask questions, have input into what you would like to see on the site and express initial interest in being involved. See <https://ssb.org.uk/event/woodland-and-market-garden-drop-in/>.

FFI see: <https://ssb.org.uk/creation-of-a-woodland-and-market-garden-at-palstone/> and SHDC /SBPC press release: <https://southbrent.gov.uk/new-community-woodland-for-south-hams/> or email marketgarden@ssb.org.uk.

- **Thursday 15 August 2024: 'Third Thursday Tunes'**: traditional music session from 8pm in the Packhorse – See [Facebook](#) and [below](#) for details.

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- **Saturday 17 & 24 August 2024: Compassionate Friends Café:** 10-11.30am in the [Old School Community Centre](#) on the 3rd and 4th Saturday of every month. Offering a welcoming place for anyone with experience of bereavement, recent or otherwise, or those about to lose a loved one, to come together with others for a cuppa and a chat. A partnership of [South Brent & District Caring](#)'s with St Petroc's Church and local people. Drop-ins welcome, or give us a call with any questions or queries on 01364 700282. Volunteers are needed to help run the morning and help make cakes and coffees.
- **Thursday 22 August 2024: Adult Craft Session:** In the [Hub](#) at the [Old School Community Centre](#). Another, community collaboration brought to you by [South Brent & District Caring](#) and [Sustainable South Brent](#). See: <https://sbs.org.uk/event/adult-craft-session/>. Details to follow.
Crafter? – can you spare a couple of hours- volunteers needed for future events with adults or families: Get in touch via info@sabdc.co.uk or call 01364 700282.
- **Friday 23 August 2024: Quiz Night** at the [Station House Café](#) from 8.00-10.00pm. Fun and entertaining, Station House Quiz Nights are now monthly. What will the quizmaster be wearing this month??!! Quiz teams may consist of from 2-5 people; team names are a must; entry fee for each participant in a team is £1; pens and paper supplied – teams will swap papers for marking. No mobile phones to be used; The quizmaster's decision on all matters is final. There is a prize for every team at the end of the evening, with a larger prize for the winners. There will be a break midway for prepared snacks and liquid refreshments; Full evening menu will be available (please do not bring food or drink of your own). Ring or message to reserve your table or for more info on 07581 654321. (See [below](#) and [Facebook](#) for more details of the Station House Café.)

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BEYOND AUGUST:

- **Saturday 7 - Sunday 22 September 2024: Devon Open Studios:** [‘Devon Open Studios’](#) is the annual flagship event of Devon Artist Network. Every September members of the network, potters, painters, jewellery makers, wood workers, needle workers and creatives of every kind, open their doors and invite people in to discover their work. Visitors can chat to the artists about their processes and inspiration. Work is also on sale, and it can be a perfect opportunity to purchase unique artwork direct from the maker. [Click here](#) on to download the full 43 page 2024 programme as a pdf; some hard copies are also available as booklets in [artworks](#). See: <https://devonopenstudios.co.uk/>.

- [South Brent Art House](#) at the [Old School Community Centre](#) is **venue no PS14** in the guide, open 10-5pm for the three weekends (**Saturdays and Sundays: 7/8; 14/15; 21/22**). Participating **Art House members** include **Lydia Corbett; Isabel Coulton; Suzy Fasht; Jenny Gracie; Sue Ifould; Helen Meopham; Louise Scammell; Elaine Sibley; Jessica Trotman; Jane Wellens; Becca White**, - with the exhibitors and a variety of arts and crafts on display, some items for sale. Don't miss this exciting, varied exhibition of original works by local artists and craftspeople! FFI contact Jane Wellens - call: 07973736756; email: janelwellens1@gmail.com; or visit www.arthousesouthbrent.com/.

Other nearby artists participating in the Devon Open Studios event:

- **Joanna Haigh (venue PS7** in the guide): **Printmaking:** Reduction Lino Print Artist inspired by the beauty of Dartmoor and the South Devon Coast. **Open daily** from 10am to 5pm, except Mondays and Thursdays, between **7 & 22 September** at **Stowford Close, Harford**, Ivybridge PL21 0JD. Call: 01752289586; email: haigh_family@hotmail.com or visit <https://johaighprints.wordpress.com/>.

- **Wednesdays 11 September; 16 October; 13 November; 11 December 2024: More Energy Advice Drop-In Sessions** from 9.30am-12noon in [The Hub](#) at the [Old School Community Centre](#). Free impartial advice from Mark Skinner of [South Dartmoor Community Energy](#). Worried about the rising cost of energy? Struggling to Heat your home? Not sure where to get good advice? Drop in and find out about: Reducing your energy bills; Grants available; Which energy supplier to choose?
See: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/energy-advice-drop-in-8/2024-09-11/>
(16 October: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/energy-advice-drop-in-8/2024-10-16/>)
(13 November: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/energy-advice-drop-in-8/2024-11-13/>)
(11 December: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/energy-advice-drop-in-8/2024-12-11/>)
- **Saturday 14 September 2024: SSB's South Brent Repair Café** from 9.30-12noon in the [Old School Community Centre](#). Do you have items you are tempted to throw in the bin? Help is at hand!! Electrical; Jewellery; Household; Bikes; Clothing; Computers / IT; Tools; Furniture; Toys; Knife Sharpening. A team of volunteer repairers offer their services for free, several times a year, with a café with cake to enjoy while your item is being repaired. Max. 2 items. Money donations welcome. **If you like** repairing: OR **If you like helping:** Organising; Social Media; Baking; Hosting: **We need you!** Contact repaircafe@ssb.org.uk. See: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/south-brent-repair-cafe-2/>
A Further Repair Cafés will be held on: **Saturday 2 November** - <https://ssb.org.uk/event/south-brent-repair-cafe-3/>.

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- Monday 16 September 2024: Avon Valley Project – Quarterly meeting for Avon Valley 'Land Guardians'**: meeting in hub at the [Old School Community Centre](#) from **6-8.30pm**. Do join us if you own or manage land in the Upper Avon Valley, and are interested in conservation; increasing biodiversity; creating nature corridors; networking and hearing about what others are doing. Do email beforehand about anything in particular that you want to discuss at the meeting. If you have any questions please email Jeannie coaching@jhodder.co.uk. See: www.devonwildlifetrust.org/what-we-do/our-projects/avon-valley.
- Saturday 21st September 2024. Brent Island 30th Anniversary Fun Day**. Brent Island was bought for the village by the residents in 1994 and is managed by [Brent Island Trust](#) for people to enjoy and for the protection of wildlife. The trust is organising this day to mark the Island's 30th anniversary. *More details to follow.*
- Sunday 29 September 2024: Community Litter Pick** from **2-4pm**. Join [SSB](#)'s South Brent Litter Pickers at the [Hub](#) at the [Old School Community Centre](#) at 2pm. Equipment is provided there is tea, cake and conversation in the Hub afterwards! All are most welcome – *"Together we make changes!"*. Community Litter Picks are usually **every 2 months** on the last Sunday of the month (next on; **24 November**). FFI contact hub@ssb.org.uk. See: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/community-litter-pick-11/>.
- Saturday 5 October 2024: South Brent Community Energy Society's** Annual General Meeting at 2pm in the Old School Community Centre. Remote connection to the AGM by Zoom may be possible – FFI, email ejc.chapman@sbces.org.uk.
- TBC: Saturday 19 October 2024: Autumn Ceilidh** organised by [South Brent Folk](#) in the Village Hall, with [Ashburton Community Folk Orchestra](#) led by David Faulkner. Entry £8; - tickets from [artworks](#) in South Brent, or by BACS - contact mavis.hewitt@hotmail.co.uk or on the door (*if any left*).
- TBC: Friday 8 November 2024: War & Peace in Song in Devon**: Following their successful evening last November on the 'Dartmoor Songmen' and songs collected locally by Rev. Sabine Baring-Gould, as Remembrance Day approaches, musician and folk song expert [Sam Richards](#), and singer-songwriter-guitarist, **Martin Scragg**, take a look in song at Devon at War & Peace. Organised by [South Brent Folk](#). Tickets **£8** from [artworks](#) in South Brent, or by BACS - contact mavis.hewitt@hotmail.co.uk or on the door (*if any left*).
- Thursday 14-Saturday 16 November 2024: South Brent Amateur Dramatic Society** (SBADS) will present the last production of the year (to be announced). They will then embark on their **centenary year in 2025** which will begin with the pantomime, **Cinderella** by Alan P. Frayn, in the penultimate week of January. Keep an eye on the website: www.sbads.show/.

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- **TBC: Friday 27 December 2004: 'Twixt and Between' Christmas and New Year Céilidh** organised by [South Brent Folk](#) in **South Brent Village Hall** at 7.30pm (doors open 7pm). Chill out and enjoy the music after the Christmas festivities or dance your (new) socks off with '**The Offshoot Band**'. 'The Offshoot Band' (from [Spinach for Norman](#)) will comprise:- **Ben van Weede** (fiddle); **Steve Verge** (guitar); **Tim Walker** (bass); with caller and fiddle player **Kip Pratt**.. Raffle; Reel Ale bar. Tickets (which might make good Christmas presents) **£8** from [artworks](#) in South Brent, or by BACS - contact mavis.hewitt@hotmail.co.uk or on the door (*if any left*). Entry includes one free non-alcoholic spiced berry drink.

A LITTLE FURTHER AFIELD BUT OF INTEREST TO BRENT FOLK – SAMPLE OF OTHER LOCAL EVENTS:

- **August 2024: Dartington Great Lawn Sessions:** on the lawn outside the White Hart pub on [Dartington Trust Estate](#). Free summer, outdoor, live music from a fabulous line-up of folk, jazz and blues artists from across the country gracing the stage and filling the warm air with great music. Bring family, friends, a blanket plus a healthy appetite (the new White Hart team are set to cook up sizzling flavours from the BBQ and a range of ice-cold beverages from the Terrace Bar).
 - **Thursday 1 August:** 7.30pm Ellie Gowers (singer songwriter/guitarist)
 - **Friday 2 August:** 3:00pm True Foxes (female folk-pop duo); 7.30pm The Bridge (soul/funk/reggae)
 - **Sunday 11 August:** Spanish Latin and Brazilian tunes from local band **Los Costureros** (The Tailors) at 7:30pm. (TheWhite Hart will be serving Spanish-style Paella and cocktails)
 - **Saturday 17 August, 6 – 9pm: The Trevor Barbajack Trio** Trevor Babajack (UK Acoustic Act of The Year 2023 in the UK Blues Awards) is influenced by his acquired passion for early rural Blues, mixed with the sounds of rhythmic African roots.
 - **Tuesday 27 August, 7:30 – 9:30pm: Dan Whitehouse:** Celebrated Black Country singer-songwriter
 - **Wednesday 28 August, 7:30 – 9:30pm: Billie Maree:** Totnes solo artist, singer songwriter.
 For full details see: www.dartington.org/event/great-lawn-sessions/ .
- **Saturday 3 August 2024: Rattery Annual Garden Show and Sports Day** at [Rattery Village Hall](#) and Glebe Field. Field opens at 2pm, sports events start at 2.30pm. Admission £2/under 16s free. Tea and cakes; ice cream; lamb roast; Punch & Judy show; Magic Show; Traditional sideshows; Games and races; Dog show; BBQ and Open Mic from 6pm. [Click here](#) to download day programme; [click here](#) to download show schedule and [click here](#) to download entry forms (visitors as well as Rattery parishioners may enter). Forms and fees (20p to all classes (except where shown) can be posted to the Show Secretary by the Thursday before the show, or handed in at the Village Hall on the Friday evening before the show from 7.00 to 8.30 pm, or on the morning of Show Day from 8.30 to 10.00 am. (No forms accepted after 10.00 am on show day). Dogs on leads leaving only footprints are welcome. For full details etc., see: www.ratteryvillage.co.uk/Pages/Parish%20Events.html.

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- Saturday 3 August – Sunday 11 August 2024: Dartington Choral Fest:** This festival of choral Music has replaced the long running Dartington Summer School of Music. Led by course director Gavin Carr, known for his work with the Philharmonia, Bournemouth Symphony and Bath-Minerva Choirs, amongst others, the course/festival will focus on Rachmaninov's sublime 1915 All-Night Vigil (Vespers), culminating in a public performance on Saturday evening. Conductor Carr will be joined by celebrated international tutors and pianists including mezzo-sopranos Sarah Pring (Professor at Guildhall, coach on Sky Arts/ENO's Anyone Can Sing) and Victoria Simmonds (Holland Park Opera); tenors Daniel Norman (ENO) and Andrew Rees (London Concert Choir, Grange Park Opera); and bass James Platt (Royal Opera, Welsh National Opera). The teaching team will give late-night recitals throughout the course. In addition to the full week's rehearsals for this major work, participants will be able to take part in lessons to improve sight-reading, smaller consort singing groups, solo masterclasses and one-to-one voice lessons, as well as morning yoga and mindfulness classes to sustain them through a packed week of music making. Thursday evening will give students a chance to let their hair down and perform their party pieces in an informal Cabaret. For full details and to buy tickets etc. see: https://www.dartington.org/whats-on/?listings%5BrefinementList%5D%5Bdisplay_category%5D%5B0%5D=Live%20arts%20%26%20music
- Friday 9-11 August 2024: 47th Dartmoor Folk Festival:** In South Zeal. [Click here](#) for programme; or for more details see: www.dartmoorfolkfestival.org.uk/.
- Saturday 10 – Wednesday 21 August 2024: Totnes 'Summer Sounds'.** Music and more – choirs, concerts, recitals, talks, lunchtime cafés, cakes and chinwags, puppets, procession, tour - in the churches of St Mary's and St John's in Totnes [including **Ashburton Community Folk Orchestra** (see [below](#)) in St Mary's Church at 7pm on 12 August – tickets at £10/£7 via <https://ttm.churchsuite.com/events/d2gyvick>]. For more details and programme for the week see www.totnespulse.co.uk/totnes-summer-sounds-return/ and for more bookings go to: www.stmarysandstjohnstotnes.org/summer-sounds-24.
- Sunday 18 August 2024: A concert by the Collati Singers with tea and cakes.** Directed by Trefor Farrow at 3pm in **Plympton St Maurice Church**. Light choral music. Tickets are available at £10 and via the church, or email info@collatisingers.co.uk then pay on the door. Ticket price includes tea, cake or scones. All proceeds to the church. For more info on Collati Singers, see [below](#).

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- **Tuesday 10 September 2024: Widcombe Fair** - 9am 'til late in and around **Widcombe-in-the-Moor**. Run entirely by volunteers to raise money for local good causes, the Fair takes place annually on the second Tuesday of September and attracts visitors from far and wide. There is a full day of events with sheep and horse judging in the Main Ring from 9am , finishing with the Tug-o'-War in the Jubilee Ring at 7pm. You'll be able to see sheep, cattle, Dartmoor hill ponies, vintage machinery, local produce, and quality handicraft from local artists. Other highlights include Dog and Duck display, Dartmoor Hawking and Terrier Racing. Athletic types can enter the Uncle Tom Cobley Downhill Race, Bale Tossing competition and Tug-O'-War. If you keep your eyes peeled you might spot Uncle Tom Cobley and his (very) merry entourage (hopefully) on his grey mare, lending a hand about the field. This year, **Spike Milton's Lumberjack Show** will be demonstrating their sawmill skills and introducing visitors to the world of Timbersports, from competitive wood chopping to the big noisy 'hot saw'. All this can be enjoyed with a full programme of great music in various venues, including from **Ashburton Community Folk Orchestra** (see [below](#)). Schedule for this year can be seen [here](#), with more information, including access, parking etc, [here](#), and details for competitors [here](#). Entry is £10 per person payable at the gate, or £8 if bought in advance - www.widcombefair.com/buy-tickets . Children under 16 go free and well-behaved dogs on leads welcome!! See: www.widcombefair.com/ and [Facebook](#)
 - **Friday 20 September 2024: - Martin & Eliza Carthy at 8pm St Mary's Church, Totnes**. The good Doctor Martin Carthy and his twice Mercury nominated daughter [Eliza Carthy](#), join forces to perform an eclectic range of songs and tunes from their vast family repertoire, drawing from the traditional canon as well as selections from a more contemporary songbook. Early bird tickets available. See: <http://cabaretvoltaireevents.com/event/martin-carthy-eliza-carthy/>
 - **Revd Sabine Baring-Gould Centenary: 2024 marks the centenary of the death of the Reverend Sabine Baring-Gould (28 January 1834-2 January 1924), squire and parson of Lewtrenchard in West Devon**. He was an early and prolific collector and recorder of folk tunes and songs from the West Country, including many in South Brent). Songs included 'Widcombe Fair' and 'The Cuckoo'; he also wrote and translated many hymns and carols including 'Onward Christian Soldiers' and 'Now the Day is Over'. See www.sbgcentenary.co.uk/ and www.sbgcentenary.co.uk/links-friends/ and www.sbgcentenary.co.uk/events-calendar/ for details of various events (concerts, talks etc.).

 - **3 November 2024: 2pm in St Mary's Church, South St, Denbury, nr Newton Abbot TQ12 6DH**: A series of 4 concerts by [Mike Bosworth](#) telling **Sabine Baring-Gould's** story. Listen and maybe even join in singing some of the songs he collected from 1888-1903 and learn about the 'Song Men' he collected them from. For tickets £10 and more information contact Rachel Belringer on 07751 804007. See also: <https://theparsonandthesongmen.buzzsprout.com/> and www.mikebosworth.co.uk/mikebaringgould.htm.
- **Saturday 16 November 2024: Coffee Morning at Rattery Village Hall** from 10am. to 12.30pm, in aid of the [Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution](#). Bring and buy cakes, Christmas cards, Raffle, Crafts, Bric-a-brac, etc. FFI contact Liz Hoare on 07597802441 or email lizhoare@googlemail.com.

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- Wednesday 27 - Saturday 30 November 2024:** [Dartington Playgoers'](#) Autumn production will be **Tartuffe, by Molière**, translated by Roger McGough, directed by Patrick Cooper and with a cast which includes several South Brent actors. Often considered Molière's greatest play, '**Tartuffe**' is a satirical comedy about religious hypocrisy, family disfunction, and human gullibility. Orgon, the well-intentioned patriarchal head of a well-to-do family, is besotted with Tartuffe, a (very obviously) fake holy man, who sets about taking full advantage, trying to marry Orgon's daughter, and seduce his wife.
- University of the Third Age (u3a): [Ivybridge u3a](#)** monthly general meetings are held at [The Watermark](#) in Ivybridge from 2-3.30pm (*usually*) on the third Monday of each month and are free to members. **Meetings for the remainder of 2024:**

 - **Monday 19 August: Tony Davey: An exploration of projects at the Box** and its collections.
 - **Monday 16 September: Chris Coote: The experience of developing Concorde**, the supersonic airliner in Bristol over 10 years
 - **Monday 21 October: Ian Gasper: Papua New Guinea-** tribes; cultures; and birds of paradise
 - **Monday 18 November: Roger Browne: Jazz Pianist**
 - **Monday 16 December: Christmas Party**

[Ivybridge u3a](#) is one branch of a nationwide organisation. If you would like to meet like-minded people who enjoy the same activities as you, you may like to join us. This could give you the opportunity to make new friends or join one of the forty, diverse groups: from walking on Dartmoor, to learning a foreign language, folk music and learning to play ukelele. You can find details of all the groups online under [Ivybridge u3a](#). The monthly meetings offer a programme of talks on various subjects (see above). If you would like to join, please come to one of our monthly meetings, or contact our Membership Secretary, Christine Smith on 01752 837713 or 07974 812657, or download and submit the on line application form [HERE](#). The annual cost is £18 per person giving access to all we have to offer. FFI contact the chairman Val Carmichael on 01752 658164 or email: val.carmichael76@gmail.com or email Ivybridge.u3a@gmail.com or visit www.ivybridge-U3A.org.uk.
- Ashburton Community Folk Orchestra** led by award winning, Community Musician, David Faulkner on **Thursday mornings** in [Ashburton Community Arts Centre](#).. Ashburton Community Folk Orchestra have been getting together and playing since about 2020. The 30 plus strong group of musicians play music from Dartmoor, the SouthWest, Europe and beyond! From Step Dance tunes to beautiful waltzes, airs, toe tapping jigs, intriguing Swedish polskas and Balkan Kopanitsas. All played in arrangements, in harmony and with enthusiasm. "*Make a big band, make some music, have some fun!*" - Play music and develop music skills & learning by ear; play in harmony; scores and sound files provided. Acoustic instruments and all levels of ability welcome. £9 per session; concessions available. Dates for the autumn term tbc. For more information on how to join please contact David Faulkner - email david.eelgrinders@gmail.com or call 07967 121985. See [Facebook](#). **Ashburton Community Folk Orchestra** will be playing various gigs over the coming months, including [Totnes Summer Sounds](#) on **12 August** (see [above](#)) and **Widcombe Fair** on **10 September** (see [above](#)). You can see a video of **Ashburton Community Folk Orchestra** in action, at last year's Arts Centre gig for 'Ashburton Safe Haven' – watch at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xk_tHE_lbY.

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- [Ashburton Community Arts Centre](#) (15 West St, Ashburton, TQ13 7DT). Join us in person at the marvellous [Ashburton Arts Centre](#). For details keep an eye on [Facebook](#) and <http://ashburtonarts.org.uk/> or email boxoffice@ashburtonarts.org.uk.
 - **3rd Monday Bar Room Folk Session:** New folk session on the third Monday of the month from **7.30pm** in the front room of the [Ashburton Community Arts Centre](#) for players and singers to get together to socialise and make music. All welcome to sing, play a tune or to listen. Bar will be open. Free/donations.
 - **Every Friday: Weekly Community Singalong from 1-3pm** at [Ashburton Community Arts Centre](#). It's for anyone who's free then and it's FREE. Led by Andy Hill from the piano this week, with songs from the 50s, 60s, 70s, before and after, with lyrics on the big screen if you can't remember them. It doesn't matter if you've never sung before or not for ages, or already love it and sing all the time. Anyone is very welcome.
 - **Ashburton Hop: Swing Dance/Lindy Hop with Jarl Bennett: Every Sunday** except the last Sunday of the Month; Beginners: 5.30 – 6.30pm; Intermediates: 6.30 – 7.30pm; Cost: £5 Beginners; £10 Intermediate (or both sessions); Concessions available. Turn up contact Jarl on 07746 903778
 - **Inquisitive Yoga with Nai: Mondays 8-9.30pm.** Inspired by traditional yoga as well as other movement practices; Each session will end with a long Yoga Nidra relaxation. Cost: by donation. Turn up or contact **Nai Ellen Orbegozo** naiellenorbegozo@gmail.com.
 - **Saturday 3 August:** Monthly Life Drawing Session, email boxoffice@ashburtonarts.org.uk for info/to book.
 - **Not only but also the Blues (NOBATB): Craig Milverton Trio** plays Oscar Peterson (Hall); 2pm; £12/£9/£6
 - **Sunday 4 August: Summer Jazz on Sunday: Sam Richards Trio** plays Thelonious Monk; 7.30pm; £13/£10/£6.
 - **Monday 5 August: Jazz Jam Session** - Musicians and listeners all welcome; 7.30pm; £8/£5/£3/£0
 - **Wednesday 7 August: Mal Webb and Kylie Morrigan, with Sam Walker;** 7.30pm; £15/£10/£7.
 - **Thursday 8 August: The Other Way with Al Swainger's Pointless Beauty** (solo) 7.30pm; £14/£10/£7.
 - **Friday 9 August 2024 7.30pm - Rory McLeod:** ex-circus clown and fire eater, Rory McLeod is a one-man-soul-band and poet. He has a natural troubadour's talent for weaving magical, musical, storytelling spells accompanied by his own bizarre solo orchestra of distinctive instruments - spoons, finger-cymbals, bandorea, djembe drum, harmonica, guitar, trombone and tap-dancing shoes accompany the "rich, raw, deep and resonant" voice. £14/£10/£7. Details www.wegotickets.com/ashburtonarts.
 - **Saturday 10 August: Mal Webb Vocal Workshop: 'Lip to Lung, Larynx and Tongue: Vocals, Beatboxing and Beyond';** 2pm; £20/£15/£10
 - **Saturday 10 August: Roberto Manzin Quartet;** 7.30pm; £15/£10/£7.
 - **Sunday 11 August: Summer Jazz on Sunday: Liquid Spirit Trio;** 7.30pm; £13/£10/£6.
 - **Saturday 17 August: The Kudu Band** (ex Makiwa/Wendy and the Coconuts); 7.30pm; £13/£10/£6.
 - **Sunday 18 August; Summer Jazz on Sunday: Carolyn Hume, Paul May, Andy Williamson.**
 - **Thursday 22 August: Jazz Funk Emporium;** 7.30pm; £13/£10/£6
 - **TBC Saturday 24 August: SOAS Ceilidh Band;** 7.30pm

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- **Sunday 25 August: Summer Jazz on Sunday: Jesse Molins Organ Trio;** 7.30pm; £13/£10/£6.
- **Monday 26 August: Not only but also the Blues (NOBATB): The Robert West Band;** 7.30pm; £12/£9/£6.
- **Tuesday 27 August: Willow Hill** (American country music duo) 7.30pm £15/£10/£7
- **Friday 30 August: Film: Where is Heaven? (12A);** 7.30pm; £9/£7/£5
- **Saturday 31 August – Sunday 1 September: Archipelago Arts Festival:** Indonesian and Malay performing arts – gamelan, dance and martial arts, workshops and performances, *more details to follow.*
- **Saturday 12 October** (postponed from **25 April**): [Peggy Seeger](#) in conversation with **Sam Richards**. £15/£10/£7; Tickets: <https://www.wegottickets.com/event/615496>

Tickets from www.wegottickets.com/ashburtonarts or email

boxoffice@ashburtonarts.org.uk to reserve

To be kept up to date with everything going on at Ashburton Arts, join the [mailing list](#), or [click here](#) for information about getting tickets, accessibility, how to find us and parking. See <http://ashburtonarts.org.uk/whats-on/>.

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COMMUNITY CHOIRS:

- 'Wild Harmony'** with [Emily Roblyn](#):
Wild Harmony is a small, friendly, South Brent based community choir, which meets regularly to share the fun of singing together in harmony and learning songs old and new, from around the world as well as close to home. All are welcome – no audition or need to read music as the songs are taught by ear.
 Wild Harmony now meets fortnightly in term time at **7.30pm** in the [Old School Community Centre](#). Now on a **summer break**, resuming on **Friday 13 September**. Dates for the **Autumn term** will be: **Fridays 13 & 20 September; 11 & 25 October; 15 & 22 November; 6 & 13 December**.
 The cost is: £8/session (concessions available if needed - just ask!) or one session free if you pay in advance for the whole term. You can pay via PayPal (www.paypal.com/paypalme/emroblyn) or cash on the night. Booking is not necessary and 'drop-ins' are welcome! FFI or for details, email Emily: emroblyn@gmail.com). If you would like to be added to the 'Wild Harmony' MailChimp distribution list, please email john@tinavor.co.uk. (The Wild Harmony website currently remains disabled.)
Emily Roblyn is a choir leader, musician and singer-songwriter who grew up in Canada and harmonised and performed from an early age so that singing is so much a part of her she doesn't remember being without it. She is passionate about sharing her love of coming together to sing and the magic of harmony. To sign up for Emily's own mailing list [click here](#).
- Wild Goose Choir**: Is a mixed-voice, folk-based community choir, formed in June 2023 and led by Freya Harbottle (one half of folk duo [Harbottle & Jonas](#)). We learn material from across the folk canon, from the very traditional to the contemporary. Wild Goose Choir is now a musical home to 40 members, who each bring a warmth, energy and individuality to sessions and songs. The choir rehearses weekly in on **Tuesdays** from 7-9pm during term time in the Village Hall. We seek to perform at least twice a year, to share the songs and arrangements that we learn. Open to anyone over 18; no previous choir experience necessary. Get in touch with Freya for more info or to book a free taster session when space is available – freyaharbottle@gmail.com. See www.wildgoosechoir.com/ and [Facebook](#).
Wild Goose Choir will be on maternity leave for a new gosling from July to November.
- Brent Singers**: **Brent Singers are always happy to welcome new singers**, there's no audition and no requirement to be able to read music, only to enjoy singing! They rehearse on Thursdays 7.30-9pm at South Brent Village Hall. If you are interested and would like to have a trial go one evening please find out more, or contact us by visiting our website - www.brentsingers.org.uk. For information on Brent Singers, email the Secretary, Barbara Wintersgill at barwintersgill@gmail.com or via the [contact form](#) on the website. See www.brentsingers.org.uk/ and [Facebook](#) and Instagram.
 Future **Brent Singers** concerts tbc.
- The **Lost Sound Dartmoor Folk Choir** is based in Buckfastleigh and directed by [Sandra Smith](#). Their new single '**Singing Bird**' is available now via [Bandcamp](#). For concerts and live events see: <https://www.thelostsound.co.uk/events>. *we are looking for new men to join us – tenors, baritones & basses – find more information and fill in audition form [here](#).*
 FFI: email info@thelostsound.co.uk or visit their new website www.thelostsound.co.uk/ and [Facebook](#).

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- **Devonly Voices:** led by Vicky Hadland and based in Totnes - visit www.devonlyvoices.co.uk/.
- **The Collati Singers** is a chamber choir conducted by **Trefor Farrow**, which rehearses in Bittaford near Ivybridge. The choir's name comes from the Latin word *collati* (col-lah-tee) which means bringing together, as in 'to collate'. Trefor and his wife Gillian (soprano) set the choir up in 2013. We sing challenging unaccompanied music from the Renaissance and Baroque periods, as well as more recent works by twentieth and twenty-first century composers. The choir has now grown to a membership of around 30. We are a friendly and welcoming choir and aspire to a high standard of performance! We always welcome enquiries from experienced choral singers. Rather than doing formal auditions we invite potential members to come along to rehearsals for a few weeks to try us out. Please see the [info for members page](#) and email: collatisingers@gmail.com if interested. Visit www.collatisingers.co.uk/. Future Collati Singers' concerts:
 - **Sunday 18 August 2024: A concert of light choral music** at 3pm in **Plympton St Maurice Church**. Tickets at £10 via the church, or email info@collatisingers.co.uk. See [above](#)
 - **Saturday 19 October 2024:** *Missa Ascendo ad Patrem* - Palestrina (unaccom.); **Gloria – Poulenc**; *Te Deum* – Britten; *Jubilate Deo in C* – Britten - accompanied by Peter King, organ. In **Buckfast Abbey** at 7.30pm. FFI or to book tickets at £15 go to www.buckfast.org.uk/events/poulenc-gloria/ or buy on the door on the night.
 - **Saturday 14 December 2024: Christmas concert:** a selection of accompanied and unaccompanied seasonal pieces old and new, including: *Gloria* – Bach; *Serenity* - Gjeilo (unaccompanied, but with violin); *O Holy Night* - arr. Rutter; *Lux Aurumque* - Whitacre (unaccompanied); *Morning Star* - Arvo Pärt. In **St Mary's Church, Totnes** at 7.30pm. FFI or to book tickets at £10 before hand or buy on the door on the night.

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REGULAR SESSIONS AND CLASSES

Please check with organisers about term breaks.

- For a range of **regular classes** and contacts in the [Old School Community Centre](#) see: www.theoldschool.org.uk/whats-on/classes/.
- [Art House South Brent](#) is 'an arts and crafts space for making, mending and meeting in South Brent' with two fantastic spacious, airy, light-filled studios at the south end of the [Old School Community Centre](#) for classes, workshops, exhibitions and events. Art House offers classes and sessions for people of all ages, abilities and experience, to get inspired and learn new skills, make a mess, have fun with new friends (and clear up afterwards!).

Subsidised Summer Holiday workshops at Art House for children & young people. Art House are subsidising more than a dozen workshops for children and young people over the Summer Holidays for ages 4 to 18 years, at up to 70% off the usual cost of participating. Please see www.arhousesouthbrent.com/summer-holiday-workshops-for-children-and-young-people and below for more details:

- **Family Printmaking Workshops with Frankie Pollak**

We will be exploring several different techniques of printmaking including Gelli Plate Printing, Cyanotypes (sun prints), drypoint, and tetrapak. Ages 8+ to be accompanied by an adult. Cost £5 per child per session. Dates:

- **Wednesday 7 August: 10am-12**
- **Thursday 8 August: 10am-12**
- **Wednesday 14 August: 10am-12**
- **Thursday 15 August: 10am-12**

Booking essential at franks.pollak@gmail.com

- **Sewing Workshops with Mukta Undone**

Four up-cycling workshops (3 hours each) where the participants will be creating garments with the option for them to be worn (ideally by the children themselves) in a local Dame Hannah's fashion show on the 20th August.

Max places: 6 per workshop (2 extra negotiable, if owning and bringing own machines)

Ages: 10 – 18; Abilities: Basic sewing know-how good but not essential. Cost: £10 per person per workshop

- **Monday 5th August**

Morning Workshop 10am to 1pm - [Denim Corsets](#)

Afternoon Workshop 2 to 5pm – [Shirt Upcycle](#)

- **Monday 12th August**

Morning Workshop 10am to 1pm – [T-shirt, Two-piece](#)

Afternoon Workshop 2 to 5pm – [Trousers Upcycle](#)

To book your place, please email Abby Schaefer - abby.schaefer@hotmail.com

- **Children's Craft Workshops with Becky Crawford**

£5 per workshop. Suitable for children aged 4 – 12, but children under 7 and will need adult supervision. There are 10 places on each.

Friday 9th August - 10am to 12 noon - [Mask made from cardboard and scavenged materials.](#)

- **Friday 16th August** - 10am to 12 noon - [Make a little loom & create beautiful weaving](#)

- **Friday 30th August** - 10am to 12 noon - [Articulated cardboard imaginary character](#)

Book thorough Becky's website www.myspacefruit.com/product-category/art-club-workshops/

The Art House will be open as part of Devon Open Studios - see 7-22nd September [above](#).

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Regular Classes at the Art House may include:

- **Ceramics:** The ceramics studio has been set up by Imogen Taylor Noble in the 'Clay Barn'. See: <http://imogentaylor-noble.com/> and www.arthousesouthbrent.com/our-tutors-and-classes-1/imogen-taylor-noble-ceramics
- **Life Drawing classes with Isabel Coulton;** see: <https://isabelcoulton.com/> and www.arthousesouthbrent.com/our-tutors-and-classes-1/isabel-coulton-sculpture-and-life-drawing
- **Printmaking classes with Louise Scammell** – Day classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 10-3pm and Tuesday evenings from 6-9pm. Print making is an absorbing and fascinating visual art. Louise taught printmaking at Dartington for 14 years and is a member of the Devon Guild of Craftsmen and Society of Wildlife Artists. Her practice involves teaching linocut, drypoint, woodcut, collagraphs, monotype and etching using copper sulphate. The Art House studio has a warm and enthusiastic atmosphere and a 'state of the art' Hale press, two Rolloco presses and a substantial book press. If you would like to join a class (6 or 8 weeks), please contact Louise - email louise.scammell@gmail.com. See: <https://louisescammell.co.uk/>.
- **Willow Weaving with Jennie Gracie** from 'Making Space to Make'; see: www.arthousesouthbrent.com/our-tutors-and-classes-1/jenny-gracie-willow-weaving. For Basket Club & Willow Workshops with Jenny in 2024 see: www.makingspacetomake.co.uk/willowcourses.
- **Sewing Groups with Jane Norris:** Sew your own Wardrobe of Clothes in 2024! Come and join our lovely sewing groups, there's the Wednesday Workshops group or the Thursday Sewing Days. Both days of course dates are designed for students to work on their own individual making projects and run from 10am-3pm. Whatever your level of experience you will receive all the help you need. If you are interested or have any other queries, contact Jane how.to.make.clothes101@gmail.com
- **Mixed media painting classes with Sue Ifould;** see: <http://ifould.co.uk/> and www.arthousesouthbrent.com/our-tutors-and-classes-1/sue-ifould-watercolour-painting
- **Painting Classes with Susie Fasht;** see: www.suzyfasht.com/ and www.arthousesouthbrent.com/our-tutors-and-classes-1/suzy-fasht-painting.

For other Art House Sessions and Classes: – click on [Events and Classes](#) or the [calendar page](#). Art House relies on Friends' subscriptions and memberships to help fund and support its activities and as a not for profit, community interest company (CIC) set up in 2020. Art House is run by a voluntary team of members and directors with one part-time administrator. Any profits are ploughed back into the venture. Join Art House by becoming a 'Friend' or to donate [click here](#). For any other information about Art House, email arthousesouthbrent@gmail.com.

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- **Tuesday 24 – Monday 30 Sept 2024:** (NB This is not an Art House activity) **Residential Life-drawing holiday in Provence**, France with **Isabel Coulton**. Includes 6 Nights full board, plus pool; all materials included; Walk with picnic and drawing in the mountains; Prices: £1000 course fees; accommodation from £180 for 6 nights. South Brent-based Sculptor Isabel Coulton has also been teaching life drawing for many years at Dartington Hall in Devon. Her family links with Provence have prompted her to offer this holiday in France as a chance to spend more time there and enjoy it with others. For more info visit <https://isabelcoulton.com/classes2/> and to book contact Isabel on Tel: 01364 73120 or mobile: 07920714387 or email: info@isabelcoulton.com. See: www.isabelcoulton.com. (see also 'Woody's Art Bites' - <https://isabelcoulton.com/tuition/woodys-art-bites/>)
- **Coffee and cakes in the church car park** on the second Saturday of each month - from 10 to 11.30. Excellent Fairtrade coffee and a gazebo in case it rains!
- **'Third Thursday Tunes'**: traditional music session on the **3rd Thursday** of the month, in the Packhorse Inn from 8pm, previously hosted by Mick Bramich, now co-hosted by Steve Dart at 8pm. See [Facebook](#).
- **Gabriella Roth's 5 Rhythms dance classes:** with Kay Chambers from 9.45 to 11.45am with an optional extra 10 mins for sharing 1-1 at the end of the class, on Monday mornings in [South Brent Village Hall](#). *The last class of the summer term will be on **Monday 19 August** and the Autumn term will start again on **Monday 30 September**.*
- 5 Rhythms is a simple movement practice. With no steps to learn, but encouragement to follow one's own unique dance, whatever age or fitness abilities. As always, we will be with what is, dropping into the Earth and ourselves with deeper compassion and listening. Dance to have fun; dance to release; dance to express; and hear the calling of your body. This is a drop-in class, no experience necessary. Wear layers & bring a sheepskin or a throw, if you'd like, for time on the floor. Cost: £15/13 or £12/11 concessions (payable with cash at class or bank transfer). Kay is also teaching the **Totnes Dance Collective** at the Civic Hall at 7.15 pm to 9.30 pm on Monday evenings. Please see <http://totnesdancecollective.org/> for details". For more info, or to be kept up to date with Kay's other dance classes contact Kay Chambers on 07807 292 289 or email kaydancedelicious@hotmail.com.
- **Short Mat Bowls** – in the Village Hall on Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm; Friday 10am-12noon; £2 per session. For more info, contact Gary Hooper on 07926 059886 or turn up for a session.
- **Meditation Group:** The small friendly, non-denominational, meditation group, which had 'Zoomed' through the pandemic, is back meeting face-to-face at Mogador in Didworthy every **Wednesday** at 7.30pm. Whether you practice a particular type of meditation or would like to try meditation, all are welcome and if you would like to join us, please contact Bill Vennells by email at billvennells@hotmail.com or ring 07482 191207. Meditation teaching is also available free of charge for anyone who would like to learn a calming breathing practice.

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Yoga Classes:

- **Yoga** in [South Brent Village Hall](#) formerly with **Liz Turner** have now been taken over by **Faith Matthews** and **Pippa Griffen**
- **Uplifting, Mindful Breath-centred Viniyoga** with **Faith Matthews** on **Mondays** 7-8.15pm in the [Old School Community Centre](#). **Viniyoga** for flexibility, resilience, clarity. A class open to all, no matter what your starting point - 'Yoga is not just for the flexible' A meditative approach to yoga, with slow mindful movement and a focus on the breath. 6 session block £51.00; 4 session pass £35.00; Taster session £8.75. To contact Faith, to book and for full details see below.
- **Women's Wellness Yoga** with **Faith Matthews** on **Tuesdays** from 1-2pm in the [Old School Community Centre](#). For women through all of life's cycles. A friendly and supportive class that helps establish your breath and takes a meditative approach to yoga, using slow mindful movement. Here you can work with where you are energetically, enhance pelvic floor health and develop a greater sense of balance and stability both on and off the mat. Whether you're managing a long-term health condition or looking for ways to sustain and support yourself through womanhood, you will come away feeling grounded, more open and replenished. 6 session block £47.40; 4 session pass £32.00; Taster session £8.00. To contact Faith, to book and for full details see below.

- **Viniyoga** - with **Faith Matthews** on **Wednesdays** from 10:15-11:45am: With some chair, standing and floor sequences in **South Brent Village Hall**: Wednesdays: **31August**. Drop-in £9.50; block booking works out as £8.50 a class. To book, please contact Faith directly as below and complete the health questionnaire via [this link](#).

For full info and about Faith's classes, including other classes in Lodiswell, Ugborough and Ivybridge, and to book for the above classes, please contact Msfaithmatthews@yahoo.co.uk or call 07779 026439 or visit the website: www.horizon-yoga.co.uk/; or www.facebook.com/HorizonYogaViniyoga on Facebook; or [@HorizonYogaViniyoga](https://www.instagram.com/HorizonYogaViniyoga) on Instagram.

- **Kundalini with Kevin** on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:15pm in the [Old School Community Centre](#). An on-going Kundalini yoga class for the mind, body and soul. Everyone welcome. Please bring a yoga mat - if you have one - and blanket, cushion, water bottle, etc... and anything else you may need to feel comfortable. Cost: £8 per class. Kevin is also offering morning classes at Bowden House on some Wednesday & Saturdays. For further info see www.angelyogatotnes.co.uk/kevin-obbard.html or contact Kevin at kevinyoga20@icloud.com / 07736 776 728.
- **Learn Karate** from 6.30-8pm on Tuesdays at the [Old School Community Centre](#): Traditional Wadaoryu as founded by Hironori Otsuka in 1934. With instructor, Graham Chuck, [Wadaoryu Karatedo Kenyukai](#) 7th Dan. Cost: £6.00 /£5 juniors (aged 10+) per lesson See www.wadokenkyukai.weebly.com/.
- **South Brent Women Together**: Successor group to the Women's Institute in South Brent - "We are a lively group of ladies who meet together on the **third** Tuesday of each month (*not*

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August) at 7.30pm in the hall of the [Old School Community Centre](#) to listen to interesting talks, share ideas and enjoy coffee and cake. We have occasional social trips and a thriving craft club, as well as our wonderful WT Choir and 'Ladies Who Lunch' outings. Come along and check us out!". New Members welcome; membership is £25 per year or drop in for £5. Enquiries to vivienne.lawrence@msn.com.

- **'Walking for Health' / 'South Brent Walk & Talk' / Wellbeing Walks**
- **'Wellbeing Walks' in South Brent.** Free and friendly, easy access 'Grade 1' walks every **Wednesday at 10.30am**. Meet at the [Old School Community Centre](#) (usually outside the big gazebo). "Join us for a gentle amble about the village - We stroll for about half an hour, stopping when a rest is required, and finish with a cuppa and a chat." This is for those with limited mobility or recovering from inactivity or who just enjoy some friendly company. The walks are free and are led by a walk leader on firm, level surfaces and so are perfect for wheelchair users or people with walking aids. We are a friendly group of leaders and participants and welcome new walkers or people who would like to become walk leaders. No need to book – just come when you want to. See <https://sbadc.org.uk/news-and-events/south-brent-wednesday-walk-talk/>. Now under the auspices of [South Brent & District Caring](#)
- **Weekly Friday afternoon 'Grade 3' walks.** Meet on **Station Approach by the bench near the railway bridge at 2.00pm**. "Come and join our friendly group and enjoy regular, free, healthy, local walks on roads and footpaths in and around South Brent." The Friday **'Grade 3'**, led walks are the more challenging grade, lasting approximately **90 minutes** over all terrains, including lanes, fields, stiles, and uneven surfaces. Please bring appropriate footwear and what you need for the walk. There are sociable drinks afterwards in the garden of the Pack Horse Inn. No need to book just come along when you want to for more information on both levels of walk call 01364 700282 or email info@sbadc.org.uk
- **Recorder Club** in the Old School Community Centre on Wednesdays 10:00-11:30. Contact Sally Maclver on 01364 72834.
- **PUFFS - People with Under Fives:** in termtime in **St Petroc's Church Room on Monday mornings** at 9.15 for 9.30am. "Everyone with, or caring for, under 5s is welcome to join us – a friendly, church-linked group for a short informal time of songs, stories and activities, followed by coffee, biscuits chat and playtime. (no charge).
- The **'Youth Bus' (Bridge Project)** – every **Wednesday evening:** from **7-8.30pm** by the skate park in **Palstone Park Rec Car Park**, South Brent - a meeting place for friends plus free hot chocolate, squash and biscuits, games, music and companionship. For those in school year 6 and above. FFI call 07966 911560, or see: yfc.co.uk/centre/ivybridge/
- **Youth Sessions** on **Thursdays** for ages **11+** in **Palstone Park Skate Park** in from 6.30-8.30pm. Under the auspices of [Space Youth Services](#) with Youth Worker supervision at all times.

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GENERAL LOCAL INFORMATION

- **Community webpages:** more information about what's going on in the village can also be found on:
 - [South Brent Assist](#) Facebook group pages were established during covid, and are well used, (but not intended for business advertising) will continue to be active for the time being. [www.facebook.com/groups/southbrentassist]
 - [South Brent Community website](#) is a non-profit organisation created for the benefit of the local community. The domain and content are owned by South Brent Parish Council and administered by volunteers [www.southbrent.org.uk/]
 - [South Brent Community Group](#) has been created for the community and neighbouring villages to share local information, ask for, or to offer, help, share events and things happening in the area [<https://www.facebook.com/groups/646409483041391>] (previous group has been archived).
 - Archived information remains accessible on a [South Brent Community Chat](#) page

- [South Brent & District Caring](#)

South Brent & District Caring offers help where we can - advice, support, befriending calls and transport for medical appointments (including vaccination appointments). South Brent & District Caring was awarded the **Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS)** for 2022. This is the highest award a local voluntary group can receive in the UK and is equivalent to an MBE.

The Office is in the [Old School Community Centre](#) is open - **10am -12 on Tuesday to Friday**, All **groups and activities** are up and running, but if plans need to change, there will be posts on the [Facebook](#) pages and posters outside The Old School Community Centre:

 - **Coffee mornings** now held weekly on **Mondays** (not bank holidays), **from 10.30 until 12 noon**. Open to everyone (no need to book). Free (suggested donation £1.50).
 - **Lunch Club: Mondays from 12-1.30pm:** alternating between the **traditional lunch club** (choose between 2 soups & 2 puddings followed by raffle and sweet) and an informal **'Cafe lunch club'** on the Mondays in-between (more casual, with pasties, salads, sausage rolls, quiche and ploughman style meals followed by Sue's lemon cake). Suggested donations, pay what you feel, £4 /£5 / free., Open to everyone (*but please ring to book your place on 01364 700282 or email info@sbadc.org.uk*).
 - **'FriendsDay Wednesday' afternoon groups** (incorporating the former **Memory Cafe**) from 2-4pm. All welcome – no need to book.
 - **Compassionate Friends Café** – Monthly on the third and fourth Saturday (*see [above](#)*)
 - **Footcare Clinic:** - with NHS trained nail cutters, every 6 weeks; 9.30am to 2.00pm. Costs: £12.50 on first visit (to include own new clippers); £6.50 for toenail cutting; £2.50 for fingernail cutting. **Next sessions: TBC**. Please call the office on 01364 700282 for further details or to book an appointment.
 - Transport – please call the office on 01364 700282 to arrange.
 - Fundraising Events – [click here](#).

FFI contact **South Brent & District Caring** on 01364 700282 or email info@sbadc.org.uk and see: sbadc.org.uk/ or [Facebook](#) for updates.

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- The [Old School Community Centre](#): The centre is open for use of the printer and photocopier during Post Office and Library hours, and also when booked activities are taking place. **Michelle Parton**, our new permanent administrator, will be available in the Centre from **10-11am** and by phone or text on 07707 723637 from **10am – 1pm** most weekdays, to help you with any enquiries relating to the Centre and its facilities; she can also be contacted via email (info@theoldschool.org.uk) and will endeavour to get back to you within 24 hours. The OSCC landline is no longer in use so please phone if you need to contact the Community Centre urgently. For further information about the Community Centre see www.theoldschool.org.uk and [Facebook](#) or email info@theoldschool.org.uk.
***NB.** The trustees are moving forward plans to rejuvenate the centre. Significant fundraising to replace the roof is still needed - see [below](#) re 'Raise the Roof' campaign.*
 - The **Post Office** is open from **9-12** on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Remember you can use the Post Office to make cash withdrawals from, and payments to, most UK banks.
 - [Lloyds Bank](#)'s mobile branch service in the car park visits **fortnightly** – every other **Monday** from **9.45-11.15am**. For dates see: www.theoldschool.org.uk/facilities/mobile-lloyds-bank/
 - The **South Brent Community Library** in the [Old School Community Centre](#) is open in its brighter, more welcoming facility in the Beacon Room on Mondays (10am-12noon), Wednesdays (2-4pm), Fridays (10am-12noon) and Saturdays (10am-12noon). Lyn Dent has returned as library Manager (contact: email theoldmem15@gmail.com / tel. 01364 73274). Donations of books in good condition welcome.
A new **children's section** of the library has been launched and will be open during normal community library hours.
 - The [South Brent Archive](#) is now in the library in the Beacon Room in the [Old School Community Centre](#) and will be open in 2024 on days to be announced and viewed by appointment by contacting Steph Bradley (see below). We are looking for new volunteers, so that we can open more often. If you love local history, like talking to people, and/or are great at detail and enjoy cataloguing (training given) or maybe you are a techie and would like to help us to digitise our collection... we would love to have you on board!" Entry to the Archive is free, but donations are welcome and will be used to buy archival quality storage materials to preserve the collection as well as contribute to the upkeep of the Old School Community Centre (which is still in need of a new roof!). FFI contact Steph Bradley on 01364 644978 or email transitionales@googlemail.com and see the Archive's fascinating [Facebook](#) page.
- **Old School Community Centre Corridor Gallery:**
Exhibitions of a wide variety of artwork and crafts from the local community.
August 2024: No exhibition
September 2024: [Brent Island Trust](#) - a display showcasing activities around the Island
October 2024: South Brent Art Group - annual display from local artists
Exhibitors are most welcome! If you would like to show work in the Corridor Gallery, - please get in touch with **Sue Ifould** - sue@ifould.co.uk.

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- Mobile ShareShed 'Library of Things'** Open every **Friday** from 10am to 12noon, in the car park at South Brent [Old School Community Centre](#), you can find the ShareShed, the world's first mobile library of things. ShareShed offers useful items at a nominal fee for you to borrow - all in a super extra safe way! You can already join as a member and reserve the things you want via <https://sharesheduk.lend-engine.com>. For more information, visit www.shareshed.org.uk and [Facebook](#).

You will also find a **'ShareShed Locker'** in the [SSB HUB](#)/Warm Space! (see [below](#)) at the [Old School Community Centre](#). It is open from Monday – Friday 9am-1.30pm, so, if you can't come to the ShareShed in the car park on a Friday 10-12 – No problem! - Use the Share Shed locker in the Hub instead! To use it, just go to www.shareshed.org.uk, become a member, and order from 350+ items. Then forward your confirmation email to shareshed@ssb.org.uk with your collection time (during locker open hours of Monday – Friday 9am-1.30pm)
- 'The Community Hub'**: [Sustainable South Brent](#), [South Brent & District Caring](#) in partnership with the [Old School Community Centre](#) offer a combined presence in the **Moor Room** (formerly the gym). **Open weekdays** between **9.30am-12.30pm**; pop in for a cuppa, chat, support, advice, groups, talks, games, digital support, or tell us what you need from the **Community Hub**. Find out about SSB projects, events, ticket sales, membership, volunteering opportunities or general enquiries about how you can get involved. There is programme of activities lined up, including advice sessions, workshops, talks, film evenings, and other sessions. *The Hub now also contains a **ShareShed locker** (see [above](#)).* Visit <https://ssb.org.uk/projects/sustainability-hub/> or email for more details and events: The Hub hosted **South Brent 'Warm Space'** through the winter (see <https://sbadc.org.uk/support-for-you/south-brent-warm-room/> and [South Brent Warm Space](#) on the register of UK warm spaces).
- South Brent Village Hall**: Open for hire and activities with a covid safe policy in place. If you have any queries, please email bookings@southbrentvillagehall.co.uk or call 01364 700288. See: <http://southbrentvillagehall.co.uk/>.

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- [South Brent Recreation Association](#), Palstone Park, Exeter Road South Brent.
 - For **Regular Activities** at the Rec including Yoga, Football Club and Judo Club, see the [calendar](#) and [contact details](#) and the [Cricket Club website](#).
 - **Table-Tennis**: on **Tuesdays** at 7.30pm; **£1.50**.
 - **Bingo**: on the first **Wednesday** of the month 7-10pm
 - **Pilates**: contact Tracie Shippey - tracie@shippeypr.co.uk
 - **Judo**: contact Bruce Baker - southbrent46@yahoo.co.uk
 - **Cricket**: contact Chris Roud - see: <http://southbrentcricketclub.weebly.com/>
 - **Football**: contact Gary Tidball - gary.tidball@tclarke.co.uk
 - **Chair Yoga**: contact Liz Turner liz@intoyogaandnature.co.uk and see [above](#)
 - See [above](#) re [Youth Sessions](#) and the [Youth Bus](#)
 - The Rec. has a **Monthly Fundraising Lottery**. Pay £12 a year - 50% goes in prizes and 50% helps maintain the facilities at the Rec. The lottery has been registered with South Hams District Council and *players must be 18 or over*. [Click here](#) to see the options and to complete an entry form.
 - **Pavilion Hire**: the hall is available for hire at £7 per hour plus one-off £5 for kitchen. Call Anne on 01364 72223 or email: nichollsbennie2@gmail.com to book.

If you are interested in finding out more, or helping look after the Rec. or becoming a committee member please contact Peter Kelly (Chairman) on 07836270576 [/peterkelly@spxservices.co.uk](mailto:peterkelly@spxservices.co.uk) or Anne Nicholls (Treasurer) on 01364 72223 [/nichollsbennie2@gmail.com](mailto:nichollsbennie2@gmail.com). See the website for further information, other activities and hiring details - southbrentrecreationassociation.weebly.com/.
- **South Brent Club**: in Stockbridge Lane is the village's social club and "has absolutely no connections or affiliations to any political, religious or commercial companies or businesses, parties, movements, societies or organisations, whatsoever. We are also not tied to any brewery, landlord or supplier. **We are a totally independent local social club**". Quiz night on 1st and 3rd Saturdays, Weekly Bingo inc. 'Key to a Fortune', Bonus Ball and darts; Monthly meat raffle; Large screen for Sport etc. FFI see: www.southbrentclub.org.uk/sbc_home.htm. Telephone: 01364 338 029; Club Chairman: Ernie Hannaford – email chairman@southbrentclub.org.uk. See: www.southbrentclub.org.uk/sbc_home.htm and [Facebook](#).
- **The Marsh**: [SSB's composting site](#): adjacent the South West Water site on Exeter Road is **open on Sunday mornings from 10am-1pm** both to leave garden waste, and to buy compost. Following the cessation of SHDC's kerbside brown bin collection in October, bring your garden waste to the Marsh. We still need **MORE green waste** e.g. grass cuttings, dead flowers etc., and **LESS wood!** Please don't bring stumps, vines, bamboo, Japanese knotweed, Himalayan balsam, food/kitchen waste, cooked or uncooked e.g. unwanted fruit and vegetables, peelings, left-overs. **Three** vehicles will be allowed on site at one time plus maximum of two allowed to stack in the entrance layby (No parking on the main road is permitted while waiting for entry). Only limited help is available from volunteers to unload your garden waste or carry bags of compost to your car. If you collect compost, please place £1 per 10kg bag donation in the box. Full Information on the project can be seen at: www.ssb.org.uk/projects/the-marsh-community-compost-and-re-use-centre/.

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- **St Petroc's Church:** St Petroc's and St Mary's at Rattery are open daily from about 9.30am to 4.30pm. For details visit the church's website www.stpetrocsandstmarys.org.uk or [Facebook](#). For more information contact the vicar, **Rev Gina Radford** on revginar@gmail.com or call 07903 400480.

PUBS:

- The **Packhorse Inn:** *the Packhorse managers from June are Jo and Ray. There is a new menu, including Sunday lunches, and new opening hours:*

- **Monday:** bar open 4-9pm (not serving food)
- **Tuesday:** bar open 4pm (not serving food)
- **Wednesday:** bar open 12md-10.30pm; Food served: 12-3pm & 5.00-8.30pm
Wednesday 7 August: Curry Night – Curry and a pint: £15
- **Thursday:** bar open 12md-11pm; Food served: 12-3pm & 5.00-8.30pm
- **Friday:** bar open 12md-11pm; Food served: 12-3pm & 5.00-8.30pm
Fridays: Fish & Chips – 2 servings £25
- **Saturday:** bar open 12md-11pm; Food served: 12-3pm & 5.00-9pm
- **Sunday:** bar open 12md-10.30pm; Food served: 12- 5pm (Sunday roasts)

Take aways are also available. See: www.facebook.com/people/The-Packhorse-Inn-South-Brent-Community-Public-House/100083362321282/.

The Packhorse has resumed hosting regular **Informal Music Sessions**, (see [above](#)). FFI about these sessions see [above](#).

and: **'Third Thursday Tunes': traditional music sessions**, at 8pm in the Packhorse Inn. See [above](#) and [Facebook](#).

- The **Station House Café:** Open **every day** from **9am 'til 6pm** for breakfast, lunch (Roast on Sunday) and afternoon tea; and late on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings (summer opening hours) (kitchen open 6-8pm) for events or dinner, drinks, coffee & cake! Friday is 'Fish Friday'. **NB. Late hours can vary so book or check first.** See www.stationhousesouthbrent.co.uk/ and www.facebook.com/stationhousehotelsouthbrent and or call or text 07581 654321.
- The **Turtley Corn Mill:** Open 7 days a week Monday – Saturday: 11am-11pm; Sundays: 11am-10:30pm; Food served from midday until 8.30pm from 11am-11pm. Book a table online or give us a call on 01364 646100, or email eat@turtleycornmill.com, or even just pop in and if we have one free you are very welcome to it. Large open riverside garden area. See: www.facebook.com/turtleycornmill/ and www.turtleycornmill.com/.
- The **Avon Inn** at Avonwick: Open every day from 12-10.30pm; food served 12-9pm. Please book a table inside, or 'first come first served' for outside in the large garden area (weather permitting). Take-away Pizzas from 5pm on Fridays. To book or FFI phone 01364 73475. See www.facebook.com/theavoninn/ for updates.

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TAKEAWAY FOOD:

- (See also [Station House Café](#) and [Packhorse Inn](#) above)
- The **Fish and Chip shop** (formerly 'The Friary') reopened as '**Big Fish Little Fish Devon**'. New opening hours are **Wednesdays (11.30am-2.30pm & 4.30-7.30pm), Thursdays (11.30am-2.30pm & 4.30-8pm) Fridays (11.30am-2.30pm & 4.30-8pm) and Saturdays (4.30-8pm)**. It is run by Rachel Rafiqi and Katy Weir who have installed brand new equipment and given it a complete makeover. They look forward to welcoming you – initially with a limited menu i.e. fish and chips with some sides - beans, minty mushy peas, gravy, home-made sambal or curry sauce, veggie pakoras, cauliflower roulettes, condiments and lovely drinks. They are “sourcing the best quality fish, potatoes and food suppliers and developing delicious recipes to compliment the fish and chips menu”. *Now taking online orders – click on the 'Start Order' button on [Facebook](#)*. More on [Facebook](#).
- The [Rowan Grill](#) at 3 Station Road, next to the Village Shop, open, **6 days/week, (Monday – Thursday: 4.30-10.00pm; Friday & Saturday: 4.30-10.30pm)** for **Pizza, Kebabs, burgers etc.**, fresh daily. Orders can be taken at the premises, by phone on 01364 72777, or order and pay on-line via therowangrill.com/ordernow. FFI and menus, see: therowangrill.com/ and [Facebook](#).
- **Taste of the Wild Pizza:** on **Thursdays** from 5.00-7.30pm in South Brent Recreation Centre car park, Palstone Park. Mobile wood fired pizza company, registered with South Hams District Council, providing fabulous freshly cooked sour dough pizzas in 5 small towns in the South Hams. You can pre-order online - see www.tasteofthewildpizza.co.uk/.
- The **Co-op** is open from **7am-11pm** daily
The Co-op's soft plastic recycling facility is available inside the South Brent store, with a collection point for used **clean**, soft plastics - "**CLEAN IT:** Rinse your packaging out first; **SCRUNCH IT:** Scrunch it up tight and if it pings back, it's soft plastic; **CO-OP IT:** Pop into Co-op and put it in one of the soft plastic recycling units." See: www.coop.co.uk/environment/soft-plastics.
- **Continental Crumbs** –Baker in Unit 16, Brent Mill Business Park, South Brent. Order on-line - email team@continental-crumbs.com or call 01647 478009 or visit: <https://continental-crumbs.com/> or www.facebook.com/continentalcrumbsbakery.

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OTHER NEWS

- **South Brent Feoffees - Welfare and Education Grants**

Welfare Grants: South Brent Feoffees charity has a small grant fund available for individuals and groups, resident in South Brent parish, to address specific welfare needs. Grants are not income related and are considered throughout the year on a case by case basis.

Education Grants: Grants from South Brent Feoffees are available to support post 18 education for all young residents of South Brent parish. The deadline for receipt of application forms for support for next year will be **31st October 2024**.

Application forms from: - Tom Maynard – Clerk to the Trustees, South Brent Feoffees, Luscombe Maye Ltd, 6 Fore Street, South Brent. TQ10 9BQ; Or email:-

[SBFeoffees@outlook.com](mailto:SBFfeoffees@outlook.com). See <https://stpetrocsandstmarys.org.uk/south-brent-feoffees/>

(Charity no. 255283).

- **Co-op funding of local causes:** The Co-op operates a scheme to support local causes, by giving 1% of what Co-op members spend in stores on Co-op branded products to local projects. The local causes are funded for a year, with a new round of causes beginning each **October**. Go to www.coop.co.uk/local-causes and select the local cause you would like to support over the current year (you can change the cause you support at any time). Causes for **2023-24**:

- **South Brent School Association:** “Our ambition is to create a covered outdoor area for children to learn outside year-round; understanding more about nature and climate change, while enjoying the health benefits of being outside.” See:

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/85809>

- **South Brent Cricket Club:** “We would like to buy a bowling machine to improve coaching of our youth players and to attract new players. The machine will allow us to enhance their skills and enjoyment of the game.” See:

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/85217>

Once you have nominated your cause, you will need to use your member's card when you shop for the donations to be added (if not a member, you can join at

www.coop.co.uk/membership).

- **Movement for Good Awards:** Nominate a local charity for **£1,000** via [Movement for Good](#). The **Movement for Good Awards** is an annual programme of giving to charities and good causes on behalf of the [Benefact Group](#), leading up to Christmas. Nominations for 2024 run from **1 January 2024** to **19 December 2024**. You can nominate a registered charity, not-for-profit organisation or community interest company for a £1,000 award. See: <https://benefactgroup.com/movement-for-good/>.

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- South Brent Community Fridge: SHARE FOOD - SAVE WASTE!** Have you ever wondered what to do with that spare food? The [South Brent Community Fridge](#) is installed near the centre of the village by side of the entrance to the [Old School Community Centre](#) (blue Louvre boiler room door) and is being well used. **It is open 24hours a day.** Surplus and end of line food is collected by volunteers from supermarkets and local businesses, who would otherwise be disposing of it, and put in the community fridge for anyone to take what they wish. If you have spare food yourself, if you are going on holiday or have extra vegetables in your allotment, you can also put it in the fridge. **NB. Due to food hygiene regulations, we can't accept any meat or fish products.** Guidelines on what food is safe to share are posted by the fridge, and it will be checked daily by the dedicated volunteers. It's a win-win situation for the environment and the people of South Brent. **Please use it!!!** If you would like to volunteer to help the community fridge, please contact fridge@ssb.org.uk. You can hear Nick Cape, the project lead, talking about the project in a Radio Devon interview via this link: www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0d26s8x (listen from 1:38:10 to 1:43:06).

Drivers needed: We have a growing list of retailers who want to give their surplus to the Community Fridge. We need more volunteer drivers to deliver it to the fridge. Can you spare a few hours a month? – be part of a friendly, enthusiastic, group, creating a thriving, sustainable community? See: ssb.org.uk/community-fridge-drivers-needed/ or to find out more, please email fridge@ssb.org.uk.
- OLD SCHOOL - RAISE THE ROOF:** The roof of the [Old School Community Centre](#) remains in urgent need of repair. Despite the major campaign which has been running since 2017, with **£150,000** needed do the whole roof, the Roof Fund currently stands at **£34,225**. It could be tackled section by section based on the funds raised, but it would be better to get whole job done at one time. The roof is critical to the existence of the Centre and therefore to all the individuals, groups and organisations who use it. If you are able to help by donating, or can share the information, a 'JustGiving' page has been opened which can be accessed through this link:- www.justgiving.com/campaign/theoldschoolroof.

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- Station Car Park:** In 2013/14 South Hams District Council (SHDC) proposed to introduce parking charges in the Station Car Park. This proposal resulted in strong objections from local traders and residents. A meeting in the church, arranged by the Parish Council, attended by over 100 parishioners, and addressed by SHDC representatives strongly supported the preservation of free parking in the village centre and station car park. Negotiations between your Parish Council and SHDC resulted in a 10 year lease commencing in October 2016. The lease calls for a rent of £4500 per year and responsibility for 70% of maintenance costs by SBPC. The roadway through the site is private, not adopted by Devon County Council, resulting in maintenance costs falling on the owner/ leaseholder. Properties located within the site have no responsibility for maintenance of the roadway. As privately owned land only the owner (SHDC) has the right to manage abandoned or illegally parked vehicles unless SBPC obtains a Parking Order at a cost of £1000 plus enforcement costs. Since 2016 it has become apparent that whilst the provision of free parking is desirable, long term occupation of parking spaces does prevent visitors being able to easily park in order to shop or visit the district. Increases in the number of homes and thus vehicles in the parish has exacerbated the demand for village centre parking and the Parish Council is keen to increase its supply. At the Church end of the site is an area which could provide extra spaces subject to planning permission and capital expenditure. This area is designated by the National Park as “parking for a possible Station reopening”.

The **lease of the Station carpark expires in October 2026** and the Parish Council has established a working group to consider future options and present a proposal to the Parish Council in autumn 2024 enabling decisions to be made without the pressure of imminent lease expiry and aware of the council's budgeting timetable.

At present the following options are available, others may arise,

- 1. Renew the lease for a new term of up to 99 years*
- 2. Surrender the lease to SHDC on or before its expiry*
- 3. Acquire the site as a Parish asset*

The Working Group wish to hear from Parishioners and Traders their views about the future of the Station Car Park. Please send any comments/views to: carpark@southbrent.gov.uk or speak to the parish clerk / parish councillors at the Friday morning drop in sessions ([see above](#)) in the Old School Community Centre between **10.30 and 11.30am**.

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- [South Brent Parish Council](#) comprises councillors: **Sue Astal-Stain; Paul Astal-Stain; David Butcher; Richard Fone; Stephen Hanney; Katherine Johnston; Guy Pannell; Cathie Pannell; Glyn Richards;** (Village Ward); **Katy Armstrong; Alastair Childs; David Hancock** (Brentmoor Ward).) **Glyn Richards** was re-elected as **Chairman** for a further year at the Annual Parish Council in May 2024. **Sophie Jones** has taken over the role of the Parish Clerk assisted by Lucy Bruckner. Our [South Hams District Councillors](#) are **Guy Pannell** and **David Hancock** - **Guy Pannell** is also Chair of SHDC; our [Devon County Councillor](#) is **Dan Thomas**, (District and County Councillors also attend Parish Council meetings).
Planned Parish Council meeting dates for the remainder of 2024, are: **15/07/2024; 19/08/2024; 16/09/2024; 21/10/2024; 18/11/2024; 09/12/2024**. (Details of meetings including agenda and minutes are on the [website](#). For 2024, the Parish Council has moved its meetings, which are open to the public, back to the **Village Hall**. Meetings will normally be on the **third Monday of the month**. You can read or download the quarterly Parish Council Newsletter [here](#). For other Parish Council information and contact details for councillors, see www.southbrent.gov.uk, and [Facebook](#), or contact the clerk – clerk@southbrent.gov.uk.

That's all for now folks!

'What's on in Brent' is collated and updated continuously by [John Rawlinson](#) with the aim of supporting local events and letting people know what is going on in the village and local area. It is available as a .pdf to be accessed or downloaded at any time on-line from this link - [CLICK HERE](#). **'What's on' is no longer emailed as text within a monthly 'MailChimp' mailout**. Alternatively you can also access 'What's on' at any time: from the rectangular button on the [Sustainable South Brent website 'EVENTS' page](#), from the events page of the [Old School Community Centre](#) and the [Useful links section of the Parish Council](#) website.

Email us at john@tinavor.co.uk with information about events that you are organising or hear about in or around the village and locality. Be as brief as possible and include venue, times, ticket price, the charity if it is a charity event, contact details etc.

Please let us know if any advertised events are **cancelled**.

Selected events from 'What's on' are also shown in the 'What's on diary' on the [South Brent Community website](#) in a colour coded events calendar - click '**What's on diary**' on the left-hand menu. If you are planning an event, please try to check that your event doesn't clash with another village event. If you have an event arranged, you can check that it is also listed on the community website '[What's on diary](#)' correctly. If anything there needs updating, please let [John Shepherd](#), the webmaster know.

The [South Brent Assist](#) webpage is regularly used to let people in the village know about local events and information as is [South Brent Community Group](#)

Thank You

John Rawlinson