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

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- [South Devon Alpine Gardens Group](#) visit
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- [ShareFest](#) and Repair Café in Totnes
- [Brent Singers perform](#) Rossini's 'Petite Messe Solenne' in Modbury
- ['Belonging in Song'](#) with Fran Andre and Emily Roblyn in Buckfastleigh
- Ivybridge U3A monthly general [meetings](#) and talks, plus Ivybridge U3a [Folk Club](#)
- [Ashburton Community Folk Orchestra](#)
- [Ashburton Arts](#) – Lots of [live events](#) including impending Tanners Moon [Festival](#)

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

- [Community Choirs:](#) [Wild Harmony](#) – [Heart & Soul Singing](#) (Emily Roblyn) in Buckfastleigh and Exeter; [Belonging in Song](#); [Brent Singers](#); [Wild Goose Choir](#); [Circle of Song](#); [The Lost Sound](#); [Devonly Voices](#); [Totnes Harmony](#); [Collati](#)
- [Art House South Brent](#); – range of classes,
- [Fused Glass workshops](#)
- [Brent Roots courses](#)
- [Traditional tunes sessions-](#) in the Packhorse Inn

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- [Yoga](#): (inc. [Women's Wellness](#) and 'Enduring Ease Yoga') with [Faith Matthews](#); with [Pippa Yoga Class](#) and [Gentle Years Yoga](#) at the Rec with Jenny Harker
- **Zumba inspired [Dance Fitness](#) with Daisy**
- [Quigong](#) with Amanda Morley
- [Learn](#) Karate
- **Taekwon-do / [Martial Arts](#) for all ages and abilities with Tamzin Goodwin**
- **Adult [Ballet Classes](#)**
- [Meditation Group](#) in Didworthy
- Five Rhythms Dance [classes](#) with Kay
- Walking for Health - South Brent '[Walk & Talk](#)' and Wellbeing Walks
- [Coffee and cakes](#) in the church car park
- **Recorder [Club](#)**
- South Brent [Women Together](#)
- Short Mat [Bowls](#)
- **PUFFS**
- [Youth Café](#) and [Youth Bus](#) (Bridge Project) at the Rec; [Youth Sessions](#) at the Skate Park
- **Hedges and Woodland** group's [activities](#)

GENERAL LOCAL INFORMATION:

- [Old School Community Centre](#); [South Brent & District Caring](#);
- [Lunch club](#); **NEW** [Board Games Club](#) and [Seated Exercise Class](#); [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](#): [Packhorse Inn](#); [Station House Café](#); [Turtley Corn Mill](#); [Avon Inn](#)
- [Takeaway Food](#): [Fish and Chip shop](#); [Rowan Grill](#); [Taste of the Wild Pizza](#); [Continental-Crumbs](#) on-line bakery. The [Co-op](#) -opening hours
- Other local facilities: inc. [Post Office](#); etc
- Citizens Advice [Video Booth](#) at the Old School
- **SSB Marsh [Composting Centre](#)**
- **Mobile Share Shed '[Library of Things](#)' – plus ShareShed [Locker](#) in the Hub**
- St Petroc's [Church](#)

OTHER NEWS:

- Old School Community Centre - [Rejuvenation Plans](#)
- **Choose your Co-op [local cause](#) for 2025-26**
- **South Brent [Community Fridge](#) - Share Food - Save Waste! [DRIVERS NEEDED!](#)**
- South Brent Parish Council – [meetings](#) and vacancies.

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

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THIS MONTH'S VILLAGE EVENTS:

- **Wednesday 1 April: 'Tent for Lent' Lunch** - 12:30- 1:30pm in the Methodist Church School Room. Bread, cheese, hot drink, friendship - **South Brent Churches** will be raising money for [ShelterBox](#). Everyone is welcome! Bring cash and a friend - or two, and help us raise £590 to fund a family shelter pack, including tent, tools, kitchen set, blankets, water filtration sets. *"No one without shelter after a disaster"*.
- **Wednesday 1; Thursday 2 & Saturday 4 April 2026 (extra days): More Community Tree Planting in Hope Wood** from 10:30am-3pm. We'd love you to join us for Season 2 at Hope Wood – South Brent's new community woodland! There are 12,500 trees to be planted this winter and, as at the end of March, nearly 11,000 are in the ground. Find us north of Portford Lane (What3Words: **boldest.landscape.repay**), a few minutes' walk from Palstone Park Recreation Ground (where you need to leave any cars as there is no parking available on site). Follow signs to site or scan QR code for directions. Wear wellies! Tools provided but bring a spade if you have one. See <https://ssb.org.uk/hope-wood/> and [ParkLife](#) – the organisation contracted by South Hams District Council to arrange the tree planting sessions. **Update – all 12,500 trees planted before Easter!**
- **Wednesdays: Free Knitting Workshops** every **Wednesday from 2.30-4.30pm** in the [HUB](#) 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-2-2/2026-01-07/> .
- **Wednesdays 1; 8; 15; April 2026: Live Informal Music / Jam Sessions:** on Tuesdays or Wednesdays (currently usually Wednesday), from 8.15 until closing 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; or 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](#).

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- **Fridays: Weekly Vigil for PEACE** from 5.30 – 6pm continues outside the Village Shop (the last 10 minutes will be spent in silence). This has been running as a weekly event, and while we hope that the current cease fire agreement in Gaza may develop into a lasting peace, those of us who have been part of the vigil recognise that the genocide is ongoing and that with conflict now also raging in Iran and Lebanon, peace in the Middle East is still a dream.
- **Saturday 4 April 2026: Family Easter Egg Trail:** 10am - 4pm on [Brent Island](#) (down Millswood Lane behind St. Petroc's Church). Families will be welcomed to Brent Island on Easter Saturday (4th April) for South Brent's traditional Easter Egg Trail. "After such a wet and windy winter, we are hoping there will be plenty of signs of Spring on The Island, with flowers in abundance and the trees breaking into leaf" says Brent Island Trust Chair, Graham Royle. "We have been fortunate with the weather for our Easter Egg Trail in recent years, with more than 150 youngsters taking part. We hope the sun shines again so families can enjoy the beauty of Brent Island and its wildlife as they hunt for clues on the trail. If the weather is fine feel free to bring a picnic." Entry is £2, with the prize of a chocolate egg or a fruit basket for every entrant. Brent Island is a three-acre area of riverbank, meadow and woodland surrounded by the River Avon, bought by public subscription in 1994 for the benefit of wildlife and the people of South Brent. See: www.brentisland.org.uk/.
- **Saturday 4 April 2026: Chatty Coffee Morning** with good company in the South Brent Methodist Church School Room (side entrance) from 10am-12 noon on the first Saturday of the month. Draw, and other bits of interest, friendly atmosphere - everyone is very welcome. Proceeds to church funds.
- **Tuesdays: 7; 14; 21; 28 April 2026: Tuesday Fair Share:** from 2.30pm at **Palstone Park Rec.** An opportunity for residents of South Brent and the surrounding area to access affordable, good quality surplus (in date) produce, minimising food waste and landfill. Everyone is welcome; You'll be asked to check in each time, and there is a suggested donation of £3.50. (The food is free, but we need to pay transport and rent). For that you can get at least 10 items of food and groceries, from a selection of produce that changes every week and includes a selection of fruit and vegetables and store cupboard essentials. If you feel you would like to donate more than £3.50, you are welcome to. There is free parking on site at the Rec. The main supplier is [Fareshare SouthWest](#), a national charity that redistributes surplus food from the food industry to community groups. See: <https://ssb.org.uk/tuesday-fair-share/>. This is a volunteer led project, if you are interested in volunteering, please email tuesdayfairshare@ssb.org.uk.
- **Thursday 9 April 2026: South Brent & District's Monthly Quiz night** at 7.30pm in the [Packhorse Inn](#) on the **2nd Thursday** of the month. Bring a team or join one (maximum 6 per team). Don't forget to bring a little cash — it's £1 to enter, and there's also a **raffle** on the night. You can reserve a table in advance through the pub (highly recommended 01364 72283). Raffle donations are welcome either on the night or dropped off at the office beforehand. All Proceeds go to [South Brent & District Caring](#). Next Caring Quizzes: **Thursdays 14 May; 11 June.**

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- **Saturday 11 April 2026: Coffee and cakes in the St Petroc's 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!
- **Saturday 11 & 25 April 2026: Compassionate Friends Café:** 10-11.30am in the [Hub](#) at [Old School Community Centre](#) now on the on the **2nd and 4th Saturday of every month** (*note change of date*). Offering a welcoming place for people 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. FFI call 01364 700282.
- **Tuesday 14 April 2026: Sustainable South Brent's Annual General Meeting, celebration and social event.** Open to everyone, at the [Old School Community Centre](#). Doors open at 7pm. The AGM business part of the evening is from 7.30-about 8.15pm, with a Review of the Year; an overview of SSB's Projects; and the election of trustees. Following this, you'll have a chance to chat with SSB members and find out about volunteering opportunities. Since 2006, [SSB](#) has been at the heart of the village's sustainability activities, aimed at '**creating a resilient, low-carbon community where all life thrives**', and this annual event is a celebration of all things SSB, and SSB's chance to thank, publicly, those who've made its achievements possible. Refreshments and snacks will be available, and we do hope you will join us. See: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/ssb-agm-2026/>. You can download the Agenda, Previous Minutes, Proxy form and Annual Report, etc. from the [SSB AGM 2026 resources page](#).
- **Thursday 16 April 2026: Protecting the young fruit trees in the new Community Orchard:** After the wonderful effort put by volunteers planting the orchard trees last month there still remain the tree guards to be put in place. A few days ago all the trees were staked by a contractor and we noticed that some of the trees had already been nibbled by deer. We are planning to try and get all the tree guards in place on this day between **1 and 4pm**. The work is easiest done in pairs, so if we can muster half a dozen couples we will be able to complete the work, as each tree guard does not take long. Bring a hammer and gardening gloves! Access to the Market Garden field site – on foot or by bike, **but absolutely no cars** – is along Palstone Lane then left down Portford Lane to a signposted entrance on the left - **What3Words: extend.showed.spreading**. If you are interested in helping on this day or for further information, please email marketgarden@ssb.org.uk; see: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/protecting-the-fruit-trees/>
For more information on the Community Market Garden and Orchard project, email marketgarden@ssb.org.uk and visit <https://ssb.org.uk/projects/market-garden-orchard/>.
- **Thursday 16 April 2026: Planting potatoes in the new Community Orchard:** For any of you able to spare some time from 1 to 4pm at the Market Garden field – **What3Words: reset.making.petted**, there will be an opportunity to plant some potatoes! This will be our last chance this year, and we've again been given a large amount of seed potatoes that we can plant into compost, as we did very successfully last year. There will be no digging so easy work and ideal for children to have the experience of planting some veg during the Easter Holidays. Please bring gardening gloves, a trowel and maybe a shovel if you have one. The weather looks good! But bring wellies and raincoats anyway as the field is muddy. See:

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<https://ssb.org.uk/event/planting-potatoes-in-the-market-garden/>. For more information on the Community Market Garden, email marketgarden@ssb.org.uk and visit <https://ssb.org.uk/projects/market-garden-orchard/>.

- Thursday 16 April 2026: 'Third Thursday Tunes'**: traditional music session from 8pm in the Packhorse – See [Facebook](#) and [below](#) for details.
- Fridays 17 & 24 April; 1 & 8 May 2026: Tree Care in Hope Wood** from 10:30am-3pm – (join anytime). After planting the 12,500 trees for this season, around 2000 of them don't yet have their woollen mulch mats to protect them from competing grass growth. [ParkLife SW](#) will be returning to the site and would be very grateful for your help. Wear wellies! Tools provided but bring a mallet/lump hammer if you have one. Find us north of Portford Lane (What3Words: **deodorant.chainsaw.dads**), a few minutes' walk from Palstone Park Recreation Ground (where you need to leave any cars as there is no parking available on site). Follow signs to site. See <https://ssb.org.uk/hope-wood/> and [ParkLife](#) – the organisation contracted by South Hams District Council to arrange the tree care sessions. See: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/protecting-trees-in-hope-wood/>.
- Friday 17 April 2026: 'Plankton, Climate and Gaia'**: The 6th talk in SSB's Nature/Wildlife series at 7.30pm in the main hall at [Old School Community Centre](#). [Dr Frances Hopkins](#) from the Plymouth Marine Laboratory will talk about how marine life helps to regulate our planet. Earth's climate is shaped not just by winds and oceans, but by life itself. Dr Hopkins will introduce the remarkable world of microscopic marine plankton – the tiny organisms that produce half of the oxygen we breath, absorb vast amounts of carbon dioxide, and even help clouds to form. Drawing on Gaia theory, which explores how life and the environment interact to keep earth habitable, she will show how the earths 'invisible forest' plays a central role in regulating our climate. She will explain how her research uncovers the chemical conversations between the sea and the sky and how these delicate feedbacks are being affected by climate change. A fascinating, hopeful journey into the hidden systems that keep our planet in balance. All welcome; Refreshments available; Donations help us do more! <https://ssb.org.uk/event/talk-plankton-climate-and-gaia/> .
- Saturday 18 April 2026: Quiz Night** with legendary Quiz Master **Mark Vickers**, in South Brent Village Hall, raising funds for the St Petroc's Church Bells. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Licensed Bar; snacks; tea coffee and soft drinks; Family Friendly – all ages very welcome; Numbers limited – book early via 07813 444496, to avoid disappointment. £2 per person with teams of up to 6.
- Wednesday 22 April 2026: Energy Advice Drop-In Session** 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-9/2026-02-18/> .
Subsequent dates: **Wednesdays 20 May; 17 June.**

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- Thursdays, starting 23 April 2026:** Learn **Circus Skills** (a [Brent Roots](#) course – see [below](#)) with [Elfic the Juggler and Jester](#) (aka Rupert Elford) in the [Old School Community Centre](#). Suitable for both beginners and experienced jugglers, for children aged 8+ and adults. Topics will include: juggling; unicycling; stilt walking; diabolo/devilstick; hat manipulation; peacock feather balancing; plate spinning; hula hooping. Starting with demonstrations of all the various skills, throughout the term everyone will work at their own pace and on whatever equipment they wish. Useful tips will be given in order to make learning easier, with the objective of increasing everyone's skill level. Advice will be given on how to practice, where to buy equipment and if needed, how to put an act together. All equipment will be provided, although if you have any of your own circus equipment, do bring it along as it works well to practice with gear you are used to. Apply via **Brent Roots** - www.theoldschool.org.uk/whats-on/brent-roots/ or FFI email Steph at education@theoldschool.org.uk. Visit www.elfic.co.uk/ and [Facebook](#).
- Friday 24 April 2026: Quiz Night** at the [Station House Café](#) from 8.00-10.00pm. Quiz teams may consist of from 2-5 people; team names are a must; entry fee for each participant in a team is £1 per person; 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 will be a midway break for snacks and drinks and there is a prize for every team at the end of the evening, with a larger prize for the winners. Evening menu available from 6pm (please do not bring food or drink of your own). Ring or message to reserve a table or for more info on 07581 654321. Station House Quiz Nights are now usually monthly. (See [below](#) and [Facebook](#) for info about the Station House Café).
- Sunday 26 April 2026** (*postponed from 18 January*): **South Brent Breakfast Café**, from 9.30am-12noon in the [Old School Community Centre](#). In aid of [Devon Air Ambulance](#). *There will be taster sessions on resuscitation, with 2 doctors who are very involved with DAA. In addition, expect the usual delicious breakfast, drinks and cakes, good South Brent company, live music and more than likely a raffle!*

Future **South Brent Breakfast Café's**:

 - Sunday 12 July 2026** in aid of the [Old School Community Centre](#)
 - Sunday 11 October 2026:** in aid of [OSCAR's](#) (paediatric brain tumour charity) Jessica Shipp has now taken on the organiser role for the Breakfast Cafes – email jessicacayatana@gmail.com or call 07809 721452.
- Tuesday 28 April 2026: Annual General Meeting** of the [Old School Community Centre](#) at 7.30pm in the OSCC Hall. Presentation of Annual Report and Accounts; update on Rejuvenating the centre plans; Opportunity to become a trustee; plus wine and cheese. All welcome; Not a member: no problem, you can join anytime! For more info email info@theoldschool.co.uk or call 07707 723637. Visit www.theoldschool.org.uk/.

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BEYOND APRIL:

- **Friday 1 May 2026: South Brent Curry Night** at the **Station House Café Bar**: Join us for an unforgettable night of delicious curries, drinks and good vibes; Bold flavours, warm atmosphere. Call to book – 07581 654321. See: www.facebook.com/stationhousehotelsouthbrent.
- **Thursday 7 May 2026: 'Dying Matters Week': Death Café, Threshold Film and Songs from Moorheart Choir** in the [Old School Community Centre](#). A '**Death Café**' hosted by Nickie Aven and Michael Brown with tea, cake and informal conversation at **7pm**, followed, at **8.15**, by a showing of the highly acclaimed documentary film, '**Threshold**', about dying filmed in South Brent, by young film maker Florence Brown and funded by The Guardian newspaper. Florence Brown and Nickie Aven will then do a Q&A session followed by songs of kindness and solace for the threshold of life, from the **Moorheart 'Threshold' Choir**, which Nickie leads. You are welcome to come to just one or both of these sessions The event is free, but it helps hugely to have an idea of numbers in advance; please go Nickie's events page - <https://nickieaven.com/events/> to reserve a ticket and let her know you intend to come (tickets will also be available on the door). Donations will be welcome. Part of **Hospice UK's Dying Matters Awareness Week** (4-10 May). Visit <https://nickieaven.com/> and to read the Guardian article about the Threshold Choir in South Brent and Nickie Aven [click here](#).
- **Saturday 9 May 2026: SSB's South Brent Repair Café** from 9.30-11.50am in the [Old School Community Centre](#). Please bring us some items to mend, for example:

 - your squeaky bike for oiling and a puncture to repair
 - that shirt that needs some buttons
 - a toaster that insisted on burning your bread every single time
 - the ceramic ornament that you were given for Christmas and promptly broke
 - the kitchen knives that are embarrassingly blunt (max of 3, unless our volunteer sharpeners are not busy)
 - dad's old shears that won't even open, let alone cut a twig
 - your favourite necklace that needs restringing
 - a leather bag with a loose strap

If you can carry it, we will have a go at mending it! Our team of skilled volunteer repairers offer their services for free, with a café with hot drinks and delicious cakes and savouries to enjoy while your item is being repaired. Bring up to 2 small household items for repair. All for free, although we welcome donations to help cover costs. See: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/south-brent-repair-cafe-4-2-4-2/2026-05-09/>. The Repair Cafe usually runs on the second Saturday morning of January, March, May, July, September and November. So the subsequent repair cafes will be on 11 July; 12 Sept; 14 November. Visit <https://ssb.org.uk/projects/repair-cafe/>

If you like repairing: OR **If you like helping**: Organising; Social Media; Baking; Hosting: **We need you!** Contact repaircafe@ssb.org.uk 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.

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- Sunday 10 May 2026: Vicarage Road Allotment Association Plant Sale** from 10am until 12noon in the [Old School Community Centre](#). Come along and buy from a selection of plants raised by the Allotment Association. Free Entry.
- Mondays, starting 11 May 2026: Drawing – A Crash Course** (20 hours drawing skills) with **Luke Shepherd** at the **Art House** in the [Old School Community Centre](#). Email for details to education@theoldschool.org.uk. and enrol via **Brent Roots** - www.theoldschool.org.uk/whats-on/brent-roots/. A Brent Roots programme (see [below](#)).
- Saturday 16th May 2026: South Brent Garden Gate Sale:** between **10am and 2pm** to raise funds for the Red Cross in Plymouth. Organised by Caroline and members of the South Brent Refugee Support Group. Clothing, Bric-a-brac, plants, baking, books, toys, home produce.... A great opportunity for you to have a Spring clear out! Basically, it's like a car boot sale but spread around the village. And you can combine with friends and neighbours. The various locations will be advertised for people to wander round. All money taken will be given to Caroline to pass on to Red Cross Plymouth who work with refugees and asylum seekers. Would you like to have a stall? *If so, please message or call Caroline 07926078189 before 1st May* so that you can be on the list.
- Sunday 17 May 2026: 'Craft De-Stash'** from 12 - 3pm in the [Old School Community Centre](#). A sale of unwanted craft resources (stash) that crafters no longer want. Nothing is to be sold that is made; it's purely resources, material, wool needles, card, patterns, books and many others. Free Entry. FFI, or to book a table, contact Sue at Cosy Corner Crafts – call: 07810898777 or email cosycornercrafts@gmail.com.
- Sunday 31 May 2026: 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 as is tea, cake and conversation in the Hub afterwards! Please join us to help spruce up the village; families with children especially welcome – *"Together we make changes!"*. Community Litter Picks are usually **2 monthly** on the last Sunday of the month. FFI contact rubbish@ssb.org.uk. See: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/community-litter-pick-13-2/2026-05-31/>.
- Thursday 11 – Saturday 13 June 2026: South Brent Amateur Dramatic Society (SBADS) presents 'The Shakespeare Conspiracy'** by Andrew Shepherd, directed by **Tim McGill**. An epic and passionate adventure in a world where Shakespeare's heroes and villains are written as large as any Superhero with an origin story to match. Join us as we dive into a most epic, comic, romantic tragic comedy in a world where Shakespeare's heroes and villains have been waging a secret war, after being inexplicably being brought to life over 400 years ago. In a time both in and outside of time, and on the border of reality and fiction, conflict rages between the greatest heroes and most terrible villains ever written, fighting for control of Shakespeare's legacy and existence itself. Only one man can restore the balance and save the world from chaos and destruction. And he doesn't even know who he is. Visit: www.sbads.show/

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

- **Thursday 2 April 2026: Members Show, Plant Display and AGM of the [South Devon Group of the Alpine Garden Society](#).** Meetings are held at [Rattery Village Hall](#) TQ10 9LD at 2pm (unless it's a garden visit).
Future meetings:
- **Thursday 7 May 2026 –2.00pm: Garden Visit. Ray Brown, Plant World, Newton Abbot**
- **Saturday 4 – Saturday 18 April 2026: 'Paint and Clay':** Exhibition of paintings and handmade ceramics by **South Brent** artists, **Jenny Graham** and **Gabriella Woodcock**. From 11am-4pm daily in the Mayfly Studio, 41B Swain Street, Watchet, TA23 0AE. Follow on Instagram: @gabrielladelphinepots.
- **Saturday 18 April 2026: [Harbottle & Jonas](#)** supported by **Wild Goose Choir** (see [below](#)) will be performing at St Werburgh's Church, Wembury. Featuring both H&J as a duo, a set by the choir and a couple of songs together. Tickets via www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/harbottle-jonas-st-werburghs-church-wembury-the-wild-goose-choir-tickets-1981707128367.
- **Mondays: Totnes Ukulele Collective** in the **Barrel House**, 59, High Street, Totnes from 7.30pm. Ukulele Group (bass players and drummers welcome) playing a mix of modern, and best of the rest, songs. Open to all. A regular **Ukulele Jam** every **Monday** – “grab your uke, download the songbooks from the website or Facebook and join us”. Free for the first session, then £1 then 50p for regular jammers.
- **MED Theatre: Activities with [MED Theatre](#), all based in their studio in Moretonhampstead.**

 - **Easter holiday children's drama days** Come along for a fun day of drama games and performing activities, inspired by Dartmoor and its stories.

 - **5-8yr olds:** - **Thursday 16 April; 10am-2pm**
 - **8-12yr olds:** - **Friday 17 April; 10am-2pm**

Cost: sliding scale £25/30/35. Bursary places available.
 - **Healing Stories Sessions for adults:** one **Thursday** a month, 7-9pm, check website for dates. Led by **Martin Gill**, HPC and UKCP registered dramatherapist, collaborating with the MED Theatre team of professional applied theatre facilitators to explore storytelling and dramatherapy techniques together. Not a therapy session, although therapeutic practice will be used. All welcome! For more info visit www.medtheatre.co.uk/healing-stories/.
 - **Adults and Children: Intergenerational Play-In-A-Week:** New opportunity from MED Theatre for members of our Dartmoor community of **any age!** to take part in a collaborative, intergenerational (meaning all generations, aged 8+), play-making process over the course of one week in the May half term: **Tuesday 26 – Sunday 31 May 2026**. Cost: adults £45, young people 8-18yrs £65, bursary places available. No experience needed! Flexible schedule possible. For more info, visit www.medtheatre.co.uk/intergenerational-play-in-a-week

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- **Playwriting, Peril and Performance Project: Teens: A performance and creative writing opportunity: every Tuesday in term time April-December** from 6-7.30pm, in the MED studio in Moretonhampstead. Part of the *International Agatha Christie Festival*. MED Theatre are looking for young people aged 12-19 to join our creative project as performers, directors, writers and creators! The team will create our own original Murder Mystery play, to be performed in Torbay in December. For more info and costs visit medtheatre.co.uk/drama-groups/ (bursary places available).

See website for details and cost: www.medtheatre.co.uk. To register your interest or find out more, contact education@medtheatre.co.uk.

- **Saturday 18 April 2026: ShareFest** event in Totnes Civic Hall from 10am-4pm. Celebrating all things related to sharing, repairing, making, swapping including a Big Repair Cafe. It'll also be an opportunity to connect with others who share this passion, and promote local collaboration.

Activities include: Repair Café; Bike Repair and Maintenance; Clothes Swap; Skillshares; Pay What You Feel Café; Conversation Table; Community Singing; Talks; Children's Activities; Various stalls

This **FREE** and family-friendly event, is organised by the [ShareShed](#) in collaboration with the [Network of Wellbeing](#), and will be one of over 50 ShareFests held around the world. It aims to showcase a wide range of projects that encourage a more resourceful, collaborative and sustainable lifestyle Please come and say hello, bring items to repair, take part, attend a workshop, look at stalls, eat cake... Enquiries to: repaircafe@ssb.org.uk and for further information, contact mirella@networkofwellbeing.org. See:

<https://cagdevon.org.uk/event/sharefest-totnes/>. Book tickets (free) via: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sharefest-totnes-tickets-1983361764428

- **Monday 20 April 2026: Bar Room Folk Session:** Folk session on the **3rd Monday** of the month from **7.30pm** in the Royal Oak Pub, East Street, Ashburton. For players and singers to get together to socialise and make music. All welcome to sing, play a tune or to listen; bring a fiddle, box, whistle or What-have-you! (This session has moved from the Ashburton Arts Centre.) For more info contact Rob Long: 07591 986505 / email robertdavidlong@live.co.uk.

- **Saturday 25 April 2026: Brent Singers** conducted by Matthew Searles, perform: **Rossini's 'Petite Messe Solennelle'** at 7pm in St George's Church, Modbury. Bursting with the all the drama of the theatrical stage, Rossini's Petite Messe solennelle is where church meets opera house, transporting us into the lavishly decorated salons of nineteenth century Paris. General Admission £15; Children under 16 free. For tickets and more information see: <https://www.brentsingers.org.uk/event-info/rossini-petite-messe-solennelle-1>

- **Thursday 30 April – Monday 4 May 2026: Dartmoor Tors Festival:** 'A festival about culture and place', for full information, visit: <https://dartmoortorsfestival.co.uk>.

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- Saturday 2 May 2026: 'Belonging in Song'**: Join [Fran Andre](#) & [Emily Roblyn](#) for a joyful day of harmony singing in community from 10:30am-4:30pm in **Buckfastleigh Town Hall**. Their last two singing events have been sold out and received glowing feedback! Fran and Emily are both seasoned song leaders with a lot of experience in creating spaces where everyone feels welcome. They will teach all the songs by ear, and you are welcome to swap parts as and when you feel to find the right part for your voice. All are welcome! As the Zimbabwean proverb goes 'if you can walk you can dance, if you can talk you can sing'. Singing is our birthright, and no previous experience is needed to come and experience this day. Songs will be 3-4 part harmony in general. We will break for lunch - please bring your own lunch with you. Teas / coffees will be provided throughout the day. For further info and to buy tickets go to <https://buytickets.at/franandr>.
- Saturday 2 May 2026: Rattery Plant Sale** at 2pm at **Rattery Village Hall**. Annual grand sale of perennial, bedding and vegetable plants; all excellent quality and value for money plus homemade cakes, bread and preserves. Cream teas; plenty parking. All proceeds will go to the Rattery Village Hall and St Mary's Church. See: <https://ratteryvillage.co.uk/dates-for-your-diary/>.
- Saturday 2 May 2026: 'Celebrating Joni Mitchell'**- the 7-piece band, '[Hejira](#)' set up to celebrate and honour the major works of Joni Mitchell – performs at The Civic Hall, Totnes. Starting 8pm. Tickets via <https://cabaretvoltaireevents.com/event/joni-mitchell/>. FFI see: www.peteoxley.com/projects/hejira#about and [Facebook](#).
- Sunday 3 May 2026: Dartington Hall Makers Market** from 10.30am - 3pm in The Great Hall, [Dartington Trust](#). The fabulous Makers Market returns to the Great Hall from May until November in 2026. Visitors can browse a wide variety of stalls, including artists, ceramicists, printmakers, glassmakers, jewellery designers, illustrators, textile makers, authors, and artisan food and drink producers. Free entry. Further Makers Markets on 7 June; 6 September; 11 October; 8 November. See: <https://missivyevents.co.uk/event/dartington-makers-market-3rd-may-2026/>
- Saturday 9 May 2026: Collati** perform **Anthems and Motets**, at 7:30pm (doors open 7pm) in Buckfast Abbey. An unaccompanied concert directed by **Trefor Farrow**, to include Howells' 'Requiem', and anthem and motets, ancients and modern, including Bach's motet 'Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf' and some stunningly beautiful pieces by contemporary composers such as Kerensa Briggs, Debbie Wiseman, Lucy Walker, Jacob Collier and Ivo Antognini, amongst others. Tickets are £15 from www.buckfast.org.uk/events/, via www.collatisingers.co.uk or on the door on the night (cash/card). For more about **Collati** see [below](#) and visit www.collatisingers.co.uk/. and www.facebook.com/collatisingers.
- Saturday 16 May 2026: Dartmouth Orchestra** performs a **Spring Concert** in St Saviours Church, Dartmouth as part of the Dart Music Festival. Featuring violin soloist **Sophia Jackson** (from **South Brent**). The programme comprises **Schubert** – *Rosamunde Overture*; **Bruch** – *Violin concerto no 1*; **Schubert** *Symphony no 8 'Unfinished'*. See: www.dartmusicfestival.co.uk/ .

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- Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 May 2026: MED Theatre presents 'Martha Witchalse'**. - 2pm and 6pm on the Saturday; 11am on the Sunday in Moretonhampstead Parish Hall. The retelling of a local tale, by and for the Dartmoor community. *"Is a witch a witch because of the way she treats others or because of the way others treat her?"* Martha Witchalse's story, whether based in truth or simply a tale, has long been shared amongst Dartmoor's communities. Martha is widowed as a young mother and strives to keep food on the table for her and her young son. But when disaster strikes and the community turn against them, what will happen to Martha in a world that doesn't trust women living in isolation? Performed by members of the community, and written and directed by MED Theatre's professional artists, this production explores of themes around loneliness, witch hunts, and community. Tickets: 'Pay what you can' - adults £15 standard price, £10 minimum (choose your amount between these, plus sliding booking fee), children £7 under 16 including booking fee (recommended for age 7+). Book via: [Book via: https://www.medtheatre.co.uk/projects/martha-witchalse-2026/](https://www.medtheatre.co.uk/projects/martha-witchalse-2026/). For further information see www.medtheatre.co.uk, email info@medtheatre.co.uk or call 01647 441356.
- Sunday 31 May 2026 BBC's Antiques Roadshow** comes to **Dartington Estate** near Totnes from 11.00am. The Roadshows are ticketed events only. This year we are asking you to tell us about the special item(s) you would like to bring along and submit some photographs using this '[Share Your Story](#)' link. Members of our team regularly review submissions and, in some cases, might make contact before the Roadshow event to discuss the items you would like to bring. **Please Note:** Our team are only able to review submissions sent through the 'Share Your Story' portal. Unfortunately, we are unable to review submissions sent by email or post. We will continue to consider items brought along on the day. You can apply for tickets via this link [Apply for tickets to Antiques Roadshow](#). More information at www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3pPtzjmlf9bRZgfsDNtv3DB/dartington-estate-nr-totnes.
- Wednesday 24 – Saturday 27 June 2026: Dartington Playgoers present 'Shakers: Under New Management'**, written by John Godber and directed by Richard Clark. (Also, Part of [Totnes Fringe Festival \(9-12 July\)](#) (see [below](#)); 1-2 performances TBC).
Auditions: If you are interested, contact Jody via email: jodyfendick@googlemail.com or WhatsApp: 07502 009103. See: www.playgoers.co.uk/
- Thursday 9 – Sunday 12 July 2026: Totnes Fringe Festival**, when Totnes becomes a stage. A diverse programme of theatre unfolds across the town — in theatres, pubs, gardens and unexpected spaces — with work that's bold, inventive and made to be experienced live. For details see: <https://totnesfringe.uk/>

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- **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. They are open to members and those no longer in full-time employment who wish to find out what's on offer. **Meetings for 2026:**
 - **Monday 20 April: 'Scones: 20th, secrets and sleuths in Devon: a Devon Writer's Life in Mystery'.** Author, **Suzy Bussell** invites you into her world of cosy mystery writing where crime scenes and ordinary people uncover extraordinary secrets. Suzy will share stories behind her 'Jane Austen Mysteries' and 'Exeter Mysteries', revealing how Devon landscapes spark her imagination and inspire creation of detectives readers love.
 - **Monday 18 May:** Guest speaker, **Felicity Goodall** will talk about: '**Lost Devon and its forgotten stories**'. Felicity, a freelance writer with a background in radio and newspapers, has a passion for history, and promises a fascinating insight into Devon's history, exploring what little remains of the past, whilst discussing events that have formed the county of today.
 - **Monday 15 June: Nigel Grist - 'Dartmoor Industries.'** Nigel's talk will explore the many industries that took place on Dartmoor, including peat works, China-clay, Tin, Granite, and Bunnies. Plus a few lesser known enterprises.
 - **Sunday 26 July: Simon Dell MBE- 'Tyrwhitt's Tramway Across Dartmoor.'** Simon will talk about the horse drawn tramway built in the 1820s from Plymouth to Princetown.
 - **Monday 17 August: Andrew Thompson - 'From Druids to Drones.'** A history of archaeology on Dartmoor
 - **Monday 21 September: Nick Clyburn - 'An Expert Guide to Air Traffic Confusion'.** Nick, a former RAF officer will demystify the confusing world of Air Traffic Control.
 - **Monday 19 October: Robert Hesketh - 'Devon Inns'.** Robert will delve into the stories behind the names of Devon's inns. He will also illustrate how the sign painters art is still very much alive.
 - **Monday 16 November: Chris Robinson - 'The History of Plympton'.** Chris is an expert on the history of Plymouth and provides talks and guided tours of the city. His book titled The History of Plympton was published in 2025 and his talk will take us through this fascinating story.
 - **Monday 21 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.

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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.

U3A also runs **Ivybridge u3a Folk Club** monthly on the **3rd Wednesday** of the month at Bittaford Village Hall from 7-9.30pm approx. (doors open at 6.40pm). Entrance is £5.00 each (U3A members £ 2.00).at the door. Please bring your own refreshment if required.

- **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. £10 per session; concessions available.

Remaining Spring term dates: 2 April 2026

Summer term dates: 23, 30 April; 14, 21, 28 May; 4, 11, 18, 25 June; 2, 16, 23 July 2026.

For more information on how to join please contact David Faulkner - email

david.eelgrinders@gmail.com or call 07967 121985. See [Facebook](#).

You can see/hear [Ashburton Community Folk Orchestra](#) in action on

- **Thursday 28 May** at 12.30-1.30 at [Tinnors Moon Musical Lunch](#) in Ashburton Arts Centre
- **Sunday 7 June** at 13.25pm-14.10pm at **Exeter Respect Festival**, Main Stage
- **Saturday 20 June** at 11am at the **Great Big Green Week**, Mill Marsh Park, **Bovey Tracey**
- **Thursday 6 August** at [Sidmouth Folk Festival](#), Sidmouth Parish Church; time tbc.
- **Monday 31 August** at **Scoriton Show**; time tbc.
- **Saturday 26 September** at 7.30pm at the **Autumn Ceilidh** in **South Brent Village Hall**

You can also see a video of **Ashburton Community Folk Orchestra**, 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 at the marvellous [Ashburton Arts Centre](#). For details keep an eye on [Facebook](#) and <http://ashburtonarts.org.uk/> or email boxoffice@ashburtonarts.org.uk. and see: <https://ashburtonarts.org.uk/whats-on/>.
 - **Front Room Folk Session:** Folk session on the third Monday of the month from **7.30pm** has moved from the Arts Centre to the Royal Oak in Ashburton (see [above](#))
 - **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.
 - **May 2026: Tinnners' Moon Festival 2026:** Throughout May, including: **Tannahill Weavers** (14 May); **Nick Harper** (16 May); **Martha Tilston** (18 May); Ashburton Community Folk Orchestra (28 May) (see [above](#)). More details to follow; see: <https://ashburtonarts.org.uk/tinnersmoon2026/>.

*Remember there are **always 3 prices** at **Ashburton Community Arts Centre**: If you think "I'm not going to risk £15 on this choose one of the cheaper ones. If you come, and really don't like it, leave quietly, and you can have your ticket price back. Give something unusual a go.* More information and tickets from www.wegotickets.com/ashburtonarts (10% fee) or email boxoffice@ashburtonarts.org.uk to reserve and pay on the night. 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 : <https://www.facebook.com/ashburtonarts/events> and <http://ashburtonarts.org.uk/whats-on/>.

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COMMUNITY CHOIRS:

- **Wild Harmony is now on an indefinite break.** Any new arrangements for **Wild Harmony** are yet to be confirmed, however, if you have any suggestions, questions or ideas about the future, please email Emily: emroblyn@gmail.com or John john@tinavor.co.uk. **Wild Harmony** is a small, friendly, South Brent based community choir, founded in the 1990s by Arabella Marshall 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. There is no audition or need to read music as the songs are taught by ear. Wild Harmony has had many amazing and wonderful song leaders over more than 30 years since, including Susan Duncan (2003-2008); Nick Prater (2008-2010); Roz Walker (intermittently); Rosa Rebecka (guest appearances); Sarah Morgan (guest appearances); Kate Howard 2011-2013; Fran Andre (2013) and since 2013 by [Emily Roblyn](#). You can see Wild Harmony singing at the Brent Island Fun Day on 21 September 2024 at www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7dkTgeZCvw. (The Wild Harmony website is currently disabled.)

Emily now offers **Heart and Soul** song sessions:

- **Sundays: 10 May; 21 June; 19 July.** '**Heart and Soul Song**' sessions singing in harmony for peace, joy and healing with [Emily Roblyn](#) (**Wild Harmony**) from 5-6.30pm at the [Moor Imagination Collective](#) (MIC), Chapel Street, Buckfastleigh, TQ11 0AB. Join Emily for a new monthly evening of 'Heart and Soul Song' – where we will weave our voices together in gentle, beautiful harmony. This is not about performing – it is a space to drop in to the experience and the power of singing together in harmony. Emily will be bringing some of her favourite peace songs, spirituals, and meditation songs. These are songs to be sung as prayers, as energetic intentions for good, being sent out to each other and the world. Now more than ever we need these songs and these spaces. All songs are taught by ear and no experience is needed. For tickets and info, go to <https://snappytickets.co.uk/event/heart-soul-song-buckfast-jan-to-july-2026/>.
- and also '**Heart and Soul Song**' monthly on **Sundays: 10 April; 24 May; 14 June; 12 July** from 5-6.30pm in 'The Hall' in Exeter EX1 1BD. For tickets and info, go to <https://snappytickets.co.uk/event/heart-soul-song-exeter-jan-to-july-2026/>.
- And, with Fran Andre, '**Belonging in Song**' day in Buckfastleigh on **2 May** (see [above](#)).

[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](#).

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- 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.

Wild Goose Choir is now recruiting new singers - get in touch with Freya - freyaharbottle@gmail.com for more info or to book a free taster session. Open to anyone over 18; no previous choir experience necessary. See www.wildgoosechoir.com/ and [Facebook](#)

Wild Goose will be performing on **Saturday 18 April 2026** at St Werburgh's, Wembury in support of [Harbottle & Jonas](#) (see [above](#)) and on **Sunday 28 June 2026** at Buckfastleigh Fun Day.
- 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.

Upcoming Performances: Brent Singers conducted by Matthew Searles, perform: **Rossini's 'Petite Messe Solenne'** on **Saturday 25 April 2026** at 7pm in St George's Church, Modbury. See [above](#).
- Devonly Voices:** is a 60-strong choir based in Totnes led by Vicky Hadland. The emphasis is on having fun singing together in harmony. We learn by ear which means no written music although there are word sheets. For more info visit www.devonlyvoices.co.uk/.
- Circle of Song: Harmony Singing in the heart of the community** on Tuesdays from 7-9pm at the [Moor Imagination Collective](#) (MIC) in Chapel Street, Buckfastleigh, during term time with **Fran André**. £10/£8 or £9/£7 in advance (block booked). No-one turned away through lack of funds – please talk to us if needed. Drop in for your first session anytime for £12/£11/£10 or give yourself the regular gift of singing and sign up for one of our packages via www.tickettailor.com/events/franandr . Hope to sing with you there!". And if you can't join our choir, just join another one. You will not regret it; singing is good for the soul."
- 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](#) and they are currently recording more. For **Lost Sound** 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 the new website www.thelostsound.co.uk/ and [Facebook](#).

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- [Totnes Harmony](#) is a 70-strong chamber choir led by its Musical Director - musician; alchemist, conductor, pianist, vocal coach and infectious tour-de-force, **Ruairi Edwards**. It is a weekly auditioned choir open to anyone aged 18+ and rehearses every week on Wednesday evening from 6:30pm - 8:45pm at the Civic Hall in Totnes. We learn songs by ear, - music tracks are also available for members to practise at home. You don't need to read music, although we do use sheet music for many of our songs. We sing - folk, pop, gospel, classical and world music in gorgeous four-part vocal harmonies. "More than just a choir, we are a community - a place to belong, connect and sing together. Whether you're here to listen, sing, or share in the magic of harmony, you're in the right place". For more information, visit www.totnesharmony.co.uk/ or email General Enquiries: hello@totnesharmony.co.uk; Membership Enquiries: membership@totnesharmony.co.uk.
- [Collati](#) (formerly 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 *collate*, meaning 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 and prospective members page](#) and email: collatisingers@gmail.com if interested. Visit www.collatisingers.co.uk/. and www.facebook.com/collatisingers. Impending [Collati](#) concerts include:
 - **Saturday 9 May 2026: Anthems and Motets**, at 7:30pm in Buckfast Abbey; for details, see [above](#).

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REGULAR SESSIONS AND CLASSES

Please check with organisers about term breaks.

- **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!). Please visit the [Art House website](#) and view the calendar page - www.arhousesouthbrent.com/calendar.
 - Pottery tutor **Imogen Taylor-Noble** has left the 'Clay Barn' for a new studio at Dartington where she will continue her classes. See: <http://imogentaylor-noble.com/> for more info.
 - **Art Drop-In Sessions** - Generally on the **first Monday** of each month (but can vary due to bank holidays). The idea is to get together to draw or do your own arty thing in convivial surroundings (so we can also chat, drink and eat nibbles). Bring along; a drink and a snack (if you wish); your own drawing materials; a thing or two, to put on the table to draw if you fancy trying a still life, or you could do your own thing, like work on an ongoing project. Sometimes there is a led activity by a member of the group. There will be a small charge to cover the room hire - £2 each. Email arhousesouthbrent@gmail.com for more information
 - **Printmaking classes with Louise Scammell** – Day classes on Mondays, Thursdays from 10-3pm and Tuesday evenings from 6-9pm. Printmaking 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 (8 weeks), please contact Louise - email.louise.scammell@gmail.com. See: <https://louisescammell.co.uk/>.
 - **Painting Classes with Susie Fasht**; run on a Tuesday and Friday mornings. See: www.suzyfasht.com/
 - **How to make clothes with Jane Norris** - a range of different classes for beginners upwards www.howtomakeclothes.co.uk
 - **Willow Workshops and Basket Making with Jenny Gracie** - www.makingspacetomake.co.uk
 - **Fused glass workshops with Annette Daly**. From short tasters (suitable for adults and children as young as 5) to half day workshops on various days and evenings as well as a more in-depth 4 week, there is something for everyone. To book please visit her [Eventbrite page](#) or email annettedaly@hotmail.co.uk
- 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' ([click here](#)). For any other information about Art House, email arhousesouthbrent@gmail.com.
- For a range of **regular classes** and contacts in the [Old School Community Centre](#) see: www.theoldschool.org.uk/whats-on/classes/.

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Brent Roots: **Brent Roots** is a programme of Skills Sessions for Young Adults Aged 16 – 25. South Brent Old School Community Centre is working in partnership with South Brent Feoffees to deliver a series of classes and workshops for young people in the South Brent area. 12-15 year olds are welcome to apply if they have parental permission. **See:** www.theoldschool.org.uk/whats-on/brent-roots/ or download the Brent Roots prospectus: www.theoldschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Brent-Roots-2026-Prospectus-v2.pdf

Yoga Classes:

With **Faith Matthews:**

- **Open Yoga with Faith on Mondays: 7-8.15pm** in the [Old School Community Centre](#). *Viniyoga* for flexibility and resilience. Uncompetitive and breath centred yoga for modern day living. Space for you to reconnect with yourself and rejuvenate. Enjoy mindful movement, development of the breath and relaxation. Spaces limited.
All class dates/rates here: <https://www.horizon-yoga.co.uk/group> or email Faith with enquiries or for one-to-one appointments: msfaithmatthews@yahoo.co.uk.
- **Women's Wellness Yoga with Faith: Wednesdays; 12:15-1:15pm** in [South Brent Village Hall](#). For women through all of life's cycles - a vital chance to replenish. Move mindfully with breath-led *Viniyoga* and rejuvenate. Sustain yourself into and through autumn with this nourishing class that works with where you are energetically that day/week/month/year. Develop your breath, a greater sense of balance and stability (both on and off the mat) and improve pelvic floor health. Whether you're managing a long-term health condition or simply wanting to support yourself through womanhood, you will come away feeling supported, reconnected to yourself and replenished.
Block booking & drop in available. All class dates/rates here: <https://www.horizon-yoga.co.uk/group> or please email faith with enquiries or for one-to-one appointments: msfaithmatthews@yahoo.co.uk.
- **Enduring Ease Yoga - with Faith on Wednesdays from 10:15-11:45am** in [South Brent Village Hall](#). An evergreen yoga class for mature bodies. Gentle yet deep. Begin where you are and develop resilience, mobility and lasting calm. All class dates/rates here: <https://www.horizon-yoga.co.uk/group>.
- Website: <http://www.horizon-yoga.co.uk>
- Facebook: [@HorizonYogaViniyoga](#)
- Instagram: [@faithmatthewshorizonyoga](#)

Yoga Classes with Jenny Harker:

- **Yoga Class with Jenny Harker at Palstone Recreation Hall on Fridays 9-15 - 10.30am.** New friendly, restorative Hatha Yoga classes. Designed for your personal capabilities; Build resilience and explore release through breath; Improve stability, strength and balance. Register, then drop-in to suit your lifestyle. £8 Concessions available. Contact jenny@palstoneretreats.com or call 07483 896054. Jenny Harker is British Wheel of Yoga Certified Teacher.

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- **Gentle Years Yoga:** Jenny has also taken on the **Thursday** afternoon **Chair Yoga** from 3:30-4:15pm at **Palstone Recreation Hall**. “Join our friendly welcoming group, for seated chair and chair-supported, yoga-based postures, helping you to improve flexibility, stability, strength and balance. Breathwork and relaxation to calm and regulate.” Suitable for seniors and those with limited mobility. Guide price £5 for seniors and those on benefits or pay what you can. Register, then drop-in. Contact jenny@palstoneretreats.com or call 07483 896054. Jenny Harker is British Wheel of Yoga Certified Teacher.
- **Kind and Creative Yoga with Pippa:** for Health and Happiness in [South Brent Village Hall](#) on **Wednesdays** from 6-7.30pm. “Move Breathe; Feel; Rest”. £10 drop-in; £9 for a 6-week block booking. Contact Pippa on 07807 969642
- **Qigong classes with Amanda Morely:** in the [Old School Community Centre](#) on **Tuesdays 9.30-10.30am** (ongoing) and **Wednesdays 6-7pm**. “Feel more connection, balance, aliveness & joy”: “We will explore different forms which may include the 18 Forms of Taiji Qigong Shibashi, the 9 Forms of Pre-Heaven Qigong, the 8 Brocades, Five Phases (Elements) Qigong, Radiant Lotus Qigong along with other forms and complementary practices.” Everyone welcome; £10 per session. For more details get in touch - hello@amandamorley.co.uk or call 07710 038955; or visit www.amandamorley.co.uk.
- **Zumba inspired Dance Fitness with Daisy** on Fridays, 9:30-10:30am at the [Old School Community Centre](#). Everyone is welcome! Any age! Any ability! Come and have a dance! £6 per session. Complete information form at: <https://form.jotform.com/251596794856074>. For more information contact Daisy directly: dpdance.co@outlook.com.
- **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/.
- **Martial Arts/Taekwon-do for all ages and abilities** with **Tamzin Goodwin**, 5th Degree, Chief Instructor. Whether you are looking to improve your fitness, self-esteem, confidence, self-defence, or simply want to have fun. In South Brent Village Hall on **Wednesdays**:
 - ‘**Little Dragons**’ – Bite sized specialised classes for 4-7 year olds: from **4.30-5.15pm**
 - **Taekwon-do** classes for ages 7 – 70: from **5.15-6pm**
 For more detail see: <https://goodwinmartialarts.co.uk/> and [Facebook](#) or contact contact tamzingoodwin@sky.com or call 07970 520078.
- **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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- Gabriella Roth's 5 Rhythms dance classes:** with Kay Chambers from 9.45 to 11.45am, with optional 1-1 sharing until 12 the end of the class, on Monday mornings in [South Brent Village Hall](#). *NB. There will be no class on **Bank Holiday Monday 6 April** but classes will resume on **13 April** and continue through the Easter holidays, including bank holiday on **Monday 4 May**.*

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. This is a drop-in class: cost: £15/13 or £12 concessions (payable with cash at class or bank transfer). Dancers often a go to the local cafe after class, everybody is welcome to join.

Kay is also teaching the [Totnes Dance Collective](#) at the Civic Hall at 7.15 pm to 9.30 pm 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.
- Adult Ballet Classes** on Tuesdays from 11am-12.30pm in the Village Hall. FFI call Alison on 07515 829746.
- '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
- '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](#).
- Recorder Club** in the Old School Community Centre on Wednesdays 10:00-11:30. Contact Sally Maclver on 01364 72834.

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- **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 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 yvienne.lawrence@msn.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.
- **PUFFS - People 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).
- **'Youth Cafe' (Bridge Project)** – every **Monday night** during term time: from 6-7.45pm for **School Years 6-8**; and 8-9.15pm for **School Years 9+** at **Palstone Park Rec**, South Brent - free hot chocolate, biscuits, pool table, Xbox, Tabletennis, board games and more. FFI call 07966 911560, or see: <https://ivybridge.yfc.co.uk/what-we-do/>
- 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.
- **Sustainable South Brent's Hedges and Woodland Group Activities:** We are a friendly group enjoying the traditional practices of hedge and woodland conservation and learning the craft skills of outdoor working. You are very welcome to join in our group work days or pop by to see what we're up to. It's great for well-being, exercise and connection with nature! No previous experience needed. We provide training, tools and equipment. (Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.) For the Programme of activities in **Summer 2026** see: https://ssb.org.uk/documents/175/hedges-and-woodland-current/18620/hedges-and-woodland-group_programme_summer-2026.pdf. To join an activity and for more information and location details please email woodgroup@ssb.org.uk. See: ssb.org.uk/projects/hedges-and-woodland/.

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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](#) and is currently open to drop in from- **10am - 12 noon Monday to Thursday** or call us on **01364 7002810**

Groups and activities (also see 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.
 - Weekly **Board Games Club on Thursdays** in the Hub 10am-12noon.
 - Weekly **Seated Exercise Class: 2-2.45pm on Thursdays** with Jenny in the Hub.
 - **Compassionate Friends Café** – Monthly on the **second** 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. Booking essential. 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 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.

For a range of **regular classes** and contacts in the **Old School Community Centre** see: www.theoldschool.org.uk/whats-on/classes/.

Having consulted and explored a range of options, the trustees are moving forward plans to rejuvenate the centre (*see below*).

- 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. **NB The Post Office is Closing Early at 11am on Wednesday 22 April**
- 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. The **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 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 info@southbrent-archive.org.uk and see the Archive's fascinating [Facebook](#) page and new website - www.southbrent-archive.org.uk/ .

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- Old School Community Centre Corridor Gallery:**
Displays and exhibitions of a wide variety of artwork and crafts from the local community.
See: www.theoldschool.org.uk/facilities/corridor-gallery/

April 2026	Sustainable South Brent display to complement the SSB AGM on 14 April
May 2026	Display by local artist Pippa Palmer
June 2026	South Brent Storytellers and Archive : 'Travel & Transport from the pack horse to the automobile'
July 2026	South Brent Breakfast Cafes complementing one in aid of the Old School Community Centre on 12 July

If you are a South Brent resident and would like to hire the Corridor Gallery to exhibit your art work, or to show the activities of an organisation connected to the South Brent Community then please get in touch with Sue Ifould sue@ifould.co.uk.
The gallery can be booked for a calendar month for a fee of £12.50.
- 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 or Anne Nicholls (Treasurer) on 01364 72223 /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**". Bingo every Sunday at 7.45pm with 'Key to a Fortune'; Quiz Night at 8pm on last Saturday of the month (from 31 May) – cash prize; Monthly meat raffle on last Thursday of the month; 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. 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 are allowed on site at one time plus maximum of two waiting in the entrance layby (No parking on the main road is permitted while waiting for entry). 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:** *There is currently no regular food service- However: We're opening our kitchen for a small number of special takeover and pop-up nights in 2026.* If you've got a food idea you care about, a dish or style you're proud of, and you'd love to cook it in a proper country pub kitchen, we want to hear from you Think seafood, regional cooking, fire and smoke, street food, world cuisine, comfort food done properly, seasonal menus, the kind of nights people talk about afterwards. This isn't about back-to-back events. It's about a few really good nights, cooked with intent, in a place that loves food and atmosphere in equal measure. Drop us a message with what you'd like to cook and why it matters to you. Good food. Good people. Good nights.

- **Monday:** bar open 4pm to late
- **Tuesday:** bar open 4pm to late
- **Wednesday:** bar open 12 noon to late
- **Thursday:** bar open 12 noon to late
- **Friday:** bar open 12 noon to late
- **Saturday:** bar open 12 noon to late
- **Sunday:** bar open 12 noon to late

Check [Facebook](#) to see various games evenings, plus **Table Football** now in the snug

Facebook: www.facebook.com/people/The-Packhorse-Inn-South-Brent-Community-Public-House/100083362321282/. Call: 01364 72283.

The Packhorse hosts occasional live music; and regular **Informal Music Sessions** (see [above](#)); and **'Third Thursday Tunes': traditional music sessions**, at 8pm; (see [above](#)).

- The [Station House Café Bar](#): Open **every day** from **9am 'til 5.30pm** for breakfast, lunch (Roast on Sunday) drinks, coffee & cake and afternoon tea. Late opening, with evening menu available for events and on monthly quiz nights (see [above](#)). See www.stationhousesouthbrent.co.uk/ and www.facebook.com/stationhousehotelsouthbrent and or call or text 07581 654321.

Friday 1 May is South Brent Curry Night - see [above](#).

There is also exhibition space in the function room – text 07581 654321 for further info.

- 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') - '**Big Fish Little Fish Devon**'. 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. Menu includes 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
See below re the Co-op's funding of [local good causes](#)
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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- The [Old School Community Centre](#) provides an ever-increasing range of community activities and facilities, but in a building that is nearly 150 years old, and which is showing its age. It is now necessary to embark on a major renovation initiative, focusing mainly on the roof but considering other potential improvements such as solar panels on the roof and energy efficiency measures within the building.

Having consulted and explored a range of options, the trustees are moving forward with plans to rejuvenate the centre. Through generous personal donations, successful grant applications and fundraising events, the 'Rejuvenating the Centre' fund had reached **£509,841** by mid-May. The South Brent community has been incredibly generous - a huge thank you to everyone who has donated so far. This amount will help us to apply for further grants, since many grant-giving organisations look favourably on a project that is already going to succeed and so may be more willing to assist with further funding. Our fundraising goal is **£1,000,000**. This will enable replacement of the roof, with more efficient insulation, plus solar panels and batteries. In order to go further, replacing the heating system and refurbishing and refreshing the entrance and toilet facilities around a further **£500,000** is needed. **You can donate to REJUVENATING THE CENTRE** via the new 'Just Giving' page, currently at £9,325 - www.justgiving.com/page/rejuvenating-the-centre.
- 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 initial 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, visit ssb.org.uk/projects/community-fridge/ or email Felicity, the project lead, at fridge@ssb.org.uk.

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- **Co-op funding of local causes for 2025-26:** 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 <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes> or www.coop.co.uk/local-causes or and select the local cause you would like to support over the current year (you can change the cause you support at any time).

Local nominated causes in a five-mile radius of Brent for **2025-26:**

- **[Sustainable South Brent: Promoting community cohesion](#)**

"We would like to provide equipment, tools and plants for our community market garden, which brings people together to grow and distribute fresh local produce."

Run entirely by volunteers, Sustainable South Brent promotes and delivers actions, projects and initiatives that encourage public participation in helping to ensure the long-term sustainability and character of the local area, at the same time increasing social cohesion and developing skill sets in the community. This means meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, conserving and protecting the physical and natural environment, mitigating against the effects of climate change and impacting directly upon energy use.

See: [Website](#) and [Facebook page](#) and <https://ssb.org.uk/projects/market-garden-orchard/>

- **[The Bungalow Youth Project: Creating opportunities for young people](#)**

"We would like to create a vibrant, youth-led space where young people can cook, create, connect, grow and learn - nurturing confidence, friendships and a stronger future for Buckfastleigh"

The Bungalow Youth Project supports young people in Buckfastleigh to thrive. We offer a safe, welcoming space where they can build confidence, enjoy healthy meals, and take part in creative, active and skill-building opportunities. Our goal is to empower local young people, aged 9-17, to feel heard, valued and connected. Through trusted relationships, youth-led activities and everyday support, we help young people shape positive futures and strengthen our community from the inside out.

See: [Website](#) and [Facebook](#) page

- **[Moorland Community Caring: Improving People's Mental Wellbeing](#)**

"We run Moor Social Groups in the community. They are a great way to get out and meet people, have a piece of cake and a cuppa, join in with talks and activities, or simply enjoy the company."

We are a small, local charity, serving the communities of Ashburton, Bovey Tracey and Buckfastleigh, supporting people in a variety of ways, including delivery of an NHS wellbeing programme, a dementia wellbeing programme, Moor social events, befriending and digital champions work. We aim to help people to live independently - connecting them to their community, whether through our work or that of other organisations. It may also include support from our wonderful volunteers to gain confidence to lead independent and fulfilled lives. We achieve this through listening to people and their families, helping to create a support plan tailored to their needs. This may be addressing mental wellbeing, loneliness, bereavement, anxiety, diet, physical illness, or access to food and other essentials.

See [Website](#) and [Facebook page](#)

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- [Ivybridge Community Food: Enabling people to access food](#)

“We would like to prevent food from going to waste by supplying more affordable food bags to our community, while providing volunteering opportunities, training and increased social wellbeing.”

Ivybridge Community Food is an affordable Food Club and Community Fridge. Since November 2023 we have supported more than 250 individuals with more than 1,500 food bags, we have more than 160 members and 25 volunteers and we work closely with other local community groups. We have consulted with community members and have identified the priorities as: evening food collections for working families; transport for those struggling with mobility and isolation; training for volunteers (food hygiene, first aid and manual handling); communication support for those facing anxiety and bereavement; opportunities for confidence and skills building, especially for young people and adults with complex needs; and extending our community outreach.

See [Facebook page](#):

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).

[South Brent Parish Council](#) comprises councillors: **Alastair Childs** (Chairman); **Sue Astal-Stain**; **Richard Fone**; **Stephen Hanney**; **Katherine Johnston**; **Guy Pannell**; **Cathie Pannell**; **Rachel Rafiqi** (coopted November 2024); **Glyn Richards**; **David Hancock** (Brentmoor Ward). **Sophie Jones** has taken over the role of the Parish Clerk assisted by Lucy Bruckner. [**There are currently vacancies on the Parish Council; Please contact the clerk to find out more if you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor**]. 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). Full Parish Council meetings are usually on the **third Monday of the month** in the **Village Hall**. Meetings are open to the public and details of meetings including agenda and minutes are on the [website](#). Next meeting **Monday 20 April 2026**. 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**.

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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