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

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

- [Community Choirs: Wild Harmony; Brent Singers; Wild Goose Choir; The Lost Sound](#)
- [Art House South Brent – wide range of classes and events, including Printmaking; Willow Weaving; Ceramics; Fused glass; Sewing; Life Drawing/ Portraiture/ Medieval paint techniques](#)
- [Hedges and Woodland group \(the 'Steepers'\) activities](#)
- [Coffee and cakes](#) in the church car park
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- [Yoga: Liz Turner or Faith Matthews \(inc. Women's Wellness Yoga\) or Kevin's Kundalini](#)
- [Learn Karate](#)
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- [South Brent 'Walk & Talk' and Wellbeing Walks](#)
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- [Old School Community Centre; South Brent & District Caring;](#)
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- [OSCC Corridor Gallery; South Brent Archive;](#)
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- **'The Rec'** – including Bingo; Table Tennis; Judo; Cricket; Football; Pilates.
Please complete the [Rec survey](#)
- **The South Brent Club**
- **Community Webpages:** 'South Brent Assist', 'South Brent Community Group'; 'South Brent Community Website'.
- **Pubs:** [Pack Horse Inn](#) (*under new management*); [Station House Café](#); [Turtley Corn Mill](#); [Avon Inn](#)
- **Takeaway Food:** [Fish and Chip shop - reopened](#); [Rowan Grill](#). [Continental-Crumbs](#) on-line bakery
- **Other local facilities:** inc. [Post Office](#); [Lloyds Bank mobile services](#), etc
- **Old School Community Centre Corridor [Gallery](#)**
- **Community [Library](#) and [South Brent Archive](#)**
- **Citizens Advice [Video Booth](#)** at the Old School
- **SSB Marsh [Composting Centre](#) – Compost available – Green waste wanted!**
- **Mobile Share Shed '[Library of Things](#)' – plus [ShareShed Locker](#) in the Hub**
- **Devon Mobile Library [in Brent](#) – *ending end of February 2024***
- **St Petroc's [Church](#)**

NEWS:

- Sign up for [South Devon Primary](#)
- **Nominate South Brent's [Community Champions](#) for 2023-24**
- Choose your Co-op [local cause](#) for 2023-24
- **Nominate a local Charity for a '[Movement for Good Award](#)'**
- **SHDC Recycling Service [update including Christmas and New Year collection dates](#)**
- **[Cap on single bus fares to continue at £2](#)**
- **Old School Community Centre – [LET'S RAISE THE ROOF](#)**
- **[South Brent Community Fridge](#) - SHARE FOOD - SAVE WASTE!**
- **Local [Refugee support](#) including help with [food and welcome boxes](#); and [appeals](#)**
- **South Brent Parish Council – [meetings](#); Assistant clerk [wanted](#)**

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

- *Lightly shaded events or information have been added or amended in the last month. Underlining indicates active [hypertext](#) links to items or additional external information. Please save the link - [CLICK HERE](#) to access regular updates on-line*
- *Information is correct to the best of our knowledge but **please check** if you plan to attend. **Please** let us know if any advertised events are *cancelled*.*

VILLAGE EVENTS:

- **Drop in and Meet the Parish Clerk - each Friday:**– “Do you have any questions about the Parish Council or want any information about what we do or report any problems that you are experiencing around the village?” Come from **9.30-11.30am** for a chat with Jane Sullivan, 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](#).
- **Wednesdays: Free [Knitting Workshops](#) every Wednesday from 3-5pm** in the [HUB](#) and Warm Space in the Moor Room at the [Old School Community Centre](#). Families and children welcome with their grown-ups. Never has there been a better time to learn to knit! Come &

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learn from our resident expert, Sue, from Cosy Corner Crafts. Bring your own knitting or use our needles & wool to start from scratch. FFI email hub@ssb.org.uk. See: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/free-knitting-workshops/2024-01-03/>.

- **Wednesdays 14, 21; February 2022: Informal Music Sessions on Wednesdays:** from **8-11pm** in the [Packhorse Inn](#); (see [below](#)). Mainly acoustic pop/rock/blues and folk (contemporary and traditional). *Usually* on a Wednesday. Anything goes; come, listen, join in if you like - would-be performers always welcome. FFI call John on 01364 72682 or e-mail vjohn307@aol.com.

- **Thursday 1 February 2024: (rearranged from 7 December)** Two talks organised by [Brent Birders](#) at 7:30pm in the [Old School Community Centre](#).

- 'The Joys of sexing' Peafowl and Goosander, by Lesley Austin and Peter Reay

And, after a break for refreshments:

- 'Come fly with me' the extraordinary travels of Devon moths and butterflies, by Phil Dean.

The Fieldfare and Redwing have arrived and can be seen around the parish. The Parish Bird Survey, now in its 10th year is taking place again in 2024, so please do take part. Details and recording forms are on the website at <https://brentbirders.wixsite.com/brent-bird-survey>, where you can also see the report of Brent Birders 10th Season May 2023 Bird Survey. If you have any questions look on the website or contact one of the team - Mike Goss (mikegoss1944@gmail.com); Peter Reay (peter.p.j.reay@btinternet.com) or call on 01364 72539.

- **Friday 2 – Sunday 4 February 2024: 'Bala Awakens to the Art of Wildweaving'** residential retreat at [Bala Brook](#) (TQ10 9ED between Didworthy and Shipley Bridge), with [Emma Capper](#). "Weaving with foraged fibres is an ancient craft which connects our bodies back to the land. When selecting and gathering materials we connect to our senses; through this we build relationships and deeper appreciation for our plant kin. The rhythm of weaving invites the wisdom of our ancestors into our hearts through our fingers as we remember our part in the tapestry of life on earth. Tune in to your body wisdom through the practice of forest bathing as we meet the plants of this beautiful place and learn how to process and weave foraged fibres into unique and useful vessels. Forest bathing or "*Shinrin-yoku*", is a health promoting practice originating in Japan. It holds a resonance with the practice of mindfulness as a state of being in sensory immersion, translating as "*bathing in the atmosphere of the forest.*" Cost: £245 - £295. For full details and to get tickets see <https://balabrook.org.uk/event/bala-awakens-to-the-art-of-wild-weaving/>. For more information about Bala Brook, see: <https://www.balabrook.org.uk/> or

- **Wednesday 7 February; 6 March 2024: Women's Conversation Café:** on the **first Wednesday** of the month in the [Packhorse Inn](#) (note changed venue), at 7.30 for 8 to 9.30pm. An opportunity to share ideas, thoughts and experiences. Free event, no booking, no commitment. Open to all those who identify as a woman and those with lived experience as a woman. Sessions will be facilitated. Drinks and snacks available to purchase. FFI contact Jude Bishop – jude.bishop@icloud.com.

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- Saturday 10 February 2024:** The **South Brent Seed Swap & Gardeners' Social Café** from 11am-3pm presented by the Seed Swap Collective supported by [Sustainable South Brent](#) in the [HUB](#) in the [Old School Community Centre](#). Bring, swap, share & discover new seeds for a small donation. Gardeners' Question Time from 1pm – bring your questions. Panel includes *Gardeners' World's* **Frances Tophill**. Specialist topics include seed saving & successful germination, no dig growing & soil health, composting, and gardening to benefit wildlife. Use our microscope to examine soil health. Win at our raffle & fun quiz. Buy seed potatoes for your spring planting. There will also be a Café serving soup, scones, cakes and hot drinks. Please come along and bring your seeds! Questions, and volunteers to help, please get in touch with Carol via email to halfmoonfield@planetmail.com. See: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/south-brent-seed-swap-gardeners-social-cafe/>.
- Wednesdays 14 February; 13 March; 10 April; 15 May 2024:** **Energy Advice Drop-In Sessions** from 9.30am-12noon in [The Hub](#) at the [Old School Community Centre](#). Free impartial advice from Mark Skinner of [South Dartmoor Community Energy](#). Worried about the rising cost of energy? Struggling to Heat your home? Not sure where to get good advice? Drop in and find out about: Reducing your energy bills; Grants available; Which energy supplier to choose? See: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/energy-advice-drop-in-4/>.
- Thursday 15 February 2024:** **'Third Thursday Tunes'**: traditional music session in the Packhorse – see [below](#) for details.
- Friday 16 February 2024:** **SSB Film Night** in the [HUB](#) at the [Old School Community Centre](#): Doors open at 7.30; film starts at 8pm. **'Woman at War'** (2018) is an Icelandic-Ukrainian film written, produced and directed by Benedikt Erlingsson, and starring Halldóra Geirharðsdóttir. "Halla is a fifty-year-old independent woman. But behind the scenes of a quiet routine, she leads a double life as a passionate environmental activist. She plans to disrupt the operations of the local aluminium plant, but can she reconcile her activism with her desire to adopt a child!" Tickets at £8/ £5 – book via Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/film-night-woman-at-war-tickets-775238157197. See: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/film-night-woman-at-war/>.
- Saturday 17 & 24 February 2024:** **Compassionate Friends Café**: 10-11.30am in the [Old School Community Centre](#) on the **3rd and 4th Saturday of every month**. Offering a welcoming place for anyone with experience of bereavement, recent or otherwise, or those about to lose a loved one, to come together with others for a cuppa and a chat. A partnership of [South Brent & District Caring](#)'s with St Petroc's Church and local people. Drop-ins welcome, or give us a call with any questions or queries on 01364 700282. Volunteers are needed to help run the morning and help make cakes and coffees.

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- Wednesday 21 February 2024: [Old School Community Centre](#) (OSCC) Annual General Meeting** at the Old School at 7.30pm. **Come along** - All members are invited to attend and non-members are welcome to attend as guests. The meeting will consider the Annual Report ([click here to download](#)) and Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2023, the appointment of Trustees, and any matters raised by Members. Should Members be unable to attend, they may appoint a proxy. Become a Trustee and help guide the future of the Centre for the community – contact info@theoldschool.org.uk to find out more. For information about the OSCC see [below](#) or visit www.theoldschool.org.uk/.
- Friday 23 February 2024: February Quiz Night** at the [Station House Café](#) from 8.00-10.00pm. Fun and entertaining, Station House Quiz Nights are now monthly. Quiz teams may consist of from 2-5 people; team names are a must; entry fee for each participant in a team is £2; pens and paper supplied – teams will swap papers for marking. No mobile phones to be used; The quizmaster's decision on all matters is final. There is a prize for every team at the end of the evening, with a larger prize for the winners. There will be a break midway for prepared snacks and liquid refreshments man also be purchased throughout the evening (please do not bring food or drink of your own). Ring or message to reserve your table on 07581 654321. See: www.facebook.com/events/741304557892326/. (See [below](#) and [Facebook](#) for more details of the Station House Café.)
- Saturday 24 February 2024: Songs for Peace and Hope:** 11am-4pm in the Church Room, St Petroc's South Brent with [Natasha Hood](#) and [Nickie Aven](#). "To sing is a beautiful thing and it can bring joy and a sense of wellbeing. When Natasha and I dreamed into this day of singing, we wished that we could send our joined voices as a prayer for peace. Please do bring yourself and your voice – whether you think you can sing or not. Within a gently held circle, we will sing songs in simple, unaccompanied harmonies. We will include poems and a blessing for peace." Please bring your own lunch. Tea, coffee and cake will be provided. We suggest a donation of £30 but we don't wish money to be a bar to you coming. Please pay what you can afford – including more if you can. Natasha is a very experienced singing teacher, an interfaith minister and celebrant and all-round beautiful woman; Nickie is an interfaith minister, celebrant and former manager of a retreat centre on the edge of Dartmoor. She currently works with people who are grieving and dying for whom she also runs a Threshold singing group. To book, please complete the form [here](#). If for any reason you are unable to do that, or for further information, please contact Nickie via nickie.aven@gmail.com or call 7765 242128. See: <https://nickieaven.com/events/>.
- Thursday 29 February 2024: Clothes Swap:** 7-9pm in the [Old School Community Centre](#). **Bring some; Take some!** Get together to exchange good quality clothing. Bring along clothes (in good condition) you don't need any more and swap them for pre-loved clothes that are new to you! Free event – donations welcome to cover room hire. For more information contact Emma - emmacaps@gmail.com. Supported by [Sustainable South Brent](#).

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BEYOND FEBRUARY:

- Monday 11 March 2024:** [South Devon Primary Q&As in South Brent Village Hall from 6-7.30pm](#), where you can question the Green, Labour, and Lib Dem candidates, and then vote on a single candidate, who would be best placed to represent the shared interests of the progressive majority in the South Devon parliamentary constituency (formerly Totnes constituency). Similar meetings will also be taking place in Totnes (2 March); Paignton (6 March); Modbury (7 March); Kingsbridge (9 March); Dartmouth (10 March); Brixham (16 March). To sign up for more information and find out how to reserve a seat at one of these events, which will be open to all those registered to vote in the constituency, see: www.southdevonprimary.org/. (Make sure you are registered to vote – go to www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.)
- Wednesdays 13 March; 10 April; 15 May; 11 September; 16 October; 13 November; 11 December 2024:** [Energy Advice Drop-In Sessions](#) from 9.30am-12noon in [The Hub](#) at the [Old School Community Centre](#). Free impartial advice from Mark Skinner of [South Dartmoor Community Energy](#). Worried about the rising cost of energy? Struggling to Heat your home? Not sure where to get good advice? Drop in and find out about: Reducing your energy bills; Grants available; Which energy supplier to choose? See: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/energy-advice-drop-in-5/>
 (10 April: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/energy-advice-drop-in-6/>)
 (15 May: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/energy-advice-drop-in-7/>)
 (11 September: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/energy-advice-drop-in-8/2024-09-11/>)
 (16 October: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/energy-advice-drop-in-8/2024-10-16/>)
 (13 November: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/energy-advice-drop-in-8/2024-11-13/>)
 (11 December: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/energy-advice-drop-in-8/2024-12-11/>)
- Thursday 14 March 2024:** [“House Martins, Swifts and Swallows in Devon – What can we do to help them thrive?”](#) at 7.30pm in the Village Hall: An evening with renowned TV naturalist, ecologist, artist and speaker, [John Walters](#) and carpenter, [Jerry Horn](#) of [Dawlish Swifts](#). Join them as they share their knowledge about House Martins, Swifts and Swallows and their experience of providing homes across Devon for these beautiful birds. Organised by Sustainable South Brent – see: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/house-martins-swifts-and-swallows/>. Book your ticket for the evening in advance (£10/£5/free) via Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/house-martins-swifts-and-swallows-in-devon-talk-tickets-818398851997>. Tickets £10 / £5 /£0 - [click here to book your ticket via Eventbrite](#).
Swifts-in-South-Brent initiative: Having flown at speeds of up to 70 miles per hour, on an amazing 3,400-mile journey from Africa, these beautiful birds arrive home in South Brent each Spring. However, swift numbers are dwindling (down nationally 60% since 1995) partly due to loss of nesting sites. There are exciting plans afoot (a-wing!?) to help our local Swift population. [SSB's Young Ambassadors](#), working alongside: [Brent Birders](#); Devon Birds' nest-boxes in churches initiatives; [Dawlish Swifts](#) and others, are working on an initiative to improve the situation, seeking available local knowledge, identifying sites, adding them to the [RSPB's Swift Mapper](#), building nest boxes (Dartside Explorer Scouts); distributing boxes to approved sites, installing boxes and spreading the word. If you know of any current, abandoned or potential Swift nesting sites, or would like to see a Swift nest box on your house or outbuilding please email Hayden on yaa@ssb.org.uk. See: <https://ssb.org.uk/helping-our-swifts-to-soar/>.

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- Friday 15 March 2024:** The return of the **Cuckoo Collective** in [South Brent Village Hall](#). With the soul and funk standards they love, their mission is to make you dance! Not to be missed! A fundraiser for the [Old School Community Centre](#) and the [Art House](#)! Doors open at 7pm; bar from 7-11pm; Music from 8pm. Raffle. Entrance by Advance Tickets only at £12.50 from [artworks](#) (01364 649424). **(NB.** They sold-out the last two times they played at the Village Hall, so get your tickets early!) See [Facebook](#).
- Sunday 24 March 2024** *(NB. changed date):* **Community Litter Pick** from **2-4pm**. Join [SSB's](#) 'Talking Rubbish' South Brent Litter Pickers at the [Hub](#) at the [Old School Community Centre](#) at 2pm. Equipment is provided there is tea, cake and conversation in the Hub afterwards! All are most welcome. Community Litter Picks are usually **every 2 months** on the last Sunday of the month. FFI contact hub@ssb.org.uk. See: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/community-litter-pick-10-2/>
- Tuesday 23 April 2024:** [Sustainable South Brent's](#) **Annual General Meeting – an evening with SSB** open to everyone, at the [Old School Community Centre](#) from 7.30-9pm. The AGM business part of the evening is from 7.30-about 8.15pm, then until 9pm you'll have a chance to find out more about what we do, wander around our project displays and chat informally with volunteers and members, make your own views known, 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 our chance to thank publicly those who've made our achievements possible. We do hope you will join us – bring a friend; for all, or part, of the evening. Refreshments will be available. More information and links to relevant documents as plans develop at: <https://ssb.org.uk/event/ssb-agm/>.

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

- Saturday 3 February 2024:** The **Ogwell Wassail**. Following great wassails in Ugborough, [Stoke Gabriel](#) and [South Brent](#), the Wassailers and Wassail Singers move on to a new event at [Ogwell](#). To be held from 3-5pm in the **Dawes Close Community Orchard, Ogwell** - join the procession from **Canada Hill School** to and around the community apple trees. Songs from the children of Canada Hill Community Primary School, East Ogwell and the South Devon Wassail Singers will be led by [Rosa Rebecka](#). Organised by [Ogwild Wildlife Group](#) in partnership with Canada Hill School and funded by the Summer Fair Committee. Apple Wassailing is a revived, ancient tradition performed in many villages around 'Old Twelfth Night' to bless the cider apples and orchards and encourage a good crop in the coming year. (For more info on Wassailing see: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/discover/history/art-collections/wassailing-ritual-and-revelry). And wassailing involves a little bit of dancing, a bit of singing, and lots of fun! See: <https://ogwellparishcouncil.gov.uk/event/wassailing> and <https://www.facebook.com/Ogwild4>
- Saturday 3 February 2024:** **The Magic and Folklore of Dartmoor** at 8pm in Studio 1, Dartington Trust. Devon-based artist and writer Ethan Pennell, expands his previous bookshop talk to a full-length visual presentation of some of the strange, eldritch tales of witchcraft, hauntings and fae featured in his recently published 'Dartmoor Folklore Map', a smörgåsbord of ghoulish animals, piteous ghosts and haunted dark pools. Cost £8. FFI see www.dartington.org/event/theatre-talk-the-magic-folklore-of-dartmoor.
- Sunday 10 March – Sunday 9 June 2024:** **Sue Ifould at Lukesland**. An exhibition of South Brent artist [Sue Ifould](#)'s paintings from 11am-5pm on Wednesdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays during the Spring opening of [Lukesland Gardens](#), Ivybridge PL21 OJF. FFI email sue@ifould.co.uk or see: www.ifould.co.uk

Sunday 5 and Wednesday 22 May 2024 Drawing and Painting with Sue Ifould at Lukesland. There will also be two workshops in which Sue will lead a gentle drawing session from 2-4pm in the grounds. Bring along a sketchbook, pencils and some crayons or water colours. We will start with a couple of activities to help us 'tune in' before zoning in on something that really catches our eye! This should be an enjoyable afternoon, suitable for beginners or those who have more drawing experience. You are welcome to come to one or both sessions. Cost £10 for the workshop (garden entry not included). Email sue@ifould.co.uk to book your place. See: <https://www.lukesland.co.uk/events/2024/5/5/drawing-and-painting-with-sue-ifould-at-lukesland>.

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- [MED Theatre](#)'s Intergenerational Community Play, **The Experiment**, is touring Dartmoor:
 - **Friday 15 & Saturday 16** (*relaxed matinee*) **March**: in **Manaton Parish Hall**,
 - **Tuesday 19 March**: in **Winkleigh Village Hall**,
 - **Wednesday 20 March**: in **Buckfast Southpark Hall**
 - **Friday 22 and Saturday 23 March**: in **Moretonhampstead Parish Hall**

The play will be part of a larger project called 'What If...?', made possible with support from The National Lottery Heritage Fund.: *"A group of children are dropped off at a location on Dartmoor excited to enjoy a fun week of camping, when their leaders have an accident and have to be rushed to hospital, leaving the children alone and unprovided for. Unbeknown to them, they are part of a covert experiment that their parents secretly signed them up for: is the hunter-gatherer instinct still intact? Can humans survive with only the land to live off despite the present-day short cuts to food and a reliance on technology? The scientists and parents watch on hidden cameras as the dangers get more and more extreme until eventually, they need to step in, but does their intervention come too late?"*. Tickets on sale now. For more information, call 01647 441356 or email info@medtheatre.co.uk or head to the company's website www.medtheatre.co.uk/whats-on/.

- **Saturday 23 March 2024: Devon Folk Day** in Morton Bishop. [Devon Folk](#) invite you to a day of exciting and varied workshops and sessions Workshops include: Dartmoor Step Dancing: Mat Norman; The Baring-Gould Collection: Jim Causley; The Spoken Word - the Travelling Talesman: Cliff Eastabrook; A Taste of Morris: Colin Andrews; Devon Songs: Jon Dyer/Gadarene; Devon Folklore: Mark Norman; Mumming in Devon: Colin Andrews; Devon Tunes: Nick Wyke/Gadarene; Songwriter's Circle: Greg Hancock. All followed by choice of a wonderful evening concert with [Gadarene](#) (Nick Wyke (fiddle); Matt Norman (mandolin); Jon Dyer (flute); Laurel Swift (double bass/ clogs); Si Paull (drums); or ceilidh with [Mooncoin Band](#). Tickets: Day ticket (3 workshops and ceilidh or concert): £35; Evening ticket (Ceilidh or Concert only): £15; Single workshop ticket £8. This will be an excellent value showcase of Devon folk with chances to join in, listen, play, and dance in good company. [Click here](#) for programme and booking form.

- **Saturday 6 April 2024: Fauré: Requiem & Vaughan Williams: Five mystical songs**, in Buckfast Abbey. [Brent Singers](#) invite singers to come and join us in the afternoon to rehearse and explore these pieces and join us for the evening performance. Marking the centenary of Fauré's death, Brent Singers, directed by Matthew Searles with David Davies (organ) perform his atmospheric 'Requiem' alongside Vaughan Williams' setting of George Herbert's 1633 collection of sacred poetry, the 'Five mystical songs. This is a come and sing event – tickets for the come and sing are £20, which includes music and refreshments. To register as a participant, go to www.brentsingers.org.uk/event-info/tickets-for-come-and-sing-with-brent-singers-faure-and-vaughan-williams. Alternately, join us for the formal concert performance at 7.30pm in the evening, with professional soloists, in beautiful surroundings of Buckfast Abbey. Tickets are available from the Abbey website www.buckfast.org.uk/events/faure-requiem/. For more details of the event see www.brentsingers.org.uk/event-info/faure-requiem-vaughan-williams-five-mystical-songs. And visit: www.brentsingers.org.uk/. For more about Brent singers see [below](#).

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- **Revd Sabine Baring-Gould Centenary:** 2024 marks the centenary of the death of the Reverend Sabine Baring-Gould (28 January 1834-2 January 1924) who was squire and parson of Lewtrenchard in West Devon. He was an early and prolific collector and recorder of folk tunes and songs from the West Country, including many in South Brent). Songs included 'Widecombe Fair' and 'The Cuckoo'; he also wrote and translated many hymns and carols including 'Onward Christian Soldiers' and 'Now the Day is Over'. See www.sbgcentenary.co.uk/ for details of various events (concerts, talks etc.).

 - **14 April; 21 July; 3 November 2024: 2pm in St Mary's Church, South St, Denbury, nr Newton Abbot TQ12 6DH:** A series of 4 concerts by **Mike Bosworth** telling **Sabine Baring-Gould's** story. Listen and maybe even join in singing some of the songs he collected from 1888-1903 and learn about the 'Song Men' he collected them from. For tickets £10 and more information contact Rachel Belringer on 07751 804007. See also: <https://theparsonandthesongmen.buzzsprout.com/> and www.mikebosworth.co.uk/mikebaringgould.htm.

- **Tuesday 18 - Saturday 22 June 2024:** [Dartington Playgoers'](#) Summer open air production will be **JERUSALEM, by Jez Butterworth**, directed by Ceni Wyatt.

- **Wednesday 27 - Saturday 30 November 2024:** [Dartington Playgoers'](#) Autumn production will be **Tartuffe, by Molière**, directed by Patrick Cooper.

- **Friday 20 September 2024: - Martin & Eliza Carthy** at 8pm St Mary's Church, Totnes. The good Doctor Martin Carthy and his twice Mercury nominated daughter [Eliza Carthy](#), join forces to perform an eclectic range of songs and tunes from their vast family repertoire, drawing from the traditional canon as well as selections from a more contemporary songbook. Early bird tickets available. See: <http://cabaretvoltaireevents.com/event/martin-carthy-eliza-carthy/>

- **University of the Third Age (u3a): Ivybridge u3a** monthly general meetings are held at [The Watermark](#) in Ivybridge from 2-3.30pm (*usually*) on the third Monday of each month and are free to members. **Meetings for 2023-24:**

 - **Monday 19 February;** Simon Dell: telling us the compelling story of three historic murders, linked together with a suicide
 - **Monday 18 March:** Elizabeth Ducie: A Broad Abroad
 - **Monday 15 April:** Martin Lloyd: Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies
 - **Monday 20 May:** Billy 'Scratch' Hitchin: A Sailor's Talk
 - **Monday 17 June:** Mike Griffiths: Listening to the Enemy

[Ivybridge u3a](#) is one branch of a nationwide organisation. If you would like to meet like-minded people who enjoy the same activities as you, you may like to join us. This could give you the opportunity to make new friends or join one of the forty, diverse groups: from walking on Dartmoor, to learning a foreign language, folk music and learning to play ukelele. You can find details of all the groups online under [Ivybridge u3a](#). The monthly meetings offer a programme of talks on various subjects (see above). If you would like to join, please come to one of our monthly meetings, or contact our Membership Secretary, Christine Smith on 01752 837713 or 07974 812657, or download and submit the on line application form [HERE](#). The annual cost is £18 per person giving access to all we have to offer. FFI contact the chairman Val Carmichael on 01752 658164 or email: val.carmichael76@gmail.com or email Ivybridge.u3a@gmail.com or visit www.ivybridge-U3A.org.uk.

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- Ashburton Community Folk Orchestra** led by award winning, Community Musician, David Faulkner on **Thursday mornings** in [Ashburton Community Arts Centre](#). *“Make a big band, make some music, have some fun!”* Play music from Devon and beyond; develop music skills & learning by ear; play in harmony; scores and sound files provided. Acoustic instruments and all levels of ability welcome. £9 per session; concessions available. Remaining dates for the spring term are **Thursday 1, 8, 22, 29 February; 7, 14, 21, 28 March 2024**. 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 a video of **Ashburton Community Folk Orchestra** in action, at their recent Arts Centre gig for ‘Ashburton Safe Haven’ – watch at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xk_tHE_lbY.
- Ashburton Community Arts Centre** (15 West St, Ashburton, TQ13 7DT). Join us in person at the marvellous [Ashburton Arts Centre](#). For details keep an eye on [Facebook](#) and <http://ashburtonarts.org.uk/> or email boxoffice@ashburtonarts.org.uk.

 - NEW: 3rd Monday Bar Room Folk Session** [first session **Monday 19 February**]: New folk session on the third Monday of the month from **7.30pm** in the front room of the [Ashburton Community Arts Centre](#) for players and singers to get together to socialise and make music. All welcome to sing, play a tune or to listen. Bar will be open. Free/donations.
 - NEW: Every Friday: New weekly Community Singalong from 1-3pm** at [Ashburton Community Arts Centre](#) [first session **Friday 16 February**]. 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.
 - ~~Friday 2 February~~: - **Boo Hewerdine and Billie Maree** - *postponed to 13 May*
 - Sunday 4 February**: Bill Birks in ‘The Cat's Birthday gig
 - Monday 5 February**: Jazz Jam Session hosted by Jesse Molins (guitar)
 - Thursday 8 February: Finn Collinson Band** (‘cutting edge folk’) 7.30; £15/£10/£7
 - Saturday 10 February: CANCELLED Mardi Gras Parade** /gig (details tbc)
 - Monday 12 February**: Klezmer and East European Music Session
 - Wednesday 14 February: The Cakemaker** (2017) (12): Israeli film: A German pastry maker travels to Jerusalem in search of the wife and son of his dead lover.
 - Thursday 15 February**: Community Cabaret/Open Mic; 7.30pm; £5/£3/£0
 - Friday 16 February: First Community Singalong** at 1pm with Andy Hill – (see [above](#))
 - Friday 16 February**: CarmenCo: A Pocket Opera
 - Saturday 17 February**: Derek Nash Sax Workshop – Derek leads Jools Holland's Orchestra

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- **Saturday 17 February:** Derek Nash with Martin Dale Quartet.
- **Monday 19 February:** First **Bar room Folk Session** – (see [above](#))
- **Monday 19 - Friday 23 February:** [Protein Dance](#) Residency 'May Contain Food, May Contain You' – top dance group from London is here for the week.
- **Saturday 24 February:** Ian Shaw's piano bar with guests **Annika Skoogh, Joanna Cook** and **Andy Williamson** 7.30pm; £15/£10/£7
- **Sunday 25 February:** **Bulgarian Singing Workshop** with [Dessislava Stefanova](#) of the [London Bulgarian Choir](#); in [Ashburton Community Arts Centre](#) from 10.30pm - 4pm; £30/£25/£20. FFI: see: <http://ashburtonarts.org.uk/events/bulgarian-singing-workshop-with-dessislava-stefanova/>.
- **Sunday 25 February:** Wild Card: Future of Nature on Dartmoor – talks, questions, debate
- **Monday 26 February:** **Not Only but Also The Blues:** Adam Sweet (replacing Chris Jagger Band); 7.30pm; £12/£9/£6.
- **Thursday 29 February:** Film: **Keith Wile** in 'Wildside – the story of a garden'
- **Friday 1 March:** - **The Dave Hankin Big Band**; 7.30pm; £15/£10/£7
- **Saturday 2 March:** - **Louise Parker sings Billie Holiday and Nina Simone**; 7.30pm
- **Monday 4 March:** **Jazz Jam Session**; 7.30pm
- **Wednesday 6 March:** **Eddie Gripper Trio**; 7.30pm
- **Thursday 7 March:** Film: **Harriet** (12A); 7.30pm
- **Friday 8 March:** - **Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman** 7.30pm (tickets on sale now)
- **Sunday 9 March:** **Dartmoor Strings** - Young Performers Concert; 3pm
- **Monday 11 March:** **Klezmer and East European Music Session**; 7.30pm
- **Tuesday 12 March:** **Playback Theatre: Dreams**; 7.30pm
- **Wednesday 13 March:** **Petra Haller and Meg Morley**; 7.30pm
- **Thursday 14 March:** Film/discussion: **Six Inches of Soil**; 7.30pm
- **Friday 15 March:** 'F**k it...Pass the Salt, Please' (Ceri Baker et al); 7.30pm; £12/£10/£7
- **Saturday 16 March:** **Orpheus with Annika Skoogh**; 7.30pm
- **Sunday 17 March:** **Lyric Chamber Orchestra:** coffee and cake concert; 11am
- **Sunday 17 March:** **Emily Francis Trio**; 7.30pm; £15/£10/£7
- **Monday 18 March:** - **Liane Carroll**; 7.30pm
- **Saturday 23 March:** **Street band Workshop** with **Vincent Tourix and the Little Big Horns**; 2-4pm; £tbc
- **Saturday 23 March:** **The Little Big Horns**; 7.30pm; tbc
- **Sunday 24 March:** **Chris Ricketts and the Gulls of Port Isaac**; tbc; 3pm; tbc
- **Sunday 24 March:** **Daniel Kemish**; 7.30pm
- **Monday 25 March:** **Not Only but Also The Blues** - from Spain: **Quique Bonal and Kid Carlos**; 7.30pm
- **Tuesday 26 March:** - **Miracle Theatre Hells Bells**
- **Thursday 28 March:** - 'Beneath the surface - the edge of the sea' - illustrated talk by artist, **Naomi Hart**; 7.30pm; £10/£8/£5
- **Friday 29 March:** Film: **The Adjustment Bureau** (12A); 7.30pm; £9/£7/£5
- **Thursday 11 April:** - **Snake Davis Band**
- **Friday 19 April - 5 May:** **Tinners Moon Festival 2024**
- **Monday 13 May:** - **Boo Hewerdine and Billie Maree** - *postponed from 2 February*
- **Wednesday 3 – Sunday 7 July:** - **West Street Words, Literary Festival**
- **Thursday 11 – Sunday 21 July:** - **Ashburton Chamber Music Festival 2024**

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Tickets from www.wegottickets.com/ashburtonarts or email boxoffice@ashburtonarts.org.uk to reserve

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

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COMMUNITY CHOIRS:

- **'Wild Harmony'** with [Emily Roblyn](#):

Wild Harmony is a small, friendly, South Brent based community choir, which meets regularly to share the fun of singing together in harmony and learning songs old and new, from around the world as well as close to home. All are welcome – no audition or need to read music as the songs are taught by ear.

Wild Harmony now meets fortnightly in term time at **7.30pm** in the [Old School Community Centre](#). Remaining dates for the **Spring term: Fridays 9 & 23 February; 1 & 22 March; Block 2: Fridays 19 April; 3, 17 & 24 May; 14, & 28 June; 19 July**. The cost will continue to be: £8/session (concessions available if needed - just ask!) or one session free if you pay in advance for the whole term. Payment available by BACS, PayPal or cash on the night. You can pay via PayPal (www.paypal.com/paypalme/emroblyn) or cash on the night. Booking is not necessary and 'drop-ins' are welcome! FFI or for details, email Emily: emroblyn@gmail.com). If you would like to be added to the 'Wild Harmony' MailChimp distribution list, please email john@tinavor.co.uk. (The Wild Harmony website currently remains disabled.)

[Emily Roblyn](#) is a choir leader, musician and singer-songwriter who grew up in Canada and harmonised and performed from an early age so that singing is so much a part of her she doesn't remember being without it. She is passionate about sharing her love of coming together to sing and the magic of harmony. To sign up for Emily's own mailing list [click here](#).

- **Wild Goose Choir:** Is a new folk-based community choir led by Freya Harbottle on **Tuesdays** during term time, in the Village Hall from 7-9pm. We'll be learning material from across the folk canon, from the very traditional to the contemporary. Open to anyone over 18; no previous choir experience necessary. Get in touch with Freya for more info or to book a free taster session – freyaharbottle@gmail.com. See www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091751444126.
- **Brent Singers:** ***Brent Singers are always happy to welcome new singers***, there's no audition and no requirement to be able to read music, only to enjoy singing! They rehearse on Thursdays 7.30-9pm at South Brent Village Hall. If you are interested and would like to have a trial go one evening please find out more, or contact us by visiting our website - www.brentsingers.org.uk. For information on Brent Singers, email the Secretary, Barbara Wintersgill at barwintersgill@gmail.com or via the [contact form](#) on the website. See www.brentsingers.org.uk/ and [Facebook](#) and Instagram.
Future **Brent Singers** concerts include:
 - **Saturday 6 April 2024: Fauré: Requiem & Vaughan Williams: Five mystical songs**, in Buckfast Abbey. You can either join the singers in the afternoon to rehearse and then sing the or come to evening performance. For full details see [above](#).
 - **Saturday 7 July 2024: 'American Voices'** at 7.30pm in the glorious acoustic of Buckfast Abbey. [Brent Singers](#), directed by Matthew Searles with David Davies (organ) perform music by Lauridsen, Whitacre and Paulus together with traditional spirituals Shenandoah and Deep River. See: www.brentsingers.org.uk/eventsupcoming-1-1.

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- **The [Lost Sound Dartmoor Folk Choir](#)** is based in Buckfastleigh and directed by [Sandra Smith](#). Their new single – '[Waulking Song](#)' is a fundraiser for Princetown Youth Club. There are big plans afoot for the summer 2024 with exciting concerts planned later in the Spring; see: <https://www.thelostsound.co.uk/events>. *we are looking for new men to join us – tenors, baritones & basses – find more information and fill in audition form [here](#).*
FFI: email info@thelostsound.co.uk or visit their new website www.thelostsound.co.uk/ and [Facebook](#).
- **Devonly Voices**: led by Vicky Hadland and based in Totnes - visit www.devonlyvoices.co.uk/.

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REGULAR SESSIONS AND CLASSES

Please check with organisers about term breaks.

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

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

Classes at the Art House include:

- **Ceramics:** The ceramics studio has been set up by **Imogen Taylor Noble** in the 'Clay Barn'. See: <http://imogentaylor-noble.com/> and www.arthousesouthbrent.com/our-tutors-and-classes-1/imogen-taylor-noble-ceramics.
- **Fused Glass Workshops:** Banish the winter blues by making some beautiful fused glass with Annette Daly, a professional glass artist and tutor, who is offering a range of Winter Warmer fused glass courses including a short taster suitable for adults and children as well as half day and evening workshops in fused glass and fused glass jewellery. Gift vouchers are also available for any workshop To book visit: bit.ly/ebannettedalyglass; email: annettedaly@hotmail.co.uk, or call 07702 201 794.
- **Life Drawing, Portraiture and Medieval paint techniques classes with Isabel Coulton;** see: <https://isabelcoulton.com/> and www.arthousesouthbrent.com/our-tutors-and-classes-1/isabel-coulton-sculpture-and-life-drawing
 - **Saturdays: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 March** in the print studio: Morning: **Life Drawing** 10am-1pm; Afternoon: **Portraiture** 2-5pm. £35 a session (a session = a morning or an afternoon) / £130 for 4 sessions paid up front (reduction of £10)
 - **Wednesdays 6, 13, 20, 27 March** in the Yellow room: Morning: **Life Drawing** 10am-1pm; Afternoon: **Medieval paint techniques** 2-5pm. 4 week course only -no single sessions; £35 a session / £130 for 4 sessions paid up front (reduction of £10)
 - **"Medieval Paint techniques** involves grinding up pigments and mixing them with a mordent or glue. Firstly, we will work out a design, then prepare a wooden panel with gesso which we will make by hand. It is a wonderful substance and can have many applications in art. We make our own paint and see how it was used historically. There will be the possibility of gilding - using gold, copper or silver leaf to enhance your design with an extra cost. It is possible to be extremely conventional and figurative in your design, but there is also a great scope for experimentation and abstraction using these techniques. You choose"
 - **May – residential in the South of France:** Expressions of interest to Isabel - info@isabelcoulton.com. **Tuesday 14 May to Mon 20 May: Life Drawing** to include some portraiture. **Wednesday 22 May to Tuesday 28 May: Medieval Paint Finishes.**
 - **Thursday Evening Art on Zoom:** Techniques, hints and tips about drawing and painting, with life drawing and portraiture. 6.30-8.30pm - £20.

(see also '**Woody's Art Bites**' - <https://isabelcoulton.com/tuition/woodys-art-bites/>)

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- **Printmaking classes** with [Louise Scammell](#) – Day classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 10-3pm and Tuesday evenings from 6-9pm. Print making is an absorbing and fascinating visual art. Louise taught printmaking at Dartington for 14 years and is a member of the Devon Guild of Craftsmen and Society of Wildlife Artists. Her practice involves teaching linocut, drypoint, woodcut, collagraphs, monotype and etching using copper sulphate. The Art House studio has a warm and enthusiastic atmosphere and a 'state of the art' Hale press, two Rolloco presses and a substantial book press. If you would like to join a class (6 or 8 weeks), please contact Louise - email louise.scammell@gmail.com. See: <https://louisescammell.co.uk/>.
- **Willow Weaving** with **Jennie Gracie** from '[Making Space to Make](#)'; see: www.arthousesouthbrent.com/our-tutors-and-classes-1/jenny-gracie-willow-weaving
For Basket Club & Willow Workshops with Jenny in 2024 see: <https://www.makingspacetomake.co.uk/willowcourses>.
- **SEWING GROUPS with Jane Norris: Start Sewing your own Wardrobe of Clothes in 2024!** Come and join our lovely sewing groups, there's the Wednesday Workshops group or the Thursday Sewing Days. Both days of course dates are designed for students to work on their own individual making projects and run from **10am-3pm**. Whatever your level of experience you will receive all the help you need – from choosing a suitable pattern, to fitting adjustments, learning new techniques and professional finishing skills. This new format of a 5-hour workshop (there is a lunch break and a few tea breaks) has proved a successful format, providing a productive time for making good progress with your making projects. **Machines and equipment are provided**, although you are welcome to bring along your own sewing machine if you would like to get to know it better. There are three high quality machines available for those who don't have a machine of their own. There's also a high-quality overlocker with automatic tensioning – for professional seam and hem finishing, or for making a garment from a stretch jersey knit. If you are interested or have any other queries contact Jane how.to.make.clothes101@gmail.com
- **Sewing for all ages** with **Helen Mephram**; see: www.arthousesouthbrent.com/our-tutors-and-classes-1/sewing-for-all-ages-helen-mephram.
- **Creative Journeys in Nature** with **Emma Capper**; see: <https://creativejourneys.org.uk/> and www.arthousesouthbrent.com/our-tutors-and-classes-1/creative-journeys-in-nature-with-emma-capper-forest-therapy.
- **Figurative Sculpture** with **Elizabeth Hadley**; see: www.hadleysculptures.co.uk/ and www.arthousesouthbrent.com/our-tutors-and-classes-1/elizabeth-hadley-figurative-sculpture.
- **Water colour and mixed media painting** with **Sue Ifould**; see: <http://ifould.co.uk/> and www.arthousesouthbrent.com/our-tutors-and-classes-1/sue-ifould-watercolour-painting
- **Painting** with **Susie Fasht**; see: www.suzyfasht.com/ and www.arthousesouthbrent.com/our-tutors-and-classes-1/suzy-fasht-painting.
- **How to make Clothes** with **Jane Norris**; see: <https://www.arthousesouthbrent.com/our-tutors-and-classes-1/how-to-make-clothes>
- **Carpentry & Joinery with Touchwood South West**; see: www.touchwoodsouthwest.com/ and www.arthousesouthbrent.com/our-tutors-and-classes-1/touchwood-southwest-carpentry-and-joinery

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- **Mosaic Making** with **Michelle McQuinn**; see: www.arhousesouthbrent.com/our-tutors-and-classes-1/michelle-mcquinn-mosaic
- **Felting** with **Amanda Critchlow**; see: www.arhousesouthbrent.com/our-tutors-and-classes-1/amanda-critchlow-felt
- **Stained Glass** with **Alexine Tinne**; see: www.arhousesouthbrent.com/our-tutors-and-classes-1/alexine-tinne-stained-glass
- **Bookbinding** with **Gaynor Williams**; see: www.arhousesouthbrent.com/our-tutors-and-classes-1/gaynor-williams-bookbinder
- **Stone Carving** with **Anne-Marie Moss**; see: www.arhousesouthbrent.com/our-tutors-and-classes-1/stone-carving-annemarie-moss

For other **Art House Sessions and Classes**: – *click on* '[our tutors and classes](#)'

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**', '**Member**', '**Patron**' or '**Volunteer**' - [click here](#). Or to donate [click here](#). For any other information about Art House, email arhousesouthbrent@gmail.com.

- **[Sustainable South Brent's Hedges and Woodland Group - The 'Steepers'](#)**

We undertake conservation projects like hedge laying and woodland coppicing, as well as harvesting wood fuel, in and around South Brent. We enjoy the traditional skills and satisfaction of working outdoors together, while doing our bit to maintain diverse and healthy wildlife habitats. Our practical site work takes place in autumn and winter to avoid disturbance to wildlife. You are very welcome to join in our group workdays or see what we're up to, but please contact us first at woodgroup@ssb.org.uk. No previous experience needed. We provide guidance, tools and equipment. Sessions run from **10am until about 3pm**. Remaining dates for **Spring 2024**:

Date	Site	Activity	Led by
Sunday 4 February	John Jellicoe's Hedge	Hedgelaying	James + ?
Sunday 18 February	Penstave Copse NW boundary:	Planting hedge - Jude+?	
Sunday 3 March	TBC		
Sunday 17 March	TBC		

NB. The programme is liable to change. Always contact first to confirm: Rowan Wylie on 07977643376. Join our mailing list: contact woodgroup@ssb.org.uk. See <https://ssb.org.uk/projects/hedges-and-woodland/>.

- **Coffee and cakes in the church car park** on the second Saturday of each month - from 10 to 11.30. Excellent Fairtrade coffee and a gazebo in case it rains!
- **Informal Music Sessions on Wednesdays**: from **8-11pm** in the [Packhorse Inn](#); (see [below](#)). Mainly acoustic pop/rock/blues and folk (contemporary and traditional). *Usually* on a Wednesday. Anything goes; come, listen, join in if you like - would-be performers always welcome. FFI call John on 01364 72682 or e-mail vjohn307@aol.com.

and

- **'Third Thursday Tunes'**: traditional music session on the **3rd Thursday** of the month, in the Packhorse Inn, previously hosted by Mick Bramich, now co-hosted by Steve Dart at 8pm. See [Facebook](#).

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- **Gabriella Roth's 5 Rhythms dance classes:** with Kay Chambers from 9.45 to 11.45am with an optional extra 15 mins for sharing 1-1 at the end of the class, on Monday mornings in [South Brent Village Hall](#). 5 Rhythms is a simple movement practice. With no steps to learn, but encouragement to follow one's own unique dance, whatever age or fitness abilities. As always, we will be with what is, dropping into the Earth and ourselves with deeper compassion and listening. Dance to have fun; dance to release; dance to express; and hear the calling of your body. This is a drop-in class, no experience necessary. Wear layers & bring a sheepskin or a throw, if you'd like, for time on the floor. Cost: £13 or £12/11 concessions (payable with cash at class or bank transfer). I am also teaching the **Totnes Dance Collective** at the Civic Hall at 7.30pm on Monday evenings. Please see <http://totnesdancecollective.org/> for details". For more info, or to be kept up to date with Kay's other dance classes contact Kay Chambers on 07807 292 289 or email kaydancedelicious@hotmail.com.
- **Short Mat Bowls** – in the Village Hall on Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm; Friday 10am-12noon; £2 per session. For more info, contact Gary Hooper on 07926 059886 or turn up for a session.
- **Meditation Group:** The small friendly, non-denominational, meditation group, which had 'Zoomed' through the pandemic, is back meeting face-to-face at Mogador in Didworthy every **Wednesday** at 7.30pm. Whether you practice a particular type of meditation or would like to try meditation, all are welcome and if you would like to join us, please contact Bill Vennells by email at billvennells@hotmail.com or ring 07482 191207. Meditation teaching is also available free of charge for anyone who would like to learn a calming breathing practice.

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Yoga Classes:

- Yoga in [South Brent Village Hall](#) with **Liz Turner**; Vinyasa Krama yoga - sequences taken step by step, plenty of relaxation, breathing and options for different people. The aim is always a calm/still mind!). Suitable for beginners - experienced:**

Wednesdays: 10.15 to 11.45am Gentle class including some chair yoga, some standing sequences, some floor.

Wednesdays: 6.45 to 8.15 pm Mixed ability class - with standing and floor sequences.

Yoga in [Palstone Park Recreation Hall](#) (next to Playing Fields) - with **Liz Turner:**

Thursdays: 3.30 to 4.15 pm Gentle Years Chair Yoga.

Gentle seated movement with calming breathing exercises and relaxation. Suitable for seniors/those with limited mobility. Level entrance around back of building.

Cost: £6 drop-in; £5 per class for a block. Call or email first 07765 631877; email: liz@intoyogaandnature.co.uk.

Ayurvedic Lifestyle sessions available with **Liz Turner**. Diet, lifestyle, herbs. Advice tailored to your requirements to address imbalances, health ailments, mental health. Can include a personal yoga practice. South Brent (days by arrangement). Cost: £60 for first consultation inc. full health assessment & some ongoing advice. £45/hour thereafter. Short sessions (20 mins) for basic health advice £18. Call or email for further information: 07765 631877 email: liz@intoyogaandnature.co.uk. See www.intoyogaandnature.co.uk and [Facebook](#).
- Uplifting, Mindful Breath-centred Viniyoga** with **Faith Matthews** on **Mondays** 7-8.15pm in the [Old School Community Centre](#). Viniyoga for flexibility, resilience, clarity. A class open to all, no matter what your starting point - 'Yoga is not just for the flexible' A meditative approach to yoga, with slow mindful movement and a focus on the breath. 5-session block £42.50; 4-session pass £35.00; Taster session £8.75. Half term break from w/b 12th February, resuming w/c 26 February To book and for full details, contact Faith - email: Msfaithmatthews@yahoo.co.uk or call 07779 026439; see: www.horizon-yoga.co.uk/group.
- Women's Wellness Yoga** with **Faith Matthews** on **Tuesdays** from 1-2pm in the [Old School Community Centre](#). For women through all of life's cycles. A friendly and supportive class that helps establish your breath and takes a meditative approach to yoga, using slow mindful movement. Here you can work with where you are energetically, enhance pelvic floor health and develop a greater sense of balance and stability both on and off the mat. Whether you're managing a long-term health condition or looking for ways to sustain and support yourself through womanhood, you will come away feeling grounded, more open and replenished. 5-session block £39.50; 4-session pass £32.00; Taster session £8.00. Half term break from w/b 12th February, resuming w/c 26 February. To book and for full details, contact Faith - email: Msfaithmatthews@yahoo.co.uk or call 07779 026439; see: www.horizon-yoga.co.uk/group.

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

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- **NEW: Kundalini with Kevin** on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:15pm in the [Old School Community Centre](#). An on-going Kundalini yoga class for the mind, body and soul. Everyone welcome. Please bring a yoga mat - if you have one - and blanket, cushion, water bottle, etc... and anything else you may need to feel comfortable. Cost: £8 per class. **Please note no class on 21st February.** Kevin is also offering morning classes at Bowden House on some Wednesday & Saturdays. For further info see www.angelyogatotnes.co.uk/kevin-obbard.html or contact Kevin at kevinkyoga20@icloud.com / 07736 776 728.
- **Learn Karate** from 6.30-8pm on Tuesdays at the [Old School Community Centre](#): Traditional Wadaoryu as founded by Hironori Otsuka in 1934. With instructor, Graham Chuck, [Wadaoryu Karatedo Kenyukai](#) 7th Dan. Cost: £6.00 /£5 juniors (aged 10+) per lesson See www.wadokenkyukai.weebly.com/.
- **South Brent Women Together**: Successor group to the Women's Institute in South Brent - "We are a lively group of ladies who meet together on the **third** Tuesday of each month (*not 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.
- **'Walking for Health' / 'South Brent Walk & Talk' / Wellbeing Walks**
- **'Wellbeing Walks' in South Brent**. Free and friendly, easy access 'Grade 1' walks every **Wednesday at 10.30am**. Meet at the [Old School Community Centre](#) (usually outside the big gazebo). "Join us for a gentle amble about the village - We stroll for about half an hour, stopping when a rest is required, and finish with a cuppa and a chat." This is for those with limited mobility or recovering from inactivity or who just enjoy some friendly company. The walks are free and are led by a walk leader on firm, level surfaces and so are perfect for wheelchair users or people with walking aids. We are a friendly group of leaders and participants and welcome new walkers or people who would like to become walk leaders. No need to book – just come when you want to. See <https://sbadc.org.uk/news-and-events/south-brent-wednesday-walk-talk/>. Now under the auspices of [South Brent & District Caring](#)
- **Weekly Friday afternoon 'Grade 3' walks**. Meet on **Station Approach by the bench near the railway bridge at 2.00pm**. "Come and join our friendly group and enjoy regular, free, healthy, local walks on roads and footpaths in and around South Brent." The Friday '**Grade 3**', led walks are the more challenging grade, lasting approximately **90 minutes** over all terrains, including lanes, fields, stiles, and uneven surfaces. Please bring appropriate footwear and what you need for the walk. There are sociable drinks afterwards in the garden of the Pack Horse Inn. No need to book just come along when you want to for more information on both levels of walk call 01364 700282 or email info@sbadc.org.uk
- **Recorder Club** in the Old School Community Centre on Wednesdays 10:00-11:30. Contact Sally Maclver on 01364 72834.
- **Brent Babies** on Thursday mornings at the Palstone Park Recreation Pavilion (replacing the former 'Sweeney Toddlers'). Contact Anna Mcgowan - brentbabies@hotmail.com

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- **PUFFS - People with Under Fives:** are back for the new term in **St Petroc's Church Room** on **Monday mornings** at 9.15 for 9.30am. "Everyone with, or caring for, under 5s is welcome to join us – a friendly, church-linked group for a short informal time of songs, stories and activities, followed by coffee, biscuits chat and playtime. (no charge).
- The '**Youth Bus**' (**Bridge Project**) – every **Wednesday evening:** from **7-8.30pm** by the skate park in **Palstone Park Rec Car Park**, South Brent - a meeting place for friends plus free hot chocolate, squash and biscuits, games, music and companionship. For those in school year 6 and above. FFI call 07966 911560, or see: yfc.co.uk/centre/ivybridge/
- **Youth Sessions** on **Thursdays** for ages **11+** in **Palstone Park Skate Park** in from 6.30-8.30pm. Under the auspices of [Space Youth Services](#) with Youth Worker supervision at all times.

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GENERAL LOCAL INFORMATION

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

- [South Brent & District Caring](#)

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

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

 - **Coffee mornings** now held weekly on **Mondays** (not bank holidays), **from 10.30 until 12 noon**. Open to everyone (no need to book). Free (suggested donation £1.50).
 - **Lunch Club: Mondays from 12-1.30pm:** alternating between the **traditional lunch club** (choose between 2 soups & 2 puddings followed by raffle and sweet) and an informal **'Cafe lunch club'** on the Mondays in-between (more casual, with pasties, salads, sausage rolls, quiche and ploughman style meals followed by Sue's lemon cake). Suggested donations, pay what you feel, £4 /£5 / free., Open to everyone (*but please ring to book your place on 01364 700282 or email info@sbadc.org.uk*).
 - **'FriendsDay Wednesday' afternoon groups** (incorporating the former **Memory Cafe**) from 2-4pm. All welcome – no need to book.
 - **Compassionate Friends Café** – Monthly on the third and fourth Saturday (*see [above](#)*)
 - **Footcare Clinic:** - with NHS trained nail cutters, every 6 weeks; 9.30am to 2.00pm. Costs: £12.50 on first visit (to include own new clippers); £6.50 for toe-nail cutting; £2.50 for finger-nail cutting. Next nail cutting clinics are on **Tuesday 20th February & Thursday 22nd February**. *Fully Booked – but please contact us to join the waiting list.*
 - Please call the office on 01364 700282 for further details or to book an appointment.
 - Transport – please call the office on 01364 700282 to arrange.
 - Fundraising Events – [click here](#).

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

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- The [Old School Community Centre](#): The centre is open for use of the printer and photocopier during Post Office and Library hours, and also when booked activities are taking place. **Michelle Parton**, our new permanent administrator, will be available in the Centre from **10-11am** and by phone or text on 07707 723637 from **10am – 1pm** most weekdays, to help you with any enquiries relating to the Centre and its facilities; she can also be contacted via email (info@theoldschool.org.uk) and will endeavour to get back to you within 24 hours. The OSCC landline is no longer in use so please phone if you need to contact the Community Centre urgently. For further information about the Community Centre see www.theoldschool.org.uk and [Facebook](#) or email info@theoldschool.org.uk.
***NB.** The trustees are moving forward plans to rejuvenate the centre. Significant fundraising to replace the roof is still needed - see [below](#) re 'Raise the Roof' campaign.*
 - The **Post Office** is open from **9-12** on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Remember you can use the Post Office to make cash withdrawals from, and payments to, most UK banks.
 - [Lloyds Bank](#)'s mobile branch service in the car park visits **fortnightly** – every other **Monday** from **9.45-11.15am**. For dates see: www.theoldschool.org.uk/facilities/mobile-lloyds-bank/
 - The **Community Library** in the [Old School Community Centre](#) has reopened 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).
 - The [South Brent Archive](#) is now in the library in the Beacon Room in the [Old School Community Centre](#) and will be open in 2024 on days to be announced and viewed by appointment by contacting Steph Bradley (see below). We are looking for new volunteers, so that we can open more often. If you love local history, like talking to people, and/or are great at detail and enjoy cataloguing (training given) or maybe you are a techie and would like to help us to digitise our collection... we would love to have you on board!" Entry to the Archive is free, but donations are welcome and will be used to buy archival quality storage materials to preserve the collection as well as contribute to the upkeep of the Old School Community Centre (which is still in need of a new roof!). FFI contact Steph Bradley on 01364 644978 or email transitionales@googlemail.com and see the Archive's fascinating [Facebook](#) page.

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- The Devon Mobile Library**, currently visits monthly in a refurbished van, on Tuesdays: from 1.45-2.15pm at Station Approach and from 2.30-3.45pm at Clobells, plus a trial stop at Kerries Road from 3.55-4.15pm. **However, Devon County Council has made the decision to end the Devon mobile library service on Thursday 29th February 2024. FFI see:** <https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/mobilelibraries>
See: www.devonlibraries.org.uk/ and [Facebook](#), or email info@librariesunlimited.org.uk.
- Old School Community Centre Corridor Gallery:**
Exhibitions of a wide variety of artwork and crafts from the local community.

February 2024: The Seed Swap - new exhibitors to the gallery. Expect a lively display about planting and growing!

March 2024: South Brent Printmakers - recent work by students who work with [Louise Scammell](#) at the Art House

April 2024: [Sustainable South Brent](#) - a display showing the variety of activities carried out by SSB members; coinciding with SSB's AGM on 23 April.

May 2024: [Elaine Sibley](#) - a new collection of paintings from this South Brent artist

June 2024: [South Brent Archive](#) - more treasures from the wonderful archive.

July 2024: [Ivybridge Camera Club](#) - talented photographers show their recent work

August 2024: No exhibition

September 2024: [Brent Island Trust](#) - a display showcasing activities around the Island

October 2024: South Brent Art Group - annual display from local artists

Exhibitors are most welcome! If you would like to show work in the Corridor Gallery, - please get in touch with **Sue Ifould** - sue@ifould.co.uk.
- 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)

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- **'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/>.
- **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
 - **Brent Babies**: contact Anna McGowan - brentbabies@hotmail.com
 - **Chair Yoga**: contact Liz Turner liz@intoyogaandnature.co.uk and see [above](#)
 - See [above](#) re [Youth Sessions](#) and the [Youth Bus](#)
 - The Rec. has a **Monthly Fundraising Lottery**. Pay £12 a year - 50% goes in prizes and 50% helps maintain the facilities at the Rec. The lottery has been registered with South Hams District Council and *players must be 18 or over*. [Click here](#) to see the options and to complete an entry form.
 - **Pavilion Hire**: the hall is available for hire at £7 per hour plus one-off £5 for kitchen. Call Anne on 01364 72223 or email: nichollsbennie2@gmail.com to book.

If you are interested in finding out more, or helping look after the Rec. or becoming a committee member please contact Peter Kelly (Chairman) on 07836270576 [/peterkelly@spxservices.co.uk](mailto:peterkelly@spxservices.co.uk) or Anne Nicholls (Treasurer) on 01364 72223 [/nichollsbennie2@gmail.com](mailto:nichollsbennie2@gmail.com). See the website for further information, other activities and hiring details - southbrentrecreationassociation.weebly.com/.

Can you spare 5 minutes? – Please complete this short survey online to improve Palstone Park Recreation Ground https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1CWaL5Z-xJAto0beluvGFhuhTwaNgXStli8fSN-eL-6zEQw/viewform?usp=sf_link. Alternatively, please fill out paper copies that are available at Village Shop, Cosy Corner, Village Hall, Old School Community Centre and Recreation Ground Pavilion **Please complete by February 29th** Thank you for your time and effort from the South Brent Recreation Association.

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

- Monday:	bar open 4-11pm	(not serving food)
- Tuesday:	bar open 4-11pm	(not serving food)
- Wednesday:	bar open 12md-11pm;	Food served: 12-2.30pm & 5.00-8.30pm
- Thursday:	bar open 12md-11pm;	Food served: 12-2.30pm & 5.00-8.30pm
- Friday:	bar open 12md-11pm;	Food served: 12-2.30pm & 5.00-8.30pm
- Saturday:	bar open 12md-11pm;	Food served: 12-2.30pm & 5.00-8.30pm
- Sunday:	bar open 12md-11pm;	Food served: 12- 5pm

See: www.facebook.com/people/The-Packhorse-Inn-South-Brent-Community-Public-House/100083362321282/.

The Packhorse has resumed hosting occasional live band sessions, plus regular **Informal Music Sessions**, (see [above](#)) usually on Wednesdays from 8-10pm. FFI call John van der Kiste on 01364 72682 or e-mail vjohn307@aol.com.

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

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

TAKEAWAY FOOD:

- (See also [Station House Café](#) and [Packhorse Inn](#) above)
- The **Fish and Chip shop** (formerly 'The Friary') has reopened as '**Big Fish Little Fish Devon**' initially from **5pm on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays**. It is run by Rachel Rafiqi and Katy Weir who have installed brand new equipment and given it a complete makeover. They look forward to welcoming you – initially with a limited menu i.e. fish and chips with some sides - beans, minty mushy peas, gravy, home-made sambal or curry sauce, veggie pakoras, cauliflower roulettes, condiments and lovely drinks. It will probably be quite busy so please bear with us as we gear up to full service. They are "sourcing the best quality fish, potatoes and food suppliers and developing delicious recipes to compliment the fish and chips menu". *Now trialling taking online orders on Thursdays – 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: 5.00-10.00pm; 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](#).
- The **Co-op** is open from **7am-11pm** daily
The Co-op's soft plastic recycling facility is available inside the South Brent store, with a collection point for used **clean**, soft plastics - "**CLEAN IT:** Rinse your packaging out first; **SCRUNCH IT:** Scrunch it up tight and if it pings back, it's soft plastic; **CO-OP IT:** Pop into Co-op and put it in one of the soft plastic recycling units." See: www.coop.co.uk/environment/soft-plastics.
- **Continental Crumbs** –Baker in Unit 16, Brent Mill Business Park, South Brent. Order on-line - email team@continental-crumbs.com or call 01647 478009 or visit: <https://continental-crumbs.com/> or www.facebook.com/continentalcrumbsbakery.

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OTHER NEWS

- **South Brent Community Champions:** Every year, [South Brent Parish Council](#) invites nominations from the public for a Community Champion and Junior Community Champion (under 18) of South Brent. This year covers the period from March 2023-February 2024 and is for any person or business within the parish who has made a difference to the community. Nominees will be invited to the **Annual Parish Meeting** which is open to all parishioners, and will be held on **Monday 13 May 2024** at the Village Hall. Champions are awarded a shield to hold for one year. Deadline for nominations is **Thursday 29 February 2024** -please email the clerk (clerk@southbrent.gov.uk) with your nomination telling the council why you think they are a champion. See: <https://southbrent.gov.uk/community-champion-2023-24/>.
- **Co-op funding of local causes:** The Co-op operates a scheme to support local causes, by giving 1% of what Co-op members spend in stores on Co-op branded products to local projects. The local causes are funded for a year, with a new round of causes beginning each **October**. Go to www.coop.co.uk/local-causes and select the local cause you would like to support over the current year (you can change the cause you support at any time). **New Causes for 2023-24:**

 - **South Brent School Association:** “Our ambition is to create a covered outdoor area for children to learn outside year-round; understanding more about nature and climate change, while enjoying the health benefits of being outside.” See: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/85809>
 - **South Brent Cricket Club:** “We would like to buy a bowling machine to improve coaching of our youth players and to attract new players. The machine will allow us to enhance their skills and enjoyment of the game.” See: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/85217>

Once you have nominated your cause, you will need to use your member’s card when you shop for the donations to be added (if not a member, you can join at www.coop.co.uk/membership).
- **Movement for Good Awards:** Nominate a local charity for **£1,000** via [Movement for Good](#). The **Movement for Good Awards** is an annual programme of giving to charities and good causes on behalf of the [Benefact Group](#), leading up to Christmas. Nominations for 2024 run from **1 January 2024** to **19 December 2024**. You can nominate a registered charity, not-for-profit organisation or community interest company for a £1,000 award. See: <https://benefactgroup.com/movement-for-good/>.

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- £2.00 bus fare cap:** The bus fare cap on a single bus ticket on most services in England outside London, introduced from 1st January 2023 was due to be raised to £2.50 from 31 October 2023 until November 2024. However, Stagecoach have announced (19/12/2023) that it is extending its offer of a maximum fare of just £2 for a single bus journey until the end of June 2024. Passengers will continue to be charged no more than **£2.00** for a single journey as part of the Department for Transport's National Bus Fare Cap scheme and will apply on most single bus journeys across England (including child and student fares). See www.gov.uk/government/news/government-extends-2-bus-fare-cap-and-protects-vital-services, and <https://media.stagecoachgroup.com/news/getting-around-for-gbp-2-continues-until-the-end-of-june-2024-stagecoach-confirms>
- South Hams District Council Recycling Service update:** South Hams District Council now operates waste and recycling services in-house and has moved to the '**Devon Aligned Service**', which conforms to the *Environment Act 2021*, requiring all collection authorities, such as SHDC to collect the following materials: Glass; Paper; Card; Metal; Plastic; and Food waste (the latter specified as weekly). **In addition to the fortnightly 'Grey Bin'** collection of non-recyclable refuse (and fortnightly Brown Bin green waste collection *if you have paid a subscription for it*), there is now a **weekly** collection of paper, card, plastics, metal tins and glass for recycling in 2 green recycling boxes and a reusable heavy duty white recycling sac, and a weekly food waste collection in a large, kerbside, food waste caddy. *If you have NOT yet received a new set of containers, or are missing food waste caddies, please let SHDC know via <https://waste.southhams.gov.uk/containerorder>.*
See: www.southhams.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/guide-waste-and-recycling/waste-service-changes and to check your collection day see: <https://waste.southhams.gov.uk/>
- OLD SCHOOL - RAISE THE ROOF:** The roof of the [Old School Community Centre](#) remains in urgent need of repair. Despite the major campaign which has been running since 2017, with **£150,000** needed do the whole roof, the Roof Fund currently stands at **£34,059**. It could be tackled section by section based on the funds raised, but it would be better to get whole job done at one time. The roof is critical to the existence of the Centre and therefore to all the individuals, groups and organisations who use it. If you are able to help by donating, or can share the information, a '**JustGiving**' page has been opened which can be accessed through this link:- www.justgiving.com/campaign/theoldschoolroof.

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- 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 to the 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 to share. Guidelines on what food is safe to share are posted by the fridge, and the fridge will be checked daily by a dedicated team of volunteers. It's a win-win situation for the environment and the people of South Brent. **Please use it!!!** If you would like to volunteer to help the community fridge, please contact fridge@ssb.org.uk. You can hear Nick Cape, the project lead, talking about the Community Fridge in a Radio Devon interview via this link: www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0d26s8x (listen from 1:38:10 to 1:43:06).
- 🕯 Refugees and asylum seekers:** Ukrainian families have been arriving in the village since April 2022. If you are interested in issues to do with refugees and asylum seekers, both locally and internationally, please get in touch with the **South Brent Refugee Support Network** via jude.bishop@icloud.com to be added to a distribution list for information. Village organisations and individuals are also supporting the [Disasters Emergency Committee](#) (DEC) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal to help provide food, water, shelter and medical assistance (see: www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal), and the [Red Cross](#).

NB. DEC also has other current appeals:

 - **Afghanistan appeal** www.dec.org.uk/appeal/afghanistan-crisis-appeal;
 - **Pakistan floods appeal** - www.dec.org.uk/appeal/pakistan-floods-appeal.
 - **Turkey-Syria Earthquake** - www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal.
 - **DEC is also deeply concerned for the safety of civilians caught up in the devastating conflict in Israel and Gaza and is [monitoring](#) the humanitarian situation and assessing it against its [three criteria](#) for launching an appeal.**
- Food and Welcome boxes:** Can you contribute to Food Boxes or Welcome Boxes for newly arrived Asylum Seekers and Refugees? Help Caroline and crew to make up Welcome Boxes and Food Boxes by donating the items below; Contributions can be left in the yellow/green crate in porch of the Village Shop by **5pm on Thursday 8 January** or in the conservatory at the back of Caroline's house by **10am on Friday 9 January**; - Laurel Bank, Totnes Road, South Brent (it has a Plant Stall outside and is opposite the Clobells turning); tel.: 0792 607 8189; **and/or help pack** the boxes on **10am-12 on Friday 9 February**, at Caroline's House, (see above). All welcome - please bring shoe boxes if possible. There will be tea, coffee and loos!

Items needed for Welcome Boxes:

 - Empty shoe boxes
 - Toiletries, including toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, deodorant.
 - (Sanitary towels in women's boxes).
 - Scarves, hats and gloves
 - Energy biscuits, Nuts, Dried fruit
 - Teabags, hot chocolate powder
 - Jam, peanut butter
 - Pens, pencils and notebook

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- NEW T-shirts (male or female)
- Plus a card or note with a warm welcome message!

Items needed for Food Boxes:

- Empty shoe boxes
- Pasta, rice, Olive Oil
- Tinned tomatoes, tomato sauces, Tomato paste
- Tins of different beans or dried beans
- Tins or packets of soup (vegetable kinds)
- Garlic, Lentils
- Tins of fish
- Tins of fruit
- Raisins, dates, Nuts, seeds
- Instant coffee, hot drinking chocolate, regular tea, herb tea, Cordial
- Sugar, Energy bars, biscuits, Granola
- Jams, chocolate spread, honey, Nut-butters
- Crackers, Chocolate or sweet treats

Link to more information at Beyond Borders Totnes

<https://beyondborderstotnes.org.uk/welcome-boxes-and-food-boxes/>

10/02/2024: Result of this appeal: "We had loads of gifts and made 14 welcome boxes, 6 food bags and sent an extra 4 bags of extras and some money to the Red Cross. People are soooo generous".

- You can also **buy Hyacinth Bulbs** in a pot for £1 for the [Red Cross](#) from Caroline's stall by her drive entrance, Laurel Bank, Totnes Road (opposite turning to Clobells). Village organisations and individuals are also supporting the [Disasters Emergency Committee](#) (DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal) charities to help provide food, water, shelter and medical assistance (see: www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal).
- [South Brent Parish Council](#) comprises councillors: **Sue Astal-Stain; Paul Astal-Stain; David Butcher; Richard Fone; Stephen Hanney; Katherine Johnston; Guy Pannell; Cathie Pannell; Glyn Richards;** (Village Ward); **Katy Armstrong; Alastair Childs; David Hancock** (Brentmoor Ward).) 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/County Councillors also attend Parish Council meetings). Planned dates for upcoming council meetings, are: **15/01/2024; 19/02/2024; 18/03/2024**. (Details of meetings including agenda and minutes are on the [website](#). For 2024, the Parish Council is moving its meetings, which are open to the public, back to the **Village Hall**, in the **Stansbury Room**. Meetings will normally be on the **third Monday of the month**. You can read or download the quarterly Parish Council Newsletter [here](#). For other Parish Council information and contact details for councillors, see www.southbrent.gov.uk, and [Facebook](#), or contact the clerk, **Jane Sullivan** – clerk@southbrent.gov.uk. **South Brent Parish Council is looking to recruit an Assistant Clerk**. For further information please contact the clerk on 01364 701900 or clerk@southbrent.gov.uk and [Click here](#) for job description. Closing date is **Friday 9 February 2024**.

That's all for now folks!

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

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

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

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

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

Thank You

John Rawlinson