

What's on in Brent – Events in April 2018 and beyond

THIS MONTH'S QUICK LINKS IN THE VILLAGE (*Click on the underlined text on this page to go straight to the item*):

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OTHER EVENTS IN THE LOCAL AREA

- [Community Arts events and Live Jazz in Ashburton](#)
- [South Brent Carnival Club Dance in Rattery](#)
- Ivybridge U3A [general meeting](#) – 'The view from the wings'
- [Green Party Ceilidh with Cotton Mill Ceilidh Band and Matt Harvey in Totnes](#)
- Brent Singers Spring [concert](#) in Buckfast Abbey
- [Gigspanner Big Band concert in Harberton](#)
- ['Carito y Marina' weekend in Dartington](#)
- Rattery [Music Night](#) for SB&DC Caring
- [Ermington & Ugborough 'Sustainable Saturdays'](#)

REGULAR CLASSES & SESSIONS IN SOUTH BRENT:

- [Community Choirs: Wild Harmony and Brent Singers](#)
- South Brent & District Caring [Coffee mornings](#) and [Lunch Club](#)
- Coming soon: [Memory Café](#) & [Carers Support Group](#)
- [Drama Club for Young People](#); [WI](#); [Walk & Talk](#); [Breton Dance](#); [Life Drawing](#) and [Wood Carving](#); [Water colour painting](#); [General Painting Class](#); [Drop-in Kitchen Table Art Workshops](#) plus 'Arts Lab'; [5 Rhythms dance](#); [Yoga](#) and [Chair Yoga](#); [Children's yoga & mindfulness](#); [AYP Yoga](#); [Pilates](#); [Walk and Talk](#); [Wadoryu Karate Classes](#); [Children's Martial Arts](#); [South Brent COOL Help and Hope Group](#); ['Messy Church'](#); [Churches Together 'Open House'](#); [Meditation group](#)
- [Old School Community Centre Corridor Gallery](#)
- South Brent [Rec.:](#) [Table tennis](#), [Bingo](#), [Lottery](#); [South Brent Cricket Club](#)
- [Table tennis table wanted](#)
- [South Brent Steepers](#) - wood fuel from hedges Spring programme

VILLAGE PUBS**NEWS:**

- [South Brent Hosted Post Office services and changed Lloyds mobile banking hours](#)
- [The Primrose Trail – proposed cycle route](#)
- South Brent Community Radio archive now with [Sound Map](#)
- [Mobile CVS](#) – South Hams Community and Voluntary Services
- [Calling South Brent runners](#)

- **Choose your Co-op Community Fund cause:**
 - **South Brent & District Caring**
 - **The Old School Community Centre**
 - **Palstone Park Recreation Centre**

NB.: Some items are grouped together and so not all items are in chronological order

- Lightly shaded events or information have been added or amended in 'What's on' since the last mailout.
 - Where future dates in a series (e.g. Village Hall Cinema or bike rides) have been included for your diaries, they are in a lighter print to make it easier to scroll current events.
 - Any underlining should be active [hypertext](#) links to additional external information.
 - Events from 'What's on' are also shown in the 'What's on diary' on the [South Brent Community website](#) in an easy to use, colour coded events calendar - Click '**What's on diary**' on the left-hand menu.
 - 'What's on in South Brent' is continuously updated in between the monthly mailouts: a current .pdf version with additions or changes can be accessed or downloaded at any time on line - [CLICK HERE](#). You can save the link as a 'favourite' or add it as an icon on your desktop for easy access. Alternatively, you can access it on the **brand new SSB** website via the '**EVENTS**' menu tab - click on '**What's on in South Brent**' under '**LOCAL EVENTS**'.
 - The information is correct to the best of our knowledge but **please check** if you plan to attend.
- **Monday 2 April 2018: Pedal-Powered Entry to the Summer Carnival Parade** - meeting at **The Pack Horse** tea room at **7:30pm**. For fun, novelty, and to help promote cycling, a small group of slightly eccentric local people would like to invite you to join them, to find out about this project. A range of bicycle, tricycle, trailer, and other designs, raw materials and technical fixes will be displayed. The later aim is for individuals to work in teams, picking a design, according to abilities. All welcome to meeting. Enquiries to Harry on 01364 649236.
 - **Friday 6 April 2018: Easter Yoga & Nature for Adults & Children!** Join Liz Turner and Pippa Griffin from **2-5pm** for an hour's yoga class in **South Brent Village Hall** followed by a wild food forage and forest craft walk on **Brent Island**. Drop your child at the children's class and then enjoy an hour's adult yoga yourself (we will lead 1 class each)! To include relaxation, breathing, strengthening! Children will enjoy this too but there will also be games, storytelling & fun! We will then re-group and go for a gentle walk to the beautiful Brent Island, less than 10 minutes away. We will forage sensitively for edible wild leaves and flowers and have the chance to make 'forest friends' using natural materials found on our walk. Bring: suitable loose/stretchy clothing, suitable outdoor clothing & a drink/any snacks needed. We're encouraging 1 child per adult so that both classes fill up equally. Age range for children's yoga 5-11. Cost: £20 for an adult & child (£12 adult; £8 child). Booking essential by making pre-payment: Contact Liz Turner on 07765 61877 or email liz@intoyogaandnature.co.uk for details.
 - **Friday 6 April 2018: South Brent Carnival Club Children's Disco and Royalty Choosing** in the **Old School Community Centre** starting from **7.00pm** for children from 8 to 16yrs; £1 entry fee. The evening will include the **2017 Carnival Float Royalty choosing**. The Royalty competition is open to girls aged 9-16years from South Brent and the surrounding area. (See [below](#) for the carnival details). For information on Carnival events contact Jean Cleave, South Brent Carnival Secretary, Middle Stidston, South Brent. Email: jean@cleave.entadsl.com; Tel: 01364 73292; mob: 07973 443318 or [Facebook](#).

The new season of **guided bike rides** led by friendly and supportive **Sustrans** volunteers in partnership with **SSB** and **PL21** for Spring 2018. Hopefully there will be a ride to suit everyone.

NB some of the details of the rides have been updated since the original poster announcement:

- 🚲 **Sunday 8 April 2018: Discover northern South Hams** on a trail from **Ivybridge to South Brent and Rattery**. Choice of 2 starts from the Watermark Centre, Ivybridge PL21 0SZ at **10.30am** (20 mile ride/ 5 hours) or the **Old School Community Centre South Brent** at **11.30am** (10 miles / 3½ hours). An early season guided bike ride to warm the legs and discover the beautiful scenery around the northern South Hams along the National Cycle Network fringing the Southern Slopes of Dartmoor to the pretty village of Rattery, where we will stop for a leisurely lunch at the Church House Inn. We return to South Brent using a different route taking us to Avonwick. Finally, we will return to Ivybridge for approx 15.30pm. This ride will help you gain confidence, meet new people and is a fantastic opportunity to explore the local area. The ride is open to anybody, but under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. In places, the route will be hilly, but we will allow plenty of time. Please bring suitable clothing for all weather, sun protection, waterproofs and something to drink. [Click here](#) to register for this ride.
- 🚲 **Sunday 15 April 2018: Explore the Stover Trail** from Newton Abbot to the foothills of Dartmoor at Bovey Tracey and (approximately 12 mile return journey). Meeting at **The Lodge indoor skate park, Newton Abbot** at **10am**, we'll cycle mostly along the National Cycle Network beside the former Stover Canal. This family ride will give you a chance to explore your local routes and see beautiful views towards Dartmoor., the ride will follow a mixture of traffic-free paths and quiet country lanes. You'll see hedge lined meadows, wooded glades and wildlife habitats as we criss-cross the old canal and adjacent railway. We'll stop for refreshment at the delicious Café 3 sixty in Bovey Tracey, returning to The Lodge at about 3pm. The ride is level with slight hills and is suitable for families. All under 16's must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear suitable clothing for all weather and bring waterproofs, sun protection and something to drink. Adult bikes and helmets are available to hire from the Lodge at £5. [Click here](#) to register for this ride.
- 🚲 **Wednesday 18 April 2018: Evening ride from South Brent to explore the Southern slopes of Dartmoor** from **South Brent to Buckfastleigh** (approximately 20 miles in total). Meet in the **Station Yard Car Park, South Brent** at **6.00pm**, returning by 8.45pm. Join Sustrans volunteers as we team up with fellow volunteers from Sustainable South Brent and PL21 Transition Town for a guided evening bike ride to discover the beautiful southern slopes of Dartmoor. This wonderful evening ride will start in South Brent and follow the truly magnificent Dartmoor Way. We'll enjoy to a well-deserved refreshment stop at the brilliant Abbey Inn by the side of the River Dart in Buckfast (if you bring your own refreshments, they may have to be consumed off the premises), before returning along quiet lanes to South Brent. The route is on tarmac lanes and may be hilly in some places, but we'll allow plenty of time to complete the route. All under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring suitable clothing for all weather, waterproofs and something to drink. [Click here](#) to register for this ride.
- 🚲 **Wednesday 2 May 2018: Evening ride to discover the South Hams countryside** from **Ivybridge to the Ship Inn at Ugborough** (7 miles return ride). Meet at the Watermark Centre, Ivybridge PL21 0SZ at **6.30pm**. Join Sustrans volunteers as we team up with volunteers from Sustainable South Brent and PL21 Transition Town for a guided evening bike ride to discover the beautiful countryside of the South Hams. From Ivybridge, we'll cycle 3.5 miles along quiet lanes, where we'll arrive at the Ship Inn in Ugborough for a relaxed refreshment break (if you bring your own refreshments, they may have to be consumed off the premises). The route is on tarmac lanes and in places will be hilly but we will be allowing plenty of time to complete the ride at a pace that suits everybody who comes along. All under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring suitable clothing for all weather, waterproofs and something to drink. We'll aim to return to the Watermark Centre at approximately 20:45. [Click here](#) to register for this ride.
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🚲 **Tuesday 29 May 2018: Celebrate Dame Hannah's School's 250th anniversary** and promote the 'Close Pass' campaign with a ride starting at **11.00am** in **South Brent** at the [Old School Community Centre](#) and returning to the same place following the National Cycle Network (12 miles / approx. 3 hours) to the [Donkey Sanctuary](#) in Ivybridge where the cycle ride is joined by Ivybridge Walkers and the residents at for a picnic as part of the ride. It's the perfect chance to see the donkeys up close and a great opportunity to socialise with new and interesting people from the area. The ride is open to anyone and we especially encourage children to bring their mums, dads and grandparents with them! The recommended minimum age is 10 years and children must be accompanied by adults. Electric bikes are welcome too! [Dame Hannah's School](#) in Ivybridge was founded in 1767 and today comprises a School, Respite Centre, Community Hub, Children's Home and Hannahwood – an innovative transition project for older students. [Click here](#) to register for this ride.

The police 'Close Pass' campaign aims to ensure motorists give at least 1.5 metres space when overtaking more vulnerable road users (e.g. cyclists, walkers, wheelchair users, horses etc.). This community awareness-raising event is being organised by [PL21 Transition Town](#) in collaboration with the police, DCC and SHDC timed with the arrival at the [Donkey Sanctuary](#) in Ivybridge of the South Brent cyclists at 12 noon. It will also be a celebration of our great outdoors with walking groups, cyclists, Dame Hannah Rogers School residents and horse riders. There will be a picnic, seeing the donkeys and we are keen that the residents from Hannah's feel to be made welcome. The press have been invited with the aim of getting the campaign into the news.

🚲 **Sunday 3 June 2018: Discover the Dartmoor Way:** Join [Sustainable South Brent](#), [PL21 Transition Town](#) and [Sustrans](#) volunteers on a 50 mile/8 hour circular guided bike ride to discover the heart of Dartmoor. A choice of 2 starts/finishes - from either the [Watermark Centre](#), Ivybridge PL21 0SZ at **9.15am** or the [Old School Community Centre South Brent](#) at **10.00am**. Ivybridge-South Brent-Buckfastleigh-Holne-Hexworthy-Princetown-Burrator-Cornwood-Harford Starting in Ivybridge or South Brent, we follow the [Dartmoor Way](#) through Buckfastleigh-Holne-Hexworthy-Princetown-Burrator-Cornwood-Harford along scenic lanes with stunning views to discover some of Dartmoor's finest landscapes. From secret river valleys and ancient woodlands, we cycle through little villages then climb up 5,000ft onto the high moors passing ancient tors to find Dartmoor's highest town. We will cycle at an easy pace with rest breaks on route including for lunch. Don't forget to bring your camera as there will be time to stop and take pictures too. Rides are open to anyone, but you need to be reasonably fit and be prepared for changeable weather. The recommended minimum age is 12 years. E-bikes welcome but please bring your charger. A back up car will be provided. [Click here](#) to register for this ride. A suggested donation of £15 is payable on booking.

🚲 **Wednesday 20 June 2018: Sustrans guided evening bike ride from South Brent** (5 miles / approx. 2 hours) starting at **6.30pm** in **South Brent** at the [Old School Community Centre](#) we'll follow National Cycle Network Route 2 and Route 272 to discover some of Devon's rural roads and quiet scenic back lanes, hoping to spot some wonderful wildlife and enjoy the countryside along the way from South Brent around Cheston, Owley and Aish and return to stop for refreshments at a lovely local inn. This ride is moderate difficulty with some hills. Rides are open to anyone, but you will need to be reasonably fit, be prepared for changeable weather and bring some lights. [Click here](#) to register for this ride.

Details of rides are posted on the [Sustrans](#) website - www.sustrans.org.uk/. FFI please contact Graham Wilson - grahamwilson200@gmail.com.

Remember you can arrange a free loan of a bike from the [SSB](#) Bike Bank, on a first come basis (For information about the Bike Bank [click here](#) or [download registration form](#).)

- **Friday 13 April 2018: Another Board Games Evening** from 7-10pm in the Aune Room at the [Old School Community Centre](#), South Brent. Come along and enjoy playing a board game in good company. We have many interesting games like 'Ticket to Ride'; 'Istanbul'; 'Targi'; 'Catan', 'Bananagram'; 'Carcassonne' and many more. We will introduce and explain the simple rules and then enjoy a game or two. If you want a drink, please bring your own or enjoy a cuppa. We are asking for a donation to cover costs and towards a game library. If you have any questions, please text or ring Claudia on 01364 73729 or 07423050625.

South Brent W.I.:

- **Tuesday 17 April 2018:** Games evening in the **Village Hall**; Bring a friend for free. Points mean prizes! Subsequent WI meetings:
- **Tuesday 15 May 2018:** Annual members meeting, plus plant and fabric swap
Competitions: 1) Bloom of the Month; 2) Artificial flower in wool or fabric
- **Tuesday 19 June 2018:** The WI is hosting a **Fashion Show** at **7.15pm** in **South Brent Village Hall** presented by Michelle Harris and run by **South Brent WI**. Many well-known brands including Hobbs, White Stuff, M&S. All fashions for sale at special prices on the day. Everyone welcome, including non WI members. Tickets £5 per person from [Cosy Corner Crafts](#): Tel. 07427 964240; email cosysornercrafts@gmail.com.

South Brent WI is an active, friendly group of women who enjoy a wide variety of activities and social experiences. If you have thought about joining us, come along and meet us – your first evening is free; new members and friends are always welcome. Members are free; we ask guests for a £4.00 contribution. Meetings are normally held from **7.15 to 9.30pm** on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except August, in the [Old School Community Centre](#), South Brent. There is a WI notice board next to the florists in the centre of the village with details of each WI meeting. FFI contact Mary Shepherd via mjsassociates@btinternet.com or see the [South Brent Community web site](#).

- **Thursdays from 19 April 2018 'Enjoy the Wonderful Adventure of Writing'** a brand new **10-week short story writing course**. Create fabulous stories; Develop your writing; Have fun; Bring characters to life; Write with others – you'll be amazed by what you can do!
 - **Dates:** **Thursdays 19; 26 April; 3; 10; 17; 24 May; 7; 14; 21; 28 June**
 - **Time:** **10am-12 noon**
 - **Location:** **South Brent Village Hall.**
 - **Cost:** **£100.00 for 10 sessions**

This is an ideal course for growing your confidence as a writer; and for experienced writers to try out something new **Book your place now** at www.thewritinglab.co.uk or for more details call **Lucy Pearce** on: 07795 817935. Visit [The Writing Lab](#).

- **Thursday 19 April 2018:** **Sustainable South Brent AGM** at **7.30pm** in the **Village Hall**. The AGM will be followed by a talk on **'Energy Storage - Past present and future'** by **Joddy Chapman**: Recent developments in electric battery technology have focused attention on the role energy storage will have to play, but storing energy is nothing new. This illustrated talk will give a brief (and partial) overview of the history and diversity of energy storage systems and assess the scale and resources required to switch away from fossil fuels.

South Brent Village Hall Cinema:

- Friday 20 April 2018 – 'Hidden Figures'**  (2016): During the early years of the space program, as the United States raced against Russia to put a man in space, NASA found untapped talent in a group of African-American female mathematicians that served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in U.S. history. Based on the incredible real-life story of three black female mathematicians who fought against segregation, discrimination and sexism to work and excel at Nasa during the Space Race – making and changing history in the process. We follow the women known as 'human computers' as they rise through the ranks of NASA alongside many of history's greatest minds, specifically tasked with calculating the momentous launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit and guaranteeing his safe return. Directed by Theodore Melfi with screenplay by Alison Schroeder and Theodore Melfi, based on the book by Margot Lee Shetterly and starring Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe and Kevin Costner. *(Postponed from 7 January)*. Subsequent [South Brent Village Hall Cinema](#) dates and films for 2018:
- Sunday 20 May 2018 – 'The Big Sick'**  (2017): Pakistan-born comedian Kumail Nanjiani and grad student Emily Gardner fall in love but struggle as their cultures clash. When Emily contracts a mysterious illness, Kumail finds himself forced to face her feisty parents, his family's expectations, and his true feelings. Directed by Michael Showalter, written by Emily V. Gordon and Kumail Nanjiani and starring Kumail Nanjiani, Zoe Kazan and Holly Hunter.
- Sunday 24 June 2018 – 'Goodbye Christopher Robin'**  (2017): A behind-the-scenes look at the life of author A.A. Milne and the creation of the Winnie the Pooh stories inspired by his son C.R. Milne. Directed by Simon Curtis with screenplay by Frank Cottrell Boyce and Simon Vaughan and starring Domhnall Gleeson, Margot Robbie and Kelly Macdonald.
- Sunday 22 July 2018**
- Sunday 16 September 2018**

Other dates and films to be published. If you have a film that you would like to see, or if you have any recommendations please contact Jude at jude.bishop@icloud.com or Mandy Haley on 01364 73809. Run by the Village Hall Cinema Society, raising funds for South Brent Village Hall. Tickets on the door: £4 adult, child £2; doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Bar opens 30mins before showings. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Saturday 28 April 2018: Cake Stall** from 9am-12noon, outside the new South Brent Village Shop (Anchor Building). Please come and buy yummy things! Organised by **South Brent Refugee Support Network** (see [below](#)) in aid of [Luck of Birth](#), our local refugee charity.
- Saturday 28 April 2018: Spring Céilidh** with [Blue Jewel Ceilidh Band](#) in **South Brent Village Hall** at 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm). Dance your cares away with caller - Kip Pratt (bodhran, fiddle), Mike Vickery (mandolin, guitar) and Aaron Aldred (melodeon). All welcome: Reel Ale bar and nibbles available. Tickets on the door or from [artworks](#) at £7.50. FFI contact Eileen on 01364 73699 or email eileen.southbrentfolk@gmail.com or visit [website](#).
- Sunday 29 April 2018: South Brent Breakfast Café** from 9.30am-12.00 in the [Old School Community Centre](#). Expect the usual good breakfast, local musicians and fine South Brent company - plus a bric-a-brac table! Raising funds for [The Hope Hospital](#), Aleppo, Syria – the world's first crowdfunded hospital, treating Syrian children & civilian refugees. Offers of help or music welcome - please contact Jane at shop@artworks.entadsl.com.
- Sunday 29 April 2018: Family Woodland Activity Day** from 11am – 3pm in **Railway Wood** (on the far side of Palstone Recreation Ground). Come along and have fun! Join in woodland crafts, games, campfire, making things, demonstrations. Organised by [Sustainable South Brent](#) Hedges & Woodland Group. Free entry **NB**. children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

- **Monday 30 April 2018: The South Brent Annual Parish Meeting** will be held at 7.30pm in the side hall, South Brent Village Hall under the chairmanship of Cllr. Cathie Pannell (chairman of [South Brent Parish Council](#)). All Brent residents are most welcome to attend and hear about the work of their council and take the opportunity to ask questions. The agenda includes The Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report (including reports from Parish Council Committees), presentations from organisations which have received a grant of £500 or more from the Parish Council or the Community Benefit Fund during the 2017-18 financial year (including South Brent Carnival Committee; South Brent Parochial Church Council; South Brent Old School Centre; South Brent Judo Club; South Brent Recreation Association; BASICS Devon). The Community Champion and Young Community Champion Awards for 2017-18 will be announced and presented.. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

AND BEYOND APRIL (future dates for your diaries):

South Brent Refugee Support Network:

- **Tuesday 1 May 2018; South Brent Refugee Support Network** meeting at 7.30pm in the Aune Room at the [Old School Community Centre](#). [Saif Ali](#) will be talking about his new projects working with local refugees including [Integr8](#) which is continuing to evolve. **South Brent Refugee Support Network** is a forum to share ideas and find out more about supporting refugees locally and globally. Open to anyone interested in discussing issues, planning events, fund raising or responding to the current refugee situation. For further info about how to get involved or to go on the newsletter list, please contact Jude on 01364 72458 or email jude.bishop@icloud.com.


Subsequent **South Brent Refugee Support Network** meetings will be held on

- **Tuesday 3 July; Tuesday 4 September; Tuesday 6 November 2018**
- **Saturday 10 October 2018:** A second great Classical Concert evening – a sell-out last year so expect a rush for tickets.

South Brent Refugee Support Network is also organising or supporting various other local refugee related events, including the cake stall in the village (see [above](#)), the 'Hope' Breakfast Café (see [above](#)), the film Samba (see [below](#)) and the Dartington '**Carito y Marina Weekend**' (details [below](#))

NB. Many items still needed to help refugees [click here for what to donate](#) and [here for local collection points](#). Local efforts are co-ordinated by [OHOB](#) (Open Hearts Open Borders) and [Beyond Borders Totnes & District](#). Next shipment is **29 April** – FFI see: [Facebook](#).

- **Saturday 5 May 2018: [Sigma Sports Dartmoor Demon Sportive](#):** a non-competitive cycle event around the southern half of Dartmoor, starting (7.45-9.00am) and finishing (5pm) at Exeter Racecourse. There are three routes: Epic (88 miles) Standard (49) and short (25 miles) – the 'Epic route' will pass through **South Brent** coming into the village from Avonwick, into Totnes Road through the centre and out of the village up Hillside towards Harbournford. For more details see: www.ukcyclingevents.co.uk/events/dartmoor-demon-sportive/.
- **Sunday 13 May 2018: [Vicarage Road Allotment Association Plant Sale](#)** from 10am until 12noon in the [Old School Community Centre](#). Come along and buy from a selection of plants raised in the Allotment Association greenhouse. Donations of plants are also welcome. Tea and Coffee available.

- **Sunday 13 May 2018:** - **'Samba'**  (2014): a showing of Toldano and Nakache's film at the [Old School Community Centre](#) at 7.30pm, organised by South Brent Refugee Support Network (*see above*). The team behind the runaway French hit, 'The Untouchables', reunite for another cross-cultural experience based on a novel by Delphine Coulin. Samba (Omar Sy), an illegal immigrant, is willing to do whatever it takes to get working papers and has been trying to stay under the radar ever since he migrated to France from Senegal 10 years ago. When he meets Alice (Charlotte Gainsbourg), his caseworker at the immigration centre, who is suffering from burnout, she tries to help him stay in Paris. The pair forge an unexpected relationship leading them on an unlikely path that will change both irreparably. This film combines humour and compassion in equal measure. Wine and soft drinks will be available to buy before and after the event. No charge but donations appreciated; any profit will be forwarded to the refugee project in Kavala, Northern Greece, where South Brent's Liz Sheldon is currently volunteering.

- **Thursday 17, Friday 18 and Saturday 19 May 2018: South Brent Amateur Dramatic Society (SBADS)** presents **'Gaslight'**, written by Patrick Hamilton and directed by John Gower at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. This well-known chilling drama in three entertaining acts, which has seen numerous stage and screen adaptations, centres on a sinister man who is trying to drive his wife mad for his own nefarious reasons. *Why is he doing this? Will he succeed? Who is on who's side and who is lying to whom?* You will have to come to find out! The play gave the name 'gaslighting' to the cruel and coercive manipulation of another's mind (usually by a man upon a woman) which is very topical, and this 1930s play retains its ability to put you on the edge of your seat, chill and educate you. Tickets will be on sale from the end of March online and in the week before in the village. See: <http://sbads.show/>; [Twitter](#) (@SBrentAmDram) and [Facebook](#).

- **Saturday 23 – Saturday 30 June 2018: South Brent's Traditional [Summer Carnival Week](#)** with all the usual favourites including:
 - **Saturday 23 June:** **Carnival Fair** at Palstone Park Recreation Ground from 2.00pm with new activities planned, including a dog show, bar and barbecue
 - **Sunday 24 June:** **Carnival Football Tournament** at the Recreation Ground
 - **Tuesday 26 June:** **Carnival Bingo** in the Village Hall at 7.30pm
 - **Thursday 28 June:** **Floral Dance** through the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm
 - **Friday 29 June:** **Carnival Dance** with music by John Westlake in South Brent Village Hall
 - **Saturday 30 June:** **Grand Carnival Procession** starting from Station Bridge at 6.15pm
 - **Sunday 1 July:** **Carnival Cricket & Fun Day** at the Recreation Ground to round off the week.
 Full details of all carnival events in the Carnival Programme to be delivered to households from the middle of June. FFI, or to join [South Brent Carnival Club](#) contact Jean Cleave, South Brent Carnival Secretary, Middle Stidston, South Brent. Email: jean@cleave.entadsl.com; Tel: 01364 73292; mob: 07973 443318 or [Facebook](#).

- Saturday 7 July 2018 South Brent Folk Day.** [South Brent Folk](#) presents the 7th annual **South Brent Folk Day** with singing, music, dancing, workshops and concerts around the village. There will be the annual poetry competition, with this year's theme being '*Dartmoor Working Life*'; entry £2.50 per poem or £1 for Junior (under 15) section; closing date Saturday 23 June 2018. If you would like to enter, download the form from the website.

Afternoon concert in the [Old School Community Centre](#) with [Modbury Melodies](#); and [Owly Dave](#). **Dancing** in the car park with Green Willow Clog Dancers and Newton Bushel Morris, plus the return of our Punch & Judy Man.

Evening concert at 7.30pm (with Reel Ale bar) in the **Village Hall** featuring:

 - Somerset singer/songwriter [Ange Hardy](#) (harp/guitar), whose sixth studio album, 'Bring back home' was reviewed as one of the finest folk albums of 2017.
 - Devon fiddle duo [Nick Wyke & Becki Driscoll](#) whose unique sound blends melodic, emotive violin and viola with driving fiddle chords and powerful vocals interspersed with anecdotes.
 - Dartmoor Folk Singer **Bill Murray** who, for over fifty years, has been singing songs about country life on Dartmoor, most of them humorous, learnt from older generations at halls, fairs and inns.

FFI: Contact Eileen McKee on 01364 73699 or email eileen.southbrentfolk@gmail.com or John Rawlinson on 01364 73117 or email or john.rawlinson@southbrent.gov.uk.
Organised by [South Brent Folk](#) to support folk music in the South Brent area
See southbrentfolk.org.uk/.
To be followed by **South Brent Folk Breakfast Café** on **Sunday 8 July 2018**.

- Sunday 8 July 2018** The **Great South Brent Get Together** including a **Family Fun Dog Show** in aid of [South Brent & District Caring](#) at Palstone Park Recreation Ground. FFI contact the [South Brent & District Caring](#) office on 01364 700282 or see sbadc.org.uk/2018-fundraising-programme/.

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

[Ashburton Community Arts Centre](#) (The Old Methodist Church, West St, TQ13 7DT) is open regularly on Saturdays with all welcome for tea, coffee maybe some cake or biscuits, and chat with whoever's around and a programme of events, plus '[Platform Cinema](#)'. And now – there's free, fast Wi-Fi available in the building (see notice in The Lounge for details). For programme see: <http://ashburtonarts.org.uk/>

- Friday 27 April 2018: 7.20pm Platform Community Cinema** presents: 'Persepolis'  (2007). Directed by Vincent Paronnaud & Marjane Satrapi and starring Chiara Mastroianni, Catherine Deneuve and Gena Rowlands. Persepolis is an animated graphic novel that captures and engages all audiences with a captivating true story of the director, Marjane, as she comes of age in Iran and Europe, discovering punk, Abba and government persecution on the way. Doors and bar open from 6.45pm. Tickets £7 or 'Pay what you can' from Gnash Comics or Ashburton Information Centre. More information from info@ashburtonarts.org.uk.

'Ash Live': Regular [Live Jazz](#) and other events in St Laurence Chapel, Ashburton TQ13 7DD.

To reserve, please email info@ashburtonlive.co.uk. For further information contact Andy Williamson email: asw@bigbuzzard.co.uk. See ashburtonarts.org.uk/ or calendar at <http://bit.ly/ashlivecal>.

- Sunday 1 April 2018: Bruno Heinen** – Solo piano, - part of an international tour including London's Vortex, Manchester, Sheffield, Milan Italy, and – Ashburton! to launch his 'Mr Vertigo' album. Tickets on the door - £10 or £5 you choose or WeGotTickets.com/ashburtonlive.
- Monday 2 April 2018: Ed Jones Quartet**. Sax player with US3 and Incognito, leading his own band, with Ross Stanley on piano, Riaan Vosloo on bass and Tim Gilles on drums. Not to be missed! Tickets on the door - : £13 or £10 or £6 – you choose or WeGotTickets.com/ashburtonlive

- Saturday 21 April 2018: Jazz Colossus at 7.30pm:** Jazz Colossus is a 20-piece big band, founded in 2015 by composer and bandleader Miles Hancock. They play a wide selection of styles including swing, latin, funk and contemporary jazz. The finest professional players alongside a fantastic array of featured instrumentalists and guest singers, the latest being multi-award-winning jazz vocalist Liane Carroll. In addition to performing published music, the band also performs a variety of custom arrangements and unique pieces created especially for the band. In their latest project 'Made In Northampton', the band created an entire set of arrangements of songs written by unsigned bands and artists from the local Northampton area, culminating in a concert featuring all these local guest artists. A recording from the concert can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NrOjTI-gAk>. Admission £10 or £5 – you choose (whatever you can afford). Bring the family. Tickets on the door, or [in advance from WeGotTickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com) (+10% booking fee).
- Sunday 22 April 2018: Alex Hitchcock Quintet:** Saxophonist Alex Hitchcock leads a powerhouse quintet that combines a compelling, adventurous ear for melody with virtuosic improvising. The quintet features five of the most creative rising stars of the UK's jazz scene: Alex Hitchcock (tenor saxophone); James Copus (trumpet, flugelhorn); Will Barry (piano); Joe Downard (bass); Jay Davis (drums). Glassy saxophone and trumpet unison blends with rhythmic fireworks created between piano and drums, alternating angularity and muted warmth. April. £13 or £6 you choose. Bring your own booze Tickets on the door, Silver Lion or [online](http://www.facebook.com/events/156837911663928/). More details: www.facebook.com/events/156837911663928/.

University of the Third Age (U3A): Monthly general meeting of the [Ivybridge U3A](http://www.ivybridge-u3a.org.uk) at **The Watermark** from 2-4pm. New and potential members welcome.

- Monday 16 April 2018: 'The view from the wings':** Brian Freeland will talk from his experience of everything from variety (Butlin's Holiday Camps and the London Palladium) to the Royal Shakespeare Company, the National Theatre, Scottish Opera and Sadler's Wells Ballet. The stage manager's view from the prompt corner is very different to that from your comfortable seat in the stalls or circle. Reality theatre, no retakes; and as the review says – 'slightly saucy'. Subsequent [Ivybridge U3A](http://www.ivybridge-u3a.org.uk) meetings:

 - Monday 21 May 2018:** 'Life and loves of a store detective': Julie Turner
 - Monday 18 June 2018:** 'Life and Times of an Opera Singer': William Shimell

Retired or no longer working full time? Keen to meet people, learn new things, have new experiences? [Ivybridge U3A](http://www.ivybridge-u3a.org.uk) could be just what you are looking for! [U3A](http://www.ivybridge-u3a.org.uk) provides an opportunity to make new friends and join a wide range of interest groups that combine education, creativity and leisure in a fun and friendly environment. New and potential members welcome. For further info ring the Membership Secretary on 01364 724700 or email ivybridge.u3a@gmail.com or see www.ivybridge-u3a.org.uk.

- Friday 20 April 2018: Carnival Dance** with music from **John Westlake** starting at 7.45pm and finishing at 11-30pm in Rattery Village Hall. Tickets in Aid of **South Brent Carnival Club**: £7.50p, including a light supper and a draw; bring your own drinks. For tickets contact Doreen on 01364 73650 or Jean on 01364 73292. (See [below](#) for Summer carnival details). For information on Carnival events contact Jean Cleave, South Brent Carnival Secretary, Middle Stidston, South Brent. Email: jean@cleave.entadsl.com; Tel: 01364 73292; mob: 07973 443318 or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/southbrentcarnival)

- Saturday 21 April 2018:** Annual **Green Party Céilidh** from 7.30 – 10.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm) in Totnes Civic Hall with South Brent's **Cotton Mill Ceilidh Band** who will have everyone on their feet as the callers lead you through the dance moves while the band performs lively jigs and reels on fiddle, flute, guitar, mandolin and bodhran. Plus a warm up and impromptu poetry by our wonderful compere and MC: Totnes based, comic genius and stand-up poet, **Matt Harvey** ("Writer, poet, enemy of all that's difficult and upsetting"). Organised by **South Devon Green Party**. Tickets: £8 on the door; £7 in advance; £6 concessions accompanied under 16s free. Advance tickets from 'Rhythm & Light' or 'Firefly' shops (47 and 58 Totnes High street). "One of the best fun, family events in Totnes. People talk about it the whole year!" (*postponed from 24 February.*)
- Sunday 22 April 2018:** **Brent Singers' Spring Concert** at 7.30pm in Buckfast Abbey. Brent Singers and Orchestra will perform Mozart's Requiem, Ave Verum Corpus and Laudate Dominum. Director Richard Lea; as part the 9-day Buckfast Abbey **Millennial Festival of Sacred Music**. Tickets at £10 from www.buckfast.org.uk/boxoffice.
- Friday 27 April 2018:** **Gigspanner Big Band** at **Harberton Parish Hall, TQ9 7SE** ([map](#)), starting at 8pm (doors open 7.15pm). Harberton Folk is delighted to be presenting one of the few concerts that the **Gigspanner Big Band** will be performing together in 2018: a very special event featuring the Gigspanner trio of Peter Knight (former Steeleye Span fiddle player), Roger Flack (guitarist) and Sacha Trochet (percussionist), augmented by BBC Folk Award winners **Philip Henry and Hannah Martin**. This is a rare occasion where these two sets of dazzling performers get together and you can guarantee that sparks will fly. Expect a jaw dropping musical extravaganza. [Click here](#) to hear a compilation of samples from the Big Band's 2017 'Live Album'. Free on-site parking. Licensed bar. There will also be an early evening pre-concert dining option at the nearby **Church House Inn**. For tickets at **£18** which are selling fast please email gbb@harbertonfolk.co.uk to confirm your ticket requirements (and ticket availability) before arranging payment by any of the following means [Cheque+SAE](#); [Direct bank transfer](#); [Online ticketing](#).
- Friday 27 – Sunday 29 April 2018:** **'Carito y Marina Weekend'**: A series of events, public discussions and exhibitions on the Dartington Hall estate to celebrate the lives and explore the legacy of the Rodriguez sisters, Carito and Marina, who came to Britain as child refugees during the Spanish Civil War and went on to become much loved teachers and to contribute so much to life in Dartington and Totnes. See: www.dartington.org/whats-on/carito-marina/.
- Saturday 28 April 2018:** **Rattery Music Night** in **Rattery Village Hall** from 7.30pm: Featuring the return of **'Mean Pete'** a band from Ermington and as far afield as Hertfordshire (rhythm and blues from the 60's and 70's) and **Roger Wells** who is a singer/songwriter who has performed in many festivals. Bar available. Tickets or further information from Ian Samuel: email ianandlogsamual@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01364 643741 or from [artworks](#) in South Brent. Proceeds will go to [South Brent & District Caring](#) and [Plymouth and Cornwall Cancer Fund](#). (Last year's event raised £1500 for UNICEF, Totnes Caring and South Brent Food Project.)
- Saturday 5 May 2018:** **Rattery Plant Sale** in **Rattery Village Hall** from 2.00pm. Annual sale of perennial bedding and vegetable plants; all excellent quality and value for money. Plus Cream teas, homemade cakes, bread and preserves. Plenty of parking. Proceeds to Rattery Village Hall and St Mary's Church.

- Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 May 2018: Frame Basket Making workshop for beginners** with James Dyson using freshly harvested willow from [The Hillyfield](#) (see [below](#)).. Run over 2 days in a lovely barn conversion between South Brent and Totnes. Come and learn willow weaving and make a beautiful frame basket which should last a lifetime. Details to be confirmed, but any queries please call Doug King-Smith on 07976589927 or email dougekingsmith@yahoo.co.uk; Cost will be between £65 and £100 for the two days. Book early with Doug to confirm a place. See www.facebook.com/events/1931532373829325/
- Saturday 5 May 2018 Concert** by the [Collati Singers](#) at 7.30pm in **St Mary's Church, Totnes** conducted by Trefor Farrow with Robin Stubb (Organ) and Jonathan Stromburg (violin). The choir will sing a programme to include 'Mass in G Minor' by Vaughan Williams; 'Dixit Dominus' and 'Two motets' by Monteverdi; 'Water Night', 'Sleep' and 'Her Sacred Sprit soars' by Whitacre; 'Serenity' by Gjeilo and 'Totus Tuus' by Gorecki. Entry free; retiring collection; No tickets - just turn up! For further information and future programmes, see www.collatisingers.co.uk/.
- Saturday 12 May 2018: Panta Rei Danseteater** present '**Promise of Departure**' at 7.30pm in **Rattery Village Hall** (TQ10 9LD). The only opportunity to see contemporary Norwegian Dance theatre company, [Panta Rei](#) perform in Devon this Spring! Incredible talent, accessible theatrical style and ability to create an intimate dance experience for the audience will ensure an unforgettable evening! A [Villages in Action](#) event see villagesinaction.co.uk/events/panta-rei-danseteater-promise-of-departure/ Tickets from 01364 643741. See: www.pantareidanseteater.com.
- Saturday 19 May 2018: Oh Happy Day! - Gospel Harmony Singing** with [Emily Roblyn](#), [Fran André](#), [Helen Yeomans](#) and [Rob Carney](#), from 10.00am-4.30pm in St John's Church, Bridgetown, Totnes. A glorious, uplifting, heart opening, hope giving, inspiring, unifying, fun day of singing gospel music with four incredible choir leaders. We will be singing a mix of simple, familiar gospel songs along with some slightly more challenging songs to get our teeth into. All will be in 3 or 4-part harmony, with parts taught by ear with one teacher to a part. Tea and coffee available; please bring lunch to share. £25 in advance/£20 concessions / £30 on the door/£25 concessions. To book: [click here](#). FFI: contact Emily Roblyn - emroblyn@gmail.com. To see a video trailer [Click here](#).
- Thursday 24 May 2018: Film 'Demain' (Tomorrow)**  (2015) at 8pm in the [Barn Cinema, Dartington](#) followed by a discussion led by **Rob Hopkins**, co-founder of the Transition Towns movement. Made in response to the threats of climate change, exploring creative solutions in the fields of food, energy, transport, economics and education, this hugely positive and uplifting documentary was inspired by a scientific study in Nature magazine which stated that, at current rates of population expansion, resource consumption and environmental damage, humanity could be facing partial extinction by the end of this century. Filmmakers Cyril Dion and Mélanie Laurent carried out an investigation to discover what is leading to this potential disaster and, above all, how to avoid it. During their journey through 10 different countries, they meet the pioneers who are reinventing agriculture, energy, economy, democracy and education. Inspired by these creative and constructive initiatives, which are already working, they explore the possibilities for tomorrow's world. The film is being screened to raise funds for the 4th annual [Transition Town Totnes Film Festival](#) (13th - 18th November 2018) as it reflects the festival's themes of climate change, creative solutions, our relationship with the other-than-human world and women's empowerment. To see a trailer, [click here](#)

- Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 May 2018: Open Garden** at [Deancombe Farm](#), Buckfastleigh TQ11 0LZ from **2.00-5.30pm**. A traditional Devon farm, owned by James & Deborah Hedger, nestling between old walls, overlooked by meadows with sheep and cattle set in the southern foothills of Dartmoor. Small swimming lake, waterfalls and stream. Herbaceous beds, part walled and terraced vegetable garden, bog and woodland gardens, cider orchard and stream walks stretch over 4 acres in a naturalistic landscape. Home composting system. Refreshments: Home-made teas. Admission by donation Adult: £4.00; Children: Free. Part of the [National Open Gardens Scheme](#) raising money for its beneficiary charities: The Queen's Nursing Institute, Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Carers Trust, Hospice UK, Perennial, Parkinson's UK and guest charities.
- The Hillyfield** is a 45-acre woodland farm and ancient woodland regeneration project in a secluded valley in Harbournford within Dartmoor National Park and walking distance from South Brent. It is managed for environmental and community benefit. Hillyfield aims to engage young people and adults in rural skills and sustainable livelihoods through a programme of workshops and monthly volunteering opportunities.

The Hillyfield is still engaged in a long running dispute with Dartmoor National Park Authority and now a Public Inquiry by the Planning Inspectorate will be held at Parke, Bovey Tracey on 10-12 April 2018 into why DNP planning authority refused permission and then served enforcement notices for buildings used to care for the woods. The Hillyfield will have to raise a further £10,000 to afford the legal and professional fees. Read full details of the appeal on the [Save Hillyfield](#) website.

For more information contact Doug King-Smith, dougekingsmith@yahoo.co.uk; tel.: 07976589927 or see www.thehillyfield.co.uk/ or [facebook](#).
- Ugborough and Ermington 'Sustainable Saturdays'**: Fortnightly from 10am to 12noon in each village throughout the year (**7 & 21 April 2018**; in Ermington Reading Rooms and **14 & 28 April 2018** in Ugborough Village Hall). Be sustainable – come and buy locally produced food and crafts and sell your own locally made products; visit the café or have a good chat (sellers within Ugborough, Ermington or neighbouring parishes, including South Brent). See <http://www.ermingtonparish.com/sustainable-saturdays> or [facebook](#) and <http://www.ugborough.com/uss/> or [facebook](#)

REGULAR CLASSES AND SESSIONS IN SOUTH BRENT:

- **Wild Harmony**

Dates for the Summer term 2018:

Friday 20 April

Friday 4 May

Friday 18 May

Friday 25 May

Friday 15 June

Friday 29 June

Friday 13 July

£5.00 per session; **£30** in advance for the Summer term.

The Friday sessions are 8.00pm until 10.00pm at Millswood Cottage, South Brent.

Wild Harmony is a small, friendly community choir, which meets regularly (usually fortnightly during term time) in South Brent to share the fun of singing together and learning songs and harmonies from all parts of the world. All are welcome – there is no audition and no requirement to read music as most of the songs are taught by ear.

Emily Roblyn is a choir leader, musician and singer-songwriter who grew up in Canada and was encouraged to harmonise and perform from an early age so that singing is so much a part of her she doesn't remember ever being without it. She is passionate about sharing her love of people coming together to sing and the magic of harmony. For information about Gospel workshop with Emily and other great choir leaders [see above](#).

You can hear some Wild Harmony songs on the website: <http://wildharmony.org.uk> or [Click here](#) to 'listen again' to a feature about **Wild Harmony** from the 7 December 2013 broadcast of [South Brent Community Radio](#). Please email J.Rawlinson@plymouth.ac.uk or ring John on 01364 73117 for more information or if you would like to be on the Wild Harmony mailing list.

- **Brent Singers** rehearse every **Monday** during term time from 7:30-9.30pm in the main hall at the **Old School Centre**. New singers [welcome](#) - it is non-auditioning choir whose members have a wide range of experience and ability, but regular commitment is essential. Enquiries by email to the Secretary, Barbara Wintersgill at barwintersgill@gmail.com or see www.brentsingers.org.uk/ if interested.

Forthcoming Brent Singers events: Spring Concert on Sunday 22 April 2018 in Buckfast Abbey (see [above](#)) and their **Summer Concert** will be on **Saturday 21st July 2018**.

- **Weekly Drama Club:** playful and imaginative workshops for children and young people. Learn performance skills, challenge your creative powers, play games, develop creativity; with devised and scripted performances plus space for spontaneity. Term time only:

- on **Thursdays** at **5.30-6.30pm** in **South Brent Village Hall** for children **age 6-11; £3** per workshop.

Other local Totnes Young People's Theatre workshops:

- on **Tuesdays** at **5-6pm** in **Buckfastleigh Town Hall** (Room 3 downstairs) for children **age 6-11; £4**.

- on **Wednesdays** at **3.30-5pm** in **Room 25, Ariel Centre, KEVICC, Totnes** for **KEVICC students age 11-13; £5**.

- on **Wednesdays** at **5.30-7pm** at **The Hex Studio, Dartington** for young people **age 11-13; £5**.

- on **Wednesdays** at **7-8.30pm** at **The Hex Studio, Dartington** for young people **age 13+; £5**.

All staff have enhanced DBS checks and Public Liability Insurance.

Lottery Funded. FFI: Tiffany Strawson, 07760 177751 or email devontheatreclub@gmail.com.

- **South Devon Rethink Mental Illness Help and Hope Network** meets in a variety of locations across South Devon including **South Brent COOL** at the **Packhorse Inn** on the **Last Thursday** of the month from **10am to 12.00**, for people to share experiences, seek information, interact socially & make new friends. A warm welcome awaits you - group meetings provide support & information for anyone affected by mental ill health, including families & friends who might otherwise feel alone or isolated. For more information please contact: Tel: 07756 965814 or email helpandhope@rethink.org.

- **'Messy Church'** on the **third Saturday of every month at 4.30-6.30pm** in the [Old School Community Centre](#). Lots of great crafts, celebration time and food; a fun time for adults and children (if you are a child you will need to bring an adult with you!). Come and give it a try. Entrance free. Co-ordinators Barbara and Rob Brighthouse - tel. 01364 649 179 or email sbmessychurch@yahoo.com. See www.messychurch.org.uk.
- **'Open House': Churches Together in South Brent** invite you to join them for tea or coffee every **Tuesday from 10.00-11.00am** in the School room behind the Methodist Hall. No charge. Everyone welcome.
- **'South Brent Walk & Talk' / 'Walking for Health'**
Free and Friendly 'Easy Access' 'Grade 1' walks. Every **Wednesday at 10.30am**. Meet at the [Old School Community Centre](#). These walks are a great way to become more active if you don't usually walk or if you have been unwell or have limited mobility. They are suitable for people who would like some support to get back to walking again or maybe just would prefer to walk with others. The walks usually last **30 minutes** and are on firm, level surfaces and so are perfect for wheelchair users or people with walking aids. Led by a trained walk leader, the walks take up to **30 minutes**, are free and you are welcome to stop afterwards for a tea or coffee in the Old School Community Centre, which cost about 50p. We are a very friendly group of leaders and participants and would welcome new walkers or people who would like to become walk leaders. **No booking required – just turn up.**

Weekly Friday afternoon 'Grade 3' walks. Meet **outside the newsagent at 2.30pm**. "Come and join our friendly group and enjoy regular, free, healthy walks (60-90 minutes) on roads and footpaths in and around South Brent. After the walk we stop for a cup of tea or coffee." The Friday **'Grade 3'**, walks are the more challenging grade, lasting for **60-90 minutes** using a variety of footpaths, roads and tracks, some of which may be uneven, muddy and slippery or involve steps, inclines and stiles. They are suitable for those who do a certain amount of physical activity but who wish to improve their general fitness.

For more information on both levels of walk contact sbwalk4health@gmail.com, phone 01364 700282 or see: <http://sbwalk4health.btck.co.uk/>. 'Walk and Talk' is an accredited scheme under the national **'Walking for Health'** programme.

- **South Brent & District Caring:** fortnightly (Mondays 9 & 23 April) **Activity Coffee mornings** at the [Old School Community Centre](#) on **Mondays from 10.30am – 12.00noon**, hosted by [South Brent & District Caring](#) are very much appreciated by people who don't get a lot of social contact and who love a chat, a game of something and a cuppa. Do drop in if you're passing – it's a good way to get a feel for some of the work SB&DC does.
The coffee mornings alternate with the fortnightly **Lunch Club** (Mondays 16 & 30 April) which provides lunch and company every other Monday from 12.00-13.15 in the Old School at a cost of £3.50. FFI contact Mandy Haley in the Old School or phone 01364 700282; email info@sbadc.org.uk. Starting on **Tuesday 17 April 2018**, twice a month in the [Old School Community Centre](#), [South Brent & District Caring](#) will be hosting a **Memory Café** and **Carer's Support Group** on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday** afternoons from **2-4pm**. *Everyone is welcome:*
The **Memory Cafe** is an activities-based group for adults who are being cared for and is open to anyone, not just those who have been diagnosed with Dementia.
The **Carers' Support Group** runs alongside the memory Café and is open to anyone who is caring for a relative/friend for whatever reason. The support group will be the chance for carers to meet others who are in a similar position to themselves, to exchange stories and ideas and gain more information on what help is available to them. All of this whilst enjoying a tea or coffee.
Volunteers are needed to help with all these activities (e.g. to set up/clear away, or to chat and play games etc.) – please contact Mandy, Viv or Jane on 01364 700282 or email info@sbadc.org.uk if you can help or know anyone who can, or if you would like to become a member of [South Brent & District Caring](#) (£10 per year). Also please visit the website: <http://sbadc.org.uk/>.

- **Community Library Book Group** This group meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month, at 7.30pm in the Old School Centre. All welcome. New members, for further details contact Derith Taberner, 01364 73852 or southbrentbookgroup@gmail.com. Please note that, **South Brent Community Library** afternoon opening hours are now 2-4pm.
- **Old School Community Centre Corridor Gallery:**

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| Until end of April 2018: | Ivybridge & District Camera Club display |
| May: | South Brent Art Group |
| June: | Water Colour Group |
| July: | South Brent Folk Poetry Competition |
- **Meditation Group:** meeting every Wednesday at 7.30pm at Mogador in Didworthy. We are a small friendly non-denominational meditation group. Whether you practice a particular type of meditation or would like to try meditation, all are welcome. Contact Bill Vennells by email at billvennells@hotmail.com or ring 07482 191207.
- **Monday afternoon Tea Dances** 1.30-5.00pm in **South Brent Village Hall**. All levels and new members are welcome. FFI contact Margaret Eales on 01364 72001 or see posters in the village.
- **Fest Noz: Breton and French Dance night with Poisson Rouge**, on the 1st Friday of the month, 8pm-11pm Palstone Recreation Room. All welcome; lots of fun - no previous experience necessary - easy to pick up the steps as you go along. £4.00 on the door includes tea/coffee & biccies. Bring your own wine/beer. Tel: Louise on: 01364 649227 for more info.
- **5 Rhythms dance** drop in class in South Brent Village Hall on Monday mornings from 9.45 to 12.00. Whatever age or fitness ability, no experience necessary. 'Delightful drop-in'; Cost: £11 / £10/£9 sliding scale concession. **No class on Easter Monday 2 April**. For more info call Kay Chambers on 01803 812584 or email kaydancedelicious@hotmail.com.
- **Drop-in Kitchen Table Art Workshops** at Stockbridge Cottage, South Brent on Wednesdays 10.30am-12.30pm. Restarted for the autumn term and open to anyone of any level interested in making beautiful mixed media pictures in a creative environment with professional artist and experienced teacher. Novices always welcome. Free materials, coffee/tea & cake. For a peak at the sort of things we could get up to, see www.saradownhamlotto.net/students-work-2016-blog/; £10 per drop-in session. Contact: [Sara Downham-Lotto](mailto:info@saradownhamlotto.net) on 01364 72728/ email: info@saradownhamlotto.net. Also contact Sara about the **Arts Lab Dartington**, for further workshops and creative engagement for young people working with professional artists or see www.arts-lab.co.uk.
- **Life Drawing Classes** with [Isabel Coulton](http://www.isabelcoulton.com) presenting a contemporary feel to life drawing – Isabel Coulton is an accomplished artist, woodcarver and stone carver based in South Brent and has been living and teaching life drawing in Devon for many years. The aim of the classes is to develop individual style and personal expression as, through imaginative styling, composition and consideration, surreal scenes are created for the figure. From **10.00am-1.00pm on Tuesdays** and **6.30 - 8.30pm on Thursdays** in the **Shippon Artists' Studios, Dartington Hall Trust**.
 - [Spring term](#) block 3: from w/c 26 March 26 to w/c 26 April 2018;
 - [Summer term](#) block 1: from w/c April 30 to w/c 7 June 2018.
 If you would like to join the class or for more information, please contact Isabel on 01364 73120 or 07920714387 or email info@isabelcoulton.com. See www.isabelcoulton.com.

What's on in Brent – April 2018 and beyond

- **Wood carving** classes need viable numbers to run. Please contact Isabel if you are interested on 01364 73120 or email info@isabelcoulton.com. See www.isabelcoulton.com.
- **Watercolour painting:** with [Louise Bougourd](#) - weekly classes on Tuesday mornings 10am - 12.30pm in South Brent Old School Community Centre. £10.00 per class. To book a place or find out more contact Louise: Tel: 01626 203859 or email louisebougourd@hotmail.co.uk. See new website: <http://www.louise-bougourd.com/>
- **'Brushes with Colour' — A General Painting Class:** Weekly art classes on **Thursday mornings** in the Old School Community Centre from 10.00 - 12.30. Painting and drawing in any media [oils, acrylics, watercolours, etc.]. Instruction in techniques is provided, tailored to individual requirements. Terms are organised around themes, to include both landscape and still life, depending on individual interest. Also figures-in-settings options. Independent course tutored by Roger Dennis M.A., a practising artist with many years' experience in teaching adults. Established group, mixed levels, new members welcome! Advance bookings of five weeks at £70 per block, or £20 per session. FFI contact Roger Dennis on 01364 652513 email: rpd.art3@btinternet.com or see www.rogerdennisart.com.
- **Yoga Classes:**
In the Village Hall with Liz Turner, who has now taken over classes run by Paula Jones (some changes below):
 - Monday: 10.00 to 11.30am** A gentle class including breathing practices, gentle warm-ups, modified postures suited to everyone's needs, plenty of relaxation & short meditation. Suitable for seniors or those with less energy.
 - Wednesday: 10.15 to 11.45am** A gentle class, similar to Monday's but with some chair yoga too. Suitable for seniors or those with less energy.
 - 4.30-5.30pm** **Children's yoga & mindfulness.** A fun approach to yoga which includes games, fun themes & mindfulness exercises. Suitable for ages 6-11. £5/4.50 for block.
Yoga can help give children a health head start in life
 - Wednesday: 6.45 to 8.15 pm** **Mixed ability class** – Vinyasa Krama - breathing practices, postures, sequences, relaxation & short meditation. Suitable beginners/experienced.

Cost for South Brent classes: £7 drop-in/£6.50 on Wednesday evenings for a block of 6 classes over 2 months.

Yoga at Shipley Close now also with **Liz Turner:**
'Do you have a relative or friend who could benefit from very gentle chair yoga – moving the joints & muscles, calming breathing, friendly group & social. Not just for people who live in Shipley Close - open to all!'
 Thursday: starts at 3.30pm **Armchair yoga for the young at heart**
 45 minutes of movement, breathing and relaxation with music and games. £3
 Refreshments at 4.20pm
 All welcome – for a cuppa only if you wish. Refreshments 50p

Contact Liz Turner on 07765 631877 or email liz@intoyogaandnature.co.uk or see www.intoyogaandnature.co.uk.
- **Hatha Yoga** with Netha Islam on **Monday evenings** at 6.45 - 8.15pm at [Bala Brook](#) (TQ10 9ED between Didworthy and Shipley Bridge). Strong deeply effective stretches for body & mind vitality, unwinding and accessing natural health & joy. £7 per session. For more information contact Netha at nethaislam@hotmail.com.

- **AYP Yoga (Advanced Yoga Practices)** – [Integral Yoga classes](#) for all levels with Tristan Dorling on Sunday evenings (**term time only**) from 7 to 9pm in the hall at The Old School Centre, South Brent. NB. These classes do not run every week - [click here](#) for the calendar showing the days the classes are running. Cost: by donation. Call Tristan on 07789101524 or see the [AYP](#) website - www.secretsofyoga.org.
- **Pilates Classes** with Andy West. Fully qualified and experienced instructor - [Pilates Foundation](#). Weekly on **Wednesdays** in **South Brent Village Hall**:
 - 9.30 - 11.00am: Class suitable for beginner and intermediate levels
 - 11.15am to 12.15pm 'Pilates for the over 60's': gentle class, suitable for beginners
 Please contact Andy before attending the class on 07976912909; email: westieandos@yahoo.co.uk
- **Wadoryu Karate Classes:** at the [Old School Community Centre](#) on **Tuesdays** from **6.30-8.30pm**. Club Instructor is Adel Gibson Sensei (3rd Dan) and Chief Instructor is Graham Chuck Renshi (7th Dan). £5 for adults, £4 for juniors (10+). For more information call 07766 750599 or see www.wadokenkyukai.weebly.com/.
- **Children's Martial Arts: Little P.U.M.A.s** on **Wednesdays** from **4.45-5.30pm** in **South Brent Village Hall**; A bite size Martial Arts programme for 4-7 year olds, helping them to learn confidence, focus, respect, self-discipline, co-ordination whilst having fun! Class numbers are limited to ensure quality learning and instruction. Please contact Tamzin Goodwin on 0845 6001967 or 07970 520078 or email tamzingoodwin@sky.com to reserve your child's place. See: www.goodwinmartialarts.com or [facebook](#).
- **South Brent Recreation Association**, Palstone Park, Exeter Road South Brent
 - **Table-Tennis:** on **Tuesdays**; Beginners session 9.30 -10.30am and more advanced players 7.30-8.30pm. £1.50 per person. Two tables available with bats provided. Has anyone got a **Table Tennis Table** they would like to donate to the Rec as one of our tables has broken. Please contact Peter Kelly email: peterkelly@spx.co.uk or Anne Nicholls email: nichollsbennie2@gmail.com.
 - Every other **Wednesday** 7.30 – 9.00pm **Cash Bingo** at the **Recreation Ground Pavilion**. Doors open from 7pm; 'Eyes down' at 7.30pm. Everybody welcome; teas and refreshments available. For further information contact Avril Kelly on 01364 73476, or email avrilkelly@spxservices.co.uk.
 - **Other groups** using the Rec. include: **South Brent Judo, Football, Cricket; Tennis Coaching, Brownies, Breton Dance, Carnival Club**; [Click here](#) for relevant contacts.
 - **Pavilion Hire:** the hall is available for hire at £7 per hour plus £5 for kitchen. We are particularly keen to have more daytime bookings. Call Anne on 01364 72223 or email: nichollsbennie2@gmail.com to book.
 - The Rec. now has a **Monthly Fundraising Lottery**. Pay £1 a month for 12 months = £12 a year. [Click here](#) to see the options and to complete an entry form.
 - **Monthly Lottery** Pay £1 a month for 12 months = £12 a year. 50% will go in prizes and 50% will help maintain the facilities at Palstone Park Recreation Ground. You can join online at southbrentrecreationassociation.weebly.com/fundraising Forms also available around the village, or call Anne on 01364 72223 or email: nichollsbennie2@gmail.com.
 - **NB. The Rec** been selected by the Co-op as one of the recipients of the Co-op Community Fund. Register The Rec as your nominated charity by visiting www.coop.co.uk/membership (See [below](#)). We are currently trying to raise money to continue the footpath around the Rec.

We need more help to run the Rec.! If you can help, please contact Anne Nicholls on 01364 72223 / email: nichollsbennie2@gmail.com or Peter Kelly on 01364 73476 / email: peterkelly@spxservices.co.uk. See the website for further information and hiring details southbrentrecreationassociation.weebly.com/.

- South Brent Cricket Club** The club warmly welcomes anyone who is interested in playing either league or friendly cricket. Enthusiasm and commitment are all you need! If you would like to register an interest in the club then please use the [club contact form](#) or you are always welcome to turn up to any of our practice sessions. All abilities and levels are welcome and the club also has a youth section. Please visit the club's website southbrentcricketclub.weebly.com/ for information about winter activities and contact details, or email southbrentcricketclub@gmail.com or text 07956 762052.
- South Brent Steepers and woodfuel from hedges.**
'[South Brent Steepers](#)' is a lively group of [SSB](#) volunteers who are in their sixth year of hedge laying and collecting wood for fuel. New members, young and old, beginners as well as those with previous experience are invited to join them for fresh air, exercise, new skills, informal cooperation, input from a hedge-laying expert and a share of the wood with occasional hot soup. They provide tools, other necessary equipment and a wood-processing machine to cut the logs and store them under cover. Lifts are available from the Station Car Park at 9.50am. Steeping venues are:
South Brent Steepers and woodfuel from hedges – 2018 season.

 - Sunday 15 April Railway Woods repair steps Robin
Newcomers welcome! NB. The programme is subject to weather and liable to change so contact first to confirm. For more information please contact Harry Jennings on 01364 649 236 or Rowan Wylie on 0797 764 3376 or join the mailing list - email woodgroup@sustainablesouthbrent.org.uk and look in the [SSB](#) website for the new [Hedges and Woodland page](#)
- VILLAGE PUBS - Regular weekly events at the village pubs:**
The Oak
Under the management of Carol and Andrew Dorée
'**Folk at the Oak**' **Folk music session** – every Wednesday for adults from 8.30pm(ish);
'**Young Folk at the Oak**' - 7.30-8.30pm on alternate Wednesdays in term time
(18 April; 9 & 23 May; 6 & 20 June) encouraging young people to learn and enjoy playing music and singing together. New musicians and audience welcome!!
FFI: Caroline and Steve on 01364 73490.
Traditional Folk at the Oak – Traditional music and song on the third Thursday of the month from 8.00pm(ish). FFI Mick Bramich on 01364 649339.
First Thursday of the month – **General Knowledge quiz** at 8pm with Graham 'legend in his own lunchtime' Jordan.
Wednesday: Tai Budo kick boxing - upstairs 6.30 – 8.00pm. FFI: 07956 963223. Due to requests for another session, kick boxing is now also on **Sundays** 3.30-5.00pm.
***Last Saturday** of the month - **Music Quiz** at 9.00pm with the Chuckster.
For more information contact Carol or Andrew Dorée (01364 72133) or email info@oakonline.net or see The Oak on [facebook](#) or www.oakonline.net.

Pack Horse Inn Currently under the management of Marian and Steve Finch
Every **Sunday**: a free to enter **Quiz night** starting at 9.30 with is a rolling rota of quiz masters so each one is different.
Tuesdays is **Pizza Night**: our popular homemade pizza - buy one 9" and get one half price
2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month: **Mixed folk session** - mainly a song session/'sing around' from around 8.30pm on the - Contact Eileen on 01364 73699 eileen.southbrentfolk@gmail.com
Wednesday is **Board Game night**: come along and meet up with like-minded people to enjoy a game.
Monthly Poker night: for those who would like to have a go
For events at the **Pack Horse** ring 01364 72283 for more information.
See website www.thepackhorse.co.uk and [facebook](#) page

[The Avon Inn at Avonwick](#)

Under the management of Mark and Claire. Traditional British pub serving Devon Real Ales, draft ciders, lagers, fine wines and good food. Weekly **Quiz Night** at 8pm on **Mondays** with different quizmasters each week. FFI call 01364 73475.

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- **South Brent Hosted Post Office®**: Following the closure of The Post Office services in South Brent Stores a temporary hosted Post Office has been introduced in the [Old School Community Centre](#) and is running successfully with Monica Pound, the Postmistress from Strete and her husband Andrew. A wide range of services is now offered on:

- **Wednesdays from 9am-1pm**
- **Fridays from 9am-12noon**
- **Saturdays from 9am-12noon**

This arrangement will continue while longer term arrangements are explored involving a Post Office service hosted by an existing village retailer or an outreach service being set up from another, more local Post Office branch. If you know of a retailer who might be interested in discussing hosting Post Office services in the village, they can be put in touch with the relevant Post Office manager via the Parish Clerk (clerk@southbrent.gov.uk). *'Use it or lose it!'*

- **NB the Lloyds mobile banking hours in the [Old School Community Centre](#) car park have changed to:**
 - **Mondays from 9.45-11.15am**
 - **Thursdays from 2.00-3.30pm**

- The **Quiz on Saturday 17 March** hosted by Graham Jordan in the OSCC: raised £550 in aid of [RNLI](#).

- **The Primrose Trail**: A small group is looking at the feasibility of developing a cycle route as close as possible to the route of the old Primrose Line railway from Kingsbridge to South Brent. If you would be interested in joining or contributing to this group please contact John Rawlinson (South Brent) - email john.rawlinson@southbrent.gov.uk or Barry Day (Kingsbridge) - email johnb.day7@gmail.com.

- **South Brent Community Radio**: Although the funded project has finished, the fantastic **South Brent Sound Map** has now sprung into action. This is an online map with snippets from the South Brent Radio archive. Go to www.sustainablesouthbrent.org.uk/projects/community-radio/ and click on the pins to listen in to conversations and stories from around the village. You can still listen to the full archive at www.mixcloud.com/southbrentradio and for those who prefer to listen offline there is an easy to use MP3 player full of SB radio treasures, free to borrow from [artworks](#).

- **Co-op Community Fund:** Three local causes have been selected as recipients of the Co-op Community Fund until **October 2018**. If you are a Co-op [member](#), every time you shop, 1% of what you spend on selected own-brand products and services goes to the local community fund. The money raised, together with money from shopping bag sales, helps fund projects in the local area. New causes are chosen every 12 months and then you can [choose](#) which cause you want your own 1% to go to. Please register and encourage others to register for one of our local causes as your nominated charity by visiting www.coop.co.uk/membership:
 - [South Brent & District Caring](#) for more information about SB&DC visit sbadc.org.uk/and to vote see membership.coop.co.uk/causes/12342
 - The [Old School Community Centre](#) for more information about the Old School visit www.theoldschool.org.uk/ and to vote see membership.coop.co.uk/causes/15954
 - [Palstone Park Recreation Ground](#) for more information about South Brent Recreation Association visit southbrentrecreationassociation.weebly.com/ and to vote see membership.coop.co.uk/causes/13441

- **South Hams CVS is going mobile!:** [South Hams Community and Voluntary Services](#) is leaving their Follaton House office at the end of March and developing a schedule of town & village visits & venues and 'pop up CVS' in various locations. On **Wednesday 25 April** and every 4th Wednesday of the month from April-July they will be at the **Old School Community Centre in South Brent** from 10am - 1pm. You can also arrange to meet them by appointment at venues across the South Hams. Please contact jill@southhamscvs.org.uk. See <http://www.southhamscvs.org.uk/>.

- **South Brent Runners:** Alison and Dave Engledew and have recently moved to the village and would like to start a new running group. All abilities will be welcome, including beginners, and it will be free to attend. Both are qualified and experienced run leaders who hope to share their love of running and offer a friendly, social and supportive environment within which people can improve their fitness, achieve their goals and make new friends. Their runs will start outside 'The Rowan Tree' at 6.30pm every Wednesday evening. If you are interested in coming along, or would like to find out more, please contact Alison at alisonengledew@gmail.com or visit the 'South Brent Runners' Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/158100328214012/.

That's all folks!

'What's on in Brent' is collated and distributed by request to 620 email addresses by [John Rawlinson](#) from information sent to us.

Our aim is to support local events and let people know what is going on in the village.

Email us at J.Rawlinson@plymouth.ac.uk with information about events that you are organising or hear about in or around the village - the more the merrier. Let us know as early as you like, but before the 25th of the month preceding the event. Be as brief as possible and include venue, times, ticket price, the charity if it is a charity event, contact details etc... (Please note we don't attach posters to the mailout).

If you are planning an event, please check that your event doesn't clash with another village event by looking at the 'What's on diary' on the new **South Brent Community website** (www.southbrent.org.uk/).

'What's on' is now presented there in an easy to use, colour coded events calendar, which incorporates information sent to 'What's on in South Brent'. If you have an event arranged, please check that it is listed on the community website '[What's on diary](#)' correctly. *If you run a regular class or sessional activity, please review your entry in the '[Activities](#)' section of the website.* If anything needs updating, please let [John Shepherd](#), the webmaster, know. You can also click on 'Contact us' on the left-hand menu and complete the form there with any new items or email John (john.shepherd@southbrent.org.uk).

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

What's on is sent out once a month near the last day of the month. We are trying to avoid having to send out extra editions of 'What's on' (which must clog up inboxes), so please try to let us know about your event by the 25th of the month deadline.

Thank you, John and Lynn