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### THIS MONTH'S QUICK LINKS TO EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE

(Click on the underlined text in this list to go straight to the item):

- [SSB Social Event](#)
- [South Brent Carnival Club – Devon Cabaret Night](#)
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- [Boogie, bop, hop, twist, jiggle, wiggle ... Dance Night for refugee charity at the Old School](#)
- [Dartmoor National Park volunteering opportunities at Shipley Bridge](#)
- [Meeting on 'Climate Change and the Extinction Rebellion'](#)

### OTHER EVENTS IN THE LOCAL AREA

- [Ashburton Refugee Support Network present a Film Night with Supper](#)
- [Matt Harvey presents 'SIT' at Green Table, Dartington](#)
- [Community Arts events and live Jazz in Ashburton](#)
- [Ermington & Ugborough 'Sustainable Saturdays'](#)
- ['Devon For Europe' Coach to Parliament \[\*and Dr Sarah Wollaston is now an independent MP\*\]](#)
- [Dartington Playgoers perform 'Love Letters' in Totnes Library](#)
- ['Ukrainian Update' - Ivybridge U3A general meeting](#)
- [Solo exhibition of paintings and ceramics by Sylvette David/Lydia Corbett in Totnes](#)
- [All sing Sunday in Buckfastleigh](#)
- [Selection of Community Arts events and live Jazz in Ashburton](#)

### REGULAR SESSIONS & CLASSES IN SOUTH BRENT:

- [Community Choirs: Wild Harmony and Brent Singers](#)
- [South Brent & District Caring Coffee mornings and Lunch Club](#)  
- [Memory Café](#) & [Carers Support Group](#) (*changed day*)
- [Drama Club for Young People; 'Spinning Tots'; Sweeney Toddlers Playgroup \(\*volunteers wanted\*\); WI; Walk & Talk; Life Drawing and Wood Carving; Water colour painting; Drop-in Kitchen Table Art Workshops plus 'Arts Lab'; 5 Rhythms dance; Yoga and Chair Yoga; Children's yoga & mindfulness; Pilates; Rainbow Tai-Chi classes \(\*final classes in Brent\*\); Walk and Talk; Wadoryu Karate Classes; Taekwon-do classes; Children's Martial Arts; South Brent COOL Help and Hope Group; 'Messy Church'; Churches Together 'Open House'; Meditation group. South Brent Runners;](#)
- [Old School Community Centre Corridor Gallery](#)
- [South Brent Rec.: Table tennis, Bingo, Lottery; South Brent Cricket Club](#)
- [NEW: The 'Youth Bus' in Palstone Park](#)
- [South Brent Steepers - wood fuel from hedges – new Spring programme](#)

### VILLAGE PUBS

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#### NEWS:

- [Consider standing](#) as a South Brent Parish Councillor at the local election
- [Dartmoor Local Plan Consultation](#)
- Free [IT Skills](#) sessions – [Could you be a helper?](#)

**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.*
- *The information is correct to the best of our knowledge but **please check** if you plan to attend.*

- **Saturday 2 February 2019:** [Sustainable South Brent](#) social event from 3-6.30pm in the [Old School Community Centre](#). Join us for an afternoon of celebrating the work of our volunteers, the support of our members, and the opening of our corridor gallery display (see [below](#)). Come and mingle, eat, drink and be merry! Let the marvellous Marsh volunteers rub shoulders with the fantastic Foodies. Let the IT wizards enthral the School Gardeners and vice versa Something novel and unpredictable may emerge! And if you're not yet a member, come along to join up and find out more - for details about joining SSB for £3 per year, see [www.sustainablesouthbrent.org.uk/join/](http://www.sustainablesouthbrent.org.uk/join/).
- **Saturday 2 February 2019:** South Brent Carnival Club presents '**Devon Night Cabaret Evening**' in South Brent Village Hall at 7pm for a 7.30pm start with the **Exmoor Doo Dah Band** back by popular demand and comedy magic from Keith King. With a Ploughman's supper and sweet, bar with waitress service only (no corkage) and quality Grand Draw. Please book early to avoid disappointment: Tickets at £20 per person paid in advance available from Jean 01364 73292 or Doreen 01364 73650 or Ken 07745337544 or any Committee member. FFI email [jean@cleave.entadsl.com](mailto:jean@cleave.entadsl.com).
- **Saturday 2 February 2019:** **ISCA Voices** present an evening of light musical entertainment at 7:30 pm in St Petroc's Church. This prestigious female vocal ensemble is composed of former Girl Choristers of Exeter Cathedral, under the musical director of Stephen Tanner. A very special fundraising evening treat in aid of [South Brent & District Caring](#). The ticket price of £8 includes wine and nibbles; under 16's free.
- **Sunday 3 February 2019:** **Musicians' Candlemas Family Service** at 9.45am at St. Petroc's Church, South Brent. With brunch afterwards – all welcome; bring a plate of finger food to share. Further details from Gill on 01364 649187 or Pam on 01364 73202.
- **Saturday 9 February 2019** (*postponed from 24 November*): **The Fabulous Spring Clothes Swap** in the [Old School Community Centre](#). Last year's was such a huge success, so start sorting those clothes for another great evening to transform your wardrobe! Arrive at 7.30pm – clothes will be collected and sorted. Clothes can be taken in advance to Jane Pickard for storage - tel. 07990647715. Bar; Prosecco; Raffle. In aid of [SPLASH Devon](#) (a high quality, inclusive holiday play scheme in Teignbridge for children and young people with severe to profound physical and learning difficulties) and the [Old School Community Centre](#). Tickets at £3.00 available from [artworks](#), [Cosy Corner Crafts](#) or the [Old School Community Centre](#).

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- **Wednesday 13 February & Wednesday 13 March 2019: Warm and Well Energy Advice Help Desk** with Harry, Sophie or Jinni in the [Old School Community Centre](#) from 9.30am-1pm. Pop along with a recent fuel bill if you'd like some energy advice or call the team on 0800 112 3044. 'Warm and Well South Brent' is a project to help local residents reduce their fuel bills and stay warm and well in their homes. It offers free and impartial advice on reducing your fuel bills and the extra support from the energy companies. It also has some grant funding towards insulation and heating improvements for people who own or privately rent their homes and whose health is affected by the cold (qualifying criteria apply). The team are also hoping to attend local coffee mornings, to organise a pop up advice centre in the village and they can conduct home visits to housebound residents. The project is being delivered by experienced energy advisors from local society, [South Dartmoor Community Energy](#) and is funded by 'Awards for All', South Brent Parish Council, Sustainable South Brent, the South Brent District Councillors and the South Brent Feoffees. If you'd like some help or advice from the team or are linked to a group who might like a short talk, please call Freephone 0800 112 3044 or e-mail [sophie@southdartmoorcommunityenergy.org](mailto:sophie@southdartmoorcommunityenergy.org)
- **Saturday 16 February 2019: Come and join in and help two habitat/orchard creation events** as part of [SSB's](#) newest project!

  - **10am** - meet opposite the play park on the junction of Totnes Road and Exeter Road where we will be creating a wildflower meadow along Exeter Road. We will be prepping the ground ready for the children of South Brent Primary to sow wildflower seeds.
  - **1-4pm** - meet at the South Brent Doctor's Surgery where we will be creating an orchard and wildflower meadow. We will be prepping the ground and planting fruit trees as well as sowing the wildflower seeds to create a wildflower meadow. Families and children welcome but no dogs please. What to bring - warm clothes, wellies, spades, forks and smiles and if you have them: scarifiers, mowers, sheers, rakes and rotovators (not expecting many rotovators or scarifiers but it will be good to try different methods!)

If you can only make half the day then that is fine. For those that want to come to both sessions, there should be time to go home for lunch but by all means bring hot drinks and sandwiches/cake and we can make a day of it! Any questions contact Jeremy or call 07950 376368 on the day.
- **Saturday 16 February 2019: South Brent & District Caring** are now hosting a monthly **Quiz night** in the [Old School Community Centre](#) at 7.30 for 8.00pm. Come as a team of no more than six people, or join up with others on the night to make up a team. After this one the quizzes will be on the first Thursday of every month with all proceeds to [South Brent & District Caring](#). Bar opens at 7.30pm. Entry £3 per person. FFI tel. 01364 700282 or email [info@sbadc.org.uk](mailto:info@sbadc.org.uk). See [website](#).
- **Sunday 17 February 2019: Breakfast Café** from 9.30-12noon in the [Old School Community Centre](#) raising money for the new playground/playspace on Vire Island, Totnes, being developed in memory of Reuben Sylvan Williams who was tragically killed on the Avonwick Road, South Brent, in December 2017 aged 3, and whose grandparents in Brent many people know and love. [Click here](#) for more information. Come along to support this by enjoying the usual breakfast and South Brent company.
- **Tuesday 19 February 2019: 'Kids do Lunch' Half-term food workshop and café** from **10am - 12.00noon** in the [Old School Community Centre](#). Following the very successful Harvest half-term workshop and café, this will be a similar event: Children are invited to be chefs for the morning and will prepare a delicious lunch and then serve cafe-style to any more senior members of the village who would like to come to lunch! You are warmly invited to join us and support our young South Brent chefs! Organised by [Sustainable South Brent's Food@SB Project](#). Watch out for more information on posters around the village. Follow this link for a registration form: [www.sustainablesouthbrent.org.uk/projects/foodsby/](http://www.sustainablesouthbrent.org.uk/projects/foodsby/) or collect one from [artworks](#) or register at 9.45am on the day at the Old School Centre.

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### South Brent W.I.:

- **Tuesday 19 February 2019:** Speaker: Rob Heath from SARDA – ‘Search and Rescue Dog Association’  
Competitions: 1) Bloom of the Month; 2) Heart-shaped biscuits
  - **Tuesday 19 March 2019:** Singing: Rosie Teale  
Competitions: 1) Bloom of the Month; 2) Decorated egg
  - **Tuesday 16 April 2019:** Punjabi cooking demonstration – Purdy Giles  
Competitions: 1) Bloom of the Month; 2) Elephant collage
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:mjsassociates@btinternet.com) or see the [South Brent Community web site](#).
- **Tuesday 19 February; Sunday 24 February; Tuesday 5 March; Tuesday 19 March; Sunday 24 March and Tuesday 2 April 2019** (*postponed from December 2018*): [Active Hope Course](#) in **South Brent Village Hall** (Tuesdays 7 - 9pm; Sundays 2-6.30pm). A six week training exploring how to face the mess we're in without going crazy. The course of workshops is with a small group of people, sharing our gratitude for life, our human responses to this environmental crisis, and envisaging how to move forwards with love, hope and strength. This workshop is a safe place to be with our feelings, helping us to stay grounded, connected and responsive to what's happening in our lives, our communities and our world. Unless we have spaces to feel our responses to the destruction in our world, we can easily feel paralysed or numb – and not take the necessary action to prevent more harm. The course is based on the work of [Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone](#), and the group will be co-facilitated by Jeannie Hodder, Lindsey Stewart and Teja Campbell. Participants are expected to commit to the whole course. This work is an offering from the facilitators and participants will be asked to make a donation for the facilitators' work at the end of the course and cover the costs of the hall hire. Spaces are limited (approx 16 places) so booking is essential. If you wish to make a booking or obtain more information, please contact: Jeannie: [coaching@jhodder.co.uk](mailto:coaching@jhodder.co.uk), Lindsey: [lindseystewart@clara.co.uk](mailto:lindseystewart@clara.co.uk) or Teja: [dreamsdissolve@gmail.com](mailto:dreamsdissolve@gmail.com). See <https://www.jhodder.co.uk/active-hope/>.
  - **Thursday 21 February [NB Change of date] 2019: Two talks** organised by [Brent Birders](#) in the [Old School Community Centre](#); the first on 'Rewilding – what is it and what it might mean for Dartmoor?' with Tim Ferry, and the second 'Rewilding for Bees' with Jeremy Sabel – about a new [Sustainable South Brent](#) project that will benefit the creatures that really matter - 'Bugs, Bees and Butterflies'. Refreshments available – all welcome. More details to follow or email [brentbirdsurvey@gmail.com](mailto:brentbirdsurvey@gmail.com) or contact Mike Goss on [mrgandjng@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mrgandjng@tiscali.co.uk) or call 01364 72539. Visit <http://brentbirdsurvey.co.uk/>.
  - **Friday 22 February 2019: Another Board Games Evening** from 7.00-10.00pm 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 the newest 'Spiel des Jahres (Game of the year) 2018', – AZUL, a nice little game with easy rules for up to 4 players. 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. So if you fancy coming along, feel very welcome and bring a friend if you want to. If you have any questions, please text or ring Claudia on 01364 73729 or 07423050625 or email [claudiaschaefer44@hotmail.com](mailto:claudiaschaefer44@hotmail.com).

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- Saturday 23 February 2019: Boogie, bop, hop, twist, jiggle, wiggle ....your socks off** – a dance night from 8-10.30pm in the [Old School Community Centre](#). Great music curated by various artists including Jo Smith, great fun. Funds raised via **£5** donations on the door will be sent to [Action for Education](#) charity working with teenage asylum seekers in Chios, Greece who are too old for inclusion in the Greek education offer for displaced children. <https://www.actionforeducation.co.uk>. Bring your own drink. The music playlist will be shared with the students in Greece:- we will post a small USB speaker to staff at the project, which can amplify the music played on an iPhone so that they can share the experience in a small way and feel connected to our group. Organised by **South Brent Refugee Support Network** (see [below](#)).
- Sunday 24 February 2019: Dartmoor National Park volunteering opportunity: 'Shingley Bridge Project'** - Are you able to come along from 10.30am–3pm to help the Archaeologists and Dartmoor National Park Rangers at Shingley Bridge, South Brent? (Grid Ref: SX 680 629). We will be continuing to clear vegetation (there is still plenty of gorse to clear to reveal all the features!) to discover the old china clay and naphtha workings near the car park, together with having a tidy up of any rubbish, looking after the paths, and also inviting volunteers on a guided walk looking at Archaeological features in the area. If you would like to find out more, and come along for some, or all of the day's activities - please email Ella on [ebriens@dartmoor.gov.uk](mailto:ebriens@dartmoor.gov.uk) to book your place **by Friday 22 February**. All tools and gloves, and light refreshments are provided. Please 'Dress for Dartmoor' and bring a drink and packed lunch if you are planning to stay for the day. If you know any friends that are coming, please car share where possible. A massive 'Thank you' to everyone who has helped so far from DNPA Rangers Ella and Andrea.
- Wednesday 27 February 2019: 'Climate Change and the Extinction Rebellion'** meeting at 7.30pm in the [Old School Community Centre](#). An introductory meeting organised by people in South Brent concerned about climate change, in order to discuss the background to the issues and the focus of the '[Extinction Rebellion](#)' campaign. The '[Extinction Rebellion](#)' ('XR') is an international movement that aims to promote radical change, through nonviolent resistance and 'respectful disruption' and to signal to those in power the existence of an emergency situation that requires emergency action to minimise species extinction and avert climate breakdown. Its central demands are that the Government must tell the truth about the climate and wider ecological emergency, and reverse inconsistent policies by enacting legally binding measures to reduce consumption levels, and carbon emissions to net zero by 2025. FFI see: <https://rebellion.earth/>.

#### AND BEYOND FEBRUARY (future dates for your diaries):

- Friday 1 March 2019: Service for Women's World Day of Prayer:** at South Brent Methodist Church at 2pm. [Women's World Day of Prayer](#) is a women-led worldwide ecumenical movement, the largest Christian movement in the world. Millions of men and women of all ages and all denominations in over 100 countries and islands come together in worship on one special day - the first Friday of March. The service for 2019 is prepared by the women of **Slovenia** and is based on the story of the wedding banquet in Luke 14: '*Come - Everything is Ready!*' See [Facebook](#).
- Thursday 7 March 2019: South Brent & District Caring's** monthly **Quiz night** at 7.30-9.30pm on the first Thursday of every month in the [Old School Community Centre](#). Come as a team of no more than six people, or join up with others on the night to make up a team. All proceeds to [South Brent & District Caring](#). Bar opens at 7.30pm. Entry £3 per person. FFI tel. 01364 700282 or email [info@sbadc.org.uk](mailto:info@sbadc.org.uk). See [website](#).



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**South Brent Refugee Support Network:**

**Tuesday 12 March 2019: South Brent Refugee Support Network** meeting at 7.30pm in the Aune Room at the [Old School Community Centre](#) to plan meetings, talks, films, fundraising etc. **South Brent Refugee Support Network** is a forum to find out more about supporting refugees locally and globally and is open to anyone interested in discussing issues, sharing ideas, fund raising or planning local events in response to the current refugee situation. All voices and ideas welcome - do come and join us! 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](mailto:jude.bishop@icloud.com). Meetings are now held on the **second Tuesday of alternate months** – subsequent meetings: **14 May; 9 July; 10 September; 12 November 2019**. South Brent Refugee Support Network also organises various other local refugee related events including the **Dance evening** on 24 February (see [above](#)) and the film 'Fire at Sea' on **Sunday 28 April** (see [below](#)).

- **Thursday 21 March 2019: South Brent Carnival Club Disco and Royalty Choosing** in the [Old School Community Centre](#) starting from **7.15pm**. All children and teenagers welcome; Admission £1 with refreshments available. The evening will include the **2019 Carnival Float Royalty choosing**. The Royalty competition is open to girls aged 9-16 years from South Brent and the surrounding area (attendance monies will be paid at the end of the carnival season). For information on Carnival events contact Jean Cleave, South Brent Carnival Secretary, Middle Stidston, South Brent. Email: [jean@cleave.entadsl.com](mailto:jean@cleave.entadsl.com); Tel: 01364 73292; mob: 07973 443318 or see <http://southbrentcarnival.org.uk/> or [Facebook](#).
- **Tuesday 26 March 2019: South Brent Carnival Bingo**: Eyes down at 7.30pm in **South Brent Village Hall**, with a draw and light refreshments. Everyone welcome. For information on Carnival events contact Jean Cleave, South Brent Carnival Secretary, Middle Stidston, South Brent. Email: [jean@cleave.entadsl.com](mailto:jean@cleave.entadsl.com); Tel: 01364 73292; mob: 07973 443318 or see <http://southbrentcarnival.org.uk/> or [Facebook](#).
- **Friday 29 March 2019: Scout Bingo** from **7.45-9.30pm** in the **Village Hall** to raise money towards the Scouts Jamboree trip to America in the summer. All welcome for fun, games and cake. FFI email Jude on [jafoster@btinternet.com](mailto:jafoster@btinternet.com).
- **Friday 29 March to Monday 1st April 2019: South Brent Arts & Crafts Biennial Exhibition 2019** in the [Old School Community Centre](#). Open for viewing on the Saturday afternoon, most of Sunday and on the Monday morning. There was no Biennial Exhibition last year but we are having our traditional one this year instead. The exhibition is open to everyone in South Brent. and its postal districts and we really hope you will be able to contribute! Exhibitors of all ages may display at least two items at £1 each (under 16 free) (a third may or may not be displayed depending on space). The exhibitor's name, address and phone number should be attached to each item with its title and price, if it is for sale. Pictures must be ready to hang and appropriately presented. Precious metals should show the relevant hallmarks. Exhibits can be any work of art or craft; previous years have included watercolours, oils, mixed media, sculpture, needlework, patchwork, photographs (digital or film, B&W or colour prints), woodturning, small items of furniture, glasswork, jewellery etc. Exhibitors will be responsible for delivering and collecting their work. Work will be received at the Centre on **Friday 29th March at 5-7pm** and must be collected on **Monday 1st April at 4.30-6.30pm**. For further information please contact Glyn Richards on 01364 72700 or see flyers and posters in the village.

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- Saturday 30 March 2018: Spring Céilidh with Spinach for Norman** in **South Brent Village Hall** at 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm). Dance your cares away with Ben van Weede (fiddle), Joel Segal (fiddle), Howard Harrison (guitar/flute), Martin Henning (bass) and caller Pam Hayes - all welcome. Reel Ale bar and nibbles available. Tickets on the door or from [artworks](#) at £8.00. FFI contact Eileen on 01364 73699 or email [eileen.southbrentfolk@gmail.com](mailto:eileen.southbrentfolk@gmail.com) or visit [website](#).

One of a number of events organised throughout the year by [South Brent Folk](#) to support folk music in the South Brent area, including the annual **South Brent Folk Day** on **Saturday 6 July 2019** and the Annual 'Twixt' Ceilidh on **Friday 27 December 2019**. See: [www.southbrentfolk.org.uk](http://www.southbrentfolk.org.uk).
- Monday 1 April 2019: The South Brent Parish Council 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 parishioners are warmly invited 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); Police report; brief presentations from organisations which have received a grant of £500 or more from the Parish Council or the Community Benefit Fund during the 2018-19 financial year (including South Brent Carnival Committee; South Dartmoor Community Energy 'Warm & Well South Brent'; South Brent Recreation Association; South Brent Judo Club; South Brent & District Caring, to date). The Community Champion and Young Community Champion Awards for 2018-19 will be announced and presented. Light refreshments will be served after the meeting.
- Saturday 27 April 2019:** The return of the **Cuckoo Collective** at the **Village Hall**. Playing 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](#). Look out for further details.
- Sunday 28 April 2019: 'Fire at Sea'** (2016) Cert12A: a showing of Gianfranco Rossi's film at 7.30pm in the [Old School Community Centre](#), organised by the [South Brent Refugee Support Network](#). The incisive, poignant and deeply moving film (Oscar nominated and winner of the Golden Bear for Best Film at the Berlin Film Festival 2016), documents the humanitarian crisis in the seas around the small Italian Island of Lampedusa, 150 miles south of Sicily. It captures life on the island, home to just 6000 people, but as their ordinary lives continue, Lampedusa forms the stage for a different story, as the island is on the frontline of the European migrant crisis as first port of call for African and Middle-Eastern refugees whose last hope of a peaceful life is Europe. A masterly documentary and a timely call for urgent action. No charge for the film but donations appreciated; any profits will go to relevant refugee charities. Wine and soft drinks available to buy before and after the event. Organised by **South Brent Refugee Support Network** (see [above](#)).
- Tuesday 30 April 2019: Dr James Hill will be retiring** after 32 years as GP at the South Brent practice! Patients and friends of Dr Hill are welcome to drop in at South Brent Health Centre anytime between 1pm and 3pm to wish him well.
- Thursday 2 May 2019: Local elections** – including the election of the 12 Councillors who make up [South Brent Parish Council](#). Some existing councillors will stand for re-election; others may retire, meaning that there will be a need for new folk to put themselves forward. If you may be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor see [below](#) in the 'News' section.
- Saturday 8 June 2019: Brent Island Silver Jubilee Fair** from **2-5pm** on **The Island**. Celebrations of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the purchase of the Island by Brent Island Trust in 1994 in order manage it for the protection of wildlife and for people to enjoy it. Entertainment will include [South Brent Ukelective](#), [Wild Harmony](#) and other musicians. There will be stalls from village organisations such as [Sustainable South Brent](#). More details to follow in due course - FFI. contact Chairman Guy Pannell on 01364 72275 or visit [www.brentisland.org.uk/](http://www.brentisland.org.uk/). Brent Island Trust is registered charity, no. 1041415.

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- **Saturday 22 – Sunday 30 June 2019: South Brent's Traditional [Summer Carnival Week](#)** with all the usual favourites including:

  - **Saturday 22 June:** **tbc**
  - **Tuesday 25 June:** **Carnival Bingo** in the Village Hall at 7.30pm
  - **Friday 28 June:** **Carnival Dance** with music by John Westlake at 7.30pm in the Village Hall
  - **Saturday 29 June:** **Grand Carnival Procession** starting from Station Bridge at 6.15pm
  - **Sunday 30 June:** **tbc**

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](mailto:jean@cleave.entadsl.com); Tel: 01364 73292; mob: 07973 443318 or see <http://southbrentcarnival.org.uk/> or [Facebook](#).
- **Saturday 29 June 2019: [Brent Singers'](#) Summer Concert** (programme to be announced). For information about Brent Singers, see [below](#).
- **Saturday 6 July 2019 [South Brent Folk Day](#)**. [South Brent Folk](#) presents the 8<sup>th</sup> annual **South Brent Folk Day** with singing, music, dancing, workshops and concerts around the village. This year's South Brent poetry competition, whose winner will be announced at the folk day, has the theme of '*Dartmoor Seasons*'. If you would like to enter, download the form from the website (available soon); entry £2.50 per poem or £1 for Junior (under 15) section; closing date **Saturday 22 June 2019**.

The headline evening **concert** is at 7.30pm in the **Village Hall** (with Reel Ale bar) featuring:

  - [Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman](#): Dartmoor-based husband and wife duo who have long established themselves as one of the UK folk scene's most rewardingly enduring partnerships. An enviable class act of imaginative song-writing and musicianship, they have twice won the coveted Best Duo title at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards (2016 & 2013).
  - [Granny's Attic](#): **Cohen Braithwaite-Kilcoyne** (Melodeon, Concertina, Vocals), **George Sansome** (Guitar, Vocals) and **Lewis Wood** (Fiddle, Mandolin, Vocals) – are a folk trio who play the tradition with verve, energy and their own inimitable style. Three exceptional musicians and fine singers, who have been heralded for their lively performances playing English traditional and original music and their delivery and selection of traditional songs.

FFI: Contact Eileen McKee: email [eileen.southbrentfolk@gmail.com](mailto:eileen.southbrentfolk@gmail.com) or call 01364 73699 or John Rawlinson: email [john.rawlinson@southbrent.gov.uk](mailto:john.rawlinson@southbrent.gov.uk) or call 01364 73117.  
Organised by [South Brent Folk](#) to support folk music in the South Brent area: [southbrentfolk.org.uk/](http://southbrentfolk.org.uk/).
- **Sunday 7 July 2019: [South Brent Folk Breakfast Buffet](#)** from 9.30-11.30am in the [Old School Community Centre](#). After the concerts and activities of the Folk Day, enjoy our Self Service Breakfast Buffet with more music and good company.

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

- **Thursday 7 February 2019: [SIT and other suggestions](#) - [Matt Harvey](#)** at Green Table, Dartington at 6.30pm. Poet Matt Harvey – known to local audiences for his sheer persistence – with a collection of funny, mad, sad, strange drawings, mostly of dogs, by artist Claudia Schmid. All embellished for your delight and delectation with poems, captions and observations by Matt. We start with dogs and then move, via other strange and interesting creatures, slowly back to dogs. A funny, heart-warming hour and a bit, wrapped around a truly awesome interval. Come early and eat lovely food; (to reserve seats you can email [matt619h@gmail.com](mailto:matt619h@gmail.com). Doors 6.30 for 7.30pm start; Tickets £7/5 (cash) on door. See: [www.facebook.com/events/314757779164769/](http://www.facebook.com/events/314757779164769/).



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- Friday 8 February 2019:** [Ashburton Refugee Support Network](#) present a **Film Night with Supper** in [Ashburton Arts Centre](#). The film 'Calais Children' (62mins) will start at 8.00pm, with a simply delicious supper served from 7.15. Bar open before and after. Cakes will be served afterwards; finishing around 9.15pm. All proceeds to Refugee Charities & Ashburton Arts. Tickets £10 in advance from Gnash Comics in Ashburton; £13 on the door; £5 unwaged. See: [www.ashburtonrefugees.org.uk/content/film-calais-children](http://www.ashburtonrefugees.org.uk/content/film-calais-children).
- Ugborough and Ermington 'Sustainable Saturdays':** from 10am to 12noon alternating weekly between **Ugborough Village Hall (16 February)** and **Ermington Reading Rooms (9 & 23 February)** throughout the year. 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 [www.ermingtonparish.com/sustainable-saturdays](http://www.ermingtonparish.com/sustainable-saturdays) or [Facebook](#) and [www.ugborough.com/uss/](http://www.ugborough.com/uss/) or [Facebook](#).
- Thursday 14 February 2019:** (*I appreciate not everyone shares the views of 'Devon for Europe'*) **Love the EU? Come to London to tell Parliament! Devon for Europe** have sent a coach up for each of the last three 'Meaning(less) Votes'. In a further attempt to throw everything at the fight for a People's Vote, and attempt to kill off the looming No Deal catastrophe. They are planning to send coaches from Totnes and Exeter with pickups at Honiton and Tiverton for the next relevant votes on February 14<sup>th</sup>, leaving at around 8:30 for Totnes and 9:30 for Exeter and back very late. There's great camaraderie on the coach; come ready to shout, wave placards and soak up the atmosphere. Supportive MPs will come and speak to us at the heart of the struggle for democracy. If you decide you will definitely go, click on the link <[Totnes Coach](#)> or <[Exeter Coach](#)> which will generate an email confirming your commitment to a seat on the relevant coach priced at around **£30**. The coaches will only be booked if there is a commitment to sufficient numbers, following which you will be sent you more detailed instructions with a link to book. Please note, if there are insufficient numbers to fill each coach, the Totnes and Exeter may be amalgamated or the idea scrapped altogether. To book [click here](#).

**Stop Press:** *Our own MP, [Dr Sarah Wollaston](#) has now resigned the Conservative party whip over "the Government's mishandling of Brexit" and related issues and will now sit as an independent MP.*

**Wednesday 27 February 2019:** there will be a further organised trip to Westminster for the debate on a proposed amendment to extend Article 50.

**Saturday 23 March 2019:** Six days before the UK is scheduled to leave the EU, there will be a huge march, from Park Lane at noon for a rally in Parliament Square to demand that the government '**Put It to The People**'. Again [Devon for Europe](#) will be organising local coaches – [click here](#) to see.
- Thursday 14 February 2019:** [Dartington Playgoers](#) will perform a rehearsed reading of '**Love Letters**' by A. R. Gurney at 7.30pm in **Totnes Library**. Directed by Di Goodey, this is an American play about writing and romance. It is also a love story told through letters and cards shared over 50 years. A fundraiser for Playgoers and for the Friends of Totnes Library. Tickets are £5 from the library and will also be available on the door. See: <http://www.playgoers.co.uk/>.

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**University of the Third Age (U3A):** Monthly general meeting of the [Ivybridge U3A](#) at **The Watermark** from 2-4pm. New and potential members welcome.

- **Monday 18 February 2019: 'Ukrainian Update'** – talk by **Ian McLure**. Ian served in Ukraine as a military attaché in 1998, travelling extensively in the country in the course of his duties. He has been back many times since, as a military interpreter, election observer and even as a tourist. With so much happening in the region this talk updates the one he gave two years ago and will briefly cover the history and geography of Ukraine and recent events, from the annexation of Crimea by Russia in 2014 to the 'Kerch Incident' last month. He has also visited the nuclear power plant at Chernobyl with a delegation from [Chernobyl Children's Lifeline](#) and his talk will include the work of this charity. Subsequent [Ivybridge U3A](#) meetings:
  - **Monday 18 March 2019: The RNIB Transcription service** – talk by **Jill Cowsill**
  - **Monday 15 April 2019: 'A childhood in the Serengeti'** – talk by **Nick Townsend**
  - **Monday 20 May 2019: 'A life behind bars'** – talk by **John Fox**
 Retired or no longer working full time? Keen to meet people, learn new things, have new experiences? [Ivybridge U3A](#) could be just what you are looking for! [U3A](#) 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 07866 077030 (new number) or email [Ivybridge.u3a@gmail.com](mailto:Ivybridge.u3a@gmail.com) or see [www.Ivybridge-U3A.org.uk](http://www.Ivybridge-U3A.org.uk).
- **Friday 22 February – Tuesday 5 March 2019: Solo exhibition of paintings and ceramics by Sylvette David/Lydia Corbett** at the **Bowie Gallery**, 54B, High Street, Totnes. Lydia Corbett is a woman with stories to tell. Known the world over as Sylvette, at the age of 19 she was the model for a collection of paintings by Pablo Picasso known as 'The Girl with the Pony Tail' series. Picasso made around 40 paintings of this beautiful girl whose stunning, high-worn blonde pony tail was copied by none other than Brigitte Bardot. Sylvette has painted all her life and is now in her 80's with a large loving family, including in South Brent. The Bowie Gallery is truly honoured to be showing a selection of her paintings and ceramics. See [www.thebowiegallery.co.uk/](http://www.thebowiegallery.co.uk/).
- **Sunday 24 February 2019: All Sing Sunday** led by [Rob Carney](#) A regular drop-in community sing-song on a Sunday morning from **10.15am - 12.00** in **Buckfastleigh Town Hall**. Come and learn some songs to sing in harmony. Open to all including families with children of all ages, with rotating choir leaders. Bring food to share – lunch from 12.00. Cost £3-10 on a sliding scale – pay what feels right for you. See [Facebook](#).
- **Saturday 9 March 2019: Sing for the Trees:** from 11am-12.30pm at Dartington Hall. Led by [Fran André](#) of [Harmony Singing Days](#) and [Holly Ebony](#) of [Wild Birds Singing](#), with other women sharing creative contributions, including poetry from the inimitable and irrepressible [Jackie Juno](#). We will gather to sing together under the towering Redwood trees on The Dartington Hall Estate to share songs and join our voices in harmony in support of this wonderful initiative. This global event will connect voices and intention through roots and mycelium as people gather worldwide, unified in song to support the work of global, grassroots women-led reforestation movement, [TreeSisters](#). We're honouring our connection to Nature, each other and the trees by gathering the women and singing to, for and with the trees. You don't need to be able to sing. All you need is an open heart and your love for Nature. Everyone is welcome - men and children too. Please donate generously via [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/fran-andre](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/fran-andre) - £10 will plant 33 trees! See [Facebook](#).

- Friday 8 March 2019:** **Helen Chadwick Song Theatre** and November Productions present **'Truth'** at 7.30pm in [Buckfastleigh Town Hall](#). Plus an optional extra of a **Singing Workshop** from 4.15-5.45pm. **Truth** is a five star song theatre show created from people's stories of when they told a truth and the impact of doing so..... Composed and created by [Helen Chadwick](#); Directed and choreographed by Olivier Award winning Steven Hoggett; Performed by Liz Kettle, Victoria Couper, Krystian Godlewski and Helen Chadwick. The performance lasts 70 minutes and is suitable for 13 year olds upwards. You can buy tickets separately for the show or for show plus workshop with a joint price reduction. To buy tickets [Click here](#). See: <https://helenchadwick.com/>.
- Saturday 9 March 2019:** **An evening with Jim Causley** at 7.30pm in [Ashburton Arts Centre](#). Multi-award winning folk singer, songwriter, musician and proud Devonian, Jim Causley is an all-round entertainer and has been nominated six times, for a BBC Radio 2 Folk Award, including 'Singer of the Year' in 2017. He has presented his own folk music show on BBC Radio Devon; in 2015 he worked with BBC TV historian Dr Sam Willis to create the music for his show 'Highwaymen, Outlaws and Villains' and was asked to perform his song 'Pride of the Moor', about Dartmoor tin mining, on BBC TV's Countryfile - Dartmoor Special. His 2013 album 'Cyprus Well' comprised musical settings of his distant relative, Cornish poet Charles Causley's work and was used as the soundtrack to the specially commissioned biographical film made for BBC4 by award winning filmmaker Jane Darke to celebrate Causley's centenary in 2017. Tickets £13 or £10 or £6 – You Choose (all the same unreserved seats, a price to fit every pocket). See [Facebook](#).
- Sunday 24 March 2019:** **Singing workshop with [Brendon Taaffe](#)** from **10.30am-4.00pm** in **Buckfastleigh Town Hall** organised by **Fran André**. Brendan is an American Choir leader / composer / songleader. A former member of Northern Harmony, he is currently the director of [Bright Wings Chorus](#) and leads singing workshops all around the world. He has travelled to, and learned songs from Zimbabwe, Cuba, New Zealand and France and is currently research fellow at the Appalachian Sound Archives in Berea, Kentucky where he has been digging into Appalachian traditional song. In the workshop he will explore the richness of different harmony traditions, including, early gospel, Appalachian ballads, shape-note hymns, Zimbabwean makwayera singing and [his own original songs](#). Brendan is known for his encouraging teaching, lush tenor voice and gift for bringing out everyone's talents. See: <http://brendantaaffe.com/>. Cost £30 (£25 concessions) in advance via [www.brendan-taaffe.eventbrite.com](http://www.brendan-taaffe.eventbrite.com) or £35 on the door.
- Wednesday 27 – Saturday 30 March 2019:** For their Spring production, [Dartington Playgoers](#) present **'Suddenly Last Summer'** by Tennessee Williams, directed by Mike Davies at 7.30pm each evening in **Studio 1, Space**, Dartington Hall estate. A play about truth, deceit and memory. In her New Orleans mansion, the wealthy and reclusive Violet Venable grieves over the sudden death of her beloved son Sebastian the previous summer. Only her niece Catherine knows the truth, but is traumatised by it. Mrs Venable seeks the help of Dr Cukrowicz, the leading specialist in a controversial new technique for removing harmful ideas from the mind. The truth threatens to destroy Mrs. Venable's fond memories of her son and expose a dark history that none of them wants to believe. See: <http://www.playgoers.co.uk/>. Booking etc via [Dartington Box Office](#).
- Saturday 13 April 2019:** [Brent Singers](#) and orchestra perform **Fauré's Requiem** in **Buckfast Abbey** in the original chamber orchestration directed by Matthew Searles with Ellie Sperling (soprano) and Jamie Sperling (baritone) plus works by Maurice Duruflé, Camille Saint-Saëns and others. Book tickets via the [Buckfast Abbey Website](#). For information about Brent Singers, see [below](#).

- **Friday 12 April 2019: Carnival Dance** with music from **John Westlake** starting at 7.30pm 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. For information on Carnival events contact Jean Cleave, South Brent Carnival Secretary, Middle Stidston, South Brent. Email: [jean@cleave.entadsl.com](mailto:jean@cleave.entadsl.com); Tel: 01364 73292; mob: 07973 443318 or see <http://southbrentcarnival.org.uk/> or [Facebook](#).

Selected events at [Ashburton Community Arts Centre](#) (The Old Methodist Church, West St, TQ13 7DT). The centre 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](#)'. Free, fast Wi-Fi available in the building (see notice in The Lounge for details). For programme see: <http://ashburtonarts.org.uk/>, including [Live Jazz](#) plus some events in St Laurence Chapel, Ashburton TQ13 7DD. Advance tickets (where needed) for [Ashburton Arts](#) events will be available online at [www.wegotickets.com/ashburtonarts](http://www.wegotickets.com/ashburtonarts) from [Rafikis Cafe](#) or [Gnash Comics](#), both in West Street Ashburton or by email from [boxoffice@ashburtonarts.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@ashburtonarts.org.uk). For more information see [Ashburton Arts website and Facebook page](#) and [Facebook group](#).

New programme of regular events at the Arts Centre, including:

- weekly **Yoga sessions** from 9 – 10am on Saturday mornings with Ty Lynne and on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with Chris Willis see: <http://ashburtonarts.org.uk/yoga-at-the-arts-centre/>
  - regular monthly **Life Drawing** session upstairs from 11am – 1.30pm with Andrew Stacey. Suggested donation £8. Some boards and easels now available to use.
  - **Weekly painting course** from 10am – 12.30pm on Friday mornings with Suzy Fasht FFI email: [suzy.fasht@gmail.com](mailto:suzy.fasht@gmail.com).
  - **After School Art** with Cara Roxanne – 2 spaces left in the 8 – 12 year-old weekly session on Tuesdays, 4.55 – 5.55pm. [Email for details](#).
  - **Ashburton Arts Orchestra** on Monday evenings, 6.30 – 8.30pm. All welcome, on any acoustic instrument (not necessarily an orchestral one), just turn up. This is new!
  - **Ashburton Arts Community Choir** on Tuesdays, 7.30 – 9pm. All welcome. £5 – just turn up.
  - **Flamenco & Bollywood dance** on Tuesdays, with Karina Gracia. Bollywood 6 – 7pm; Flamenco 7 – 8pm. Just turn up or FFI or to book, email [danceflamenco@live.com](mailto:danceflamenco@live.com).
  - **Belly Dancing** on Thursdays at 6.30pm with Pat Langman starting on 10 Jan. £5 Just turn up.
- **Friday 1 February 2019: Hansel & Gretel** – A Shadow Play by the [Clockwork Moth](#) at Ashburton Arts from 6.30-7.30pm. Lose yourself in the woods and follow the scent of sugar in this classic tale by The Brothers Grimm, told through storytelling, shadow-puppetry and live music. Cost £5; Get tickets [here](#). See [Facebook](#).
  - **Sunday 10 February 2019: The Songs of Leonard Cohen by Keith James** – from 7.30-10pm in Ashburton Arts. Keith James gives you a concert of Cohen's amazing material in the most intimate and sensitive way imaginable, exposing the solitary inner strength of his greatest songs in their original perfect form. As well as songs such as; Famous Blue Raincoat, Sisters of Mercy, Suzanne and Hallelujah, are also Poems by Lorca that Keith has set to music and songs from 'You want it Darker' released just before Cohen's death. Cost: £6.60/ £11/£14.30; Get tickets [here](#). See [Facebook](#).
  - **Thursday 14 February 2019: Valentines' PechaKucha Dartmoor night #4** at 7.30pm. PechaKucha, ('the sound of chit chat' in Japanese - see [www.pechakucha.org](http://www.pechakucha.org)) or 'The art of concise presentations'. A fast-paced, dynamic mix of presentations and an educational and inspiring evening. A bunch of Passionate People will present 20 images x 20 seconds on topics from: art; architecture; design; ceramics; craft; illustration; photography; printmaking; sculpture etc. With drinks available from a bar in the interval and after the presentations, there will be plenty of time to chat. Doors Open: 7pm for a prompt Start at 7:30pm. Bar open throughout the evening; Donations on the door (suggested donation between £2.50 and £10) See [Facebook](#).

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- **Sunday 17 February 2019: The Brubeck Project – Neil Maya Quartet** in [Ashburton Arts Centre](#) **7.30pm**: Dave Brubeck, American pianist and composer who died just a few years ago did more than perhaps anyone to bring jazz into the popular mainstream. South West based musician Neil Maya has put together a group of some of the finest musicians in the South West to authentically reproduce the best known Dave Brubeck recordings such as 'Take 5'. Coupled with a few standards and original tunes this should be a lovely night of tuneful jazz grooves. See [Facebook](#). Tickets at £13, £10 or £6 – you choose, in advance in person from Silver Lion Jewellers, or on-line [here](#).
- **Monday 18 February 2019: Jacob & Drinkwater** on 'This Old River' album tour in [Ashburton Arts Centre](#) **7.30-10.30pm**: Devon based duo Tobias Ben Jacob and Lucas Drinkwater have been called 'stand out new Folk' by BBC6 Music with their live show described as 'intense and spellbinding' by Folk Radio UK. The duo formed in 2014 playing their first gig together at the iconic Glastonbury Festival. Tickets at £13, £10 or £6 – you choose, in advance in person from Silver Lion Jewellers, or on-line [here](#).
- **Tuesday 19 February 2019: Dance in a Day**. Join [Dance in Devon](#) and Choreographer Kay Crook from 9am-5.30pm for a day of fun and inclusive dance workshops working towards creating a 'Dance in a Day' to share with each other, parents and friends. Participants will form a dance company for one day, facing an intensive challenge where they will learn new creative skills and will work together to be ready to perform their piece at the end of the day! The Dance in a Day sessions are for 10 - 16-year olds and will be tailored to suit the ability of the young people taking part. The day will be all about working together to explore and create a new dance piece, come with tons of experience or none at all. See: [Facebook](#).
- **Saturday 23 February 2019: The Brothers Gillespie** at 7.30pm in [Ashburton Arts Centre](#). North Tyne troubadours The Brothers Gillespie combine the glorious tones of sibling harmony with brilliant multi-instrumentalism and inspired song-writing. Described by Folk Radio UK as 'weaving an especially compelling magic'. Get tickets [here](#). See [Facebook](#).
- **Sunday 24 February 2019: Duncan Eagles Quartet** in [Ashburton Arts Centre](#) **7.30-10.30pm**: Duncan played here a few years ago with his trio 'Partikel'. He's a superb saxophonist. The rest of this quartet have also played here, two leading their own world-class bands: Duncan Eagles (Saxophone); Matt Robinson (Piano); Max Luthert (Bass); Dave Hamblett (Drums). Really worth seeing – Entertaining and musicianship of the absolute finest! Tickets [here](#).
- **Friday 1 March 2019, 7.30-10.30pm: Into the Marvellous: A night with Martin Shaw**. Dr Martin Shaw is one of the country's best-loved storytellers and the leading teacher of myth of his generation. In troubled times it can be easy to fall into either despair or numbness, and it was a traditional role of the storyteller to rouse both beauty and vocation in such moments. To attend to the grace. In this electrifying evening, Shaw will bring myths that remind us of love, grief and the mysteries. He will also be talking about his new book, The Night Wages, a rumination on the vitality of ancient stories in modern times. Tickets £13, £10 or £6 – you choose: on line from [www.wegotickets.com/AshburtonArts](http://www.wegotickets.com/AshburtonArts) (+10%) See [Facebook](#).
- **Sunday 17 March 2019: In the Deep heart's Core**: A Mystic Cabaret in at 4pm Ashburton Arts. At once a poet's autobiography, a theatrical song cycle, and a journey through the romantic imagination and the national soul of Ireland, "In the Deep Heart's Core" follows the life of the Celtic visionary poet and activist William Butler Yeats, moving through dreams and heartbreaks toward ultimate spiritual triumph. The new group includes the composer, Joseph Sobol, who directs the George Ewart Evans Centre for Storytelling at University of South Wales; the brilliant Russian-English folksinger Daria Kulesh, and virtuoso pianist Marina Osman. [Get Tickets](#) at £10 or £8 or £5 – You choose. Available online soon, or in person from Rafikis Cafe, 17 West St, Ashburton, TQ13 7DT. See [Facebook](#).



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## REGULAR SESSIONS AND CLASSES IN SOUTH BRENT:

- **[Wild Harmony](#)**

Remaining dates for the **Spring term 2019**, with [Emily Roblyn](#):

**Friday 8 February** (*apologies for this session being cancelled unavoidably at short notice*)

**Friday 1 March**

**Friday 15 March**

**Friday 29 March**

**£5.00** per session / £25 in advance for the spring term.

Dates of sessions for the summer term are also available on the [website](#).

[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 people coming together to sing and the magic of harmony

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.

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](mailto: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, led by new musical director, [Matthew Searles](#), 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](mailto:barwintersgill@gmail.com) or see [www.brentsingers.org.uk/](http://www.brentsingers.org.uk/) if interested. Brent Singers future performances include their **Fauré's Requiem** on **Saturday 13 April 2019** (*see above*); and their **Summer Concert** (programme to be announced) on **Saturday 29 June 2019** (*see above*).
- **NEW:** Every **Thursday evening**: the '**Youth Bus**' from **6.30-8.30pm** in **Palstone Park**, South Brent - a meeting place for friends plus hot chocolate and biscuits.
- '**Spinning Tots**' from 10-10.45am on **Fridays** in the [Old School Community Centre](#): Creative and playful movement classes for 2-5 year olds and their grown-ups using music, stories, props and themes to inspire creative thinking and imagination; increase body awareness and movement skills; encourage self-expression; explore ideas in a relaxed and safe environment. For further information contact Jude at [spinningtotsdance@gmail.com](mailto:spinningtotsdance@gmail.com) or see [Facebook – spinningtotsdance](#).
- **Sweeney Toddlers:** A new interactive parent/toddler group started in South Brent this Autumn. Sweeney Toddlers is at the [Old School Community Centre](#) on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12 noon. No need to book, just come along and join the fun! Suggested donation £2 per family. Volunteers are wanted to help with the running of the playgroup in any way you are able, from setting up to clearing away, making tea or coffee, overseeing an activity or reading a story. The more people become involved, the more we can achieve and the better it will become; If you think this might be for you please contact Viv. For more information, please contact Viv Sweeney on 07540 869840 or email: [sweeneytoddlers2018@gmail.com](mailto:sweeneytoddlers2018@gmail.com) or see [Facebook - sweeneytoddlers2018](#).

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- **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sbmessychurch@yahoo.com). See [www.messychurch.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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.

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**South Brent & District Caring** at the [Old School Community Centre](#):

- **Activity Coffee mornings** fortnightly on Mondays from **10.30am – 12.00noon**, 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.
- **Lunch Club** fortnightly on **Mondays** - alternating with the coffee mornings) from 12.00-1.15pm providing lunch and company at a cost of £3.50. Ros Taylor is now co-ordinating the lunch Club - FFI contact the 'Caring Office' in the Old School or phone 01364 700282; email [info@sbadc.org.uk](mailto:info@sbadc.org.uk).

**Volunteers needed:** We are on the lookout for more volunteers to help with the lunch club on a rota basis; help with transporting clients to appointments or to become part of our fundraising team. We are also looking for someone who would be willing to train as a foot care clinic volunteer to help us to meet the ever increasing demand. Please contact Viv or Jane in the office if you have any spare time and would like to help or if you would like to become a member of [South Brent & District Caring](#) (£10 per year) Phone: 01364 700282 or email [info@sbadc.org.uk](mailto:info@sbadc.org.uk). Visit <http://sbadc.org.uk/> or [Facebook](#)..

- **South Brent & District Caring** are now hosting a **Memory Café** and **Carer's Support Group** twice a month in the [Old School Community Centre](#), offering dementia information, support and structured activities for local people affected by dementia on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday** afternoons (*note change of day since the New Year*) 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.

- **NEW:** monthly **Quiz night** in the [Old School Community Centre](#) at 7.30 – 9.30pm on the first Thursday of every month (see [above](#))

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

- **Old School Community Centre Corridor Gallery:**

**February 2019:** Sustainable South Brent display (linked to social evening on 2 February – see [above](#))

**March & April 2019:** Ivybridge & District Camera Club

- **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](mailto: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.
- **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. For more info call Kay Chambers on 01803 812584 or email [kaydancedelicious@hotmail.com](mailto:kaydancedelicious@hotmail.com).

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- **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/](http://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](mailto: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](http://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. If you would like to join a class or for more information, please contact Isabel on 01364 73120 or 07920714387 or email [info@isabelcoulton.com](mailto:info@isabelcoulton.com). See [www.isabelcoulton.com](http://www.isabelcoulton.com).
- **Wood carving** classes need viable numbers to run. Please contact Isabel if you are interested on 01364 73120 or email [info@isabelcoulton.com](mailto:info@isabelcoulton.com). See [www.isabelcoulton.com](http://www.isabelcoulton.com).
- **Watercolour painting:** with [Louise Bougourd](http://www.louise-bougourd.com/) - 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](mailto:louisebougourd@hotmail.co.uk). See new website: <http://www.louise-bougourd.com/>
- **Yoga Classes:**  
**In the Village Hall with Liz Turner**, who has taken over the classes formerly run by Paula Jones:  
**Monday: 10.00 to 11.30am** A gentle class including breathing practices, gentle warm-ups, modified postures suited to everyone's needs, plenty relaxation & short meditation. Suitable for seniors or those with less energy.  
 Cost: £8 drop-in / £45 for 6 classes within 2 months.  
**NB.** 'As this is a small class, some Monday morning classes may not run – if coming for first time, please email or call to check.'  
**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.  
 Cost: £8 drop-in / £45 for 6 classes within 2 months.  
**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.  
 Children's yoga cost: £5.50 drop-in/£15 for 3 classes within 1 month.  
*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: £8 drop-in / £45 for 6 classes within 2 months.  
**Yoga at Shipley Close now also with Liz Turner:**  
**Thursday: 3.30 -4.15pm Chair yoga for the elderly**  
 45 minutes of movement, breathing and relaxation with music and games. Followed by conversation. Cost: £3.  
 A friendly & social group, open to all! - Not just for people who live in Shipley Close. Could you or a relative or friend benefit from very gentle chair yoga – moving joints & muscles, calming breathing? Contact Liz Turner on 07765 631877 or email [liz@intoyogaandnature.co.uk](mailto:liz@intoyogaandnature.co.uk) or see [www.intoyogaandnature.co.uk](http://www.intoyogaandnature.co.uk).

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- **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](mailto:nethaislam@hotmail.com).
- **Pilates Classes** with Andy West weekly on **Wednesdays** in **South Brent Village Hall**. Fully qualified and experienced instructor - [Pilates Foundation](#).:
  - 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](mailto:westieandos@yahoo.co.uk)
- **Rainbow Tai Chi classes** '*For more energy, better health and happiness!*' with **Robin and Liza** on **Thursdays** from 7-8.15pm in the [Old School Community Centre](#). **Rainbow Tai Chi** consists of 8 exercises and principles, which are applied on a 'heart, body, mind and spirit' level. You can learn to connect back to your heart(beat), to your real happy peaceful self, and to the Chi (intrinsic energy), to bring you more energy and vitality. Rainbow Tai Chi exercises are beneficial for sleep problems, heart problems, feeling restless, low self-esteem, depression, arthritis, and a lot more. Robin Meulen and Liza Disselhorst graduated as Rainbow Tai Chi & Chi Kung teachers and would like to welcome anyone who wants to (un)learn to find more balance and happiness within themselves. A last cycle of four classes with Robin and Liza before they return to Holland: **Thursdays 10 & 31 January, 7 and 14 February 2019**. Cost: £20 in advance for all four classes / £7 drop in per session. For more information and enrolment, please call us at 07745903356 or email us at [connect@taichi-chikung.org](mailto:connect@taichi-chikung.org). Find out more about Rainbow Tai Chi at [www.rainbow-taichi.org.uk](http://www.rainbow-taichi.org.uk).
- **Wadoryu Karate Classes**: at the [Old School Community Centre](#) on **Tuesdays** from **6.30-8.30pm**. Club Instructor is Adel Gibson Sensei (3<sup>rd</sup> Dan) and Chief Instructor is Graham Chuck Renshi (7<sup>th</sup> Dan). £5 for adults, £4 for juniors (10+). For more information call 07766 750599 or see [www.wadokenkyukai.weebly.com/](http://www.wadokenkyukai.weebly.com/).
- **Children's Martial Arts: Little Dragons** 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 and most of all they will have fun! Class numbers are limited to ensure quality learning and instruction. Two free sessions. Please contact Tamzin Goodwin on 0845 6001967 or 07970 520078 or email [tamzingoodwin@sky.com](mailto:tamzingoodwin@sky.com) to reserve your child's place. See: [www.goodwinmartialarts.com](http://www.goodwinmartialarts.com) or [Facebook](#).
- **Taekwon-do**: on **Wednesdays** from **5.45-6.45pm** in **South Brent Village Hall**; Martial Arts for all abilities for ages 7 and above. Fun, friendly classes helping you to gain fitness, confidence, co-ordination, self-discipline, flexibility and motivation. Two free sessions. Call or email Tamzin Goodwin on 07970 520078 or email [tamzingoodwin@sky.com](mailto:tamzingoodwin@sky.com). See: [www.goodwinmartialarts.com](http://www.goodwinmartialarts.com).
- **South Brent Runners**: Runs starting outside 'The Rowan Tree' at 6.30pm every Wednesday evening, organised by Alison and Dave Engledew. Free, all abilities welcome, including beginners, in a friendly, social and supportive environment within which people can improve their fitness, achieve their goals and make new friends. If you are interested in coming along, or would like to find out more, please contact Alison at [alisonengledew@gmail.com](mailto:alisonengledew@gmail.com) or visit the 'South Brent Runners' Facebook page [www.facebook.com/groups/158100328214012/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/158100328214012/).



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- **[South Brent Recreation Association](#)**, Palstone Park, Exeter Road South Brent
  - **Table-Tennis: Tuesdays:** Three tables available with bats provided: 7.30-8.30pm for more advanced players. £1.50 per person.
  - **Bingo:** every other **Wednesday** raising money for the Rec. 7.30 – 9.00pm 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](mailto:avrilkelly@spxservices.co.uk).
  - **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](mailto:nichollsbennie2@gmail.com) to book.
  - The Rec. has a **Monthly Fundraising 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 [Click here](#) to see the options and to complete an entry form. Forms also available around the village, or call Anne on 01364 72223 or email: [nichollsbennie2@gmail.com](mailto:nichollsbennie2@gmail.com).

**We need more help to run the Rec:** If anyone is interested in helping us to 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 and hiring details [southbrentrecreationassociation.weebly.com/](http://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/](http://southbrentcricketclub.weebly.com/) for information about winter activities and contact details, or email [southbrentcricketclub@gmail.com](mailto:southbrentcricketclub@gmail.com) or text 07956 762052.
- **[South Brent Steepers and woodfuel from hedges – 2019 season](#)**  
 '[South Brent Steepers](#)' is a lively group of [SSB](#) volunteers who are in their seventh 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:
  - Sunday 3 February 2019 Underhill hedging Steward: James Dyson
  - Sunday 17 February 2019 Underhill hedging Steward: Tony Hopkins
  - Sunday 3 March 2019 Underhill hedging Steward: Jeremy Sabel
  - Sunday 17 March 2019 Underhill hedging Steward: Rowan Wylie

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](mailto:woodgroup@sustainablesouthbrent.org.uk) and look in the [SSB](#) website for the new [Hedges and Woodland page](#)

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- **VILLAGE PUBS - Regular weekly events at the village pubs:**

**The Oak:** The Oak has now closed. Carol and Andrew are continuing to live in the village and we wish them both the very best for the future.

**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

**Mixed Folk Session** on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays** of each month: - mainly a song session/'sing around' from around 8.30pm on the - Contact Eileen on 01364 73699 [eileen.southbrentfolk@gmail.com](mailto:eileen.southbrentfolk@gmail.com)

**Traditional Folk at the Pack:** (formerly at The Oak) - Traditional music and song on the **third Thursday** of the month in the Tea Room from 8.00pm(ish). FFI Mick Bramich on 01364 649339. *(The future for other 'Folk at the Oak' sessions is being considered).*

**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](http://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.

## NEWS NEWS NEWS

- **The next local elections** – including the election of the 12 Councillors who make up **South Brent Parish Council** will be held on **Thursday 2 May 2019**. Some existing councillors will stand for re-election; others may retire, meaning that there will be a need for new folk to put themselves forward. If you are a resident (aged 18 or over; British, Commonwealth or EU citizen) and passionate about your community, do consider becoming a Parish Councillor, making a difference in the community and helping to ensure that services meet the community's needs. Full Parish Council meetings are open to the public, start at 7.30pm in the Side Hall of South Brent Village Hall and are usually on the fourth Monday of the month (next 25<sup>th</sup> February; 25<sup>th</sup> March). Do come along and find out how your Parish Council operates. To find out more, contact South Brent Parish Council at [clerk@southbrent.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@southbrent.gov.uk) or have a chat with one of the existing councillors (see <http://www.southbrent.gov.uk/about-sbpc/parish-councillors>) or visit [www.nalc.gov.uk/elections](http://www.nalc.gov.uk/elections). Nominations can take place from **21 March** and nomination papers will be available from **4 March** from [South Hams District Council](#). Any nominations must be received by **4 April 2019**.
- **Free IT skills sessions every other Thursday (14; 28 February; 14; 28 March)** from **7-9pm** in the **Old School Community Centre**. Come and get your computer and phone problems sorted out and questions answered. Bring your questions and devices; explore, play, discover and build your confidence – all with the support and help of a group of experts (these are not formal, structured lessons). For all levels – beginners to experienced users. Come to one session or many. Free, but donations welcome. For further information see [www.itsorted.org.uk/southbrent/](http://www.itsorted.org.uk/southbrent/).

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- **Free IT Skills Sessions - Could you be a helper?** These sessions have proved to be quite popular and have helped many in our local community as well as raising money for our local charities. Our number of helpers is quite small and we really need a few more to keep these sessions viable. Do you think you could help? You don't need to be available for every session as we organise numbers around helpers available. You don't need to be an absolute expert, if you are competent with using a smart phone or laptop you will probably find that's enough. We use Google to help us solve problems and we are a real hive mind supporting and learning from each other to help our attendees. We would really value some more people with knowledge of Apple products, most of our helpers are more Android and Windows based at the moment. You can find out more at <http://www.itsorted.org.uk/southbrent/>. So, if you are a competent user of IT (not expert) and could spare the odd Thursday evening please get in contact with Massimo by email to [massimo@itsorted.org.uk](mailto:massimo@itsorted.org.uk) or call him on 01364 649290 or 07795 257849.

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*That's all folks!*

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**The monthly 'What's on' email distribution is now by 'MailChimp'**. This makes management of the mailouts easier and continues to protect the email addresses of recipients. Recipients from the previous distribution lists were transferred to the MailChimp list, but can easily 'unsubscribe'. There are currently 545 recipients. Email John if you're not on the list but would like to be added.

Email us at [J.Rawlinson@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:J.Rawlinson@plymouth.ac.uk) with information about events that you are organising or hear about in or around the village and locality. Please let us know as early as you can and before the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the event to be included in the mailout. 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' as above. 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](mailto:john.shepherd@southbrent.org.uk)). **Please** let us know if any advertised events are **cancelled**.  
 Thank you, John Rawlinson