

Community Library

Since the last newsletter, the library has continued to be busy and much appreciated by those who use it. We have received some welcome donations of books, and our fiction section is particularly impressive. A recommendations board has been introduced, in the hope that anybody who reads a really good book will recommend it to others.

Our fund-raising quiz in July raised over £50.00, and the volunteer librarians decided that the money should be used to add to our stock of children's books.

The last couple of weeks has seen some changes in the library: owing to the building work in the centre, our stock of poetry, drama, art and reference books has had to be removed from the Teaching Room and is now in the corridor outside...we hope that this will make them more accessible. Our books for sale (always popular!) will remain in the lobby of the centre.... there are bargains to be had!

As a thank you to the team of loyal and committed volunteer librarians, a cream tea was held in the centre on July 29th. We are pleased to welcome back Val Newman as a volunteer, in September.

If you use the library, we hope you will continue to support us; if not, come and see what we have to offer...there are no fees, no fines, and no fuss! I'm always pleased to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer as a librarian...just phone me on 01364 73274.

Lyn Dent - Library Organiser

Dates for Your Diary

Next Lunch ClubsSept 7th, 21st, Oct 5th and 19th and ongoing.

Winter MarketSaturday 21st November

AGMWednesday 25th November

BrentathonWeek beginning Saturday November 7th

RockathonFriday November 13th

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Message from the Chair

This newsletter introduces our new logo agreed after much deliberation by the Trustees on the Development Group. The final professional design was done for us by John McGill and I would like to send thanks to him for a very impressive result. Much needed new external signs have been ordered and will soon be in place.

This is a time of challenge regarding funding and we are pleased to have started several new activities in the Centre in addition to our library and well established programme of classes which are listed in the enclosed leaflet. The Lunch Club and Nail Cutting Service are now running and we will welcome the After School Club to the Centre in September.

As a consequence recent visitors to the centre will have noticed building work in progress including the refurbishment of the coffee bar area to bring it up to necessary health and safety standards. The current open plan layout has been retained.

A new doorway between Pre-School and the Teaching room has been made to enable the After School club to move in and a Breakfast Club to be started. The Teaching room has been transformed into a very colourful space but will still be available every day for classes and meetings. We look forward to offering this increased provision to the younger residents in the village and hope their families will build links with the Centre.

Thanks are due to Glyn and Pauline for their hard work through the holiday overseeing builders, moving furniture, rearranging storage and polishing floors. Also especial thanks to Zoe and Matthew for their work in repainting the hall woodwork.

Beatrice Campbell

Do you want to keep your feet healthy?

If you need help with cutting your toe nails a new service has started in South Brent for the over 60's or people with a disability who cannot care for their own feet and have no willing or able relatives or friends who can help them. The service is funded jointly by Devon County Council and the NHS.

There is a charge for the foot care service of £5.50 for toenail cutting and £1.50 if you are unable to cut your own fingernails. The service will be provided by a trained volunteer in the School House at the Old School on certain Tuesdays. Your first payment will also buy you a set of clippers and nail files, which will be used for you and you alone, at the nail cutting clinic in order to avoid any risk of infection.

In the first instance application forms and information leaflets can be collected at the Old School in order to check your eligibility for this service. To avoid disappointment you need to know that the following people will not be eligible: anybody with diabetes, poor circulation, severely thickened, painful or deformed toenails, anybody taking anti-coagulants or anybody seeking treatment for a foot problem other than uncomplicated nail care.

If you believe you are eligible, or you are supporting somebody whom you believe to be eligible, appointments can be made by calling in at or ringing the Old School on 01364 72700, Monday – Friday, 9am – 1.00 pm.

Stephanie Bromley

Brentathon Plans

During these challenging financial times, the Old School Centre relies more and more on the support of the community to help keep it going and hopefully increase the kind of activities that the people of South Brent want to see happening. This year, as always, November will bring the Brentathon; a week of familiar and maybe some new, fun events.

Suggestions from amongst the hard working group that organise it include a Cheese & Wine evening, a themed Film night, a family Ceilidh in the Village Hall, a youth performance, a Poetry & Prose evening, a Quiz and of course, by popular request, the Rockathon! The dates, so far, will be from Saturday Nov.7th to Friday Nov.13th.

Put them in your diary - and if you're interested in helping in any way contact Sue Burgess on 73324 or let Glyn know in the Centre and he can put us in touch.

Sue Burgess

The Over 60s Lunch Club

The over 60s Lunch Club continues to be very popular with diners numbering 37-48 every fortnight. Happily it is an occasion, which is enjoyed as much by the teams of volunteers as by the diners, with a very jolly atmosphere each time. We are very pleased with the refurbishment of the servery area and the men especially will be thrilled at the acquisition of the industrial dishwasher.

Anne Halliday

The Old School Trustees are pleased to report that the Lunch Club has been supported by a funding grant from **Awards for All** for £6850. This has enabled the purchase of new equipment including the dishwasher, folding tables and light weight chairs and will fund food hygiene training for team leaders organising the Lunch Club.

Pre-School, Breakfast Club and After School Club

We are delighted to advise South Brent of our latest [NEWS:-](#)

Pre-School is open every morning from **9.15 am to 11.45 am**
Lunch clubs run from **11.45 am until 1.00 pm.**

Pre-School is now open on **Tuesday and Thursdays 1.00 pm to 3.30 pm.** If the demand grows we will be open other afternoons.

From 2nd September **After School Club** will be running from The Old School Centre, using Pre-School's facilities including our Play Barn, the extensive outdoor area and a brand new room in the Old School Centre. The After School Club will run every day until **6.00pm.**

Special News! - We are also running a **Breakfast Club** every morning from **8.00 am** and children will be escorted to Primary School at **8.45 am** – ready for School! The Committees of Pre-School, Breakfast and After School Club, the staff and The Old School Centre Committee are committed to providing excellent services in the education and care for our children of South Brent.

The same staff run Breakfast Club, Pre-School and After School Club which makes a happy and continuous provision of care and friendship. We would like to extend our grateful thanks to everyone in South Brent who has been so supportive in ensuring that all these facilities are here and we look forward to a busy year ahead.

Places are availableFor further details please call 01364 72022 or simply just call in for further information

Sherida Mould