

BRADING BUZZ

Spring 2024 ISSUE 49

MAYORS REPORT

We have had a very busy time since December and I am pleased to report that Brading Town Council has taken on a 999 year lease and moved into the New Town Hall in the Bull Ring.

We were given the opportunity to relocate when Brading Town Trust offered us the building in 2022.

At that time, the lease was due to end on the Brading Centre and it was agreed to accept the offer.

It took a long time to finalise the lease but we eventually moved everything across in the week before

Christmas. There was no facility for IT so we had to install some temporary equipment and phone connections to enable us to open for business on the 8th January 2024.

At the beginning of February we had intruder and fire alarms fitted, along with new locks and some asbestos removed to make the building safe, secure and compliant with current legislation.

A new and more efficient boiler has been fitted for which Brading Town Trust has kindly agreed to contribute toward the cost. The toilets have been upgraded.

We have also had a new IT network installed to enable us to use all the IT equipment a busy office environment requires.

New parking bays with bollards have been installed and some will be rented out to residents. There is a disabled and visitors bay available for parking, Monday to Thursday 9am to 12pm, for residents who need to come to the Town Hall.

The Foodbank is still available as is the Book Swap so please come in and use these facilities. The outreach Post Office continues to come in on Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am.

At the February Town Council meeting, Councillors approved the opening of the toilets in the car park from April to December. They also agreed to a budget for some new play equipment, for children aged 2-6, at Beechgrove Playground.

Gift to Nature has taken over the maintenance of Butterfly Walk and aim to open it in late spring. Initially, they will be clearing the entrances and making some scallops along the rides for the butterflies. They will address the path after the initial work is completed.

We have managed to keep the Precept low for the eighth year running with a very small increase. The precept is the Town Council's share of the council tax which is collected by IOW Council. The Town Council does not receive any direct funding from central government and relies on its Precept plus any other income it generates from services or facilities it provides. The increase cost to a Band D taxpayer is 4p per week.

I would like to thank all the council staff Sue, Linda, Rachael, Tina and Tim for facilitating the move and setting up in the Town Hall, in a very short time, to get it open for the 8th January 2024.

It will take some time to get the inside how we would like it, this is a work in progress.

Chris Johnson



We apologise for the printing quality of this issue, it is beyond our control.

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BRADING TOWN COUNCIL 2024



DIARY OF FULL TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday 1st February
 Thursday 7th March
 Thursday 4th April
 Thursday 2nd May—Annual Meeting
 Thursday 6th June

All meetings start at 7pm & are held in Brading Town Hall unless otherwise specified.

Agendas can be found on our website
www.brading.gov.uk
 along with any updates to changes in meeting dates.

Members of the Public & the Press are warmly invited to attend.



Post Office Opening Times in the New Town Hall

Thursdays 9:30am - 11 :30am

From time to time, circumstances beyond our control mean that the Post Office is unable to operate. On those occasions, we have a list of regular customers who we contact to advise to save a wasted trip.

If you would like to join our telephone contact list and be kept up-to-date, please contact Brading Town Council on **01983 401770** or email: tina@brading.gov.uk

USEFUL NUMBERS

POLICE Emergency 999

Non Emergency 101

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St Marys, High St

Church Warden:

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Methodist Church, New Rd

Minister John Izzard 821850

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Newport 822099

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WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE



Unfortunately I find myself again writing about Flooding in Brading.

Since the last issue of the Buzz was published there have been further localised incidences of flooding causing more damage and upset.

Hopefully we will see the weather improving now and the focus can move to identifying what the underlying problems are that have caused the flooding and what can be done to stop or minimise the impact of further severe rainfall in the future.

Many who have experienced flooding feel that the problems are due solely to the operation of the sluice gates at Bembridge Harbour. These are undoubtedly part of the issue, but it is the case that anything that adds to the flow of the water or impedes its progress needs to be looked at. One particular element that has been identified and is now being dealt with is the Yar Bridge. There was material under the bridge which had been placed there to protect the structure but which was severely restricting the ability of water to pass under the bridge. Going forward, the underside of the bridge can (and will) continue to be protected but by means which do not restrict the passage of water.

As hoped for and requested, a formal investigation looking specifically into the flooding in Brading is now underway. It is known as a Section 19 Investigation. I hope we should see some findings being published by May or June this year. I have requested that a particular focus of the investigation is the management of Brading Marshes and the use of the Bembridge Harbour sluice gates in this regard. Our climate has changed radically in a very short space of time and I strongly suspect that the management policies that were introduced 15 – 20 years ago to maintain a wetland areas for birds are now outdated and possibly even unnecessary and that a revised management plan is now appropriate.

In my last article, I also mentioned Planning and the fact that it was proposed to bring the new Island Planning Strategy forward in January. This did not happen. In the week before Christmas the Government issued a new National Planning Policy Framework. The implications of this were not clear, despite certain claims being made about the meaning and impact of the new provisions. As such formal legal and technical advice is currently being sought to assess what these new rules might allow us to do, although it seems increasingly likely they will do no more for the Island than the existing Strategy and we are just marking time. Hopefully we will know the outcome in a few weeks and the Strategy can then be brought forward. It is essential that we get a formal Planning Strategy in place as it will be key to the environmental and economic health of the Island going forward. It will give greater control of development on the Island, including the ability to have better regard to flood risk and to impose conditions on planning permissions that deal with such.

For personal reasons I have not been able to hold Surgeries in January and February but I am now able to recommence sessions. As before I will hold sessions every month on Tuesday mornings at 10am. These will now take place in the New Town Hall., on the following dates:

March 26 th	September 24 th
April 23 rd	October 22 nd
May 21 st	November 19 th
June 18 th	December 17 th
July 16 th	

Aside from my surgery sessions, I can be readily contacted at any time about any issues of concern, whether local or in respect of the activities of the Isle of Wight Council, using the details set out above. I will always respond to any messages.

Regards
Councillor Jonathan Bacon

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If you would like to find out more about Brading Town Council or keep up to date with latest news go to www.bradings.gov.uk



Volunteers Christmas Tea Party



On the lead up to Christmas, a tea party was held for volunteers and those who have supported Brading Town Council over the last year.

A good number were able to attend and it was a very enjoyable afternoon, thank you for all your help during the last year.



RAY MAXFIELD

We are sorry to report the sad news of the passing of Ray Maxfield.

Ray, invariably known as 'Joe on the Railway', was a valued member of the volunteers at the Brading Station Heritage Centre. He was 85.

Ray joined British Rail (SR) on the Island in the 1950s when the trains were steam engines. He served as a Fireman and then later became a Signaller.

He was the last Signaller at the Brading Box in 1988.

Ray was also actively involved with the Steam Railway and later with the Brading Station Heritage Centre, although failing health limited what he was able to do in practical terms more recently. He had done much useful practical work as a volunteer for these schemes and will be sadly missed.



Brading Christmas Trees

Seven years ago, the talk around the bar was that Brading looked drab at Christmas and we would have a “whip round” to try and purchase a tree and lights. This was a success and we now have 3 trees paid for with local voluntary contributions.

The Christmas Trees are at the Bullring, Bugle Inn car park and the Old Town hall. The trees are put up and decorated by John Costello, Dave C, Graeme, Rikki & Sue. This year Mark Abbot also Joined the group.

Contributors from the Bugle Inn patrons for the Christmas trees & lights are: Graeme, Gavin, Tony T, Eddie & Jo, Nick, Rikki, Dave Norris, Rob & Lynne, Dave & Pat, John Costello Jenny & Richard, Malcolm, Bekki, Mick, Chris, Jason, Ian, Dave H, James, Mark, Dave Abbot, Joy & Jim Lee.

Donation of lights: Tony & Jenny.

The Town flag is also paid for and looked after by John & Dave C.

Due to rising costs, we would be very appreciative of anyone who would like to contribute this coming Christmas (2024) as we believe it may be difficult to cover all future costs.

Dave Cassell

Move to the New Town Hall

Brading Town Council has now moved up the road to The New Town Hall, The Bull Ring.

The opening hours are still 9-12 , Monday—Thursday.

The Post office, Book Swap and Foodbank services remain the same

If you have any questions please phone us on 01983 401770





Dedicated Neighbourhood Officers (Local Bobbies) are here!



Our Local Bobby, PC Henry Trotman is the neighbourhood policing officer dedicated to our area. He is supported by PCSO Steven Hull who has taken over from PCSO Karen Allen.

They will identify threat, harm and risk to tackle local issues and protect the community. They will investigate local crimes and collect intelligence, working closely with partner agencies to identify the best problem solving approach.

PCSO HULL

They are supported by Neighbourhood Policing Teams, Neighbourhood Enforcement Teams, District Police Teams (response officers), Missing Locate Teams, Priority Crime Teams, local investigation teams and specialist functions investigating serious violence, child abuse and organised crime.

Expect your Local Bobby to be highly visible in the community, listening to your concerns and addressing root causes of crime.

BRADING BEAT SURGERY

DATES 2024

14th March 2024

11^h April 2024

9th May 2024

6th June 2024

10:00am to 11:00am

In the Town Hall

If you wish to raise a concern please phone **101** or report it using the website:

www.hampshire.police.uk - click Report

Alternatively, you can report it to Brading Town Council giving a brief written report that the Town Clerk can submit for you

It is important that incidents and concerns are reported so that they can be logged. If it is not logged then the police are not aware and a case cannot be built.

Do you like:

- Physical activity ?
- Being outside ?
- Making contact with nature?
- Noticing what's going on around you?
- Doing something of benefit to the greater good?



Then come along and join our friendly team of loyal volunteers at the

BRADING TOWN SPRING LITTER PICK

ON

SATURDAY

16TH MARCH 2024

Volunteers meet at Brading New Town Hall at 10am where equipment will be provided.



Refreshments will also be available .

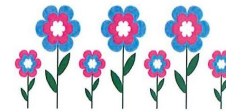
Everyone welcome - the more the merrier!



GET READY FOR

BRADING IN BLOOM

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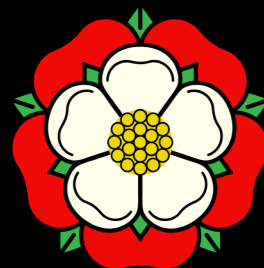
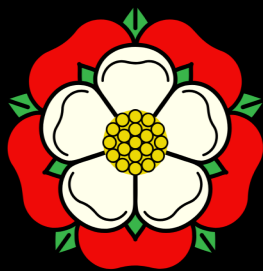
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| 1 Best Small Front Garden | (Under 15 sq metres) |
| 2 Best Large Front Garden | (Over 15 sq metres) |
| 3 Best Commercial Garden | Public house; restaurant; shop; café; business |
| 4 Best Young People Initiative | Schools / youth groups |
| 5 Best Community Floral Project | Community groups; parish or town councils; church grounds |
| 6 Best Creative Use of a Small Space | Window box; balcony; hanging basket; recycled objects as containers; vertical planting |
| 7 Best allotment or veg patch (front garden) | Community groups; residents |

Please note: Only one category per entry form. Judging will take place in July.



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(See our website for full T&C`s)

Brading Town Trust



We are looking forward to opening The Old Town Hall to the public in the spring.

Initially it will be open for the Easter weekend and will then close and re open when the weather gets warmer.

Look forward to seeing you then
Brading Town Trust



Fly Tipping



Fly Tipping has been happening in the local area, Upper Adgestone Road being one of the locations.

It is a criminal offence to discard rubbish, if you see any fly tipping please report it straight away to the council's waste service on **01983 823777**.

IW Council says

'Fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of waste larger than litter on public roads, land or into rivers. Examples could be refuse sacks (not on collection day), furniture, household items or shop fittings. Everyone has a duty of care to ensure their waste from home, work, or when out is properly and responsibly thrown away.'



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Island Nature is an opportunity to share your thoughts on what can be done to help the recovery of our habitats and wildlife here on the Isle of Wight. Your opinions will help shape a new approach to nature conservation called the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS).

DEFRA and Natural England are working with local authorities across the country to help them create Local Nature Recovery Strategies as part of the legal requirement of the Environment Act 2021.

The Isle of Wight Council has asked local ecological experts Arc Biodiversity & Climate to assist with the creation of the LNRS on the Island. Island Nature is the LNRS for the whole of the Isle of Wight and its inshore waters, drawing together experience and expertise from across the spectrum: regulators, residents, the farming, forestry and landowning community, businesses, community groups and environmental organisations, in order to shape positive change for wildlife.

The strategy will be published by the end of 2024.

How you can help

Please take part in the Island Nature Survey. This short questionnaire will help us understand your priorities for wildlife and habitat recovery on the Island and help identify those places that you feel could work wilder!

To read the full article and to take part in the survey please visit

www.iow.gov.uk/news



Bathrooms

Tiling

General Building

Gas Services



Outdoor Construction

Kitchens

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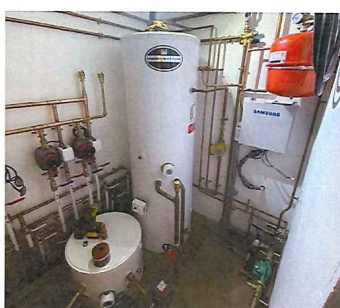
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Brading Community Archive Group

Images of West Street, formerly the site of a forge, a slaughterhouse, the dustcart shed, the first Bible Christian Chapel and the Church Hall.



Willow Tree Cottage in 2001 before it was demolished and four new houses were built next to the Brading Centre.



This early 20th century photo shows the wall around Summers Hall (the Church Hall) and an interesting greenhouse structure on the house near the slaughter house.



The Brading Bible Christians were founded by Mary Toms and William Warde in 1824 and their first indoor preaching chapel was on this site, later used for public conveniences.

This photo (1905) shows Frederick Bench delivering mail. He was also Parish Sexton (responsible for church and parish buildings, bell ringing, grave digging etc) for 28 years.



The Smithy was one of two blacksmiths in Brading. This one, run by Mr Stay, was a shoeing smith and early 20th century children remembered watching the horses being shod and also that he made iron hoops for the boys to trundle around the traffic free streets.

The Slaughter House was run by butcher, Oscar Brading, whose shop Street.



The demolition of the dust cart shed on the site of the old smithy (photo 1996)

BRADING RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION - 2024

Welcome to the Residents Association update for Spring.

This year we hope to run more social events, plus Brading in Bloom and the Scarecrow Festival again!..... so please, don your thinking caps and start planning your designs.

For this years events, more details will follow, and also be published on our website. There will be information regarding entry forms for Brading in Bloom and the categories you can enter. Everyone is welcome to enter, regardless of your gardening skills and there are prizes to be won. Same applies for the Scarecrow Festival, information will be added at some point, again, prizes to be won.

On the 10th February, joining forces with St Mary's Church, we invited the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to give a talk on 'GARDENING THE GLOBE'.

The talk was delivered by Gary, a CWGC speaker, who gave an engaging and informative talk, it was certainly thought provoking! There were some historical elements of those who were involved in the creation of these cemeteries. Gary mentioned people like Gertrude Jekyll for the cottage garden and planting element, with Sir Edwin Lutyens, Sir Herbert Baker, Sir Reginald Blomfield and Charles Holden for the architecture, plus more.

The event was well supported, refreshments were served by St Marys PCC. A collection was made, with £60.50 raised for the CWGC.

It is hoped we will be able to invite Gary back again during the year to give another talk. Perhaps the next one may be on Historical content, or Architecture and conservation. If you have any request for content, please email: info@bragiow.co.uk ...as we would love to know what would be of interest, or if you missed this talk, perhaps we could repeat it.

Should any residents know of any speakers who would be of interest to the association, please do get in touch, as all talks are opened up to the wider community.

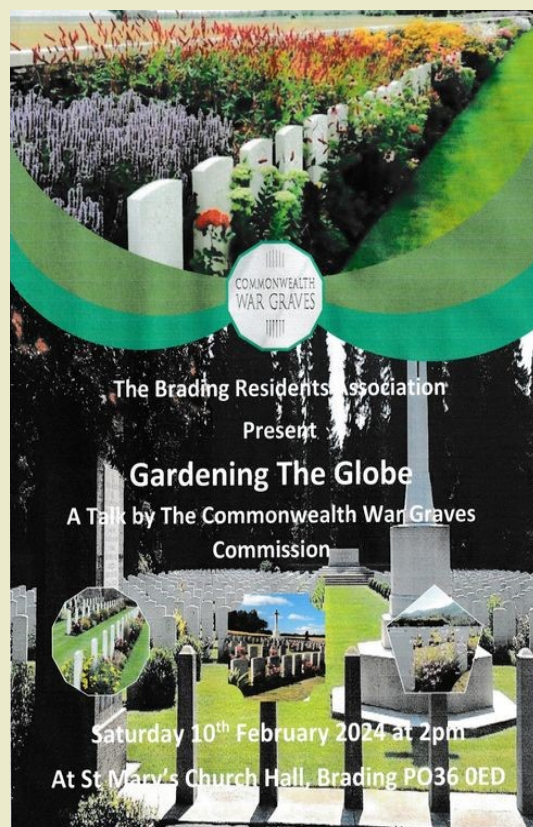
We are always open to welcome residents joining the Association, and perhaps on the committee at some point, as new ideas, new visions are always welcome and help to improve the way we serve our community. We would really like to welcome the younger members of our community to come and join us, those with young children perhaps, to see how life could be improved for them, within our community. What is Brading lacking for young families?

Help is always available to members where possible, in signposting and connecting. Why not come along and meet with other members on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, for the associations lunch social at the Bugle at 12 noon. If you are new to the area, it is a great way to come and find just how friendly our community is, plus, if you are thinking you would like to join the Association, you can pick up a form on the day.

Membership to the Residents Association is open to residents in Brading and surrounding areas. By joining the Association we will keep you informed of community events, health and well being information, plus information covering many subjects, to help in our daily lives. The cost of membership is £1 per person per annum. Membership forms can be collected from The New Town Hall, Old School Café or on our website, you can join at any time.

www.bragiow.co.uk

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Brading Methodist Church



Rev John Izzard (Minister) 821850
Jane Morris (Lay Pastor)
40201



Worship

Sunday Celebrations

10.30am weekly except

4pm 2nd Sunday in month

Children & Youngsters
activities

Sundays except 2nd Sunday

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join us at worship or
for activities

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Good Friday

29
March



Enjoy Hot Cross
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FREE

Toddlers

Tuesdays 8.30-10.30am

Rock Solid Club

For youngsters in school years
5, 6, 7 & 8. Alternate Weds, 6.30-8pm

Teens Club

For youngsters in year 9+
Alternate Mondays, 6.30-8pm

Messy Church

Third Friday each month after school till

Tuesday Community Cafe

8.30am -

12.30pm

Refreshments
& chatter
All welcome

Homemade soup

from 11am

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Easter Celebration

10.30am

Sunday 31 March

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BRADING
COMMUNITY CHOIR

The lead up to Christmas and the New Year is always a busy time for the choir. In December the choir performed 12 times at various locations, including the Brading Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's, various care homes in Sandown and Totland, the Donkey Sanctuary, and a walk around the village singing Christmas songs at various locations, ending with a performance at the Bugle. It was also the first time the choir had ventured over to West Wight, their performances were very well received, with an invite to return in the Spring. A collection at Morrisons raised £281.90 for the Together For Short Lives charity during our Christmas visits. Morrisons will match this, making a total of £563.80.

The choir held their own post-Christmas party in early January, with over 40 people attending, including partners and guests. A magnificent spread of food was provided by one of our choir members, Karen, including hot and cold food, cakes and puddings, with everyone going back for seconds. On the tables there were various quizzes, including Christmas dingbats, and a picture round to identify album covers from various decades. Entertainment was provided by various choir members, including solo guitar, a singing duet, ukulele players, a kazoo band and a demonstration of Egyptian folk dancing!

The choir are now back at rehearsal and are looking forward to learning new songs for the 2024 season. We already have three bookings, so look out for us performing locally and further afield.

New members are always welcome, no experience needed. Come along on a Tuesday evening, 7-8.30pm at Brading methodist church.



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St Mary's Church

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Spring 2024

I will start with some not so good news...As you may know, the Rev Barry Downer, our Associate Priest in the Haven Benefice – which St Mary's is part of, along with Seaview, St Helens and Yaverland – has changed his role from Associate Priest to a Priest with Permission to Officiate (PTO).

Rev Barry will not be carrying out the scheduled Sunday Communion Services at St Mary's, which will still be held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, but he will be allocated services across the Island where needed. All at St Mary's would like to thank Rev Barry for his commitment to maintaining a service at Brading and wish him well for the future.

Now some better news...

We have a curate at St Mary's, a vicar in training. We welcomed Rev Bevaly Rackett to St Mary's last autumn: she is in her last year of training and will be ordained in Portsmouth Cathedral in the autumn of 2024. She will be based at St Mary's, but will be taking services throughout the Benefice. Bevaly will maintain the Wednesday morning prayer group in the church, which starts at 10:00.



We look forward to working with Rev Bev in the coming years. If you need any information about baptisms, weddings or funerals that you may like to have at St Mary's, please do not hesitate to contact the churchwarden or Rev Bev.

Please note: the twice yearly clearance of the churchyard of plastic flowers, trinkets and Christmas wreaths will take place, as per previous years, on the last day of February, Thursday 29th.

Any items will be kept at the back of the church for 6 weeks after collection, please feel free to collect your items off the grave tops before this date.

Please look out for the social events that will be happening in the coming year at St Mary's. We have a very active social group, working hard behind the scenes, organising events to help keep St Mary's open for all.

The church remains open daily for prayer and contemplation, between 09:00 and 17:00.

Nigel Elton-Walters, Churchwarden

FOODBANK

The Foodbank in Brading is for residents of the Parish who may find they need a little extra help due to the high cost of living we are currently experiencing. It is situated in the New Town Hall, where the staff offer a friendly, discreet and sensitive service.

Donations are gratefully received from our generous residents to help keep the foodbank stocked.

If you would like to donate but cannot get to the New Town Hall, we can accept donations through online banking. For further details:



townclerk@brading.gov.uk or 01983 401770
New Town Hall is open

9am—12pm Monday—Thursday

BRADING MEN'S SHED



We meet on Thursdays between 10am and 12pm at The Shed in Beechgrove playing field.

We do not have a phone number at the workshop, so for now please use the email: info@bradingshed.uk or come in and see us .



Visit our website www.bradingshed.uk



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Eligible Island residents can now get free upgrades to make their homes more energy efficient. These upgrades are worth up to £38,000 per household and could include insulation, air source heat pumps and solar PV panels.

Last year the Isle of Wight Council was among a group of 23 local authorities to successfully bid for £41.4 million in government funding.

This money comes from the Home Upgrade Grant and aims to help lower income households whose home is not very energy efficient and not heated by mains gas.

Energy saving measures could include solar panels, solid wall insulation and air source heat pumps which can cost thousands to install can be installed for free. These can go on to save households thousands of pounds in the future.

Councillor Phil Jordan, council leader, said: "Improving energy efficiency in homes is a vital issue, with energy bills a major concern for so many households, while at the same time being a key way of reducing carbon emissions on the Island."

John Moores, from Warmer Homes, said: "We've already helped many households keep warm and healthy while reducing their energy bills and improving the energy efficiency of their home.

"In the last year alone, the Warmer Homes programme has installed fully funded heat pumps, solar panels and insulation that will deliver £10m in lifetime bill savings, an average annual saving of £251 per household and has abated over 50,000 tonnes of CO2."

The scheme is first come, first served so apply now by visiting www.warmerhomes.org.uk/apply or calling the freephone number on 0800 038 5737. People can also email: retrofit@warmerhomes.org.uk.

If you need to be evacuated because of severe flooding or damage, **contact the police or dial 999.**



If you believe the flooding is from a main river or the sea, contact the **Environment Agency on 0345 988 1188**. The Environment Agency also provides help on flooding issues via this number.



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www.islandroads.com

Brading Town FC

Join Our Team



Like all clubs, we rely on volunteers to make the club tick.

We are always looking to welcome new volunteers to help at the ground, both on match days and as part of the weekly working party.

There are always things to be done from painting to sweeping leaves, mowing to cutting hedges.

No particular skills are required, just a willingness to join in with our friendly team.

For more information call : 07922 912000

or email : btfc@gmx.com



Sponsors Backing Brading

Brading Town Youth FC

Football for
All
at Brading

Big Support for Brading Youth

Brading Town Youth FC are the beneficiary of two substantial grants from major sporting backers.

Firstly, the Football Foundation helped the club purchase 4 pairs of new portable goals which will be used by teams across the club for training and matches. Of the grant, Club Chairman Mark Powell said “With a growing number of players and teams, inevitably equipment costs grow and help to buy match-grade goals, which will last us for years to come, is a tremendous boost. It will allow us to continue to host tournaments, such as the Girls League event staged at Vicarage Lane recently”.

Long-standing supporter Barclays has also contributed a substantial grant to the inclusive ‘Invicta’ section. The assistance will supplement the monthly travel of the Under 12, Under 16 and two open-age teams to play in the Eastleigh Pan-Disability League (pictured).

Mark said “We are delighted to have been awarded a grant from the Barclays Community Football Fund, being delivered in partnership with Sported. Without this support it would be very difficult for our inclusive footballers to access competitive games, as regular travel to the mainland is expensive for players and their supporters. We are extremely grateful to both of these organisations for their investment in sport and our club”.



For more information on sponsorship, playing or coaching contact markcpowell10@gmail.com

BRADING BUZZ- Could you help?

We have a loyal team of volunteers who deliver the Buzz to households in Brading. However, we are always looking to increase our volunteer base, so if you have an hour or two to spare once every 3 months & enjoy walking in the local area, please give the office a call on: **01983 401770** or email adminofficer@brading.gov.uk

ALLOTMENTS IN BRADING

Calling green-fingered Brading residents Would you like more space to grow your own fruit & vegetables?

Plots at the Brading allotments become available from time to time.

Why not put your name on the waiting list? If you are interested, please contact Rachael at Brading Town Council on: **01983 401770** or email adminofficer@brading.gov.uk





After many years as manager, Steve Lawton is as usual very pleased to welcome visitors to our matches, full details of fixtures and results can be found on our website: www.bradingtownfc.club

The persistent wet weather this winter has been a problem, not just for Brading but most Island clubs. Since the autumn there have seldom been more than two or three consecutive weeks when the pitches have been playable. This has been incredibly frustrating for all involved. Recently both teams have started to find their feet and put together some good performances and results to match.

It is particularly pleasing to see so many of last year's youth players making the transition to adult football. It is a credit to Brading Youth's setup that these young players can compete, and often outplay, far more experienced players. In the recent victory over neighbours Sandown, all three goals were scored by 16 year old players.

As some will know, the frames of seats in the south stand had rusted over the years and become too dangerous to use. During the past couple of months these have been cut away and replaced with more durable bench seating which will last for many years to come.

With spring just around the corner, hopefully the weather will improve, and we can look forward to regular games again, including evening matches, up to the end of the season.



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Brading Community Partnership

Christmas is now fading into distant memory but it was a happy and fun filled time for us. The 12 foot Christmas tree we once again put up outside the main entrance of our building provided a pretty and welcome display of lights for people entering Brading from that end of the town. Our annual Christmas Fayre Fundraiser was a great success and visits to see Santa were popular, as were the lovely cakes and bacon rolls served by our Cafe team. We raised much needed funds towards keeping our Youth & Community Centre open and are most grateful to all those who helped, contributed and visited us on the day.

With the exceptions of Christmas Day and New Years Day, our cafe has stayed open every week, providing a welcome for all visitors and is yet again registered as a warm space under the Isle of Wight Council's Warm Spaces Scheme. Our new, open mic Music Mondays are starting up **during Cafe on** the first Monday in each month so come along and listen or bring your instrument of choice and join in. Everyone is welcome.

At St Mary's Meadow, visitors will see that we are clearing further areas of old and tangled growth and are retrieving a significant quantity of rubbish and junk scattered over the area. We have also removed the two huge dead Willows that have been of some concern as they were becoming unstable. All the wood is to be used on site.



Sadly Willows rot too quickly to use for benches but we are making a giant Bug Mountain with the larger pieces, have chipped the smaller pieces to use around the site and left tall stumps as habitat for wildlife.

We plan to plant hedging and trees, reinstate areas of bramble and nettles for wildlife and continue to steadily work towards our goals for this community space.



In other news, our Holiday Activities & Food club which we ran over the Christmas holidays was an enjoyable time for all concerned and very successful. Our Crafting/Table Sales have recommenced on the first Saturday in each month. Youth Club reopened after a brief break for the Christmas holidays. Junior Youth Club remains unchanged on Thursday evenings from 6.30-8 pm for children aged 8-12 years, however our Senior Youth Club on Friday evenings has the slightly changed hours of 7-9 pm for ages 13+.

Our Boxing Awards programme restarted on 2 January and is held at the centre every Tuesday evening as is our Duke of Edinburgh Scheme programme with young people working towards bronze, silver and gold awards.

Anyone who is interested in joining any of these activities is very welcome indeed to come to see us on the relevant evening.

As always we'd like to sincerely thank everyone who supports us and volunteers with us and by doing so helps to keep our charity going.

www.bradingcp.org

Brading Youth and Community Centre, High Street Brading. Events & Activities.


The Old School Café Menu

Tea	£1.00p
Coffee	£1.00p
Hot Chocolate	£1.00p
Cola	£1.00p
Squash	50p


Please see the specials board

Bacon Bap	£2.50p
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Brading Youth and Community Centre
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Charles, Tel: 07886904859
Email: chessplay@mail.com



BRADING BOOKENDS

Book Club

Meet Every
3rd Monday of the Month
From 11.30am



For further details  Bev 01983 408108

Jenny Williams and the Isle of Wight
Fibromyalgia Social Group

This event every 2nd Monday of the month



Digital Drop in Session



Informal and friendly community-based 'IT help' drop in sessions. Our dedicated Age UK volunteer can offer IT support, top tips and help you access digital services such as:

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- Ordering prescriptions
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Brading Youth & Community Centre - Old School Cafe
2nd Monday of the Month 11:00 - 13:00

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Visit: ageukiw.org.uk



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bradingyouthclub@gmail.com

Brading Youth and Community Centre Brading High Street Tel 07594649219

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Fridays 6pm-7.30pm Y7-Y8
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