

Brading Buzz

Spring 2021

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MAYOR'S SPRING MESSAGE

Firstly, a belated happy New Year!

In my last message I said "we'll be coming out of our second

lockdown," only to go straight back into another one right after Christmas! As you might guess I'm reluctant to predict what's next, although the signs are good. The vaccination rate (which has been extremely well organised) is high, numbers of cases are starting to decline and thankfully the death rate is falling albeit it has taken a terrible toll on some families and my sincere condolences to anyone who has been affected.

This Council year has been seriously disrupted by lockdowns; however, we have managed to deal with all important matters in a timely fashion including setting the budget for 2021/22. I am pleased to confirm that there will be **no increase** in precept for the fifth year in a row.

Special thanks to our Clerk Linda and Councillors Bonsey and Johnson for their considerable input into arriving at the final budget which I hope will at least soften the blow of the other increases in the Council tax.

In December, our Deputy Mayor, Julie Smith resigned. She has had a difficult year and took the decision to step aside to spend more time with her family. I fully respect and understand her decision. Julie has been an incredibly loyal and hardworking Councillor and former Mayor of Brading for a great many years and she will be greatly missed by all at the Council. Our sincere thanks and best wishes to Julie and her family for the future.

Stay safe and let's hope that 2021 gets us back to some semblance of normal life the Brading Centre will reopen and Council meetings will resume as soon as we are permitted to do so.

Best wishes

Richard Hudspith, Mayor of Brading

BRADING PRECEPT 2021-22

Brading Town Council will not be increasing the Precept for the fifth year in a row. We are all aware of the difficulties experienced during the past year, and anything we can do to ease the financial burden on Ratepayers in Brading has been a priority for Councillors.

Linda Allen
Town Clerk

The Brading Centre

Unless the current situation changes we are hoping to re-open the Brading Centre to members of the public on Monday 12 April 2021 at 9am in line with government guidance. However, please telephone before making a special journey, 01983 401770, Mon-Thurs, 9am-12noon

BRADING POST OFFICE



At the time of going to print, no response had been received from Action IW regarding our enquiry on the re-opening date of Brading Post office. However, please keep an eye on our noticeboards & website for further details.

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2021

If you can't complete the census online, you can ask for a paper version of the questionnaire to be sent to you. You can request this by calling 0800 141 2021

Be a part of Census 2021

Census day is 21 March 2021.

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USEFUL NUMBERS

POLICE Emergency 999
Non Emergency 101

HOSPITAL St Marys,
Newport 822099

CHURCHES

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Church Warden:
Nigel Walters 406817

BRADING TOWN TRUST

Town Hall Bookings:
Joy Lee 407560

Methodist Church, New Rd
Minister Frances Watson
404804

BRADING TOWN COUNCIL
Linda Allen, Town Clerk 401770
Email townclerk@brading.gov.uk

BRADING RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Sue Birch 407723

SCHOOL

Brading Primary 407217
Headteacher: Mrs B Gilbert

BRADING BUZZ



Do you wonder how your Buzz reaches you? Well, we have a loyal team of volunteers that deliver to households in Brading. We are however 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 Town Clerk's office a call on 01983 401770 or drop an email to Helan@brading.gov.uk

**LARGE PRINT
AVAILABLE**

If you are having difficulty reading this newsletter & would like a copy in large print, please ring 01983 401770, Mon-Thurs, leave a message with your number & we'll get back to you

BRADING POST OFFICE



We are sorry to advise that at the current time the Post Office based at the Brading Centre isn't operating due to illness. In the meantime the post offices at Sandown (Central, 12 Avenue Road PO36 8BN and Ryde (McColls, 47-48 Union Street PO33 2LF) are open Mon-Sat.

BRADING BEAT SURGERY 2020

Due to the current situation regarding Covid-19, the Beat Surgery is unable to take place at the Brading Centre.

However, please feel free to contact me if you need help or advice. You can always contact me through the Neighbourhood Policing Team on Tel 101 or Karen.allen@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Dear Residents of Brading

I do not need to tell you that the last year or so has been a challenge for us all.

The good news is that the Government vaccines policy and their 'Road Map' are bringing light to the end of this horrendous period.

Local businesses have been supported by various grants and the furlough scheme to help them survive this difficult period. The Isle of Wight Council officers have moved quickly to get these grants out – far better than many other Mainland Councils have achieved.

I have been amazed by their efforts and flexibility they have shown to achieve this great result.

So the next big event on the Island is the local elections for the Isle of Wight Council – now reduced from 40 to 39 county councillors. This also means there will be a new Ward - which is Brading and St Helens.



Regards
Cllr Brian Tyndall
Brian.tyndall@iow.gov.uk
07922 565940

BRADING

Station Update

Sadly Brading Station Heritage Centre and Tearoom didn't open at all during last summer. This has meant that the regular events have had to be postponed, but we hope to open up again at the beginning of May - Covid restrictions permitting.

You will have noted (or heard!) the extensive work being undertaken at the Station this winter, to provide a loop at Brading enabling Platform 2 to become operational. The work so far ...



BRADING TOWN TRUST

Despite the Lockdown the Trustees have continued to work to fulfil their role of maintaining and preserving the various items in our care.

The New Town Hall has been closed – so no revenue from hiring - but it has recently been used by the Auction Rooms for storage of their items for sale. A very welcome income stream to our coffers!

Work has continued with the Old Town Hall with the Brading Community Archive Group logging our history and making it relevant for the future.

See the website: www.bradingcommunityarchive.com for more details.

The work of the Trust would not go ahead without help from our volunteers. To add to the list we would like to thank Tony Toogood for making the squirrel boxes for our red furry friends, which he has strategically placed on a couple of trees in Beechgrove Park.

Also many thanks goes to 'Reg the Clock' who, for many years, has kept the Clock in the entrance to the New Town Hall, continually wound up - you could say he is a wind up merchant!

The Trust is looking to reopen the New Town Hall from the 12th April 2021, but please call Joy Lee for further details 01983 407560

Liz Manning
Chair of Brading Town Trust
info@bradingtowntrust.org

www.bradingtowntrust.org



Liz Manning & Brian Tindall
of Brading Town Trust

BRADING TOWN COUNCIL 2021

DIARY OF FULL TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Members of the Public & Press are warmly invited to attend

Thursday 8 April

Thursday 6 May

Thursday 13 May— Annual Town Council Meeting

Thursday 3 June

It is planned that the **Annual Meeting of the Town will be held on Thursday 20 May from 6pm (venue tba)** which gives local groups and organisations based in Brading the opportunity to let the public know what they've been doing and what they plan to do for the future. It's a great chance to see what's available to everyone.

All members of the public are welcome to attend. More details will be circulated on noticeboards, the town council website and through the residents association nearer the time.

I expect we are all looking for hope.

Spring gives us hope of the new life emerging all around us, like the daffodils springing into bloom in gardens and countryside.

God gives us hope for the future through the gift of His Son Jesus, and the new life He promises which we celebrate at Easter.

He invites us to enjoy His hope in our lives!



Friends at Brading Methodist Church send good wishes to everyone!

Rev Frances Watson

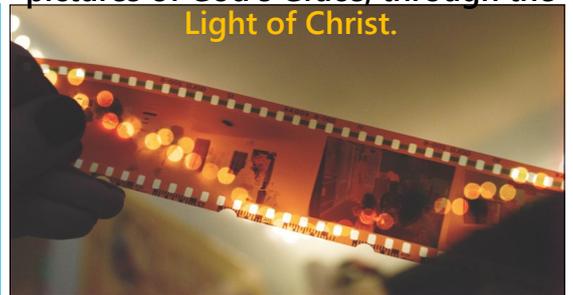
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Some of us will remember 'photo negatives'. We used to hold them up to the light to see what they were pictures of.

In a Photography Studio negatives are turned into beautiful photos but the process happens in the dark.

Is there any possibility that we can allow the 'negatives' now to be developed into pictures of God's Grace, through the Light of Christ.



Worship Celebrations

Details of services will be displayed outside the Church when covid-19 restrictions allow

Worship at home sheets

Can be delivered or emailed

Family Activity Packs

Delivered every 2 weeks to families.

Bible story & activities

Contact Jane as below

Community Outreach: Jane Morris: 407201

Email: janepmorris@hotmail.co.uk

PART OF THE ON THE TRAIL SERIES

Family Fun for Easter

IN SEARCH OF *Easter* AT EASTER WEEKEND

What is Easter really all about? Scan the code and let the adventure begin!

SCAN ME

Details soon from Brading Methodist Church after reviewing government guidance later in March

Scripture Union

Please ensure you follow current government guidance around social distancing as you take part in the trail.

BROTHERS FISH & CHIPS

73 HIGH ST, BRADING

AWARD WINNING TAKE AWAY

FISH & CHIPS BURGERS PIES



CHICKEN & LOTS MORE!



PHONE ORDERS

Tel: 407010

Please telephone ahead with your order, cash only

BRADING DREAM GROUP

Work with your dreams to discover more about yourself, to help guide you, to find meaning and purpose.

Hosted on Zoom by Elizabeth Rowlinson, a local counsellor and psychotherapist who has trained and worked with dreams for 10 years.

Group starting Spring 2021 meeting fortnightly on Sunday mornings 10-12pm.
Fee £12 per session or £65 for 3 months.

To find out more: email elizabethrowlinson33@gmail.com or call 07807589134
www.elizabethrowlinson.com

NEW GROUP STARTING SPRING 2021:

Elizabeth Rowlinson has been living and working on the island as a counsellor and psychotherapist for nearly 10 years both privately and in the charity sector and recently moved to Brading amidst Covid chaos. She has a post-graduate Diploma in Counselling and Psychotherapy from the Centre for Counselling and Psychotherapy Education (CCPE) in London as well as Diploma in Astrological Psychology from the Astrological Psychology Association (APA). She currently offers individual counselling sessions and astrological psychology readings on zoom. She is passionate about working with dreams particularly in these challenging times. Dreams connect us to an inner guidance, call it soul or intuition, which can help us to navigate the challenges or obstacles in life. As Jung said 'The dream is the small hidden door in the deepest and most hidden sanctum of the soul...'. Opening the door can provide inspiration and lead to greater understanding and purpose.

Group and private one to one sessions available

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ALLOTMENTS IN BRADING

Calling green-fingered Brading residents Would you like more space to grow own fruit & vegetables? Plots at Brading allotments become available from time to time. Why not put your name on the waiting list.



Please contact Brading Town Council on 01983 401770 or email Helan@brading.gov.uk

H.G.M - Harbour Garden Maintenance

Gardening—Hedge Trimming—Garden Clearance
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The Haven Churches
Providing a spiritual harbour for ALL
The new Haven Churches Benefice is born



At St Mary the Virgin, Brading, we have been 'locked down'...but also 'essential' this winter. We have been open, both in the Market and in the Church. We sell essential household goods, from milk to tinned tomatoes, and it is all focused around LOAF - Local, Organic, Animal-friendly and Fairtrade food standards. For a long time now, the churches have had this following phrase as one of their primary aims and objectives: " We aim to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth", and here in Brading, we are staying focused on this, with the help of willing volunteers. In the lead-up to Easter - as the world is resurrected and we look forward with hope to the year to come - Church services will resume on Palm Sunday (28th March) at 9:30am, and all are welcome to join. The celebration of Easter on the following Sunday will be at the same time. We are also taking bookings for weddings and baptisms. The church is now open daily, for you to pop in and light a candle, if you wish.

With the physic garden planted, the sheep flock established and the Market Covid-secure, we are open for you at the Market too! Some people have found us here...and many more have found the sheep! All are welcome to pop in and say hello. We are selling takeaway hot drinks and baked goods - available if you bring your own cup or thermos - but from the 29th March, we will be opening an outdoor cafe with cake and light lunches.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with this, and inside the Market. Please do come into the Market for a volunteering form, if you would like to become part of this. Also, if anyone is interested in donating a picnic table, bench or tree please do get in touch.

Looking into the summer, as Covid restrictions relax, we will be running workshops, from wool spinning and dyeing (from our own flock!) to herbal walks and talks, and also welcoming more animals into the flock; open to school groups, families and individuals to be involved in the life of our small farm. You can find us on Facebook and at stmarysbrading.com, where you can order from the online shop and book onto the workshops and events. You can subscribe to this site to receive updates, or join as a member for savings and offers!

God Bless
Ali



ST MARY'S MARKET

IN BRADING CHURCH HALL

Tues, Wed, Thurs, & Saturday

10.30am-12.30pm

Organically grown local vegetables and organic store cupboard essentials, at really affordable prices.

A place to refill your domestic cleaners to cut the plastic and local handmade goodies and cards,

Somewhere get a second hand outfit, as well as a knitting needle 'library', free wool, second hand books and recycling

A vision for the church and community that helps us all to live simpler and more sustainable lives

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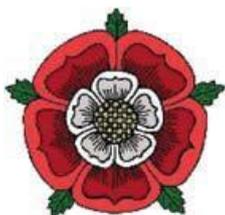
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www.facebook.com/janescandlesuk



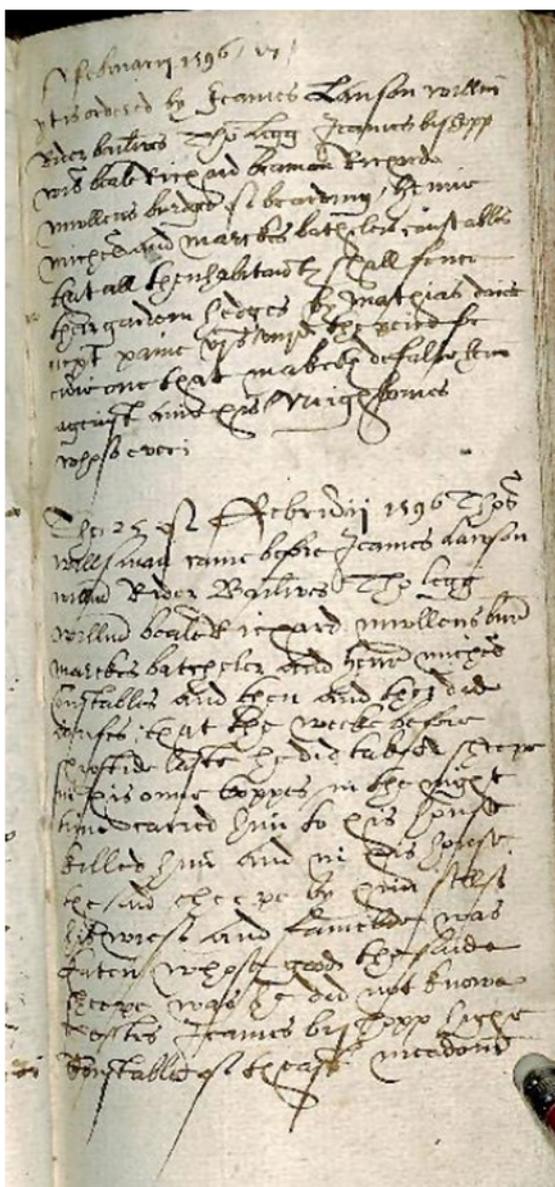


Brading Community Archive Group



Despite our volunteer heritage activities being severely affected by the pandemic, Brading Community Archive Group (BCAG) have officially completed our “Unlocking Our Vaults” National Lottery Heritage Fund project.

Over the last 3 years, the NHLF grant funding has allowed us to train a total of 68 local volunteers to scan, transcribe and upload over 12,000 documents, books, objects and photographs to our website (bradingcommunityarchive.com) as well as recording the memories of local people about life in Brading and creating education packs for schools based on Brading’s past.



Here is just one page of BTT 1427 which records the fines paid to the Bailiffs for breaking the local laws between 1590 and 1630 which has been so skilfully transcribed by Clifford Webster and Fanny Oglander. Just search on our website for “BTT 1427” to have a look at what it records.

The whole book records the misdemeanours of our Brading forebears and this page records those of February 1596 where Thomas Wilson:

“.. did take a shepe in his own coppes, in the night time, carried him to his house, killed him and in his house the said sheepe by him self, his wife and familie, was eaten; whose goods the saide sheepe was, he did not knowe.”

Our Brading records date from 1550 to 1960 and are now available for anyone around the world to access via the website. This includes minutes, documents and account books from the Brading Corporation, the Molly Pewsey Archive, Brading Town Trust, Brading Station and Brading Parish and Town Councils, as well as photographs, deeds and documents belonging to Brading residents, past and present.

As well as making the heritage information available online, we have carried out conservation work on the items and packaged them to archival standards so that they will survive for future generations.

We still have more work to do to the website to make it easier to navigate and we continue to prepare more things to be uploaded. Although we had to cancel our big Local Heritage Weekend in 2020, we will be back whenever we can all meet up again. Thanks to everyone who has helped us during the project.

Dr Ruth Waller (BCAG’s Project Coordinator)

**Funding raised by
The National Lottery**

and awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund



LOTTERY FUNDED



With the lock down, please can we ask for your support to **Brading Community Partnership if you are ordering via Amazon.** Follow the links below to help you access our charity page. This is no different to ordering from Amazon, but if you sign up for Smile, they make a donation of 0.5% of your total spend to us from your purchases, with no extra cost to you.

You have to shop through Amazon Smile for it to count, which is exactly the same as Amazon but allows you to choose a charity. You can go directly to the website & manually search for us, (Brading Community Partnership) www.smile.amazon.co.uk or directly via our link <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1172210-0>

With this Covid 19 situation we certainly need some support to keep the centre viable, we still have expenses even though the centre is closed. Thanking you in anticipation for your support.

Printer ink cartridge recycling



Message from Jackie Munday of the Lilliput Museum, High St, Brading:

I'm collecting used ink cartridges, here at the Museum, to be sent on to a recycling company - the proceeds will all go to The Dogs Trust Charity.

If you are an individual, or know of anyone, company/organisation, who has used ink cartridges (that they don't know what to do with) they can either contact me at this email address:

lilliput.museum@btconnect.com or leave a message on my answer machine 407231

LITTER PICKING

Brading Town Council hope to resume litter picking days when lockdown restrictions have been removed, and Councillors would like to thank those residents who have continued to pick up litter throughout the winter, on their own initiative.

Please look out for our Litter Pick Days which will be advertised on the website.



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- Gas leaks
- Gas cookers
- Gas Fires
- Landlord Checks

Brading Community Choir Members Profile



Here is the third in a series of profiles about current members of the Brading Community Choir. Although the choir cannot meet at the moment, they keep in touch with each other by email, and are all looking forward to singing together as soon as possible.

Bev Bax and her sister Dawn Stevens joined the choir over 12 months ago. They were looking to take up a new hobby, although they both work full-time they really enjoy the choir and have found all the members to be very friendly and welcoming. They both agree that Mark Cox, the musical director, conducts the choir in a consistent and professional manner, and always brings out the best in everyone.

Bev and Dawn have participated in a number of choir events in the past, including a Christmas performance at Morrison's in Lake, which unfortunately could not go ahead in 2020.

Bev joined the choir with little musical experience, and doesn't read music, but this is not necessary if you wish to become a choir member.

She once belonged to a school choir, and has also played drums with her sister in a Samba band. Bev has always been interested in musical theatre, and loves to sing along to music in the car. Her favourite musicals are Les Mis, Rocky Horror Picture Show and Rent. Brading Community Choir tackle a wide range of songs, from classical pieces and songs from the shows, to more modern pop songs. Bev has really enjoyed singing David Bowie tracks with the choir, such as Life on Mars and Space Oddity.

Bev and Dawn have really missed rehearsing with the choir during this lockdown period, and are really looking forward to meeting up and singing with everyone again in 2021.

Written by Georgina Moon



The BCP is developing a strategy and activities to support the community during this lockdown period. This includes helping young people access computers or other equipment to support their home schooling.

Also we have established a relationship with the Hungry Bear to provide a weekly meal to vulnerable people in Brading. This has started and in a trial run 10 customers had meals of their choice from a menu previously delivered to them. This was successful and so the number has been increased to 26 people including households with young carers involved. It is hoped to increase the number to 50 a week. We have been given grant funding to support this endeavour and more funding is being sought.

Another project which the BCP is supporting is that of developing with some residents in Quay Lane a small wooded area just off Quay lane. This will involve clearing the area and planting trees supplied by the Forestry Commission. The kind of trees has not yet been decided. It is hoped that some of the Brading young people will get involved with this.

We are also slowly developing our outreach role with the young people in Brading and are looking to employ someone who can lead this activity and involve the young people in helping themselves.

The BCP is also managing an allotment which has been made available by the Town Council and again it is hoped that as the weather improves the young people and others will join in developing the site to grow produce to make available to all.

Do you have any spare some time to help teach members of Brading Youth Club how to grow on their allotment plot?

Help is required in teaching members of the Youth Club good vegetable and fruit growing practices, of how to prepare the land and manage its up keep.

DO YOU LOVE GROWING YOUR OWN? THE BCP WOULD LOVE YOUR SUPPORT

The produce grown will be used to help teach the children how to cook, to use fresh produce in their meals, with a hope of expanding this further

If you have some time on your hands and would like to become involved (when it is Covid safe and appropriate to do so, and with the appropriate checks) please can you contact **George on 07768 605900** or Email: george@bradingcp.org to discuss further.

Sincere thanks in anticipation of any interest you can give to this community inclusion initiative.



Broad beans sprouting thanks to the green-fingered efforts of a member of the youth club.

Did you know: If you have the Amazon Shopping App on your phone, select 'AmazonSmile' in settings and follow the instructions

Thank you for your continued support



ADVICE ON LATEST SCAMS FROM FAIR TRADING OFFICE AT THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

Some current scams to warn you about this time! IWASP receives regular reports from residents about scams and they share this with the media and IWASP partners to prevent other residents from falling victim to them.

Please remember these aren't the only scams around at the minute, any unexpected phone call, letter, email or text should be treated with suspicion.

- Text messages that purport to be from a variety of banks. They will tell you that there has been unexpected activity on your account or a new payee has been set up – they will then ask you to click on a link – DON'T – this is a scam your bank will never ask you to click on a link in a message.
- Similarly emails from various different organisations including TV Licensing and Driving Licensing. They will tell you that your information has expire or is incorrect and ask you to click on a link to update – DON'T this is a scam
- Phone calls purporting to be from Microsoft saying that there is a problem with your computer/laptop and that it had been hacked and infected and they would need to “block it”. They will offer lots of information and assurances that they are genuine but as we all know – Microsoft will never contact you to tell you there is a problem. This is a SCAM – hang up and if you can block the number
- Phone calls from Open Reach to say they are in your area and there is a problem with your line and asking you to log into your laptop/PC and download an app – DON'T This is a scam.
- Scam Texts and Calls purporting to be HMRC. Sometimes they will indicate that you are entitled to a refund, other times they can be particularly intimidating accusing you of owing money and threatening arrest if you don't do what they say. Both are SCAMS – the HMRC will never contact you in this way.
- Phone call saying that your National Insurance number has been compromised and asking you to press 1 – DON'T this is a scam, they will try to gain your personal and or banking information – Hang up
- Whatsapp message advising you that there is a scam going around called Martinelli and telling you to share this with your contacts so that nobody falls victim to it – the actual Whatsapp message is the scam and is designed to mine as much contact information as it can for future scams – DON'T share it – Delete it.

Scam texts can be forwarded to 7726 and scam emails sent on to report@phishing.gov.uk where the information will be gathered and used for intelligence.

Reporting a Scam

- For advice on scams call - Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline: 0808 250 5050
- To report a scam call - Action Fraud: 0300 123 2040

If you are concerned about somebody you care about or for more information on scams visit www.iwasp.org.uk



NATURE NOTES

Spring, new life all around, new leaves, new lambs, new birds, everything awakens—even flies!

I didn't realise quite how many different types of fly there are and how many categories there are, from fireflies to houseflies, bot flies to sheep nostril flies! Some are pollinators, some have much more unpleasant jobs like dealing with carcasses! All food for birds and even some plants, their grubs are ideal for chicks and are a main source of food at this time. Mostly never heard of like snow scorpion flies and snipe flies, but fascinating to read about.

Enjoy spring
Tina



Picture courtesy of Angela Eldridge



Housefly



Fireflies



Snipe Fly



Bot Fly

natural enterprise

t 01983 296244

e info@naturalenterprise.co.uk

Brading Down has always been a popular destination for both Islanders and visitors alike. Although lockdown has meant a marked decrease in mainland visitors, the site has seen an increase in local residents appreciating its value as a great space for daily exercise.

Getting outdoors and staying in touch with the countryside and its wildlife, is so important for our mental health and we are delighted to be involved in keeping the area open and accessible for everyone to enjoy.

We have recently installed a new memorial bench on the site, with excellent views towards Sandown and Shanklin. The rangers have also been busy with the unwelcome task of having to remove some trees stricken with Ash Dieback disease.

Frustratingly, this will be an ongoing problem in 2021, as we have identified quite a few trees that will need to be removed for safety reasons. We have pledged to plant a new tree for everyone we remove this year (although not necessarily in the same spot!)

Sadly, we have noticed an increase in litter across all of our sites, alongside an increase dog mess. We sometimes hear that people think it's okay to leave dog faeces in the countryside, as 'it's natural,' but actually it isn't.

Our rangers regular strim long grass and hedges to keep the site well managed and have to ensure they are well covered to protect themselves from the consequences of a discarded piles of poo.

Also, dog mess can spread of some very nasty infections and diseases and one pile of dog poo can contain one million microscopic Toxocara Eggs. Toxocaris is highly infectious, especially to children. Typical Toxocaris symptoms include dizziness and nausea, asthma and epileptic seizures. More seriously, it can lead to serious eye damage, even permanent blindness.

Dog mess, especially from unwormed dogs, also harbours parasites that can harm farm animals especially cows and sheep. If your dog is caught short, please clear up its mess and dispose of it in a dog bin. If there isn't a bin nearby, please don't leave it behind on the path or hang it on a tree in a bag. This practise is just bizarre and unacceptable to everyone, instead, dispose of it safely at home by double wrapping it and putting it in your standard household refuse.

On a much more positive note, from April/May and a little before, look out for primrose, cowslips, violets, celandine, as our glorious wildflowers start making an appearance.

As always if you notice anything that might need attending to on Brading Down please contact the Gift to Nature office 01982 296244.



**Brading Church of England
Controlled
Primary School**



We are so excited and pleased to say our building work is nearly finished! The completion date has been slightly delayed and is expected to

finish 9th April. We will have a completely new office area and front entrance with disabled access as well as our two extra classrooms, which have now been finished. The infrastructure has also had some improvements including heating and lighting throughout the main building. It is so lovely to have bright, modern classrooms for the children to work in.

W S LANDSCAPES

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**ARMY
CADETS**

The A.C.F. got back to face to face before Christmas. We were Covid safe with face masks 2 metre spacing and bubbles of no

more than 15.

But that didn't stop new recruits walking through the door. We are back to our online training and fun nights.

There are also online courses running too where cadets or adults join together from all over the country to learn and qualify in new skills.

At the moment the cadets are busy crocheting a blanket of 360 squares to raise money for The NHS CHARITABLE TRUST FUND find it on Just Giving.

We are still recruiting both adults and cadets and all our troops are active. There are five locations on the island, in Ryde Sandown Newport Godshill and Freshwater.

You can find out more on Army Cadets.com or phone 01983 522427.

Rosco Seekings

Company Sergeant Major

Our last evening before Christmas.

The award was for Cadet of the Year being presented to Sgt Fryer for her outstanding contribution throughout the year





Community Action Isle of Wight *at the Riverside*

We're all aware of the cold spell we have been having and continue to experience. We know that this puts extraordinary pressures on Island households. Families whose wage earners have been furloughed, older people living alone and in fuel poor circumstances, those who are less mobile and have disabilities and long term health conditions, plus many others are being impacted in ways we have never seen before.

Please do encourage people to apply for assistance from Help Through Crisis if they are experiencing hardship.

Just as a reminder, the fund aims to assist island residents who are in genuine hardship, enabling them to quickly access help with essentials such as food, gas and electricity, and replacing white goods and furniture. There is also a small pot of money to help families who might need help to buy school uniform, shoes and coats and also monies for people needing to move quickly due to being in Domestic Abuse situations.

Applications can be made by the families themselves or by someone referring them by filling in the webform available on <https://www.iow.gov.uk/HelpThroughCrisis> or by calling the team 01983 823859.



**DO YOU WANT TO BE A
COUNCILLOR IN BRADING &
HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF
THE TOWN?**

If you are considering standing for election to Brading Town Council in May, please contact the Brading Centre for details of how to obtain your nomination paper and an informal chat with existing councillors.

Town Clerk
townclerk@brading.gov.uk
01983 401770

APPLY NOW FOR A POSTAL VOTE FOR THIS YEAR'S LOCAL ELECTIONS

On Thursday 6 May 2021, Islanders will go to the polls to have their say on who represents them at the Isle of Wight Council, town, parish and community council and police and crime commissioner elections. If you're thinking about voting by post, you can apply to do this now.



Claire Shand, electoral registration officer at the Isle of Wight Council, said: "The elections will take place at a time when COVID-19 continues to present risks to public health. Depending on the infection rate, measures taken to control the spread of the virus may change as we approach May.

"We are working hard to ensure polling stations will be safe places to vote, but you can choose to apply to vote by post or by proxy instead. If you are thinking about applying for a postal vote, then please do so as early as possible. "As preparations continue for the local elections, we remain in close contact with the Electoral Commission, the wider electoral community and public health authorities to ensure you can stay safe when casting your vote in May."

To vote in the elections - either at a polling station, by post, or by appointing someone you trust to vote on your behalf as your proxy - you must first be registered to vote, which can be done [online in just five minutes](#). To then apply to vote by post you need to download, print and fill out a [postal vote application form](#). Once you have completed the form and signed it, you need to send it to Electoral Services, County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 1UD.

To request a postal vote application form e-mail electoral.services@iow.gov.uk or call (01983) 823380.

The deadline to apply for a postal vote and cancel or make changes to a current postal or proxy vote at this election is **5pm on 20 April 2021**.

Any residents who have any questions can contact the Isle of Wight Council electoral registration team at <https://www.iow.gov.uk/Council/Elections/Electoral-Registration/Contact> or via electoral.services@iow.gov.uk

Cathy`s 1000 Mile *Thank You* Walk 2020
1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020
Walking every day of the year to raise funds for:



ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY
UK



Cathy Mills has smashed her target of 1,000 walking miles for 2020. Many readers will remember Cathy from her days here in Brading as town clerk and her determined attitude to get things done. Well retirement certainly hasn't diminished that unwavering spirit—not only did Cathy walk almost 2,500 miles, but she has raised £3,260 for Alzheimers Society UK too!

At the start of this year Cathy set herself a challenge to walk 1,000 miles to raise funds for the Alzheimers Society UK. At that time little did she realise the challenges we would all face during 2020. However, neither the weather nor Covid could deter her from walking every single day of 2020.

Cathy says “Millie and I have walked through sunshine, rain, gales, floods, sleet, thunder and lightening, not to mention lockdown and everything entailed with that. Through the Buzz, I would just like to thank everyone who has donated & supported me in all the many ways that you have.

Lastly, the lockdown is difficult for us all but especially difficult for those with dementia. If anyone would like to consider becoming a dementia friend, please just let me know. It doesn't involve a lot of time just some understanding. I talk to many dementia sufferers on my walks & their carers & it's very rewarding to be able to talk to them & begin to understand how they're feeling. “

www.justgiving.com & search for
Cathy Mills & look for the Alzheimers logo

Springtime Buzz Wordsearch

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- EASTER**
- CHERRY BLOSSOM**
- REJUVENATION**
- RENEWAL**
- FRESH AIR**
- EGGS**
- AWAKENING**
- CROCUS**
- OUTDOORS**
- NEW BEGINNINGS**
- LIFE**
- SEEDLINGS**
- ENERGY**
- PICNICS**
- GROW**
- CLEANING**
- WARMTH**
- LAMBS**
- BUNNY**

The wordsearch puzzle opposite is just for fun, all of the words listed can be found ... eventually.

There is one word that isn't there, although during the springtime there are lots of them around....

Can you guess what one we are referring to? If not, the answer is on page 20



- Carpets
- Cushionflor Vinyl
- Amtico
- Non-Slip Safety Flooring
- Flotex
- Karndean

Specialists in QUALITY Domestic and Commercial Flooring

Downs Way
 Morton Old Road
 Brading
 Isle of Wight. PO36 0EW
 Phone 07967 015544



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 Friendly Reliable Service
 contact us on 07967 015544**



Once again all football (and every other sport) has been suspended.

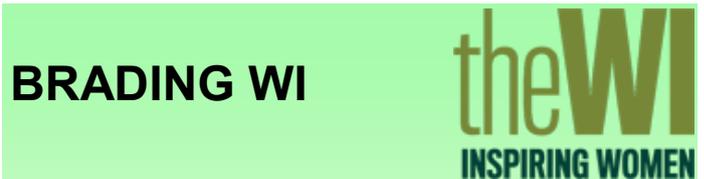
At this time we do not know if the football season will be resumed or voided again like last year.

While there may be no football, maintenance must continue, and we are grateful to the volunteers who carry out all those essential jobs behind the scenes.

We would remind people that the ground is closed to the public and will only be open on match days – whenever that may be.

Hopefully we look forward to welcoming you back before too long.

Just a few of the
Cooking Creations
 by youngsters connected
 with
 Brading Methodist
 Church
 Well done Harrison, Stephane
 & Erin



It is our WI's centenary this year, so we are hoping we will be able to celebrate it. But that depends on the covid 19 viruses, of course. However, one thing on the horizon is more sunshine and warmer weather. So all that remains for us now is to wish you good health and hope you enjoy the springtime and lovely things that come with it.

Hearts of Brading February 2021

A selection of the imaginative hearts around Brading, thanks to Lucy & Sue for the idea



Brading Youth

season, the players and coaches of Brading Town Youth FC are eager to get back to football.

With very little opportunity to play since November, the Club welcomed Boris Johnson's 'roadmap' allowing for sport to return on 29th March.

As the season was suspended, Brading saw their younger players developing rapidly in their friendly fixtures, whilst their Under 13s and 14s topped their respective Leagues and both had qualified for the IW Cup semi-finals.

Between lockdown periods Brading's Girls teams also excelled in a December tournament in Cowes.

Ahead of the recommencement, Club Chairman Mark Powell said "The start-stop nature of this season



Brading Youth Raring to Go....Again!

After 2 lockdowns brought a halt to the

has been entirely understandable but nevertheless frustrating for all of our players and staff. We are grateful to have been included in the first steps to recovery and can't wait to get back to it.

The precautions we took to protect our members against Covid at the beginning of the season will be present at the restart, along with any other measures that the Government and FA dictate. This season has been extended into the Summer to, hopefully, allow for our competitions to be completed and there is certainly plenty to play for".

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





BRADING RESIDENTS Raising Funds for

Dear Residents,

Brading shone with wonderful star displays created by residents for **Brading's Festival of Stars**. This was a new event organised by the Residents Association and will be repeated this Christmas.

'Happy Hearts' an idea suggested by a resident encouraged all ages to take part and items from various mediums were included in designs displayed in windows, doors and gardens.

Thank you to Lucy Bell who designed the star and heart colouring sheets.

Our next event **'Seek & Find'** will take place over the Easter Weekend. Follow the clues around Brading. Answer sheets will be available online or by phone. It's a free family event that could be enjoyed (even if still in lockdown) during your daily exercise.

Judging for **Brading in Bloom** will take place in July. Categories include:

- Best small (under 15sqm) front garden.
- Best large (over 15sqm) front garden.
- Best commercial garden – Public House, Shop etc

- Best Young People Initiative – School, Youth Clubs
- Best Commercial Floral Project – Parish/Town Council, Church garden
- Best creative use of a small space – window box, hanging basket etc

Plan ahead and be ready for a **Plant Sale** in July. Residents sell plants from their frontage. Registration ensures your address is added to a free map highlighting all sellers.

For all events and general updates: Check social media, posters and The Buzz. Facebook page via www.bragiow.co.uk – follow the link.

Many thanks,

Brading Residents Association Committee

www.bragiow.co.uk

Contact: info@bragiow.co.uk

A NEW EVENT FOR BRADING



FAMILY SEEK & FIND

Follow the clues
around Brading Town
WHILST ON YOUR DAILY EXERCISE

2nd - 5th APRIL 2021

A prize for the winner

To register: for your question sheet

Email: info@bragiow.co.uk

Phone: 07747 601 428



Donations to 18 Quay Lane

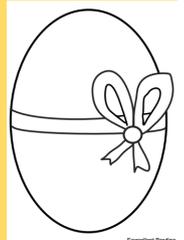
Website: www.bragiow.co.uk



EASTER - Community Participation Event

Following the recent success of the Christmas Stars and the 'Happy Hearts' our next themed colourings is an 'Easter pictorial Easter Egg Hunt'

Thanks to Lucy Bell for designing the next Easter themed colourings, (examples attached) we are inviting our Brading community to join in. Free packs of 3 colouring sheets will be available from the notice board at 18 Quay Lane throughout March. These are suitable for adults and children alike. Just help yourself. They will be regularly restocked.

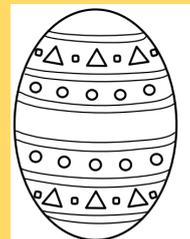


Why not join in and display an Easter theme? or perhaps design your own theme.

Display either in windows, on doors, in gardens, just to make it fun for folks to see whilst out walking. Why not try and see how many Easter themes you can find? Sorry, no prizes for guessing with this one!



This event is to bring a 'feel good' factor to Brading. Hope you will join in and enjoy. Many thanks.



ASSOCIATION – UPDATE

the Local Community



BRADING RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

(known as BRAG)



Membership is open to:

1. Residents aged 18 years or over who live in a dwelling that is subject to the Brading Town precept and whose name appears at that address on the Register of Electors.
2. New residents who have applied for such registration
3. Residents outside of conditions (1) and (2) who make application to the Management Committee and whose membership is considered to be of benefit to the Association and its aims.

I / We apply for annual membership (January-December)
of Brading Residents Association
and agree to abide by its Constitution

Name(s):	Email address:	Signature:	Office use
Household Address			
Number or Name:			
Street:			
Town:			
Postcode:			
Tel No (s):			

In signing the above all applicants consent for us to store their supplied details electronically. This information is solely for our records and to communicate with our members. No personal information will be supplied to third parties except in compliance with the law.

Subscriptions: _____ members @ £1.00 each = £ _____
 Donation to BRAG: £ _____
 Total: £ _____

Please make cheques payable to: **Brading Residents Association**

And return them to: The Chair, 18 Quay Lane, Brading, Isle of Wight PO36 0AT

Our Committee

Chair: Sue Birch
 Vice-chair: Nigel Pidgeon
 Secretary: Fanny Oglander
 Treasurer: Peter Webb

Val Drury Sue Graves
 Tina Passat

How to contact and find out more about Brading Residents' Association:

Info@bragiow.co.uk
www.bragiow.co.uk

The Chair, 18 Quay Lane,
 Brading, Isle of Wight.
 PO36 0AT
 01983 407723



Brading Residents Association Diary 2021

<p>SPRING</p> <p>March—Easter Egg Picture Hunt 2-5 April Seek & Find</p>	<p>SUMMER</p> <p>July Brading in Bloom & Plant Sale (Dates tbc)</p>	<p>AUTUMN</p> <p>6th Scarecrow Festival 23 - 30 August, and 2nd 'Sale Trail' 28 & 29 August</p>	<p>WINTER</p> <p>Brading's Festival Of Christmas Stars 18 Dec - 2 Jan 2022</p>
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Around Brading During these times of lockdown, so many of our community have had to shield and stay indoors, fortunately the beautiful scenery and wildlife in Brading has been captured by a number of residents for everyone to enjoy. In this edition we share some of the pictures taken by Dave Drury (left) and Angela Eldridge (right) and their pictures can also be seen on the front page of this edition. Our thanks go out to them for agreeing to share these with us.



The answer from the wordsearch on page 14 is daffodils 

REMEMBER ... if you have an event or something you want to tell the community about, send details/photos to Linda Allen, Town Clerk on 01983 401770 or townclerk@brading.gov.uk /helan@brading.gov.uk

Deadline for the Summer Buzz is Monday 10 May 2021

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IF YOU WISH TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD IN THIS NEWSLETTER AT COMPETITIVE RATES PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE ON 401770 OR EMAIL: helan@brading.gov.uk

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