

BRADING BUZZ

Autumn 2021

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As life returns to some semblance of normality we should be enjoying getting out in the sunshine and fine weather, although sadly this appears to be in short supply being replaced by high winds and rain of biblical proportions causing damage, flooding and travel disruption. Some point to climate change and indeed there is plenty of evidence to support this.

For that reason, we must as a country and specifically us as an Island look to those in Westminster who dictate planning policy. We are informed that the previous IOW Council's planning strategy is out of date, not fit for purpose and therefore the presumption of development applies.

This is the reason behind the recently granted West Acre (some 400+ houses). Add that to the 900 planned at Penny Feathers, the 60 holiday lodges at Carpenters Road and the concern for traffic through Brading is there for all to see.

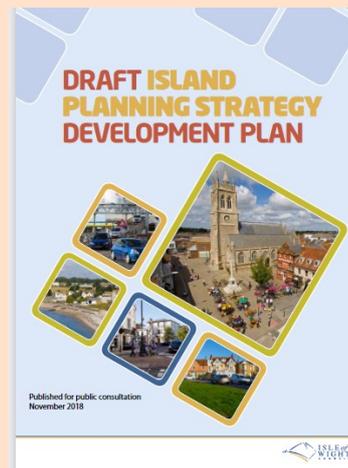
The New IOW Council have wasted no time in trying to address this and have recently introduced a new draft Island Planning Strategy for consultation. It is important to seek this out and make your voice heard. To assist with this, much of our meeting on the 2nd September 2021 took the form of a presentation of the proposed Island strategy by James Brewer, who is the Planning Team leader for policy and delivery at the IOW Council. James took questions and listened to your views.

You can find the policy on our website: www.brading.gov.uk and we have some copies in the Brading Centre.

Let's make our voices heard and try to change this for the better.

Stay safe and keep well. Best wishes,

Richard Hudspith, Mayor of Brading



CLOSURE OF OLD RAILWAY LINE DURING SEPTEMBER

The IW Council are entering into an agreement with Wightfibre to allow the communications company to install an underground cable from the junction of Carpenters Road into Laundry Lane and along the Old Railway line to Quay Lane, where their cable has already been installed.

To keep disruption of the wild birds within the RSPB reserve to a minimum, the work is to be carried out during September, and to enable it to be completed in the shortest time possible, the Old Railway Line will be closed to pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders for the whole month, until the works have been completed.

Wightfibre have agreed to reinstate the old railway line for the whole length of the works, and this should result in a much more even and drier surface afterwards.

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

Deadline for the Winter Buzz is 4th November 2021

Happy Retirement!



In June, we said a fond farewell to Helan and Vonny who have moved on to ventures new.

We would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment to Brading Town Council.



Sue has replaced Helan as Admin Officer and Emma is Vonny's replacement as Customer Services Advisor. Please feel free to come in and ask them about anything you may be concerned about in the town.



01983 401770



sue@brading.gov.uk

emma@brading.gov.uk

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 & the Press are warmly invited to attend.

Thursday 2 September 2021

Thursday 7 October 2021

Thursday 4 November 2021

Thursday 2 December 2021

Thursday 3 February 2022

Thursday 3 March 2022

Thursday 7 April 2022



USEFUL NUMBERS

POLICE Emergency 999

Non Emergency 101

CHURCHES

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Church Warden:

Nigel Walters 406817

Methodist Church, New Rd

Minister Frances Watson
404804

SCHOOL

Brading Primary 407217

Headteacher: Mrs B Gilbert

HOSPITAL St Marys,

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BRADING TOWN TRUST

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BRADING TOWN COUNCIL

Linda Allen, Town Clerk 401770
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BRADING RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Sue Birch 407723

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VACANCY

If you are interested in becoming a councillor please contact the Town Clerk or give notice in writing of your intention to the Proper Officer, County Hall, Newport, IOW. before the 9th September 2021.



COULD THIS BE YOU?

Cllr Joost Spit

07428 785755

Email: joost.spit@services4you.co.uk



Cllr Johnathan Bacon

07973 872150

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Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Linda Allen

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01983 401770

WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE

It is now three months since the local elections and slightly less since the formation of a new Administration in County Hall, in which I am very pleased to have been given the role of Cabinet Member for Waste, Heritage and the Environment. I should however point out that this role will in no way impact on my role as the local Councillor for Brading and St Helens. Indeed, to strengthen that role, I am also honoured to have been co-opted as a Councillor onto Brading Town Council to fill the vacancy that was advertised in the last issue of The Buzz.



At the time of writing this column, the main issue of concern has been the flooding and water damage caused by heavy rainfall at the end of July and the beginning of August. There have always been problems of this nature in Brading, however the recent bad weather has created flooding issues across the Island and has highlighted more widely that there is a serious issue with the water system on the Island.

Our water infrastructure is old and elements of it are plainly no longer fit for purpose. Elsewhere on the Island, the escape of sewage onto some of our beaches has shown that the system can only cope with so much. It is also of note that we import much of our water from the mainland. As such the system seems to be failing at both ends.

Our water system is under the control of Southern Water, which is a private company. Perhaps surprisingly the Isle of Wight Council has little control over their activities but we are going to do what we can to take a case to them and try and achieve some action to minimise the chances of this sort of thing happening again. I will be part of this and will be raising the particular issues in Brading as part of the process. We are also involving the MP to see if he can bring any further pressure to bear.

I have also participated in a recent meeting of the Traffic Working Party at the Brading Centre during which current issues of concern were discussed. A series of requests have been generated to feed into an ongoing Review of Speed issues being conducted by the Isle of Wight Council. This will not produce any quick results as the Review covers the whole Island and will last into early next year, however it means there is a process underway which could help. My particular concern is the lack of effective enforcement of limits and I will be raising this with senior members of the Police Force who are responsible for such matters.

As both your Isle of Wight Councillor and a Town Councillor I can be contacted at any time and I will always respond to messages. I have set out my contact details below. I am also holding regular Surgeries on Tuesday mornings at The Brading Centre every four weeks. The next dates are set out below. The sessions start at 10am. No appointment is necessary. If you are unable to come along then I am more than happy to arrange a personal visit at a convenient time.

Regards
Councillor Jonathan Bacon

Jonathan.Bacon@iow.gov.uk

M:07973 872150

SURGERY DATES

10am onwards

Tuesday 21 September

Tuesday 19 October

Tuesday 16 November

Tuesday 14 December

If you wish to make an appointment to attend the Surgery, please contact the Brading Centre on

01983 401770 or

Email: townclerk@brading.gov.uk

**BRADING BEAT SURGERY
2021 WILL BE HELD AT THE
BRADING CENTRE, WEST
STREET AS FOLLOWS:**



ALL ON WEDNESDAYS AT 10 –11 AM

29th September 2021

27th October 2021

24th November 2021

26th January 2021



Please do telephone the Brading Centre on **401770** before making a special trip to the Police Surgery, as occasionally I am deployed elsewhere.

PCSO Allen

Summer Litter Pick



Thank you to everyone who gave up their Saturday morning on the 12th June to volunteer to pick up litter here in Brading. Over 20 volunteers scoured the roads and footpaths for rubbish. We could not have done this without the help of Ryde & Sandown Army Cadets who joined forces with local residents to trek the roads of Brading, for which we are very grateful.

The volunteers, who were supplied with Personal Protective Equipment, formed small groups and collected over 20 bags of litter. It was a hot day and once they had finished they made their way back to the Brading Centre for a well deserved drink and snack.

Some of our regulars litter pick every week and for this they deserve a medal.

A BIG thank you to you All!



Cigarette Butts

It is very noticeable that an ongoing litter problem in Brading is cigarette butts. Littered cigarette butts leach toxic chemicals, such as arsenic and lead, to name a few, into the environment and can contaminate water. They are difficult to clear up and are not biodegradable so please use the litter bins provided.



Our Autumn Litter Pick is
Saturday 30th October 2021
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If you walk down Vicarage Lane on the way to the football ground, or along the footpath, you will notice how the banks of the stream have been cleared.

We have been very fortunate in securing the assistance of the Community Payback scheme lads for this task.

I think you will agree they have done a fantastic job in clearing the area. Our heartfelt thanks go to them for all their hard work.



BRADING STATION



Brading Town Council are very disappointed that the Station Heritage Centre remains closed due to the ongoing works to the Islandline railway.

We have still not been provided with a date for completion of the Works, however SW Trains have confirmed the level crossings, that had been closed in order for train track improvement works to take place, are now open.

All level crossings at Brading have been reopened, although the level crossing situated at Brading Station might need to be closed again at some point to allow SW Trains to undertake some more work.

The Rosemary Lane / Pig Leg Lane, Ryde level crossing was opened in August.

BRADING POST OFFICE



Is now open

Thursdays 9.30-11.30am

If you would like to join our telephone contact list and be kept up-to-date, please contact the Brading Centre on **01983 407110** or email: emma@brading.gov.uk.

The Brading Youth & Community Centre Present...

The Old School Café
High Street, Brading



The Old School Café is now open on Thursdays 10am - 1pm until the end of August.

We are hoping to return to our original opening hours in September and open on Mondays and Fridays, however we need volunteers to help us run the cafe and open it for the hours planned.

The Cafe offers a welcoming friendly atmosphere and is run by volunteers from the community.

All refreshments are good value. For example: drinks £1, Cakes £1.50, Bacon Baps £2

It is hoped to see the return of community groups which met prior to Covid. The cafe is maintaining Covid Safety measures and cleaning practices.

If you are interested in helping at the Cafe please contact; Sue 01983 407723 or email: suziebiow@outlook.com

AUTUMN NATURE NOTES

So, since the spring, we've been seeing the beautiful flowers and bracts opening on plants and trees all around us but have you ever stopped to look at the amazing fruits that are now everywhere from dandelion clocks and thistle fairies to conkers and rose hips?



Autumn is the season of fruits, many fungi, berries, and seed pods.



Achenes get overlooked but are fascinating to look at. Some have hooks to catch onto fur and clothes to help them disperse, some have little parachutes and others burst from their pods like a cork from a Pop Gun!



Keep a look out for all the autumn fruits when you are out, it's great fun finding out about them.

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The Haven Churches

The new Haven Churches Benefice is born

As things open up and we can meet together again, the church is looking to see how we can be part of a better 'normal' than before, both for the town and for the world.

The Market still remains on a Wednesday and Saturday as a place for everyone to know that the food they are buying is part of the solution, not the problem, for trade justice and for the environment. We will be expanding our ordering and capacity so you can save by buying regularly and in bulk, and will be delivering to pick up points around the Benefice (and maybe across the Island). We will be keeping our Covid secure layout so be prepared for a wait at busy times and a chat in the queue, or sit with a cosy coffee and home made cake.... remember we are all volunteers and we value a chat as much as your custom.

The farm continues to expand. The goats are milked from 8 o'clock every morning. The beautiful kids are an absolute joy and if you want a cuddle just pop in on market days, or get up early, and we will be there to let you in.

Providing a spiritual harbour for ALL



A new regular club for junior volunteers will be starting in September, on a Sunday afternoon, so watch out for information about that. If you are interested in learning about small-scale farming then please do get in touch..... all are welcome and we need all the help you can offer. Garden veg scraps that haven't been into the kitchen are also gratefully received for the pigs and goats.

The other exciting project that we are really looking forward to being a part of is the possibility of a permanent display in the church of some of the incredibly detailed resources held by the Brading Community Archive Group. We hope to be ready for next season.... Watch this space and do please contact myself, Liz Manning or Chris Ball from Brading Community Archive Group on 407227 for details.

God Bless, Ali
07500 007437



Friends of St Mary's Church

Now the Covid-19 restrictions have been removed, life at St Mary's is starting to get back to normal.



Church services will continue to be held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and we are now able to sing the hymns again!

The market in the church hall is still open on Wednesdays and Saturdays. If you haven't been along yet please do come and visit, you will be made most welcome.

We have already had two weddings in the church since the change in Covid-19 regulations, so we must be getting back to normal.

Those of you who walk around the churchyard will have noticed scaffolding on the north side. In line with our architect's 5 yearly report, we are having to have some stonework replaced over the windows on the north side. Please take care when walking in this area.



Our annual battle with the grass in the church yard is in full swing again this year. We have a contractor who cuts the path ways and other areas in the church yard on a regular basis to keep the grass short but the other areas only get a once per year cut. Not only is this a case of economics – as this is all we can afford – but also a case of ecology: the flowers and birds flourish in the wild areas.

Please keep your eye on the new notice board to the right of the entrance steps for any events that may be coming up.

Nigel Walters Church Warden

quayers@aol.com



Brading Bell Ringers

Over the last year or so our recruitment and fund raising events have been on hold, however now that Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted we are now able to invite anyone who is interested in learning to bell ring or just to come and look at what we do, to come along to our practice nights which are held on Thursdays 7.30- 9pm.



The team of bell ringers are trying to raise funds to re-hang and augment the bells at St. Mary's. We are now in a position to make a full application to the Heritage Lottery Fund and also a faculty from the diocese so that we can begin the work. The work will be carried out by Taylors bell foundry in Loughborough which we hope will be within the next year.



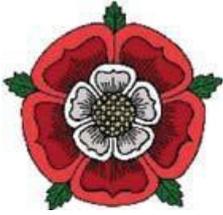
The Bell ringers are again, organising the community Christmas Tree festival this year with craft stalls and concerts.

Any group/organisation wanting to display a tree or have a craft stall please contact:

marghanita-allen@live.com .

The festival will run between Friday 3rd and Sunday 5th December 2021.

Margaret (Tower Captain)



Brading Community Archive Group



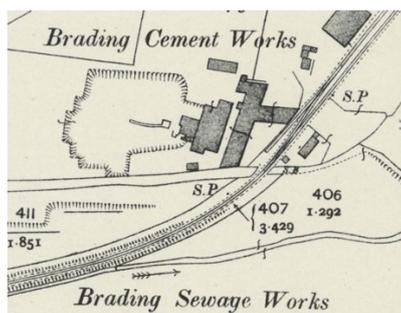
With all the work going on at the railway station it's a good time to look at the local railway history.

We were recently lent the photograph below (© Mr Wheeler) with no clue of its location, but research showed it to be at Brading, although not at the station.

It was taken from Quay Lane at Cement Mills Crossing, where the bottom of Quay Lane crossed the branch line to Bembridge. A popular spot today to begin walks across the marsh or along the old line to St Helens.



The signal cabin controlled the Quay Lane crossing as well as the cement mill siding track points which can be seen in front of the engine. The old quay is off to the right, and the cement works would be off the picture to the left. The train has come from St Helens and is heading to Brading Station on the Bembridge line which closed in 1953. The engine appears to be one of the original Isle of Wight Railway engines which last ran on the Island in 1933 so this photo is probably early 1930's.



The 1908 map (©National Library of Scotland) shows the cement works which were established in the 1860's, were sold in 1897 and restarted but closed by 1905. They reopened, but closed again at the end of 1914. The local works would have faced competition from Medina Cement Mills as well as imports through St Helens Quay. Some production began again in 1920 and the site was used as a concrete products plant which finally closed in the 1960s. On the map, the signal cabin is the small shaded square above the number 407.

Brading Community Archive Group

Nunwell House Open Garden Day for Charity



For two years, Nunwell House has been closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, on Sunday 20th June, Nunwell House opened its gardens for charity in aid of the National Gardens Scheme and the Isle of Wight St John Ambulance.

The cold weather in May delayed many blossoms which meant the plants put on an exceptionally good show for visitors. Whilst the clouds persisted during the week before, at the opening time of 1pm, the sun came out and stayed until the last visitor left at 5pm, allowing everybody to enjoy time outside and the beautiful views from the house.

A record number of 398 visitors came through the door and £2,551 was raised for the charities.

The owners, Steven and Rosie Bonsey, are very grateful to all the volunteers who helped make the day a success and the residents of Brading who came to support this charity day. It was lovely to see the garden being enjoyed after such a long year. They look forward to opening the garden again next year.



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**BREAST
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& care charity

Saturday 21 August 2021 saw a Cream Tea event of epic proportions take place in Brading Town Hall in aid of the Breast Cancer Now charity.

Homemade scones, courtesy of Becky Fox (Little Fox Baker), were served with clotted cream & jam, followed by a selection of homemade cakes including lemon drizzle, ginger and carrot cake.



Helan Smallbones organised the event to raise funds for the charity in memory of family members and to support a friend currently undergoing treatment. Helan said, "It was wonderful to bring so many family, friends and neighbours together for this very special afternoon. It couldn't have taken place without the help and support of my family and friends

(two of whom made the journey from the mainland specially to serve the tea)".

Local businesses (Brothers, Wendy Debenham, The Beauty Loft, Brading Roman Villa, Day Lewis Pharmacy, Glynn Morgan Newsagent, Jane's Candles, Premier Shop, IoW Beachcombers, Sandown Pier, Busy Bee, Wildheart Animal Sanctuary) came out in support with wonderful raffle prizes. Many individuals also contributed a variety of eye-catching prizes for the tombola and there was also a name the bear competition.



At the time of the Buzz going to print a total of £750.00 has been raised and donated to Breast Cancer Now.

Through the Buzz, Helan would like to thank everyone who donated to this worthwhile cause.

Thank you!



New group for pre-school
children with parents or carers

Toddlers

Hopes to open
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Brading Community Partnership

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND THE 'MY PLOT' SCHEME

In conjunction with connect4communities and the Isle of Wight Council, the Brading Community Partnership developed an exciting range of activities and outings for young people aged 8-16 over a period of four weeks in August.

Based at the Brading Youth & Community Centre and branded 'The Brading Bunch', the activities included sports, crafts, interaction with farm animals, music workshops, Zumba, cookery, learning about nature and growing food, exciting active days out on the Island, as well as learning skills such as skateboarding.



These activities followed on from the 'My Plot' project the partnership undertook in the spring, encouraging the young people of Brading to grow small edibles in small containers. The Partnership benefited from an enormous selection of generously donated starter plants from the wider community, along with lots of similarly donated pots and troughs. There was a two day collection event, and participants received advice, peat free compost for planting and hot drinks and biscuits to help oil the wheels on the day.

The take up was tremendous with a total of 52 young people taking part and was supported by a wonderful group of volunteers who pledged to provide help throughout the month.

The scheme has been recognised by the Isle of Wight Horticultural Association with a Diploma.

The Brading Community Partnership would like to say a huge thank you to all the people who have so kindly and generously donated plants, pots, troughs, crafting materials, guitars, synthesisers, games. Along with making refreshments, helping with advertising, giving their time and supporting their efforts over the course of the year in respect of all the young people based projects they have run and are in the process of running.



Ability Dogs 4 Young People IoW is an Island charity which trains assistance dogs to improve the lives of physically and mentally disabled young people and children on the Isle of Wight.

They continue to collect green plastic milk bottle tops— the ones with a triangle and the numbers 2 or 4 inside the top.



We have a collection bin at the Brading Centre so please bring them in - please don't throw them away!

ALLOTMENTS IN BRADING

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

We currently have a limited number of plots available at the Brading allotments.

If you are interested, please contact Brading Town Council on:

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If there are more applicants than plots then we can add your name to our waiting list if you so wish.



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Our come back year after Covid-19 saw a pleasing number of entries to Brading Residents Association's event, 'Brading in Bloom'.

Despite the adverse weather conditions a great effort was made to make gardens look spectacular. The judges were very impressed with all the gardens and would like to thank all the entrants and extend congratulations to the winners.



CAT 1

1ST
 Claire Eve
 41 Lower Furlongs
2nd
 Jackie Rose
 42 Station Rd
3rd
 Dave Barnard
 6 St Marys Rd

CAT 2

1st
 Angela Allen
 3 Downsview Close
Joint 2nd
 Val & Chris Mills
 The Moorings
 Cross Street
Joint 2nd
 Christine Cooper
 6 Nicholas Close
3rd
 Roy & Dorothy Prosser
 3 St Marys Rd

CAT4

1ST
 Brading Methodist Church
2nd
 Brading Primary
 Sally Cooney
 Iceland Class



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Treble Triumph Completes Season



Football for All at Brading

Brading Town Youth Under 14s added 2 further trophies to their League win to close the 2020/21 season.

After ensuring they ended their League campaign unbeaten, they then took on closest rivals Newport, in the U14 Cup Final. Played at East Cowes Vics stadium, they performed magnificently to win convincingly and clinch the 'double'.



Attention then moved to Appley for the IW Beach Soccer Championships where they successfully defended their sand crown.

Of their successes, Club Chairman Mark Powell said "It has been a remarkable season for the coaches, players and supporters. However, this doesn't happen by accident and it takes years of hard work and dedication to get to this stage. Massive congratulations on a great finish to the year".

Re-energise, Re-engage, Play Through

Following two Covid-19 affected seasons, the Club have embarked on a "Re-engage, Re-energise, Play through" project. Starting with an end-of-season celebration event held at Vicarage Lane and followed with a number of teams participating in Beach soccer, Mark said "With so many stop-starts over the last 18 months, we used the Summer to put on extra training opportunities and specialist sessions to give the players a springboard in to what will, hopefully, be a great, uninterrupted 2021-22 season."

Bring on the New Year!



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



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Brading Town FC

The Romans



Although it seems only a few weeks ago that Brading won the Hampshire Cup beating Shanklin 4-0, the new football season is already under way.

The team have made a good start but it is very much a new look side that will take a little time to settle in.

The 150th anniversary weekend was postponed until the end of the season, partly due to the early start of the new season and also the commitments of the visiting teams.

**150
Years**



In the end this turned out to be a very good decision as the heavy rain caused enormous damage to Vicarage Lane, preventing access for vehicles.

With a tremendous effort from the team of volunteers, the lane is now passable with care, although a long term solution is still required.



As usual we are very pleased to welcome visitors to our matches, full details of fixtures and results can be found on our website:

www.bradingtownfc.club

Cold Calling

The Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008

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We do not deal with uninvited traders

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Failure to do so is a criminal offence



Stick this outside your front door

Recently there have been several people knocking door to door in an attempt to sell goods or raise funds for charity.

If you do not want to be bothered by unwanted callers, notices to stick in your window or door are available from the Brading Centre.

Be wary of cold callers offering services following a flood at your property.

If in doubt phone: Trading Standards (01983) 823000

Defibrillators



We have two defibrillators in the Town. One is situated outside the Brading Centre and the other can be found on the side wall at The Bugle Inn.

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Flood Warning

Flooding is expected and immediate action is required



Severe Flood Warning

Severe flooding and danger to life

WHO TO CALL IN THE EVENT OF A FLOOD



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



For general issues around flooding, contact the Isle of Wight Council on **(01983) 823600** (this also doubles up as the COVID-19 support line).



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.



To report flooding on the highway or drainage issues, contact **Island Roads on (01983) 822440**.



Notify Southern Water if flooding affects your mains sewage/public **drains by calling 0330 303 0368**.

www.southernwater.co.uk



Notify the National Grid to report a gas leak as the result of **flooding on 0800 111 999**.



Notify SSE of electrical issues such as **power cuts by calling 105**.



For non-emergency calls pertaining to vulnerable older people, call adult services on (01983) 823340 (office hours) or (01983) 821105 (out of hours).



THINK ABOUT FLOODING BEFORE IT HAPPENS



The council or the Environment Agency can tell you about the dangers of flooding where you live.

If available for your neighbourhood, sign up for free flood warning messages from the Environment Agency's Floodline: 0345 988 1188.

Make a personal 'flood plan' for what you will do in a flood. Advice is available from:

www.gov.uk/prepare-for-a-flood/make-a-flood-plan



Buy flood insurance to protect your home and your belongings.

Prepare your home in case there is a flood. This includes flood proofing, flood boards and airbrick covers. Advice is available from: <http://ow.ly/GRsij>



Dealing with damaged belongings following a flood



Speak to your insurance company about losses and clean up including the removal of damaged property.

Bagged flood damaged property can be taken to the tip.

Larger furniture items may need specialist removal. If this is not covered by your insurance, please contact waste.contract@iow.gov.uk for advice on waste removal.



Public Health England

PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

In the event of a flood, try to avoid contact with the flood water.

Do not drive through flood water and do not let children play in it.

Take care if you must go through flood water as there could be hidden dangers like sharp objects, raised manhole covers and pollution.



When cleaning up after a flood, wear rubber gloves, boots and eye protection, and wash your hands afterwards.



If your home is flooded, do not use petrol or diesel generators indoors to dry out your home. The exhaust gases contain carbon monoxide, which can kill.



THANK YOU!

CHRISTOPHER, LILY-MAE, SAM, CAITLIN, CHARLIE, MIA & THE MAYOR who gave up 5 hours of their time on a Saturday morning, to move a tonne of sand to fill sandbags and replenish our stocks.

Thank you to residents who provided photographs of which some are included.

Brading Methodist Church

Rev John Izzard (Minister) 821850
Jane Morris (Local Lay Pastor) 407201



Do join us for worship celebrations, find a listening ear,
find friends, for quiet reflection & prayer & to ask questions.
Our small friendly Church family welcomes everyone!



Family, Children's & Youth Activities

Rock Solid Club

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

Teens Club

For youngsters in year 9+ Alternate Sundays, 6.30-8pm Starting 5 September

Messy Church

Third Friday each month after school till 4.30pm, for families

BradingMethodistChurch@outlook.com

Worship

Sunday Celebrations

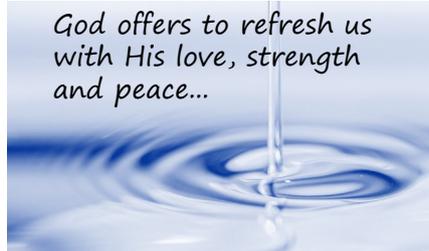
10.30am weekly except
4pm 2nd Sunday in month

Children & Youngsters activities

First & Third Sunday



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Meetings at The Brading Centre, West Street, Brading
PO36 0DG, from 9.30am to 11.30am.

Meetings start from Thursday 26 August



Brading Town Trust

NEWS: BRADING TOWN HALL IS NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Following the closure of the New Town Hall due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we have made the hall 'Covid Compliant' and opened it up again to individual groups.

After having to spend so much time indoors, why not join in some of the activities such as Tea Dances and Zumba Classes. There is also a Children's Dance Class for 4-17 year olds where you can learn Irish, Ballet, Freestyle and Cheerleading.

Or are you thinking of setting up your own group? For more details on hiring the hall go to our website www.bradingtowntrust.org and click on the Hall Booking link for details. There you will see the Application form and conditions of hire.

Aims of Brading Town Trust

The charitable aims of the Brading Town Trust are to maintain the upkeep of the Trust's buildings and land for the use of local people in perpetuity, *by providing facilities for local people and organisations to function.*

The Covid-19 pandemic and the closure of the New Town Hall gave the Trustees the opportunity to review the basic concept and also its long-term finances. This is especially relevant as some major (and expensive) work is required on the New Town Hall.

Times have changed since the original Victorian conception and start of the Trust in 1898. I think we can all agree Brading Town has also changed significantly since then, when it had a brewery, all the necessary shops and pubs, and was very much self-sufficient.

The needs of Brading residents were also different in days gone by – but we need to ensure the Trust fulfils the needs of today's residents.

What activities would you like to take place in the Town Hall?

Many ideas have been put forward by the Trustees but we would like to ask the residents for what activities they would like to see taking place in the Town Hall.

You can do this by either going to the Brading Town Trust website www.bradingtowntrust.org and completing the Contact Form or by writing to me at Faraway, The Mall, Brading, PO36 0BT.

Liz Manning

Chair of the Brading Town Trust



Dance Away the Blues—a Personal Experience



I'll start with an apology! Namely, for my use of the word 'Blues' when I actually mean 'Depression' – the latter still a taboo word – crazy really when so many of us suffer or have suffered from it.

Depression comes in so many different forms – the way it affects one person may be totally different from the way it affects another. That's because we are all individuals and illness targets all of us differently.

One of the trickiest things about depression is acceptance of the fact we have it. This isn't of course that easy to do. Nobody wants to think of themselves as flawed. But an acceptance does mean that you can live with it. And you can actually make it work for you as opposed to constantly fighting it.

Good to know depression has an upside! It can spur you on and make you appreciate 'the good times'. If you are of a creative disposition it is almost part of who you are. This may be a bit of a sweeping statement and I am not one for statistics – there are undoubtedly those who are the exception to the rule and who are creative but merry! But all too often high levels of creativity and feelings of great positivity are accompanied or followed by extreme lows.

In my own case depression has been a constant companion for as long as I can remember. I rarely feel free of it and inactivity makes me most vulnerable. Most of the time I can tell depression to 'take a running jump' but at other times it can sink in its talons and that's why dance is so crucial to me. More of that in a minute.

Depression can also make me totally over-react - I believe this is called 'catastrophizing'. Quick example. The other day a friend 'let me down'. Now, in the overall scheme of things this was no biggie. But to me it was huge. I felt gutted. And my brain immediately went into overdrive. 'OK. So you have no friends. That's life. Get over it.'

It was a particularly perplexing state to be in given that I had to write a lecture on Friendship! What could I write? That friends weren't worth the paper their names were written on? That every man is an island? I compromised in the end by stressing the importance of having a best friend – in yourself i.e. to be your own best friend.

I do think there is a large kernel of truth in this – it's better not to rely too much on others – but I managed to convey this without sounding too down on the human race! And there certainly wasn't any suggestion that you should immediately write off all your friends!

So, the connection with dance, starting with some questions.

Is depression 'visible'? I think it is fair to say, if you were to meet me you would never put me into the 'depressed persons' category. I smile a lot more than most and I generally exude 'positive vibes'. I laugh a lot and I wear extremely bright clothes – anyone who has ever been to one of my Zumba classes will vouch for that! So, no – it is not visible.

Is it something you would wish on others? No. It can take you to dark places and actually physically hurt. It can feel like something digging away at your insides – opening up a deep chasm. And it can drain you of energy and any desire to carry on.

Is it a taboo subject? Yes, it's not something you shout about from the roof tops! It's still seen as a weakness; worse, as an indulgence. As opposed to something that you can actually 'embrace' and use to drive you to creative heights you could only otherwise dream of.

Is it 'treatable'? Obviously depending on the severity of the condition, medicine is often essential. I personally don't take this course as drugs blunt my creativity and my particular medicine is dance - I do find it possible to 'dance away my blues'. Mindfulness is the new buzz word and I employ this 'living in the moment' by 'going into the zone' via my dancing.

Music is a massive tonic. It has an immediate effect and gives an instant high. Music has always been a huge part of my life; and in latter years, I have been lucky enough to combine this passion with that of dance which I now share with others, via Zumba classes.



To conclude. Depression accompanies me daily – both as friend and foe. On the negative side, it makes it hard to relax as it is during inactivity that I go into 'relapse' and my 'companion' takes over. But on the positive side, it aids my creative side by pushing me to achieve more and so, in a strange way, I wouldn't be without it. I hope this is helpful to anyone who suffers from depression. As the nights draw in, I have to brace myself for the 'dark' ahead. But music and dance are always there to lift your spirits.

If you feel in need of such a tonic, join me for Zumba or drop me a line – sue@plays-r-ussell.com

Take care and keep smiling! Sue



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Rob and Sue Hudson joined the Brading Community Choir about three years ago.

After retiring to their new home in Brading they decided they wanted to meet new people, make new friends and become more involved in the local community.

Music has always been something they have both enjoyed participating in, in a variety of ways. Both have sung in choirs from a young age so joining the local choir seemed like a good option. Having seen the choir advertised, they went along to St Marys' Church Hall in Brading one Tuesday evening to find out more about it and in no time at all, became regular choir members.



What impressed them most was the ethos of the choir. There are no auditions and everyone is made to feel welcome and valued, whether they are experienced musicians or absolute beginners. There is a friendly feeling with the only requirement being a love of singing. They also like the fact that the choir is rooted in the local community, supporting local clubs and societies by singing at local fund raising events.

Both Rob and Sue really appreciate the skills of the Musical Director, Mark Cox. They find Mark's love of making music and his enthusiasm infectious. Because of Mark's expertise the choir is able to sing a wide variety of music and Mark strikes just the right balance between ensuring the choir is proficient technically and musically, whilst keeping the fun and joy of singing.



Whilst the choir is open to all ages (under 16 years of age need to be accompanied), Rob points out that it would be great to have a few more male choir members to swell their numbers and urges anyone who enjoys singing to come along and give it a try.

Brading Community Choir is looking to re-start at the beginning of September. After such a long break, it will be like starting all over again and they welcome old and new members to go along and have fun singing. Being able to read music is not essential, just go along, you will be made most welcome.

They meet at St Mary's Church Hall **7.15 - 8.45pm** on **Tuesdays**.

A notice of their first meeting will be put in the Brading Centre and on [facebook](#).

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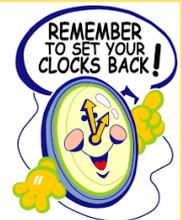
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