

BRADING BUZZ

SPRING 2022

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MAYOR OF BRADING
RICHARD HUDSPITH

Prior to Christmas we set about producing our precept budget for the financial year beginning in April 2022. We are extremely mindful of the hardships that many people will face in the coming months and years, with big increases in energy costs, food & fuel costs, increasing interest and mortgage rates together with rapidly rising inflation. Add into the mix an inevitable increase in Council tax and other associated costs, police & fire service precepts and an eye-watering increase in the green waste collection (+32%). It is not a pretty picture; in this day and age nobody should have to choose between heating and eating.

I am delighted to announce that we have been able to hold the precept again at its current level. This is the sixth year running that the council has managed to achieve this and I am especially grateful to Linda, our Town Clerk and Councillor Christine Johnson for the hard work and effort they put into the production of this budget. The budget was approved at the February Town Council meeting. We are looking carefully at every opportunity to reduce costs and to ensure that the money we spend benefits the majority of people. There are further significant savings that we can achieve but this will require the goodwill of other agencies in the Town. We will keep you updated as matters progress.

The Council is now up to full strength as we warmly welcome Councillor Cathy Mills, who a lot of you will know as a previous Clerk of this Parish, very much a case of poacher turned gamekeeper but she has quickly become a valued member of the Council. Councillor Johnson is currently experiencing a period of ill health but we wish her a speedy recovery and hope to have her back very soon.

Finally, I wish to congratulate Sue and Emma at the Brading Centre who in addition to doing an excellent job, have both passed the first part of their formal qualifications on the way to becoming qualified local council Clerks. Very well-done ladies! We have a great team in the Brading centre.

Best wishes,
Richard



BRADING PRECEPT 2022-23



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.

Brading Town Council will not be increasing the Precept for the sixth year in a row.

We are all aware of the difficulties experienced during the past two years and anything we can do to ease the financial burden on Ratepayers in Brading has been a priority for Councillors.

Linda Allen Town Clerk

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 Summer Buzz is 3rd May 2022

Produced by Brading Town Council. Delivered to households & businesses throughout Brading by volunteers.



BRADING TOWN COUNCIL 2022
DIARY OF FULL TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday 3 March 2022
Thursday 7 April 2022
Thursday 5 May 2022
Thursday 2 June 2022
Thursday 7 July 2022

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.



BRADING POST OFFICE

Post Office Opening Times
Thursday 9.30am -11.30am

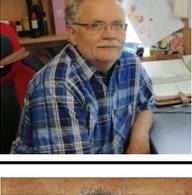
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 email: emma@brading.gov.uk.

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Methodist Church , New Rd Minister John Izzard 821850	BRADING TOWN COUNCIL Linda Allen, Town Clerk 401770 Email townclerk@brading.gov.uk
SCHOOL Brading Primary 407217 Headteacher: Mrs B Gilbert	BRADING RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION Sue Birch 407723

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WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE

A key ongoing concern in Brading at the moment is, of course, Flooding. We had a well attended public meeting with Southern Water and the Environment Agency in the Town Hall on 3rd February 2022. Unfortunately, Island Roads, who are a key agency in respect of the issues in the Town, were unable to attend. I think the meeting was productive. Residents were able to communicate their concerns and their dissatisfaction with the fact that problems are still ongoing after many years. A further meeting took place in Bembridge a few days later, which Island Roads did attend. I also attended that meeting and it helped to develop a few ideas about how we might address the problems we have.



It is obvious that we have an old system and old rules that are not fit to cope with the effects of a changing climate.

The Isle of Wight Council has a responsibility as the 'Lead Flood Agency' but little actual power to use as part of this role. However, what we need to do is to bring together the various parties who do have power to act and try and get them to work together. I would also like to see a more proactive approach by these parties, recognising the fact that we have a situation caused by problems with excessive 'surface water' entering the sewage system, which it is neither designed to deal with, nor which current rules and practices recognise. It is all very well for Southern Water to tell people this is the problem and to suggest greater use of water butts and other such measures, but I would like to see steps taken to deal with the current problems bearing in mind the fact that infrastructure based solutions are going to take time to bring into effect.

One issue that was clearly identified in the Brading meeting was the difficulty of knowing who to contact about particular problems. With the sometimes unclear division of responsibilities between different agencies and the fact that their assistance is often being sought in emergency situations, it would be good to have a central point of contact through which the right agency could then be brought into play.

On a separate note, I am also conscious of concerns about the lack of enforcement activity and policing of issues affecting our local public realm. Having raised these concerns at County Hall, the new Council budget is putting aside money so that areas like Brading, who do not have the resources of towns like Ryde and Newport, can still access services such as Environment Officers. It must be said that on the Island our problems are not that severe in the grand scheme of things, however it is the case that, because of the quality of our environment, problems are more noticeable when they do occur. We must make sure we protect what we have got and ensure we keep standards of protective activity at a level that recognises the unique quality of our environment.

Regards
Councillor Jonathan Bacon

Jonathan.Bacon@iow.gov.uk

M:07973 872150

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

SURGERY DATES

From 10am onwards at the
Brading Centre

Tuesday March 22nd
Tuesday April 19th
Tuesday May 17th
Tuesday June 14th
Tuesday July 12th
Tuesday August 9th



You can now find us on our new
[facebook](#) page where you will also find a
QR code that will take you to our website.



Donna Jones, Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire & Isle of Wight, has been successful in securing the government's support to change the name of Hampshire Constabulary to include the whole police force area by adding 'Isle of Wight' to the formal legal name.

The campaign, which she started early in 2021, has taken a step forward following a letter from the Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Probation, Rt Hon Kit Malthouse MP. The Minister has confirmed he has instructed officials to take steps to bring forward legislation to change the name of the Hampshire police area to include the Isle of Wight.

Ms Jones has received strong support from residents to include the words 'Isle of Wight' in the name of Hampshire Constabulary. People on the Isle of Wight indicated to her throughout 2020/2021 that they feel disconnected from the mainland. The Isle of Wight is a unique community with a strong sense of identity. This is also complemented by Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service who changed their name following the merger with the Isle of Wight Fire Service in 2021 to Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service.

The exact timeframe for implementing the regulations will be subject to availability of Parliamentary time, though the name change is unlikely to be implemented before Summer 2022 (subject to Parliamentary approval).

In order to save costs there will be no rebranding exercise and the name will be phased in over time.

BRADING BEAT SURGERY 2022 WILL BE HELD AT THE BRADING CENTRE, WEST STREET AS FOLLOWS:

ALL ON WEDNESDAYS AT 10 –11 AM



16th March 2022

13th April 2022

11th May 2022

8th June 2022



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



The Official Highway Code

As of 29th January 2022, the Highway Code has changed.

These advisory changes have been implemented to improve safety for people walking, cycling and horse riding.

Every road user still has a responsibility to keep themselves and each other safe, and the changes mean being ready to give priority, leave space and be considerate of others.

In summary, irrespective of your method of transport, a new hierarchy of road users has been introduced to ensure those who can do the greatest harm have the greatest responsibility to reduce the danger or threat they may pose to others.

This means:

- You now should give people crossing and waiting to cross and cyclists going straight ahead priority when turning in and out of junctions.



- You now should leave at least 1.5 metres when overtaking people cycling at speeds of up to 30mph, and give them more space when overtaking at higher speeds.

- When driving, you should now pass horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles at speeds under 10 mph and allow at least 2 metres of space.



- You should now allow at least 2 metres of space and keep to a low speed when passing a pedestrian who is walking in the road.

- Car users should now open their doors with the hand furthest from the door, to help them look over their shoulder to see cyclists or pedestrians nearby.

- People may cycle in the centre of the lane or two abreast for their own safety, whilst allowing others to overtake when it is safe for them to do so.



The changes can be viewed by visiting:

www.gov.uk/dft/highway-code-change

ANNUAL SHOW 2022

Brading Horticultural Society
is pleased to announce the
return of its Annual Show which, this year,
is taking place on
Wednesday 14th September 2022.
Schedules will be available in the Spring.

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 Brading Town Council on:

01983 401770 or email sue@brading.gov.uk

BRADING HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

PLANT SALE

SATURDAY 21ST MAY 2022

from 10:00 am

at Brading Town Hall



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Brading Town Trust

After many years, Brading Town Trust will be opening up the newly refurbished Old Town Hall on the High Street to visitors.

In conjunction with this, and in collaboration with St Mary's Church, we will also be helping launch their book 'A Stroll Through Brading's Tranquil Churchyard' which tells the stories of people buried in the Churchyard.



Isle of Wight MP Bob Seeley will open the Old Town Hall and launch the book in St Mary's Church on **Saturday 9th April at 2pm.**

Bob Seeley's Great-Great-Great Grandfather provided the money to buy the books for the Brading Free Library which was housed in the Old Town Hall. Some of the original library books are on display there.

Organised conducted tours and refreshments will be available. There will also be a sale of crafts with proceeds going towards the Old Town Hall. We hope you can join us in this celebration in St Mary's Church 2pm to 4pm.



Renovation Works Update



The Town Trust are embarking on a major refurbishment of the New Town Hall in the Bullring which is due to begin in April. The Trust are funding the replacement of the entire roof - which is well overdue as it has been in place for 120 years!

During the construction period there will be no parking available outside the Town Hall in West Street as the area will be required for materials delivery and storage, and contractors vehicles. This may cause some difficulties for local residents, school staff and parents dropping off children to school but it is for a short period of time whilst the works are ongoing and the Town Trust are relying on everyone's co-operation.



PUBLIC MEETING—FLOODING

Brading Town Council held a Public Meeting on 3rd February 2022 to discuss flooding issues within the Parish. Representatives from Southern Water, the Environment Agency and Island Roads were invited to attend and answer previously submitted queries, and questions from the floor, from local residents.

We were pleased to welcome Laura Moran from Southern Water, and Vicky Spencer and Ben Lush from the Environment Agency. Regrettably no representative from Island Roads was in attendance despite residents queries having been forwarded to them beforehand.

Although there were no assurances regarding the ongoing problems with surface water in the Parish, residents were reassured that help with their own particular circumstances would be considered if requested.



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At the Station Master's House
Brading

I'd never have imagined it – I'd end up here – in a house by an old station, checking the time by the arrival of trains, and discovering that my father's father (whom we never knew) was a porter with the Island Railway – bizarrely true,

according to this certificate. It's true, I wish I'd known, before my father's end, that one day I'd live on the island with three dogs at a heritage station where, maybe, his absent father assisted passengers boarding trains



and swept the carriages of the trains. Someone had to do the job, it's true, but who'd have thought – the grandfather I never knew. I wonder what happened at the end -- was he still a porter at the station -- longing for a word or contact with

Edith, the woman he had his son with? Who knows whether he dreamt of trains, or dined in this house next to the station -- (though difficult to believe that part to be true). Maybe he was lonely as a shack at the end, not knowing what it was like to be a father.

I wonder whether he was a poet, my grandfather, and the two of us share this affair with words – now that would be some end to the story – poems inspired by trains – not that brilliant, I confess, it's true – I have my limits – I know my station.



Not everyone gets to live on a station in the ghost-steps of their father's father -- what does it matter if it's not true? I can imagine he's at the platform with me, watching the coming and going of trains, catching the last to his journey's end.

Grandfather, these are the sounds I live with: echoes of stations, echoes of trains. Is it true they can still be heard after we end?

Maggie Sawkins

BRADING STATION

Brading Town Council is pleased to announce that the Station will be re-opening in 2022. After two years of closure due to Covid restrictions and the subsequent engineering works by Network Rail to form a loop at Brading, we hope to have a grand opening in May.



The Signal Box refurbishment has been completed and we are proud to say that we have won an award from the IW Conservation Society for the work undertaken. We hope to have a celebrity to perform a special Opening Ceremony in May.



Child Safety on the Railway

After reports to the Town Council of children playing on the railway, Brading Primary School were given a rail safety presentation by Islandline. It was very thought provoking and made them all realise the dangers of what could happen.



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EASTER

Good Friday - 15th April

Easter Sunday - 17th April



Brading Methodist Church

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

Worship

Sunday Celebrations
10.30am weekly except
4pm 2nd Sunday in month

Children & Youngsters activities
First & Third Sunday

You are warmly invited to join us at worship or for activities



Mothering Sunday Celebration
27 March, 10.30am

For all the family



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 4.30pm, for families

Community Cafe

Tuesdays 9am—12noon
Cuppa, Chatter & Crafts

Lunches at 12 noon first Tuesday each month

Bacon or sausage butties third Tuesday each month



All welcome

Enjoy Hot Cross Buns & a cuppa 10am—12 noon
Good Friday 15 April



Easter Celebration

10.30am Sunday 17 April



Everyone Welcome

BradingMethodistChurch@outlook.com

Beechgrove Park

Family Easter Egg Hunt



Monday 18 April, 4pm

£1 per family

& afterwards at Brading Methodist Hall for Easter film and tea

Services for Easter at St Mary's Brading and St John's Yaverland

Sunday 3rd April	St Mary's	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Mothering Sunday
Thursday 14 th April	St John's	5pm	Maundy Service	Maundy Thursday
Good Friday 15 th April	St Mary's	2pm	Meditation	Good Friday
	St John's	2pm	Last hour	
Sunday 17 th April	St Helen's old church (Duver)	6am	Dawn Service	Easter Day
	St Mary's	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	
	St John's	11 am	Sung Eucharist	

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 9TH APRIL 2022

Volunteers meet at the Brading Centre at 10am where equipment will be provided.

Refreshments will also be available .

Everyone welcome -
the more the merrier!





BRADING MEN'S SHED or Fettleing for Old Geezers.

What do men do in their sheds? You may think that it's one of those questions that ought not to be asked! As far as we are concerned the shed, more about that word later, is a place of refuge for tinkering, pottering and fettleing. If you need to ask what fettleing is then you won't really know until you have fettleed! Fettleing means fixing stuff and putting things right (in fine fettle). It may be an outdated concept in a throwaway society but it is on the way back.

So what is being fettleed in a men's shed? Is it the occupants of the shed, the shed itself or something else? Actually it is all of those and more. Brading Men's Shed is a part of a growing worldwide movement which started in Australia and is now found in the UK, Ireland, USA, Canada, Finland, New Zealand and Greece. It is a social, as well as a practical movement, providing an environment for men, mainly of retirement age to get together and get involved in practical activities to counteract the negative effects of isolation and loneliness, particularly (but not only) after retirement or redundancy. It is entirely possible to live in a town like Brading, with neighbours on both sides, and still be lonely. The Motto of the men's shed is "Shoulder to Shoulder."

Part of the purpose of the Men's Shed is to prevent old geezers from going doolally. I know what you are thinking! It may be a bit late for some! Whilst that is probably true, the worse symptoms can be alleviated by the application of good company, laughter, tea & coffee, laughter, biscuits, laughter and some additional purpose to life. That is not to say that the shed is there to take over your life, it is an additional diversion.

The Brading Men's Shed is based in a shed which we are currently renting and fitting out for its new purpose as a workshop. We now have a space to work on community projects or our own individual or joint projects. We also have access to tools we otherwise may not have. There is also a possibility of setting up our own repair shop (or fettleing works). We are also conscious that in helping the community we would not be intending to take business from local tradespeople that would otherwise have come their way.



So, please, if you are a man over 50, if you are feeling at something of a loose end or just have time on your hands, come along any Thursday between 10am and noon to the shed in Beechgrove Recreation Ground behind the former doctors' surgery. If you are willing to get stuck in, please wear suitable clothing for activities such as woodwork or painting.



If you are not an Old Geezer, look around the house. What have you done with Granddad? Is he in the cupboard under the stairs or hanging on a hook in the hall? (Worse still is he stuck in front of the telly?) Dust him off and send him to the shed. If he is in his shed, all well and good. We have no intention of separating a man from his shed or cutting down his shed time, this is all extra. The more shed time the merrier! Most shed members have their own shed or workshop at home.

A men's shed is not the same thing as a garden shed. A garden shed may be used for storing things, mowers, rakes etc. some broken chairs and the national collection of big hairy spiders. A "Men's Shed" (note the plural) is not a place where things are stored but hopefully a happy place where things happen, including fettleing. Incidentally we make no apology for the three letter word 'man'. Think of us as a sort of "Men's Institute" or "Townsmen's Guild". This is a little bit of the world set aside for us.



<http://www.bradingshed.uk>

PATIENT TRANSPORT SERVICES



The NHS Patient Transport Service provides transport 7 days a week for service users in cases of medical need for outpatient appointments, admissions, discharge and transfer.

If the Patient Transport Service is required, bookings are made by either the GP Practice or hospital staff.



Other transport options exist for non-entitled service users. These include:



Wessex Cancer Trust who run two minibus service links for clients visiting Southampton General Hospital and Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth. The Daisy Bus is free of charge with no booking needed, just turn up with your appointment card.



Optio Voluntary Car Service is a membership scheme for the elderly and frail which operates with volunteer drivers using their own vehicles to take passengers to pre-booked destinations.

This service is run by Community Action IW and its main office is based at Riverside in Newport.

Annual memberships are available at a small cost and are valid from September until the following September.



Age UK Good Neighbour Scheme is built of volunteers working within every community on the Isle of Wight. These volunteers provide low-level support, helping with tasks such as outings or shopping and transport to medical appointments. For outings and transport requests, a small mileage fee will be payable to cover expenses.



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Brading Community Archive Group

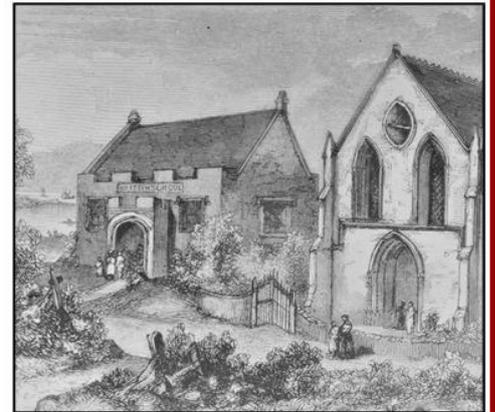
A Brief History of Schools in Brading

Between 1797 and 1805, the Revd Legh Richmond taught some children in the Old Town Hall. In 1809, John Lister opened an Academy at Beech Grove, mainly for boarders where Latin, Greek and French were taught. Towards the end of the 19th century, Miss Trattle's Ladies School was run at Stoneham (The Mall) and in 1880 a small Dame School was run at Brading House (Bull Ring).



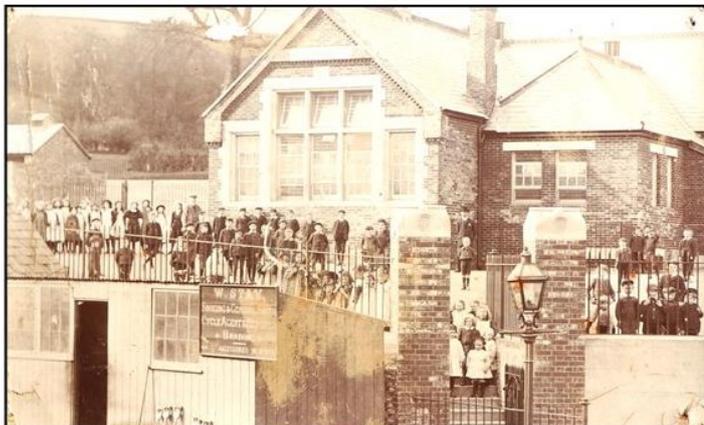
Beechgrove Stoneham Brading House

In 1823, £300 was left by John Long of Brading to erect a building 'for the education of the poor of this Parish in the principles of the Established Church'. It was built opposite the church, named the **National School** and extended in 1843 to cater for 170 children. (It was sometimes referred to as the Church school or 'Top' school). Miss Dorothy Hawkins and teacher Bessie Griffin were two long serving members of staff.



The **British School for Dissenters**, later known as **Brading Mall School**, was built next to the non-Conformist Chapel on the Mall in 1846 and was enlarged in 1877. Mr Samuel Bulley was head from 1854-1900. Pupils attended from far and wide with as many as 200 at one time. It seems that Inspectors condemned the building as a school in 1911. The Mall School then became known as the Elementary School and was used as a Cookery School attended by girls from St Helens, Shanklin, Bembridge and Brading. In 1928 the side wall collapsed.

Brading Council School in West Street was built in 1910 for 220 children and officially opened on 9th January 1911 with Mr Rose as head teacher and 110 pupils on role.



In 1949, the National school (now renamed **Brading Voluntary Controlled CE School**) and the Council School (now **Brading County School**) were amalgamated with children up to 7 being taught in the West Street premises and pupils older than 7 in the 'top' school in the High Street. The new secondary school opened in Sandown in 1953 and in 1957 the old Church School premises in the High Street were closed and the whole school operated from the extended West Street site, where it is still currently located.

Funding raised by
The National Lottery
and awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund





BRADING RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



Presents

HAPPY HEARTS



In February, Brading Residents Association encouraged residents to display a Happy Heart as a sign of appreciation for the help and support received from others.



GET READY FOR

BRADING IN BLOOM

HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO SHOW OFF THOSE GREEN FINGERS



ALL ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART
CATEGORIES TO SUIT EVERYONE

- 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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Have you volunteered with us in the past?
Are you interested in becoming a volunteer?



Visit our 'pop-in group' every last Thursday of the month to talk volunteering with Moundbatten. Whether it is information about your current role or finding out about new opportunities, you are very welcome.

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

Friends of St Mary's Church

Firstly, thanks to all who supported the services and events that were held in and around St Mary's church over the Christmas time. I know it seems a long time ago now. It was good to hold the Christmas tree festival and craft sale after a break due to the pandemic. If you belong to an organisation and would like to take part in next year's event please contact us at the church. It was a well attended weekend.

There was also an evening concert with the Brading Community Choir and the Wight Ukers.

The annual Light up a Life service in aid of the Mountbatten hospice made a welcome return.

The joint Nativity walk through Brading with the Methodist church was a success, ending up at the Youth Club for mulled wine.

The bell ringers are embarking on a mission to raise funds for the re-hanging and re-positioning of the bells in the bell tower, and will also include repair to the clock.

It is envisaged that after the work is completed the bell tower will become a training centre for all budding bell ringers.

If there is anyone who would like to have a go at bell ringing please contact us at the church.

Nigel Walters Church warden



BRADING BELLRINGERS

The Bellringers and PCC would like to thank everyone who supported the Christmas Tree Festival in any way.

There were a good number of trees and a good concert from the Wight Ukers and Brading Community Choir. This was followed on Saturday with a craft fair held in the Church which was also well supported.

Towards the end of November we were able to submit our application for a grant to the Heritage Lottery Fund and also apply to the DAC for a faculty to start the restoration of the church Clock and the restoration and augmentation to the Church bells. We still have some more fund raising to do before we can start the work but hopefully it will be this year. Among the events to raise funds we will be holding a Beetle Drive, a virtual Cream Tea, some quiz evenings and a Teddy Bear Parachute Jump from the church tower. Please look out for posters and on the Brading Bellringers Facebook page for dates and times.



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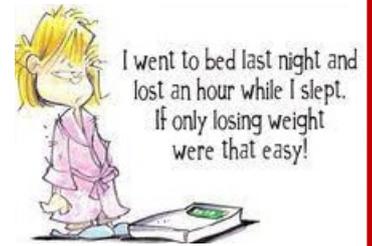
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Look carefully at the jumbled words and try to unscramble as many as you can. Good luck!

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The answers can be found on page 18





Football for All at Brading

New Grants Boost Football for All



Brading Town Youth are celebrating two grants that will make a difference in both the short and longer terms.



Brading's Invicta inclusive football section (pictured) play in the Eastleigh Para-League once-a-month tournaments. They have received assistance with this season's travelling expenses through Disability Rights UK in conjunction with Sport England. Of the support, Club Chairman Mark Powell said "We are so grateful to DRUK. The cost of ferry fares, even day trips, is high and a barrier to some of our players participating. This is especially difficult in Covid-19 times, where we are not encouraging car sharing. This grant gives the opportunity for everyone to play and support the teams, without financial pressure".

Mark also announced that the Football Foundation has pledged help across the next 6 years to improve the pitch at Rowborough. He explained "We have been working with the Grounds Management Association on a plan to allow us to use the pitch more often in winter and specifically improve the drainage. Through new digital assessment tools the pitch has been evaluated and the results sent to the Football Foundation, who will now support us in making the improvements. This is the start of our longer term plan to offer sporting opportunity to every young person who wants it".



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Brading Town FC *The Romans*

Since the end of November, very little football has been played at Brading due to Christmas holidays, the wet weather and fixture scheduling.

However, off the pitch it has been a very busy period with extensive drainage work taking place together with all the 100 regular jobs that need to be carried out this time of year.

Unfortunately, we have seen unwelcome visitors recently, who have been using the pitch and damaging the goal mouths.

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

Why does Easter Sunday change date every year?



It's down to the lunar calendar and the position of the moon.

Easter in fact falls on the first Sunday after the full moon that takes place on or after March 21st, which is said to signal the start of spring.

SPRING FAYRE

Brading Youth and Community Centre
(Opp main car park)



SATURDAY 19TH MARCH 2022

11AM – 3PM

Mega Adult Raffle

Children's Raffle

Craft Stalls

Mothering Sunday Card Making

Tombola

Sweet Stall

Quality Jumble

Side Shows and more...

Café open

Hot Drinks, Bacon Rolls

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Action Fraud

National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre

 actionfraud.police.uk 

Action Fraud has received over 700 reports from members of the public about fake emails purporting to be from the NHS.

The emails claim to be able to provide people with a “digital passport” that “proves you have been vaccinated against COVID-19”. These emails are fake, and the links within them lead to genuine-looking websites that steal your personal and financial information.

The NHS will never ask you for your bank account or card details.

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Your vaccination status can be obtained for free through the official NHS app, NHS website, or by calling the NHS on 119.

If you are suspicious about an email you have received, you can report it by forwarding the email to: report@phishing.gov.uk.

Suspicious text messages can also be reported by forwarding them to the number: **7726** (it's free of charge).

If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting

www.actionfraud.police.uk.

MOTHERS DAY 27 MARCH 2022

Mother's Day is a celebration honoring mothers and mother churches.

Most historians believe that Mothering Sunday evolved from a medieval practice of visiting one's mother church annually on Laetare Sunday-the 4th Sunday in Lent.



Plans to Return the Beaver to the Isle of Wight

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust have announced plans to return the beaver to the Isle of Wight.

A beaver reintroduction feasibility report was commissioned in 2020, with the Eastern Yar catchment found to be suitable.



Nick Upton, Cornwall Wildlife Trust

The Eastern Yar is considered to be an excellent location for beaver reintroduction, not just due to the quality of the habitat, but also since a large proportion of the river flows through land already owned by the Trust and its partners which is managed for conservation.

Designated sites along the Eastern Yar including Alverstone Marshes and Brading Marshes SSSIs would benefit from the presence of beaver, and mitigation and landowner conflict in the catchment would be minimised on these sites already set aside for wildlife.

The Trust hopes to move to the next phases of making a beaver release a reality. Consultations will be carried out with stakeholders to develop a consensus on how to move forward, with feedback and mitigation strategies integrated into a Licence Application that will be submitted to Natural England within the next 18 months.

For more details on this project please contact Izzie Tween at izzie.tween@hiwwt.org.uk

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HIMALAYAN BALSAM BASHING

Despite a very tricky start due to Covid-19, wet ground conditions and delayed growth, we had a really successful balsam season.

Most of our activity is currently upstream of Brading, on the Eastern Yar, as we are prioritising clearing balsam from the source.



We do have 2 volunteers who have been regularly working in Brading Parish.

We have funding for 5 years, so are heading your way!

If you would like to volunteer contact: **Carol Flux**
M:07790906232 carol.flux@naturalenterprise.co.uk

Jumbled Letters Answers :

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CLASSIFIED ADS

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SPRING NATURE NOTES

Following a dry winter, I have tried to plan a garden that will require less water, be less labour intensive and good for wildlife.



Lavender, Pinks, Sedums, Poppies and Cosmos are plants that don't need too much water and are good for bees and butterflies.

I was also going to throw out a pair of old gardening Crocs, then I had a thought! "Great place for a toad to sleep!" So tucked in a shady corner by the pond, they can do one last job.



I have also filled the peanut feeder with sheep's wool for nesting birds as peanuts can choke blue tit chicks.



If you have any wildlife recycling ideas, please drop us a line at the Brading Centre.

Enjoy your Spring,

Tina



5136 Emergency food parcels given to support Island people in the last 12 months



2205 Island children supported in the last 12 months



5.4 Tonnes of donations received Island-wide last month.

Thank you to all of our residents who have kindly donated to the IOW Foodbank and contributed to the amount of food parcels given.



If you would like to donate please bring your donations to the Brading Centre for collection.



The choir had a successful restart in September and it was lovely to welcome several new members.

We rehearsed our repertoire of Christmas songs and performed at the Christmas Tree service at St Mary's church in early December. It was lovely to see so many local people supporting the event. Along with some of our old favourites, the choir also sang new tunes by Slade and John Lennon, arranged by our musical director, Mark Cox.

We always find it great fun to perform the Twelve Days of Christmas in which various choir members each sing one of the lines for each 'day'.

Leading up to Christmas, the choir performed Christmas songs at various Care Homes in Sandown, dressed in appropriate festive jumpers, scarves and hats. It was a joy to see that some of the older residents were able to sing all the words to their favourite songs!

The choir also sang at Morrisons in Lake, collecting for Young Lives versus Cancer, with the customers donating generously. At our last meeting before Christmas, despite a very cold evening, the choir organised a village walkabout, stopping at various residential locations in Bembridge to sing carols.

We are now looking forward to the warmer days of Spring and the choir are learning new songs for future performances.

New members are welcome at the Methodist church on Tuesdays, 7-8.30pm.

Georgina Moon



Brading Church of England Controlled Primary School

We've had a great start to 2022 at Brading Primary School. The children have been on some lovely school trips to Carisbrooke Castle and Tapnell Farm.

The Chelsea Football Club Foundation have been joining us weekly to deliver football sessions to the children and we had a fantastic dance workshop where the children did a dance based on the Shakespeare play A Midsummer Night's Dream.

The children have been really enjoying their various topics throughout school including Chinese New Year, Samuel Pepys and the Great Fire of London, the Solar System and lots more. The whole school also undertook an Internet Safety day where the theme was 'All Fun & Games?'

We have been getting in the community spirit and have joined in with BRAG's love heart project. You may have seen these on our windows and on the big tree just outside school.

If you would like to have a look around the school for your child please contact the school office on 407217 to make an appointment.

