

# BRADING BUZZ

SPRING 2023

ISSUE 45



## MAYOR'S REPORT



Only two months into being Mayor, I was asked by Brading Youth Club to open their Christmas Fair which was a great success with £1000 being raised. I then went over to look at the Christmas tree festival at St Mary's Church. This gets better every year with more and more trees being displayed.

We have managed to keep the precept very low this year for the 7th Year. We understand the hardship that everyone is going through, what with the high price of food, gas and electricity but I think this may be the last year that we can keep the precept to a minimum.

Brading Town Council have awarded 3 grants this year to support Brading Community Partnership, Brading Methodist Church and Gift to Nature.

Our Allotments continue to be in demand and we are always looking to see how we can make improvements for our tenants. This year we replaced the rotten gates, extended the water supply and had the dead trees cut down. We have further works planned for the year ahead.

We continue to support the Foodbank with a monthly donation of £50 along with generous donations from the public. This enables us to provide a well stocked cupboard for those who are in need of a little extra support. We are always pleased to welcome new faces as well as those who have used the Foodbank before.

Brading Town Council are still in negotiation with Brading Town Trust in acquiring the New Town Hall for our offices.

We are looking to get some more volunteers for the station before we open the first weekend in April. You do not need to know anything about trains. Can you make a cup of tea? Plant some of the planters on the platform? Would you like to know a bit more about Brading station and help in the heritage room? Or just come down for a cup of tea and cake. All are welcome.



**MAYOR**  
**Christine**  
**Johnson**

## BRADING PRECEPT 2023-24

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 has increased the Precept by 0.9%. This means the cost to a Band D taxpayer is 1p per week.**

We are all aware of the difficulties experienced during the financial crisis that is upon us and anything we can do to ease the financial burden on Ratepayers in Brading has been a priority for Councillors.

Town Clerk

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**BRADING TOWN COUNCIL 2023**

**DIARY OF FULL TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Thursday 2 March**  
**Thursday 6 April**  
**Thursday 4 May - Annual Meeting**  
**Thursday 1 June**  
**Thursday 6 July**  
**Thursday 7 September**  
**Thursday 5 October**  
**Thursday 2 November**  
**Thursday 7 December**

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**

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

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

**USEFUL NUMBERS**

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Non Emergency 101	Newport 822099
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<b>St Marys</b> , High St	01983 534050
Church Warden:	<b>BRADING TOWN TRUST</b>
Nigel Walters 406817	<b>Town Hall Bookings:</b>
<b>Methodist Church</b> , New Rd	Joy Lee 407560
Minister John Izzard 821850	<b>BRADING TOWN COUNCIL</b>
	Sue Harbour Town Clerk
	401770 Email
	<a href="mailto:townclerk@brading.gov.uk">townclerk@brading.gov.uk</a>
<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>BRADING RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION</b>
Brading Primary 407217	Sue Birch 407723
Headteacher: Mrs B Gilbert	

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## WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE

At this time of year Councils, whether they be local Town and Parish Councils or bigger Local Authorities, like the Isle of Wight Council, adopt an almost tunnel vision stance as they look at their budgets and decide a new one for the coming financial year.



It wasn't always like this. It used to be a case of identifying what you needed to spend on running the Council day to day, thinking of some projects you would like to do, putting a cost on them and adding it all up. Now the task is very different. At the Isle of Wight Council it has become a matter of survival. Even leaving aside the failure of Government to give us our proper share of funds as an Island, thirteen years of austerity and restrictions on Council Tax levels have left us in a state where we can only afford essentials and we can't fund many of them properly. Very little in the budget is about choice. It's about scraping together something that works and is legal, which is far from easy.

In recent years we have also seen a political mantra in many quarters stating that Council Tax increases must be avoided at all costs (pardon the pun!). However, if you think about it, that is ridiculous. Can you spend the same on your food shopping bill each year and still expect to get the same for the same money? Or better? Money decreases in value each year, so if you have the same amount or you artificially restrict how much more might be available you hit a problem. In the home you end up eating less, as a Council you end up able to do less.

The Isle of Wight Council will have set its Budget by the time you read this. There will have been a decision to increase Council Tax by 5% and no one will be happy, but hopefully something that enables essential functions to be maintained will have been passed.

In the local Towns and Parishes there is no restriction upon how much the local element of your Council Tax, known as the precept, can be raised. What is done tends to depend on whether pragmatism or politics wins out. Many Towns and Parishes are increasing their precepts this year. In Brading we are doing so at a minimal level, being conscious of the bigger picture, in particular the 'cost of living crisis' that affects us all, but also being able to benefit from the careful financial management of the Town Council by the staff over the years.

This means Brading can both benefit from a minimal rise in the local precept but also continue to benefit from all aspects of the work the Town Council undertakes. It also enables the project to take on the ownership and management of the New Town Hall to proceed. There has been some misinformation spread about this project but it is a positive move to give the Town Council a better long term home while also enabling a valuable Town resource to be maintained and supported for the benefit of all. I am very supportive of the plan.

Please do feel free to contact me at any time about any issues you wish to raise. I will always respond to messages. You can also speak to me at my surgeries at the Brading Centre, the next few of which will take place on the following dates: 14 March, 11th April and 9th May, all at 10am

**Regards**  
**Councillor Jonathan Bacon**

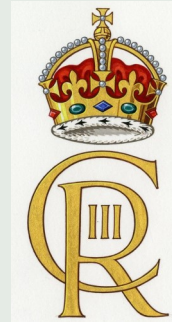
**[Jonathan.Bacon@iow.gov.uk](mailto:Jonathan.Bacon@iow.gov.uk)**  
**M:07973 872150**

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](mailto:townclerk@brading.gov.uk)**



## **KINGS CORONATION CELEBRATION DAY**



**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**12:00pm - 4:00pm**

## **BRADING TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**

Bring along a picnic and join in with the celebrations

Fun to be had by all including:

Stalls

Café

Bar

Inflatables

Games

Karaoke

Raffle

Tug of War

and much more .....

Look out for further information on Brading Town Council's website,  
Facebook page , Notice Boards





## CAN YOU HELP PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY?

### BRADING IS A 'NO COLD CALLING' AREA

The Residents Association received a number of calls from members in January raising concerns that we had cold callers in the town who were visiting many elderly people. No notice was being taken of the Yellow stickers. When they were pointed out excuses were made as to why they could ignore them!

**Cold callers should not call if you are displaying a sticker. If they do and refuse to leave they are breaking the law.**

**If a doorstep trader refuses to leave call the police on: 101 and advise Trading Standards on 01983 823371**

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

To make it more obvious that the town has **NO COLD CALLING** status, it would be very helpful to see all homes displaying these stickers so Brading becomes a **yellow streak of stickers which cannot be missed!**

**IWASP** - Sally Ash | Fair Trading Officer | Regulatory & Community Safety Services is going to supply Brading with the yellow stickers and every house which is not displaying a sticker already will receive one when the BUZZ is delivered.

**It would be appreciated if every household would be willing to display a sticker to make a statement to these undesirable callers that they are just *NOT WELCOME!***

**Let's stand together in protecting our elderly and vulnerable, and of course ourselves. Any reputable business will not contact you in this manner.**

*Thank you for your support. Brading Residents Association. [www.bragiow.co.uk](http://www.bragiow.co.uk)*



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## Household Support for the Residents of Brading



Alongside generous donations from residents and local community groups, Brading Town Council have secured grant funding to support our community with the Cost of Living Crisis.

Residents can access the foodbank in the Brading Centre along with a voucher scheme from our local shop.

Support may also be available with gas and electricity bills, please contact us if you would like to know more.

If you know of someone in the community who may need support, you can nominate them by phoning or emailing us on the contact details listed below.

Brading Town Council  
The Brading Centre  
West street  
Brading  
PO36 0DR  
PO36 0DR



Phone: 01983 401770  
E-mail: emma@brading.gov.uk

### BRADING BEAT SURGERY 2023 WILL BE HELD AT THE BRADING CENTRE, WEST STREET AS

FOLLOWS: 10 –11 AM

Tuesday 14 March 2023  
Tuesday 11 April 2023  
Tuesday 9 May 2023  
Tuesday 6 June 2023



Please do telephone the Brading Centre on **401770** before making a special trip to the Police Surgery, as occasionally PCSO Allen is



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

[www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk) - click Report

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

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

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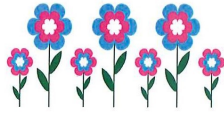




GET READY FOR

# 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 Display 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.



BRADING RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY



## NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Unfortunately, Brading Horticultural Society is at risk of folding.

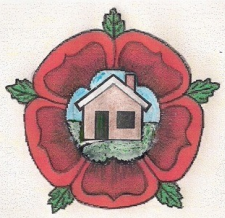
Due to age and health issues, the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary have all decided to step down along with several Committee members.

Sadly, if there are no willing persons wishing to replace these people the society will no longer exist. Due to this, it has been decided to hold an EGM on

### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 6pm in the Town Hall**

open to all members of the public in Brading, willing to join the Society with a view to fill the vacancies.

If you are interested in joining the Committee to ensure the future of Brading Horticultural Show, please Contact, Dave Cassell (07919244080) or Pat Stay (07940743215) as soon as possible prior to the meeting.



## **HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT WHO ORGANISES EVENTS LIKE THE SCARECROW FESTIVAL, BRADING IN BLOOM, THE SALE TRAIL, CHRISTMAS STAR FESTIVAL?**

### **WELL - IT'S BRADING RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION!**

Membership is open to all residents in Brading and the surrounding areas. Not only does the Association put on Community events, but we are here to help and assist where we can, or signpost where we cannot.

Our ethos is about serving the community to the best of our ability.

We regularly update members with helpful information on subjects like health and well-being, sudden road closures, share community information with regards other town activities to help promote and raise awareness, organise talks, information sessions, plus much more.

Why not come along to the lunch socials at the Bugle where a discount has been arranged. There are more members activities planned for 2023 so why not join us, find out what we have to offer, plus it's a great opportunity to get to know other residents.

If you would like to become a member, then membership is available for just £1 per person, per annum. Membership year is Jan- Dec, join at any time.

Membership forms are available to print off from the website [www.bragiow.co.uk](http://www.bragiow.co.uk) or from the notice board, 18 Quay Lane and the Old School Cafe.

If you have some spare time and would like to become involved on the committee, we welcome new blood and new ideas. New input is most welcome. Have you just moved here and wish to become part of the community, then please get in touch.

Email: [info@bragiow.co.uk](mailto:info@bragiow.co.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you.

### **BRADING RESIDENTS EVENTS FOR THE YEAR -**

More details will be advertised locally.

**EASTER - SEEK & FIND - To take place - Easter Weekend**

**BRADING IN BLOOM - JULY 2023 - Closing date for entries - 14<sup>th</sup> July**

**SALE TRAIL - 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> JULY - Earlier this year**

**SCARECROW FESTIVAL - 1<sup>st</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Local notices will be displayed nearer the time.  
May be subject to change.



## BRADING MEN'S SHED

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

We make a few small items which will soon be available to buy.

Here is an example of a 'Truggle'.

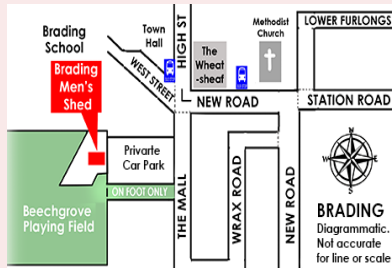
Look out for squirrel feeding boxes, bird feeders and other really useful stuff!



Visit our website

[www.bradingshed.uk](http://www.bradingshed.uk)

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



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For more information call Sue: 407723 or Email: [info@bragiow.co.uk](mailto:info@bragiow.co.uk)

### 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

### 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023

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



Refreshments will also be available .

**Everyone welcome - the more the merrier!**



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## Brading Town Trust

Following on from the book 'A stroll through Brading's tranquil churchyard' the Brading Town Trust have a new book coming out this year, entitled 'Brading's Heroes'.



*Brading's Heroes*

*Elizabeth Manning*

As the title suggests it is about those people connected to Brading, in some way, throughout the war years.

The book will be on sale at the Old Town Hall, which will be reopening for the summer months from Saturday 8th April.

Relying on volunteers, we hope to open every day **from 11:00 - 15:00.**

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**1am on Sunday**  
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**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**  
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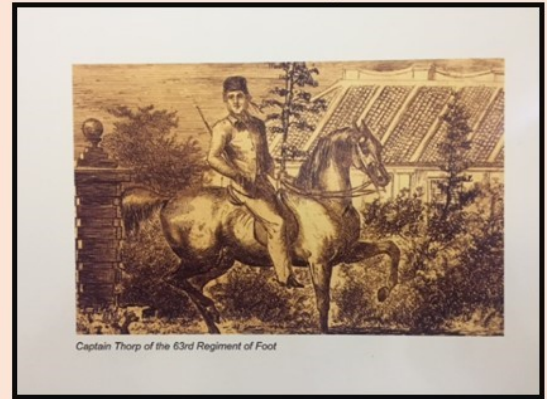




# Brading Community Archive Group

## Captain John Thorp (born 1817)

Captain Thorp only lived in Brading for about a decade, but he left a very significant and lasting legacy. Having served in the army in the 63rd Regiment, he retired to Brading in the 1870s. He lived with his wife Anne Dorothy at the newly built St Wilfrid's in New Road.



In 1879, Mr Munns, a Brading farmer, struck a buried mosaic floor while making holes on his land for a sheep pen. Captain Thorp, who was in the area looking for Roman antiquities, helped Mr Munns uncover the Gallus panel the next day. By spring 1880, all of the site on Mr Munns' land had been excavated, which was half the villa; the remainder lay in the Oglander estate. Excavations were able to continue when Lady Louisa Oglander purchased the other half of the site. In his notebook and in later interviews, John Thorp was adamant that he was the 'discoverer of the Villa'.

John Thorp meticulously recorded his excavations, tools, thoughts and findings in his notebook.

A page from John Thorp's notebook recording the tools he used



He recorded "On 22 March 1880 I exposed to view a fine specimen of a Roman pavement, which occurrence soon got wind of in the neighbourhood, and was quickly followed by a motley crew of men, women and children doing much mischief in picking out Roman tesserae in all directions, those ignorant creatures supposing there must be a great treasure of money buried on the spot!"



The Excavators of Brading Roman Villa 1881

John Thorp front 2nd from left, Mr Munns front 3rd from left.

If you have any information or pictures relating to Brading in the past that we could scan, please contact us on 407227.

**'ST. WILFRID'S'**  
**BRADING, I.W.**  
 Sale of the FURNITURE and Effects by direction of Captain Thorp, who is leaving the Island.

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 Including Green's Herbal and a Black-letter Bible of 1621.

**A COLLECTION OF FOSSILS**  
 Including the footprint of the Chelonicus and a good specimen of the Dapedius from the blue Lias; old Dutch tiles and various curiosities, Carpenter's Bench and Tools, 100 Feet of plants and other effects.

May be viewed on the preceding day and morning of Sale. Catalogues may be had of the Auctioneers' Ryde.





## **BRADING RAILWAY HERITAGE CENTRE**

Re-opening weekend:  
**Sat 01/04/23 & Sun 02/04/23**  
**10:45-16:00**

Open weekends only throughout April

If you have any free time you would like to fill, why not give us a try?

We are always looking to increase our team of volunteers and would love to hear from you.

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

**01983 401770** or email **emma@brading.gov.uk**



# Invitation

from the

**Mayor of Brading**

Residents are warmly invited to attend the

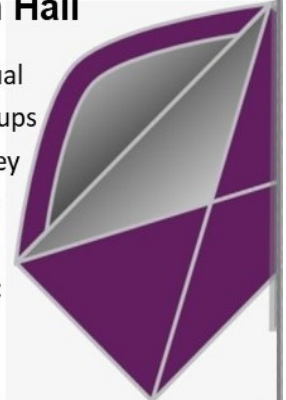
## **Annual Parish Meeting**

on

**Thursday 18 May 2023 at 6.00pm**

**in the Town Hall**

The Mayor will present her Annual Report and local community groups will tell the Town about what they have been doing during the past year & their plans for the future. There will also be an open public forum for parish matters.



**Bathrooms**

**Tiling**

**General Building**

**Gas Services**



**Outdoor Construction**

**Kitchens**

**Plumbing**

**Heating**

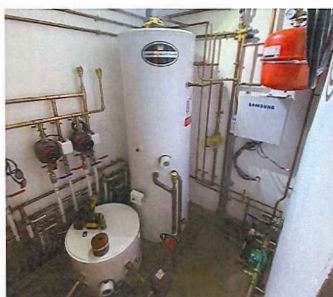


**Rob Powell**

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# 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  
Sundays except 2nd Sunday

## Tuesday Community Cafe

8.30am -  
12.30pm  
Refreshments  
& chatter  
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**Mothering Sunday  
Celebration**  
19 March 10.30am  
For all the family

## Enjoy Hot Cross Buns

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10am—12 noon

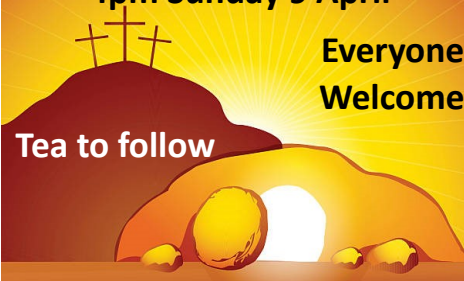
**Good Friday 7 April**



## Easter Celebration

4pm Sunday 9 April

Tea to follow  
Everyone  
Welcome



## Toddlers

Tuesdays 8.30-10.30am

## Rock Solid Club

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

## Teens Club

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

## Messy Church

Third Friday each month after  
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## Beechgrove Park

## Family Easter Egg Hunt

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Brading Community Choir had a very busy few months leading up to Christmas. Rehearsals were well attended, despite the bad weather, and local road works!

In a three-week period, the choir performed ten times at various locations. The coffee mornings at St Mary's church hall attracted many visitors and the choir enjoyed performing a set which included songs from West Side Story.

Closer to Christmas, we returned to our Christmas songs, performing some old favourites as well as learning some new ones. One of our favourite performances was at the Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's in December, where we were joined by the Scottish Fiddlers and the Wight Ukers.

Performing at the Sandown care homes is also very special for us, as we always love how the residents know all the words to our older songs. We even had some of them dancing in the aisles! We also enjoyed our Christmas walkabout around the village, stopping at various locations on request, to perform our favourite seasonal songs.

Over two weekends, the choir were also singing at Morrisons, and later in the month we made a donation to the IOW donkey Sanctuary where we performed in their Grazers cafe. We also sang at the Bembridge Belles WI Christmas party.




After Christmas, the choir organised a social evening where members enjoyed a wonderful buffet provided by Karen, one of our choir members, and we were entertained by other members who played the guitar, ukulele and sang for us.

Now that Christmas is over, the choir are learning new songs for 2023.

We have also welcomed several new choir members. We already have several dates in our diary for performances this year.


If you would like to join this friendly group, come along to the Methodist church on a Tuesday evening, 7-8.30pm and you will be made very welcome. Phone **Georgina on 07814366967** for more details.




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St. Mary's enjoyed a full traditional programme of church services over the Christmas period. This included the school's carol concert, which was held in the Church again for the first time since the pandemic. It was a welcomed return.

You may know that we are still without a full-time vicar, however, please rest assured that scheduled Sunday services are still on. These are on the first and third Sundays of each month, the service starts at 09:30.

Our social calendar is filling up for this year and we invite you to take part! Events will be publicised in the local press and on social media. So far we have a jumble sale on 4<sup>th</sup> March and a plant sale organised for May, exact date TBC.



From February onwards, please be aware of the changes to grave mementos affecting our Churchyard. Plastic flowers and ornaments will no longer be permitted in our rural Churchyard, a full description of the dos and don'ts can be found on notices around the area. Any prohibited items will be removed on the last day of February and the last day of August each year. Items will be available to be reclaimed for 6 weeks after this day from the North End of the Church Hall (the car park end).

Regards Churchwarden



## Diocese Of Portsmouth Churchyard Regulations



Fresh or cut flowers should be placed directly on the grave.  
 We ask that they should be removed from any plastic wrapping,  
 bows or temporary containers.

Items strictly prohibited unless on a new grave when items may be permitted  
 for a period of up to 13 months.

Kerbs and Chippings, Railings, Ornaments, Lights, Photographs,  
 Ceramic Portraits, Children's Toys, Models,  
 Garden Ornaments, Artificial Flowers (this applies to flowers made from  
 plastic, silk or any other material), Windmills, Balloons,  
 Wind Chimes and other trinkets.

All the above items will be removed from the grave tops and disposed of  
 twice yearly from the graveyard.

The dates when this will happen are the last day of February and the last  
 day of August each year.

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After some considerable discussion and debate, and in accordance with the Portsmouth Diocese churchyard guidelines, it has been agreed by the Parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin Brading (P.C.C) that the items on the information board will be removed and disposed of, as per the dates on the board. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Nigel Walters Churchwarden





## **BRADING BELLRINGERS**

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Christmas tree festival, I think you all would agree it was fantastic. Please put the 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> December in your diaries for this year's festival.



### **Our programme of events for the next few months are;**

- **25<sup>th</sup> March** - Quiz night at the Church hall starting at 6.30pm
- **10<sup>th</sup> April** - Tower open day from 11am – 4pm come along and see what we do, try your hand at bellringing
- **20<sup>th</sup> May**- Cream Tea's delivered to your door from 2pm
- **15<sup>th</sup> July**- Barbeque at the Church hall starting at 6.30pm

As a band of bellringers we also take part in district and guild events and on 18<sup>th</sup> February we hosted the IoW district annual meeting with bellringing from 3pm, followed by a short service with tea and the meeting held afterwards.

On the afternoon of 25<sup>th</sup> March, we will be attending the special practice being held at Whitwell.

On 29<sup>th</sup> April we enter a team for the Island 8 bell contest being held at Carisbrooke, and a team will enter the 6 bell contest at Niton on 27<sup>th</sup> May.

Our Guild has it's AGM and inter-district 8 bell contest on 10<sup>th</sup> June in the Andover District.

On the weekend of the Coronation we are going to attempt to ring a Quarter peal of Grand-sire Triples with our local band which will last for about 50 minutes. If we are successful, it will be a mile stone for our oldest ringer (June Mitchell), who at 88 has rung for King George VI funeral, Queen Elizabeth II Coronation, the Silver, Golden, Diamond and Platinum Jubilee's and also the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. What an achievement!



We are still hoping to be offered a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and are currently filling in the forms for this. It is very time consuming but hopefully we will be successful this time.

If you would like to support the bell restoration in a small way, please become a member of our '8 Bell Club'. This cost's just £12 for the year and you are entered into a monthly draw for cash prizes.

Please contact Marghanita at [bradingbells@hotmail.com](mailto:bradingbells@hotmail.com) for more information.



### **FA CUP'S YOUNGEST SCORER**

Finn Smith, who is a Brading lad, was 16 years and 1 day old when he became the youngest ever goal scorer in FA Cup history—players must be 16 or over to play in the FA Cup.

Finn was kicking a ball around the house as soon as he could walk and joined Brading Youth for the U8's where he fell in love with the game after his first season with them. When he was 12, he joined Newport and then signed for the adult team on his 16th birthday, the day before the record-breaking match against Fleet Town.

*Well done!*



Hello everyone, here's a short catch up on what the Lake Morning Townswomen have been up to since my last article. Our December meeting welcomed members, new members and friends of members. We opened with a very humorous poem from our resident "poet laureate" Julia. It was entitled "The Missing Shoe" – it's a long story so you'll have to join if you wish to know more! Julia could give Pam Ayres some competition! We had a great Christmas meeting with poems, songs, and funny sketches all performed by our drama group. We finished with mince pies and tea, "Father Christmas" delivered our secret Santa gifts and a great time was had by all.

Our January meeting opened with a clothes sale of brand new clothes, all organised by our previous Chairman, Jackie. This sale raised valuable funds for our Guild. Jackie also organises our trips, and we are off to the Downland & Weald Museum in March. We had another funny poem from Julia, called "The Trip to Chichester." This trip took place in December, it was great but not without incident, all brilliantly described by Julia. We had an interesting talk from Sally, about the University of the third age (U3A). We had our usual competitions, best bloom and this month, the worst present you've ever received. Believe it or not, a member did receive a sink plunger as a gift.

So there is never a dull moment at Townswomen's Guild – meetings are 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, held at The Lions Hall, St Urrians, Lake, visitors are welcome.



### **BRADING BUZZ**



We have a loyal team of volunteers who deliver the Buzz to households in Brading. However, we are

always looking to increase our volunteer base, so if you have an hour or two to spare once every 3 months & enjoy walking in the local area, please give the Town Clerk's office a call on: **01983 401770**

### **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 [emma@brading.gov.uk](mailto:emma@brading.gov.uk)





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Years



After several weeks of enforced break due to the wet weather it is good to be back playing football again *down the lane*.

In our first game back since November, a good crowd saw us beat a good young Vectis side to progress to the semi-finals of the Isle of Wight Gold Cup.

Work at the ground continues as always with the training area nearly complete.

It is planned to install a much needed drainage system to the pitch during the summer months. This should reduce the number of games called off !!!

We are always pleased to welcome volunteers who have the odd hour or two to help out with the variety of jobs needed to keep the Club in good order.

Hopefully we will now have an uninterrupted run of football through to the end of the season.

We have been asked to host friendly matches for the Island Ladies and Men's sides, before they head off to Guernsey for the Island Games.

More details to follow once they have been finalised.

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](http://www.bradingtownfc.club)



Football for  
All  
at Brading

### Players go the Extra Mile for Charity

Cold and damp conditions in Winter are nothing new to footballers, however Brading Town Youth's Under 11s spent additional time braving the elements to help a local charity.

The team organised a sponsored run of 5 kilometres (3 miles) from Sandown to Shanklin and then back again for Isle of Wight Radio's Christmas Toy Appeal. They set out to raise £250 but far surpassed that target, the final total just over £1500!



Team Manager Carl Atkinson-Goffe said "We set this event up with the aim of teaching 9/10 year olds that, even though they are only young themselves, they could make such a positive impact on the lives of other children at Christmas. We then chose a charity that we knew made an incredible difference, here on the Isle of Wight. When we started this I don't think we really anticipated the amount of support the boys would get. It's a great cause and, as parents and coaches, we hope it helps raise a generation of young people that have the capacity to think of others. Next year will be even bigger and better!"



Club Chairman Mark Powell added "What the Under 11s have done is magnificent! It shows the power of sport in bringing people together and that is a great life experience for them. Being interviewed live on Isle of Wight Radio, I am sure, will live long in their memories".

For more information on sponsorship, playing or coaching contact [markcpowell10@gmail.com](mailto:markcpowell10@gmail.com)



# Brading Community Partnership

Well, we certainly love Christmas at the Brading Youth & Community Centre. As we do every year, we put up our lovely tree outside the main entrance, playing our part in decorating the town and our thanks go to Kate, George, Brian and Paul for struggling to tame, install and decorate such an enormous tree this year.

Our Christmas Fayre on 3 December was a great success and our thanks go to all those who came up to see us on the day and supported us so generously. Santa's Grotto was kept pretty busy and the cafe did a roaring trade with their lovely cakes and bacon rolls. Including a very generous donation, we raised a fantastic £1,000 of much needed funds.



The Junior Youth Club Christmas Party was a fun packed evening of competition dancing, throwing some excellent "shapes" on the dance floor, Christmas jumpers, party games and general fun. We also ran our first Christmas time Holiday Activities & Food Club during the first week of the school holidays. It was a most enjoyable and happy event and our visit to the fabulously funny pantomime by Spotlight IOW at Shanklin Theatre was a wonderful way to finish off before we closed for Christmas.

We're continually working on adding to our community offerings at the Centre and are delighted that Healthwatch Isle of Wight arranged a public session with us on 16<sup>th</sup> January. Their work championing people who need to access health and social care services is very valuable and we hope this will be the start of regular visits from them in the future.



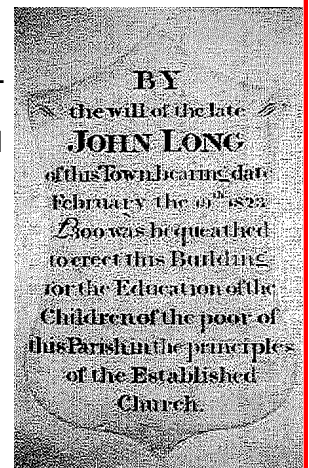
We also welcome Michele from the Four Seasons Cookery Academy, who is trialing cooking classes for adults over two sessions each Friday for six weeks. Her first two Fridays with us were most successful and all those attending had an enjoyable, engaging and tasty cookery experience. Anyone interested in taking part should contact Michele direct via email on: [cookeryacademy@btinternet.com](mailto:cookeryacademy@btinternet.com)



The dreadful wet weather, gale force winds and icy temperatures, which have plagued us all since late November has played havoc with our lovely old building and we have an increasingly long list of repairs to add to the list of renovation projects we need to raise funds for over the coming year.

And talking of funding, it was 200 years ago this month that Brading resident John Long bequeathed funds to build the old School House in Brading. We are proud to be the current custodians and keep the building open both as a Centre for the community and our very important Youth Club.

This is especially so in the light of the sad passing of Malcolm Creed. Malcolm and Barbara are towering figures in Brading for their incredible work and dedication to the Youth Club over decades; steering generations of families through their formative years with their experience and care. They are both very much in our thoughts and prayers.



The John Long Tablet



As always, our sincere thanks go to our wonderful team of volunteers and all those who donate to us and support us in so many ways.

We are enormously grateful to you all.




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

**The Old School Café Menu**

Tea	£1.00p
Coffee	£1.00p
Hot Chocolate	£1.00p
Cola	£1.00p
Squash	50p
Bacon Bap	£2.00p
Toasted Teacake	£1.50p
Slice of Cake	£1.50p

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**WE OPEN MONDAYS & THURSDAYS**  
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And some weekend events



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**CRAFT FAYRE**

First Saturday of the Month  
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Crochet chat and knitting

Jenny Williams and the Isle of Wight  
Fibromyalgia Social Group

This event every 2nd Monday of the month



Brading Youth and Community Centre  
10am ~1pm Thursdays  
**BRADING CHESS CLUB**



**-Just play Chess-**

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Email: chessplay@mail.com

Brading Youth and Community Centre  
Brading High Street



**Indoor or Outdoor Car Boot Sale**

Third Saturday of the Month

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**C.A.M.E.O.**  
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A COMMUNITY CAFÉ LED BY YOU

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**YOUTH CLUB** Subs still 50p

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Fridays 6pm-7.30pm Y7-Y8  
7pm-9pm Y9 and above

Contact: [bradingyouthclub@gmail.com](mailto:bradingyouthclub@gmail.com) for details

## Operation Mile: Policing teams pursue new initiative to tackle road-related offences



Policing teams on the Isle of Wight are embarking on a new co-ordinated initiative to keep the Island's roads safer.

Operation Mile will see Neighbourhood teams (NPT) and Response & Patrol (R&P) teams across the Island each given an individual stretch of road where there will be additional dedicated patrol activity and enforcement work.

The allocation of roads will be intelligence-led, looking at data surrounding our hotspot areas for serious collisions and dangerous driving behaviours, and utilising the ever important information provided to us by the public.

Inspector Matt Gooding said: "We know how much of a concern driving standards on the Island are to the public. Isle of Wight police receive lots of calls and reports relating to road matters, which range from our most serious 'Fatal Four' driving behaviours – drink and drug driving, driving without a seatbelt, driving whilst using a mobile phone, and speeding – to anti-social issues such as vehicle noise and nuisance. This is in addition to our response to collisions on our roads.

"We have recently brought on board our two new dedicated Roads Policing officers, who are already doing a fantastic job alongside their dual skilled armed response and roads policing (RP/ARV) colleagues to proactively take action against road users who pose a risk behind the wheel.

"Incorporating teams such as NPT and R&P into the roads policing picture allows us to improve our effectiveness at targeting bad drivers, whilst having a greater visible presence in problem areas to deter motorists from continuing their bad habits whilst driving.

"It's important for the public to understand that whilst NPT and R&P will be providing support to our roads policing priorities, this does not mean that they will be neglecting their other workloads or response to other crime types. These teams still have very important roles in working alongside our communities to address crime trends, and also to respond to emergency calls. That will not change and will not be impacted by this new initiative.

"What will happen is that officers will spend more time out in hotspot areas whilst they continue to manage their other priorities. For example, if an officer is required to conduct some administrative work after responding to a call for service, they will be expected to do this remotely whilst parked up in a hotspot area as opposed to returning to the office. This will allow them to maintain a longer presence out on the road, and thus deter or respond to any road-related crimes in that area.

"With more teams putting greater focus on our roads it also enables us to get a much fuller picture of which areas are impacted by bad driving. There is often a perception in the community of which areas are the worst impacted, but our intelligence gathering and patrol activity will provide us with a much more accurate understanding.

"It's so important that the public continue to report their concerns to us and any crimes they have witnessed."

You can do this by calling 101, or using the report tab on [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk). If you have video evidence of a road incident, you can submit this to us via Hants Snap here:

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Lewis Campbell, Road Safety Officer for Isle of Wight Council, said "Having additional officers involved with important Roads Policing activity means a wider coverage of traffic-related enforcement activity across the Island. Not only does this act as a deterrent, the initiative brings a renewed awareness for road users that poor driving standards can have serious consequences for themselves and their communities.

We're grateful for our police colleagues efforts and welcome the additional enforcement which, alongside our awareness campaigns such as Project Pictogram, helps to save lives."

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