



BRADING BUZZ

SUMMER 2023

ISSUE 46

MAYORS ANNUAL REPORT



Brading Town Council has had a very busy year.

A restructure of council staff took place in September with the following moves: Sue as qualified Town Clerk, Linda to Responsible Financial Officer and Emma as Admin Officer.

The Brading Centre continues to provide assistance to residents with queries both for the Town Council, the IW Council, Island Roads etc.

A public meeting was held with representatives from Wightfibre, answering resident's concerns regarding their works on the main road.

There are monthly surgeries for our Ward Councillor, Jonathan Bacon and the Police Beat surgery held on 2nd Tuesday of the month.

The Outreach Post Office opens every Thursday at the Brading Centre from 9.30-11.30

We also offer an economical photocopying/printing service.

Brading Town Council has responsibility for maintaining the public spaces and gardens throughout the town: the Memorial Garden, Parsonage Garden, Tudor Garden, Community Garden, the seat at the junction of Wrax Road and the Greenwood Lane Garden at Morton.

We also maintain The Butterfly Walk and the Children's Play area at Beechgrove and part of the park. We had the equipment repaired in the playground.

The Council managed to obtain a £5000 grant to help support the foodbank and payment of utility bills. The foodbank is available, should the need arise, for anyone that needs support. Donations are also received from the Town Council, Churches and residents.

The Council awarded grants last year to Brading Community Partnership, Gift to Nature, The Methodist Church and the Horticultural Society.

The Allotments continue to be in demand. Last year the rotten wooden gates were replaced, an extension to the water supply was fitted and the dead elm trees were cut down.

Two litter picking days were held which were well attended by local volunteers and Army Cadet Force members.

The Station Heritage Centre was opened and run by our volunteers.

Local organisations worked together with the Town Council to arrange a Celebration Day for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at Brading Football Club ground. There were also formal tree planting and beacon lighting ceremonies.

Many people think Brading is just a 'drive-through' town but they would be very surprised at the amount of work that goes into maintaining Brading's thriving community.

A special thank you goes to all of our wonderful volunteers.

There are so many tremendous things that go on!

Best wishes, Christine Johnson, Mayor of Brading.



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BRADING TOWN COUNCIL 2023

DIARY OF FULL TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

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**.

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Methodist Church , New Rd Minister John Izzard 821850	BRADING TOWN TRUST Town Hall Bookings: Joy Lee 407560
SCHOOL Brading Primary 407217 Headteacher: Mrs B Gilbert	BRADING TOWN COUNCIL Sue Harbour Town Clerk 401770 Email townclerk@brading.gov.uk
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WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE



For this issue of the Buzz it has been suggested that I provide the text of the Annual Report I gave to the Annual Meeting of the Town Council, so here is what I said!

The last twelve months have been eventful. Aside from national politics, which I will not talk about here, we have seen a Platinum Jubilee, a Royal Funeral and, in the last few weeks, the coronation of a new Monarch. Brading has played its part in all those events. It is a strong and active community and such events bring that to the fore.

In Brading I am privileged to be both a member of the Town Council and your Ward Councillor and, as such, your political representative on the Isle of Wight Council. I hope that I use this latter position both to support residents and also to support the Town Council and the work it does for the Town and everyone within it.

At County Hall I am a member of the Cabinet and have responsibility for Climate Change, Environment and , following some recent changes, also Financial Strategy. The majority of my time over the last year has been directed towards work to get principles and strategies to support our Climate Change Strategy and to further the 17 Sustainable Goals of the UNESCO Biosphere embedded within the way the Council works and within the way it develops policies and makes decisions.

A lot of discussion has gone into the development of the new Island Planning Strategy in the last year. This has been something that has been in development since 2018 and, unfortunately, it has been delayed for various reasons. In a way the delays within the Council have now been overtaken by the fact that the Government announced changes to the Planning System earlier this year. The first of these changes were supposed to be put in place in 'spring' (to use the Government's word). We are still waiting. Unfortunately the view is that we cannot take the Island Planning Strategy forward until we know what these changes are. As such things are on hold.

On the plus side the delay has also meant we can work on putting more policies into the plan to support the environment as well as measures to deal with surface water, tree planting and moving towards better use of energy and so on. One particular measure that is coming forward is a Local Nature Recovery Strategy. This will do what it says on the tin. It is a national idea but, if all goes well, the Island could be the first part of the Country to bring such a strategy forward.

Closer to home in Brading, a lot has been happening over the year but, on the whole it has been a matter of 'Taking Care of Business' The team in the Brading Centre are excellent. I attend the Centre for a Surgery each month and it is a good opportunity to catch up and see the hard work that goes on.

A measure of the fact that things are going well, oddly, is the fact that we see few people at Town Council Meetings. Over 15 years experience of a number of Parish and Town Councils has told me that any meeting where a lot of people suddenly turn up out of the blue means something is going wrong!

We perhaps saw that with the announcement of extensive Wight Fibre works in Brading at the end of last year. There were a lot of concerns and the meeting in advance of the works was VERY well attended. However, I think it fair to say that, while there was disruption, it was kept to the minimum possible in the circumstances and that the teams on the ground were generally responsive to local needs. As ward Councillor very few issues came my way once the work commenced. I think all those that did were resolved.

Flooding is always a concern. We have particular issues in Brading and we have tried to get Southern Water to provide support through their projects to deal with surface water issues. Unfortunately, if that's not the wrong word, it seems that Brading's issues are not as severe as other areas so we are not at the top of their list, however I will keep the pressure up.

Much work in the Town has gone towards responding to the cost of living crisis, including maintaining the food bank in the Brading Centre. I think it's fair to say that things were not as bad as anticipated but the Town Council were prepared for all eventualities.

Lastly, a major project that is underway is of course the proposed move of the Town Council to the Town Hall. I have sought to help on the Working Party and have been able to assist in negotiating an extension to the lease at no cost in order to give time for the details of the move to be sorted out.

That was my report.

I must add here that it was fascinating and enlightening to hear the other reports given at the Annual Meeting. We sometimes forget just how much and how many good things happen in the Town.

For my part, I try and do all I can in my Councillor roles to support things. If you have any issues please feel free to contact me at any time. 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: June 6th, July 4th, August 1st and September 12th. All sessions start at 10am.

Regards
Councillor Jonathan Bacon



SPRING LITTER PICK

What a fantastic turn out for the Spring Litter Pick that took place on Saturday 15th April.

It was lovely to see new volunteers join our regular litter pickers and Army Cadets. Some volunteers were unable to join in on the Saturday but continued with their own litter pick on a different day.



A big THANK YOU to everyone who took part

ARMY CADETS

The Army Cadets offers a range of activities for young people aged between 12 and 18. These include: adventurous training, military skills such as shooting and drill, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, First aid and leadership training.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN



The Annual Meeting of the Town took place on 18th May 2023.

Mayor Christine Johnson presented her Annual Report and Ward Councillor Jonathan Bacon and local community groups told the town about what they have been doing during the past year & their plans for the future.

So much has been achieved, with awards and titles obtained on an individual and team basis along with the publication of a book. There is a wealth of talent in Brading.

This success is largely due to the volunteers from the community who give their time so generously to the diverse and committed range of groups.

Many people think Brading is just a 'drive-through' town but they would be very surprised at the amount of work that goes into maintaining Brading's thriving community.

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Presentations and reports were given by:

Brading Community Partnership	Ginny Byrne
Brading Youth Club	Senad Adams
Brading Town Football Club:	Geoff Ruck
Brading Youth Football Club	Mark Powell
Brading Community Choir	Rodney & Mike
St Mary's Church	Nigel Walters
Brading Town Trust	Liz Manning
Brading Horticultural Society	Richard Whiting
Brading's Men Shed	John Graney
Brading Methodist Church	Jane Morris
Brading Bell Ringers	Barry Downer
Brading Residents Association	S Birch

Brading Town Council would like to thank everyone who participated in the meeting, *Thank you!*

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 - click Report

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

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

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



BRADING RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

Brading in Bloom is organised by the Brading Residents Association
Website: www.bragiow.co.uk; Donations to 18 Quay Lane



Brading Resident's Association

are holding

BRADING IN BLOOM

again this year and would like to invite all groups, associations, businesses and individuals to take part.

We hope you will consider entering, it doesn't have to be to professional standards, just a display which will bring pleasure to others and bring focus to you, your business or group, etc and to Brading!

There are prizes to be won!

Forms will be available locally and can be printed from the website www.bragiow.co.uk

There is also a form on the back page of this Buzz.



Registration Form for Sale Trail

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Return Form to: 34 Station Road, Brading.

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nearer the time

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GIFT TO NATURE

Improved Access at Brading Down Local Nature Reserve

Funding from the Isle of Wight Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty's Access Fund has enabled local charity Gift to Nature improve access for disabled visitors to Brading Down Local Nature Reserve.

Gift to Nature has been working with Isle Access to improve accessibility across their portfolio of 31 sites. Brading Down was identified as a place where access could be improved. However, the scheduled monument status of most of the car park, and lack of funding, had prevented making any changes.

Fortunately, the western most car park (Newport end) lies outside the designated area and so the Gift to Nature rangers have installed a gate wide enough to accommodate wheelchair, pushchair and mobility vehicle access. In addition, seating has been built which permits anyone, regardless of their level of mobility, to sit and chat or share a picnic.

Graham Biss, Managing Director of Natural Enterprise said, "One of our key aims is to make our sites more accessible to everyone and we hope these improvements will benefit all. Brading Down offers a spectacular view of the surrounding area. We are very grateful to the Isle of Wight AONB for their support"



To find out more visit the Brading Down page of the Gift to Nature website:
<https://gifttonature.org.uk/discover/out-in-the-country/brading-down/>



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Brading Town Trust

Following the success of opening up the Old Town Hall and Stocks to visitors last year, we have opened again this year.

We are open daily from 11:00 - 15:00 and admission is 'free', although most people offer a small donation.

Our new book 'Brading's Heroes' is proving very popular. The book looks at the life and death of all those who came from, or had something to do with Brading and fought in the wars. It also has snippets of what the people left at home in Brading were up to at that time.

Copies of the book are available from the Old Town Hall for £15.

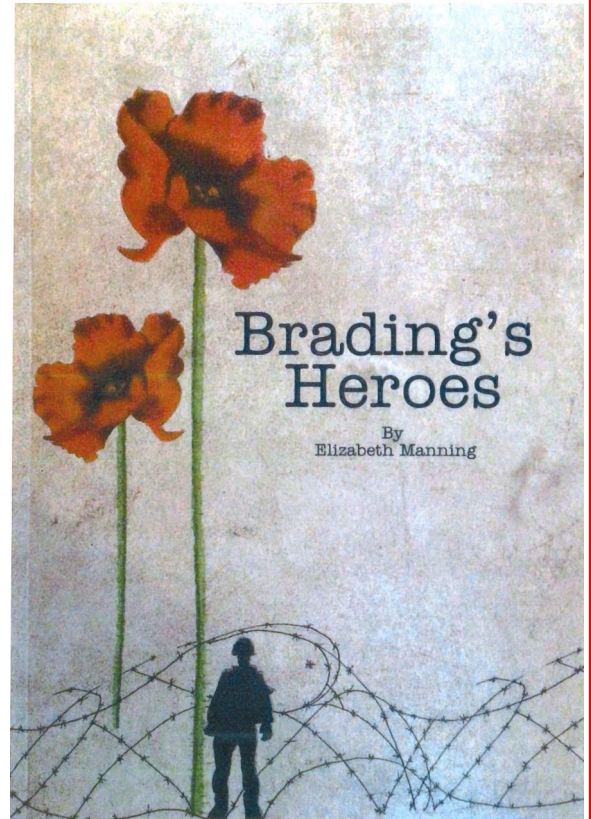
We only have a couple of copies of the book 'A stroll through Brading's tranquil churchyard', which was published last year, and is £12.

We also have bookmarks on sale for £1.

All money goes towards the upkeep of the Old Town Hall.

As with all the activities taking place in Brading, the Town Trust relies on volunteers to keep the Old Town Hall running.

We are extremely grateful to Prim HARDWICKE and Fanny OGLANDER for volunteering again, as without them we would not be able to open at all.



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Operation Wightwash

Enforcement operation tackles driving offences on the Isle of Wight

In April, officers from the mainland-based Roads Policing Unit joined Isle of Wight colleagues for a two-day enforcement operation on the Island's Roads to tackle poor driving standards and drug/drink drivers who put road users at serious risk of coming to harm.

The operation has been stood up in recent years to bolster efforts in intercepting drivers committing offences on Isle of Wight roads, and is run at regular intervals throughout the year. Over three years, increasing results from the teams have been seen and this operation will continue to be a regular occurrence.

Across the two days, officers identified 179 road-related offences. Six of these resulted in drivers being arrested on suspicion of drug driving. A further 12 motorists had their vehicles seized for lack of insurance and tax.

161 drivers were given a fixed penalty notice or reported for offences including speeding, driving without a seat-belt, using a mobile phone behind the wheel, driving without due care and attention, driving without a licence, driving with insecure loads, driving with tinted windows or visors, and driving with number plates that did not conform to legal requirements.

The teams were encouraged to see that vehicles that had been stopped in the past for number plate issues were observed with legal plates, and lots of flatbed vehicles with netting to secure their loads, which suggests that previous work, education and engagement with drivers is having the desired effect.

Members of the public are encouraged to report driving offences, and concerns around driving standards to police so they can identify any hotspots and take action to keep road users safer.

To make a report to police, call 101, or submit information via the report tool on the Hampshire Constabulary website. Always dial 999 in the event of an emergency.

If you have video footage of a road incident that you would like to submit, you can do this using the Hants Snap tool on the website:

www.hampshire.police.uk/police-forces/hampshire-constabulary/areas/hants-snap/hantsnap/hants-snap---report-an-incident/



The Blue Lamp Trust helps protect vulnerable residents in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight from becoming victims of crime - as part of their crime prevention advisory service. The scheme from the Blue Lamp Trust offers **FREE** home visits providing both general and specific crime and fire prevention advice to improve home safety.

They visit residents of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight who are:

- Vulnerable due to age (over 65)
 - Disabled
 - A victim of crime
 - A victim of burglary
- A victim of domestic abuse

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- Door Chains

- Smoke Alarms
- Carbon Monoxide Alarms

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Referrals

If you, or anybody you know, is eligible (based on the criteria above) and would benefit from a Bobby Scheme referral, please enquire via the Blue Lamp Trust website at

<https://www.bluelamptrust.org.uk/bobby-scheme-landingpage/>.

Alternatively, you can make an enquiry by calling the Blue Lamp Trust directly on 0300 777 0157.

BRADING RAILWAY HERITAGE CENTRE



**We are now open on Wednesday,
Saturday & Sunday
12:30pm — 4:30pm**

Come in and view the exhibits in the Museum Room, the Station Masters Office and visit the Signal Box.

A variety of light refreshments is available.

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
townclerk@brading.gov.uk

LINE IN BLOOM

Brading Town Council have awarded the Isle of Wight Community Rail Partnership a grant of £200 towards their Line in Bloom competition.

Competitors include Gatten & Lake and The Bay primary schools who will be working with Sandown, Lake and Shanklin stations on this project.

'Green-fingered' members of Brading Youth Club will be working on Brading Station.

The theme is 'Coronation' with bunting, crowns, and the colours red, white and blue.

Mike Fitt OBE, retired director of the Royal Parks and instrumental in the Island in Bloom competition, has agreed to come and judge the 4 stations on July 10th.



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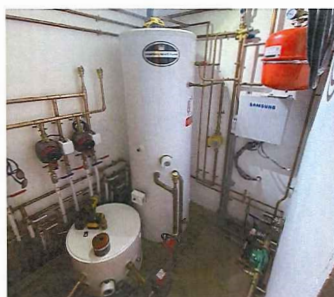


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Brading Methodist Church

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Jane Morris (Lay Pastor) 407201



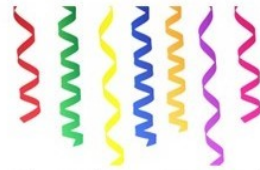
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Worship

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Children activities
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FOODBANK

The Foodbank in Brading is for residents of the Parish who may find they need a little extra help due to the high cost of living we are currently experiencing.

It is situated in the Brading Centre where the staff offer a friendly, discreet and sensitive service.

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

If you would like to donate but cannot get to the Brading Centre we can accept donations through online banking.

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townclerk@brading.gov.uk or 01983 401770



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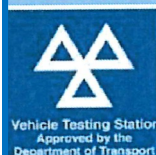
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The choir are going from strength to strength, with many new members joining after Christmas, bringing the number of regular singers close to 40.

Our musical director, Mark Cox, has chosen an interesting new set of songs for us to learn, including a couple of Country & Western numbers, a song from Titanic, a Louis Armstrong favourite, and hopefully we won't be tempting fate by singing Raindrops Keep falling on My Head!

We were sad to hear of the passing of Harry Belafonte in May, and decided to add three of his songs to our repertoire which we had previously sung a year or so ago.

The choir already has almost a dozen bookings to keep us busy for the forthcoming year. We first tried out our new repertoire in mid-May at the St Mary's coffee morning in the church hall, and then we joined in the Coronation celebrations at the football ground, starting with a jubilant rendition of God Save the King.

Also in May, the choir sang at Morton Manor which was open for the National Garden Scheme. This is

one of our favourite locations as we also had a chance to look around the wonderful estate, including the rose garden and the beautiful lake.

We have performances at the Donkey Sanctuary to look forward to, as well as singing in the bandstand at Rylstone Gardens, plus a date at The Lakes at Rookley.



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St Mary's Parochial Church Council (The PCC) has been working hard not only to pick up the pieces after the pandemic but also maintaining the running of the church after Rev Alison's departure. The PCC meet monthly to enable the church to run as smoothly as possible without a vicar, along with quarterly benefice PCC meetings to maintain the links with the other churches in the benefice.

Unfortunately, we are still only having Eucharist on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, conducted by our associated priest Rev Barry Downer. Other services are conducted by our lay reader, Sylvia Beardsmore and we also have a trainee Deaconess in the benefice, Charlotte.

We received communication from the Bishop of Portsmouth before Christmas giving us notice of Suspension. This is a notification that stops any patron, of any particular church, appointing a vicar (an ancient right of a patron when there is no incumbent). The patron of St Mary's is Trinity College Cambridge who last sent a Dean down to speak and preach to us about 20 years ago, the suspension can last up to 5 years.

In modern times it is used as time of review for the diocese, to look into the structure of the Benefice, but we at St Mary's, and the three other churches in the benefice have written to the Arch Deacon of the Isle of Wight stating that we do not want to be split up, or be part of a bigger benefice.

This may affect the appointment of a replacement vicar.

Two members of the congregation recently completed a Lay Worship Leaders course, they cannot give communion, but can prepare and lead a Sunday service. We are hoping to have a Service of the Word on the Sundays when Rev Barry is not available.

The Church Hall is now back to being a community resource, and pre pandemic groups have started to return to using the hall, along with St Mary's social activities in the hall of jumble sales, coffee morning and concerts.



BRADING MEN'S SHED

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

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




Visit our website
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BRADING BELLRINGERS

On Monday 8th May 2023, a band made up of entirely Brading ringers, rang 680 changes of Grandsire Triples to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.



- 1 - Marghanita Allen
- 2 - Margaret Downer
- 3 - Tristan Allen
- 4 - June Mitchell
- 5 - Geoff Wilkins
- 6 - Mitchell Reeves
- 7 - Rev'd Barry Downer

What an achievement!

Ringer June Mitchell, who is Brading bellringers eldest ringer, has now rung for George VI's funeral, Elizabeth II's coronation and silver, golden, diamond and platinum jubilees and sadly her funeral and now the coronation of King Charles III.



Please contact Marghanita at bradingbells@hotmail.com for more information.

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Diocese Of Portsmouth And St Mary's PCC

In accordance with national regulations, we respectfully ask you to keep the graves tidy in this precious and historic churchyard.

Please remove all plastic from fresh flowers and refrain from placing artificial flowers and ornaments on the graves.

Items placed on a new grave are permitted until a new headstone is in place or for a period of 13 months whichever is sooner.

The churchyard will be cleared of all artificial items on February 28/29th and August 31st each year.

If you would like to discuss this matter further or have any queries, please do contact the Churchwarden Nigel Walters quayers@aol.com

or the Archdeacon of the IOW.
Stephen.Daughtery@Portsmouth.anglican.org

Thank you for your cooperation



Brading Town Youth FC

Football for
All
at Brading

Awards, Both On and Off the Pitch

Brading Town Youth are celebrating a successful end to the football season both on and off the pitch.

In the final weeks of the season, the Under 16's became IW League champions and also IW Cup finalists. The Under 13s emulated them by competing in their respective Final.

The Girls' section completed their best season to date with the Under 9s, 11s and 14s all finishing strongly in the May tournament at Newchurch.

On the concluding day of the Eastleigh League, all of the inclusive football teams put on a great showing; the Under 12s winning the 'Spirit of Football' trophy, the Under 21s finishing runners-up in their competition and the Under 16s winning their League.

For their work in inclusive football, Brading have been nominated as one of two finalists for the Hampshire FA Community Trust Award. They will find out the result at a County FA Awards ceremony in July.



The club has also been granted the FA's 'England Accredited' status for the quality of provision and opportunities offered to their players.



Of the season Club Chairman, Mark Powell, said "It's been an amazing season with more than 200 young people now playing for us. We are extremely proud that the focus on the development of our players is recognised not only in our results, but also in the wider football community".

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

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





Brading Town FC

The Romans

After many years as manager, Steve Lawton is stepping down at the end of this season. He has been juggling family commitments, work and football for some time. And he feels the time is right to hand over to someone new. He will remain on the club committee.

A new management team is in place and next season promises to be exciting on and off the pitch.

The new training area is ready for the start of the new season and will mean that both the 1st and Reserve Teams will be able to train together.

Work on the drainage is hoped to start in the next few days, so that hopefully we do not lose as many matches to the weather. Unfortunately, being so close to Brading marsh this will always be a challenge.



We have recently installed a defibrillator at the club, which we hope we will never need to used.

The club continues to work closely with Brading Youth, and we are excited at the prospect of a number of young players, making the transition to adult football. This can be quite daunting, but it is something we are proud to have managed well for a number of years.

We have been very pleased to host the Town Council's Jubilee & Coronation celebrations. It was good to see so many Brading people at the club. Many were unaware we are there or the facilities we have.



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

BRADING HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



As reported in the last edition of the Buzz, Brading Horticultural Society (BHS) was in danger of folding due to several of its long-standing members stepping down. Following an Emergency General Meeting on 23rd March however, people expressed an interest in helping to keep the society going and to participate in the running and organisation of its annual show.

BHS held a meeting on April 12th and new officers were elected to the committee:

- Vice Chair - Bev Coulby
- Treasurer - Linda Allen
- Joint Secretaries - Steph Mayfield & Sharon McNamara

In addition we have several committed volunteers, with further offers of help on show days from other folk.

Organisation for the Annual Show on **13th SEPTEMBER 2023** is already underway and regular, scheduled monthly meetings will take place.

We are a new group, undertaking an established event for the first time and whilst we know that this presents potential challenges, we think it's important that the tradition is continued, being over one hundred years old, so we want to give it our best shot!

We welcome anybody who may be interested and not yet involved in the group, to come along to a meeting, which will be publicised locally as well as updated regularly in Brading Buzz.

Former members are particularly welcome, for the knowledge and experience that they have.

Finally, please can we put out a request for any cups, shields and other awarded items to be returned at the earliest opportunity, to the Brading Centre, West Street, in preparation for the 2023 show

Many Thanks,
Sharon

BHS joint Secretary



Brading Community Partnership



It's so lovely to have so many people visiting and supporting our Cafe at the Brading Youth & Community Centre. Our wonderful team of volunteers and bakers work very hard indeed to make sure there is always a great supply of home made cakes to supplement their very popular bacon baps and there is always a warm welcome for everyone who comes along.

The Youth Club has been as busy as usual. We held a Barn Dance BBQ in March, which was a lovely evening and really enjoyed by all. We also took a group of 17 young people of varying ages across to the mainland to Southampton University's Science Fair. It was a great day out and a fantastic opportunity for all those who decided to attend and benefit from the learning experiences on offer.



In April, we started Non-Contact Boxing sessions at the BYCC on Tuesday evenings. This is a boxing activity which does not involve direct body contact with punches. It is a nationally recognised sporting activity which can be progressed in the same way that Judo can progress through varying levels. Interest in this has been steady but there are still a few places left for any young person who would like to attend and increase their physical fitness.

The third year of the My Plot vegetable growing scheme rolls out on Thursday 1 June from 3 pm – 8 pm. As always this is open to any child or young person aged 18 and under and we will have a range of planters, pots and plants available, which can be potted up on site and taken home. If you would like to take part then just come along on the day and sign up. It's completely free. We would like to extend an enormous thanks to our army of volunteer veggie growers for so generously growing all the plants we will have on offer again this year, such as tomato plants, cucamelons, beans, peas, peppers, chillis or herbs to name but a few.



We've made a couple of further improvements to the Centre. Roof insulation has been added to the Meeting Room and we have replaced the lighting system in the Sports Hall, which has significantly improved the entire area.

Our sincere thanks as always go to all those who support us and help to keep the Centre open and thriving.

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


The Old School Café Menu

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

Please see the specials board

Bacon Bap	£2.50p
Toasted Teacake	£1.50p
Slice of Cake	From £2.00p

Free Wi-fi **Cash Only**

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10am ~1pm

And some weekend events



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Brading Youth and Community Centre
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BRADING BOOKENDS

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Meet Every
3rd Monday of the
Month
From 11.30am



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Jenny Williams and the Isle of Wight
Fibromyalgia Social Group

This event
every 2nd
Monday of the
month



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Visit: ageukiw.org.uk



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Brading Youth and Community Centre Brading High Street Tel 07594649219

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7pm-9pm Y9 and above

Contact: bradingyouthclub@gmail.com for details



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Brading in Bloom - Entry form

Please note: only one category per entry form.

The Brading in Bloom 2023 categories are:

- 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; hotel / guest / self catering accommodation; caravan site)
- 4 Best Young People Initiative (Schools / youth groups)
- 5 Best Community Floral display (Community groups; parish or town councils; high streets; church grounds)
- 6 Best Creative Use of a Small Space (Window box; balcony; hanging basket; recycled objects as containers; vertical planting)
- 7 Best Allotment /Veg Plot Community groups,schools, residents [excluding back gardens]

Competition Rules:

Judging will take place in July.

The Awards Date will be announced.

Entries must have been received no later than 16th July in order to qualify for judging.

One category only per entry.

Judging is usually by mystery visit and you will be informed when your entry has been judged.

The decision of the judges is final.

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Entry form - please complete the details below.

Deadline for entries: Monday 17th July 2023

I wish to enter Category no:

Name:

Name of premises: (only for categories 3; 4; 5; & 6)

Exhibit address:

Postcode:

Tel no:

Email :

Please complete this form and Post/Return it to: Geneva Villa; Station Gardens; Brading; PO360DZ

Please note: the data you supply on this entry form will not be shared with any third party. We will only use this information to contact you about your entry and the competition this year

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