

Town of Brading

Free Library

Minute Book

1877

TOWN OF BRADING.

FREE LIBRARY.

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1844.

Town of Brading.

May 3rd

At a meeting held in the Town Hall on Thursday the 3rd day of May 1844.

Present
Alfred Shaw,
Clem Pain } Bailiffs

J. Bench, F. Bench, W. Pain, W. Burt, G. Burt, }
J. Harvey, J. MacMahon, W. Wheeler, Junr. & H. Bunwin } Jurors

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It was proposed by Mr. G. Burt, & seconded by Mr. F. Bench, & carried unanimously that the following gentlemen form a committee for the purpose of carrying out the above resolution - namely -

Mr. Alfred Shaw - Mr. Clem Pain - } Town Library
Mr. J. MacMahon. Mr. J. Bench. } Committee

Copy of Mr. Barham's letter

Brading

April 22nd 1844

To Mr. Alfred Shaw, Bailiff of the Town of Brading

Mr Barham's letter

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Copy of Mr Barhams letter:

Brading April 22nd 1877

To Mr Alfred Shaw, Bailiff of the Town of Brading,

Mr. Barcham's
Letter continued

Sir, I have been requested by the Committee of the "Brading Social Club" to write to you as the Chief Authority of the Town, respecting the formation of a "Town of Brading Free Library". You are aware that through the kindness of the Corporation, our Society has had the use of the Town Hall every Monday evening for the purpose of carrying on a Lending Library. You are also doubtless aware that some time since Mr. Charles Seely, M. P. for Lincoln, placed the sum of £500 in the hands of a Committee at Carisbrooke for the purpose of establishing free Lending Libraries in the rural districts of the Isle of Wight. Our Committee through me, made an application to Mr. Seely's Committee for a grant from the above fund in aid of their Library, and we have just received the gratifying reply, that they are willing to grant us an award of £40 worth of Books.

Now Sir, our Committee having taken into consideration, First, that we have no suitable room of our own wherein to place these books; Secondly, that we are liable as a private Society of somewhat limited means to fail & cease to exist; Thirdly, that Mr. Seely's grant depends upon the condition that the books be lent out free of charge; have unanimously agreed to offer to the Corporation

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Mr Barnham's
letter continued

of Brading, the whole of their interest in the present
Library, and also (with the consent of Mr. Seeley's Committee)
in that of the grant of £40 so generously awarded
them. They are willing to make this transfer, upon
the following conditions. 1st That the Town Authorities
are willing to accept the same, & proceed at once to
the formation of a "Town of Brading Free Library", open
to all persons residing in the Ecclesiastical District
of Brading. 2nd That our Society so long as it exists,
should be allowed to nominate three persons as
members of the Committee appointed to carry on the
above Library - and that if at any time our Society
should cease to exist, the nomination of its three
members should lapse to the Vicar of Brading
for the time being.

Trusting that you will take
the proper steps to bring this matter before the Corporation
and that by our united action, the great boon of a
good free lending library, may be secured to the
present & future generations of Brading.

I remain Sir,
Yours very sincerely,
James Barnham
Secretary to the
Brading Social Club.

P.S. I beg to suggest that if the Corporation be willing

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Mr. Barkham's letter continues to accept our offer. They proceed at the same time to elect a Library Committee, which together with the three appointed by us, should have sole power & authority to arrange all matters in connection with the same, and to appoint a Librarian. I may say that I am willing to continue my services as Librarian, gratuitously, if the Committee should think fit to elect me. I also suggest that the Committee should be appointed up to the time of the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, and that then it should be elected for the ensuing year. I also beg to enclose to you the letter of Mr. Spickerwell containing the answer to our application, with a Catalogue of the "Carisbrooke Free Library."

A. Shaw

1844
 May 4th
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A meeting of the forenamed Town Committee was held at which Mr. Thomas Stears, Mr. William Burt, Mr. Joseph Seymour, attended as members of the Library Committee elected by the Social Club. The whole Committee now stood thus

Mr. Alfred Shaw	} elected by the Town.
Mr. Clem Pain	
Mr. J. Macmahon	
Mr. J. Bench	
Mr. T. Stears	} elected by the Social Club.
Mr. W. Burt	
Mr. J. Seymour	

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May 7th 1877.

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The whole committee now stood thus:

Mr Alfred Shaw,	} elected by the Town
Mr Clem Pain,	
Mr J MacMahon,	
Mr J Bench	

1877
May 4th continued
It was proposed by Mr. Macmahon & seconded by Mr Stears & carried unanimously that Mr. A. Shaw be Chairman, & Mr C. Pain. Vice-chairman of the Committee.

Proposed by Mr. Macmahon & seconded by Mr. J. Seymour & carried unanimously, that the Rev. John Glover M. A. Vicar of Brading be ex-officio member of the Committee.

Proposed by Mr. H. Burt & seconded by Mr. A. Shaw that Mr James Barham be secretary & Librarian - carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr Stears & seconded by Mr. Macmahon & carried unanimously, that the Librarian be ex-officio member of the Committee.

The meeting was then adjourned to the following week.

Various informal meetings was held from time to time. as necessary
A. Shaw

1877
July 13th
A meeting was held at which an offer of various Books to the no of 280 volumes by Miss Ohrley of the Castle, Brading, was thankfully accepted, & the Secretary requested to convey a note of thanks for the same to Miss Ohrley.
A. Shaw

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7th May 1877 continued

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Proposed by Mr Macmahon and seconded by Mr J Seymour and carried unanimously that the Rev John Glover M. A. Vicar of Brading be ex-officio member of the committee.

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September
the 10th

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1844
Oct 8th

Proposed by Mr Shaw & seconded by Mr Burt that the Secretary do order 96 yards of Twill for covering the books, of Mrs Harvey at 7 1/2 per yard. Carried unanimously

At a Meeting held the following Rules were accepted & passed Also the annexed Report as drawn up by the Secretary to be presented to the Corporation on the following day.

Town of Brading
FREE LIBRARY.

INSTITUTED 1877.

- No. Rules.
- 1.—The Library will be open without charge to all residents in the Ecclesiastical District of Brading of 14 years of age and upwards.
 - 2.—Only one book at a time can be taken out by a family unless it consists of three or more readers of the specified age, when a second book may be had if the supply of books will permit it conveniently.
 - 3.—No book will be allowed to be taken to, or received from a family, during the time any member may be suffering from an infectious disease.
 - 4.—Any one wishing to take a book must attend personally the first time. *Oct 23rd meeting.*
 - 5.—The books must be kept very clean, and returned in good order. If this rule is not strictly adhered to, the privilege of taking them will be withdrawn.
 - 6.—The books may be changed at the Town Hall every Monday evening, from Seven till Eight o'clock, also from half-past Twelve till One, p.m., the same day, for such as cannot attend at the above hour.
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Town of Brading Free Library.

Report of Library Committee presented to the Corporation
at their Annual Meeting, October 9th, 1877.

GENTLEMEN,

The joint Committee appointed by yourselves and the Brading Social Club beg to report to you that they have so far finished their somewhat arduous duties, as to be able to say, that the Library will be definitely opened to the public on Monday Evening next, Oct. 15th.

They trust that their selection of Books, in which they have endeavoured to meet the taste of all classes of readers, their arrangement with regard to the shelves and the covering of the Books, and in short all their proceedings in the matter, will meet with your approval.

They have taken the responsibility of printing a short statement with regard to the Library, and forwarding one to every family in the district. They did this in order to excite an interest in their undertaking and to make it known, and also to invite voluntary subscriptions to cover the expenses in connection with the same. These expenses have, of necessity, been somewhat heavy in the first instance; and at present they are sorry to say the subscriptions received do not cover the amount which they have expended. They cannot, however, but think that as soon as the Library is open to the public, and the Catalogue is placed in their hands the amount will be speedily made up, and sufficient funds forthcoming to cover all ordinary expenses, as well as add new books from time to time.

They would suggest to the Corporation the propriety of passing a public vote of thanks to those who have been the means of starting such an admirable institution in the place, and to those who have assisted in the arrangement of the same, specially mentioning Charles Seely, Esq., M.P., for his noble gift of £40 worth of Books; Mrs. W. Copp, for the gift of nearly 300 vols. of Books; Lady Oglander, for her donation of £5 towards the necessary expenses; and the Misses Cole and Blanchard for covering all the books.

They beg to say in conclusion, that they have appointed Mr. James Barham as Librarian, who is willing to undertake the duties without cost to the Institution, and that they enclose herewith a copy of the Rules which they have drawn up, together with a Statement of the Accounts.

A. SHAW, CHAIRMAN.

P.S.—The Committee have only to add, that from unavoidable circumstances the Library could not be opened until Oct. 22nd, instead of the 15th; and that, in accordance with their suggestion, a vote of thanks was proposed and carried unanimously to the above-named persons, and to all who have kindly assisted them by subscriptions or otherwise.

October 29th, 1877.

A. SHAW, Chairman.

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A Shaw, Chairman.

Brading Free Library, Statement of Accounts,

OCTOBER 29TH, 1877.

Expenditure.		Receipts.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Carriage of Mr. Seeley's Books, received in extra Books from his Committee ...	0 8 3	Lady Oglander ...	5 0 0
Ditto of Miss Orhley's Books ...	0 0 9	W. H. Sinclair, Esq. ...	1 1 0
Ditto of Copy and Binding ...	0 0 10	Capt. Thorp ...	0 5 0
Envelopes, Paper, and Postage ...	0 1 6	Mr. W. Wheeler ...	0 5 0
Brush, Paste, &c. ...	0 3 6½	Mr. W. Burt ...	0 5 0
Boys Distributing Circulars ...	0 2 0	Mr. W. Jacobs ...	0 5 0
Railway Fares, Newport and Ryde ...	0 6 11	Mr. A. Shaw ...	0 5 0
Mrs. Harvey, Twill for Covering ...	2 14 0	Mr. G. Whale ...	0 5 0
American Leather and Fancy Nails ...	0 18 0	Mr. B. Bartlett ...	0 5 0
Mr. Wheeler, New Shelves ...	4 6 0	The Misses Linfield ...	0 5 0
Ditto, Re-fitting and Repairing Old Shelves ...	0 12 0	Mr. W. Riddick ...	0 5 0
Printing Circulars, Catalogues, Labels, and Notices ...	4 11 0	Mr. J. Riddick ...	0 5 0
Binding "Illustrated News," &c. ...	0 19 3	Mr. C. Pain ...	0 5 0
Pens, Blotting Paper, Library Book, &c. ...	0 1 10	Mr. J. Harvey ...	0 5 0
Bronze Inkstand ...	0 8 3	J. A. Mew, Esq., Town Steward ...	0 10 0
Coals, Oil, and Cleaning Hall ...	0 5 8	Rev. C. Bury ...	0 10 0
		Received from Catalogues, Oct. 29th ...	0 9 6
			10 10 6
		Balance due to Treasurer ...	5 9 3½
Total ...	£15 19 9½		£15 19 9½

A. SHAW,
CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE.

October 29th, 1877.

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Brading Free Library Statement of accounts

October 29th 1877

Expenditure:	£	s	d
Carriage of Mr Seeley's books, received in extra books from his committee	0	8	3
Ditto of Miss Orhley's book	0	0	9
Ditto of copying and binding		0	0
Envelopes, paper and postage	0	1	6
Brush, paste etc	0	3	6 ½
Boys distributing circulars	0	2	0
Railway fares, Newport and Ryde	0	6	11
Mrs Harvey, Twill for covering	2	14	0
American leather and fancy nails	0	18	0
Mr Wheeler, New shelves	4	6	0
Ditto, re-fitting and repairing old shelves	0	12	0
Printing circulars, catalogues, labels and notices	4	11	0
Binding "Illustrated News" etc	0	19	3
Pens, blotting paper, Library Book etc	0	1	10
Bronze inkstand	0	8	3
Coals, oil and cleaning hall	0	5	8
Total	15	19	9 ½

Receipts:	£	s	d
Lady Oglander	5	0	0
WH Sinclair Esq	1	1	0
Captain Thorp	0	5	0
Mr W Burt	0	5	0
Mr W Jacobs	0	5	0
A Shaw	0	5	0
Mr G Whale	0	5	0
Mr B Bartlett	0	5	0
The Misses Linfield	0	5	0
Mr W Riddick	0	5	0
Mr J Riddick	0	5	0
Mr C Pain	0	5	0
Mr J Harvey	0	5	0
J.A Mew Esq Town Steward	0	10	0
Rev C Bury	0	10	0
Received from catalogues, Oct 29 th	0	9	6
	10	10	6
Balance due to Treasurer	5	9	3 ½

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October 29th 1877

A. Shaw, Chairman of Committee

1844
 Oct 23: A Meeting was held. present Mr. A Shaw. Mr. C. Pain
 Mr. Heans - Mr. Macmahon
 Mr. Seymour - Mr. Burt
 Proposed by Mr. Shaw & seconded by Mr. Macmahon - that
 the word "attend" in the fourth Rule. should be
 altered to "apply" in order to allow the Librarian
 to let out books to persons who personally apply
 to him. though they do not attend at the Town Hall.
 Carried Unanimously. A. Shaw

Oct 29: At a Meeting held. Present Mr. Shaw. Mr. Heans.
 Mr. Pain. & Mr. Burt.
 It was decided that a statement of the accounts
 up to that date Oct 29: 1844. together with the
 Report presented to the Corporation Oct 9: should
 be printed & circulated amongst the subscribers
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 Mr Heans Mr Macmahon
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