



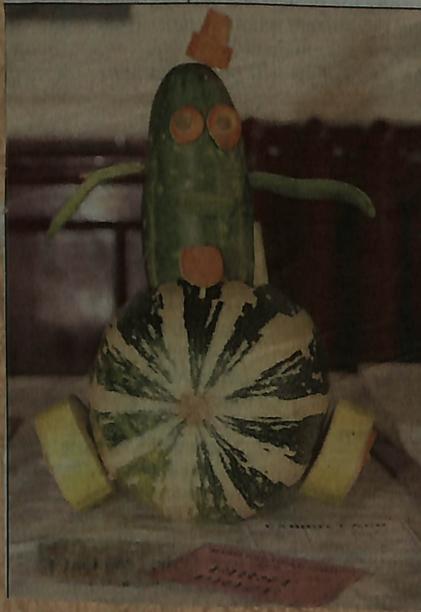
W.I. Annual Outing
to the Donkey Sanctuary 2016





Sally Gambles with her basket of veg. 1015-p68637

Show follows harvest



WITH harvest comes the Brading Horticultural Show and 2015 was no exception, with produce and creative items laid out at the town hall.

The show was, once again, supported by the pre-school, primary school and Methodist church in the town.

Schoolchildren produced autumn-themed artwork, with hand prints, leaf prints and watercolour pictures.

Pat Stay, committee secretary, said entries for fruit and vegetables were down but overall the classes were well supported.

The winner of the best in show was Diana Crookes, for her quilt.

Results

H Weeks Cup — M. Hawkins; Miss Woods Cup — Mrs S. Gambles; Capt Drayson Cup — Mrs R. Shears; M Harris Cup — David Cassell; Storey Cup — M. Buckett; Nunwell Cup — M. Hawkins; W. E. Harbour Memorial — N. Walters; Vera Gustafson Bowl — Mrs S. Gambles; Habberley Memorial — Mrs P. Crookes; Morgan Trophy — Mrs D. Crookes; Aylmer Salver — Mrs Gambles; Gordon Trott Shield — N. Walters; Cox Memorial Shield — M. Buckett.

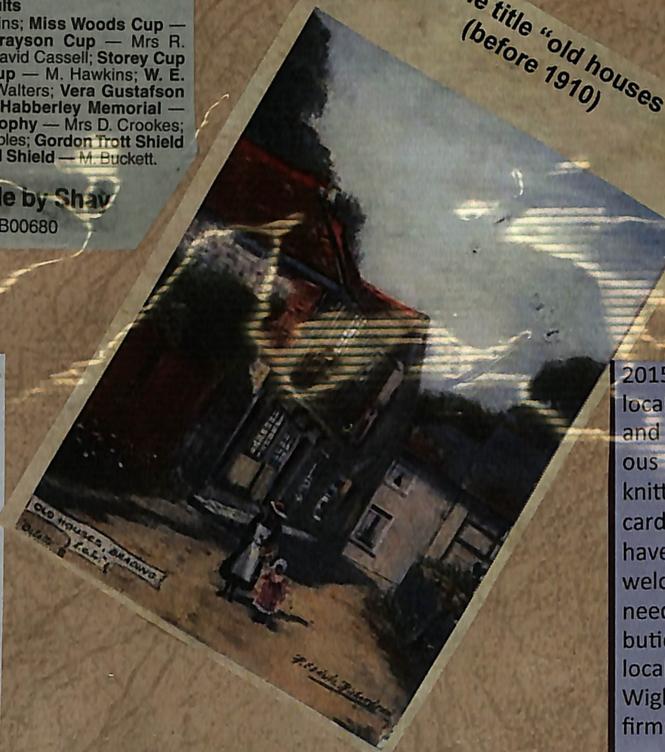
Vegetable car made by Shay Patrick, eight. 1015-B00680

Baptisms and Confirmations at St Mary's Church 2003



BRAG PRESENTS
**THE BRADING
 DRAMA GROUP**
 FRIDAY 7.30-9.30
 IN THE TOWN HALL
 COME AND JOIN US
 ONLY £1.00

Postcard with the title "old houses in Brading" (before 1910)



2015 was a busy year for the local Knit and Natter Group, and once again their generous donations of hand-knitted blankets, jumpers, cardigans, hats and scarfs have been wholeheartedly welcomed by families in need in Moldova. The distribution of items is organised locally by Bill Wyke through Wight-Hope and he confirmed that the Island send

7tons of aid last year.



If you have any spare wool that you'd like to donate to this productive team of knitters, you can either drop off to Helan at the Brading Centre or give her a ring and she will pass onto the group (01983 401770) 2016



Ladies of Beading WI 2014

Vanessa Bennet



Sylvia Davies



Morris Dancers! BEADING WI



Joan Farley



Joan Farley.



'Hellow Dolly'



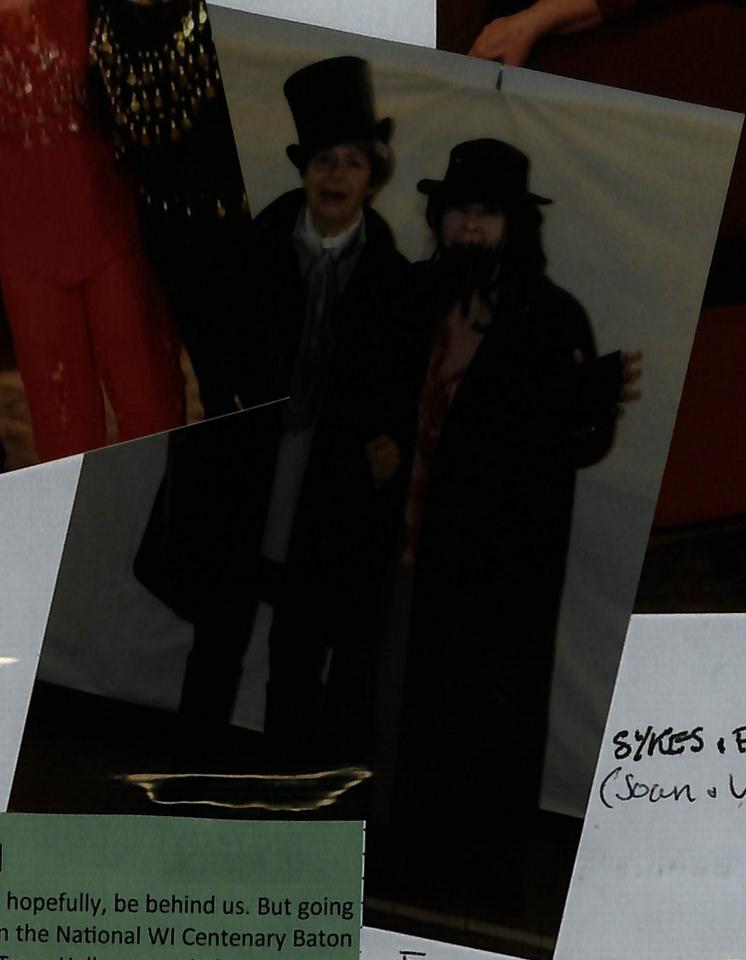
All the men I've ever loved.



Bothywood WI 2015



JOAN ROPER 2014



SYKES & FAGIN.
(Joan & Vanessa)

Fagin & Sykes

Shirley Ware WI



BRADING WI

By the time you read this, the cold weather should, hopefully, be behind us. But going back to January, there was a lot of excitement when the National WI Centenary Baton reached our WI on Saturday 24th January. Brading Town Hall was ready for the event, with crafts, drama group photos & all the Brading Albums on show. When the WI Centenary minibus arrived, the Federation ladies brought the Baton & a scroll into the hall. Photos were taken & the moment we had all been waiting for came when the baton was handed to our president, Noreen Finlay. Members also had a chance to

hold the Baton when we stood in a circle & the Baton was passed round. The Federation visitors stayed with us while we celebrated with delicious cakes made by the members. All the craft items on display were superb, but one was outstanding: on the wall behind Helan Smallbones's project table was a beautiful embroidered Advent Calendar that she had made. She had put so much work into it & the detail was magnificent.

Going back to the previous month, our Drama Group put on another splendid show in Brading Town Hall. Lots of visitors to previous productions returned and expressed their delight at yet another original & outstanding display of talent. Costumes were colourful & bright & there was tremendous applause after every act.

Meetings are usually on the third Thursday in the month, but in March it is on Wednesday 18th March, at the usual time, 7pm, when Dawn & Noreen will give a talk about their cruise on the Saga Pearl 11 to Madeira, Gran Canaria, Tenerife, Lanzarote, Morocco and Portugal.

At the meeting on Thursday, 16th April There will be a talk about the work of the Trading Standards Council & on Thursday 21st May the WI Resolution for the Special Centenary AGM at the Albert Hall will be discussed before members decide to vote for or against it. This will be followed by games.

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

We do hope you will come along and spend an evening with us. You will be made very welcome.





Lunch at the 'Yarbridges' (Drama Group WI)



Golf at Browns BRADING WI 2014

Brading WI News

It is that time of year again when we are all busy preparing for Christmas. We have also been busy booking speakers for our WI's 2015 Programme. On Thursday 15th January, we have Mark Earp with his talk called: Brading Haven – lost but not forgotten.

On Thursday 19th February, Mrs P. Simpson will talk about Flowers of the Sea (the history and use of Isle of Wight Seaweed). She emphasises that these are shown as real samples, not slides.

Other talks include a hands-on demo and talk by Sylvia Williams about making Christmas Decorations; Sarah Lang's My Granny Had One of These - everyday objects from the past (interactive Group Activity) and the Work of Trading Standards. Please do come along to any meeting and join in. You will be made very welcome. The meetings will be at 7pm in Brading Town Hall.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy and Healthy New Year.



January 23, 2015

Celebration as WI Centenary Baton arrives on Island



The WI Centenary Baton arrives at Yarmouth by ferry to be greeted by Island WI members. 0115-J610905

A SPECIAL relay baton, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Women's Institute movement, arrived on the Island this week.

The IW Federation of Women's Institutes' board of trustees, led by chairman Ann Longford, accepted the WI Centenary Baton from its Hampshire WI counterparts in Yarmouth on Tuesday evening.

Over the course of a week, the baton will be transported to all the Island's 33 WIs, including Ningwood and Shalfleet WI, the first to be established on the Island in 1918.

The baton, being taken clockwise around the Island, began its journey at Newport's Waterside WI on Wednesday.

During a series of celebrations at each WI, members will form circles and touch the baton to symbolise their friendship and links with members of other WIs, locally and nationally.

County vice-chairman Sue Biss said: "This event means all our Island members are able to be part of a national celebration. It has helped strengthen the WI movement on the Island."

Photos will be taken and transferred to a memory stick in the baton. The images will be

shown at the AGM of the national WI at the Royal Albert Hall in June.

The baton will appear in Ryde and the East Wight today (Friday), the Bay area and Rookley tomorrow (Saturday), the South Wight on Monday and the West Wight on Tuesday.

After a final celebration at Yarmouth WI, the baton will be taken to Lymington, where a delegation of the Dorset federation will greet Mrs Longford and Mrs Biss, before going on to the New Forest to officially pass on the baton.

● See WI reports on page 30.



Anne Longford, left, receives the baton from Hampshire WI chair Brenda Fletcher. 0115-J610907

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 9 November 2014, the Mayor of Brading, Deb Gardiner and Cllr Tony Toogood represented Brading Town Council at the act of remembrance for the fallen of Brading.

The service was well attended by members of the community and led by the Rev Drucilla Dennis.

Cllr Gardiner was amongst representatives of local organisations who marked the occasion by the placing of wreaths .



We had a collection of vintage cars and motorbikes, craft items and produce as well as entertainment from Marchwood Military Wives Choir, David Thornton (yes the very same CEO of Visit Isle of Wight), The Bunker Girls a vintage style trio, the Five O'Clock Shadows and the Wight Variety Performers.



The event was deemed a big success by residents, visitors & organisers alike—so much so that there is talk of organising an annual Brading Station Day—watch this space!

BRADING CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

SERVICE

WITH THE SALVATION ARMY BAND and SINGERS

BRADING TOWN HALL

Tuesday 16th December 7:30 PM



Brading Station was the host to a very special VIP in the week prior to our celebrations that's right, Queen Victoria herself - see below



Oyster Mushroom

You can find oyster mushrooms on dead or dying trees, often in large clumps. They can grow in the same place in successive years, so remember where you picked them and head back there next year. If you separate the caps and air dry them, they can easily be stored.



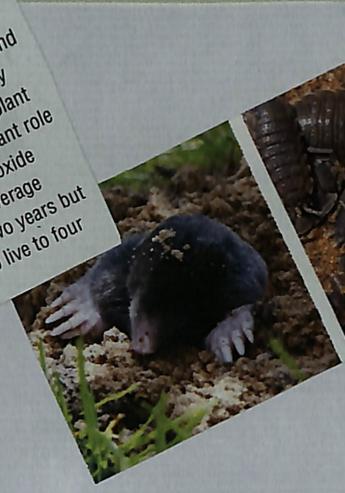
Hairy Bitter-cress

This is a weed that can infuriate gardeners with its capacity to spread over cultivated soil, paths and among cold frames. Its secret weapon is being one of the fastest life-cycles in the flora world, flowering in a few weeks from germination, with the explosive seed pods projecting seeds across the garden.



Moles

Perhaps mole hills rather than moles! With the ground being soft and damp moles can create 20 meters of tunnel per day. They leave their mounds of earth as they excavate these tunnels. They generally eat insects and naturally aerate the soil, but can damage root systems and farmers' crops.



Woodlice

The woodlouse is not an insect but a crustacean. They are the only crustacean to inhabit inland and not watery habitats. They feed on decaying leaf and plant matter, playing an important role in the natural carbon dioxide cycle. They have an average lifespan of around two years but some are known to live to four years old.





Saturday 30th August 2014 saw Brading Railway Station celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Opening of the Ryde St Johns to Shanklin Railway. Here at Brading our celebrations took a 1950s theme with hot dogs and ice-cream floats as well as our usual cream teas and other tasty fayre in the 1950s style café.

ST. HELENS BRANCH LINE



CENTURION COPSE & OLD SEA WALL



Marsh Harriers



Skylarks

BRADING HORTICULTURAL SHOW



Brading Horticultural Society has been holding an annual show in Brading for over 75 years. The

show is held on the first Wednesday in October at the Town Hall and is always well supported.

There are cups presented for the winners of each class and a monetary prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.



There is a raffle and an auction where goods

that have been entered in the show can be sold.



All the classes (except for the children and photography) are

judged by Royal Horticultural Society rules.



Wednesday 1st October 2014

exhibits from this year's show

BRADING BELL RINGERS

Over the next 4 years, the bell ringers are going to ring a half-muffled quarter peal to mark the centenary of the death of each man from this parish who fell in World War One. A date touch* of 1914 changes was rung on 4th August to mark the start of the war and a poppy wreath was laid by the bell ringers at the memorial.

Three quarter peals have already been rung for

- ◆ Gunner George Fry
- ◆ Driver Frederick Butcher
- ◆ Private Victor Wright

The next quarter peals to be rung are:

24th January 2015 for

RIFLEMAN William Johnson

9th March 2015 for

RIFLEMAN Harold Taylor

*A 'date touch' is a piece of ringing which has the same number of changes (or different sequences of numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) as a particular year. Because World War One broke out in 1914, that was the number of changes that we rung to commemorate it. Date touches normally last about 1 hour and normal quarter peals last about 40 -45 minutes and are only 1260 changes long.





Tea at the Palace for WI royalty

Island WI members in all their finery assemble at the ferry terminal at East Cowes on their way to the Buckingham Palace garden party. 0615-p6704

Elizabeth Cook (Bradwell)

Pub's name looks back to history

2015

GULLY Howard has played an important role in smoothing the way for the opening of a new dining pub, named to reflect the history of the town in which it is prominently positioned.

The chartered surveyors has let pub/restaurant premises in Brading High Street to new operators, Matt and Tom Axford, and it will be run as Kynges Well.

The ancient name for the civil parish is Kynges Towne and it was granted a charter by Edward VI in 1548, enabling it to have an annual fair.

Gavin Chambers, of Gully Howard, said: "The property is a landmark venue established for many years as one of the busiest dining pubs on the Island. "Matt and Tom have been looking for an

opportunity such as this for some time. "They have refurbished and refitted the property to a high standard, giving it a fresh identity linking with the history of Brading.

"They aim to provide a characterful and inviting environment in which customers can enjoy good quality food sourced from local products, a relaxing drink at the bar, or hopefully both.

"The public areas are spacious and able to cater for numerous customers to relax while enjoying the historic atmosphere the property exudes."

Gavin added: "It is good to see this historic venue in good and capable hands and restored to its former glory. All at Gully Howard wish Matt and Tom all the very best in their exciting new venture."

● See *Weekender*, page 31.



The new owners of the Kynges Well pub, Tom and Matt Axford, with Gully Howard's Gavin Chambers.

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Left, a hand-coloured snapshot of Brading High Street. FILE

