

# Celebration time for brownies



PAST AND present Brading Brownies joined together for the tenth birthday celebrations of the pack recently.

The celebrations, held at Brading Primary School, were attended by over 85 adults and children, including some of their original members.

Low, county commissioner, Mrs. P. Russell, district commissioner, and the Rev. E. Hayden, vicar of Brading.

Mrs. J. Baker, who founded the pack, was also present as were past and present Brown Owl, Mrs. P. Collopy and Mrs. J. Poyner.

Members and leaders are pictured, and also bring and buy and cake stalls filled with work done by them as part of their cookery and hostess badges.

Around £50 was raised and this will be spent on equipment and a Christmas party.

Guests of honour were Mrs. S. There was entertainment by



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A NEW unit of the Girls Venture Corps started at the Heritage Centre in Station Road, Brading, last Thursday.

An open evening, when the inauguration will take place, is planned within the next few weeks, but meetings will now be held every Thursday from 7 pm to 9 pm.

The corps is a voluntary youth movement for girls aged between 11 and 18.

There will be two sections, the juniors, aged between 11 and 12½, and the seniors, from 12½ to 18.

The aim of the corps is to use leisure with a purpose. New interests can be enjoyed including flying, camping expeditions and sports.

It is also involved with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

## Brading teenagers turn tables on councillors

TOWN and parish councils pay out thousands of pounds a year in community grants.

But at Brading the position was reversed when town council funds received a boost from local youngsters.

Councillors were astonished when two teenage members of Brading Youth Club handed over a £50 cheque.

The presentation to the mayor, Mr Gordon MacDonald, was made by two 11-year-old representatives of the club, picture framer Jody

Carpenter and Sandown High School sixth former Stephen Turnbull.

Jody told councillors that the club was not specifying how the money should be used.

Congratulating the club on its community spirit Mr MacDonald told Jody and Stephen, "This is a splendid gesture and we certainly appreciate the thoughtfulness of your club."

Councillor Mr John Hunter, a former Island youth officer, said, "Young people are much maligned but too little account is taken of the excellent work they do within their communities."

A COFFEE morning is being held in St Mary's Church Hall on March 1 between 10.30 am and noon in aid of the drop-in centre for one-parent families commencing today in the Station Rooms in Brading.

The local branch of the Mothers' Union has initiated the opening of the centre as a reach out to the young people of Brading.

One of the members, Mrs Alidis, has organised the centre which is intended to be a self help group for one-parent families — a place where they can have a chat over a cup of tea, while someone looks after their children.

The first meeting, which takes place between 10 am and noon today (Friday), will give local one-parent families an opportunity to go along and discuss how they would like to see the centre develop.

It will then be open every Friday between the same hours.

### BRADING

BRADING WI president Mrs J. Morris opened the February meeting.

Members wished Mrs. G. Claffey a happy 15th birthday.

Mrs. C. Blackham read the correspondence which included invitations to Lake, Apple Heath and Alverstone birthday parties.

The jumble sale in aid of flowers for the sick made £109 profit and it was agreed that £20 should be donated to the Denman College appeal.

Members were asked who would like to see The Sound of Music at the Sandown Pavilion at Easter and who would like to attend the Spring council meeting at the Medina Theatre on April 24.

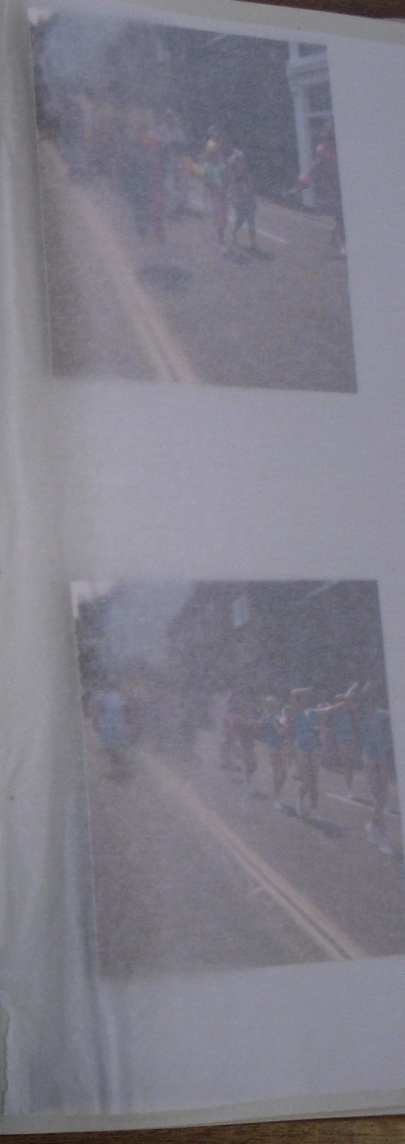
Names were taken of members willing to prepare exhibits for the Nutwell Trophy on May 9 and plans were made for the Victorian fair on Saturday June 20. Contributions of home-made pickles, jams, cakes, sourees and handicrafts will be gratefully received.

Mr. K. Lane showed a film about cheese making and one on the art of making Royal Doulton porcelain figures.

Mrs. P. Cowan thanked him. The competition for a Cornish pasty was won by Mrs. P. Habberley and beer bloom was brought by Mrs. E. Rock.

Mrs. K. Parkins won first prize in the raffle.

Tea hostesses were Mrs. A. Whitter and Mrs. Beaven.



## SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

### Making Brading blooming lovely!



Brading Primary School pupils Jessica Mitchell and Oliver Buckett plant spring bulbs in the new garden in the Bull Ring. Nov: 1990

AN overgrown piece of land in Brading's historic Bull Ring has been transformed into a picturesque garden thanks to the efforts of local people.

Features of the garden, which has been built by local craftsmen with help from Camp Hill prisoners include a seat, cherry tree and flower beds and tubs.

It was these tubs that children from Brading Primary School filled with bulbs last week — courtesy of the local WI.

The children became involved thanks to the efforts of former mayor Mrs Marianne Sullivan, who is also a school governor.

Brading Town Council started the garden project rolling with a £500 donation and then current mayor Mr Gordon Macdonald encouraged Brading people to put their hands in their pockets.

Top of the list of donors was local GP Peter Brand, who gave £500 towards the project.

### Sporting successes

BRADING and Sandown youth clubs won four of the five events in a sporting challenge organised by the IW Youth and Community Service.

Steve Shaw, of Brading Youth Club, won the senior snooker section, beating Nick Fairweather, of Shanklin Youth Club, in the final, with Chris Brooks and Spencer Wright, of Brading YC, the beaten semi-finalists.

In the junior section, James Lacy, of St Helens YC, defeated Damian Seabrook, of Shanklin YC, in the final, with Shanklin Football Club members James

Summers and Shaun Watkins the beaten semi-finalists.

James Lacy took the highest break in the junior section with 21, with Steve Shaw and Chris Brooks both making 19 to share the senior highest break.

Badminton saw Maria Turner, of Sandown YC, beat Lucy Akford, of 5th Rule Guides, in the girls' singles final. Jonathan Entwistle, of Brading YC, won the junior boys' singles, beating Robert Chandler, of 6th Newport Scouts, in the final. Chris Brooks took the senior event, beating his brother, Paul, in the final.

### VARIETY CONCERT

Brading Town Hall June 20th 1987 at 7 p.m.  
celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Queen Victoria's  
Accession to the Throne

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| Comperce                | - | Mr. Tom Corcoran   |
| 1. The Brownie Story    | - | 1st Brading Brownies<br>Brown Owl - Mrs. Jo Poyner                                     |
| 2. Clarinet Trio        | - | Katie Hetherington, Lucy Martin,<br>Amy Poyner   |
| 3. Guiding Songs        | - | 2nd Brading Guides<br>Captain - Mrs. Pat Redfern                                       |
| 4. Campfire Songs       | - | 1st Brading Cubs<br>Akela - Mrs. Angela Eldridge                                       |
| INTERVAL                |   |  |
| 5. Songs from the Shows | - | Newchurch W.I. Choir<br>Conductor - Mrs. M. Goodchild<br>Accompanist - Mrs. S. Millard |
| 6. Dance                | - | Christine Francis  |
| 7. Vocal                | - | Tarnia Eldridge and Sharon Henley  |
| 8. Verse Speaking       | - | Gayle Tolfrey, Lucy Harrison,<br>Victoria Patton, Christine Smith                      |
| 9. Dance                | - | Christine Francis  |
| 10. Music Hall Songs    | - | The Choir  |

### THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Admission by Programme - Adults 50p, Children 25p.

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FAYRE

Brading. — Mrs. J. Morris, president, thanked members for helping to make the Victorian Fayre a success.

Special thanks went to Mrs. A. Finlay for her hard work which included organising the evening concert.

The fayre raised £387.

Members agreed that £100 should go to the Town Trust for redecoration of the town hall, and £50 to the college fund, for the detection of cervical cancer.

Mrs. C. Blackham read correspondence which included a letter from a tour firm suggesting that members might enjoy a ride in a vintage coach.

It was decided to combine the ride with a trip to St. Mary's Hospital, Newport, to visit the new chest unit.

Strawberries and cream, and scones were provided by Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Blackham.

Mrs. N. Scott won the competition for a knitted toy and best blooms were brought by Mrs. H. Mortimer, Mrs. K. Rapkins and Mrs. G. Chalvey.

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# Gemma steps to success

BRADING ballerina Gemma Palmer had every reason to smile last Friday when she beat stiff mainland opposition to win her ballet class.

Nine-year-old Gemma, a pupil at the Gillian Cartwright School of Dancing since the age of three, had competed in several local festivals but had not achieved a first place before.

But her pleasing dance quality impressed adjudicator Mrs Patricia Snowdon enough to award Gemma a mark of 84 and The Winter Cup.

Jean Marks' pupils Laura Kelly and Laura Somerville showed the audience some of their all-round ability during the session.

Laura Somerville, seven, added a win in her tap and song and dance solos to successes in modern and national classes.

This completed a good festival where she earned three gold medals and a silver.

Laura Kelly, eight, made it three wins in a row by triumph-

ing in her character, song and dance and national classes.

Gillian Cartwright pupils made it a one, two, three in a ballet class for 14-year-old dancers.

Faye Oleinska, of Cowes, took the honours to win the Elmwood Trophy for the Island. It was the sixth consecutive year that Gillian Cartwright pupils had scooped the award.

Claire Stanley, of Shanklin took second with 85, while Faye's cousin Chloe Oleinska was third.



Ms Member Mrs P. Easterby

Mr and Mrs. Habberley

## BRADING July '90

Mrs M. Brooker, president, gave the welcome.

A letter and a cookery book, Simple Meals For Busy People, were received from the link WI in New Zealand.

Mrs D. Wortley-Nott discussed speakers for the 1991 programme.

The mode of dress for the tea party on September 11 will be flat hats and slippers, just like the Tetley Teamen. Mrs G. Lea is arranging refreshments with members. The Rev Dwight Longenecker will be judging the children's posters.

Mrs Mary Hunter presented a play, Hang Aunt Emily, and it was performed by Mediamas P. Chaffey, N. Scott, Wortley-Nott and Saban.

Mrs Habberley and Mrs Easterby won most points in a competition for a place mat, and the best blooms were brought by Mrs Brooker and Mrs Skinner.

## BRADING SEPT. '90

Mrs P. Chaffey, vice-president, gave the welcome.

Members learned of the death of a retired member, Laura Owens.

Mrs P. Chaffey thanked everyone for helping to make the tea party such a success. Mrs P. Habberley was congratulated on the Tetley Teaman outfit which she had made.

A donation of £50 was to be made to children's charities.

Artist Janet Sheath gave a talk and demonstration on wildlife painting.

Mrs D. Wortley-Nott thanked her.

Mrs Habberley won a competition for a book cover and Mrs Downers brought the best bloom.

Mrs G. Chaffey won another competition.

Mrs J. Morris and Mrs Green provided refreshments.

# Children impress at Brading show

By LEWIS GRANT

A ROYAL Gold rose picked on the morning of the show from a bush planted four years ago to celebrate her golden wedding, won Mrs Marjorie Pettifer the prize for the best specimen rose at Brading WI's annual horticultural show.

"Mrs Pettifer, 81, is married to Major Fred Pettifer, 83, who was mayor of South Wight in the Queen's silver jubilee year. "I exhibited a bottle of my home-made raisin wine in the show which I thought was jolly good, but was out of the running for a prize!" said the rueful winner.

"Best in the wine class was a bottle of 1984 mayflower exhibited by another veteran Mr E.K. Morgan.

"Eighty-nine-year-old Mr Fred Crowright, a retired baker, who came to Brading 12 years ago from California, won the Nurseries Challenge Cup for the best collection of vegetables and also

the Hampton Weeks Challenge Cup for gaining the most point in one of the sections.

"When it comes to raising prize vegetables, Mr Crowright is in a class by himself, which is not surprising, as he has been a grower for 76 years!

"Before I became a gardener in private service, but the first world war put paid to that," said Mr Crowright.

"But despite the successes of the veterans and of experienced exhibitors in the flower, fruit, vegetable, cookery and handicraft classes, the stars of this popular annual show were the town schoolchildren.

"Of the 444 entries, no less than 168 came from our local children," said show secretary Mrs Joyce Morris.

WI vice-president Mrs Pat Chaffey said, "We are delighted by the terrific support we receive from the children and by the

involvement in the show of our local Church of England school."

Retired teacher Miss Christine Lipscombe, who judged the children's classes, confessed the standards were so high that choosing winners, seconds and thirds had been a daunting task.

Her marking was so close that no fewer than eight children finished level on points. The Mortimer Challenge Cup which is awarded annually to the young exhibitor with most points in all children's classes was therefore presented to the local school.

The children's classes included gardens on plates, collages, handwriting, drawings and egg characters, shell pictures, and a wide range of other craftwork.

Miss Lipscombe, while praising all aspects of the children's work, said she was particularly impressed with the enchanting egg characters.

Top award in the egg character class went to Amber Derry for a baby in a cradle, complete with a frilly cover.

Dominique Cassell, who took first prize in the pencil sketch class for her marvellous study of a tabby cat chasing a bird, won the W. Harris Challenge Cup for the most points in three of the classes.

Mrs Phyl Habberley won the Vera Gustafson Memorial Bowl for most points in the women's classes as well as the Miss Woods Challenge Cup for topping the points list in the home produce section.

Mrs Pat Chaffey was awarded The Storey Challenge Cup for collecting most points in a section featuring needlework, sewing and machine work, while the Little Jane's Challenge Cup

for floral art and some special classes went to Mrs R. J. Richards.

Mr Arthur Bainbridge won the Dora M. Harris Challenge Cup for flowers, and with Mrs Jean Halliday, shared the Rose Society Cup for fruit.

Top onion grower, Peter Wright, won the W E Harbour Memorial Trophy and Mr Stan Harbour's prize chrysanthemums gained him the Captain Drayson Challenge Cup.

Retired postman and a former mayor of the township, Mr John Henry, took a first in one of the sections for his superb model of a ship.

IWHA Certificates of Merit included one awarded to 14-year-old Stuart Derry for his cheese scones.

The show was opened by IW Radio's Mr Bill Padley who said that although he was not a gardener, "I even managed to kill off my plastic plant!" said he was very impressed with the produce on view.

He was most struck with the children's talented work and by the numbers of families contributing to the exhibits.

Among the many visitors enjoying the show were former Brading residents Mr Thomas Crawley and his son Philip from Miranda near Sydney, who left for Australia in 1966 and were back on holiday.

Mr Donald Finlay was chairman of the show committee and the judges were Mr Roy Henley (horticulture), Mrs Jean Hayles (floral art), Miss Christine Lipscombe (children's classes), Mrs G. Johnson (handicrafts) and Mrs G. Pointer (cookery).

## AWARD AND CLASS WINNERS

### AWARDS

Nurseries Challenge Cup for the best collection of vegetables including tomatoes — Fred Crowright; Hampton Weeks Challenge Cup for the competitor gaining most points in vegetable section — Fred Crowright.

Miss Woods Challenge Cup for most points in home-made produce section — Mrs Phyl Habberley; Little Jane's Challenge Cup for most points in floral art classes — Mrs R. J. Richards.

Clair Drayson Challenge Cup for most points in dahlia and rose classes — Arthur Bainbridge.

Storey Challenge Cup for most points in craft section — Mrs Pat Chaffey; Rose Society Cup for most points in fruit section — A. Bainbridge and Mrs Jean Halliday; W. Harris Challenge Cup for most points in the children's art and craft classes — Dominique Cassell.

W. E. Harbour Memorial Cup for most points in onion classes — Peter Wright; Vera Gustafson Memorial Bowl for most points in ladies classes — Mrs Habberley.

IWHA Certificates of Merit — Mrs Molly Wallin (apples), Mr R. A. Cox (vegetables), Arthur Bainbridge (onions), Stuart Derry (cheese scones), Mrs Phyl Habberley (fruit jelly), Mrs R. J. Richards (floral art).

### CLASSES

Chrysanthemums, outdoor, three vases — S. Harbour; one vase — S. Harbour; specimen outdoor/indoor — S. Harbour; spray — G. R. Morgan.

Dahlias, decorative — Mrs J. Morris; cactus — A. Bainbridge; pom pon — S. Harbour.

Roses, foribunda or polyanthus — A. Bainbridge; specimen — Mrs M. Pettifer; any flower own foliage — P. Chaffey.

### FLORAL ART

Potted exhibit any natural material — Mrs R. J. Richards; exhibit of any seven blooms — Mrs Richards.

### FRUIT

Apples, cooking — Mrs J. Halliday; dessert — Mrs M. Wallin; Cox's orange — A. Bainbridge; Charles Ross — Mrs A. Bowyer; pears, dessert — A. Bainbridge; diet of any fruit — Mrs Halliday.

### VEGETABLES

Protatoes, white — G. S. Morgan; coloured — G. Troit; beetroot, globe — C. R. Morgan; tomatoes, indoor — F. Crowright; outdoor — F. Crowright.

Onions, exhibition — G. Troit; grown from sets — A. Bainbridge; globe or semi-globe — G. R. Morgan; flat — F. Wright; shallots — P. Wright; pickling — P. Wright; leeks — F. Crowright.

Carrots, short — F. Crowright; long or intermediate — A. Bainbridge; parsnips — A. Bainbridge; Brussels sprouts — F. Crowright; cabbages — R. Ling; any other vegetable — Richard A. Cox.

Home-made Produce Wholesome loaf — Mrs M. Pettifer; jam soft, not strawberry — P. Chaffey; strawberry — Mrs P. Habberley; hard or stone — Mrs Habberley.

Jelly — Mrs Habberley; marmalade — Mrs Habberley.

Pickled onions — C. R. Morgan; fruit soft, tomatoes included — Mrs Habberley; hard — Mrs Habberley; chutney — Mrs Habberley.

Home-made wine — C. R. Morgan; lemon meringue pie — Mrs R. J. Richards; cheese scones — Stuart Derry; jam tarts — Nancy Waddington.

Handicrafts Hand sewn/embroidered item — Mrs Pat Chaffey; any antique machine work — Mrs M. Lamasco; four ply knitting — P. Chaffey.

Christmas card — Mrs Wallin; any other craft, soft — P. Chaffey; hard — J. Henry; drawing or painting — Mrs Wallin.

Open Glass Six to nine, any craft work — Claire Ball; ten to 15 — Joanna Derry.

Middle and Senior Schools Pencil sketches — Dominique Cassell; handwriting, poem — Dominique Cassell.

Brading Primary Six to nine, Garden on a plate — Jack Palmer; eight to nine, shell picture on card — Tracy Williams.

Eight to nine, handwriting — J. Smith; six to seven — Christopher Platt.

Six to seven, decorated egg — Amber Derry.

Four to five, autumn collage — Stacey Rose; collage — Tegan Salby; handwritten nursery rhyme — Tessa Ball.

Special Prizes Apple cake — Mrs Habberley; exhibit depicting song title — Mrs Richards; basket arranged with any natural material — Mrs Richards; bowl of autumn fruits and foliage — Mrs Richards.

Pot plant, flowering — Mrs M. Hucker; foliage — Mrs Morris; cactus or succulent — Mrs Pettifer.



Mr Fred Crowright with part of his vegetable collection at the show.

# Brading children play part in success story

ACTOR Reginald Marsh led Brading Horticultural Show last week and at the same time received a cheque of £25 for his favourite charity, Havlands Farm, from Mr Don Finlay, show president.

Mr Marsh said, "I always agree to do something like this if I can. The people of the Island have been so generous to me since I came here. It's wonderful to be able to help them by not only opening a show but also collecting for a worthy cause as well."

The show had 60 entrants and 12 exhibits, which was around the same as last year. Brading Primary School also played its part in this year's show with 157 entries in the five classes especially for them.

Mr Finlay, of The Dover, St Helens said, "We were pleased with the number of entrants we received this year as the weather wasn't all that kind."

Judges in the children's section said how pleased they were with the standard of entries and although not every entry could be given a prize, everyone was a winner in their eyes.

Mr Gordon Trost, 66, of Station Road, Brading, had a hip replacement operation in March but did not stop him from winning

two cups, a certificate and seven first places.

"My wife gave me a bit of a hand in the garden, after the operation, but I told her what needed to be done."

"I like growing onions the most. It's a challenge to try and get them bigger each year."

"I've been coming along to the shows for quite a few years, just to

have a look, and I thought when I'm retired I'll show them how to really grow vegetables. So after I retired I joined and I've been a member for three years now."

Mrs Pat Chaffey, 42, of Station Road, Brading, who has been a member for 13 years, proved her experience in this year's show by leaving the judges' taste buds tingling and her opposition standing.

Mrs Chaffey, who specialised in home produce, left the show with two cups and six first places.

"I had a couple of entries in the handicraft section and the flowers this year but usually I have more. I never expected to do so well."

"I enjoy doing handicraft the most but I didn't have enough time for it this year as I am rehearsing for a Christmas pantomime."

## CUP AND CLASS WINNERS

Nunwell Challenge Cup for best vegetables — G. Trost; The Hampton Weekly Challenge Cup for most points in vegetables — G. Trost.

Miss Woods Challenge Cup for most points in home-made produce — Mrs P. Chaffey; Little Jane's Challenge Cup for floral art — Mrs J. Halpern; Capt Orson Challenge Cup for chrysanthemums — joint first S. Harbour and A. Reed; Dora M. Harris Challenge Cup for dahlias — S. Harbour.

Stony Challenge Cup for craftwork — Vicki Waddington; Rose Society Cup for fruit — Mrs A. Salter; W. Harris Challenge Cup for most points in children's craftwork — Nancy Waddington; Morning Challenge Cup for pupils of Brading Primary School — Brading Primary School.

Memorial Bowl for most points in the ladies section — Mrs Chaffey; IW Horticultural Society certificates for best exhibits in the show — G. Trost and Mrs M. Soal.

### Flowers

Chrysanthemums, outdoor, one vase — S. Harbour; sprays — A. Reed; dahlias, decorative — S. Harbour; cactus — S. Harbour; pom-pom — S. Harbour.

Roses, floribunda or polyanthus — J. Bainbridge; specimen — Mrs Halliday; vase of any other flowers — Mrs P. Casselle.

### Floral Art

Petite exhibit — Tracy Salter.

### Fruit

Apples, cooking — Dr J. Brand; dessert — Mrs Halliday; Cox's Orange — J. Bainbridge; pears — A. Salter; Charles Ross apples — Mrs Salter; dish of apples, distinct varieties — Mrs Salter; any other fruit — Mrs Halliday.

### Vegetables

Peas, white — J. Rock; coloured — C. R. Morgan; beetroot — J. Rock; tomatoes, indoor — G. Trost; outdoor — C. S. Morgan.

Onions exhibition — G. Trost; from sets — J. Rock; under three inches — G. Trost; flat — G. Trost; shallots — S. Harbour; pickling — R. Cox (second only); leeks — T. Stay.

Carrots, short — C. R. Morgan; long — J. Bainbridge; parsnips — J. Bainbridge; brussels sprouts — G. Trost; cabbages — G. Trost; any other vegetable — Mrs B. Palmer.

### Home-made Produce

Loaf — Mrs M. Pether; jam, soft — Mrs M. Hunter; strawberry — Mrs Chaffey; stone — Mrs Chaffey; jelly — Mrs Hunter; marmalade — Mrs C. Soal.

Pickled onions — Mrs Chaffey; bottled fruit, hard — Mrs K. Rapkins; chutney — Mrs Rapkins; wine — C. R. Morgan.

Butterfly cakes — Mrs B. Rock; Cornish pastie — Mrs T. Derry; jam tarts — Amber Derry.

### Crafts

Embroidery — Mrs Chaffey; double knitting — Mrs Rock; any other craft, soft — Vicki Waddington; hard — Mrs Casselle; drawing or painting — Mrs M. Waddington.

### Children's Classes

Any craftwork, six to nine years — Con and Christie Sullivan; ten to 15 years — Nancy Waddington; garden on a plate — Tessie Ball.

### Middle and Senior Schools

Pencil sketch — Nancy Waddington; handwriting — Vicki Waddington; Brading Primary School.

Eight to nine years, shell picture — Oliver Buckett; handwriting — Jack Palmer.

Six to seven years, handwriting — David Griffin and Kate O'Mara; potato animal — Gemma Carwright.

Four to five years, Autumn collage — Kyle Peasey; handwritten nursery rhyme — Donna Hambley.

### Social Prizes

Sultana cake — Mrs Casselle; floral art depicting a nursery rhyme — Tina Derry and Mrs A. Salter (second only); basket flower arrangement — Mrs Halliday.

Bowl of autumn fruits and foliage — Mrs Rapkins; pot plant, flowering — Mrs Soal; foliage — Mrs E. Elsey; cactus or succulent — Mrs H. Aitkin; collection of vegetables — G. Trost.



Brading Horticultural Show prize winners Mr Graham Trost, with the Nunwell Challenge Cup for the best vegetable selection, and Mrs Pat Chaffey, with her award-winning preserves and the Miss Woods Challenge Cup for points.

Reports by GAVIN FOSTER, NIKKI JEFFERY and CATHERINE KELLY

DO YOU remember Auntie Pat? She was for 25 years the dinner lady at Brading School. If you were a pupil or a parent during that time why not come to the Bit Of A Do that is to take place to celebrate and for Pat to see how many of you she recognises. This will be at the school tonight (Friday) between 6 pm and 8 pm and there will be beefburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks on sale.

## New Brading head strikes right note

THE NEW headteacher at Brading CE Primary School is predicting a musical future for the school.

Following his move from Grove Road Primary School in Sandown, where he was deputy head, Mr Alastair Wilbee, 36, is looking forward to the challenge of his latest post.

A school football team has already been set up, and Mr Wilbee hopes to maintain the strong links between the school and community and develop music within the school.

He teaches the IW Junior Wind Band at Medina High School every Saturday morning, and enjoys playing the piano, guitar and trumpet.

"I've a superb teaching team, wonderful children and parents who have made me feel very welcome. It all looks well for the future," he said.

Mr Wilbee joins the school at an exciting time, with children currently drawing up plans for a new playground, having received a cheque for £2,700 from the local Bingle Inn.

Licencees Mike and Sandy Strutton, raised the money over the last two years through sponsored events, competitions, quizzes and the sale of raffle tickets.



New headmaster Alastair Wilbee, with some of his pupils at Brading CE Primary School.

Mr Wilbee grew up on the Island, attending Carisbrooke and Cowes high schools, before moving to Yorkshire at the age of 18 for teacher training at Bretton Hall College in Wake-

field. After teaching at schools in Bradford and Wakefield, he returned to the Island five years ago to teach at Bishop Lovett Middle School for two years

before moving to Grove Primary School. His wife, Ms Gail Whittle, is a teacher at Newchurch Pri School, and they have two

## Teenagers give bus shelter a clean sweep

By LEWIS GRANT

BRADING'S Bull Ring bus shelter is squeaky clean these days — thanks to the spick and span treatment from three public-spirited young people.

The rustic-style bus shelter is a popular meeting place for youngsters — and was in need of a good clean-up.

And that's just what it got from 15-year-olds Cara Wright and Steven Carpenter and Jody Sadler, 13, all members of Brading Youth Club.

Steven said, "The youth club is open three nights a week and sometimes on the nights the club

is closed we meet at the bus shelter."

He said, "The shelter was very mucky so the three of us decided to give it a really good clean-up from top to bottom. Nobody suggested we do it, it was our own idea."

The mop, pail and bucket trio were spotted by town councillor Mr. Gordon Macdonald and this resulted in commendations from the mayor Mr. Brian Walters and town council.

Community police officer Ken Mason, who is on the youth club management committee, said, "Cara, Steven and Jody did a good job for our community and gave a very good example."

Steven added, "We are glad to have been of service. We have decided to give the shelter a good clean-up every month."



The clean-up trio — from left, Steven Carpenter, Cara Wright and Jody Sadler — with the gleaming bus shelter behind them.

**BRADING** United Reformed Church is to close on March 31. So ends a chapter of local history extending over 170 years. For it was in January, 1820, that the Rev. T. S. Gower, Congregational minister of George Street, Ryde, began preaching in Brading. In 1846, the Mall Day and Sunday schools were formed, and the church was built and opened in 1847.

In 1972, the Congregational Church united with the Presbyterian Church of England to form the United Reformed Church, although a number of churches opted out of the union.

Since 1976, there have been two ministers — the Rev. D. V. Godfrey, now retired and living in West Sussex, and the present minister, the Rev. R. H. Duncan.

During the early 1970s, the Sunday school won the Mansel Cup three times. The cup is awarded annually to small Sunday schools with the highest attendances.

In recent years, much work has been done to the internal fabric of the building. During the first half of 1987, the cemetery was cleared of tangled shrubs, brambles and weeds, and the headstones of graves were realigned. Then, in August, 1987, came an arson attack which caused extensive damage. The building was repaired and a special service was held on February 14, 1988, to give thanks for the renovation of the church. However, illness of members and decreasing congregations have forced the decision to close the church.

THE newly new sale last week raised about £43, which will be used as a contribution towards the upkeep of the Red Cross Centre in West Street. Coffee mornings are held on the Tuesday of the second week of every month. The Tuesday Club meets for a friendly get-together once a fortnight in the centre from 2 pm until 4 pm. Helpers are welcome, as well as those who just wish to come and enjoy a chat, a cup of tea, or a game of cards. A 10p and 5p sale held at Brading Methodist Church on Saturday, February 4, made a profit of £50 which is to be allocated to the kitchen fund. It is hoped that building work on the kitchen will begin in a few weeks' time.

## Bus gets stuck in Brading street

TRAFFIC at Brading High Street came to a standstill for half an hour on Monday morning as the road was blocked by a double-decker bus and a lorry.

Two Southern Vectis engineers were called to free the bus, which became trapped between a lorry and the front of a house.

They were able, without the aid of special equipment, and without damaging the vehicle, to let the bus resume its journey to Tisbury in Ryde.

Mrs. Heather Haynes, of the Barn Tea Garden and Restaurant in the High Street, said the incident caused some excitement among local residents.

27. 10 '89

THE REV Dwight Longenecker, vicar of Brading, has been invited to preach at the Blessing of the Plough service at 3 pm on Sunday at All Saints', Newchurch.

This popular annual service, which marks the commencement of the farming year, was renewed in 1974 by the late Rev Bill Ling.

This year, as at each year since 1974, Mr Michael Reed will be taking along his plough for blessing. As the plough moves into church the Newchurch Male Voice Choir will sing the Hymn for Plough Sunday, written by one of its members, Mr John Harding, 27. 11. 1991.

ST. MARY'S Church, Brading, has been closed since last November following a fire and services have been held in the church hall.

Now, the Rev Dwight Longenecker and the churchwardens are able to announce that services will be resumed in the church as from the Easter weekend.

They will start with an Easter eve service on Saturday at 7.30 pm which will be a baptismal service and a Ceremony of New Fire.

On Sunday, the usual services will be held with a service of thanksgiving at 6.30 pm in the evening. Thanks go to all who have helped restore the church.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

### BRADING 28/12/90

Mrs M. Brooker welcomed members.

It was reported that Brading Town Council had expressed its appreciation to the institute for giving its time and co-operation with the bulb planting exercise in the Bull Ring garden. Mrs J. Morris proposed that members should look after the top of the garden boundary wall, as requested by the council.

Mrs Morris received a tray cloth and letter from Phillis Norton, of the link WI in Sandford, Tasmania.

Mrs P. Chaffey remains as vice-president. Mrs Beaven is assistant secretary. Mrs G. Lea remains as assistant treasurer and Mrs L. Scott is the sick visitor.

Mrs Easterby is now in charge of the monthly competitions and Mrs D. Wortley-Nott remains as Press correspondent.

Members heard that the drama group was desperate for new members.

Further members were needed for the horticultural committee — especially men.

Mrs Habberley was presented with the competition cup as overall winner of the monthly competitions. Mrs Wortley-Nott received a cup as runner-up.

Mrs H. Mortimer won the cup for overall winner of the best bloom competition with Mrs B. Rock runner-up.

Mrs Joyce Wilkins, from Brightstone, gave a talk on cross stitch and samplers. Mrs J. Barton thanked her.

Mrs Rock brought the best bloom.

## Brading's new Tudor Garden

BRADING Town Council has, with the support of the community, created an attractive paved garden on a piece of land opposite the Bull Ring.

With the major part of the work nearing completion, councillors agreed at their meeting that the area should be named the Tudor Garden and that an official opening ceremony should be held in due course.

As a cost-saving exercise townspeople or volunteers from local groups are being invited to help with the installation of three benches in the garden.

The township urgently needs another public telephone call box in addition to the Bull Ring kiosk.

However, appeals to British Telecom to supply one near St Mary's Church, at the other end of the High Street have failed.

Now the town clerk, Mrs Lynda Smith, has been asked to check if Mercury can respond to townspeople's appeals.

She will also be contacting British Gas, telling it to remove pipes which have been stacked on the ground at Devonia where a resident-volunteer planted town council spring bulbs.

The council has set a precept of £5,775 for next year, an increase of £775.

The old yew outside the town hall has been decorated with coloured lights by councillors as the town's Christmas goodwill tree.

DEC. 20th 1990

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JUST THE TICKET AS BUSMAN'S PALM IS CROSSED WITH SILVER

Centuries-old coins are not treasure trove

A LAKE man spoke of his excitement as he uncovered hundreds of old coins while using a metal detector on farmland at Brading.

— had provided the most exciting time during his 15 years of metal detecting as a hobby.

The other coins adjudicated upon included two found by Mr. Raymond Dove, of North Street, Ventnor, a few inches below the surface in two separate fields at Dean Farm, Whitwell.



Some of the ancient coins found at Brading.

Ancient pike head found

THE iron head of a pike-staff unearthed at Brading's pound in Quay Lane is being passed on to the Town Trust's museum.

Bull ring going to safer site

THE historic bull ring recently removed from the traffic island in Brading High Street should have a new home by Easter.

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Mr. Thomas Winch.



Memo on School Crossing, Brading

Within the first few days of the alteration which took place in November 1966 I ascertained from the local Policeman that it was a trial alteration, but P.O. Whiting who has not long been in Brading, said he was not aware that the Parish Council had applied two years ago for a pedestrian crossing at the site of the original crossing.

With regards to the Meeting of the Managers on 8th February. I was unable to be present, but understand that there was lengthy discussion and dissention.

This year - 1994 - Mrs. Isabel Saban completed 25 years service as Lollypaddy at the Brading School Crossing - in all kinds of weather and still going strong.

ROAD SAFETY IN BRADING

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE ASK FOR URGENT ACTION

A meeting of the IW Joint Road Safety Committee at the County Hall Newport on Thursday week, considered an eight-point memorandum from Brading Women's Institute concerning danger spots in the village.

The letter from the Women's Institute referred to a meeting on October 20th, when the urgent question of road safety in Brading was discussed, and it was unanimously agreed to submit recommendations regarding New Road, Mall Road, and the cross roads at Bull Ring and Yarbidge—all of which were considered to be very dangerous.

The recommendations included the provision of a footpath at New Road (which had been under survey since before the war), a dangerous bend sign on the approach from Sandown to the bend between Greenhill and Cambridge Villa (the scene of the dual fatality on Bank Holiday and of two accidents in the summer), coaches to be prohibited from using Mall Road from Yarbidge to the Congregational Church, a halt sign to be erected on the approach to the Bull Ring from the Mall; traffic lights at Yarbidge Cross, and re-siting of the 30-mile sign to the junction of Roman Villa Road at Devonian.

The memorandum welcomed the recent placing of "slow" marking at New Road and at the junction of Station Road—which was also a blind corner. Regarding Mall Road, it was stated that it was very dangerous between the Hygienic Laundry and Belle Vue, with a concealed turning to Little Jane's Cottage unmarked. The greatest danger there was from motor-cyclists and bicycles. The Bull Ring was described as a real hazard with 28 buses an hour during the summer, and the bus queue being in constant danger. The erection of new direction boards was welcomed, but a halt sign was necessary.

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The chairman said he was very pleased that the Women's Institute had taken such an interest in the matter. The difficulty was finding the money. Captain Williams said the matter had been before the Parish Council and had been taken up by the County Council. He believed there were certain plans on the drawing board, but unfortunately it was a question of finance. While it was very necessary that something should be done it could only be done in stages.

It was agreed to reply to Brading Women's Institute, thanking them for their interest. The committee appreciated their difficulties and were doing everything in their power to alleviate the position.

THE COUNCIL OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT, TRAFFIC REGULATION OFFICERS, BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT

Notice is hereby given that the Isle of Wight County Council propose to make Orders under Sections 28 and 27 of the Road Traffic Act, 1960, the effect of which is as follows: (a) To provide that vehicles using Bokerly Lane, Brading from its junction with West Street to its junction with Coach Lane shall go so only in an east to west direction, from West Street towards Coach Lane.

Length of road: Side of Road New Road, A 303, south of Berrys Garage (2 1/2 miles) West Wray Road, A 303, south of the junction with the Bull Ring to a point 300 yards south of that point. Wall Lane from a point 30 yards east of its junction with High Street to a point 30 yards east of that point. The existing no waiting Order in Brading will be revoked and replaced with the above additions. If you have any observations to offer on these proposals they must be sent in writing to the undersigned not later than the 12th March, 1967. L. H. BAINES, Clerk of the County Council, County Hall, Newport, I.W., 14th February, 1967.

BRADING Town Council and the Town Trust wish to preserve and restore the Ryde platform building of Brading Station. If you live in Brading and are interested in this scheme, please come to a meeting to discuss the formation of a management committee. The meeting is to be held in the New Town Hall, at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, February 28. The town council and the trust have negotiated with BR for a 25-year lease of the building, and renovation should begin soon. Costs are being met from grants and financial help from BR. It is hoped that the building will have a community room, kitchen, toilets and stores, and that there will be a Countryside Information Centre in the old porter's room.

BRADING PARISH COUNCIL

Mr. T. Reynolds presided at a meeting in the New Town Hall on Tuesday, when Mrs. A. Finlay supported the possibility of the council purchasing litter bins for use on Brading Downs.

It was stated that some bins placed there during Beating Women's Institute anti-litter week last year had since been voluntarily cleared by her son, Mr. D. Finlay. She concluded that the bins were the private property of Major Denis Oplander, the council chairman, who was only too pleased that the downs should be provided with litter bins and a clearance service.

Mr. E. C. Gatum (clerk) said expenditure on bins would be queried by the district auditor if they were placed on private property. The only place they could put them would be on the road and that would create an obstruction. On the supplying of bins by refuse collectors, Mr. C. Reed said he understood the men were already on overtime and extra work would add to the pressure. A proposal by Mr. J. Henry that a letter of appreciation should be sent to Mr. Finlay for his pupil's spirited action in supplying the bins was unanimously carried.

Mrs. Finlay thought some solicitation could be found. The downs might be private property, but they were a great amenity.

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

It was reported that the County Council had been petitioned by residents in West Street for action to stop the haphazard parking of cars and other vehicles in their narrow highway and the council were in agreement that something should be done to alleviate the problem.

Asked for their views by the County Council, it was agreed to suggest a "no parking" ban on both sides of the road.

Following a protest that no approach had been made to the council about the type of lighting to be used on the Kyng's Town Estate, the clerk said he had contacted the Southern Electricity Board and told them that the council had been totally ignored by the developers. The Board were dealing with the matter and promised information.

A protest regarding the increasing traffic volume and parking in Wray Road had been passed to the County Council for attention.

The annual town meeting of Brading Town Council is to be held on Tuesday at 7.30 pm in the new town hall. The annual meetings provide an opportunity for townsfolk to meet and discuss any matters with members of the council and Mr. John Hunter, the South Wight borough representative for Brading and Dr. Peter Brand, the county council representative. Wendy Cooke, of the county council, will attend to talk on transport in rural areas. Tea and biscuits will be available after the meeting. If you care about Brading and its community care, go along to the meeting and support your town council.

Teacher is Brading's new mayor

MR. A. A. MONK, who teaches at Newport Church of England Middle School, is the new mayor of Brading.

He was elected on Tuesday at the Town Hall prior to the annual town meeting and was invested with the regalia by retiring mayor Miss M. L. Weithrick, a nurse with the Marie Curie Foundation.

Mr. J. G. Macdonald, projects manager with IEM and a former treasurer of St. Mary's Church, was appointed deputy mayor.

A CB radio enthusiast he is a member of the Victor Sierra group, which provides an emergency monitoring service.

Mrs. B. Butler urged the town council to consider provision of a community centre facility at the Town Hall for elderly residents and the town's young people.

Mr. A. C. Foreman, clerk, said a report was being sought on the feasibility of converting the Town Hall for community use and possible costs.

He agreed such a project would qualify for grant aid but pointed out that one third of the cost, which might be considerable, would have to be raised.

Subjects raised for discussion at the meeting ranged from traffic problems to one-tier government.

At a recent meeting of the council Mr. R. Upton suggested during the public session that the council should donate a football to Brading Town FC.

The proposal was put to the residents at the town meeting and they voted in favour.

Another teacher takes over as Brading mayor

OMERTON Middle School teacher Mrs. Marianne Sullivan is the new mayor of Brading.

She was invested with mayoral regalia by Mr. Chris Ball, the retiring mayor, who teaches at Lake Middle School.

Mr. Gordon MacDonaldi, who works in the computer industry, was elected deputy mayor.

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Need for direct bus service is stressed

THERE was an urgent need for a direct bus service between Brading and Newport, it was claimed at Brading's annual town meeting.

Dr. Peter Brand spotlighted the transport needs of young people attending the IW College of Arts and Technology and also residents who had to travel to St. Mary's Hospital. He suggested residents with ideas for improving public transport services should bring them to the notice of the town council.

Guest speaker at the meeting was Miss Wendy Cook, county rural transport officer, who said anyone suggesting improvement to bus services should support their requests with as much factual information as possible.

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It has also agreed to make approaches for the provision of footpath kissing gates in specified areas to make walking the paths easier for the elderly and disabled who could not climb stiles.

With the festive season approaching councillors decided not to purchase the customary Christmas tree for erection and decoration outside the town hall in the Bull Ring.

Instead they will decorate a tree by the town hall and use the Christmas tree money to buy extra decorations and illuminations. Councillors agreed this would be a practical as well as a thrifty choice.

In recent years the festive trees purchased for display have been blown askew by high winds and also been the target for vandals.

Mr. Hunter was elected to deputise for Mrs. Sullivan, if needed, on the Bembridge Harbour Working Group.

During the public session which followed the council meeting Mr. John Henry, former mayor and retired postal worker, urged that the town council could ensure a better collection and delivery service from the Post Office if it applied for town status.

"I know we are a town in our own ancient right and by a royal charter but the Post Office does not accept that and classifies Brading as a rural area," he said.

Prove car park

DEVELOPERS of a new car park in Brading are urged to prove the need for it.

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She was presented with the award by the Queen at a ceremony in London last week. Mrs. Hunter has been mayor of Brading since 1964 and has served on the town council for many years.

During her tenure as mayor she has been instrumental in securing the conversion of the railway station building for community use and the setting up of a countryside heritage centre.

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Water performance: John Henry, whose water supply is metered, on the weekly 600-yard round-trip from his brother's unmetered house

MURRAY SANDERS

Ian Katz reports on an experiment dividing the Isle of Wight

# Meters enrage island forced to test waters

TODAY, as on most Sundays, John Henry will push a cart 300 yards to his brother's house to collect water for his garden. Mr Henry has his own water supply but it is metered. His brother's is not.

Later this week, as part of a water metering trial, he will be among the first Isle of Wight residents to receive a bill calculated according to how much he has used. "I shan't pay it," he says, "I may spend a few days in Parkhurst but I won't pay it."

Many islanders face bills up to three times higher than under the old system. The island, supplied by Southern Water, is the biggest area taking part in the trial, which aims to establish whether metering should replace the system based on rateable values.

Thousands of households in the trial made economies earlier this year when they received estimates suggesting they faced much higher bills. Mr Henry, 73, collects water from his roof and greenhouse for the garden and to wash his car. He takes showers rather than baths and uses washing machine water for the garden.

Larger families will be hardest hit by the new system, which takes no account of the number of people in each home. "It's a tax on children," said Mrs Pat Fosbury, a mother of three, whose bill has risen from £102 to an estimated £295. She intends to pay only the lower pre-metering rate.

Those who stand to gain most from metering are couples or single people in highly-rated areas. Mrs Kate Stevens, a pensioner in Newport, says she was delighted to receive an estimated bill of £37.75 for the year. Before metering she paid £158.

Southern Water says about 50 per cent of households will receive bills under £120, the average prior to metering. Only 10 per cent of users will have to pay over £200, it claims.

Under the new system, which designed to produce the same revenue as the old, consumers pay four charges: two for water supplied, one for sewerage and a standing charge. Water works out at about £1 per cubic metre. That means a bath can cost up to 20p.

Some councillors and doctors fear that islanders will jeopardise their health by cutting back on water to save money, despite Southern Water's decision to offer a fixed quantity for "basic necessities" at a preferential rate. Dr Peter Brand, a GP, said: "There are people who will find it difficult to maintain basic hygiene without paying three times more for their water."

Over six-months, consumption in metered homes was down by up to 23 per cent. "We did not get the huge peak demands on hot sunny evenings, when consumption can rise by 50 per cent," said Mr Alistair Smith, director of Southern Water on the island.

The installation of meters outside each of the island's 53,000 homes — 28,000 have been put in so far — is fiercely unpopular. The biggest source of contention is that some people are still paying a flat rate while others are being metered — often in the same village. "It's very galling to have other people using unmetered water in their gardens while my husband is hauling that cart down the road," said Mrs Sheila Henry.



Summer 1984  
 ICB parked overnight in West Street as the extensive work on laying new mains water pipes progressed through Brading.

# War in the Gulf 1991

## Husband and wife team up in the Gulf



Sgt Derek Scott and his wife Sgt Diane Scott, both now serving with an army medical unit in the Gulf.

ALAN (above) Corporal Derek Scott, now serving with the Royal Army Medical Corps in the Gulf, does "duty" in a tent home to his wife, Diane, and their children.

Derek, 30, whose parents David and Esther Scott live in Brading, is married to Sgt Diane Scott, 29 years old.

They are both on the medical staff of 33 Field Hospital, Royal Army Medical Corps, and being husband and wife in a war zone brings its own fears and compensation.

"It's good to have the family," says Diane, "but we do worry about each other's address."

Derek, who worked at the Royal Wootton Bassett Hospital, Wyeke, for six years after leaving Sandown High School, joined the army nine years ago and now works as an operating theatre technician.

He met Diane when they were both serving in Germany, and they were married three years ago at Diane's home town, Cowal, Tyneside.

They have been with the unit for two months now — helping with the initial building of a 400-bed canvas hospital and managing its food service.

"Our families do worry about us," says Derek, "but at least we are together."

Derek's father David Scott, said, "Diane has been in the army seven years and was considering leaving to start a family when the crisis occurred."

## Tim puts thoughts of war in a poem



Timothy Parker.

AS hospitals in the Gulf ended last week, the CP received the thanks and thoughts of one Island squaddie.

REME soldier Tim Parker thanked all the people who had helped his Brading grandmother with her sleeping recently, and sent a poem giving the account and thoughts of active duty in the Middle East.

The poem reads:

As we sit in our trenches at last, and first light  
And peer at the dirt to see what we might,  
Our eyes are all fixed on a permanent star.  
Dart on our faces and sent in our heart,  
Our thoughts are of home, of our families and friends  
And wonder how long it will take till this ends.  
Till we're back in the places we'd much rather be.  
(Of the punks I have waiting in the West and BT's (Booker T's) There are lots of letters from the good folk of Wight.  
We all sit and meet at the end of each night  
And chat of the places and people we know  
And where we will all meet at the end of this show  
We take it for granted the place where we live  
But to be back on the Island — oh what it would give  
So spare us a thought at the end of each night  
Your thoughts and your wishes are what gives us our night.

## By GATE TOWNS

THE Gulf War seems to have struck deep chords in the memories of many — particularly those whose relatives were killed or injured in past conflicts.

Mrs Margo Wilks, of High Street, Brading, lost her father before the world knew him properly. He volunteered for service in the Great War and was killed in action.

Her younger brother died aged 27 in the second world war and three sad events have been brought back into sharp focus with this latest fighting.

For Mrs Wilks's grandson, Robert Eastham, is a member of the US Air Force and is currently serving in the Gulf. While the fighting was still continuing, says the text:

**BIGGS OF WAR**  
Once again during my eighty years,  
War has come to this side of seas,  
My father died when I was seven,  
My mother said he had gone to Heaven,  
Pray for him, she then appealed,  
As unknown, he lay in Flanders' fields,  
"A war to end all wars" they said,  
But once again bombs rained upon our heads,  
When in 1939 the foul,  
Days of War began to grow,  
And once again our young men stand,  
Against the tyrant in a foreign land,  
My brother flew through rain and mist,  
Saving us from a dictator's fist,  
Shot down in the flower of his youth,  
He had the poppies, the sky his roof,  
Then once again, peace will reign,  
Until we hear the dogs again,  
In 1990 we hear the cry,  
In the Middle East our young men die.

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Russell and Clare Heatley, pictured at their wedding last September.

RDD and Norma Heatley of the Wheatfield Inn, Brading, sent their best wishes to their son Russell and daughter-in-law Clare.

The couple are both serving in the Gulf attached to RDD. Russell, a driver, and Clare, an army nurse, who comes from Crowthorne, were married last September.

The message is: "We are all thinking about you. Can't wait until you are safely home."



CELEBRATING his 20th birthday with the allied forces in Saudi Arabia is Robert Roberts of Lower Farning, Brading.

A member of the 5th Armoured Field Ambulance of the Royal Medical Corps, Robert is on birthday wishes from the father Bill, mother Sandra and brother Terry and Patrick and grandmother Diane.

Robert is a former pupil of Brading Primary, Sandham Middle and Sandown High schools. He joined the Royal Corps of Transport ambulance and transferred to the present unit two years ago.



Poet Margo Wilks at her Brading home.

"She was a true military wife and did a wonderful job, her chin firmly up. She never remarried."

Tom's letter is from Mesopotamia and is dated May 24, 1915. In it he describes very vividly the country he is living in and its problems — problems that allied forces had to live and fight in for weeks.

Tom writes: "I can hardly describe how hot it is to you, although if you try to imagine the hottest day in Brighton and then try to imagine that doubled, you may get an idea of what sort of country this is."

"Auntie will tell you that India is hot country but my experience of India tells me that it is not a patch on Arabia for heat. At present we are in steel huts which we have built ourselves. We live in these because it is impossible to live in a tent in the weather."

Tom then described the desert

and the Euphrates river, which he said overflowed every year and flooded the country, making a rich pasture-land. He explained that pests, particularly mosquitoes, were a nuisance, but of the actual combat he wrote very little.

"We are not getting much fighting up here. Sometimes they drop a shell or two onto the camp and if it went not for this and the sniping we get every night, one would hardly realize it was war at all," he wrote.

He concludes his letter with chat about his young sons and family — family which he never saw again.

● The CP also received a prayer for the British soldiers in the Gulf from Mrs Katie Styles, of Baskets Lane, Warrmouth. Thankfully, her final plea to "Fidel the scum of war that we us. Bring us home, in peace, to stay," was quickly answered.

# Opening pair help Brading reach target

BRADING saw three games in Division 1 of the Hants Shoppers Indoor League and one Division 2 game.

MBC played Brading, PIN against Island Revenue, Wootton and Trurost and Parliament against Seaside.

MBC put in a good performance thanks to M. Collins, 25 and one, R. Snow, 20, and P. Downer, 20, to set Brading a target of 130.

Brading opened P. Barnwell, 27, and B. Gould, 20, with help from M. Hales, 24, and P. Wright, 20, took them to victory with a score of 122.

PIN amassed a big score of 132 thanks to attacks from P. Bennett, 20, and A. Robertson, 20.

Despite a good innings from D. Clarkson, 21, Island Revenue failed to reach their target and ended on 85.

Wootton started badly in their match against leaders Trurost.

### Cricket

losing two quick wickets, and never really recovering to finish on 48.

Trurost finished 121. Localizer leaders of Division 2, Parliament, took an early lead, and set them a big score of 124 thanks to A. Parry, 20, J. Jamieson, 20, D. Clark, 20, and P. Harris, 20.

With J. Fuller, 20, S. Dalton, 20, and G. Lilleystone, 25, Seaside put up a fight, but ended the match on 107.

The reason for several promising players undecided with two more matches to go.

### RESULTS

Division 1: MBC 190 M. Collins 20, R. Snow 20, P. Downer 20, Brading 122 P. Barnwell 20, B. Gould 20, M. Hales 24, P. Wright 20, PIN 132 P. Bennett 20, A. Robertson 20, Island Revenue 85 D. Clarkson 21, Wootton 85 D. Clarkson 21, Trurost 121 P. Bennett 20, J. Jamieson 20, D. Clark 20, P. Harris 20, Seaside 107 J. Fuller 20, S. Dalton 20, G. Lilleystone 25.

### PICTURES

Division 1: MBC v Trurost 11.11.90 at Wootton v Island Revenue 1.20.91 PIN v Seaside 12.01.91 - Division 2: Seaside v Parliament 11.11.90

### TABLES

Division 1	W	L	D	P	pts
Trurost	10	0	0	0	40
PIN	7	0	0	3	28
Brading	5	0	0	5	20
Wootton	5	0	0	5	20
Island Revenue	1	0	0	9	4
MBC	0	10	0	0	0

Division 2	W	L	D	P	pts
Parliament	10	0	0	0	40
Seaside	7	0	0	3	28
Trurost	5	0	0	5	20
Wootton	5	0	0	5	20
Island Revenue	1	0	0	9	4
MBC	0	10	0	0	0

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**BRADING TOWN...** Would like to thank everyone at W and B for their assistance in helping Nigel Currell when he was badly injured in the Division 1 game a players have continued to ring to ask about Nigel and we are grateful," said Mick Edmondson, manager.

MARCH 20th 1991

# Brading unable to recover from early strike in second half

Brading Town 0, Downton 1 BOTH SIDES treated the crowd to a feast of attacking football and clever moves, despite the heavy pitch and rain squalls.

Downton had the edge in the early exchanges but Brading got on top before the interval and from then on laid siege to the visitors' defence.

Malcolm Rodge, deputising in goal for Julian Warner, brought off a line save from Ian Pollard in Downton's first attack and then, in the fifth minute, John Batchelor made a spectacular clearance just two yards from the goal-line after Trevor Witt struck the crossbar from a free-kick taken by Paul Viney.

Pollard continued to menace the home defence with accurate crosses but Brading were beginning to get into their stride and attacks began to flow into Downton territory.

John Nightingale twice sent Lawrence Edmondson and Mark Joyce away on penetrating runs and Peter Warren and Darren Abbott also got in shots.

Corner kicks by Abbott and throw-ins by Edmondson created problems for Downton defenders and goalkeeper Pearce did well to smother headers and shots.

In the 49th minute Downton got in front from a 20-yard drive by Neil COLE and this goal stung Brading into furious action. Pearce was brought to his knees blocking a pletdriver from Dave Brown and Joyce was twice unlucky with splendid efforts.

Brading forced nine corners in a storming spell and the Downton woodwork was hit three times in fierce raids.

In a rare Downton breakaway Rodge did well to stop a low shot from Catts Downie but it was all Brading with defenders pushing up to support the forwards in storming attacks.

Edmondson said, "Downton were good in the first 20 minutes but after that it was our game all the way. We played very well and created chances and did everything but score, but that is the way it sometimes goes."

Brading Town: Rodge, Warren, Batchelor, Abbott, Glaystner, Brown, Nightingale, Edmondson, Joyce, Sutt, Port.

● Injury has struck the luckless Eddie Hurst again.

The highly rated goalkeeper was automatic choice for the first team spot until he tore knee ligaments in a pre-season friendly against his old club Ryde Sports.

"Now, in his comeback games with the A side, he has developed cartilage trouble and was due this week to have an operation.

"It is a big blow and I doubt whether I will play again this season," said Hurst.

# JOYCE HAMMERS FOUR IN CONVINCING WIN

Netley Central 0, Brading 5 BRADING TOWN effectively halft off the Leading Amateur Hampshire League Division 1 game in the first 15 minutes.

That is all it took the Island side to build a three goal advantage.

Brading got the perfect start when, in the very first minute, Lawrence Edmondson was headed in the area. From the penalty spot, Dave BROWN scored.

Five minutes later it was 2-0 when Mark JOYCE scored the first of his four goals.

JOYCE was on the mark again in the 12th minute when he finished from close range.

Just before half-time, the home side pulled a goal back.

The first quarter of an hour of the second half was open, although Joyce missed a good chance.

The Brading striker made amends shortly after when he completed his hat-trick. Edmondson played a great

through ball to JOYCE, who ran on and scored.

JOYCE completed the scoring after a move involving John Nightingale.

Netley were reduced to ten men when a defender was dismissed for a second bookable offence.

Although Brading continued to be on top they could not add to the score.

Brading: Warner, Port, Lipe, Westlake, Batchelor, Warren, Glaystner, Brown, Nightingale, Joyce, L. Edmondson, Sutt, Abbott, M. Edmondson.



Mark Joyce had a field day on Saturday and hit four of Brading's five goals.



Brading Town were a little unfortunate to be beaten at home by Downton on Saturday. Back from left, Peter Warren, Sean Ford, Keith Glaystner, Malcolm Rodge, Darren Abbott, Chris Stocker, Nigel Murray. Front, Ian Murray, Catts Vale, John Batchelor, Dave Brown, Kevin Newton, Mark Joyce, Mick Edmondson (manager).



Golden wedding couple Frederick and Kathleen Arnold.

### Kathleen found way to a man's heart . . .

TEMPTING cakes on display at a Sandown cake shop caused Mr Frederick Arnold to meet his future wife Kathleen, and on Saturday the couple, of New Road, Brading, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Mrs Arnold explained, "I was working at Gray's cake shop when a friend of mine passed by with Frederick."

"As they were both hungry, they waited for me to leave with a bag of cakes, and Frederick walked me home."

Mrs Arnold was born in Shanklin, and has lived in Brading since the age of 12. Her husband, although born in Portsmouth, came to the Island at the age of two and lived at Lake.

The couple were married at St Mary's Church, Brading.

Mr Arnold was an apprenticed carpenter and joiner in Shanklin and during the war he served with the Royal Artillery at Fawley, Southampton.

He went on to serve in India and Burma for five years and during that time Mrs Arnold did not see him at all.

During the war Mrs Arnold

worked at Barker's Dairy in Sandown, followed by a short period at Saunders-Roe shipyard in Cowes. She then worked at a cafe in Sandown until her husband returned.

Mr Arnold continued to work as a carpenter and joiner in Shanklin and Lake, then worked for South Wight Borough Council for eight years before retiring ten years ago.

Mrs Arnold joined the Brading branch of the Royal British Legion women's section in 1953 and 20 years ago was made IW county secretary.

She also holds the gold badge, the women's section's highest award. This work takes up most of her spare time and her husband enjoys coarse fishing in the River Yar which runs along the bottom of the couple's garden.

Mr and Mrs Arnold have a son, Jeffrey, who lives in Shanklin, and two grandchildren, Ian and Laura.

An anniversary party was held at St Mary's Church Hall, Brading, on Saturday, when the couple's best man, Mr Fred Tanner, of Bristol, and his wife, Gladys, the matron of honour were present. Mrs Tanner, a former Brading resident, is Mrs Arnold's cousin.

## EX-ISLANDER AMY LEADS THE DANCE ON 100th BIRTHDAY

FORMER Island resident Mrs Amy Dowden celebrated her 100th birthday in style recently.

Though she is blind — she now lives at the Linden House home for the blind — at Lymington — Mrs. Dowden took the floor for the first dance at her celebration party with family, staff and other residents, and made a speech thanking everyone for "a wonderful occasion."

Mr. Gordon Berryman, principal officer at the home, was the man honoured to partner her for the first dance.

"She's a wonderful lady," he said.

She has three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Dowden was born in Brading, one of 11 children whose father, Mr. Albert Shaw, was landlord of the Bugle Inn.

She worked there from the age of 13, mainly helping to clean and tidy, but four years later, when her father died, she also served behind the bar.

When her mother remarried the family left the Bugle and Mrs. Dowden worked first as a domestic help at a school and then as waitress at a convalescent home for naval cadets from Osborne.

She married in 1905, but her husband, Mr. Frank Dowden, died after serving in the Middle East during the First World War.

She was left with three young children to support and took in paying guests at their home in East Cowes.

**GUESTS**

The day had begun for Mrs. Dowden with the task of opening presents and dozens of cards — including congratulatory telegrams from the Queen and the Minister of Social Services.

Her birthday guests included a large number of local dignitaries and representatives of various organisations, including local police officer PC Tony Green, who also originated from the Island.

Members of her family were also there in force including one son, Percy, who travelled from California. Another son, Jack, came from Isleworth, and her daughter, Mrs. Freda Scovell, from Woking. She also

**LUCKY ESCAPE**

She had a lucky escape when the town was bombed during the last war. She was thought to be among the many dead in the rubble, but was found safe in an air raid shelter in the garden.

She returned to live at Brading after her children were married, but 13 years ago became blind. After living with two of her sisters for some years she moved to the Linden House home and rehabilitation centre.

### Mandy knows her Unions



## ANNIVERSARY Wartime cuppa on pier brewed into romance



Golden anniversary couple Violet and Frank Norton

A CUP of tea on the end of Ryde Pier brought romance to Brading couple Frank and Violet Norton, who celebrate their golden wedding anniversary today (Friday).

Mr Norton was serving with the Royal Fusiliers at Shorwell when he popped into the pier buffet on his way back to his unit in 1941 after visiting his parents in Kent.

He happened to cast his eyes over Violet, who was serving the customers.

Their friendship ripened when a corporal in Frank's regiment, who was courting Violet's sister, recommended him as entertainer at a party.

The party was being thrown by Violet's sister, Mary, at her home in Carisbrooke.

Reflecting on his appearance there, Mr Norton, an accordionist who celebrated his 74th birthday yesterday, said, "One of the tunes I played was Kiss Me Goodnight, Sergeant Major, and I didn't find out until afterwards that by remarkable coincidence, my own sergeant major lived in the cottage next door."

After he saw active service in North Africa, Italy, and Greece, and played in the Royal Fusiliers' regimental band, the couple moved to Melbourne Street,

Hunnyhill, Newport, and was married at St John's Church, Newport.

The couple have lived at Station Road, Brading, since 1970, and they both entertain elderly folk, mainly for Independent Arts — Mr Norton playing his accordion and his wife reading poetry.

They have one son, Eric, who lives in Ipswich.



GROVE FARM - JENNY WALKER, JOSH WALKER, SOPHIE WALKER

Mrs. M. Munns, of 2, Brockfield, Adgestone, with her four-year-old Absatian, Mandy, which has been in great demand during the summer, giving free obedience demonstrations for charities at carnivals, hospital fetes and donkey Derbies. Among other accomplishments, Mandy can pick out the Union Jack from a selection of flags, spell her own name and tell her age. She also helps children with road safety training. Mrs. Munns is now booking for the winter and next summer's events.

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## Organist was taken and put in the stocks

THE FREE booklet *The Isle of Wight - Things to See and Do 1987*, published by the IW Tourist Office, is an excellent production, being both colourful and informative.

Featured prominently in it is Brading, which no visitor should miss.

There may have been a church on the site of St. Mary's for 1,300 years and the present building is full of interesting architectural details and historical memorials.

An especially eye-catching object is a classical plaque (an art form practised by the classical Greeks 1,500 years ago) set in a wall niche behind the pulpit.

Apart from St. Wilfred and Oswald, the most famous name in Brading's history is Leigh Richmond, the curate-in-charge of St. Mary's from 1797 to 1817.

By writing immensely popular religious tracts on Jane Squibb and Elizabeth Wallbridge (*The Little Cottage* and *The Dairyman's Daughter*) he won the names of these two humble and pious islanders ringing round the world and their graves at Brading and Arreton became places of pilgrimage.

The pilgrims may have been puzzled by seeing no surname on Jane's gravestone.

This may have been because Richmond deliberately omitted it from his works. Jane's mother was a foul-mouthed sinner and her father 'kept bad company', and Richmond did not want to identify the family.

**INVENTED**  
Richmond invented that device in church that displays the hymn and psalm numbers and he was also instrumental in installing an organ at St. Mary's, the first in any church on the Island.

When he left the parish, the more superstitious of the villagers cut up his old surplice and believed the pieces possessed healing qualities.

Next to the church is the old town hall in which the bailiffs and burgesses of Ye Kynges' Towne of Brading would meet.

In the 18th century it became a school and then in 1875 the building was drastically restored, but with an eye on the growing tourist trade the ground floor was left with its original stone lock-up and wooden stocks.

The stocks were used to punish the minor misdemeanours of people of the lowest social order and were, I believe, discontinued in Brading in 1833.

Seven years before, however, they were occupied by a school teacher, the church organist, no less.

One Saturday night he had been playing the piano at a party into the small hours.

Well tanked up no doubt, he then went straight to the early morning service at St. Mary's, seated himself at the organ and horror started thumping out a popular song, an 1830s equivalent of Nolie Dean.

The churchmen tried to restrain him, but...

He was then bundled off to the stocks next door and remained locked up there until noon on Monday.

Although the pillory was prohibited by a Statute of the 1820s, the stocks were not.

But they might just as well have been, however, as the Small Penalties Act of 1864 left no offence for which they could be legally used.

Newport's stocks were kept in the old Market House and set up for use in front of the Town Hall.

They were employed in the 1840s on Daniel Dore, convicted of being found drunk.

To the fury of the Town Fathers, Dore presented such a pitiable spectacle that passers-by not only left him alone but also gave him copper coins.

These so mounted up that by the time he was released, Dore had acquired quite a heap of drinking money.

That was the last time the stocks were used at Newport and, as far as I am aware, on the Island.

R. MORRIS.  
Ravview Road,  
Gurnard.

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## GARDEN GREW FROM WILDERNESS



Mr Gordon Macdonald, mayor of Brading, with guests at the opening of the Tudor Garden near the town centre.

**HARD WORK** and a real community effort has transformed a wilderness in the heart of Brading into a paved garden with seats.

Mr Gordon Macdonald, the town's mayor, officially opened the Tudor Garden, opposite the famous Bull Ring, by unveiling a plaque.

He said the project, started about 18 months ago, was yet another example of the close

relationship developed between the town council and the town trust in recent years.

The original concept was outlined by town councillors Mrs Marianne Sullivan and Miss Margaret Werberick, and there was praise for the team of prisoners from Camp Hill who had done much of the early work on the site.

Town councillor Mr Brian Walters had been clerk of works and his son Michael was responsible for the paving and other work.

## Brading children's home to be improved

THE green light has been given for Richmond Row children's home at Brading to be upgraded to meet stringent new standards so that it can be officially registered.

The freehold of the home in Brading is owned by South Wight Borough Council but it is run by the IW County Council and on Tuesday members of SWBC's policy and resources committee gave the county permission to build an extension at the home.

The new accommodation will mean bigger individual living spaces for the children and young people, separate bathing, showering and toilet facilities and also improved community and staff living and kitchen areas.

The changes were needed to satisfy the new requirements for registrations as a children's home.

Social services director Mr Bill Davison welcomed South Wight's agreement.

"Work will start any day now and it will mean that there will

be much more space for the children, both for recreation and living," said Mr Davison.

"Where some were sharing, they will soon have their own single accommodation."

In a clear reference to recent controversies over the home, Mr Davison thanked local people in Brading for being so supporting and understanding in the past.

"We are trying to work together to resolve any problems and we are hoping the internal and external modifications will do this."

A recent meeting of Brading Town Council heard that plans for the extension filled local people with horror.

Allegations were made that children from the home made nearby residents feel like prisoners in their own homes after dark.

The home takes up to ten children aged between 12 and 16 and when the improvements are carried out this will reduce to eight children with single rooms.

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## OLD CUSTOM IS REVIVED AT BRADING

ON Boxing Day two beely tug-of-war squads glowered at each other from opposite sides of the River Yar at Brading.

On one bank were the sturdy lads of The Wheatsheaf who in the past year or so have won many silver cups.

Lined up across the river were dauntless challengers from the nearby Anglers.

On the word "Go" the squads heaved and grunted, the rope quivering under the strain.

Then a crafty tug from The Wheatsheaf caught The Anglers off balance...

### SURFACE

Mr J. Howden, The Wheatsheaf landlord, said: "The leading member on The Anglers rope nosedived into the river."

It seemed an hour before he broke surface.

In a crisis every second stretches to ages.

"I was relieved when he came floundering up the bank!"

Afterwards the two squads, all the best of friends, adjourned with supporters for circulation-restoring hot toddies at The Anglers.

Mr J. McLaughlin, The Anglers landlord and donor of the new Yarbridge Challenge Cup, presented the trophy to his Wheatsheaf rivals.

"We will win the cup next year!"

Mr. Howden said: "The River Yar tug-of-war was, we understand, an old Brading custom."

"Now that our two pubs have revived the event I am sure it will become a great Boxing Day attraction."

## Bid to revive riding school brings fear of highway hazard

A REVIVAL of riding school activities at Fairway Farm, Brading, is worrying town councillors, fearing an upsurge of equestrians on country roads.

Hearing this last Thursday, South Wight planning committee deferred an application for a proposed school and use of land and stables for horses and stud.

Members were told that at one time 40 horses were kept there, but some years ago a riding school ceased.

A couple living in the area has now wished to keep up to 12 horses, using existing stables and ten acres of pasture land.

Mr Colin Atwell, Island planning officer, made no recommendation on the application, although expressing concern at

highway hazards when horses left backways and used public roads.

He said the application also raised a question over the horse on the site. This was approved in 1986 in connection with agricultural use, but in his view a riding school did not merit that classification.

For that reason he believed continued occupation by the applicants, even if the application succeeded, would be in breach of conditions.

Local member Mr John Huntley said: "This is all a bit of a mix-up which we must sort out. The town council is very worried at the highway implications."

Further talks will be held with the applicants.

## Guides get the



Downhill racer — Rachael Neary, of the 1st Brading Guides, has a go at grass sking.

# KING'S TOWN ESTATE

The land was originally a farm with an adjacent small holding. The latter was still there in 1968 owned and run by Miss Harris.

Mr M. Peltzer  
works -

Mr Harris started building in 1968.

Kings Gate on the coast was one of the first houses we could build here however in 1968, at that time there was no Park Rd at all, and a stream ran down the front of our house in Coach Lane. The house was built where the stream flows filled up blue trailers at the bottom. This stream has low tide piped in 4 in down under the pathway in Coach Lane. On a rainy day this stream can be heard babbling under the Park gate plainly. Half of the estate was a small holding with gullies and some of it was known as mushroom field.



Old houses opposite in Coach Lane

## Go-ahead for home change at Brading

CONCERNED from owners of neighbouring properties, led to changes in the positioning of windows in a proposed two-storey extension and alterations scheme for Richmond Road, Children's Home in High Street, Brading.

County social services expressed a desire to secure planning for 1968, but the scheme was to meet more stringent standards proposed for such homes.

In the process, despite the building being envisaged the home will be repaired to lower children than present, going down from a 'deprived' home to an 'improved' home, including a purpose-built room for a day care of child social services unit.

Space for additional children were being provided in a new unit at Newport to make up for the lower numbers at Brading.

Following negotiations to respect to possible loss of privacy in neighbouring properties, and having planning officer Mr. Colin Austin revised plans indicated the omission of some first floor windows and use of high level windows in the west elevation, with no windows in the two-storey block's southern elevation.

The county planners approved the revised scheme.

The need to try to meet local objections was underlined by Brading Town Council, among the neighbours must be allowed a pitch protection of some 10ft against stream and window which were often looked from windows by children.

The original scheme suggested seven tiers of objection from residents, plus a Designated resident, with objection resulting a claim that the scheme would be out of keeping with the area and constitute over development.

It further also had been a brick wall with a maximum height of 1.5 metres, but to be built along the full length of the western boundary part of the extension being constructed.

The revised scheme had already gained the support previously of South Wight Council.

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# Brading people win reprieve on roads

By SUZANNE PERT

TRADERS and residents in Brading have won a three-month reprieve in their battle with Southern Water over the planned five-week closure of the main road through the town.

Urgent work to sewers in Shanklin Old Village has gone ahead as planned and is expected to be finished today (Friday), but the Brading scheme has now been put back to January 11.

The agreement follows an outcry from recession-hit traders and residents who expressed their anger, at the lack of consultation and the ten-days notice they received, at a public meeting in the town on Monday.

The road closure was due to

start next Monday — the start of the half-term holiday — which is the busiest week of the winter for hard-hit businesses.

Southern Water's divisional director, Mr Ray Collett, bowed to pressure right at the start of a packed meeting in the Bugle at Brading when he agreed to postpone the work until after half-term.

But later in the meeting it became clear that nothing short of a January start-date would appease the angry business people.

Mr Collett, who has only been in his job for six months, started off by showing a video of the poor state of the 35-year-old sewer pipe, taken by remote control camera.

Investigations were started into its condition after complaints from residents about a sewage smell in May. It was found that joints in the concrete had split and the roof of the sewer had collapsed in one place. There was debris in the bottom of the pipe which was causing the smells.

He predicted that unless it was repaired the road could cave in, triggering a major accident.

Excavation work would take place between two manholes outside the Bugle with access to houses and businesses only available to pedestrians. The High Street would be closed to all traffic from its junction with Coach Lane to the junction with West Street. Local traffic would be diverted through the back streets.

Mr Collett, who admitted it could not be in a worse spot, said that although the official notices requested a road closure for five weeks, this was the maximum time it would take.

He offered to have his men work longer hours than the normal 8am to 6pm in order to get the work done quicker.

It quickly became clear that traders wanted the job postponed until next year.

"If you start at the end of October and it goes on into December, there will be total chaos," said Mr Mike Burr, of the A La Carte restaurant.

He called for county council highways drains to be upgraded at the same time.

"I have had two floods in the last three years, each costing £4,000 in insurance claims. Because of this my premiums have gone up by £700 a year," said Mr Burr.

And Mrs Sandy Stretton, landlady of the Bugle, said she would be forced to lay off 15 to 20 members of staff if the work went ahead in October.

Mr Graham Osborn-Smith, owner of Brading Wax Museum, criticised Southern Water about the short notice and the lack of consultation.

"We had no opportunity for prior discussion. You just spring this on us and there are so many ramifications for businesses," he said.

County surveyor Mr Paul Richardson promised to let Southern Water know if it would be possible to do the work in January instead of the original dates.

In closing the meeting, Mr Collett accepted that ten days' notice was not sufficient.

"I will bear in mind for the future that we need to give a month's notice," he said.

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A lone digger slowly breaks up a section of Brading High Street to make way for a new sewer in an operation due to end by February 12.

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## Brading braves sewer cut-off

THERE'S a right royal mess in the Ye Olde Kyngs Town of Brading.

A section of the picturesque High Street has been besieged by Southern Water workmen who recently began the major sewer reconstruction work.

Scheduled to last five weeks, the scheme has led to a section of the High Street — the only through road into Brading — being closed and buses have had to be re-routed.

Southern Water agreed to undertake the work in the traditionally quieter out-of-season weeks after Christmas. The original plan to commence late last year caused a storm of protest from local traders who feared their important festive trade would be hit by the road closure.

But after a stormy public meeting the authority agreed to the requests of traders.

The current work covers a stretch of the High Street from close to the Bugle Inn car park to a point near the Bull Ring.

Mrs Sally Webb, Southern Water's customer services manager, said she could not speculate when the work would be finished but it would certainly be before February 12.

"We only have a five-week road closure so we will have to be out of the way when that expires. Work is going well and we are hoping it will be possible to finish within the five-week period."

## ROADWORKS AT BRADING COMPLETE

BRADING High Street, closed since January 11 due to urgent sewerage reconstruction work, has re-opened ten days ahead of schedule, to the delight of local traders.

Southern Water employees worked 12 hours a day for seven days a week to complete the work and the road was opened to traffic again at 7 am on Wednesday.

Mr Terry Smithson, Southern Water's Island drainage manager, said residents were questioned about extending the hours, and the general feeling in the town was that they wanted the work finished as soon as possible.

Mr Graham Osborn-Smith, proprietor of the IW Wax Museum, said Brading was like a ghost town during the three-and-a-half week closure.

Mr Peter West, proprietor of the High Street Spar shop, said "We weren't as badly affected as some, but obviously it is good to get back to normal, and I feel Southern Water did a great job."

Mr Osborn-Smith was concerned at damage caused to the town's car park by the storage of materials there during the work programme.

Mr Smithson said he would ensure the car park owners were compensated for any damage.

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WALL LANE now reverted to old name

QUAY LANE

1989

The  
W  
The  
on



Then

OLD SIGNAL BOX on S. Helen's  
Railway Line - closed 19



Kerry (NADMI HUNTER'S LITTLE GRANDDAUGHTER)



Now  
1989

New house at above site



New bungalows

Old sewer  
beds  
renewed  
'09



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New  
'09

S. side

Mulberry Lodge  
(new house) '09  
N. side



'09

New bungalow S. side

1/19  
2.19  
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Garage + small holding. S. side

1/19  
2.19



WAX MUSEUM - also fronting HIGH ST.  
originally two (16th C. MagasR) now  
incorporating sundry later properties

S. side

Further to the article on village  
pounds - we have one in Brading. It  
measures 12 feet by 12 feet, is approxi-  
mately 5 feet high (made of stone) and has  
a 3 1/2-foot wide entrance. I gather from an  
old parish record (1801) that the fine for  
retrieving an animal was five shillings -  
quite a sum in those days. - VERA GOOD-  
LUFFE, BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

N. side

Some of the trees beside  
the town pound which  
were blown down in 1987



PHOTO: Royal Air Force

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HIGH ST.

During the great storm in October, 1987  
many trees were destroyed around Brading  
and many more around Yaverland,  
particularly the wood to the south of the  
Manor where the rooks were deprived of  
their long-established nests.



Top of High St.  
J. Henry  
Ex. Mayor  
Brading  
May 21st '88