

# Brading Town Council Newsletter

Newsletter - July 2004

## Camilla Petersen Fund

We are collecting any donations towards the memorial of Camilla Petersen. 15-year-old Camilla tragically lost her life in Brading 2002. A sculpture of Camilla's own drawing has been carved by Paul Sivell in her memory. The sculpture is made of native hard wood and stands 2.4 metres high. An exact replica of the sculpture, just 1m high will be sent to Denmark as a personal tribute to Camilla. The memorial cost is £2600.

The sculpture is now in place in Kelly's Copse and the Petersen family have visited it and think it is a fitting tribute to Camilla.

The Town Council has already received personal donations and Oscar Stretch of 21 New Road Brading has agreed to use his garden as an opportunity for further money to be raised. Any donations will be gratefully received and can be sent to the Brading Centre.

Brading Town Centre from 1,500 feet (457m), 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2004



## Planning Day

18TH SEPTEMBER 2004

AT THE TOWN HALL

10AM - 4PM

DO YOU WANT YOUR VIEWS INCLUDED IN THE BRADING TOWN PLAN?

THEN COME ALONG TO "PLANNING DAY" WORKSHOPS ON:

- THE AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY/ LANDSCAPE CHARACTER
  - CONSERVATION AREA
  - BRADINGS ARCHAEOLOGY
  - BRADING ARCHITECTURE
  - TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

## Brading Station

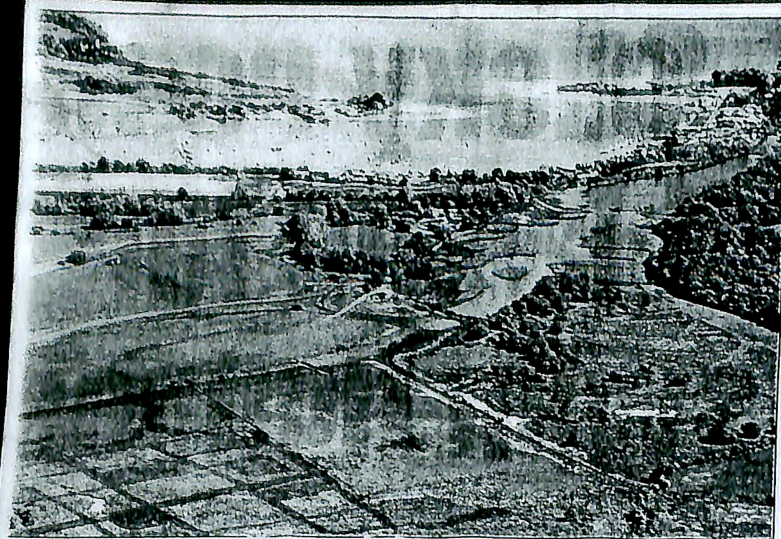
Previous consultation surveys have demonstrated that you would very much like to see Brading Station repaired, refurbished and used. Unfortunately until recently there has not been a funding source which has been appropriate for such a huge project. The aim of the project will be that the Station is used as a "Gateway" to Brading and the Island. Tourist information would be available as well as a railway heritage centre. In the long term the Station could be the starting point for a Brading Heritage Trail.

The Town Council has now submitted a bid for Leader + funding, this funding will allow us to run the project until December 2005, if it is feasible further funding should be available until 2010 and will allow us to renovate the far side of the platform, so that the old signal box etc can be saved. We will need to work with local organisations and residents to make the project a success and volunteers will be needed. If we are successful in gaining the grant funding we will let you know via the connections newsletter, if you are interested in becoming a "Station Volunteer" please let us know on 401770, or email [town-clerk@brading.gov.uk](mailto:town-clerk@brading.gov.uk).

**Brading Christian Fellowship and Sisterhood**, held at Mrs Mowle's, 'Mundesley', Wrax Road, on Thursdays at 2.45pm. Re-opens, 10<sup>th</sup> February.

**Yaverland Ladies Club**. At Yaverland Sailing Club, 2.00pm. **3rd February, AGM.** 2005  
A Happy New Year to All!





An aerial view of Brading Marshes, which are to be studied to establish the effects of flooding. FILE

# Flood study set to cost £600,000

JAN 21st 2005

THERE are plans to sink £600,000 in a study of the effects flooding of Brading Marshes would have.

Government grants are being sought for the study, which will determine whether sea defences should be strengthened to fight global warming, whether wildlife would benefit from the sea being allowed to flood-in or whether there is a compromise solution.

It comes three years after the RSPB spent £500,000 buying 422 acres of Brading Marshes, currently protected by St Helens Duver defences and Embankment Road and several years after the area was designated to be subject only to managed retreat status in a coastal management strategy.

If allowed to happen, that would mean the sea gradually taking over and would eventually lead to a return of the area to how it was before ancient defences were constructed to protect the area and making Brading the island it once was.

The Environment Agency and the IW Council aim to work together to mastermind the study and hope to get it approved in a matter of weeks.

News of the study was given to a meeting of the watchdog IW Area Environment Group on Monday, which asked to be kept fully informed and part of a wide consultation exercise.

When managed retreat was first put forward it led to outcry from residents, who would lose their homes and Bembridge Harbour businesses.

By Richard Wright

Chairman Mike Jordan said: "Widespread consultation is critical. There is a balance to be struck between the needs of wildlife and the needs of people who live and work on Embankment Road.

"But there may come a point when we return to Isle de Bembridge and some residents will probably be quite pleased about that."

Environment Agency strategic planning engineer Tony Burch said global warming not only increased flood risk from the sea but from the East Yar river.

Currently, in some tidal and weather conditions, there was only 30 minutes for inland water to drain into the sea. Climate change would further reduce that period.

He said: "The government is guiding us to work with nature for socio-economic and environmental reasons rather than trying to control it and we want the Island to contribute to developing this strategy for Bembridge.

"Properties in Sandown, Brading, Alverstone and Bembridge are at risk."

Members said preventing the severance of a road link had proved paramount to the Seaview coastal defence scheme and to the new road planned for the Undercliff but Mr Burch said there were ways of preserving Embankment Road by putting it on stilts while still allowing managed retreat to take place.

"When the project starts we will be setting up a representative group of people from the area," he said.

## Salt spices up species' chances

AN ISLAND rescue mission for two species threatened with extinction starts in a few days.

The brackish waters of an isolated pocket of marsh adjoining Bembridge Harbour is home to the Bembridge water beetle and the even rarer starlet sea anemone. The Island is one of only a handful of places where it is found.

Outgoing manager of the 570-acre Brading Marshes RSPB reserve, Les Street, told a meeting of the IW Area Environment Group that a gradual decrease in salinity was putting both species at risk and a contractor was standing by to carry out work to ensure more salt water found its way to the lagoons inland of Embankment Road.

The work has been pushed forward by the Environment Agency, the RSPB and English Nature and would restore the lagoons, which are designated as a special area of conservation but have deteriorated in recent years.

The joint project involved restoration of sluices to allow improved control of water flows, supported by water quality monitoring before, during and after the engineering works.

Mr Street said work to save the species coincided with substantial success of the best working relationship with a farmer he had known of in 30 years.

That had resulted in new grazing regimes that greatly improved habitat for birds, plants and invertebrates.

Careful work on the marsh drainage resulted in suitable creche conditions for young red-shank, resulting in the marsh's single pair producing young that flew for the first time since the RSPB took over.

He said the first three years' work on the reserve concentrated on habitat improvement but now the emphasis would shift to improving public access.

A planning application would shortly be lodged for Embankment Road car parking and public viewpoints, which would boost the Island's tourist economy.



### BRADING FAMILY HERITAGE CENTRE and Kingstown Association Room

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## No problem with boats



Houseboats in Bembridge harbour. FILE

HOUSEBOATS and yachts moored in Bembridge harbour do not cause the sewage pollution problems they were believed to, a study has shown.

The Environment Agency (EA) told a meeting of the watchdog Area Environment Group that further tests were to be carried out at ebb tides but those already undertaken had not identified pollution from harbour vessels.

EA area environment manager Peter Kelly told Monday's meeting: "There is no evidence from the samples that we have taken that houseboats have a significant impact on Bembridge Harbour water quality.

"There is also no evidence that infilling around the boat-yards has caused any water quality problems."

"The harbour owner is quite happy to look at improving sewage disposal for houseboats, perhaps by connecting to the foul sewer or perhaps through a small sewage treatment plant. But the EA can only act in an advisory capacity over this because houseboats are classed as vessels and therefore not under our control," said Mr Kelly.

"There is evidence that pollution is arising through unauthorised outfalls into the River Yar, which flows into the harbour, and work is continuing to identify the exact source."

## For the record

Brading Marshes winter walk

THE next RSPB Brading Marshes winter wildlife walk will be on Sunday and not tomorrow (Saturday) as reported last week. Walkers should meet at Brading Station at 10am.

# £200,000 boost for Brading

JAN 2005 C.PRESS

By Richard Wright

BRADING could be set for grants totalling £200,000 to improve the town's environment and boost interest in its heritage.

A meeting of the town council was held by clerk Cathy Mills that a decision was expected on the town's application for Heritage Fund lottery cash in February. Coupled with Market Towns Initiative money there would be £200,000 to spend on the town.

Councillors praised the quality of the plan to promote Bradings' heritage and environment put together

by Mrs Mills, which forms the basis of the lottery application.

Mayor Marianne Sullivan said: "Because our clerk made us become a quality council with a reputation for being able to deliver projects we qualify for all this support."

The plan identifies that Brading has much to offer in terms of its heritage, environment and surrounding countryside but that there was little local activity to promote what it had to offer.

The aims of the plan are to raise

awareness, attract more visitors to Brading, encourage quality tourist attractions and activities, particularly Green ones.

The council has pledged to work with other organisations to deliver a wide range of projects including improving the churchyard, carrying out a conservation area appraisal, putting together education packs, turning the railway station into a true town gateway, creating a town trail and improving the old sea wall and Old Town Hall.

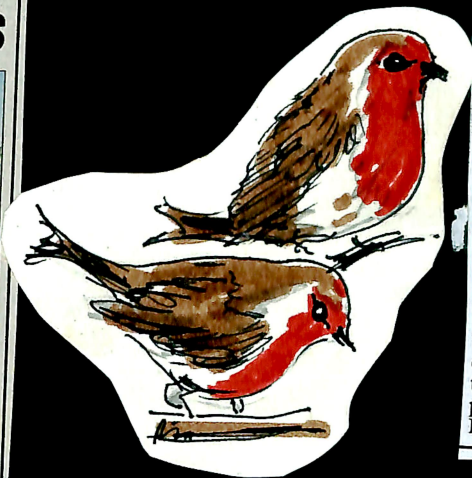
The plan says: "These combined projects are being implemented with other activities and will create the

largest challenge yet faced by the town council and the community of Brading."

In addition to these projects the town council plans to introduce an annual event, Habitat and Heritage Week, which will take place during the first week of June.

A number of projects have already been undertaken by the council including Bulleys Hill Quarry; Brading Butterfly Walk; Brading's walks booklet and circular walks from Brading Station.

Mrs Mills, the assistant town clerk and a member of staff at the railway station will implement the plan, their wages funded by Leader+ grant aid.



JAN 2005

## Brading

£385,000

Semi-det. house. Grade 2 listed building. Currently arranged as two flats which provides 5 beds in total. G/f/heating via rads. Garage and parking for multiple vehicles. Gardens with sea and downland views. Flexible accommodation.

# Eight of the best add a youthful zest



The successful candidates are pictured above. CONTRIBUTED.

THE community went to the polls in Brading to elect members to its newly formed youth council.

Twelve hopefuls, aged 11 to 21, put forward policies in a bid to win one of the eight seats.

Around 50 votes were cast with returning officer Cllr Marianne Sullivan, mayor of Brading, announcing that Sapphire Hardy, Pam Phillips, Ben Cooper, Mark Carpenter, Lauren Flynn, Levi Sadler, Josh Mulkerrins and Jamie Salter had been successful.

"The election day was a huge success with the candidates going around talking to other youths about their policies and encouraging them to vote," said Rebecca Tuck, assistant

clerk to Brading Town Council. "The youth council will give them a platform from which they can really make a difference to their communities. By empowering the young, public money can be spent appropriately so facilities for the young are what they want and need."

Some of the ambitions are to provide extra play equipment at Beechgrove Park, more zebra crossings, street lights and dog bins in the town, canvass the community about a skate park and a tennis/badminton court in Brading.

The young councillors will learn about the formal procedures and the workings of a council at their first meeting later this month.



Lauren Flynn. 0105-g03128



Levi Sadler: wants to see Brading cleaner and with more pelican crossings. 0105-g03127



Pam Phillips: open the youth club at weekends and build a skate park. 0105-g03122



Tawando Matongo: make the Beechgrove play area more exciting. 0105-g03124



Sapphire Parker: football goals, tennis and badminton, plus more zebra crossings. 0105-g03123



Mark Carpenter: wants to resurface Bugle Alley and add lights. 0105-g03120

JAN 21 2005

# Brading candidates set out their stalls

YOUNG hopefuls in tomorrow's Brading Youth Council elections have outlined some of the policies they would strive to achieve if elected.

Twelve candidates aged between 11 and 21 are contesting eight seats on the newly formed youth council.

Rebecca Tuck, assistant clerk to Brading Town Council, said: "The aim of the youth council is to encourage young people to have an influence over their own lives and within their communities."

"By empowering the young, public money can be spent appropriately so that facilities for the young are what they want and need."

"In the long term, the youth council will be a good way of making young people aware that they can make a difference in their communities and that their views are valued. This may then encourage people in the future to get involved with local government."

If elected, Sapphire Parker, 15, would push for football goals and a tennis/badminton court in Brading as well as more

By Martin Neville

zebra crossings and dog litter bins to make the streets cleaner, while 15-year-old Pam Phillips wants to see a skate park and a youth club open at weekends.

Ben Cooper, 17, wants to see more areas with seating for young people when the youth club is closed, or a walk in centre so they have somewhere to go when it is cold.

Fourteen-year-old Daniel Doughty would like to see a zebra crossing in New Road and says, if elected, he would meet regularly with the town's youth to find out what they want. He would also push for an all weather surface at the waste land next to Bugle Alley and an internet cafe.

Tawando Matongo, 11, hopes to make the Beechgrove play area a more exciting place for children as well as build a skate park.

Mark Carpenter, 15, believes there should be lights in Bugle Alley which he also says needs to be resurfaced, while Scott Harvey, 17, wants more streetlights in areas of the town and a floodlit Astroturf football pitch.

Levi Sadler, 11, says he



Candidates standing in the youth council elections. Front, from left, Lauren Flynn, Levi Sadler, Josh Mulkerrins, Jamie Salter, Tawanda Matongo. Back, Sapphire Parker, Pam Phillips, Ben Cooper and Mark Carpenter. 0105-g03129

will strive to make Brading a cleaner place and put more pelican crossings in the town.

A gym in Brading and extra equipment at Beechgrove Park are the vision of Josh Mulkerrins, 11, who would also organise a graffiti wall.

And Jamie Salter, 12, would like to see BMX ramps at Bulleys Hill pit and see a reduction in the price of licences to fish on the River Yar.

Also up for nomination are 17-year-old John Ford, and Lauren Flynn, 13.

The youth elections will

take place at Brading Youth Club and all residents of the Brading parish aged between 11 and 25 are invited to vote.

The youth club will be open from 10am until 3pm for voting with the winning candidates expected to be announced around 6pm.

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& Crafts,

**Brading W.I. JAN 2005**

The Knit - and - Natter Group which usually meets weekly has been very busy during the past months - and, believe it or not, - we really do do quite a lot of knitting! We have sent a good selection of blankets to Mr. Bill Wyke so that he can send them where he thinks fit. We are very grateful to Margo Brooker for her hospitality and to Edith Coldwell for doing the sewing together and especially to all those people who have turned up with wool when we were running low.

Before Christmas two members from Brading were invited to Appley W.I.'s "Christmas Mayhem" and enjoyed a very lively evening.

Our Scrapbooks were on view at the Victorian Christmas Fair and, on the same afternoon, six members went to the Spithead Group W.I. Carols at St. John's, Ryde.

We would like to thank those people who supported our Silent Auction - the proceeds will go to the Pineapple Project. **Next meeting 7pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February.** Sylvia Greville is giving a talk and demo on encaustic art.

Happy New Year! **Mary Hunter**



Mary Hunter Mary Hunter Dawn Kelly  
President Secretary



**2004 Boxing Day:**  
Yarbridge Inn (Father Christmas's) vs Brading Cricket Club (Snowmen).  
- Score - 0:0  
Played on Martin Blow's field - raised over £200 for the Macmillan Nurses.

**A Brading Town Council Notice.**

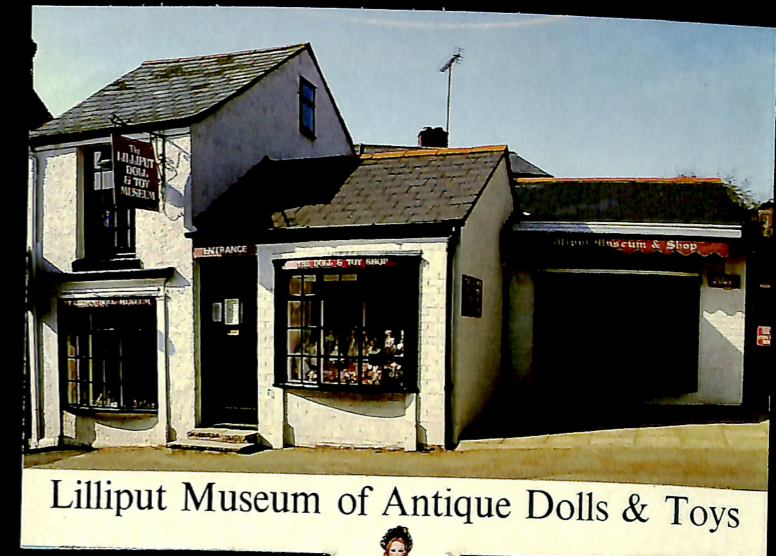
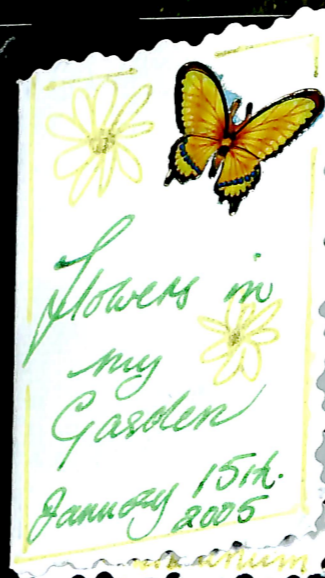
'Island Line' has asked us to pass on the following information:-

Island Line will now be collecting fares at Brading and Sandown Stations in the mornings. Child fares are detailed below :-

- Brading to Sandown - Single** 45p
- Brading to Sandown - Return** 75p
- 7 day season ticket** £2.90

The cost of the 7 day season ticket equates to 60p for a return journey, therefore savings are significant, the ticket is valid for seven days for unlimited journeys between Brading and Sandown within that period, so savings could be considerably higher.

There is also a **monthly season ticket** at a cost of **£11.15** and an odd period season ticket, this can be issued to any date provided the period is greater than 1 month.



Lilliput Museum of Antique Dolls & Toys



Global Warming?



Footpath B65



Squirrel Lower Padgostan Rd. Nov. 2004



**King's Town Association.**

Owing to the uncertainty of getting the heating to work properly in the Town Hall before 15<sup>th</sup> January, the advertised Variety Show to be put on by the Phoenix Players had to be cancelled: - but - an impromptu 'Bring and Buy' sale in aid of the Tsunami Disaster Appeal was organised for that date at very short notice - which, in three hours, raised £400 for the appeal.

Our grateful thanks to all the volunteer helpers - and to everybody who came and 'Brought' and/or 'Bought' to achieve such a splendid result!

*Gilly Lea*  
Chairman, KTA

JAN 2005



Renewal of thatching on Tortola Cottage  
MARCH 2002



Brading £340,000



- Detached Victorian house • 3 beds
- Double glazing (w/s)
- Garden and conservatory
- Gge and ORP • Panoramic views

**Readers vote garden in top ten**



Morton Manor owner Jan Trzebski, right, with head gardener Linden Heaven, in the period garden. 0105-c17438

THE readers of a national magazine have just voted an IW garden through to the national finals of a competition. Readers of *Period Living and Traditional Homes* have put Morton Manor among the best ten period gardens in Britain.

Owner Jan Trzebski said the excellence of their garden had clinched it for them. It had won numerous accolades in the past including certificates of excellence three times from Southern England in Bloom and it had also won IW in Bloom six times.

Sharon Parsons, editor of *Period Living and Traditional Homes*, said they had been thrilled with the interest generated by the launch of what promised to be an annual event, with an extremely high standard of nominations.

The fact that Morton Manor, at Brading, was in the finals meant it was one of the top ten most-nominated gardens for the best period garden.

Mr Trzebski, who looks after the garden alongside his assistant, Linden Heaven, said they had the largest collection of Japanese acers in the country, numerous spring bulbs, roses, herbaceous plants, all of which meant non-stop flowers throughout the year.

He said: "The winter aconites are all flowering at the moment and we have crocuses, daffodils, a formal and informal garden and specimen trees, also the biggest magnolia grandiflora in the country and a London plane tree.

"From spring to autumn we have a brilliant display of acers," said Mr Trzebski, whose house dates from 1520 to 1680.

He said most of the garden would have been laid out in its present format in the late 1800s with the current design undertaken by his late parents, who are buried in the garden.

Last year 20,000 visitors came to see the house, garden and vineyard with its tea rooms and shop. It re-opens at Easter.

● Two other Island features also came in the top ten in the Best of British awards. Osborne House, home of Queen Victoria in East Cowes, was in the top ten best stately homes and the Island was also in the top ten for areas of outstanding natural beauty.

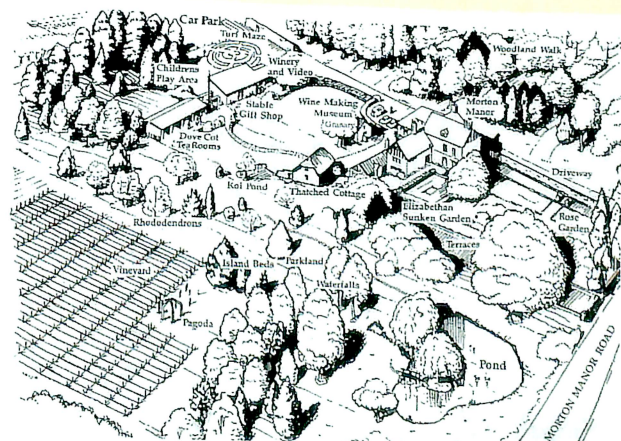


Award winning gardens

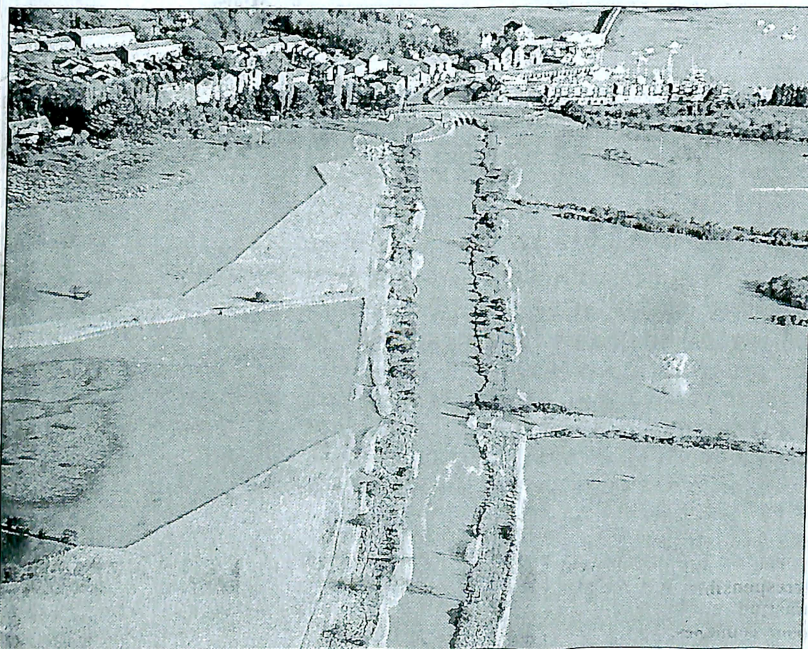
Spring dawns with a myriad of bulbs from February onwards. 50 years of hard work have made it possible to grow Rhododendrons, Azaleas, Camellias and Magnolias, and reward is provided by the amazing massed crescendo of flowers from March to June.

As summer arrives many varieties of Roses produce a riot of colour in the formal rose and Elizabethan Sunken Gardens. Along with the traditional herbaceous borders, they last well into autumn when our huge collection of Japanese Acers go through 'traffic light' colour changes. We are also blessed with the many tender plants that thrive in our mild climate, and countless specimen trees, notably our Magnolia grandiflora and London Plane, both possibly the largest in Britain.

We hope you enjoy the result of centuries of gardening expertise and jolly hard work.



**ISLAND ON FLOOD ALERT**



THE RECENT heavy rainfall has once again caused the Eastern River Yare to burst its banks. Aerial images by CP chief photographer Chris Thwaites show the extent of the flooding along virtually all the Eastern Yare's course but most dramatically around Morton Common. The Environment Agency said the sheer volume of rainfall — over 6cm in just two days — had caused the difficulties. At the height of the rains, both the Eastern Yare and Gurnard Luck were put on flood warning status. Plane courtesy of Birnie Air Services. 0202-c05297 More flood pictures on page 55.

FEB 2002

THE ISLAND emerge from last weekend's torrential rain and gale force winds relatively unscathed.

However, flood warning issued by the Environment Agency for the Eastern Yare and Gurnard Luck were still in force this week.

**DON'T FORGET** to treat the children and take them to Brading Town Hall tomorrow (Good Friday) at 4pm to see the Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre perform *Peter and the Wolf*. Tickets cost £1.50 for children and £3 for adults and are available on the door or may be booked by calling 823813.

2002

GILL STADLEY, of Brading, has been training hard as she will shortly be cycling 480kms (300 miles) from the Great Wall of China to Tiananmen Square in aid of Mencap, the largest organisation in the UK caring and campaigning for people with learning disabilities.

Gill has pledged to raise £2,500 for Mencap so it can reach more people with learning disabilities through vital services for children and adults.

The first 60 per cent (£1,500) has already gone to Mencap and the remaining 40 per cent (£1,000) is due before July 19. Please can you help Gill to help Mencap achieve this by sponsoring her in this challenge. You can contact her on 401686. The recent concert held at Brading Town Hall by the IW Youth Orchestra raised the sum of £130 for Mencap.

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**Back Row.** John Passat, Jay Flynn, Nigel Malkin, Ellery Peake, "Adam" Ashley Oliver, John Rollinson, Ollie Fletcher.

**Front Row.** Jordan Peake, Sam Baker, Julian Buck, Matt Mills, Joe Moore, Jez Simmonds.

**DECEMBER 2004** Brading Town FC 'A' Team.

First time out for their new kit supplied by sponsors Sydenhams Ltd., Timber Importers and Builders' Merchant, Newport.



(Left to Right)

**Back Row.** Steve Keetch (Sydenhams Assistant Branch Manager), Kevin Smythers, Josh Tapp, Craig Thomas, James Herriven, Tom Colwill, Jared Wetherick, Matt Young, Kevin Wetherick (Player/Manager), Steve Price (Sydenhams Branch Manager), Steve Rowe, Brading Town Manager

**Front Row.** Ross Hiscock, Oliver Hook, Alex Hall, Steven Thomas, Lee Mew, Ross Holbrook.



# Tapestry remembers battle of Monte Casino

A VETERAN of one of the Second World War's most ferocious and costly battles has spent two years creating a tapestry to commemorate the event.

Roy Dennis, 84, of Morton Road, Brading, presented his tapestry of the battle of Monte Casino to Polish veterans at the joint First Army and Polish veterans' dinner at the Broadway Park Hotel, Sandown.

**By DAVID NEWBLE**

Mr Dennis's monumental work commemorates the sacrifices made by the Polish armed forces who lost over 1,000 men during an assault on the German stronghold at Monte Casino monastery.

A veteran of the campaign, Mr Dennis watched as the Polish troops were mown down during an attempt to take the German position.

The handcrafted tapestry has 196 stitches to the square inch. The intricate detail of the work includes the Polish flags and the Union Flag intertwined. The tapestry, which is over 2ft square, also carries the slogan For Freedom, Ours And Yours, the motto of the Polish armed forces.

Mr Dennis said he was at the battle area for nine weeks as a member of the Royal Artillery, which pounded the German positions.

He said: "I was there right from the beginning of the assault. It was a big obstacle as far as we were concerned. The Poles went in and stormed the monastery. They were slaughtered. One thousand were killed and many more were wounded. I saw this slaughter. It affected me deeply and I



**Roy Dennis (far right) unveils his tapestry commemorating the battle of Monte Casino at the Polish Society annual dinner watched by, from left, Jacy Hulacki, Henryk Grenda, Stephan Szydowski, Otton Hulacki.** 0011-p01454

have always thought about it." He added: "The Poles came to help us. I wanted to do something about that. We got our freedom in 1946 but the

Poles had to wait until 1990." The tapestry will be looked after by the Polish Veterans' Association and will eventually pass to the safe keeping of

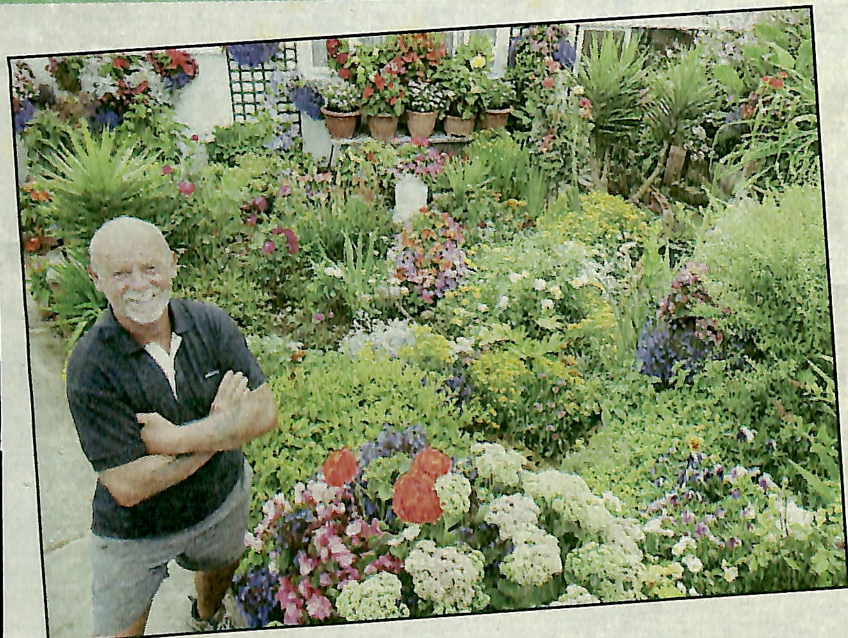
the Polish people. Mr Dennis said he hoped it would eventually hang in the Polish embassy and later be returned to Poland.

## St. Mary's & St. John's Churches' Harvest Supper, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2003.



Ruth (centre) Brageland.





Brading gardens open to the public — from left, Oscar Stretch in his garden at 21 New Road; Di Turner in her garden at Holly Mount, The Mall; Robert Cox in his garden at Tor Cross, New Road. 0703-p10424 /p10427 /p10425

# Seeing how their gardens grow



Report by  
**KATE YOUNG**  
Pictures by  
**PETER BOAM**

PART of the success behind the Island's annual garden walkabouts is the fact that gardeners are always keen on seeing each other's gardens and comparing plant notes.

This year's walkabouts in Island villages were generally well attended.

At Brading Open Gardens Day on July 19, four gardens in the town were open to visitors, including that of Colin and Hilary Bailey.

The couple — who are regular winners of the cottage garden section in the annual Wight In Bloom awards — reported that their garden was full of visitors all day.

They decided to provide teas and cakes for visitors with proceeds going to the Earl Mountbatten Hospice and as a result the couple raised £238.21 for the charity during the open gardens day.

Colin said: "We met loads of lovely people during the day and



Visitors David and Karen Barnard with owners Colin and Hilary Bailey in their garden at Well Cottage, Coach Lane, Brading. 0703-p10428

everyone admired our garden."

Their garden in Coach Lane, Brading, includes a beautiful cottage garden at the front of the house and a rather diverse, large garden with plenty of unusual features at the rear.

Colin and Hilary recently won through to the last 20 in the BBC *Gardener's World* Gardener of the Year competition.

"We were amazed to hear we were in the top 20, though we didn't make it

to the last five finalists," Colin said.

Their garden has also recently been accepted by the National Gardens Scheme and will become a new entry in the scheme's yellow book next year.

● Four interesting gardens in St Lawrence opened their gates to visitors on Sunday, August 10.

The garden walkabout was part of the village's Patronal Festival



On behalf of Brading, Mrs Darrell Coombs receives Brading's 3rd Prize award in the "Calor" IoW Village of the Year, 2003" competition, from Mr Michael Shevlane of Calor Ltd.



New timber-frame house under construction on site of the old Arnold's coal yard 2002

**PARDY & WRIGHT**

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Building Contractors

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Pete Wright - 407 719

Ray Pardy - 406 259

Darned (Microlight) Midges!







Jeanie Wright painting a plate. Inset picture above shows patient Michael Paquette with his wife, Peggy, and ward sister Lesley Gaskin. 1003-j11089 and 1003-j11096 Oct 2003

## Jeanie finds the artful way to deal with cancer

JEANIE Wright, an attractive blonde dressed smartly in white, leans forward and confides she's off to the shops tomorrow. Her face is beautifully made up and she clearly looks after herself. "I'm going in to Newport tomorrow to Monsoon to get myself a fluffy cardie," she said.

The only real clue that Jeanie is ill is that she walks slower than most. Jeanie was referred to the hospice in September last year and has been attending the day unit since December and currently comes on Mondays and Fridays as a day patient.

She has had cancer for three years, has had chemotherapy twice and even lost her hair and had to wear a wig, a tall order for someone who remains very fashion conscious.

Jeanie was enjoying her art class session

with tutor Pauline Burford, which she said has brought out her creativity with her work now so popular that she gets commissions that in turn raise money for the hospice.

She and her fellow artists are one of the first groups of patients you see as you go in to the hospice, clustered around a table crowded with so many paints and pots it would give a top-class art college a run for its money.

Art is a welcome diversion for Jeanie and of course she gets very depressed. "I try to block it out as you have got to keep going and you have got to be positive," she said.

She can't wait to tell me how grateful she is to the hospice. "They are wonderful here and this has brought my art out in me. I can be creative, I meet people, make friends and it is a very friendly atmosphere. It is a wonderful place, they do so much good," she said.

*The Wight House*  
Restaurant, Tea Rooms & Garden.  
(Opposite the Old Town Hall & Stocks)

Evenings: 7pm ~10pm, Thursday to Saturday

Bookings: 400120

"Relaxed and unhurried dining in our restaurant with locally sourced ingredients ~ all freshly cooked."

Daytime: 12Noon ~ 4pm, Thursday to Saturday

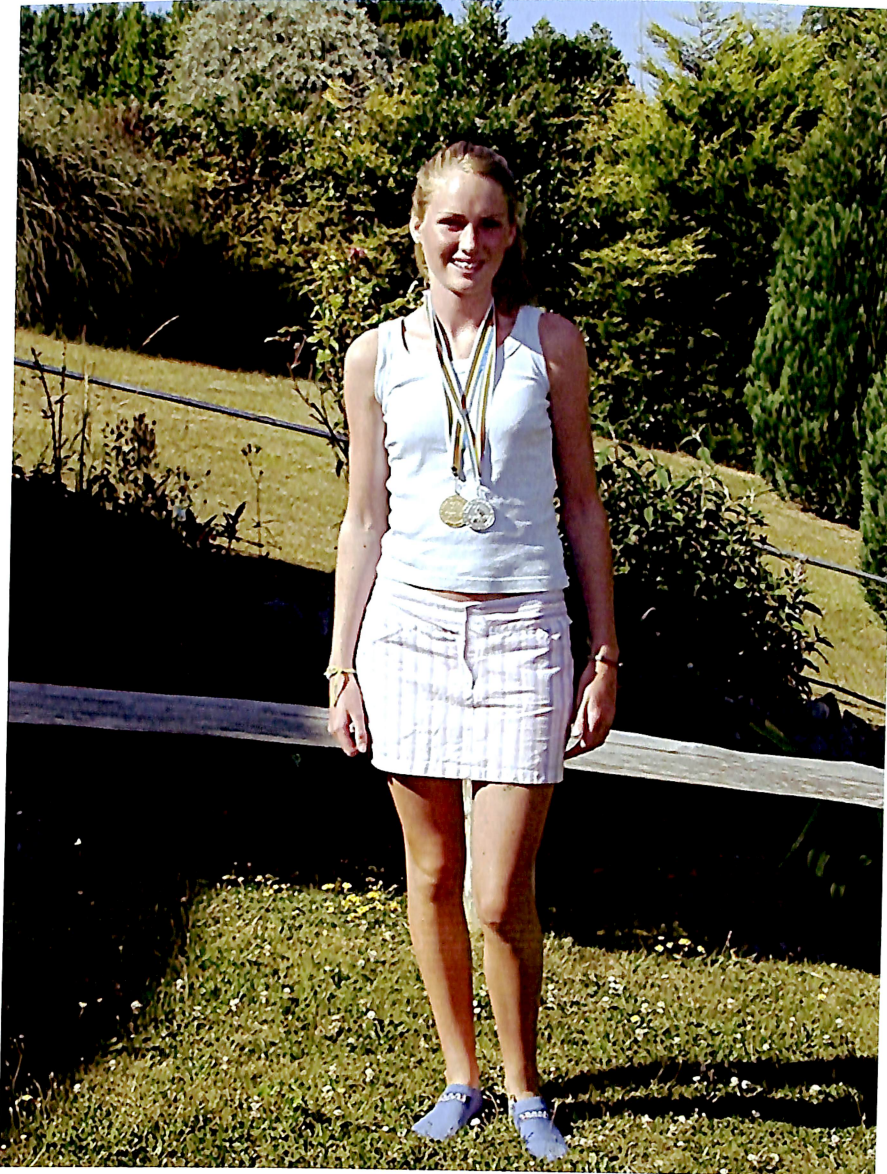
Sunday Lunch: 12Noon ~ 3pm.

"Traditional tearooms, leaf teas, fresh-ground coffees, cream teas, home-baked cakes and light lunches."



Brading's Mayor, Mrs Marianne Sullivan, lays the Town's Remembrance Day Wreath, Sunday, 9th November, 2003

## Inter-Island Games, Guernsey, July 2003.



Claire Kiely of New Road, Brading, represented the Isle of Wight in the 1,500m, winning Silver against 10 other competitors from as far afield as the Shetlands and the Falklands. Claire also represented the Island in the 5,000m and won Bronze in a field of seven starters - and - it was the first time Claire had run 5,000m competitively!



Work has started on conversion of the old Red Cross Centre into the new Town Council Office and Drop-in Centre

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Wish all their Customers,  
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A Very Merry Christmas and  
A Happy, Prosperous, New Year.

The Christmas Draw will  
take place on 21<sup>st</sup> December  
at 8.30pm

WRIGHT (Jean). My special sister in every cloud that rolls by. In each wind in its whispering sigh, in the beautiful flowers, the tallest tree and in my heart you will always be. Love you, Kathleen and John.

WRIGHT (Jean). Passed peacefully away at Earl Mountbatten Hospice on May 28. The funeral service is to be held on Wednesday, June 3 at 11.30am at St Mary's Church, Brading followed by burial in Brading Churchyard. Enquiries: William Hall, Funeral Directors, IW-668888.

WRIGHT (Jeanie). My auntie, who lost her brave fight for life, May 28, 2005. Ken. Love, Eamonn, Kerry, Ashleigh, Haydn.

WRIGHT (Jeanie). We have happy memories, shared moments of laughter over the years. So sleep peacefully forever. Love, Suzie and Pete.

**Our Cyclobats defy Newton's Laws of Motion?**



**We only need one man**



**Raw Samba**



**Procession up the Mall, 2002**



Joan Sherry

Leads parade down High St



Medina Marching Band in High St



Joan opens Brading Day, 2001



~ and her Motley Crew!



Sings with the Castle Jazz Band



Takes a bow



Close up of Our Singer



Sings a second song.



Moving the Dragon down The Mall (364 days late!) ~ The Team, led by Chris Byrne (in Bandana)



Hibernating Dragon

Wood sculptures by Paul Sivell.



Brading W.I. - "Just Selling in the Rain - what a Happy Refrain"

Brading Town Council Car Boot Sale - 15th June, 2002



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**HOLEY WREATHS**

TRADITIONAL VARIEGATED, PLAIN AND DECORATED

FRESH DAILY FROM DECEMBER

Lychgate Cottage, Coach Lane, Brading, *hamp*

**Brading CE (Controlled) Primary School**

What a busy term, we have had, at how quickly it has passed us by. Everyone at school is busily preparing for the Christmas production. This year we will be performing the musical "It's a Cracker" on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, at 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.. All of the children will be involved and have their starring moment on the stage.

On Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, the children will be having their Christmas Party in the Afternoon, and on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2 p.m. will be holding our school Christingle service at St Mary's. The children who have been having brass lessons will perform carols and the children will have a Christingle to hold. I particularly find the Christingle service to be a very special time to remember the true meaning of Christmas. At 2 p.m. on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Children from years three and four will be delighting passers-by with carol singing in the Bull Ring.



Staff and Pupils have an Assembly in Pyjamas for "Children in Need" Day at Brading Primary School on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2004

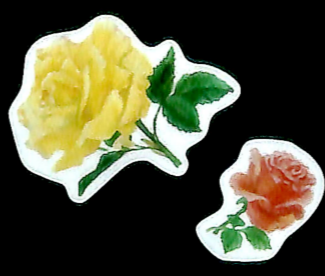
*Peta East,*  
Acting Headteacher

2004

We break out on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>, December at 3 p.m. and as well as it being a time to pass on Christmas wishes to everyone who is involved with our school, it is also a time to pass on goodbyes. Mrs Cooper, our reception / year 1 teacher, is leaving to take up a new appointment at Love Lane primary - I'm sure that those of you who know her will join me in wishing her every success for the future.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye, as from January 1 I will be taking up my new post as head teacher at Wootton Primary School. I would like to express my thanks to the staff, children, parents and governors who have supported me, and made my time at Brading so enjoyable. I truly will miss everyone - you have a fantastic school here!

Wishing a Very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year to You all.





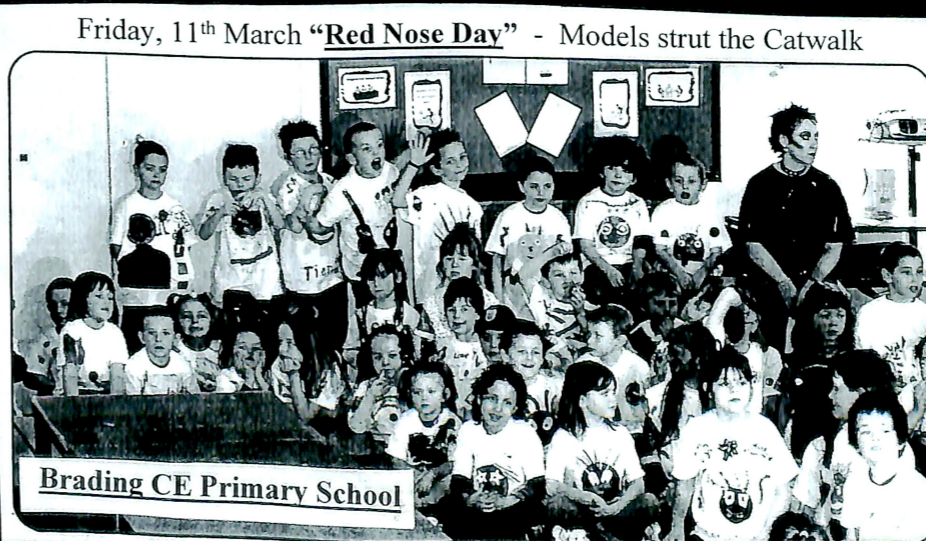
The Post Box & Poem Board Reading Centre

2005



"Funky Fashion Show" during National Book Week

Daniel Bean Alex Lockyer Joanna Hewison Annie Gardner Mollie Loman Laren Schofield Chloe Bolton




Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March "Red Nose Day" - Models strut the Catwalk

Brading CE Primary School

**2004**  **Brading Coaches**  
**NOW INTO IT'S 6<sup>TH</sup> YEAR**  
**51 Seater Executive Coach with:-**  
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**Christmas Cards & '2005' Calendars ON SALE NOW**  
 + Inkjet Cartridges  
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**2004**  **UNIQUE BEAUTY**  
 by Faye & Abbey  
**Exclusively, Brings To You NATURES HARMONY**  
 NATURES HARMONY guarantees you **100% NATURAL ~ no additives or chemicals.**  
 • They are free from artificial colourants, additives, or preservatives.  
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 • Not one of our ingredients is tested on animals.  
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 • Wherever possible we use organic ingredients.  
**OPEN DAY ~ 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER ('Brading Victorian Christmas' Day)**  
**From 10.30am - 5.30pm.**  
 Come and have a look for yourselves; all products will be displayed for you to try + **FREE CONSULTATIONS** + a **FREE** glass of wine for everyone! **Tel: 404407**  
**60 - 61 High Street, Brading,**





**The Mayor of Brading, Councillor Mrs Marianne Sullivan's  
Presentation of Awards for Outstanding Services to the Town in 2000 -01**



To Mrs Betty Howell, Brading Town Trust, (Collected by Mrs Pauline Humber on her behalf)



To Mrs Joan Sherry, Singer and Writer,



To Mrs Pauline Humber - and - Mrs Pat Deacon  
for their tireless work in many fields of activities and causes in the Town of Brading



To Mr Nigel Thomas for all his help to the People of Brading over and above his work as a Milkman



To Mrs Isabel Saban for her assistance to Mums and Children over many years as School Crossing Patrol

The Kingstown Association presents  
**BRADING'S VICTORIAN STREET FAYRE!**  
 SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
 FROM 11.00AM

In the Bull Ring, Town Hall, & High Street

and the Church Hall & Top Car Park

Stalls Galore  
 Window Dressing  
 Hot Chestnuts  
 Mince Pies & Mulled Wine

*Fun for all Ages!*

~ And ~ Finally ~ "LIGHTS of LOVE" ~ CAROLS in St. MARY'S CHURCH at 5.30pm


**- AND - Don't forget the Carol Concert in the Town Hall - Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm. + Raffle, Refreshments & Grand Draw!**

*A final word at the end of the last edition of 2004 - and the first of 2005 - A heartfelt "Thankyou" to our team of Pauline, Molly, Jan, and all of our Distributors, Contributors, Advertisers ~ and Readers. A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you! John N. Pewsey, Editor.*

**Mission to Seafarers**

It really is amazing how so many knitted items for the Seafarers arrive at my door. Since last September 290 items were collected by Christmas which were then sent over to the Mission in Southampton. Then another 101 items were sent over on 3rd February. So we are heading for an even greater total than we achieved in previous years!

Well done! - and many grateful thanks from the Mission to all of our knitters in Brading and the surrounding area: Keep up the Good Work! *Molly E Pewsey*




Margaret launches a pancake into orbit.



The Bonfire, in sulky mood, before Mark Turner cheered it up with his Magic Ingredient.

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 Parking ~ Twin Beds ~ Colour T.V. Tea/Coffee & Washing facilities in room. ~ Full English breakfast.  
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St. John's church, Yaverland, held there annual Shrove Tuesday "Ploughman's and Pancake" Lunch in the Yaverland Sailing Club' on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2005



Chris entertains during the interval



Compere Danny Lamb explains the Fire Exits to the cast -Mike and Susan

The Kings Town Assn's **'More tea, Vicar?'**

(see description of the evening show on Page 13)

**The Friends of Brading School**  
 The Friends would like to thank everyone who helped us to make the Firework Display on 5<sup>th</sup> November such a roaring success (especially the fire!) Without the support of Peter Scott, Mark and Julian Trueman, Bob Beeson, Will Skeldon, Gary Mason, John Derry, Kieth

East and Derek Bean we could no have put on the event. We would also like to thank the school staff for their support, the school cleaners and Martin Blow, our Caretaker, for his hard work towards an after the event. The display was certainly entertaining -

apparently the **BANGS** could be heard in Londis! (and St. Helens, I shouldn't wonder - Ed.) We hope that everyone enjoyed the evening - and the BBQ. We raised £285

for Brading School which will go towards buying equipment for the children. So thankyou all! - and see you next year!  
*Angela Beeson, Chair of F.O.B.S.*



And, last but not least, two of the Friends slaving over a hot Barbecue, Rita Mason (Left), flippin' the Burgers, and Angela Beeson, taking the cash!



**Guys (left to Right)** awarded & made by:- 1<sup>st</sup>, Ted & Peter Scott. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Stepping Stones Pre-school. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Cameron Beeson.

