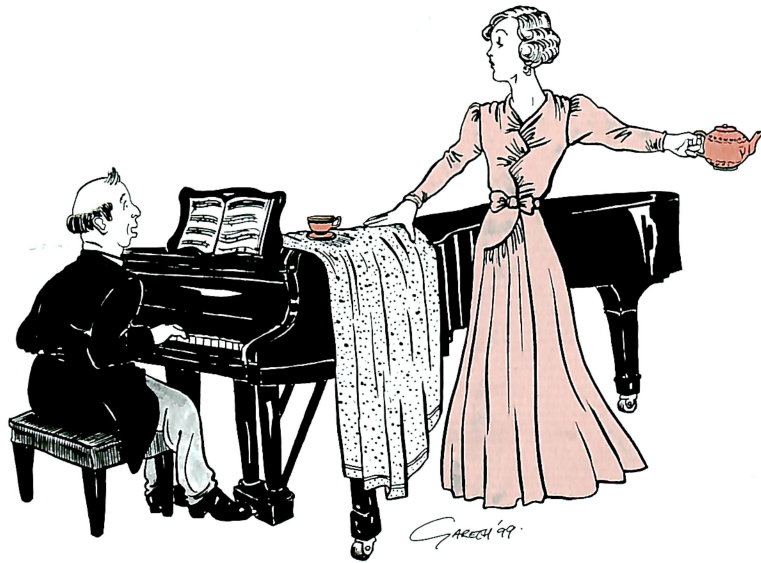


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2005

Late News from The Kings Town Association

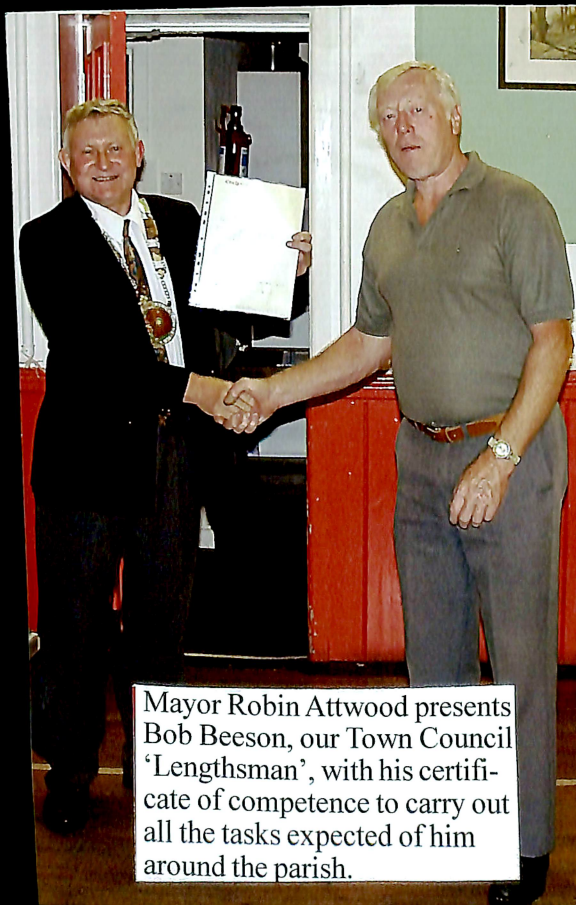
"More Tea Vicar!" - an astounding success. Were it not for the Council's "Arts Away Group" we would not be able to stage shows like this on the Island. For the town to benefit from these shows we have to get the venue organised, sell tickets, pay for the hall and provide the raffle and refreshments for the evening. In return we get back 20 per cent of the ticket sales, so the more seats sold, the more revenue for Brading for other ventures. This is the second time that Sue Flannery and Michael Lunts have been to Brading. They were very complimentary about our Town Hall "one of the best halls that they have visited", they were thrilled with the warm welcome they received and they thank you all for it.

My thanks as usual for go to the hard-working committee who organised the Hall, Raffle and refreshments with a very special thank you to Chris (the banjo man) for entertaining us during the interval, so many faces must have been quite daunting for him. The raffle made £87, which will be used to renew the theatre licence which we need to stage the shows and to send one of our members to a "risk assessment" course, now a statutory requirement. **Our next entertainment venture will be the "Unity Stompers" jazz band on Sunday May 8th at 7:30pm until approximately 10:30pm.** there will be refreshments and a raffle.

(See pictures of 'More Tea Vicar?' on Page 19)



Above. Adam Allegri, of Adgestone, Describes the work of "Raleigh International" and his forthcoming expedition to Costa Rica with the charity. 25.09.03



Mayor Robin Attwood presents Bob Beeson, our Town Council 'Lengthsman', with his certificate of competence to carry out all the tasks expected of him around the parish.

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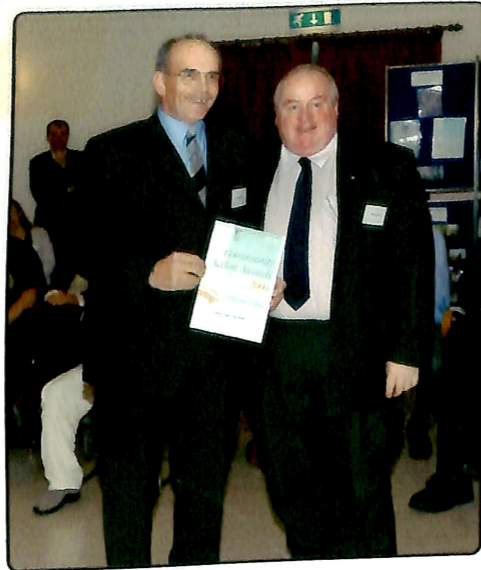
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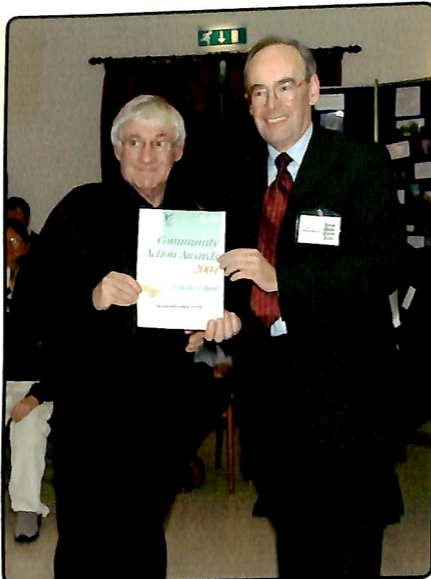
Eric (Tiny) Callaghan
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All the Award Winners



Carole Wheatley & Pat Cassells
for The "Carols at Christmas Group"



Bob Cox (Left) (with County Press
Managing Director, Robin Freeman)
for "Brading Horticultural Society"

From Front-Left, Clockwise:
Bob Cox, Russ Lea, Carole Wheatley, Cathy Mills
(Town Clerk), Marianne Sullivan (Mayor of Brading)



The Full Brading Contingent (Less the Photographer)

From Front-Right, Anti-clockwise:
Jan Cox, Tina Passat, Paulin Humber,
Pat Cassells, Gilly Lea (Kingstown Assn Chairman),
Tiny Callaghan. Photographer John Pewsey
(Deputy Mayor of Brading)



Tina Passat (with County Press
Editor, Brian Dennis)
for "Brading in Bloom"



Sadly, Robin Attwood, our
Mayor since his election in
May of this year, has decided
that he must, most regretfully,
resign from the position of
Mayor on health grounds.

Here he is seen handing over
the Mayoral Regalia to Coun-
cillor Mrs Marianne Sullivan
who will complete the year's
office.

25.09.03

Robin will continue as a Town
Councillor and will still hold
his Traffic and Highways
portfolio on the Town Council.



Amy Godolphin URC 2005
Elizabeth Ann Photography.

A FAMILIAR face at the festival has
bowed out this year.
Amy Godolphin, who has competed in
the dance section for 11 years, is hoping to
pursue a career in ballet after a number of
successes at the festival and other competi-
tions.

The light-footed 16-year-old from
Adgestone, who trains with the Gillian
Cartwright School of Dance, has been
offered a place at Arts Educational School
in Tring but is hoping to get a place at the
Central Ballet School and has been
recalled for a final audition.



The "Old Rope String Band" concert in the Town Hall, 2nd November, 2002 ("Connections" - I've never seen the Town Hall so full!)
 featuring:- Joe Scurfield, Tim Dalling and Pete Challoner - from Newcastle - upon - Tyne.



Pizzicato Duo



Joe Swallows Fire!



Tim gets dunked!



-- and is hung out to dry!



Joe Fiddles whilst Unicycling!



Joe on Conch, Pete Fiddles and Tim.....'Accords'?!
 and the Trio give an encore



The floor is drummed - and the Trio give an encore



--but mainly, - OURSELVES - it was **HILARIOUS!!**
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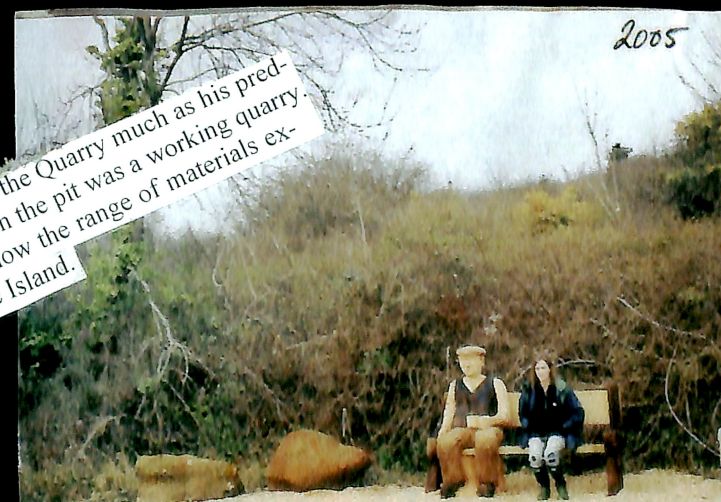
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GENERAL GARDEN MAINTENANCE



Brading's from the Connaught

Old Albert sits as custodian of the Quarry much as his predecessors must have done when the pit was a working quarry. Stones in the Zen garden show the range of materials extracted from pits across the Island.



2005

Butley's Hill Quarry. Sculpture by Paul Sivell





Forest of help for tree project

Lisa Fishwick, six, of Elm class at Brading Primary School, plants an elm tree with help from Tony Ridd, of Landscape Therapy. 0305-d00059

HUNDREDS of people braved the wintry weather to extend an ancient woodland at Beech Grove in Brading last week.

Among them were youngsters from Brading Primary School and Stepping Stones Pre-School who got their hands dirty planting a wildlife corridor.

It has been named Betty's Copse after Betty Howell, chairman of the Brading Town Trust, which owns the land, whose idea it was.

Over the coming weeks 2,500 trees, including oak, ash, maple, elm, and beech, will be planted, covering an area of around two-and-a-half hectares.

The trust felt extending the woodland would be a suitable way of developing the land so it could be enjoyed by the whole community for years to come.

Brading Town Council with project manager, Tony Ridd, from Brighstone-based Landscape Therapy, managed to secure

£12,000 from the Forestry Commission's JIGSAW (Joining and Increasing Grant Scheme for Ancient Woodland) scheme to fund the project.

"We had an excellent day and it was mayhem at one point because hundreds of people turned up," said Mr Ridd.

"This will provide a home for a wide variety of wildlife, including red squirrels, dormice and butterflies."

Cathy Mills, clerk to Brading Town Council added: "This is an excellent example of joint working between the town council and the town trust."

Landscape Therapy, which will maintain the woodland for the next five years, estimate: it will plant around 35,000 trees on the Island this year in 11 new woodland areas.

The woodland will be visited by Bol Flowerdrew from TV's *Gardeners World* on May 29 during the town council's Habitat and Heritage Week.



Nelen Goodman (Tutor) with Molly Dodds Medal Classes at Brading Town Hall

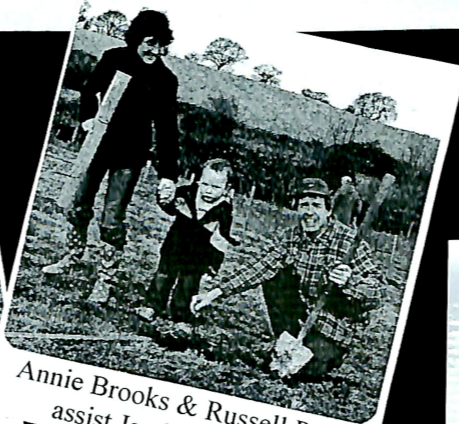
1st March - and the start of planting 2,200 trees in what is to become known as "Betty's Copse" in Beechgrove.

In addition to the Oak planted by Mrs Betty Howell, Chairman of Brading Town trustees, hundreds of Oak, Ash, Field Maple, Wild Cherry, Spindleberry, and Scots Pine saplings - all species native to the British Isles - will be planted before the end of April.

Here are just a few of the Planters of all ages who 'heeled in' those saplings on the first day!



Part of the cast of "Mikado"?



Annie Brooks & Russell Palin assist Jaydon Hewison



"When I nod my head - hit it!"



Mayor Marianne (and Teacher): "I did - & - it is"



Gordon & Netta Trott Plant 1 for themselves & 1 for Reg & Jean.



Ben Smith: "I thought you said it was 'Field Studies'?"



Krys Young, who started both Brading and Haseley Manor potteries. (now Snooty Pot)

PEOPLE with passion imbue their endeavours with a special quality — and so it is with *A Century Of Ceramics*, a splendid volume produced by pottery enthusiasts Lisa and Andrew Dowden and Robin Goodredge.

Available from The County Press Shop, this excellent book deserves to be a collectible in its own right. It costs £28.



Mrs Betty Howell plants the first Oak in "Betty's Copse", Beechgrove, 1st March, 2005



WINTERING MARCH 2005

PRESIDENT Audrey Hardcastle welcomed one visitor, Jill Mills, to the January meeting.

Derek Sprake gave an interesting talk, continuing where he left off during his last visit on burial records.

Members who attended the Spithead Group carol afternoon in St John's Church in December said how much they had enjoyed it.

Edith Coldwell and Elizabeth Goodliffe joined St Helens WI for its 85th birthday at the Community Centre, St Helens. Everyone admired the 2005 programme cards, made and printed by Nancy Haden.

The cup for 2004 competition winner of the year was won by Jeannette Edmunds.

Mrs Goodliffe gave a detailed account of Caring for Carers, which members were interested in supporting during 2005.

Mary Hunter would be looking after the Brading scrapbooks so people could view them at her home. Mrs Edmunds said more photographs were needed.

Mrs Hardcastle asked everyone to put forward ideas during 2005 for the 2006 programme.

Four members put their names forward for the sports and leisure Scrabble.

All agreed the WI should have a pitch on Brading Day, Sunday, July 3, when hopefully, the Brading scrapbooks will go on show in the uninhabited pigeon hut.



2005

Repairing Water Main installed in 1907



2005

Fern Cox visiting the 'Library Van' on a Friday morning regular visit.



2005

Beechgrove Surgery



STREET CLUTTER!

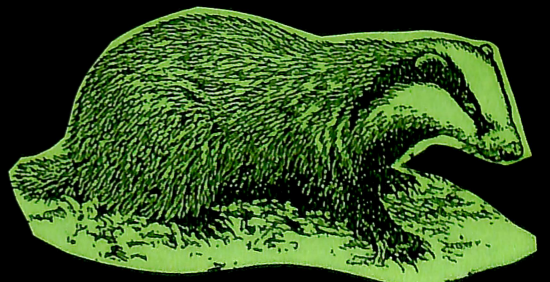


Molly Dodds recalls her happy times as a teenager and member of Sandown Youth Club. The 'Ballroom Dancing' classes held in the new Brading Town Hall!

December 31, 1955
Among the Christmas guests at The Trouville Hotel, in Sandown, were England's amateur dancing champions Syd Mallett and Jeanette Burton. They joined in with all the celebrations with other guests, including special ballroom dancing.
Two trains crashed into a 60ft elm tree that fell onto the track at Brading. There were no injuries and no damage was done to the train heading to Ventnor but the rear wheels of the train to Ryde were derailed.
The accident happened around 6.50am when the first train struck the top of the tree and twisted the trunk onto the other side of the track. There was not enough time to clear the tree before the second train arrived a couple of minutes later.



Badger killed Lower Redstone Road





Brading Station



Butterfly walk



ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS — FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2000

Brading residents urged to help beat the bullies

By RICHARD WRIGHT

THE PEOPLE of Brading have been urged to band together against the scourge of bullying that has made the lives of two local sisters a misery.

But Brading Town Council turned down a suggestion from Cllr John Pewsey that youngsters as young as ten involved in anti-social behaviour should be publicly "named and shamed".

Cllr Marianne Sullivan implored the town to come together to rid the town of the menace which, even a police warning to the ringleader, had been powerless to control.

She told last week's meeting: "It is totally unacceptable behaviour. This should simply not be going on as we enter the 21st century.

"The attitude of the parents of the ringleader is that they should let the children thrash it out between them and the police are in a difficult position because it is extremely difficult to get a prosecution to stick.

"It would seem that in Brading we

have got almost a vendetta going on. It is a sexist thing to say but what makes it particularly unusual is that this is between girls.

"Two young ladies, one of whom is at high school and one who is younger, are being intimidated by another girl and her friends in our community.

"They are being provided with safe journey to and from school and I am telling the community about this because I feel we ought to provide all our citizens with a secure place to live and I urge all residents to be their brother's keeper."

Her request for the community to work to heal its wounds was endorsed by the council.

Cllr Pewsey said that approach should be coupled with 'naming and shaming' vandals.

"It would go down like a lead balloon but we should publicly identify these young people because these culprits are never caught by the police and their par-

ents are never identified."

He said the cost to the local community of vandalism should be clearly identified in the parish precept so people could see exactly how it was hitting them in the pocket.

After councillors' criticism of lack of police presence in the town, Cllr Mike Cooper said all residents should write to the police and ask where the force spent its money.

Members agreed to ask the head of the Island force, Supt Peter Dawson, to attend a future meeting to discuss the issue.

Councillors also agreed to consider a public request for a town meeting to discuss bullying and vandalism in the town, which in a year cost the town council £2,500 for repairs to the community centre at Brading Station alone.

Cllr Julie Smith said: "Vandalism of the station makes me very angry and I don't want the town to lose this building but it is being vandalised continually when it should be used for the community of Brading."



Marianne Sullivan — urged Brading residents to help beat the bullies.

Refurbished centre offers a challenge to community

BRADING Town Council has challenged the local community to come up with a name and uses for its new centre.

Town clerk Cathy Mills said: "We want this building to be all things to all people in Brading.

"It has already been several things in its 25-year history and we really want it to continue to be of great use to the community.

"We already have several uses for it and we have an open day on Saturday, September 21, when we want people to come and see the facilities and suggest how they can be used.

"We are also looking for a name. Several have been suggested but so far nothing quite sums it up."

Situated near the Bull Ring, it was opened by local GPs Peter and Jane Brand, who at one time used it for a surgery. It was also used by a playgroup

and by the Red Cross but, for the past two years, lay disused.

The town council became concerned about its appearance and, with the help of grants of £50,000 from the Rural Development Programme, £18,000 from the Countryside Agency and £11,000 from the IW Council, repaired and converted the building into a community centre.

Brading residents decorated the newly-refurbished building and businesses provided help with materials and equipment.

Already it is Brading Town Council's office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and on Tuesdays and Thursdays an IW Council help centre.

Town council surgeries are being held by town councillors, local IW Council member Pat Joyce will also be holding surgeries and there are hopes the village policeman will do the same.

Four computers with internet access have been installed and courses set up.

The Sandown Bay Links Project has also injected £7,200 to set up after-school and homework clubs in the building on education authority land near Brading Primary School.

Mrs Mills said: "The IW Council has provided us with a tremendous amount of assistance. It made the building available at a peppercorn rent and provided all sorts of help in kind.

"The building is in the centre of the community, which seems to be really taking it to its heart."



Dr Peter Brand, who opened the refurbished centre with his wife, Jane, admires the computer equipment. 0902-c07868

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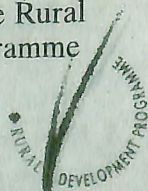
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New chapter in Brading life

The Brading Centre in West Street, Brading, which offers new community facilities for local residents.

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The communal area for using computers, sitting and relaxing at Brading's new community building.

0802-104824

BRADING is about to begin a fresh chapter of town life with the opening of its new community building.

The idea for the centre came about in 1997, after a team of volunteers carried out an appraisal of Brading and found that residents were unaware of activities undertaken by the town council.

By Harriet Rowland

The answer to that was to open an office for ten hours a week, with the permission of the Town Trust, and the clerk's working hours were extended, thanks to Single Regeneration Budget funding.

The scheme was so successful, with an average of 100 visitors to the office a month, that the town hall premises became too small and a solution had to be found.

The solution, as it happened, lay just around the corner in West Street, where the mobile buildings formerly used as a doctor's surgery and now in a state of some disrepair, were lying empty.

But with help from the

Rural Development Programme, the Countryside Agency, the Sandown Bay Link Project and the IW Council, the building has been renovated and is about to be opened officially.

From this month, the public will find the town council office at the new premises, and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9am to 1pm, officers from the IW Council will be available to give help and advice — you can also get verification for your council tax bills, which will save travelling to Ryde, Sandown or Newport.

On Mondays from 9am to 12.30pm, the Inland Revenue will also be available to advise on any tax queries, while the local IW Councillor Patrick Joyce will hold regular surgeries, as will town councillors.

The Brading book exchange project will be relocated to the new building which will house computers with internet access for public use.

It is hoped that other services will be introduced over the next year and there are plans for a computer club, an after school club, police surgeries and much more.

Brading town clerk Cathy Mills said: "This has been an enormous project which we know will now go on from strength to strength."

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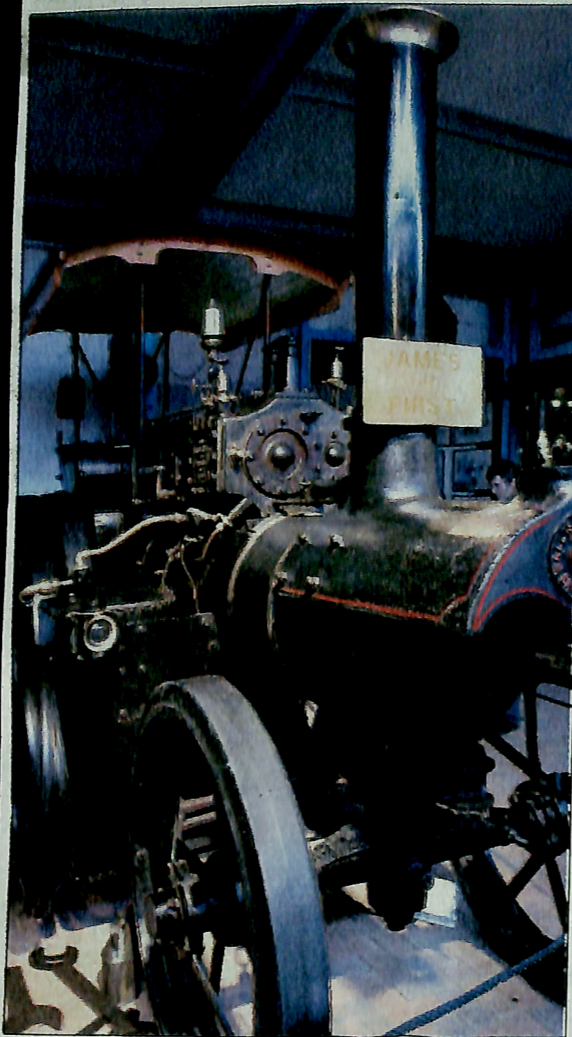
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MARCH '04 24th



The 1922 Wallis and Stevens engine James the First that was originally owned by Robert Ball's grandfather, James Ball.

0305-c18164

PROBABLY THE most distinctive car the Island has ever seen is back on the road to publicise an attraction re-born as the Brading Experience after a £750,000 investment by its owner.

The Batmobile, which, as a canary yellow creation, turned heads and drew people to Brading Waxworks, has been restored by attraction owner Robert Ball who has poured money into broadening the attraction's appeal.

Construction company director Mr Ball, who bought the waxworks and its next door pub three years ago, brought back the Batmobile for staff to drive dressed as caped crusaders to spread the word.

The message is that there is now much more than wax at the High Street attraction.

In addition to the old favourites — the best-loved of which are the phantom organist and the risqué Sophie Daws — Mr Ball has re-vamped and re-lit displays including impressive scenes of jungle taxidermy and deformed creatures of all kinds.

The Winston Churchill waxwork includes the addition of the 1964 Hillman Husky from Mr Ball's private collection.

It is Mr Ball's interest in veteran and classic things mechanical that is featured in the part of the attraction which has taken the lion's share of investment.

Mr Ball estimates the contents of the attraction to be worth £3 million and the bulk of that is in the newly constructed World of Wheels exhibition hall which houses much of Mr Ball's collection of cars and traction engines. It opens at Easter for the first time.

Pride of place is given to the 1922 Wallis and Stevens engine James the First which was used by the



Claire Poynter tries out the new-look Batmobile at the Brading Experience. 0305-c18147

Holy waxworks! the Batmobile is back

By Richard Wright
Pictures by Chris Thwaites

The engine is also pictured in a display hauling heavy equipment near the Needles and delivering a load of oak to Sharp's timber yard in Shanklin.

The engine, which before display was in Mr Ball's collection of sheds in his garden, is responsible for him losing the tip of a finger under a back wheel.

The museum is full of Island

interest including a *World of Wheels* video featuring 1950's Pathe News black and white footage of car rallying at Ventnor and Shanklin.

A 1927 Windsor is one of only 300 of the cars ever manufactured with its distinctive kingfisher badge and is one of only three remaining in the world. The hall is packed with motoring memorabilia.

The End of the Pier Show video room is clad with Island pictures and enamel signs.

Posters include those advertising the old Ryde Airport and Alan Cobham's Bembridge air displays.

Enamel signs include Yelf's Hotel at Ryde bearing the phone number 474 and the Royal Spa Hotel at Shanklin advertises "ferruginous and sea water bathing".

A highly detailed enamel sign made by J. Williams and Co advertises A. J. Sharp's corner store at Spring Hill, which is now a museum. The sign probably dates from the turn of the century.

Mr Ball said: "I'd love to know more about the company that made the sign, which is obviously a one-off and which would have required a tremendous amount of work."

"I have included it as a unique exhibit and as part of displays designed to entertain and inform people about the Island's social history. The attraction now has a much, much broader appeal."



construction firm's founder James Ball — Mr Ball's grandfather — as an important part of his business.



The Island's former lord lieutenant, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, captured in wax. 0305-c18148



Robert Ball with some of the steam engines on display at Brading. 0305-c18162



BRADING WAX MUSEUM CORDWAINERS



Barbara takes her shop's style home

MARCH 24th '04



Barbara Hooper is pictured in her Brading home, which features much of her shop's style. 0305-p16503

BARBARA and Marc Hooper's home holds many reflections of the inimitable style of Barbara's home interiors shop, **Fifty-One** in Ryde.

Fifty-One in Union Street has fabrics, furniture, quality bed linen, cutlery, china, chandeliers and much more and has a distinctly French air with many French items.

At the Hoopers' two-storey late Victorian home in Brading, numerous items from the shop have been used to create a unique style.

They have lived in the house for six years and have been slowly doing it up — Barbara does much of the decorating, while Marc is responsible for the DIY.

Together, they have done almost everything themselves, although they both fit in the refurbishment work around challenging careers.

Barbara said she initially wanted to create a traditional French-style kitchen, so she made curtains from checked French fabric supplied by Fifty-One and picked a beautiful old Victorian kitchen table and a lovely dresser.

Light-coloured wooden kitchen units came from a national DIY chain and a large Rangemaster cooker was added to the kitchen, which was very much in keeping as the French are fond of food and cooking.

Barbara is particularly fond of the kitchen because part of it benefits from a glazed roof, which allows the light to come flooding in.

The wonderfully unusual cutlery with its curly-handled design also comes from Fifty-One and is one of the shop's



The dining room at Barbara Hooper's home reflects her sense of taste. 0305-p16497

was instilled in her by her mother, while her father was responsible for her gorgeous dining room table.

She said: "He gave us the dining room table but insisted that whatever house we bought, we must have a big enough dining room to use it!"

Barbara is very fond of colour and the dining room is overshadowed by a large house next door, so she felt a light colour would not be a good choice because the shadows would make it look dingy.

Instead, she opted for a sumptuous shade of dark red, which looks both dramatic and extremely cosy on a cold winter's day.

Continued on page four.

Report by
KATE YOUNG
Pictures by
PETER BOAM

best-sellers.

Among the better-known customers who have recently bought this cutlery from Fifty-One is Richard Branson, who will be using it for the restaurant on his Caribbean island.

Also present in the kitchen are some non-French things that have given this room an overall more eclectic style, including some striking spotted Polish pottery which nestles on the dresser.

Barbara explained: "The spotted pottery very much reflects my Polish roots — my parents were Jane and John Trzebski, who used to own Morton Manor."

Much of Barbara's eye for detail and sense of good taste



The French-style kitchen in the Hoopers' Brading home. 0305-p16500

OBITUARIES

Albert William Saban ('Bert')

As I sure most of you know, my dad, Bert Saban, passed away peacefully on 9th February 2005, aged 84. Here are few recollections of village character

My Dad was a city boy, growing up in the East end of London and it must have come as a bit of a culture shock when he arrived in Brading in 1956 after marrying my Mum Isabel. Originally, we lived in 'Wee Cot' in Brading High Street; (Miss Hewson's), does anyone else remember the sweet counter in the shop opposite Wee Cot? As the family grew, we moved to Station Gardens, first to 21, ending up at 29, which is still our family home.

After a long working life, Dad retired from Brown's Golf Course and returned to his original trade - cabinet making. He really enjoyed making toys, boxes, and tables - in fact. Anything useful - and did this until his eyesight failed. He also developed another skill - cooking. He discovered that not only was he good with a chisel, he could bake a mean pie! A pie or cake that Dad had made graced many a family gathering.

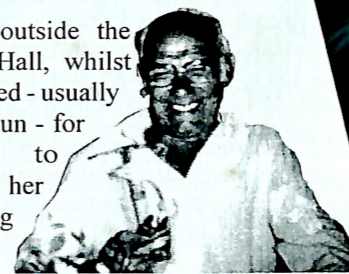
My Dad enjoyed a chat! Whether it was with a pint in the Wheatsheaf or The Bugle, or an hour's conversation on the

bench outside the Town Hall, whilst he waited - usually in the sun - for Mum to finish her Crossing Patrol duties;

Dad always enjoyed good company. Mind you, some of his chats were not in the warm - I'm sure Mr Pewsey remembers some cold mornings at a gathering of the '6.30am' club, where Dad and several others 'set the world to rights' whilst waiting to collect their daily newspapers.

This is just a quick history of the part Dad played in village life. I'm sure that all of you who knew him will have your own memories of him. My Mum, Isabel, and all the Saban family would like to express our thanks to everyone who donated to the collection Pauline organized (our thanks to you too, Pauline), and for all the cards and support we have received from everyone in Brading.

We will be putting the collection money to good use, to provide something permanent for the village centre.



Ladies learn more thanks to lottery

APRIL 2005

MEMBERS of Spithead WI group will be learning new skills and crafts, thanks to a £4,456 grant from the National Lottery's Awards for All programme.

The grant has been used to pay for 20 members from Appley, St Johns, Brading, Seaview, St Helens and Lake WIs to attend a two-night residential course at the WI's Denman College in Abingdon to learn a new craft.

The new skills will then be brought back and shared with the 200 other group members.

Group convener Anne Longford said: "We are thrilled to get this award. The WI exists to educate women, to enable members to provide an effective role in the community, to expand their horizons and to develop and pass on important skills."

"Denman College is a fantastic place to learn, in a beautiful parkland setting, open to members and non-members but the costs involved for a stay plus travel can be prohibitive for many members from the Island."

"We are delighted that the lottery grant will allow a few lucky members to experience what Denman has to offer. We will definitely be oversubscribed."

Anyone interested in joining the WI should ring 524716 for more information.



THE RUSSELLS 2000 BRADING HERITAGE CENTRE



Our Town Hall and Bull Ring



Scarlett sings a duet with Joan Robson, accompanied by John Wheatley



**The May Queen
Scarlett Bax
with her attendant,
Daneen Cowling,
pass under the Market Arch**



~ but, principally, Yourselfes ~ selling or hunting a Bargain!

**The Kingstown Association's
"A MAY DAY"
in
Brading Town Hall & Bull Ring
on
2nd May, 2004**



The Kingstown Association's
"A MAY DAY"
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presenting
Brading CE Primary School's
Maypole Dancers



Decision today not the end of it

IF THE IW Council's executive decides to support school re-organisation at its meeting today (Thursday) the whole issue will come back to a meeting of the full council after the May 5 elections — if the executive adopts one of a series of recommendations from the scrutiny committee.

The children's services select committee recommended the masterplan to axe middle schools and introduce a series of policies to improve student attainment should go before all councillors. It called for all reports as part of the continuing process to be brought to it first before the executive by portfolio holder Cllr Jill Wareham.

Councillors want a special scheme established to protect school staff during the shake up and a specific communications strategy established to keep the Island informed of what was happening, including a comprehensive information leaflet. The committee also wants a deadline set by which time schools, the authority and the Learning and Skills Council should create a collective vision for Island education.

MARCH 24 '04

Tempers fray over scrutiny

Report by Richard Wright

AN education officer from a big mainland authority has endorsed the Island masterplan to axe middle schools.

The joint head of education of Milton Keynes unitary authority, which has already embarked on its own less ambitious version of a two-tier system than the Island plan, said if his council faced the Island's plight he would back the recommendations of consultants Four S.

Milton Keynes has a three-year plan to switch to a predominantly two-tier system while retaining, at present, small rural infant and junior schools, similar to the Island's.

Milton Keynes going mainly two tier reduces to an even smaller minority the number of authorities in the country retaining middle schools.

The meeting of the IW Council's children's services select committee was told Milton Keynes had double the Island's number of pupils and in many areas numbers were increasing rapidly. On the

The big education debate

Island they are falling with a projected 836 unfilled places at the start of next term.

Milton Keynes' pupils have achieved better results than the Island's across Key Stage testing, where Island results, particularly in the later stages, are falling further behind the national average.

David Gamble told the latest meeting of the children's services select committee: "It is the change we would have gone for if we were in a similar position to you."

"It will be hard but if you work very closely with main stakeholders and you do it well it could lead to a very successful outcome and put you in line with what is going on in the rest of the country."

Mr Gamble detailed how his authority consulted over every aspect of change, paid for the £22 million of school building,

work through grant aid awarded through close co-operation with the Department for Education and Skills and set aside cash so the staff reorganisation would not mean increasing council tax.

Chief executive of consultants Four S, Steve Clarke, said: "There is a big appetite for change on the Island and I believe there would be a collapse of confidence in your present system if it did not take place."

Tories on the Island have pledged to reverse any IslandFirst commitment to change if they take control at the May 5 election.

At the meeting on Thursday last week, Conservative education spokesman Cllr Patrick Joyce stormed out in the middle of making a statement detailing the Tory strategy when chairman Cllr John Howe asked him to frame questions.

Leaving the chamber, Cllr Joyce said: "If you don't want scrutiny, I won't bother..."

He had said: "I believe we should suspend the senior management of the LEA, set up an independent inquiry to ascertain why our schools are



Cllr Patrick Joyce. FILE.

failing and then rectify the problem.

"This would require little effort, money or upheaval. If after this it can be shown that only a two-tier system would improve results, we would re-look at the proposal."

Cllr Roger Mazillius, who two years ago publicly called for the council to "grasp the nettle" and go for change and twice repeated that last year, this time said he could accept it only if he could be persuaded the ends justified the means.

He denied accusations of playing politics but said the "nuclear bomb solution" had the power to decimate communities.

He was accused of politicking by education portfolio holder Cllr Jill Wareham, who said: "The cynic in me might say if we didn't have an election on May 5 Cllr Mazillius would not be saying the same thing."

"We are showing leadership and doing something."

Brading and St Helens

David Cleaver (LibDem)



Mr Cleaver, of Downs View Road, St Helens, was born in Binstead and attended Bishop Lovett School. He is a married father of one and following service in the RAF he spent his career in transport and distribution. He is retired and has one grandchild.

Patrick Joyce (Con)



Mr Joyce, of West Green, St Helens, has been county councillor for Brading and St Helens for four years. He has lived in St Helens since 1958, running his own business for 22 years. Before that he served 25 years in the Royal Navy as an engineer officer in submarines. He is currently opposition spokesperson for education.



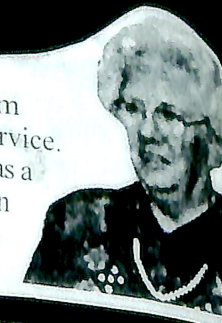
Margery Pettifer 2005

Doris Mary Young ("Dorrie"),

19th October 1930 – 24th February 2005.

Dorrie's funeral service took place at St Mary's, on Thursday, 3rd March. The weather was extremely cold and, as there had been heavy falls of snow on the mainland, a large number of her friends had been

prevented from attending the service. Even so, there was a large congregation to wish Dorrie "farewell".



Dorrie was born in Ventnor and, being an intelligent child, accelerated through school and matriculated at the young age of 14. She was also an excellent athlete.

For a time she worked on the Isle of Wight as a telephone switchboard operator. In the late 1940s she met Sid, a young Railwayman, and they married in 1953, then moved to Sussex. In 1960 their only child, Carol, was born.

By the early Seventies, Dorrie was caring for three generations under one roof as her father-in-law had joined them. After his death, she was able to go out to work and her aptitude for figures stood her in good stead when she became a cashier for the Alliance Building Society.

By 1984 Dorrie and Sid had moved back to the island, where

they lived in Quay Lane, and became involved with St. Mary's Church. Sid became a churchwarden and Dorrie's kitchen became the 'Parish Office' as so much of the churches business took place in it. Dorrie looked after the church registers, organised the readers list, made the after-service coffee and helped to deliver 'Connections'.

Her great love of music encouraged her to join the church choir and we very much miss her presence there.

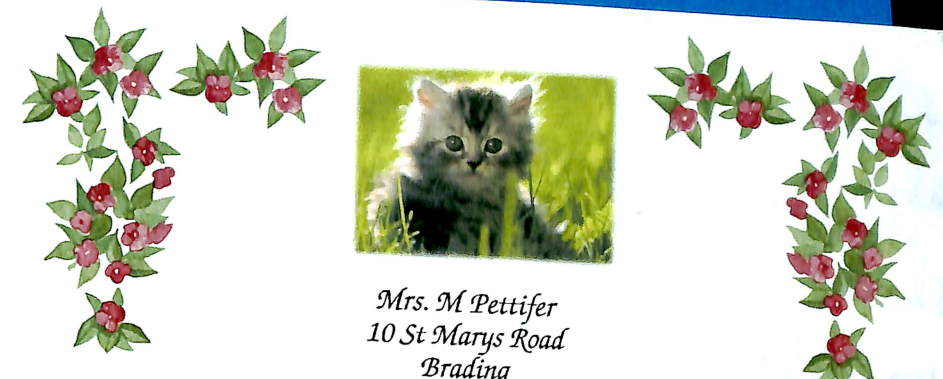
Dorrie always considered others before herself and did not wish to be "a nuisance" to anyone.

She never was.

C.W. & M.E.P.

Mission to Seafarers

The photo shows some of the happy Brading-area lady knitters who attended a "Thank you" luncheon put on by the Mission for these ladies who had knitted 582 items for seafarers since September last.



Mrs. M Pettifer
10 St Marys Road
Brading
Sandown
10W
PO36 0HX

Dear Mrs Hardcastle Jan 14th 2005
would you kindly convey my thanks to all the W.I. members for the lovely gifts you gave me.
10 St Marys Rd
Brading
Isle of Wight

"Carols at Christmas" was a huge success despite the disbanding of the Salvation Army band. Stepping in were the "Wight Diamonds" band and the Revd Anthony Oakley. The evening was brilliant and the raffle held on the evening raised £80, later presented to the Wight Diamonds band.

At the latter part of the Year we started to research the Station project in conjunction with the Town Council. *We would be grateful for any photographs, memorabilia or information that you would be willing to loan/permit us to copy or give us for this project.*

Five KTA members regularly attended Community Partnership meetings and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman aiming to attend all Town Council meetings. Members of our committee are also involved with the St. Mary's Parochial Church Council and Sunday school. One committee member is involved with a Health Support Group and with running Car Boot sales. Also represented are the Brading Women's Institute and Horticultural Show organisers. When catering is required for Town Council functions, we also help there. So - never a dull moment!

During the year, we designed and produced, together with the Town Trust, a Brading Town guide; Designed and printed the 2005 Brading Calendar, which sold 78 copies; designed - with the help of many Townsfolk, the Town Council and the Town Clerk, who secured the funding, - a Brading Town brochure for tourists which is to go into print soon. We are now looking into production of Brading Christmas cards and postcards for sale to promote our town.

I record my thanks to the KTA committee who are all very committed and generous people and to the helpers - especially Jill and Chris, Julia and Freddie who turned up trumps with their assistance with the refreshments. To Our Mr "fix it" better known as "Tiny" who always seems to find the solution to where can we find - *absolutely anything*: To Russ and Jane who get involved in everything I do for the King's Town Association or other events - whether they like it or not. Our Isle of Wight Councillor, Patrick Joyce, for being so generous, the Town Council and Town Trust for encouraging and supporting all we do and finally the Brading partnership for including us in the Partnership insurance for events thus saving us a great deal of money.

Since our AGM we have held a "bring and buy" lunch, raising £400 for the Sandown Rotary Club's "Tsunami" appeal.

We are always grateful for any help offered. If you would like to join in please contact Gilly 407271, or leave messages with Cathy or Rebecca at the community Centre.

Future events - see the back cover of "Connections"! - Plus:-

"Brading in Bloom" date to be arranged
Horticultural Show 1st Wednesday in October

'Trafalgar' celebrations, toward end of October

Victorian Christmas 2005, December 11th - with evening church service.

Christingle, December 18th

Gilly,

(Chairman, KTA) 7th January, 2005

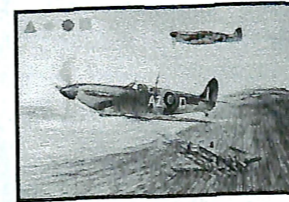


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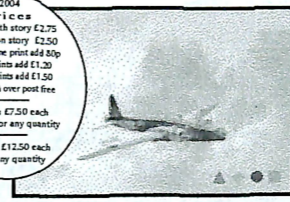
"Echoes of the Home Front" is an expansion of research and eye-witness memories. The

John Wright formerly of Bloomfield Cottages. Fdgestone Lane

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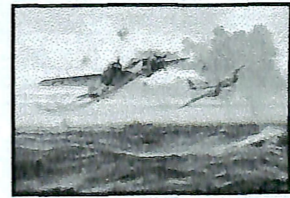
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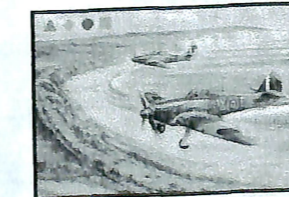
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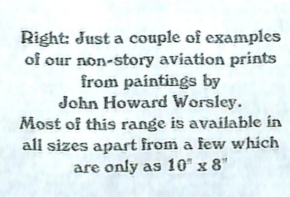
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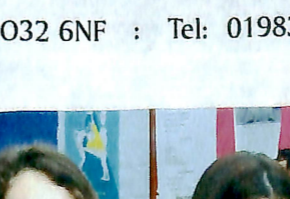
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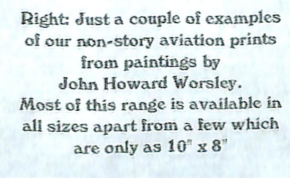
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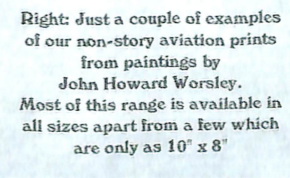
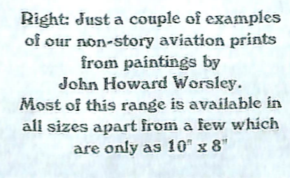
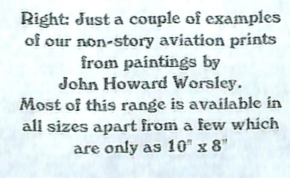
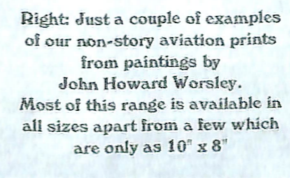
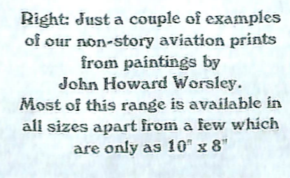
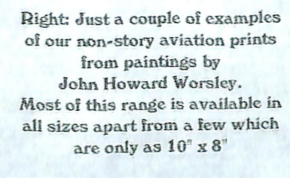
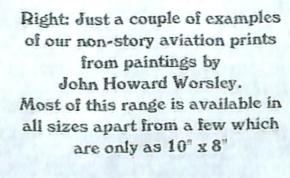
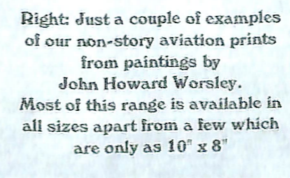
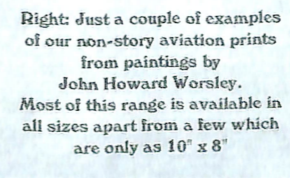
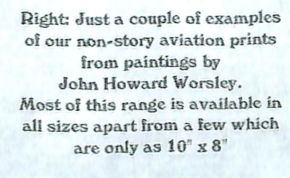
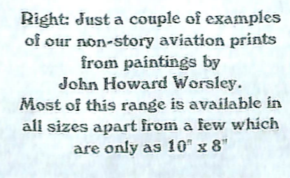
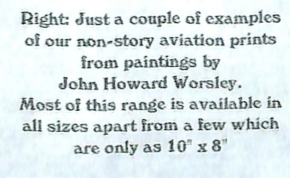
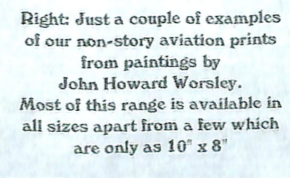
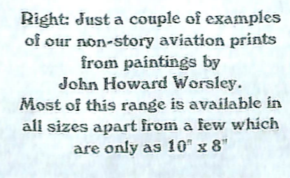
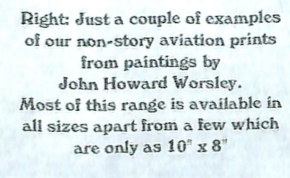
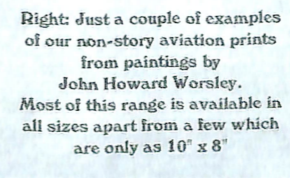
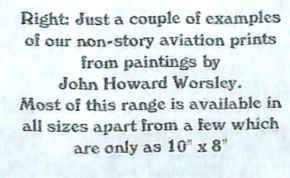
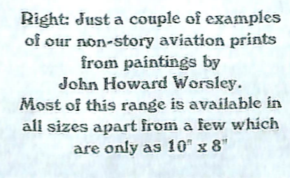
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Right: Just a couple of examples of our non-story aviation prints from paintings by John Howard Worsley. Most of this range is available in all sizes apart from a few which are only as 10" x 8"

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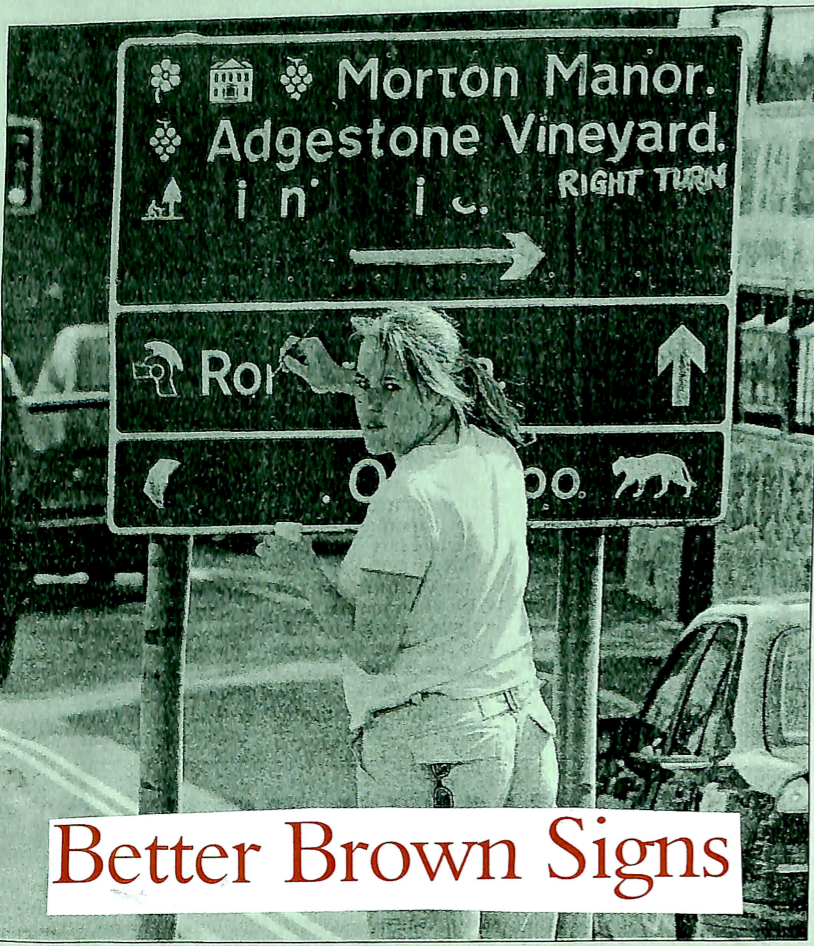


2004



Spruce up planned for tatty tourist signs

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FOR years they have raised eyebrows and been the butt of jokes but finally the Island's tourist information signs are being spruced up.

"At Brading you have a large sign in a very poor state, in as much as the lettering is peeling off and these are the types of signs we have to work on."



Better Brown Signs

Jo Cowan, from the Roman villa, resorted to painting the sign on New Road, Brading, last summer. FILE

THE gents' toilet at an Island manor house has been closed to allow a nesting robin to hatch her chicks.

For the past month the bird has caused a flap at Morton Manor near Brading by making its home in the loo, where a sign warns of a £2,500 fine for anyone disturbing her peace and tranquility as she sits on a nest of four eggs.

It is not the first time the manor has found itself popular with parental critters. Last year a family of red squirrels moved into the grounds with their young and there have even been sightings of a mysterious big cat.

Manor owner, Jan Trzebski, said the robin seemed happy in its unusual surroundings and was very popular with visitors.

"Since we closed the toilets she is looking very relaxed. You can look through the door and see her sitting proudly on her eggs. They are the latest additions to the plethora of wildlife we seem to get here but this does take the biscuit," said Mr Trzebski.

The robin's nest in gents' toilet with its do-not-disturb sign. 0405-618678

Nesting bird to the manor born

PLEASE, PLEASE
DO NOT DISTURB
£2500 FINE FOR SAID OFFENCE
A ROBIN HAS DECIDED TO NEST IN USE THE FACILITIES !!
P.S. HEALTH WARNING !!
WHAT IS COCK ROBINS FAVOURITE MEAL !!

Bypass 'not in our lifetimes'

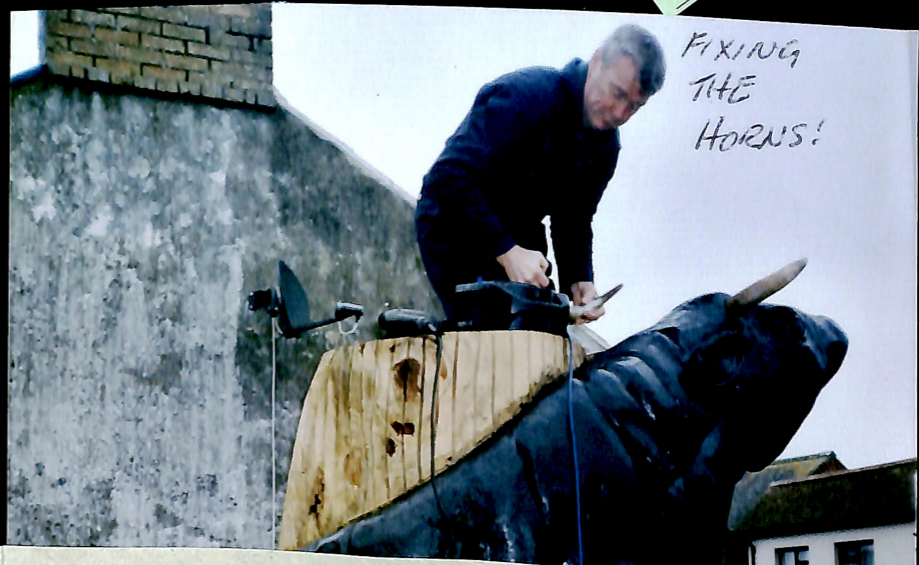
AN IW Council cabinet member poured cold water on any hope of busy Brading having even a limited bypass.

Cllr Patrick Joyce told a meeting of Brading Town Council: "Island roads need £106 million spent on them through a private finance initiative just to bring them up to a reasonable standard."

"Certainly, you won't get a bypass in any of our lifetimes."

During public question time John Wetherick put forward the idea of a limited scheme of a single lane bypass, which would make it possible for the existing road through the town to be made one-way and allow pavements to be widened to improve safety.

"There was a party of Chinese children in the town just recently, walking about not really aware of the situation here and how there wasn't an accident, I do not know," he said.



FIXING THE HORNS!

No bull about Brading poem

A PLAQUE inscribed with Island poet Carolyn Mason's tribute to a striking Brading sculpture was unveiled on Saturday.

Mrs Mason wrote *The Bull Ring* when the sculpture, carved by Paul Sivell, was erected in the town in late 2003.

"I drive through Brading and saw the bull and I thought it was great so I wrote a poem."

"I put it in a Poetry Box in Brading, where the public can submit poems, but I did not hear anything about it so I

thought people did not like it or nothing was going to happen with it, but then I got a phone call from the parish council," said Mrs Mason, who writes under her maiden name King and has had several collections published.

Mrs Mason read *The Bull Ring* at the unveiling of the plaque, which is alongside the sculpture.

"It was quite strange because there is a line in the poem about rolling thunder and as I read it you could hear the storm over the Island," said Mrs Mason, whose latest collection, *Caviar and Chips*, is available in bookshops.

Councillor catches brazen flower thief

RESIDENTS have been urged to keep a close watch for thieves stealing flowers from Brading's decorative borders and troughs.

Cllr Robin Attwood told a meeting of Brading Town Council: "I saw a person in broad daylight taking flowers from the decorative gardens, putting them in a van and taking them obviously for sale. I took note of the registration number."

Clerk Cathy Mills said: "The message is to report it to police on their 0845 045 4545 number so they can catch people with the evidence."

Aug. 05

St. John's Church Annual Garden Fête, held at Yaverland Manor, by kind permission of the Hon. Mrs Sheila Monck, on Wednesday, 30th July 2005

