

**BIRCHINGTON HERITAGE TRUST
RAVEN AWARD 2012**

The Birchington Heritage Trust has awarded the **Raven Award** for 2012 to **THE BAND BOX** in Station Road, Birchington, whose owner is Jill Edwards.

The citation reads:-

“The Birchington Heritage Trust has selected ‘The Band Box’ for this year’s Raven Award because it represents a business that has consistently been improved since it was first opened in 1937. In 1963 the shop came under Bernie Rayner’s ownership, followed by his daughter Jill, since his death. It has been expanded into two units, both of which have had an upper storey added. The ladies of Birchington are grateful to still have a shop like this in the village.”

The Raven Award was established to honour the founder of the Birchington Heritage Trust, Derek Raven, who worked tirelessly to get the Trust established and awarded charitable status in 2002-3, but sadly died just before we were able to open the Museum in Room 4 of Birchington Village Centre in Alpha Road.

Jill Edwards was presented with her award last week at the AGM on Thursday 24th in the Village Centre.