

More new or refurbished businesses in the Bridlington area.
 Congratulations from all of us at The Bridlington Regeneration Partnership. If you have or know of a business that should be on here please contact us through the details on the centre pages.



Belezer Beauty Academy - Quay Road



Brown's Cleaning Services - St. John Street



Halo Ladies Fashion - Cliff Street



Fearnley's Restaurant - Hilderthorpe Rd.



Priceless Shoes (major refurbishment) - Prince St.



Nexus Business Services - Hilderthorpe Road



Ferns Farm Hotel & Leisure complex - Camaby

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Scale of The Spa

The scale of the building is large:- approximately 7500sq.m.(equivalent to a professional soccer pitch) spread over 3 floors and a part basement. The Spa was built over a period of years between 1896 and 1970s and underwent substantial re-building in 1907 and 1932, following fire damage. The site had earlier buildings and was 'made land' from foreshore in the late 1800s.

The completed project will incorporate in the region of:-

- 295 individual bored concrete piles totalling a length of 2.75 miles – equivalent to the distance from Bridlington Harbour to Sewerby and halfway back!
- 1900 tonnes of concrete (additional to the piles) – the equivalent of more than 150 wagon loads and the foundations and ground floors for up to 100 houses .
- 174 tonnes of structural steel – laid end to end the beams and columns would reach from Bridlington Harbour to Sewerby Hall!
- 4 new precast concrete flights of stairs.
- 3 new passenger lifts.
- New floor coverings sufficient to cover the area of a football pitch.
- Enough new roofing to cover 4000 sq.m – the equivalent of up to 100 houses!
- Enough new drainage to encircle an Olympic running track
- Over 4000 tonnes of material used for re-cycling
- 5400 sq.m of new concrete block walling – equivalent to 30 new houses

Bridlington Urban Renaissance Town Team Meeting Dates for 2007

- 16th May 2007 (venue & time TBC)
 - 27th June 2007 • 8th August 2007
 - 19th September 2007 • 24th October 2007
 - 12th December 2007
- All meetings at The Town Hall start 6.30pm

2007 will see the 'Pre-submission' draft of the future planning framework for Bridlington - the Area Action Plan. Join the Town Team and take an active role in the planning process for your town.

Town Team Corner

April's Town Team meeting was held at the new Bridlington North Library and summarised all the previous workshops for the re-design of the area around Regent Gardens and Leisure World prom., with a report from Lindsay Smailes, Leeds University. Plans will now go forward to public display soon (watch for details) and be implemented this autumn/winter. The meeting also had a roundup of other regeneration projects from John Lister, an evaluation by the Town Team on the Chapel Street scheme and updates on the Renaissance Street Fest (featured front page) and a workshop on the new Walking & Cycling Strategy for Bridlington & district. Next meeting 16th May for details call the Regeneration Team on 01262 401112

Martyn Coltman, Urban Renaissance Chair.



Bridlington Regeneration Partnership

Regeneration update



Bridlington

REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP NEWS



Amongst those featuring in this year's festival: Siyaya Onkese African Dance, Independent Ballet Wales, & Mrs Ackroyd's Band

Regenerating with the Arts

Bridlington Arts Festival runs 3rd until May 28th

Bridlington Arts Festival Committee has launched the programme for this year's Festival, which takes place between 3rd and 28th May.

A highlight of the Festival will be the 'Renaissance Street Fest' on 27th and 28th May in Prince Street.

They are proud to welcome Independent Ballet Wales with their new production of Coppelia.

From Zimbabwe come Siyaya an exciting group of performers of drumming, dance, song and acappella

Once again, with sponsorship from the Lords Feoffees, they have hired Spotlight Theatre where you will be able to attend original and exciting performances featuring drama groups and schools from across the region.

Also at Spotlight will be the inimitable Mrs Ackroyd's Band . Music continues at Emmanuel Church with the Bridlington Excelsior Brass Band

There are also many old favourites: MIND Art & Craft Exhibition (which attracted thousands of visitors last year), Stage Door Academy of Performing Arts, local schools and theatre groups, local singing groups, workshops and more.

Mrs Helen Gallagher, Secretary Arts Festival said, ' As a voluntary committee we are delighted to offer a programme catering for a wide range of tastes and interests. Strong partnerships with all areas of the community have enabled us to offer an exciting, interesting and entertaining Festival that should appeal to a wider audience than ever. Pick up a programme then come and join us! '

Martyn Coltman, Arts Festival Committee member, Renaissance Chair and organiser of the Renaissance Street Fest and Pageant said: "The Street Fest is the climax to the Arts Festival and is rapidly becoming a hugely popular event with the public. It fits perfectly with the Town Team's desire to make Bridlington a Festival Destination Town, helping its cultural Renaissance. He added Please call me to join in the pageant."

Watch out in future editions of this newsletter to see the expanding programme of events around the area and help to publicise YOUR events with our new on-line diary of events, coming soon.

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Spotlight on the Spa - inside



Spa Refurbishment Latest Update

Refurbishment of The Spa is the flagship project for the Bridlington Regeneration Strategy and the council is committed to ensuring that the maximum benefit is obtained from the scheme to prompt a significantly improved contribution to the long-term growth of the local and regional economy in the tourism sector. In February East Riding of Yorkshire Council approved an additional investment in the project to increase its overall value to £15.5m.

Construction work started on the project at the end of January 2006. Following initial demolition works to remove areas of redundant building and construction of major new piled foundations during the spring and summer, by mid autumn the new steel frame could be seen rising around the Spa Theatre and Royal Hall.

Since then significant changes are now evident in all aspects of the project. External walls are taking shape, windows are being installed and major areas of the roof are complete. All this is still visible above the hoardings but what is not visible from there is the level of improvements being made in the heart of the building. This feature aims to give a glimpse of the work going on.

Major alterations to the public entrance and foyer spaces are well under way and the much of the central core area of the building has been remodelled around the theatre and Royal Hall in preparation for its new function. That said, the Spa is still very much a construction site as can be seen from the photos.

Construction Project Manager for the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Anne Chamberlain summed up the thoughts of many closely involved with the project:-

"The Spa has proved to be a very exciting but difficult project. The reconstruction is now taking shape and it is now possible to see how impressive the finished project will be."

"We are, however, encountering many problems along the way with the poor structural state of the existing building and a big ground water problem – the spa – after which the building was named. As we have uncovered the existing structure and exposed the steelwork and existing floor construction we have found that the existing building was failing in many areas. Steel beams and columns were not connected correctly or have rusted away to such an extent that they no longer provide the structural support required. The concrete floors are of a very basic construction that has failed in some areas necessitating replacement and other areas are being tested to ensure structural soundness."

Unfortunately the problems encountered have meant that design solutions have had to be sought and extra building works carried out. The East Riding team and Wates Construction team are all

working together to overcome these problems and good progress is now being made in many of the areas.

Despite the extra work, this approach to refurbishing the Spa remains more cost-effective than demolition and re-build and retains and enhances much of the original character of the complex.

Phil Shaw, Wates' Site Project Manager explained:-

The photo (below) shows the recently constructed retaining wall below South Marine Drive.



Works can now commence on construction of the new pavement above.

The construction of the new sub-station (left) is progressing well.



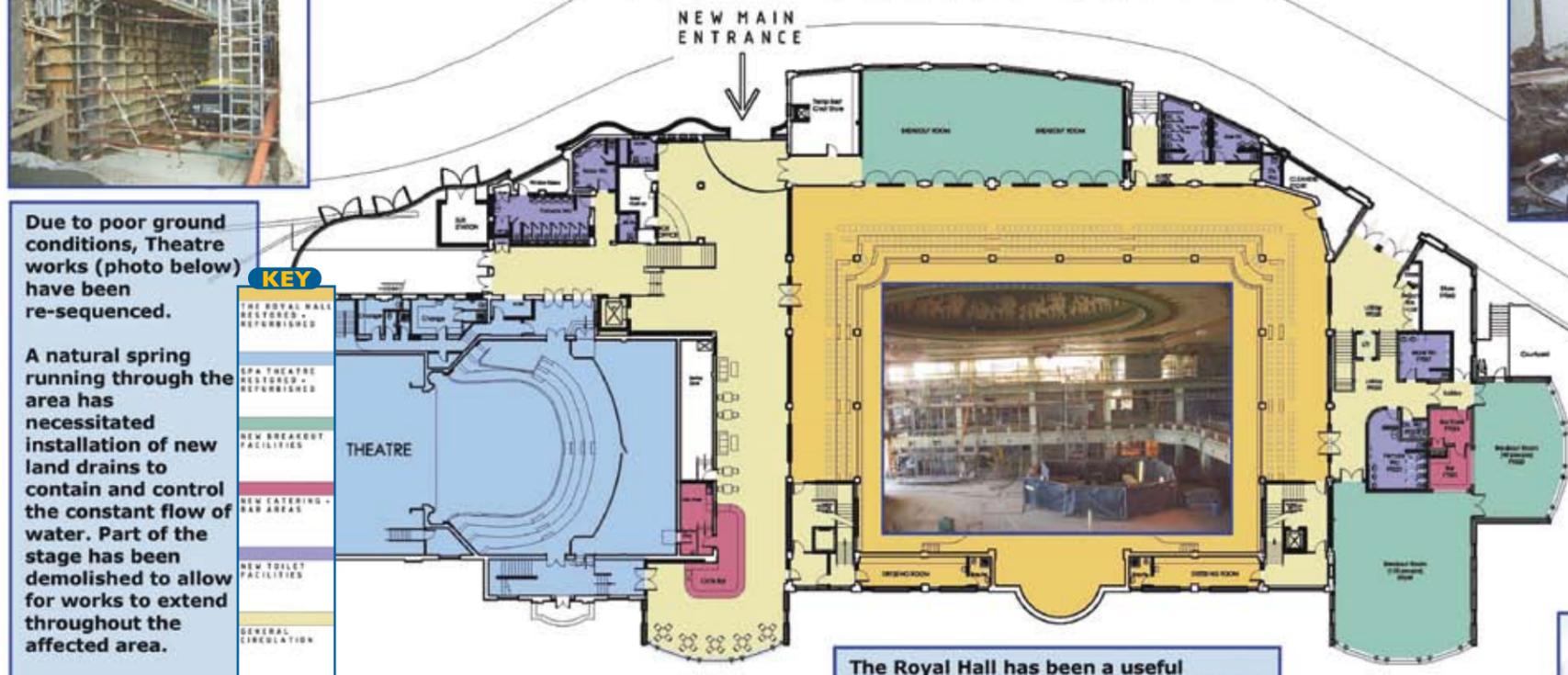
Completion of construction will free up demolition works of the existing electrical sub-station on South Marine Drive.

Roof works to the Marine Room are now complete (left).

A new parapet wall has been constructed on the front elevation. Window installations will commence shortly to make the area weather-tight and allow other trades to progress.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



Due to poor ground conditions, Theatre works (photo below) have been re-sequenced.

A natural spring running through the area has necessitated installation of new land drains to contain and control the constant flow of water. Part of the stage has been demolished to allow for works to extend throughout the affected area.

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- NEW ROYAL HALL RESTORED - REFURBISHED
- SPA THEATRE RESTORED - REFURBISHED
- NEW BREAKFAST FACILITIES
- NEW CATERING BAR AREA
- NEW TOILET FACILITIES
- GENERAL REFURBISHMENT



North-End works are progressing well.

Blockwork is close to completion and Mechanical & Electrical works have commenced. The above picture illustrates the construction of the new retaining wall to South Marine Drive. The North elevation of the structure can be seen below.



Curtain walling is due to commence shortly on the East elevation (right).

Large areas of glass will allow for panoramic views of the beach.



The Royal Hall has been a useful storage/workshop area for some of the trades.

Access is gained to the first and second floors via temporary staircases (photo above).

Blockwork is progressing well in the Royal Hall. Work has commenced on the South Solarium partitions.

Roof void: Safety preparatory works are underway in the roof void which enable other works to proceed. (eg Steelwork, Mechanical and Electrical).



New vent Shaft & staircase (left) – Recent steel erection of the vent shaft core in the Royal Hall.

"We are committed to investing all our skills and energy into creating an outstanding attraction for Bridlington. We have every confidence that our efforts and teamwork with everyone will result in a superb venue for years to come, and we hope everyone will be as proud as we will be with the Spa."

Spa Manager Jeremy Hartill is impressed:- "It is an exciting time now we can see the form of the new building evolving and especially as our booking diary is looking healthy for 2008."

Despite the additional work involved in the project it is anticipated that the building will be ready for staff occupation and commissioning in late autumn and it is expected that the Spa Theatre will be open in time for the curtain up for the pantomime in December this year.

The area around the Spa will also have a major high quality urban realm upgrade to improve visitors first impressions along the promenade, South Marine Drive and later, along South Cliff Road.

STOP PRESS: SPA PROMOTIONS TEAM TO BE RELOCATED, UNTIL SPA IS COMPLETE, TO HIGH PROFILE PUBLIC SHOP SITE AT 92 HILDERTHORPE ROAD

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