

New businesses.. During 2007/8 Renaissance News has featured almost 60 new or refurbished local businesses
Please note that new and refurbished businesses are also displayed on the renaissance website for six months - www.bridlingtonrenaissance.com



The Bridge Recycling Centre, Quay Rd. Relunched.



Lloyd Dowson, Station Avenue - extended into adjacent property & full refurbishment



Oriental Garden, The Promenade



Cosmic Gifts, Queen Street



Cosmic Gifts On-line Distr. W/house



Something Special, Flamborough Rd.



Betta Sports, Relocation to Bridge Street



Marina Café, South Marine Drive - Refurbished



Hallmark Cards, The Promenade



Coastal Cookshop, King Street

If you would like to feature in New Businesses and you have recently opened or had a major refurbishment please contact us at the Regeneration Office on 01262 401112. **More in next edition...**

Other Renaissance News



Renaissance Town Team Study Tour - Amsterdam

The last two days of February saw Town Team members Cyril Oliver and Martyn Coltman fly to Amsterdam with over 50 other town team members from all over Yorkshire in a Yorkshire Forward funded Study Tour of Amsterdam and Utrecht. The idea was to study the concept of 'shared space' in public spaces - safe but combined use by pedestrians, cycles and motor vehicles in areas previously segregated by signs, lines and lights. The reality was really quite amazing and a presentation was given by Cyril and Martyn at Town Team meeting on the 19th March at the Town Hall. The trip also included very useful tours of waterfront areas of Amsterdam to see good practice in urban design and provision of high density, well designed homes. This being particularly useful in Bridlington as regards the plans for the Town Centre redevelopment (AAP) and the marina plans.

Dates of 2008 Town Team Meetings

Wednesday 19th March
Wednesday 30th April
Wednesday 11th June
Wednesday 23rd July
Wednesday 10th September
Wednesday 22nd October
Wednesday 3rd December

Meetings usually start at 6.30pm at Bridlington Town Hall. If you would like to come along, or to check details of meetings, please call the Regeneration Office Tel: 01262 401112

Old Parcels Office scoops national award

Bridlington's Old Parcels Office Project has been described as a "Successful and heart warming entry" in the National Railway Heritage Awards. The extension of the arts centre was completed in January 2007, and officially opened last March by Coronation Street's villain "Charlie Stubbs", actor Bill Ward. The Old Parcels Office Project Arts



John Ellis, Chair of the National Rail Heritage Wards Committee, and Frances Kelly from The Old Parcels Office Project, at the unveiling of the Network Rail Partnership Award Plaque on Friday 7th March 2008.

Centre at Bridlington Railway Station, is run by Hull and East Yorkshire MIND and has won the prestigious Network Rail Partnership Award Plaque. Following the awards presentation ceremony in London, the plaque has now been installed and unveiled at Bridlington Station. The judge's report recognises the sensitive approach to retaining and enhancing the original features of the working station buildings, the use of the space to provide flexibility for the needs of the arts centre, and what is described as "one of the most impressive re-orderings of a suite of station rooms for new use.....a credit to both the entrant and their architect.....for what remains a busy, attractive and architecturally important station."



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Some of the latest interior and exterior pictures slowly revealing the all new Spa Bridlington - opening May

Real Renaissance for Town

From Regeneration to Renaissance

This month's edition of Regeneration News is re-launched as Renaissance News. The new name brings Bridlington's status as one of Yorkshire Forward's Renaissance Towns into the branding of the on-going work to deliver the original Regeneration Strategy by 2016. Yorkshire Forward has already committed to invest a total of over £16 million in Bridlington since 2002, and remains the lead partner with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, now that the main European Funding Programmes have come to an end.

Bridlington is Good News!

Plans for the Good News event to be held on Saturday 12th July at The Spa Bridlington, are well under way. The day is aiming to

showcase the best of Bridlington's good news, giving local groups the chance to exhibit what they are about, what they have achieved, why it is good news for Bridlington, and how people can get involved in their activities. The event is the result of an idea put forward to the Renaissance Partnership, by Christ Church Community Services. Reverend Jonathan Couper said, "This exhibition gives us the opportunity to acknowledge what has been achieved, what is going on, and what could happen in the future. We hope we will all be encouraged to celebrate the town we all live in, so the community can move forward together." There has been so much going on in Bridlington over the last few years, which is really good news - the day will give the opportunity to showcase these achievements, and let people find out more about the progress that is being made in making Bridlington even better."

The special guest will be the Archbishop of York, Dr. John Sentamu, who was very keen to support the event. Exhibitors who have already shown interest include East Riding College, Bridlington Health Trainers, Bridlington Community Wardens, Christ Church Community Services, Bridlington Renaissance Town Team, and Old Parcels Office Project and Old Town. The latest plans for the town centre re-development and other Bridlington Renaissance projects will also be on show, to update residents.

If you are involved in a local project or group, and would like to showcase your achievements at the event please contact Andy Jefferson Tel: 01262 404100 or andy.jefferson@christchurchbridlington.co.uk. Visit www.bridlingtonisgoodnews.co.uk for regular updates.



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Be Proud of Bridlington - YTB Visitor Destination of the Year 2007

A town for all seasons - we can all make Bridlington a better place in which to live, visit & work

Connect 2 News

With five years to deliver projects which form part of the national Connect 2 cycle route (winner of the national People's Millions vote for £50 million), plans for the Bridlington Coastal Route will be phased over the next three years. The route is likely to be broken into several individual smaller projects which can be self contained. Just over £600,000 is expected to be secured from national cycling charity, Sustrans, with this being matched with an equal amount from the Council's Local Transport Plan. Part of the route will be included in the works to develop the new park and ride facility at South Cliff. Links with the railway station and other national cycle routes will also be created. The first task will be to set up a local project steering group.

If you are interested in being involved with the project planning and development, please contact Bridlington Renaissance Office Tel: 01262 401112 or e.mail bridlington.regeneration@eastriding.gov.uk

Sewerby Hall and Gardens Masterplan

Previous editions of Regeneration News have tracked progress with the master planning work on the long term future of Sewerby Hall and Gardens. Following high levels of interest and feedback on the public consultations, a revised masterplan was approved by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Cabinet in January this year.

The main changes to the original proposals are the decision not to proceed with the creation of new permanent outdoor events spaces, to retain the existing car park and review options for overflow parking on special events days, and not to restrict access for traffic through Sewerby Village.

The early stages of work to take the masterplan forward will concentrate on :

- Improving the range of outdoor events and activities, using the existing events spaces;
- Preparations for a Heritage Lottery Bid to restore the Hall as the original Country House, conversion of the Laundry Block to create the Museum of Sewerby, and relocation of the toilets.

A more detailed report on the full recommended actions for

the Masterplan approved by the Council is available by visiting www.bridlingtonrenaissance.com or on request by calling the Renaissance Office on 01262 401112.

The Spa Bridlington - Countdown to the re-launch

The Spa Bridlington is a hive of activity, with work during March including :

- Suspended trusses being installed from the roof, to carry lighting equipment;
- New flooring to the Royal Hall being laid;
- Installation of new seating to the Theatre;
- Internal woodwork to doors, skirtings, etc.;
- Laying of floor coverings to all public areas;
- Installation of new ticketing system linked with customer database;
- Load testing of the roof with 50 tonnes being applied.

Business has been brisk, with the first month now fully booked for most days during June, and only one weekend remains available through to the end of 2008. Current forecasts show that targets for attracting bookings will exceed those originally hoped for.

The re-launch will be a whole week of events, between 31st May when the top band The Pigeon Detectives will be the first to play the new venue, and 7th June which will be a public open day. The opening week will be followed by the first conference event, for the return of regular visitors, the Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union.

For more information, or to register for on-line updates or the mailing list visit www.visitthespa.net or email: spasales@eastriding.gov.uk or Tel: 01262 401400.



The Spa Bridlington as it will look from May 2008

House building in Bridlington

The original Regeneration Study in 2004 highlighted that even during difficult economic conditions, house building activity in Bridlington, including major national house builders had remained at high levels, showing underlying confidence in the future of the town. Once again this is very evident around the town, with many sites currently being developed, closer to the town centre and Old Town in line with current planning policy for development of "Brownfield" (previously used) land. The town centre re-development includes for around 500 housing units to be provided in the central area up to 2016. Some of the sites currently being developed are shown here.

- Persimmon, 'Aquarius' (former garage), The Promenade
- Persimmon "Cloister Court", Gordon Road
- Barratt "Headlands", St Alban Road
- Barratt St. John's Street (old Girls High School)
- Barratt & Redrow sites, Brett Street
- Former Shell Garage, Hilderthorpe Road



Opportunity Knocks - Five Successful Years

The Bridlington Business Support project, "Opportunity Knocks" has run since 2003, and supported many local businesses, providing support, advice and guidance to help local businesses develop and grow. Some of the project achievements have been :

- 102 jobs have been created or safeguarded in the businesses helped by the project;
- Businesses have collectively recorded an increase of £4,055,826 in turnover;
- 77 businesses have received Encouraging Entrepreneurs Grants to the value of £53,491 to help with marketing materials, computer software and hardware, websites and production machinery;
- The same businesses have invested £104,861 of their own money into their companies;
- 500 businesses have received business support paid for by the project including advice on marketing, human resources, product development, financial procedures and automated pay role systems, website development, time management, team building;
- 104 seminars/workshops have been provided covering topics suggested by the businesses using the project, including "Managing Change", debt management, employment law, personal goal setting, computer security;
- Working with local associations and partners to raise the profile of businesses in the area through major events such as the Bridlington and Wolds Expos, 'Bridlington Business Awards' and 'Just the Job'.
- Working with Bridlington Neighbourhood Watch to set up an on-line business watch scheme called "Bizwatch" to warn of potential business security threats.
- 25 businesses have taken advantage of Security Packages to help with internal and external security of business premises, CCTV installation, staff safety, security design specifications for new premises, insurance compliance and security issues surrounding the recruitment of staff.

Building on the success to date, a bid has been put forward for Opportunity Knocks to continue for a further three years, with support from European grant funding. Watch Renaissance News for details or contact Bridlington Business Centre Tel : 01262 401399.

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