

New businesses.. During 2007/8 Renaissance News has featured almost 70 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



Creative Ceramics, Vernon Road



Shine Hairdressers, Quay Road



Man Wah Chinese, Queensgate



Georgian Apartments, High Street



Flickers Yankee Candles, Manor St.



The Cleaning Shop, Queensgate



Late Night Pharmacy, Promenade



Ultima Crafts, High Street



Clothes Cellar, Prosepect Arcade



Vanilla Continental Café, Esplanade



Kiddiewinks Prams, Promenade



Bridlington in the Spotlight

A short film being made in Bridlington, sponsored by Yorkshire Forward to promote Yorkshire, is aiming for success at International film festivals. The film is about a shark obsessed little boy called Boris who is trying to get his estranged mum and dad back together, and stars Antonio Campbell-Hughes from BBC's Lead Balloon..

One of the producers approached Bridlington Renaissance Team for help with

production, including some very specific requirements for a bedroom for Boris. Six year old Oliver Wardle, who attends Hilderthorpe School came to their help, and the 40 strong crew descended on Oliver's home for a 12 hour shoot during May.

The shoot gave the actor playing Boris's dad the chance to visit his brother who lives in Bridlington and owns JB Hairdressers on Lansdowne Road.

Picture shows Oliver and his family meeting the cast and crew.

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...**

Renaissance Town Team update

Martyn Coltman

The April Renaissance Town Team meeting began with a fantastic presentation by a number of young people who had worked hard to discover other young people's views on a number of issues affecting their town, from what to do with the old Cricket Pavilion at Bridlington School, to what a new Youth Centre could provide. Their efforts were much appreciated and will be used in future sessions.

There followed updates from all parts of the current regeneration strategy and a lively question and answer session.

Penelope Weston, chair Old Town Association gave a fascinating insight into ongoing the work with their members to create a regeneration planning document for Old Town to lock in ideas and wishes for the

area into Bridlington's new planning document and Strategic Development Framework for the next 10 years.

As ever Town Team meetings are open to all and begin at 6.30pm on a 6 weekly rolling interval. Next meeting 11th June & 23rd July. Call Andrew Hewitt at the Renaissance Office for locations and details on 01262 401112.



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Picture courtesy of Trish Watson, Old Town Gallery, Bridlington - www.bridandbeyond.com

A bustling scene in Market Place from last year's Old Town Summer Festival.

Festival time in Old Town

This year's Old Town Summer Festival offers residents and visitors traditional attractions of many kinds in the wonderful setting of the historic Old Town. This is the third year of the Festival, and includes some established features, all with extra interest. So when you come to enjoy the popular 'Secret Gardens' (July 5th and 6th) you can also browse the High Street's many galleries, and meet artists at work in several of the gardens. And a top-class orchestra of young professionals will not only be partnering the Festival Chorus in an exciting concert (July 12th) but also leading a master class for young players, open to the public. On July

13th the Food and Craft Fair in Market Place will also present a World of Food Cafe, where you can sample cuisine from many cultures. There will be some totally new events this year: a Flower Festival in the Priory Church (July 10th - 13th) and on July 13th The Old Town Show on Church Green. This ambitious event, to be opened by The Hon Mrs Susan Cunliffe-Lister, will combine a traditional produce show with interest and fun for all the family - including displays of floristry, Gardeners' Question Time, fun dog show, greyhound parade and more. In fact on Sunday July 13th, you can wander from Market Place down High Street to Church Green,

enjoying entertainment and refreshment of many kinds in a largely traffic-free setting. And there are many other concerts and events to enjoy during the ten days of the Festival, including contributions by the local schools. Of course as well as coming along you can take part - by entering some of the many classes at the Old Town Show - schedules available from the libraries, garden centres and Old Town shops. So come along and celebrate summer at its best - in the Old Town! See: www.bridlingtonoldtown@webeden.co.uk or call Penelope on 01262 678484 for more details or entry forms.

Skatepark success..

The Gasworx Skatepark at Dukes Park held its grand opening on the 12th of April 2008, featuring the Vans UK display team as well as free access to the park. The event was very busy, and received positive feedback on many special interest websites (for boarding and biking) reaching a wide audience.

Skateboarding, BMX or Roller Blading beginner sessions are now being held at The Gasworx on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 10am to 11am. For further information please contact Nick Johnson on 01262 409006 or visit www.gasworxskatepark.com.

Spa latest..

At the time of going to press final preparations were being made for the grand launch week of The Spa Bridlington. Ticket sales have been brisk. Highlights of the exciting programme, aiming to appeal to all ages and interests, include a new summer show starring Billy Pearce, a regular Tuesday laff @ The Spa comedy night, international star Lesley Garrett, the return of favourite Ken Dodd, Galaxy Radio Club Night, and Viking FM Brid Bash with headliners The Sugababes, plus much, much more.

For details check www.thespabridlington.com, call 01262 678258 or visit the box office at The Spa.



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Bridlington is Good News!

Showcasing the best of Bridlington..

**Saturday 12th July 10am to 3.30pm
Bridlington Spa**

Over the past few years many local businesses, groups, projects, charities and organisations – as well as many individuals – have contributed towards making Bridlington a better place to live and visit. Often this goes unrecognised, or soon fades from the memory.

'Bridlington Is Good News' is an event which aims to celebrate all the good work there has been throughout Bridlington in the past few years, what is happening at the moment, and exciting plans for the future.

The event is the brainchild of Jonathan Couper, Vicar of Christ Church, who says, "It's easy to hear the bad news and miss the good news – this is true of many of the achievements and progress that has been made in Bridlington in recent years. The event gives the opportunity to reflect, and celebrate what has been, what is and what can be in the future for our town." The event is also part of the HOPE 2008 initiative aimed at supporting local communities.



The VIP guest will be the Archbishop of York, Reverend Dr. John Sentamu, who is a regular visitor to Bridlington, and has re-arranged his schedule specially to be here. The event is also an ideal opportunity for people to see the magnificent and much loved Spa back in use, completely free of charge.

What will be there?

Around 100 different groups and organisations have signed up to tell people their "Good News" at the event, aiming to cover themes of Community, Arts, Learning, Local Services and many others. Event organiser Andrew Jefferson says "This will not just be a display - there will be activities, demonstrations,

multi-media, music, and workshops – something to interest everyone. It's a great opportunity to bring all of Bridlington's achievements under one roof".

There is still some space available on a first come first served basis. Please contact andy.jefferson@christ4brid.com as soon as possible for more information, or visit www.bridlingtonisgoodnews.co.uk.

Painting Days to complement the Spa

Community painting days at Belgrave Gardens and Pembroke Gardens ensured the Spa surroundings were spruced up before the re-opening. Led by the Community Wardens and Martyn Coltman, Chair of Renaissance Partnership and Town Team, the work followed last years painting in Palace Car Park and the railings around War Memorial Gardens. The Council will also be carrying out work to repair seating in the gardens in readiness for the summer season.



All materials for the days were provided by the Advance Bridlington Neighbourhood Programme, and the work was co-ordinated by Community Wardens. Helena Moss, Community Engagement Officer for the Advance Bridlington Programme said, "This a great way for people to come along, meet other residents, and the Wardens, and help to improve the neighbourhood". (See map for area covered)

If you wish to suggest locations for community work days in the Advance Bridlington Area or even outside the area where other funding can be sought, please contact Helena Moss Tel: (01262) 673930 or e.mail helena.moss@eastriding.gov.uk.

Spa Environs

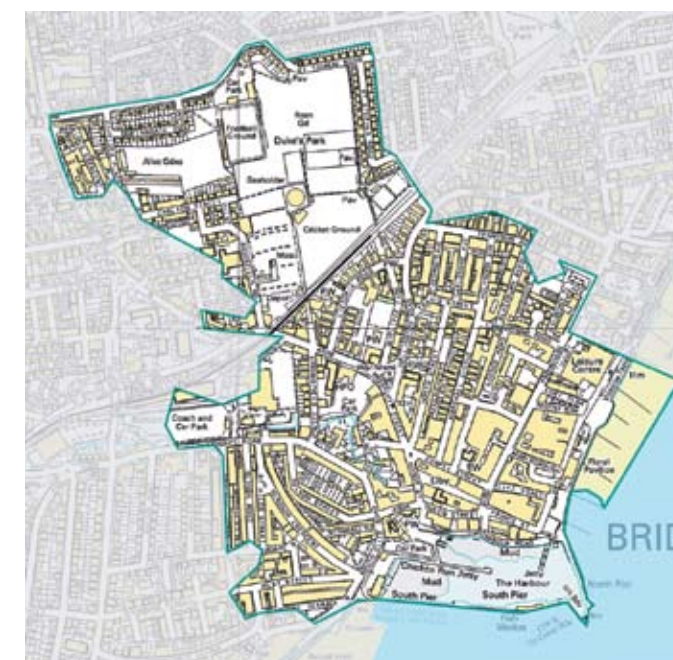
Plans are also being developed for a high quality refurbishment in the area of South Cliff Road and South Marine Drive, which will enhance the Spa re-development and give surroundings befitting of this superb landmark building. The work to the footway areas along the front of The Spa, at a cost of around £350,000 funded by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Yorkshire Forward, was completed in time for the re-opening at the end of May. There will be a design competition during summer 2008, and a funding bid in April to the new grant programme announced last week by the Department of Culture Media and Sport. The "Sea Change" initiative is a Partnership with the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) with £45 million available for Coastal Resorts over the next three years. On a much smaller scale, the standards have already been set with the works last year to refurbish Crescent Gardens, made possible through a grant from Yorkshire Forward's Renaissance Towns Programme.

The meeting of the Town Team on July 23rd (see back page) will be about the Spa Environs project. If you would like to be involved in shaping the plans for that area and come along to the meeting, please contact the Renaissance Office (details below).

Community Carnival

Come to the Carnival on Saturday 28th June from 11am to 3pm, to be held at the Key Centre at Christ Church, Quay Road. The Carnival will include free food, music, dancing, activities, displays and lots more for all the family. The event is aimed at residents of the Advance Bridlington area (shown on the map), and follows the Community Conference held in March last year when over 300 people came along, keen to improve the area they live in. Invitations will be sent to properties in the area, but if you are passing on the 28th and want to join the fun, then pop in.

If you are involved with a local group or organisation and would like to be involved in the Carnival event please contact Helena Moss Tel: (01262) 673930 or e.mail helena.moss@eastriding.gov.uk.



Map shows area covered by Community Wardens/Advance Bridlington Neighbourhood Programme.



Two of the happy faces at last year's event