

S.O.S. Support Our Services - New & refurbished businesses



The Cobblers, Chapel Street



Bladez Hairdressing, Flamborough Rd.



Paul Stubbs Motor Services,
St John's Ave.



Fish & Chips at 149, Marton Road



Craft Fair - every 1st and 3rd Saturday of month at The Promenades



Sparkles Mobile Cleaning Service



Priory Antiques, High Street

Please note that the Business Grant Project ended in March 2009 - but if you need advice on running an existing business or to find out about starting a new business in the Bridlington area you can contact Bridlington Business Centre Tel: (01262) 401399 for further information on what help may be available. If you have a new or refurbished business and would like to be featured on this page please contact the Renaissance Office.

STOP PRESS : Stop Press :A new Freephone Business Advice Line has been set up by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council which is open Monday to Friday during office hours Tel: 0800 9155268. Bridlington Business Centre is located at Enterprise Way, on Bessingby Industrial Estate (rear of Morrisons) as the first port of call on what help might be available for local businesses or by contacting the Government backed advice service direct - Business Link Yorkshire Tel: 0845 6048048.

Renaissance Town Team update

Successful Recruitment Drive for Bridlington Town Team

Wet and windy weather did not deter around 50 people from coming along to an event at Bridlington Spa on 10th December aimed at getting more people involved in Bridlington Renaissance Town Team. Nearly all those at the meeting were new to the Town Team, and were keen to find out how they can influence the Bridlington of the future.

The evening gave the chance to show a couple of digital films that have been made with support from Adam Strickson of MBED, the organisation that is supporting Town Teams across Yorkshire, with the aim of increasing the involvement of local communities in the Renaissance of their own towns.

The evening also included the opportunity to add suggestions to the model of central Bridlington made by local school children, which is being used by the "Advance Bridlington" Programme to collect ideas for improvements from the community. To close the session, people were asked to come up with two wishes for the future improvement and Renaissance of Bridlington. Shopping improvements and the completion of the Marina were high priorities, with a new leisure facility and better parking not far behind, along with requests for improved transport links, especially for walking and cycling.

New members are always welcome to come along to the Town Team to add their voice to the projects that will shape Bridlington in the future. **The next meeting will be Wednesday 4th March 2009, at Bridlington Town Hall, starting at 6.30pm. For further details contact Bridlington Renaissance office tel: 01262 401112.**

But what is the Town Team..?

The Renaissance Town Team is looking to involve more local people

in the Renaissance process, and help them to influence the way their town is improved for the future.

Bridlington Town Team is a group of around 50 local people, and was set up in 2003, when Bridlington was made one of Yorkshire Forward's Yorkshire Renaissance Towns. The East Riding of Yorkshire Council is lead partner with Yorkshire Forward for Bridlington's Renaissance.

Diary of Events

Street Surgeries - Thursday 19th February Covering Albert Street, DeGrey Terrace Hildethorpe Road, Pembroke Terrace, South Cliff Road, South Street, Ferndale Terrace, Manor Street, Prospect Street. Residents who would like to take part, or want more information can ring the Advance Bridlington Neighbourhood Team on (01262) 673930.

Family Learning Afternoon - Tuesday 17th February 2009 from 1pm to 4pm at The Emmanuel Church, Cardigan Road, Bridlington. There will be a series of workshops and sessions for children and parents, based on the theme of 'Senses'.

Neighbourhood Needs Event - Thursday 24th February at Bridlington Spa (5 to 8pm) if you have visited the town centre model, and fed in your ideas then come along to this session to help to put the issues in priority order, followed in March by:

Neighbourhood Vision Event - Tuesday 17th March at Bridlington Spa (5 to 8pm) will take this work a step further. For more details on both these events call (01262) 673930

Bridlington Is Good News Exhibition 2009 - Saturday 4th July at The Spa, will again highlight the contribution made to our town by the community and voluntary sector, business and local agencies. Book early by contacting Andy.Jefferson@christ4brid.com.



Bridlington Renaissance Partnership

Regeneration update

Bridlington RENAISSANCE NEWS

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Navigating through recession

Local Jobs Follow National Trends

Bridlington Renaissance Partnership received a presentation at the December meeting on the current employment levels in Bridlington and surrounding area. The level of local unemployment has increased significantly since September, earlier than the usual seasonal rise experienced in the town.

The levels of unemployment in November 2008 showed around 250 more people looking for work than during November in last two years. People looking for jobs in November also had a limited choice with only 53 vacancies notified to Bridlington Job Centre which were mostly in either the care and security sectors. This compares to a figure for local vacancies which is usually nearer to 150. The data showed much higher than average levels of people looking for managerial, professional and technical employment.

The current trends show that people who have registered with Bridlington Job Centre are staying on the unemployment register for longer than would normally be expected, with an

increase from 5% to 8% of people remaining unemployed for at least 13 weeks.

Bridlington Job Centre can offer a range of support for people looking for employment, and works with local employers to assist in filling vacancies. Staff can also help to direct people to many of the local partner organisations in Bridlington that can offer training opportunities where improved skills may help job prospects.

If you are either looking for work in this area, or are a local employer looking for staff to fill vacancies, please contact Bridlington Job Centre, who may be able to help 01262 623000

Recent publicity in the local news and TV has reported on the Department of Communities and Local Government review of UK seaside towns. The Government report looked at England's 37 biggest seaside towns, including Bridlington, Scarborough and Whitby. Resorts were ranked on a range of issues such as unemployment rates, school exam results and average wages.

The early stage of the Regeneration Programme for Bridlington

involved much work to identify and understand the issues that affect Bridlington's economic performance, and it is based on this information that Bridlington has attracted significant financial support from European Funding until it ended in 2008, along with continued financial support from Yorkshire Forward, and investment from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, for delivery of the Regeneration Strategy

The Regeneration Strategy was established in 2004, which is about making appropriate and essential step changes - supported by a long term and co-ordinated partnership approach which involves all the relevant agencies and concentrates on economic, social and community regeneration.

Staff from the Renaissance Team have recently given presentations to Bridlington Hotel & Guest House Association, St. John's Burlington Men's Fellowship Group, Bridlington Townswomen's Guild, and Burlington Probus Club. If you would like to arrange a presentation to a local group on the Regeneration of Bridlington please contact the Renaissance Office.



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Be Proud of Bridlington - Renaissance is well underway..

Training and upskilling through difficult times - in preparation for the economic upturn and new job opportunities

Part of the work of the Renaissance Partnership is to bring together local groups and organisations that can work together to support the local community. This month we have asked the Learning & Skills Partners to provide details of what local services they can offer.

Pure Training Solutions

Bridlington based Pure Training Solutions provide training to businesses, individuals and the unemployed. All courses are delivered in a flexible and supportive learning environment within Unit 1 Enterprise Way, Bessingby Industrial Estate, Bridlington.

The range of courses for 2009 include: First Aid, Paediatric First Aid, Food Safety, Licensing, Catering & Hospitality, Health & Safety and Private Security Industry Authority Training to include Door Supervision / Static Guarding. Many courses are part funded or free to eligible learners with all courses enrolling weekly.

For further information and course bookings, contact Pure Training Solutions on 01262 - 424368 or email enquiries@puretrainingsolutions.org.uk or alternatively through our web link. www.puretrainingsolutions.org.uk

Get motivated in 2009!

As the credit crunch bites, the support provided by the Older Workers' Employment Network (Owen) has never been more necessary.

Run by ERYC, Owen has worked with job seekers in the East Riding for over 4 years, offering a varied programme of support to those aged 45 and over. From help with writing and updating CVs, to workshops designed to build confidence and inspire motivation, Owen aims to address the needs of the older job seeker.

If you're aged 45 and over and looking to kick start your career in 2009, then why not find out how Owen can help you get back in to work?

To find out whether Owen can help you, please call 01482 887670 or email owen.project@eastriding.gov.uk

Nexus Executive Services

Nexus are a local provider of quality, affordable training to most business sectors. We cover a wide range of training

topics including Health and Safety, Fire Safety, First Aid, Food Safety, Management Skills Workshops and a wide range of courses for the Health & Social Care Sector including NVQ's in Health & Social Care. All training is available at Nexus House in Bridlington or on site at employers' premises.

We have formed the East Coast Care Consortium which is already allowing Care Providers to share best practices and benefit from discounted rates on training for Consortium members.

For further information contact Nexus on 01262 603777/604777 or email info@nesl.biz.

IB2K

IB2K Ltd provides an Employability Skills Programme for adults aged 18 years and over.

The Employability tutors work closely with Jobcentre Plus, customers and potential employers to identify adults who have a literacy/language or numeracy need at level 1 or below. The aim of this programme is to help adults who either need assistance in preparing for entering work and/or need to develop new skills to gain employment.

IB2K Ltd has now relocated to the Bridlington Community Resource Centre on Victoria Road. For further details please call reception on 01262 670001.

East Riding of Yorkshire Adult Education Service

The East Riding of Yorkshire Council Adult Education Service for Bridlington and Driffield recently moved to Hildershorpe Infant and Nursery School.

If you need to brush up your Maths and/or English come along and let us assess your existing skills: we will then create an individual learning plan designed to help you work on those areas which need improvement. You can work towards a nationally recognised qualification in Literacy and/or Numeracy (equivalent at level 2 to GCSE Level). ALL OF THE ABOVE PROVISION IS FREE and you may join a class at any time.

ESOL (English for Speakers of other Languages) is available at the Centre. You can prepare for national exams to test your skills in Speaking and Listening, Reading and Writing. Courses are free to specific categories of learners from the European

Economic Area, but certain restrictions apply.

We also offer courses in Computer Skills, Creative Studies, Business and Administration, Education and Training, Health, Care and Early Years, Languages, Literature and Culture and Science and Maths. These courses are fee paying with concessions available for those on means tested benefits.

For more information ring Bridlington Adult Education Centre on 01262 677500 or e-mail us at bridlington.adult.ed@eastriding.gov.uk.

The Hinge Centre

The Hinge Centre at 21 Field Road has an exciting programme of community events running every week. Please call (01262) 679671 for more information or to book on to sessions:

- Tuesdays 10am to 12.30pm – Employment Skills Training (Open to all)
- Tuesdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm – Winter Warmer Afternoons (Over 55s)
- Tuesdays 9.30am to 5.30pm – Housing Resettlement Advice (Under 18s)
- Wednesdays – Independent Living Skills Sessions Programme
- Wednesdays – 10am to 12 noon The Hinge Residents Drop In
- Wednesdays – 10am to 12 noon Department of Work and Pensions Drop In
- Fridays – 1.30pm to 3.30pm Hull and East Yorkshire Credit Union

*Also available – photocopying service (small charge) and energy saving light bulbs.

The Hinge Centre is also looking to establish a youth forum within the community working in partnership with the West Hill Estate. If you are a teenager and interested in taking part please call The Hinge Centre and speak to Martin (01262) 679671.

Use Your Local Library

- Membership is FREE and anyone can join at any age.
- There are books to help you with courses, writing CVs and interviews, or simply to enjoy.
- You can borrow up to 12 books at NO CHARGE
- Until 31 March loans of DVDs CDs and audio books are FREE.
- You can get FREE access to on-line reference books from home to help with homework and research.
- There are FREE computers to use. You can write a job

application or go on line to track down bargains and job hunt.

- You can join, and request and renew books on line at www.eastriding.gov.uk/libraries
- Welcoming and trained staff are here to help you find what you need.

North Bridlington Library on Martongate (YO16 6YD) is open daily Tuesday to Saturday (until 8pm on Wednesday and Thursday) Telephone: 01262 671468

Bridlington Library, King Street (YO16 2DF) will close for refurbishment in February but relocate within the town during this time. Temporary premises will be announced shortly in the local media. The opening hours are Monday to Saturday (until 7pm on Monday and Friday) Telephone: 01262 672917

Community Joins Learning

The First Annual Joint event of the Bridlington Learning & Enterprise Forum and Community Forum took place on the 9th December at the Spa, to set the priorities for the work of the Forums through 2009. The Renaissance Partnership and the Forum groups work to enhance the prosperity of the town by bringing together organisations can support the local community to find routes into learning and employment. Partners attending the event included A4E, Business Link Yorkshire, Christ Church Key Centre, Bridlington Libraries, Bridlington Outreach, Bridlington Resource Centre, East Riding Voluntary Action Service (ERVAS), East Riding Youth Service, ERYC Community Wardens, ERYC Improvement & Learning, Extended Schools, Job Centre Plus, P.A.G.E.R, The Hinge Centre, West Hill Community Centre, WEA. For contact details visit www.bridlingtonrenaissance.com or Tel: (01262) 401112.

Bridlington Renaissance Partnership would like to hear from local groups interested in the following themes:

- Community
- Learning & Skills
- Town Improvement

Forum Groups meet every six weeks to bring together local organisations who have a common interests in these activities, and in supporting the Renaissance of Bridlington. Tel: (01262) 401112 or e-mail: bridlington.renaissance@eastriding.gov.uk for more information.

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