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Seasat & Passion Deli/Gallery/Café, West St.



Unique Boutique, The Promenade



Extreme Clothing, Chapel Street. Internal refurbishment



Nicoletta's Italian Restaurant, Quay Road



25th Anniversary Internal Refurb - Hallmarks, Chapel St.



Buffalo's American Restaurant, Regent Terrace



All About Nails, High Street



Gallery Hair, Hildershorpe Rd.



Pretty Things, Marshall Avenue



Candy Box, The Promenade



Cyclife sales and servicing - St John Street



Now & Then Crafts/Gallery, High Street



Refurbishment - Fryer's Fish Shop, Flamborough Rd.

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.

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.

Town Team Update - More great attendance..

The July Town Team meeting at the Town Hall was packed to capacity. Amongst the subjects discussed and debated were the latest updates on the regeneration plan for Sewerby Hall & Gardens and an update on the Britain In Bloom entry plans and achievements, prior to national judging on August 4th. There was an item on the plan to temporarily improve a selection of town centre shop fronts with a

seaside design on vinyl panels, intended to be adhered to empty shop windows to improve the look of properties, until the upturn in the economy leads to take up of empty shops. There was also a general update, as always, on other major Renaissance plans and a number of questions answered by the various representatives.

The next meeting is August 19th at the Town Hall from 6.30pm. Watch press for details of the agenda and remember **anyone** is welcome to Town Team meetings, and refreshments are included.

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Bridlington Renaissance Partnership

Regeneration update

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Festivals Programme grows..

Brand New Festival set for Bridlington Harbour - 22nd & 23rd August 2009

Bridlington will hold its first Seafood themed event on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd August, between 10am and 4pm on both days. 'Coastal Flavours of Bridlington' is a first for the town, to celebrate the history and success of the local seafood industry. Bridlington Harbour Commissioners have worked with the Yorkshire & Humber Seafood Group to put on a programme for all the family with exhibitions, harbour tours, cooking demonstrations and competitions hosted by KCFM Radio, who will be hosting the Seafood Theatre.

As well as the activities on the Harbour, the 'Bridlington Seafood' Parade will be on Sat 22nd August, leaving Bridlington Club for Young People on Thorpe Street around 1.30pm, and finishing at the Harbour around 2.10pm.

Be part of a team making a giant DANCING CRAB, stick a fish on a stick, fill a net with GLITTERING

LOBSTERS or turn an umbrella into a sea creature. Help to celebrate Bridlington as the UK's number one shellfish port and samba through the streets in a colourful summer parade, by coming along to one of the carnival workshops in advance to be held by Adam Strickson, Bridlington Town Team's Facilitator, along with Yorkshire Arts Company Satellite Arts:

2.00pm - 4.30pm: Workshop for over 8s; Under 12s must be accompanied by an adult at the BCYP, Thorpe Street each afternoon on **Wed 19th, Thurs 20th, Fri 21st August;**
8.15pm - 9.30pm: Carnival decorations workshop as part of the Bridlington Town Team meeting at the Town Hall (open to all) on **Wed 19th August;**
7.00pm - 9.00pm: Workshop for residents and over 12s at BCYP, Thorpe Street on both **Wed 19th and Thurs 20th.**

There will also be an outdoor **"Instant Carnival Workshop"** on **West Street between 11.30 and 1.30pm on Fri 21st August**

Sunday 23rd August will be a Maritime Heritage Day, with tours of the historic harbour and demonstrations by local fishermen to help people to find out

how the industry has changed and developed over the years.

Summer and beyond in Bridlington

Continuing the festivals and events theme for Bridlington the next few months will see a whole range of activities:

- Royal Yorkshire Yacht Club Regatta 15th to 21st August;
 - Sewerby Hall - Classics in the Park 1st August; The Big Picnic 2nd August; Farmers' Market 16th August; Coast Sea & Sky 23rd August; Roman Re-enactment 30th August
 - The Spa - Summer Programme www.thespabridlington.com or Tel: (01262) 678258;
 - Winmau World Masters Darts 3rd to 6th Sept; British Darts Open 18th to 20th Sept; Musicport World Music Festival 23rd to 25th Oct; Scooter Rally 30th Oct to 1st Nov
 - East Riding Open Studios "Reveal" 26/27th Sept; 3/4th and 10/11 Oct. various locations inc. Old Town
- Visit www.bridlingtonrenaissance.com for monthly diary, or contact us to add information about your event.



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 Bridlington Renaissance Partnership

Special Feature on Learning & Skills for Bridlington's Renaissance

The Bridlington Learning & Skills Forum is a sub group of the Bridlington Renaissance Partnership. The Forum includes 35 organisations that deliver learning & skills opportunities across Bridlington.

Martin Crossland, the Chair of the Learning & Skills Forum said "The Learning & Skills Forum has a very important role in helping people to have the best chance of benefiting from the major changes planned for the town. We are striving to make Bridlington a great place to live - this work needs to start now to encourage and support the people who live here so they are ready to take up future employment opportunities. Learning and gaining new skills has a big part to play in realising the Partnerships Vision and growing the local economy."

The Learning & Skills Forum also seeks to:

- Promote lifelong learning, and improve access to learning by removing barriers faced by people, and increase overall participation
- Influence and support the range of learning providers to improve the quality, relevance and choice of learning opportunities in Bridlington
- Promote the benefits of learning for the local workforce to businesses and demonstrate that learning pays in terms of profitability, competitiveness and business success
- Encourage partners to provide a range of levels for learners, and improve levels of achievement in line with Government targets
- Consult with local people and businesses to collect views on existing learning opportunities, and what barriers and gaps need to be addressed
- Ensure that learning is a key part of the regeneration process, and supports other investments in the town

History of the Forum

The Learning & Skills Forum was set up in 1997 and has been responsible for overseeing a range of projects offering learning

and skills opportunities to people in Bridlington. Projects have included Learn Bridlington (Construction Skills), Young Aspirations, Customer Service Academy Training, Community Development and Opportunity Knocks.

What's Happening at the Moment

The Learning & Skills Forum is developing a business plan of planned actions for the next few years to support the Regeneration Strategy as the major projects for the Town Centre scheme and Harbour and Marina Improvements continue to be developed by the partners.

Key themes will be :

- Raising aspirations of young people;
- Developing training programmes to match the skills required by local employers, now and in the future;
- Preparing the local workforce to be ready to take employment opportunities from the re-development plans for the town centre and harbour area, and other investments.



Activities and achievers through the various programmes

Ladders of Opportunity

The Learning & Skills Forum members work with people with a range of learning and skills needs, either to gain confidence to look and apply for work, or to improve skills for better employment opportunities, which is particularly important in the current economic climate.

The Learning & Skills Forum also works to ensure that partners provide a range of opportunities to help people access the right training and assistance to meet their needs. The Partners are in a position to help any individual, from any background and ability – once contact has been made the Partners are experienced in finding the best approach and will be able to work with other Partners to provide the right support. This could range from basic support for an individual, right through to classroom based learning.

Partners are also keen to work with people whose first

thought may not be about learning – they may need help initially to deal with life problems such as drug abuse, personal debt, homelessness and long-term unemployment - tackling these issues could be the first step forward to improving their quality of life.

Work of the Forum during the Economic Downturn

The Job Centre Plus statistics for May 2009 stood at 1488 people claiming Job Seekers Allowance, with only 192 vacancies available. By June this has dropped to 101 vacancies. Although, the role of the Learning & Skills Forum is not to directly help people to find work, the members work together to ensure that good quality advice and support is available, so that people can access the right help when they need it. Locally based organisations on the Forum providing free information advice and guidance are in the next column:

Bridlington Adult Education	Tel. 01262 677500
Connexions	Tel. 01262 678943
East Riding College	Tel. 0845 120 0037
(ask for Michaela Blackford, Dennis Young or Lesley Culpin)	
East Riding Training Services	Tel. 01262 674968
(ask for Pat Elstob)	
Pure Training Solutions	Tel. 01262 424368
(ask for Samantha Brown)	
IB2K Ltd	Tel. 01262 673237
(ask for Rachel Earnshaw)	
Intraining Employability Pathways To Work	Tel. 0800 783 5216 (Freephone)*
	or Tel: 01262 670733
YASS Bridlington	Tel. 07865 085973**
(ask for Sarah or Clare)	
Hull & East Yorkshire MIND	Tel: 01262 608784
(ask for Esther Hall)	

* In training can advise people on any health related benefit wishing to find work ie Employment & Support Allowance, Incapacity benefit, Disability Living Allowance
 **Provide advice specifically for 18-30 year olds

Please visit our website www.bridlingtonrenaissance.com to view further information on activities and courses the Forum partners are currently offering, or Tel: (01262) 401112 or ask for the Renaissance Team at the Town Hall for a printed copy of the information.

If your organisation, business or group would like to become involved in the Learning & Skills Forum or would like to share any suggestions with the Forum, please contact Renaissance Co-ordinator Janet Murray at the Renaissance Office Tel. (01262) 401112.

Bridlington Transport Improvements

Works to the new boat compound were due to complete in July; new roundabout works at South Shore entrance, and on the A614 at Carnaby will not affect traffic flows until later in the year.

October's Renaissance News will include a special feature on the Transport Improvement projects for Bridlington, which are due to go ahead in the next year.

Area Action Plan

The consultation period for the Bridlington Area Action Plan will run from Monday 10th August to Monday 5th October 2009. A series of exhibition events will provide outline details of developments planned for Bridlington over the next 10 years, including proposals for the Town Centre Scheme (Coach Park and Gypsy Race Valley to the Harbour) and improvements to the Harbour and new Marina facilities. Visit www.bridlingtonrenaissance.com or Tel: (01262) 401112 for details of exhibition dates, or watch local media for details.

Sewerby Hall & Gardens

The main project from the Masterplan (2007) for restoration of the Country House, including re-creating the servants quarters on the ground floor, is being developed by the Council, ready to submit a bid for Heritage Lottery Funding in September. Visit www.bridlingtonrenaissance.com or Tel: (01262) 401112 for further information.

Connect 2 Cycle Route

North Promenade now open to cyclists for a 12 month trial; South Promenade – risk assessments required for all users before cycling can be allowed. Danes Dyke - feasibility studies for ecology and archaeology in Danes Dyke on-going, to report back in the Autumn.

If you would like to be involved in the Connect 2 Project Steering Group, please contact the Renaissance Office.

Spa Gardens

First phase of the project started in June on the retaining wall north of the Spa; South Promenade embankment works planned for September; followed by South Marine Drive improvements and Spa Plaza which begins in October.

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