

Mayor's Message



Cllr Michael Charlesworth
Mayor of Bridlington

Almost at the end of my Watch, during which I have been privileged to meet many dedicated people who are the Spirit of the Town.

My most abiding memory was the presentation of the Queen's Silver Jubilee mementoes medals to the town's Primary schools and the delightful faces of the children. The latest approved AAP was a disappointment to me, there will be little action and minimal results. I much regret the loss of the Mayoral Chains during my absence in Scarborough hospital, a place I have become too familiar with. Thank you for your indulgence and I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous future.

Sincerely
Michael Charlesworth



Celebrating
the journey
BRIDLINGTON PRIORY



A little bit of history. 900 years – that's an extraordinarily long time – nearly a millennium. And it's that long ago, not so many years after William the Conqueror arrived, that a few monks (or canons as they were known) set up house in Bridlington. Over the next few centuries their Priory became rich and famous – owning land all over the area and in other parts of Yorkshire. The canons lived a life of prayer and study but also looked after the local people. They developed their Christian life, helped the poor,

provided medical help and taught some of the children. Over these centuries, the buildings grew until the church was almost as long as York Minster. And then one of their leaders, or Priors, was made a saint – St John of Bridlington, because of the good deeds and even miracles he was said to have performed. So many people came as pilgrims to his shrine in the Priory – including King Henry V. But another King Henry – Henry VIII, the one with six wives – was responsible for ending the great days of the Priory, along with all the other monasteries in England. Over half the magnificent church and all the other buildings where the canons lived and worked were destroyed. What was left has served as a parish church ever since – until the 1800s for all of Bridlington, and then as one among others.

Priory 900 – a Bridlington Celebration So the Priory and its history and heritage really does belong to all the people of Bridlington. This is the idea behind the celebration of 'Priory 900' – starting on March 24 and going on until October. All the details are on the leaflet arriving with this Newsletter, and we hope there's something for everyone. There are free events, such as 'Priory Visions' on May 18 and the Medieval Fair on June 22, 'Have a go' workshops and plenty of concerts and other presentations. Have a look at the Website. www.priory900.org for more details, and for the chance to take part – for example in contributing your own local or family history. As you may have seen we've won £36,000 of the Heritage Lottery Funding to promote 'Your Heritage' – for us all to celebrate the history of Bridlington as it is reflected through those 900 years. (Photo of Priory by Julie Folds)

PRIORY 900 TOWN CRIERS COMPETITION

On Sunday 7th July 2013 as part of the Priory 900 and Old Town Festival celebrations there will be a Town Criers Competition and the event has been kindly sponsored by Cooperative Food, Cooperative Funeral Services & Morrisons. This is a significant 'first' for Bridlington and certainly something to shout about!

Prize winning Town Criers from all over the Country will be joining our own prize winning Bridlington Town Crier, David Hinde, along with their costumed escorts in a blaze of colour, heritage & pageantry in the Old Town. The event will comprise of two main Crying sessions, around 11am - 12 noon (Market Place) and 2pm to 3pm (Church Green), with a proclamation by all the Criers outside the Priory at 12.30. Winners Presentations and prize giving around 3.30pm. The special theme for the day will – of course – be Priory 900!



CRIME STOPPERS AWARD



Bridlington Neighbourhood Policing Team are proud to support the Crimestoppers Campaign 'One Voice' which will focus on reducing crime in the Bridlington area. The police work very closely with a number of agencies and have an excellent working relationship with Bridlington Town Council. One Voice is a joint initiative between Crimestoppers, Humberside Police, Bridlington Town Council and other agencies. The main focus will be reducing crime through partnership working and will focus around burglary, anti-social behaviour, alcohol related violence, shop theft and drug related crime.

Bridlington Town Council has generously donated £5000 to this campaign which will enable the pro-active side of the initiative to be implemented.

Neighbourhood Inspector Grant Taylor from Bridlington Police Station said: "As a result of the generous support of Bridlington Town Council, officers will be able to target specific individuals who are committing a disproportionate number of offences within the town. I would like to thank the local council and the community for supporting the police in reducing crime and making Bridlington a safer place to live and visit." Humberside Crimestoppers 'One Voice' campaign will be launched on 19th March 2013. Crimestoppers is an independent charity helping to find criminals and help solve crimes. They run the anonymous 0800 555 111 phone number that you can call to pass on information about crime. Alternatively people can pass on information anonymously via their website <http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/>



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YORKSHIRE WATER BRIDLINGTON UPDATE

Yorkshire Water's bathing water improvement project is progressing well.

The scheme aims to improve the way that waste water is managed in the town to ensure that its beaches meet tighter European bathing water standards.

Since the New Year the company has reached a number of key milestones for the scheme including completing construction of a shaft at Palace Car Park. This shaft is where the tunnelling machine will be driven from to excavate the new underground storm water transfer tunnel. Work on the promenade progressed well before Christmas, enabling the RNLI lifeboat to return to its permanent base ahead of schedule. There's lots more work ahead with March seeing the arrival of the Tunnel Boring Machine as well as the start of an extension to the Headworks pumping station.

If residents have any questions about the scheme, or would like to watch an overview video they can visit Yorkshire Water's public information centre at Springfield House on the junction of Hilderthorpe road and Springfield Avenue. Further information is also available on:

www.yorkshirewater.com/bridlington

SKATEPARK NEWS

Despite a cold and wet half term the Gasworx Skatepark was a hive of activity. The Funk Doctors kindly donated their time to create more public art – covering an area that had been previously used for tagging.

Kay Wardle Skatepark Coordinator explained "Culturally graffiti and skateparks are linked and the best way to deal with graffiti is to get artists to create high-end pieces. Most people who use the Gasworx love it and are creative themselves – they have to visualise tricks and runs around the park in their minds, before they attempt them." She added "The park has been busy despite the cold - it's a great facility to get young people outside, especially those who are not interested in traditional team sports, it provides a place to build flexibility, coordination and stamina."

The Gasworx will be celebrating its 5th birthday party in April – if you want to be involved in the party contact Kay at the Bridlington Town Council office on 01262 409006, or contribute to the discussion and planning of the event at the Gasworx Skatepark on Facebook.



BIN COLLECTION UPDATE

Residents in the Bridlington area will be able to recycle more waste when they get a new bin collection service from 6 May. All households in the area, including those in Driffild, Flamborough, Hornsea and Nafferton will have the blue recycling bins and the green landfill bins emptied every two weeks. Currently East Riding of Yorkshire Council collects the blue bins every four weeks and the green bins weekly. The brown bins for composting have been emptied every fortnight since 2011. From 2 May, letters from the council will drop through the letterboxes of up to 37,000 homes explaining that the fortnightly collections start the week after. Councillor Symon Fraser, portfolio holder for environment, housing and planning, said: "We will be supporting residents during the roll out of the new collections service. This will include direct support from our recycling team which will be going from door to door. "There is a telephone hotline number, 01482 395586 and a dedicated email address, wastewatchers@eastriding.gov.uk. An information pack, which includes the new bin calendars, will be put through every door." It follows last year's hugely successful trial held across the East Riding by the council following demands from residents to have their blue recycling bins emptied more frequently. Residents had also said their green landfill bins were being put out weekly but there was not much in the bin. The original trial started some years ago with 1200 residents in the Avenues where it has been highly successful.

By the end of this year, all 150,000 households across the East Riding will be on the new service. Residents in the Holderness area started going onto the fortnightly collections from early March. The Bridlington area is the second phase of the council's roll out of the new service. The third phase, starting in July, covers Anlaby, Beverley, Brough, Cottingham, Hessele and South Cave. The final phase, starting in September will bring all households in the Goole area, including Stamford Bridge, onto the fortnightly service.



PROGRESSION TO QUALITY STATUS

Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA) is a qualification designed to demonstrate the competence of individuals by compiling a portfolio of evidence in areas of knowledge and skills applicable to a local council. The University of Gloucestershire oversees the quality assurance of the certificate and liaises with the chief verifier to make sure that all standards of verification are maintained to the highest possible level.

Mrs King commenced the CILCA training in September 2010 and completed all 24 sections of the portfolio at the end of 2012. Mrs King's portfolio has just been verified and the Bridlington Town Council are happy to announce that she now a fully Qualified Clerk. Mrs King said "I am so pleased and proud. It seems to have taken forever to compile the portfolio to the required standards and I am highly delighted to have passed." The Mayor stated "Bridlington Town Councillors would like to congratulate Mrs King on this wonderful achievement and recognise all the hard work it involved."

Not all councils have qualified clerks and Paula joins a growing group of clerks qualified in this region. This qualification will now enable the Bridlington Town Council to move forward positively with putting together a bid for Quality Status as one of the mandatory requirements of Quality Status is that the council must employ a clerk who has attained CILCA.

WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER



The afternoon service took place at St Mark's Church the atmosphere was most welcoming as we entered the Church where we were received refreshments and then made our way to our seats. Mrs Elaine Bannister as the speaker spoke to us of her experiences whilst on the Millau exchange visits and the funny side of things when neither spoke the same language and had to rely on phrase books and dictionaries. It helped to break the ice. The musical accompaniment was by Sue Mitchell on the violin and Judi Kirven on the keyboard both managing to keep us all in tune. Anne Couper our Chair for the Bridlington Branch of the Women's World Day Of Prayer lead both services. The Ladies belonging to St Mark's had put on an excellent buffet of homemade cakes and pastries which were delicious and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Councillor Jacqueline Foster attended the afternoon service as she has done for the last 2/3 years and she likes to keep her order of service books.

PLEASE HELP!

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Bonjour Tout le Monde

Bridlington's French Twinning with Millau in the South of France is looking for new Association and Committee members. No need to speak French! Millau is probably best known for its amazing Sir Norman Foster designed viaduct spanning the Tarn valley – the highest bridge in the world! Members enjoy fun social events, like "Wine My Bluff", "Gourmet Nights", Treasure Hunts and Party Nights as well as getting the chance to visit Millau every two years with a group of like-minded people. They've recently celebrated their 20th anniversary of twinning, taking 85 Bridlingtonians to take part in the festivities in Millau. They are also looking for families for 4 Millau university students, all fluent in English for a month's stay in Summer – you'd be paid £50 a week towards the cost of their stay. If you'd like to know more about the Association, then call Chris Myers on 851404 or email chrismyers@tinyworld.co.uk

FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS: APRIL to JULY:

All Meetings are open to the public

APRIL

Finance & General Purposes	Wednesday 10th April 2013	7pm Town Council Offices
Planning & Environmental Council	Monday 15th April 2013	1pm Town Council Offices
Newsletter	Wednesday 17th April 2013	pm location to be advised
	Thursday 25th April 2013	11am Town Council Offices

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Parish Meeting	Wednesday 2nd May 2013	7pm location to be advised
Planning & Environmental Council	Monday 7th May 2013	1pm Town Council Offices
Finance & General Purposes	Wednesday 15th May 2013	7pm location to be advised
	Wednesday 22nd May 2013	6:30pm Town Council Offices

JUNE

Planning & Environmental Council	Wednesday 3rd June 2013	1pm Town Council Offices
Planning & Environmental	Wednesday 19th June 2013	7pm location to be advised
	Monday 24th June 2013	1pm Town Council Offices

JULY

Finance & General Purposes	Wednesday 3rd July 2013	6:30pm Town Council Offices
Planning & Environmental Council	Monday 15th July 2013	1pm Town Council Offices
Newsletter	Wednesday 17th July 2013	7pm location to be advised
	Thursday 25th July 2013	11am Town Council Office