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## Eden Camp School Visits

Over 400 pupils, plus teachers, will benefit from a visit to the Eden Camp at Malton this year, as a result of the Council's successful bid to the Big Lottery's 'Home Front Recall' initiative. The Pensioners Action Group East Riding (PAGER) made a successful bid to take a group of Martongate pupils to the Eden Camp, following which the Council decided to lodge an application to fund parties from the town's Bay, Burlington, Hilderthorpe, New Pasture Lane, Quay and St. Mary's schools. The parties will be accompanied by local veterans from the Second World War who will act as interpreters to the exhibits.

Funding was also secured towards staging this year's Combined Ex-Services Reunion Weekend and the Family Forces Day at Sewerby. Additional events made possible by the receipt of the grant have been the V.E. Dance staged at the Spa and the Veteran's Parade, Service and Tea Dance at Leisure World. In total the Council received £15,276.

## Hull & East Yorkshire Credit Union

The Bridlington Branch of the Credit Union is open for business at the Bridlington Community Resource Centre at 4-6 Victoria Road, Bridlington. Jo Thoresby is available on Thursdays between 9am and 2pm, or by arrangement on a Friday. Tel 01262 679946 or 01482 318518 ore-mail: jthoresby@hullandeycu.co.uk

## Trafalgar Day 21st October

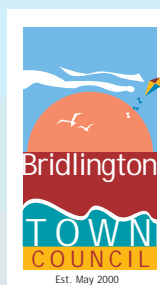
We are unable to secure a suitable venue for a Trafalgar Ball. However the Royal Naval Association has arranged a Trafalgar Dinner at Rags Restaurant, with the Coxswain of the Lifeboat and his Lady as Guests of Honour. A£13.95 per head choice of a three course menu. Seating is limited to 70. Anyone interested in attending please call 01262 672623 to book.

## Spend a penny or two in the Old Town

The Council was pleased to re-open the Old Town's Public conveniences at the corner of High Street and St. John Street on Monday 8th August 2005, following the completion of a scheme of extensive refurbishment by the Lords Feoffees.

An invitation to tender for the cleaning earlier in the year attracted just two bidders from the private sector. Their prices were way above the Council's budget and East Riding of Yorkshire Council has therefore been contracted to carry out the cleaning of the toilets and the maintenance of the gardens. The contract expires at the end of March 2006 and it may be that the Council will look to make future savings by employing and training its own staff to run the facilities. Couples interested in the care of the toilets should please contact The Clerk.

The Council applauds the re-opening of the Moorfield Road car park toilets by the principal authority. This is a much-needed facility that should never have been closed in the first place. Negotiations to provide free-to-use public conveniences at Sewerby are still on-going.



## The new flagpoles

installed in the South Cliff Gardens to commemorate the bicentenary of Vice Admiral Lord Nelson's victory at the Battle of Trafalgar (21st October 1805) have been well received by residents and visitors. They have generated good publicity for the resort and are featured on the Sea Britain 2005 website www.seabritain2005.com The signal flags, which should be read left to right looking from the harbour, spell out Nelson's message to the fleet - "ENGLAND EXPECTS THAT EVERY MAN WILL DO HIS DUTY"

A legend in the gardens gives more detail and it's not too late to put your name to one of the flagpoles, as a limited number of sponsorships are available at £400. Your sponsorship will be recorded on a plaque permanently fixed to the flagpole. Please contact the Clerk for more information.

It is proposed to replace the signal flags in the New Year with national flags but which ones should we fly? The Union flag is an obvious one and perhaps the flags of the countries that make up the British Isles. Another suggestion might be to display the flags of those nations that have a North Sea coastline. What do you think? Drop an e-mail or letter to the Town Council's office (details on the back page).

## Seagulls and Pigeons

The recent newspaper article about aggressive gulls has added fuel to the debate whether we have a feral bird problem in the resort. Are there too many birds roosting within the town centre and elsewhere? Is a cull the answer and would a bylaw banning the feeding of wild birds be helpful in controlling the numbers and how would the bylaw be enforced? Could owners of private property do more to dissuade the birds from roosting on their buildings?

Please write to the Council with your views on this issue. Contact details are on the back page.

## Does Bridlington need a town crier?

Beverley and Driffield have one so why not Bridlington? How should the Council go about selecting a crier and should it be an honorary position or should a reasonable retainer be paid? Your views would be welcome.

## 23rd Hussars Old Comrades

The Comrades are holding their possibly last, due to age, reunion in Bridlington on 12/13 November. A service will be held at the Priory on the 13th. Because of their long association with Bridlington, first stationed here in 1943, they suggested that the council might give them a civic reception, which was recommended by the Festival Committee but turned down by majority at Full Council. Happily the Mayor has agreed to finance a civic reception on 13th November at the Expanse Hotel, from the civic budget. An opportunity to thank a representative group of those who ensured that we were saved from Hitler's hordes! (All councillors are to pay their own way).

## 158 (Lissett) Squadron Association

Held their last reunion in Bridlington on 3/4 September. A service was held at their memorial at Lissett churchyard on the 4th. Readers will recall that the council offered them an opportunity to exercise their right of the Freedom of the Town. They declined however, entirely due to age. The Mayor, Mrs Christine Allerston and Consort represented Bridlington at the service.

## Results of Yorkshire in Bloom

Bridlington once again did well in Yorkshire in Bloom, gaining a Silver Gilt at the Awards Night in Sheffield on 13th September. Well done to all those who helped us create a lasting impression for the judges' visits this year.

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