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Saturday, 1 April, 2006

"The tide's gone out, the marina with it!"

# MARINA FINALLY SCUPPERED

Latest news  
and gossip!

After years of controversy, Bridlington residents can once again give up on a long-awaited marina. News has leaked from an inside source that funding has been withdrawn and will never be re-offered for this purpose. The £63m scheduled for this development is to be re-allocated to the Road Traffic Authority, who will install new speed cameras on all roads leading into Bridlington (see "Town's parking problem solved" on page 11). "A shabby decision by those who should know better," said a marina supporter.

The leader of the pro-marina group, Mr Ralf O'Pirol, of the Joint Overseas & Commonwealth Enterprise Bank, said negotiations had been difficult from the start.

## Exclusive report by our Special Correspondent

"All those concerned," he said, "had differing agendas. No one organisation was able to grasp the nettle, make plans or decisions, and there was too much shilly-shallying from those who really should have known better."

"The future of

Bridlington is now certain. It will die a slow and lingering death as a seaside resort.

"Everyone, even those who were not in favour of a marina, can look forward with dismay that nothing can now be done to improve Bridlington's stand-

ing as a holiday destination.

"We now anticipate future holiday crowds to rival those of Hornsea and Withernsea. No disrespect, but they'll not come here either."

There has been no comment from the harbour users, East

Riding of Yorkshire Council, Bridlington Town Council, the Lords Feoffees or Bridlington's Harbour Commissioners on this story.

Our correspondent asked local people for their reaction and some of these comments appear in the next column.



The picture shows some of the local people waiting to hear the breaking marina news. The crowd took advantage of some early spring sunshine and were in high spirits as they discussed the pending announcement.

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"I can't believe they've thrown away this chance. There's no hope for the town now!" - Mistress Bess Twishes, of The Pie Shoppe, Old Town.

"It's the worst news since Mother's Pride announced sliced bread." - Dick Ness, of West Hill.

"This change of heart by those con-

cerned makes as much sense as the Bermuda Triangle and Robin Hood. It must be another fairy story!" - Local writer Audrey Slater.

"What are we going to do without our regular visitors?" - Mrs Elsie Jewitt, Dunpleasin' Guest House, Sandy Lane, Bridlington.

## Treasure ship found?

Local maritime experts are jubilant at the discovery of a wreck said to be one of John Paul Jones's treasure ships.

It is thought that during the Battle of Flamborough Head in September 1779, a ship containing bullion bound for the US was sunk by cannon fire from the British ship *Serapis*.

Records about this ship, claimed to be the *Flairpool*, are scarce and British experts are of the opinion that America was not keen for the information to become widespread.

Another factor in the ship's disappear-

ance was that it was thought to have been sunk much farther out into the Bay. However, the remains of the vessel have become visible at low tide on the north foreshore.

Some people claim that the woodwork is from an old walkway over a sewage outlet. But it is now believed that the outlet actually used the old timber from the sunken vessel.

Marine archaeologist Alf O'Pirol, of Dublin University, and Prof. Liola, from Burlington University in Vermont, USA, have collabor-

ated on their findings. Their results will be published later this year.

So far, the public in Bridlington have been unable to approach the wreck

due to the height of the tides. But when the next low tides appear in autumn treasure hunters with metal detectors will be swarming all over the north beach

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# BUT . . .

**Bridlington Harbour  
Heritage Museum  
is  
OPEN AGAIN  
AT EASTER**

See the advertisement  
on Page 4



The remains of the wrecked *Flairpool*, the vessel allegedly laden with bullion.

## This newspaper

It is pointed out to readers of this publication that the news items offered are for amusement only. The writer hopes there is something

for everyone to laugh at. You may not believe the news, but every advert is genuine. And please beware the saying "the camera never lies."

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