

Messenger opens its new offices



Everyone at the *Bridlington Messenger* is delighted with the new offices at 7 Prospect Street. "It's dead handy having the *Free Press* next door," said Chief Executive Eddie Tawe. "If we need any help I'm sure they'll all be willing to lend a hand. There's nowt like a bit of fiendly competition! If they don't bother us, we won't bother them."

Greetings to all Bridlingtonians from our twin towns elsewhere

Bad Salzuflen: Hier in Bad Salzuflen dieser "April Fool" Tag wir nicht verstehen. Was ist es? Es ist humoristisch? Wir haben kein Verstant von "humoristisch." Diese Zeitung ein Witz ist? Warum? Wir nicht verstehen die Engländer! Sie sind umheimlich!

Millau: Bonjour mes amis! Beaucoup félicitations sur ce journal. Il est très comique. Les photographie sont merveilleux. L'Angleterre et une contrée étrange. Au revoir, bon chance.

Woola-Woola: Good on yer, sport. 'Bout time you limeys learned how to have a laugh at yerselves! 'Cos by heck, you're a rum lot! Open a tinnie and have one on us!

West Hampstead: I say, old bean, is this what you call humour up there in the North?

Bridlington Messenger acknowledges use of selected photographs from "World's Most Amazing and Outrageous CD." It's exceedingly funny. - Editor

Local Weather Forecast 01.04.2006: Icy blasts from West End; wet, windy and barmy breezes in local government area; elsewhere in town, sunny smiles all day.



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Frit Witless to re-open Spa

Legendary American banjo player Frit Witless will make his first visit on New Year's Eve, when he brings his unique style of playing to Bridlington.

Known for his exciting rendition of "Grandpa's got a raccoon in his drawers,"



Banjoist supreme Frit Witless

"Why did she ever leave me?" and his chart-topping masterpiece "Banjoes ain't for wimps," Frit will be accompanied by Dick Ness and Cy Yorea, both well known throughout the British NHS musical circuit.

Born in the village of Burlington in the wilderness of Wyoming, Frit says he has held

an ambition to visit Bridlington since he learned of the derivation of the name of Burlington during a geography lesson.

Frit's career has seen him pack the Carnegie Hall, Hollywood Bowl and Flossie's Diner in Main Street, Burlington, Wyoming. One of seventeen children to Maybellene and Randy Witless, Frit spent his childhood plucking the strings of an old guitar. Had circumstances been different, the name of Frit Witless could well have been in lights long before Elvis Presley made his mark with rock and roll. But Frit battled on with his career.

His manic ability to strum the six-string banjo and his superb dexterity on the strings eventually brought him to the attention of Sergeant Pepper and the Lonely Hearts Club Band in the early 60s.

One particular performance in London was the highlight of Frit's previous experience of this country. Because the major royals were in the boxes above the stage, Frit was struck with stage nerves and after his rendition of "Does your baccy lose its flavour in the bedpan overnight?" he packed his banjo and headed back to Obscurity in Wyoming.

Now, forty-plus years on, Frit Witless makes his comeback appearance in England. Following the show at the Spa on New Year's Eve, he will leave for a whistle-stop tour of the country, playing at Goole, Milton Keynes, Penge in London, Blandford Forum in Dorset, and finally at the Scout Hut, Skipsea.

Tickets for the Frit Witless Show are available on Monday from the Spa booking office, at £2.00 seated, £1.00 dancing, 50p standing, with concessions allowed in at no charge. A small range of refreshments will be available at prices to challenge the pocket as usual.

Members of the Spa Royal Hall staff have expressed delight at the acquisition of Frit for their mammoth re-opening event following the renovations carried out during 2006.

"We'll all remember Frit Witless!"

Local drivers in trouble!

Two local drivers found themselves in trouble recently. The first, Tim Burr, took his truck to Boynton Woods where he had permission to cut down a diseased tree. Unfortunately for Tim he was not very expert in the art of tree felling. When the time came to stand back and shout "Timber!" he was shocked to find the tree falling towards his truck. It is understood that the truck is now a write-off.

The second motorist took advantage of a quiet town centre street and parked his car while he popped into the barbers. The haircut took longer than anticipated and when he returned he found his car had been clamped. But what followed was worse! The council had withdrawn parking facilities for the day as the street was to be dug up and relaid. Richard Hedde was fined for the parking offence but also had to pay the council to remove his car so the road works could be completed.

A police spokesman said that motorists had only themselves to blame. "Too many of them think they have every right to go about their business with no concern for the rules of the road or others - or physics!"



Looking for somewhere new to eat? Try these two



New eaterie in Old Town

The newest shop in Old Town is Mrs Miggins Pie Shoppe, run by Bess Twishes, formerly of Olde London Towne. The shoppe will provide traditional English fare such as gruel, blackbird pie, roast hedgehog, pigeon pasties, larks tongues, and that special seaside delicacy, seagull flambé. Mistress Twishes says she is concerned for the environment, but adds "seagull is cheap and there's plenty of it!" To quench the thirst, the Pie Shoppe stocks a range of olde-worlde ales, such as Mogginsons Ratty Peculiar, Archbishop's Desire and Flaneburg Flaming Fever. Prices start at a groat a firkin. The shoppe will be open until dark each evening, but carousing and roistering will be frowned upon by the Old Town elders.



An anonymous Bridlington railway enthusiast has designed livery for a locomotive to promote the town. The image is in full colour and is on both sides of the engine. Avant-Garde Signs and Graphics have expressed an interest in producing the design. The locomotive will be seen on the re-introduced electric Yorkshire Pullman, Bradford to London and return. The locomotive will be named at a ceremony at Leeds railway station in early June. As well as having the word *Bridlington* along its sides, the locomotive will be named *St John of Bridlington*. "It will be a marvellous advert," the enthusiast said.

This is Chocolatey!

Delicious chocolate adventures will be available at Easter on Queen Street.

Chocolate Cascade offers liquid chocolate which can be drooled onto strawberry, pineapple or marshmallow pieces.

This experience, say local choccy fans, is "quite wonderful."

Some visitors to Bridlington will have already had a taste in Whitby and other seaside towns.

So now this chocolate experience is here. Prices are rea-

sonable, starting at £3 for a skewer full of fruity bits covered in delicious chocolate.

Businesses using the American equipment have boomed

since the device was first marketed in the UK 18 months ago.

"We are looking to be ready for Easter," said the proprietor, Mikki Barr-Kidd.



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