

## Bridlington Anti Litter Lout Syndicate

A new anti-litter initiative has been launched by Tony Blair. Following his recent Cheapskate Holiday to the town for an unannounced weekend, the Prime Minister expressed his great disappointment at the litter and dog dirt on the footpaths of the town.

### Biggest cat is top cat

Phatpus, a four-year-old feline belonging to Alf 'Moggie' Jones, was top cat at the recent Bridlington Cat Show, weighing in at six stones.

Alf says the secret to a fat cat is plenty of food, plus as little exercise as possible. "I make a habit of feeding him twice a day with a 2lb fried chicken - he loves it! "And there's the pint of cream at bed time. To get him to this prize-winning weight is quite easy. "He gets tit-bits from the table, too."

Phatpus was three stone heavier than the runner-up, a mere four stones.



Phatpus, winner of the Biggest Cat in Town section of Bridlington Cat Club's annual show.



### Bridlington Extreme Sports Club

The newest sports craze among daring young men comes to Bridlington tomorrow. Locals are to be offered an opportunity to try out real jet-skiing, with the possibility of breaking the sound barrier while being towed by an F-14 fighter.

Bridlington Bay has been selected as an ideal site for this pastime, and days of calms seas in future will hear the roar of jet fighter engines racing across the sea.

"It will be the thrill of a lifetime," said one of those queuing to buy tickets yesterday. "At £50 for ten minutes, it's not cheap, but what a ten minutes!" he said.

## "A breakthrough for the fortunes of Bridlington" - Town Council spokesman

# It's n'ice' work if you can get it! Trawlersmen have new lease of life

The East Coast recession is over - at least for the beleaguered Bridlington fishing fleet. A new contract worth millions of pounds will see local fishermen and their vessels heading for the Arctic where they will collect icebergs and tow them back into Bridlington Bay.

Yorkshire Water will assume responsibility for the bergs, which will then be cut up and crushed. "Pure water," added the spokesman, "is a high price commodity these days and the uniqueness of Arctic water would find a ready market with the richer end of town."

Currently, there are no plans to use this water for human consumption, although local soft drink manufacturer Fizziade has declared an interest.

Their spokesman said: "The water from these Arctic icebergs will be uncon-

### A burning issue

An unnamed local man bought a case of expensive cigars. He had them insured against fire and theft.

He then smoked all the cigars but claimed on the insurance saying that the cigars had been destroyed by a series of small fires.

The company refused to pay out for obvious reasons. However the smoker took them to court

taminated by pollution and will therefore be ideal for bottling and drinking.

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A Yorkshire Water official categorically denied that the water would be available on local supermarket shelves. "Unless the price was right," he added, with an open palm.

Local fishing con-

and the judge ordered the insurance company to pay out. "After all," he said, "You have taken his money."

The insurers paid out, about £10,000.

The smoker cashed the cheque but the following week the insurers had him arrested on 24 counts of arson.

The smoker was found guilty. He got two years in prison.



cern Messrs Plodd & Caise said they were delighted with the contract. "It will mean more cash pouring into our coffers. There will be jobs for all skippers of trawlers and all crews will benefit."

### OVER THE MOON

A harbour spokesman was said to be "over the moon" with the prospects.

It is understood that the harbour authorities are already making plans to levy all boats entering the harbour which are connected with the venture.

"Naturally," said the spokesman, "this does not apply to Messrs Plodd & Caise."

The local trawler *Gladys III* has been on a trial trip and arrived off the

Icelandic coast after an arduous week-long trip north.

A leading fish handling firm in Bridlington was delighted with the success of the trial scheme and promised their full support for the venture.

The location of the bergs is being kept a closely guarded secret, as the new ice trawling company, BridIce, is the first to realise the potential for pure Arctic water.

Before the bigger conglomerates get their hands on the idea, local trawlermen want to get their share and by being quick off the mark they aim to do so.

Once in local waters, the bergs will be allowed to melt in a containment area on the seaward side of Smithwick Sands.

The picture above is our artist's impression of a local trawler about to tow one of the Icelandic icebergs. More than seven tenths of icebergs is under water. The smaller iceberg will melt down to million of gallons of fresh pure water.

There will be a dry dock into which the bergs will be pushed, and the seawater drained off.

Once the bergs are crushed and they start to melt, the ice water will be pumped ashore to a distribution centre sited on the area of the cliff-top between Sewerby and the Coastguard Station, on Limekiln Lane.

As we say, n'ice' work - and we got it!

## Brid man eats whale

A local diner had to eat his words in one of Bridlington's fish and chip shops last week.

Bill Smith and his friends had decided to eat out at Audrey's Fish & Chips Restaurant on Queen Street.

Bill was unaware that the restaurant was promoting a "What you ask for you have to eat" evening.

When entering the shop, Bill declared "I could eat a whale - with double chips!"

The fish fryer then brought the slogan to Bill's attention, who, full of bravado - and a few pints of lager - accepted that he would eat whatever was brought to him.

Bill's wait was a little longer than normal but he was eventually served with a huge metal tray of fish, with side salad and double chips.

The waiter confirmed it was whale, then mentioned that diners who failed to eat their order would be fined £100 for charity or thrown into the harbour.

Bill decided to tackle the whale, and not being a man to shirk a challenge, set to work with knife and fork to demolish the huge heap of delicate tender flesh.

Afterwards he told his friends: "I feel a bit stuffed. I suppose I really shouldn't have had that second helping of chips! Or the two slices of bread!"

If you have enjoyed reading this paper, thank a teacher. But remember to thank a WWII soldier too.

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## Severe apostrophe outbreak

Members of Bridlington's medical profession has warned of a severe outbreak of



surplus apostrophes in town centre cafés and restaurants.

The first incident was reported at Top Twenty Café near the bus station, while a temporary outbreak was seen at Leo's on the Promenade. The third incident was at the Dolphin down Spring Pump Slipway.

A spokesman for the Health & Safety Executive promised

that everything that could be done was being done.

A division of Humberside Police - the Aberrant Apostrophe Abolishment Section - has been touring the town.

"I blame the adults," said a police spokesman. "It's the grown-ups who are permitting this condition to proliferate."

"Outbreaks like this lead to excite-

ment and irritability in the older generation, especially those in literary circles."

When the surplus apostrophes were pointed out to the businesses concerned, their managements were all in agreement however:

"We're in business to sell food. Not to wurrly abowt wether our spellin and punctuation iz eny gud. Pity sum foke dont

ave anyfink berrer ti do. Anyway, they got us a free ad in this newspaper."

