

Fabulous fossils found on Flamborough Head

"A palaeontological discovery that will put our village on the map!"

Work is due to begin soon on a vast project to save the bones of a long dead dinosaur from deterioration in an area just off Flamborough Head. The fossils, authenticated by a colleague of the eminent archaeologist Sir Indiana Jones, now in his 90s, are a revelation, as it was not thought that dinosaurs of this type inhabited East Yorkshire. The bones are said to be of a gigantic Hexaplocicus, whose head towered six metres above the ground. "It's a fabulous find," said a resident.

The first full skeleton of a dinosaur was found by two Bridlington school children while playing on the Head in May last. A couple of teeth caught their eye but when they started removing the sand from around a jaw bone, they found other remains.

They reported the find to a science teacher at their school, Upper Head-

lands, and he carried out further investigation before contacting the British Museum.

After the discovery, East Riding of Yorkshire Council were approached because the bones were of such great scientific interest that not to preserve them in situ was unthinkable.

"This is a unique find, a palaeontologi-

cal discovery, which . . . oh I've already said that, haven't I?" a local councillor said when interviewed.

The fossil facts:

The *Hexaplocicus Flaneburgiae* lived about 20,000,000 years ago. It lived by swallowing fish as it swam just above the bottom of the sea. Its name means six-legged dinosaur found at Flamborough.

Its skeleton is 40 metres long, has a skull the size of a Smart car, and has hundreds of teeth as big as kitchen knives.

It will be preserved following an agreement between Flamborough council and *Continued on page 13*



Local fishermen were quick off the mark when they realized that the fossil find would be good for business.

A few hours after the discovery was announced, members of well-known

Flamborough fishing families were taking parties of excited visitors to the area to view the bones before the incoming tide covered them.

"We've got to mek on while we can," commented

one, who preferred to remain anonymous. "Fishing's crap, there's near shellfish left, so we've got to fleece t'holidaymaker. We've bin doing it for years. It's our right to mek a living this way."

Local inventor is rolling along

Dwayne Dibley, Bridlington's motor cycling mechanic entrepreneur, has done it again. After last year's success with the motorised shopping trolley, Dwayne has put together two more futuristic wheeled vehicles. His Super Duper Scuter, powered by a single-cylinder Briggs & Stratton lawnmower engine, is able to reach a top speed of 55 mph. Because it is a scooter, Dwayne claims that it will not be banned from the pavements. And because two of its wheels are less than 6in. diameter, the rider need not wear a crash helmet.

Dwayne's other masterpiece, the Circle Cycle, is powered by a 50cc

Honda motorcycle engine. "It's perfectly safe," says Dwayne. "Once the skill of balancing the Circle Cycle is mastered, the rider is able to reach speeds of up to 120 mph."

However, Dwayne does suggest that it is ridden away from public roads. "I must admit I caused quite a stir when I rode it up Bessingby Road on its first test run. I got 80 mph out of it!"

A disadvantage of the single-seater Circle Cycle is that there is no facility for shopping baskets or seats for the children.



Pictures show two of Dwayne's creations at his workshop on Bessingby Industrial Estate. On the left is the Super Duper Scuter, while in the picture on the right Dwayne sits in his Circle Cycle. The entrepreneur hopes to take his contraptions to Driffield Show in July this year. The machines will be available to the public soon.

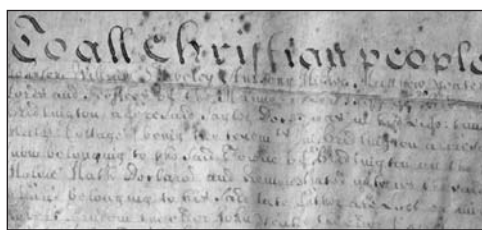
Medieval tunnels finally unearthed

The chance discovery of an ancient document in an old book about Bridlington Priory has revealed that tunnels did exist from the church to the harbour.

Town historians have for some time believed that tunnels existed under the streets of the town. A visit by Channel 4's Time Team failed to locate any trace when they recorded a programme in the mid-90s.

However, a sheet of parchment has been discovered between the endpapers of an 1836 copy of Marmaduke Prickett's *History of the Priory Church of Bridlington*, bought recently for £85 on Ebay.

The document has been examined by



local graphologists and their reading of the ancient lettering states "ye well by ye Bailey Gate shall have a depth of ten ells. At ye bottom thereof shall be ane tunnel built, two ells high, one ell wide, to a distance sufficient to reach ye harbour."

Members of staff at the Lords Feoffees office claim that they have not been informed of such a document, and that they would cast doubt on its veracity.

A member of local historical group Brid-

lington's Past Is Bridlington's Future said the group's members were willing to undertake any work necessary to locate these tunnels.

"It's the chance of a lifetime," he said. "If there aren't any ancient tunnels, I think we should build some. We must get Bridlington back on the map."

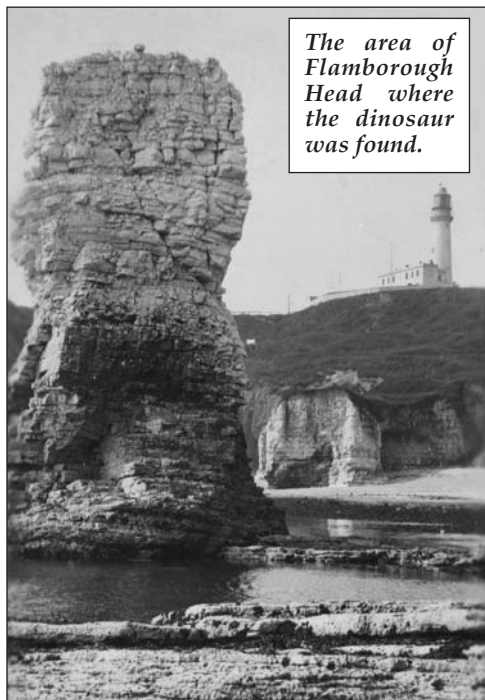
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The area of Flamborough Head where the dinosaur was found.

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