

State-of-the-art life-saver for RNLI

Bridlington's in-shore lifeboat, *The Lords Feoffees III*, is to be replaced this autumn by a brand new state-of-the-art version of the hovercraft.

Pictures of the new vessel have just been released and an artist's impression of the hovercraft in the bay is shown below.

The town's Lords Feoffees will once again dip deep into their community pockets to pay for the vessel, estimated to cost nearly £3m.

Claims for the new technology are high. The vessel is more robust than the traditional in-shore boat, it has more powerful engines and has the great advantage that it can be driven straight from the beach onto the surface of the sea.

Haulage by tractor before the launch is now totally unnecessary.

A crew of four will be on board during

rescues, and there is space to carry at least four more people.

"For the type of rescue carried out by the in-shore boat, this space is ample," said a crew member.

"I'm quite looking forward to its first service launch. It will be quite something to drive it straight out of the shed, along the foreshore, down the slope, onto the sands, then straight into the waves."

"It should certainly cut down response time," said another member of Bridlington's lifeboat crew. He added that it reflected the state of development in RNLI rescue craft and Bridlington was proud to have the first operational vessel of this type.



The new RNLI hover lifeboat has been named *Queen Henrietta*, after Charles I's wife, who landed in Bridlington in 1642.

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Brid has new gambling den

BRIDLINGTON'S new gambling den - the Lords Casino, on Bridge Street - opened its doors to the public yesterday. The police reported a calm and peaceful evening with no additional arrests for anti-social behaviour.

"We were delighted that the casino's clientele behaved impeccably," said a spokesman for Humberside Police.

SATISFACTION

Management of the Lords Casino expressed their satisfaction following the opening night. "We took shedloads of cash. We've no idea where the punters got all their brass from, but we know where it is now!"

Plans to expand the Lords Casino include taking over the adjacent block of properties along Bridge Street.

NO COMMENT

A source close to the

owners made no comment when asked if the former museum had fulfilled its high expectations.

Several local businessmen in the leisure and amusement industry, he said, had made them an offer they could not reasonably refuse.

"It was nowhere near the fifty million pounds the more flamboyant of their critics claim," he added.

"It's just like the old days, they can't do right for doing wrong," he moaned.

According to a few shopkeepers, they would feel the pinch; others said they'd benefit, once the casino was in full swing.

Public houses in the town centre area said they would not suffer as long as the casino didn't serve beer and lager. One landlord said his customers didn't go for spirits and he expected to keep the majority of his customers. "I think day trippers and the traditional holiday-makers will continue to come into the pubs and bars as usual."

The Casino is open for business tonight, with plenty of tables and croupiers to remove your cash.

"The Casino will bring life back into the town centre after 9pm," commented

the manager. "We want to make this area the centre of entertainment and night life in Bridlington. So come on down, and hand over all your money!"

Financial experts warn that the casino will see more reckless spending by those who can ill afford it. "Punters are far better off putting their money in stocks and shares. They can lose just as much, but at least we get a cut," said a local representative.

Religious leaders said the spare money should go to them.

In most cases, wives and mothers would lose out.

The new face on Bridge Street: Bridlington's new Lords Casino. Formerly the "Beside the Seaside" museum, there have been many famous names operating from the site. At one time it housed the Electricity Showroom and a Freeman Hardy and Willis shoe shop.



Listed building shock

Businesses in and residents of Hildershorpe Road are said to be "shocked" by news that a nearby derelict property is to become a listed building and the owners granted over £50,000 to retain its current appearance.

The property has weeds in the guttering, graffiti-scrawled boarded-up windows and a front garden full of weeds and pub-goers rubbish.

The owners of the building do not wish to be identified and for some years the site has been something of an eyesore.

According to an announcement from British Heritage, the property is to be kept as in its current condition to serve as an example of what will happen to Bridlington if the financial climate fails to improve dramatically in the future.



The frontage of the controversial and disgraceful property on Hildershorpe Road.

Are you a P.R.A.T.?

Bridlington's pavement riders are to try out new ability tests.

The government's latest legislation demands that all riders of battery-powered vehicles have to indicate a proven level of ability and safety.

Bridlington was chosen as the testing ground for the tests.

All riders who pass the test can fly the official pass flag on their vehicle.

Until that time, they must fly the flag contained in each application kit. The

kits costs £25 each, are valid for one year and are obtainable from the Town Hall.

Riders preparing for the test must fly this flag. It will have a yellow background with letters P.R.A.T. in bright red. P.R.A.T. stands for Pavement Rider Ability Test. Riders not passing the test must continue to fly this flag.

Those who pass the P.R.A.T. will be allowed to fly the second flag, the one with the big blue tick.

A series of bizarre shapes were seen at dawn on the south beach on Friday morning. Before daylight, and while the tide was out, dozens of sculptures were suddenly created in the dark by an unknown person or persons.

British experts in flying saucers and crop circles descended on the town during the day to examine the work.

Tim Nawby, secretary of the British Unidentified Flying Object Group, said: "These objects are the work of highly intelligent creatures. They have left representations of themselves, the off-world creatures who have visited us.

there?' is a resounding 'Yes.'

"The fact that the visitors have left these figures in the sand proves to me that they wish us to contact them. We have been searching

for ET for ages and now we have the proof we need."

The images were fully recorded and measured before the tide swept away all the evidence later on Friday afternoon.

