

Airport plan now complete

Plans for an airport at Bridlington are all but complete, said a spokesman for the Carnaby Regional Airport Project at a joint meeting of East Yorkshire's council bodies. Started in 1931 with the visit of the famous aviator Sir Alan Cobham, meetings with those concerned have been held regularly since.

Although aviation has changed completely since Sir Alan's visit, members of the project have fought against bureaucracy and red tape, farmers and wildlife enthusiasts, residents and holidaymakers.

Even though the airstrip at Carnaby was used as an emergency landing field during World War Two, there has been huge local resistance to planning permission for this project.

Now in the hands of the Robin Hood Airport consortium, based on the old Finningley RAF aerodrome, plans have moved forward very quickly.

Compulsory purchase orders are to be issued on this date next year and within six months all buildings will have been removed.

Lancaster Road, the main road through the industrial estate, will become the main

runway, after it is strengthened sufficiently to take the landing weight of a Boeing 747 Jumbo Jet and the European Airbus.

The former John Bull Rock factory will become the booking terminal, while new buildings will be erected at the far end of the runway to house the control tower and the electronic equipment needed to operate a high-profile airport.

The fire station will relocate to the airport, as will some hospital facilities.

The first flights out of the airport are scheduled for spring 2008, the majority being holiday flights to Spain, Majorca and Tenerife.

New use for old school?

Local councils are working together on a competition to decide on the future use of the old Girls' High School on St John Street.

Among the more outlandish ideas are a site for those who crave raves, an all-night drop-in for drop-outs, a pole-dancing academy, a BBC Look North TV studio, a school for elegant young ladies (oh, it's been that!), a museum combining lifeboat, coastguard and local maritime history, The Shallow (a cheapskate aquarium), an ice rink, a rollerblade centre, a high-tech complex to search for ET, a planetarium, an internet cafe, and a rock-and-roll museum.

None of these ideas could ever be taken up. Could they? And if not, why not?

Apology

We apologise to Mr Choo Chup Chin, of Charlie's Chinese Chip Shop in the Old Town, for the error in last week's story about his take-away and restaurant selling beef burgers containing cat meat.

The report should, of course, have said rat meat.

Sweet new use for Flamboro' Road site

A brand new business is to open on the Buckrose Motors site on Flamborough Road in Bridlington.

Talks are taking place between the site owners and a local confectioner. Ms Annie Seed-Ball's ideas for new sweets met with no response from other local and national manufacturers so she decided to go it alone.

The new business will employ over twenty workers in the up-to-the-minute and state-of-the-art offices and manufacturing departments.

Ingredients will be brought by lorry from London.

In one area of the new factory, two huge vats will boil sugar and flavourings. Ms Seed-Ball's first production run will be of a special Christmas sweet, "Scrooge's Bah Humbugs."

"These sweets are a special acid drop, sure to be a favourite buy in the run-up to Christmas," said Ms Seed-Ball.

Local councillors are delighted at the



"This sight has been sited as a sorry cite." – Avenues resident

prospects of a new building in place of the garage premises.

Buckrose Motors operated in the town for many years.

GOOD PAY

Ms Seed-Ball said she was looking forward to working with Bridlingtonians. "We are offering good jobs with high pay," she said.

When asked about parking facilities for the employees, she said nothing had yet been planned as there was plenty of space on the surrounding streets.

"We must overlook any trivial difficulties like parking as we welcome new business opening up

in Bridlington," said a council spokesman.

"There are always problems no matter what happens. But surely we cannot be criticised for encouraging new business into the town. The confectionery factory will bring in revenue from the rates, it will save expenditure because more people will be in work, and once we have charges for on-street parking there will be income from that area, too."

DELIGHTED

Management at the Bridlington Job-Centre are delighted that another avenue for employment has opened up in town.

"This chance of a job will reduce the queues of young men and women desperate for work.

"It has been observed before that when a new factory or business opens in town, the queue of those seeking work reduces significantly.

"One suggestion offered is that the unemployed take their holidays whenever work is available. I have to say that is a very scepti-

cal outlook but one I agree with wholeheartedly."

East Coast's new name

Tourism executives are struggling to find a new name which adequately describes the East Coast from Flamborough Head down to Spurn Point.

The problem has arisen now that the marina plans at Bridlington have failed.

Once a thriving resort, Bridlington will now deteriorate to a state where it will compete with Hornsea and Withernsea for visitors.

One name, chosen by one of the more cynical of residents, is "Dead Coast."

Somehow, "Visit the Dead Coast" does not have a healthy tourism appeal.

Any better ideas out there?

Whoops!

Traffic warden I. Gotcha should have been described as "keen as mustard" and not "mean as custard" when we reported his promotion last week.

Health warning

Bridlington Hospital has released a list of symptoms of bird flu (Avian flu).

If you have experienced any of the following symptoms, please seek medical

treatment immediately:

High fever; aching in the joints; congestion; nausea; fatigue; or an irresistible urge to cr*p on someone's windscreen.



Hospital authorities produced this photograph to prove that Avian flu has reached East Yorkshire, emphasising that the disease clearly affects birds as well as humans. This car was spotted in a Bridlington car park.

Our apologies

Our apologies this week to mother of seven Ms N. E. Bodies who, in a recent report about her failure to pass the driving test after 17 attempts, was advised to "control her crutch." This should, of course, have read "control her clutch."

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On the run

A former pantomime dame facing a court appearance for impersonating a newspaper publisher is on the run.

The person, as yet unnamed by police and court officials, is said to be harmless but with a tendency to assume differing identities. He has been known to pass himself off as an expert in linguistics, an authority on local historical matters, a respected figure in the field of conservation of maritime artifacts, a novelist and poet, a driver of Formula One standard, an actor, and all-round good egg.

The person is said not to be dangerous, and if approached should be flattered until he is quiescent and then taken to a safe house.

He is known to be a customer at various businesses in the town centre and among his many aliases is the name "Mike."

There is no reward for his apprehension.

An artist's impression of the man appears above. You may colour it in if you wish.

Sorry! Madame Gypsy Race is unable to bring you her usual fortune-telling column this week due to unforeseen circumstances.

Taxi firm theft

The proprietor of Acme Cabs, Mike Abbs, drove to his office on Wednesday last - and found it had gone, vanished.

Mike said: "We all tolerate petty theft, but nicking the office? I mean, it had all gone, roof, front wall with the door and windows, the flooring and carpet, even the wallpaper had been taken.

"Not to mention

the desks, chairs, telephones, lights.

"It's all gone!"

Police are asking anyone who has been offered cheap office equipment to contact them. "It may even have been a made-to-measure theft. It's likely someone was after a new office and they took Mike's," said a spokesman yesterday.

"Somebody must be sitting pretty!"



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