

# Town's parking problem solved

Planners have soled the problem of Bridlington's summer traffic jams. In an extreme plan, new road layouts will stream the flow of traffic and cut out totally the need for parking.

In a major scheme to reroute incoming traffic on the approaches to the town, planners want to make Bessingby Road one-way from the traffic lights at the junction near the hospital, down to the roundabout at the B&Q turn-off.

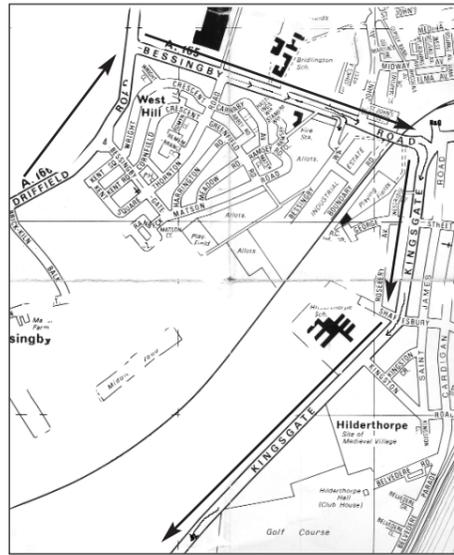
At this point, a slightly altered roundabout will take all traffic to Kingsgate, also to be made one-way, then along Klingsgate, past Broadacres, to the junction with Bridlington Bay Road. The traffic will then filter left into the road towards Driffield and return whence it came.

Traffic destined for the Bessingby Indus-

trial Estate will turn into what was the outgoing lane of Bessingby Road. That traffic will then turn right as before. On leaving the estate, industrial traffic will turn into the main flow and follow the road out along Kingsgate.

Holidaymakers will still be able to claim they have been to Bridlington but will not be able to take part in the traditional pastimes of a holiday. There will be no stopping places for ice cream, candy floss, kiss-me-quick hats, beer or ale.

It is anticipated that such requisites could be made available on the Carnaby Industrial Estate. A



The map shows the proposed new traffic flow from the A166 road from Driffield. There will be slight alterations to the roundabout near B&Q, but no major roadworks will be necessary.

rock manufacturer is already on the site, and operations such as ice cream outlets and tea rooms could start new businesses on the estate.

There is also room for development at Carnaby, and an entrepreneur could soon unload quantities of sand onto one of the unused areas so that holidaymakers could rest a while, pretending they are on the beach.

Officials are considering offering wind-break and deck-chair concessions to a local concerns.

Plans are also being made to stream traffic from the B1253 direct to the A165 to Scarborough, while traffic from Scar-

borough will be directed to the B1253. Well Lane bypass will need widening to two lanes in each direction.

Traffic coming into town down Bempton Lane or from Flamborough will be taken along Marton Road to the Scarborough Road junction where it will be filtered to turn out of town up the A165, or along the bypass to Bessingby Road.

The council will accept complaints, providing they are in triplicate, signed by a QC, and delivered at 9am on Monday morning.

If you are a resident or a visitor to Bridlington, please use the litter bins.

## Theme park not car park

Despite a drastic lack of car parking facilities in the town, plans are being considered for change of use of Hilderthorpe coach and car park.

A Blackpool entrepreneur has contacted local councils seeking permission to install a huge roller coaster on the site.

His argument is that the town needs a new attraction to encourage visitors. Experience in Blackpool has shown that big dippers and scary rides are a big hit with children and adults alike.

The ride itself will cover nearly three quarters of the site, and soar to a hundred and ten metres in height.

The entrance to the complex will be at the Tesco end, with space used for seating, ticket offices, flood lighting, food kiosks and the like.

"It will be like Brid Fair all year round," he said.

## Library is shrinking

News that Bridlington Central Library is shrinking due to the effects of global warming has come as a surprise to staff.

Following the recent torrential downpours, building inspectors found that the frontage of the library, opened in 1937, has narrowed by at least a metre.

It has been claimed by library officials at Beverley that the problem is not due to poor construction.

"It's the rain! We can't help the weather, and we can't avoid it either," said a spokesman. "It's extremely embarrassing."

It is possible that

## Quicksilver's Easter arrival

The German-owned cruise ship *Quicksilver* will arrive in the Bay on Easter Saturday to begin her season of overnight pleasure cruises to Whitby.

The vessel, said to be a radical step forward in Bridlington's attractions for holidaymakers, is so large that she cannot enter the harbour.

Voyagers will be ferried to the vessel by the current cruise ship *Yorkshire Belle*, after she has returned from the last of her hourly trips to Flamborough Head.

*Quicksilver* retains all the facilities that made her a world-class cruise ship as the *Vistamar*. There is a gaming room, several shops and seventeen bars on board.

The *Vistamar* last visited the town in 1997.

She is due to make her first overnight trip to Whitby on Easter Saturday leaving here about 7pm.

There will be two sailings by the *Belle* to accommodate all the passengers, the first leaving at



6.00pm. After loading the first group, she will return for the second.

On board the cruiser, passengers are offered evening dinner, plus all the facilities of the ship until she arrives at Whitby for 9am the following day. There she is met by a vessel which takes all passengers ashore for a day in

Whitby. They re-embark at 7pm for a second overnight sail back to Bridlington. Tickets start at £120 per person, with children travelling at three quarter fare.

Posters with full details are being prepared and should be on display within a few days. Tickets will be available at the *Belle's* pier kiosk.

## There's gold in the beck!

Members of Bridlington's Treasure Hunt Society have discovered gold in the Gypsy Race. The precise area is being kept secret for the time being.

Group leader Olaf Pilor, one-time gold prospector in the Yukon, explained that recent rainfall on the high Wolds has led the Gypsy Race to flow faster than usual.

"The stream has become more powerful," he said. "It has scoured away some of the bed of the stream and revealed a vein of gold-bearing rock. We thought at first it was pyrites - fool's gold - but examination proved we had discovered real gold."

The owner of the land through which the stream flows has been informed of the discovery and discussions between him and the group are currently being held.

Because the gold is a natural element, the total value can be shared between the owner and the discoverers.

"This discovery," said Mr Pilor, "is vital to the group's future. We have only seventeen pence in the group funds and the prospect of having a few million pounds to spend is beyond our wildest dreams."

"As yet we don't know how much gold there is to be panned, but all our members are giving up their weekends to help out."

Mr Pilor has refused to reveal the exact site where the group is panning for the gold, and even turned down our reporter's offer of a beer in exchange for the information.

Bridlington Treasure Hunt Society has also declared that its membership is now closed and that it will be accepting no more new members until all the revenue from the gold is spent.



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