

Ice cream banned

One of Bridlington's best-known ice cream makers has been put out of business by the latest ruling from the European Union's Brussels headquarters.

The measure is a continuation of Euro legislation under which bananas are now to be grown in containers so they are straight instead of curved. Similar rules have decreed that Cheddar cheese can only be made in Cheddar and that no-one but businesses in Devon can manufacture Devon cream. All ice cream now has to be made in Iceland.

Notarianni's and other ice cream outlets will open for one last season in 2006 before shutting shop for ever.

Notarianni's have been selling their delicious ice cream in the town since early 1935 when Signor Notarianni left Italy to set up a small shop in Bridlington.

Their first ice cream parlour was on Prince Street, then Garrison Street, and the business moved back to Prince Street in the 60s.

The current proprietor of Notarianni's says it is a blow to the whole family.

"We have done our best to comply with all the rules that come from Europe. But this one beats us. We live and work in Bridlington.

"This argument that all ice cream should come from Iceland is totally unworkable.

"What are they thinking of? Not the little trader in a small town. It's shameful."

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A spokesman at another ice cream parlour, who couldn't give his name as his mouth was full of ice cream and pistachios, said he would find it difficult to handle alternative employment.

"I sell ice cream. There's nothing else I can do. I suppose I could be a waiter at a restaurant but my heart would not be in it. How do you think I'd feel when a customer ordered ice cream? I'd probably break down and cry. It's just not fair. After all I've done. I've even employed my wife and my children and now we're cast aside as worthless.


"I think I'll have a sit down and one of my chocolate ice creams."

Junction to be resurfaced

The Brett Street junction with Quay Road is due to be resurfaced this summer.



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A Saunders Roe SR37-B hovercraft is seen above in Bridlington Bay during trials in the autumn last year. The vessel was bought from Hoverspeed, and she was last in service in the mid-1980s.

New venture by local entrepreneur

A local fisherman and entrepreneur has announced his latest plans for Bridlington. The anonymous businessman wishes to convert the Boyes store building into a hovercraft centre.

If Boyes' store should close in the future for any reason, he will be making an offer on the building, a source close to the entrepreneur has revealed.

The street level of the building would become a maintenance facility, while other areas would be operational offices.

The proposed purchase of a hovercraft has astonished one harbour employee.

"A similar venture

last year was prevented. Now it seems someone else is trying it on. Will nothing keep them out?"

The hovercraft has been the subject of a secret bid by the businessman, but it would leave him with no change at a price of at least £1m.

After a major refit at Folkestone, the craft - named *Swift* - could take locals and holidaymakers on trips across the Bay to Flamborough Head

and down as far as Hornsea.

Special excursions could also be made to Scarborough and Whitby in the summer and Christmas shopping expeditions are suggested to Hull during the gallop to Christmas.

"The venture would bring lots of work to the town. I understand that all he needs is the money. After that it's full speed ahead," said our contact.



Bridlington market stallholders held their final market last Wednesday. The market will now be held in Market Place in the Old Town, the site of the traditional market granted a charter by King John in 1200. The move has pleased some stallholders and angered others. The west end of King Street has been earmarked for parking facilities for motorists who are "just nipping to the bank."

Big cat on the prowl

"I got the shock of my life," said Denise R. Brown (69), of Acacia Alley, Sewerby. Walking along the paths between the lawns and trees of Sewerby Park last week, she came face to face with a huge cat, which she managed to photograph.

"I was just taking photos of the lovely daffodils. I turned and there it was!

"Luckily it didn't follow me, or I don't know what would have happened. It was a big cat!

"I must have instinctively pressed the shutter when I saw it. The picture is great. Pity I took only one, but I ran for my life!"

Staff at Sewerby Hall were equally surprised by the news. When interviewed on site, a spokesman said: "It's certainly not one of ours. We have only small animals and birds. Although now I come to think of it, the deer aren't as plentiful this spring, and the llamas seem to have disappeared. I wonder..."

At this point, he ran off and slammed the door of the hall behind him.

The lion expert from London Zoo, Percy Katte, spent the next morning

wandering round the grounds seeking evidence of the animal but he has yet to make his report.

Members of the public are warned to stay away from the Park until the cat is captured.

"It's great this is, just before Easter," said the Hall spokesman through the letterbox. "We'll be packed out with visitors searching for it."

Police say the animal looks like a cat. Only bigger. And a different colour. Plus it growls rather than purrs, and it eats raw flesh not Kit-e-Kat, and it should live in a zoo and not be wandering around the park at Sewerby.

"Don't feed it!" is



Mrs Brown's snap of Sewerby's big cat.

the police warning. "And stroking it is out of the question! It may look like a cat to you but going by the photograph this one's got teeth!"

Residents only parking

A Bridlington street is to be the site of a trial scheme for parking. In Clarence Avenue, only residents will be allowed to park outside their homes, and all other traffic will be banned from parking.

The council has decided on a trial period from April 1 to October 31. During that time only those who live in Clarence Avenue will be allowed to park their vehicles on the street.

A special Council permit will be issued to all addresses, and these must be displayed at all times.



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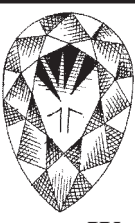
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