

## A Year of Achievement

### That's how Bridlington's Harbour Commissioners can look back on 2013.

It could also be described as a year of innovation and change.

- A number of new vessels arrived, adding to the already substantial fishing fleet, and the long-awaited restoration of the Three Brothers was finally completed.
- We had at least one tv celebrity visit us – Ade Edmondson – and we saw the launch of a new harbour website
- In the second half of the year, a new school initiative was launched to help youngsters

in Bridlington gain a better understanding of the important role the harbour plays in the life and economy of their home town.

- and last but not least, we saw a new Chairman of Commissioners appointed

### THE HARBOUR IN BUSINESS

Bridlington continues to be the best performing shellfish port in the United Kingdom. The latest official figures show that the total value of landings in a year remains around the £6m mark, of which almost £2m comes from edible crab landings and £3.5m from lobsters.

Our fishing fleet remains one of

the most modern in the UK, with boat owners continuing to invest in improving existing vessels, in new vessels and in the very latest sea-going technology.

Approximately 90 per cent of shellfish landed at Bridlington is exported live to the near continental markets of France and Spain and there is a high probability that lobster and crab landed here is served in the finest Parisian restaurants.

Helping us to achieve and maintain our top place in like-for-like ports are no fewer than 400 people employed by around 100 companies, all based in or around the harbour, making it the heart of Bridlington's economy.



Winners and runners-up in the inaugural schools competition, pictured with Sue Kirke, Deputy Head Teacher at Hilderthorpe Primary School and George Traves.

### THE HARBOUR AND THE COMMUNITY

The harbour is both geographically and socially at the centre of Bridlington's community, providing employment, business opportunities and pleasure to local people, day trippers and holidaymakers.

Last year saw the launch of a new community initiative aimed at promoting this vital role. Working in partnership with the Hilderthorpe Primary School, the Commissioners launched an educational project which saw around 80 children aged seven to nine take part in a programme

that looked at the history of the harbour, boat-building and repair and traditional skills.

The youngsters were asked to produce items of artwork, photography and writing, which were later placed on display at the town's library in King Street. It is hoped the programme can be run again this year but with a different group of youngsters.

Every youngster who took part in the school initiative is to be congratulated for his or her efforts in helping to make the event such a success. Vouchers were presented to the runners-up and winners in each of the categories by the then chairman, George Traves, but the eventual and overall winner was Joshua.

### **THE HARBOUR ONLINE**

Also last year, the Harbour Commissioners launched a new website which carries up-to-date information on tides and dues, day-to-day activities, forthcoming events and developments within the harbour.

Why not have a look at the website – [www.bridlingtonharbour.com](http://www.bridlingtonharbour.com). If you would like to offer an article or forthcoming event to be considered for inclusion on the website, please contact the harbour office or email [mike@tprc.co.uk](mailto:mike@tprc.co.uk).

### **THE HARBOUR ON TV**

Television presenter and comedian Ade Edmondson visited the resort on a number of occasions last summer for filming and interviews for a new tv series on Britain's coastal communities. He and his crew boarded the restored Bridlington coble, the Three Brothers, and set sail for some 'at sea' shots, although the choppy water led to a few worried brows.



Recently appointed chairman of the Commissioners, Chris Wright (right), and vice chairman David Snowden.

### **ALL CHANGE AT THE HELM**

**We also saw a change at the helm as former Harbour Master Chris Wright was appointed Chairman of the Harbour Commissioners in succession to George Traves. David Snowden was appointed Vice Chairman.**

“ Among our priorities for 2014 will be the continuation of essential maintenance of the harbour and piers, introducing improvements to reduce the effect of swell to enable the building of additional pontoons, and to generally help our fishing fleet to ensure sustainability in shellfish landings” – Chris Wright. ”

**The Chairman, Commissioners and Staff wish all our Harbour tenants, commercial and private craft users, a very happy and prosperous 2014.**