



BLOOMING LOVELY: Flowers on the city walls, in Coppergate Square and in the Memorial Gardens help York shine for its entry in Yorkshire in Bloom. For more details on the Blooming City and other campaigns to improve York, see page 2.

Plans show city pools progress

COUNCILLORS have been asked to approve extensive improvements to Yearsley Pool this summer, subject to planning permission.

Plans include replacing the old roof, wall cladding and ventilation system as well as carrying out essential improvements in the plant room.

The pool will be cleaned and re-grouted, with new floor tiles and drainage channels laid around it. New lighting will be installed in the changing areas which will be operated by sensors and wider fire exits will be fitted.

External work planned will improve access and include three disabled parking bays and a dedicated footpath and cycle path to the front.

The work has been designed not only to improve the energy efficiency of the building and meet building regulations, but customers will also notice a cleaner, brighter feel to their visit.

The poolside temperature will feel warmer in winter, slip hazards will be reduced and the quality of the water will be maintained and enhanced. Yearsley Swimming Pool will be shut for 16 weeks from 9 July for

the work to take place.

Meanwhile, plans are progressing for a new six lane swimming pool at Oaklands which aims to open in early 2009 subject to planning permission.

The plans include a learner pool, an extension to the gym, a hydrotherapy pool with changing rooms and a new viewing area.

Funding has been made available from the sale of the Barbican and all facilities will be available to the community.

● For more details on the new York High School at Oaklands see page 2.

Summer in the city's looking fine and pretty!

IN THIS summer's issue of *School's Out!* you will find information on lots of great days out.

The council is working on bringing new activities in such as photography, archery, and fencing, new music events and lots of great play provision for younger ages.

There are a lot of special days this year too, from sports showcases to arts festivals. See the publication to find out what's on.

This year the council is launching the new *It's-Up-2-U!* project, sponsored principally by Norwich Union. Groups of between two to five young people aged between 10-19 years old are invited to submit a community project into a competition to win huge prizes.

Fancy a trip to Disneyland Paris? Then come up with a plan on how you can improve your community.

You will find lots more details in your *School's Out!* magazine.

● The summer issue is now available in schools, libraries, community centres and City of York Council receptions.