

IN BRIEF

Village social club celebrates major refurbishment

MARTHAM: Villagers are celebrating the £20,000 refurbishment of Martham Sports and Social Club this weekend. There is a barbecue and live band tonight, followed by a family fun day from noon tomorrow. Money raised at the club – which has undergone a complete transformation, carried out with help from local people – is spent on Martham's playing fields and sports teams. The club, which has 165 members, is hoping the opening weekend will mark the makeover and attract new faces. For more information call 01493 740252 or email MSSC2013@hotmail.co.uk.

Police appeal after red diesel is stolen

NEW BUCKENHAM: Police are appealing for information after thieves stole 140 litres of red diesel from a digger. Between 5pm on August 23 and 8.25am on August 27, thieves stole a full tank of red diesel from a JCB digger parked on Castle Hill Road. Anyone with information should call Norfolk Constabulary on 101

Van is stolen from outside owner's home

DEREHAM: A van was stolen from outside its owner's home in Heidi Close. Police said the silver Mercedes Sprinter had been securely parked, but was taken between 11pm on Wednesday and 6.45am the following morning. Contact PC Lee French at Dereham police station on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



■ The cast for the production of Ibsen's A Doll's House, for the 2013 Hostry Festival. Picture: SUBMITTED

Come along and meet the faces behind the festival

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People are being invited to find out more about an autumn arts extravaganza celebrating Norfolk talent at a special launch event on Monday.

The Hostry Festival is returning to Norwich Cathedral for the third year this October with a packed programme full of drama, music, art and more, including a headline production of Ibsen's A Doll's House.

The event will run from October 24 to November 3, and at the launch event, visitors can meet some of the people behind the festival and also find out how they can join the 100-strong team of volunteers.

Artistic director Stash Kirkbride said: "It will be a really lovely evening launching the festival, giving a taster of what is on offer this year, and highlighting some of the 22 events. People will be able to meet some of the performers and also the

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"The night is also a chance for people who might want to volunteer to find out more. We are always looking for people to do front of house, meet and greet, and give out programmes. There are also opportunities for backstage volunteer work and production assistants, and helping with set building. We are also looking for people to be on hand to represent the My Norfolk art exhibition, which lasts for 10 days over the festival."

At Monday's launch, a short film about the 2013 festival will be shown and there will be interviews with some of the people involved in this

year's event. A model of the set design for A Doll's House will be on display, and Total Ensemble Theatre Company will be giving a performance. There will also be piano music by Veronica Haro.

This year's highlights include: the Norfolk Arts Awards; Starlings on the Green by Hamilton Wilson (a new piece of writing based on the themes of Ibsen's play); a Norfolk Authors in Profile event with Rose Tremain and Louis de Bernières among the guests; a My Norfolk exhibition celebrating the county in visual art; and a Chamber Orchestra Anglia concert.

→ **The launch at Norwich Cathedral's Hostry is 7pm-10pm on Monday. It is free to attend but people need to book a ticket in advance by calling the festival's box office on 01603 598676.**

For more information visit www.hostryfestival.org.

Youth choir is looking for new members

A talented choir is looking to build on five years of success by recruiting new members from across Waveney.

The North Suffolk Youth Choir wants enthusiastic boys and girls, aged 12 and above, who are keen to try their hand at a variety of styles of singing and to develop their musical ability.

This year, the choir has sung in locations as far apart as Benjamin Britten's childhood home in Kirkley and King's School, Ely. They have an programme of concerts and workshops lined up for the coming year, starting with a concert featuring the new junior boys group at All Saints Church in Ringsfield at 4pm on October 6. Members of the choir will take part in Britten's opera Noye's Fludde at St Margaret's Church in Lowestoft in November.

Auditions take place on Thursday, September 12 from 5.30pm. Email secretary@nsyc.org.uk or ring 01502 722906.



Burglars steal power tools

Police in Wymondham are hunting for burglars who stole power tools from a business in Wymondham.

Between 4pm on Wednesday, August 7, and 7.45am on Thursday, August 8, burglars broke into a business on Ayton Road by forcing a back door.

Various power tools were stolen from inside and police would like to hear from anyone who may have witnessed the incident. Contact PC Sherry Locke on 101

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