



## No limit for drivers caught by camera

A confusing trend is emerging in the number of drivers caught speeding on our roads.

Every year Norwich's two most profitable cameras, both on Dereham Road, are catching more and more people.

Already this year, more motorists have been caught than in the whole of last year by the camera at the junction with Norwich Road and Dereham Road.

This is despite the warning signs and an increased awareness that the cameras are there.

When placing speed cameras the police need to get the balance right between encouraging drivers to stick to the speed limit and catching heavy-footed motorists.

If each year more and more drivers are falling prey to a now notorious camera then the deterrent of having a camera in place clearly is not working.

Motorists get caught at the Costessey speed trap thinking they are still in a 40mph zone on a dual carriageway, rather than in a 30mph area.

We would call on police to make sure the camera and speed signs are made more visible so that there can be no doubt in motorists' minds about the limit.

## Spotlight shines on local authors at festival

The written word has been celebrated at a special day focusing on Norfolk authors.

The Norfolk Authors in Profile event was held yesterday as part of this year's Hostry Festival at Norwich Cathedral, which ends tomorrow. In the year that Norwich received the Unesco City of Literature status, the Hostry Festival organisers teamed up with independent book store The Book Hive, in London Street, and Writers' Centre Norwich to bring a selection of local authors to the stage to talk about their work.

Among the writers taking part was Ilteringham-based Elspeth Barker whose first acclaimed novel was *O Caledonia* and who discussed her new book, a collection of selected writings, entitled *Dog Days*. She told literary fans that her new book, published by Norwich-based Black Dog Books, is an eclectic mix of her writings over the last 20 years or so and takes its title from a piece of writing looking at four-legged friends that have featured in her life.

Seventy-one-year-old Elspeth, a mother of five and grandmother of four, and whose children include novelist Raffaella Barker, shares



other snapshots of her life through the book – everything from growing up in Drumtochty Castle in Scotland, to her garden and her appreciation of the Norfolk landscape.

Elspeth, now married to the writer Bill Troop, also includes in her new book some writing about the loss of her first husband, the poet George Barker.

North Norfolk-based Simon Gough discussed his latest book, *The White Goddess; An Encounter*, his first book of two, which concerns the extraordinary events

surrounding his relationship with his great uncle Robert Graves. While Suffolk-born Sarah Ridgard, who now lives in Norwich with her husband and two children, discussed her first novel, *Seldon*. Other authors on the bill included Stash Kirkbride, Peter Beck, Peter Barrow, Dennison Smith and Doug Scroggins.

The Hostry Festival continues tonight with the final performance of *Hamlet: The Undiscovered Country* and Total Ensemble Theatre Company's Prologue show, from 7.30pm.

Then the festival concludes with a final day of events tomorrow, including cellist Claire O'Connell in concert with violinist Marcus Barcham-Stevens from 2pm. For full details and ticket prices, go to [www.hostryfestival.org](http://www.hostryfestival.org), and to book tickets call the Norwich Cathedral box office on 01603 218 323 or 01603 218450.

Pictured, left to right, Stash Kirkbride, Peter Beck, Peter Barrow, Sarah Ridgard, Simon Gough, Elspeth Barker, Dennison Smith and Doug Scroggins.

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# City drop ticket prices for cup clash with Villa

Norwich City has listened to calls from its supporters and dropped ticket prices for the club's upcoming League Cup quarter-final.

Just 16,465 attended the Canaries' Capital One Cup fourth round victory over Tottenham Hotspur on Wednesday night, some 10,000 short of Carrow Road's capacity.

The ticket price of £30 came in for plenty of flak from supporters so the club's chief executive, David McNally, **pictured**, gave supporters the chance to tell the club where they had gone wrong.

Using his official Twitter account, @DavidMcNally62, the City boss asked for feedback on the ticket prices and was inundated with responses.

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A poll held on [www.eveningnews24.co.uk](http://www.eveningnews24.co.uk) on Thursday discovered that most City fans felt £25 would be a fair price, with 46pc of more than 1,000 people who voted choosing £25, ahead of 42pc voting for £20.

The debate has continued to rage for two days but now the club has reacted positively and reduced the price for the early-December quarter-final against Aston Villa at Carrow Road.

McNally,

again using his Twitter account shortly before 7pm last night, said: "Capital One Cup quarter-final, Tuesday, 11th December, 7.45pm kick-off, Carrow Road, Adults £25, Adult concessions (65+) £15, under 16s £5.

"Tickets on sale to season ticket holders from 9am on Monday, 5 November. General sale from 9am on Wednesday, 14 November."

The news will be welcomed by Canaries'

supporters who can now look forward to the club's first League Cup quarter-final

in 17 years being a likely sell-out.

The Evening News revealed yesterday that tickets for the Tottenham match at Carrow Road were the most expensive of any of this week's seven Capital One Cup matches – even more than the £25 charged for the clash of English football giants Chelsea and Manchester United.

Mr McNally also confirmed that the match against Villa, who are managed by former City boss Paul Lambert, will not be screened live on television.

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