

IN BRIEF

Man bailed after
'suspicious
device' reports

GORLESTON: A man in his 40s has been released on police bail following an incident which saw armed police called to a Gorleston home amid reports of a suspicious device. Police were called to Viking Close at 10.30am on Thursday morning. A seal was placed around the address whilst officers from the armed response and bomb disposal units carried out searches. The device was later identified as non-suspicious and two items, thought to be BB guns, were seized. A man, arrested in the Lowestoft area in connection with the incident, has been released on bail pending further enquiries until March 30. Supt Roger Wiltshire said: "I would like to thank local residents for their assistance whilst officers made their enquiries."

Arson attacks prompt
appeal for witnesses

GORLESTON: Police are appealing for witnesses after an arson attack. It happened at approximately 10.25pm on Wednesday when a tree was set alight in Veronica Green. Witnesses should call 101.

St John staff will give
life-saving advice

THORPE END: Staff from St John Ambulance will be raising awareness of baby CPR. They will be at the front of Sainsbury's, on Pound Lane on Tuesday from 10am until 4pm. Advice will include putting an infant in the recovery position and giving CPR.



■ The now-demolished Mecca Bingo, in All Saints Green. Inset, a sketch of proposals for new student housing on the site.

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Flats could
be built on
old bingo site

The former Mecca Bingo site in the heart of Norwich could be turned into a 230-bed development of student flats.

The site, opposite John Lewis in All Saints Green, has been empty for five years, following the demolition of the former bingo hall.

London-based Alumno Developments has lodged an application with Norwich City Council for the flats, which would be specifically for students.

If planning permission for the project, known as The Quad, is granted, the development would be the company's second in Norwich, following the 220-bedroom development next to Norwich bus station.

Join our reader panel and
have your say about the EDP

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Applications have been coming in from readers keen to have their say on the Eastern Daily Press.

We invited people to apply to join our new independently-chaired reader panel to allow some of our regular readers to meet and discuss the newspaper.

How do we deal with the issues which affect you? What do we get right – and wrong? What should we do more, or less, of?

The panel will be chaired by William Armstrong, former coroner and High Sheriff of Norwich.



■ William Armstrong, who will chair the reader panel.

Editor-in-chief Nigel Pickover said: "We have already had some excellent applications from interested (and interesting) readers, but we are still looking.

"We'd like to make sure our panel is representative of a wide range of age groups, including younger

people, and from both women and men. So if you have an interest in helping to make your EDP do even better, then do get in touch."

The panel will meet approximately every two months, at the EDP head office in Norwich.

Meetings will normally be during the day, but there will be at least one evening meeting during the year to allow people who would find it difficult to attend during the day to share their opinions.

If you would like to take part, please contact us by letter or email:

■ Include your name, address and age and your phone number and email address;

■ Tell us how long you have been a reader of the paper;

■ Explain what issues you might like to raise and/or what interests you have;

■ Normally 12 people will be invited to attend. Will you be able to attend every meeting? (It may be possible to rotate panel membership);

■ Would you prefer to attend an evening meeting?

■ Send your application to news editor Celia Sutton, Eastern Daily Press, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. Alternatively, email celia.sutton@archant.co.uk

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