

IN BRIEF

Farmers celebrate at blessing of the plough service

LITTLE DOWNHAM: The annual blessing of the plough took place in St Leonard's Church, on Sunday, with many local farmers taking part. The service was conducted by Alan Martin, with Reverend Bernard Arnold giving the address. The lessons were read by the chairman of the Ely branch of the National Farmers' Union, Luke Palmer, and local farmer Roger Martin. The organist was Michael Murfett. A plough was taken into church for a blessing with many of the local farming community taking part in the service.

Wind farm group is holding bingo night

STRETHAM: The Stop Strettham Wind Farm group is hosting a bingo night on Saturday. It is taking place to raise funds for the group's campaign, and will be held in the church hall, in High Street, at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Christmas decorations on their way to Kenya



■ The Doddington Kindergarten School in Kenya which is to receive an early Christmas gift.

The Ely branch of Sainsbury's has given its Christmas decorations a new lease of life by donating them to a school for use next year. Sainsbury's handed over an array of colourful festive items to volunteers working for the Doddington Kindergarten School, in Kenya.

The school was built by volunteers and has progressed from a small hut into a block built building over the past few years. The donation from Sainsbury's is being shipped to the school for them to use to brighten up the classrooms next Christmas.

Store manager, Karen Watts said: "We had lots of really nice comments about our decorations this year so I'm really pleased that we can give them a new lease of life next year by donating them to the school in Kenya. I hope they get as much enjoyment out of them as we did this year."

Hypnotherapist wins national recognition

Ely hypnotherapist Dan Regan has been awarded a national hypnotherapy prize for his work developing his business. The National Hypnotherapy Business of the Year award is delivered annually by the Hypnotherapy Business School.



Dan runs his sessions out of the Ely Complimentary Centre, in St Mary's Street. He became a hypnotherapist five years ago after himself suffering with anxiety and confidence problems.

Mr Regan said: "I am delighted to receive the award and would like to thank all of my former and existing clients for supporting me in working to help as many people as possible end the misery of anxiety and panic attacks."

Steve Miller, director of the Hypnotherapy Business School, said: "Dan has demonstrated the entrepreneurial talent in building his business at the same time as putting the client first."

UKIP councillor who failed to show is out

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A City of Ely councillor has lost his seat after failing to attend a meeting for six months.

Jeremy Tyrrell was informed in December that he had "ceased to be a member" after he failed to attend a meeting in six months.

He was elected to Ely South in 2013 but as there is less than six months to the next election no by-election will be called.

When contacted by the *Ely Standard*, Mr Tyrrell said that he had been "heavily occupied elsewhere" and added that there had been "pressure with other commitments" that had prevented him attending meetings.

Mr Tyrrell has stood for UKIP



"I've been heavily occupied elsewhere and with pressure from other commitments too."

Jeremy Tyrrell,
former City of Ely councillor

in elections for seats on both East Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council.

He made headlines in 2013 when he came to the rescue of Portuguese migrant Victor David, who was ordered to stop running his water bike business by council officials.

Mr David was told he was

"trading illegally" by Ely's Waterside without a licence. As a result, Mr David had to pack up his 11 water bikes at the height of the summer, costing him hundreds of pounds in lost trade.

Mr Tyrrell stepped in on Mr David's behalf, lobbying council officials and allowing Mr David to trade from his land while the dispute was resolved.

Cannabis found in East Cambs drug searches

Police confiscated hundreds of pounds worth of cannabis in separate incidents in East Cambridgeshire, on Sunday.

Officers were carrying out patrols in Burwell following a recent spate of burglaries, when they stopped a car at about

9.40pm.

They carried out a search of the vehicle and discovered £150 worth of cannabis - which was subsequently seized.

At about 1.20pm, police carried out a raid at a house in The Butts, in Soham.

Cannabis was discovered, along with 10 small plants. A 49-year-old man from Ely was issued a caution for the production of cannabis. Last month, police conducted six search warrants in the Ely area and seized controlled substances.

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