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Photo: ADRIAN JUDD



Beauty spot house blaze horror

THIS was the terrible scene at one of Norfolk's best-known beauty spots when fire broke out in a picturesque thatched cottage.

Forty firemen battled for more than two hours to save the historic cottage, close to the National Trust's treasure, Blickling Hall, near Aylsham.

Six crews were called out to put out the fire, which badly damaged the 19th century property late on Saturday.

But it could have been much worse.

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Fun and games by the sackful

THIS might not be a conventional sport in Olympic terms, but in the Mile Cross area a gold medal in the sack race meant everything. Hundreds of families turned out for the community's "Olympics."

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Double boost

NORWICH City Football Club have been given a double-boost thanks to the news that Andy Johnson (pictured) and Danny Mills have agreed new three-year contracts with the Canaries.



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He's penniless

A NORWICH grandfather has been left without a penny to live on — despite winning a long-running battle to receive benefits.

Former businessman Barry Barney (pictured) is living without furniture after a double blow from the Benefits Agency.



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by RICHARD GOODFELLOW

FAMILIES living on a troubled Norwich estate were today told that the future was in their hands if the heart of their community was ever to beat again.

A call to arms has gone out to everybody living on the Fiddlewood Estate at Catton to bring families closer together and solve the problems they face.

The community has been dogged by problems since a group of shops that formed the communal heart of the estate was forced to close down because gangs of teenagers scared off elderly residents who had been using them.

Then the trouble began to escalate as vandals wrecked the three empty shops and tore tiles from the roof, posing a danger to passers-by and creating an eyesore.

But now the shops have been pulled down (see picture, right) by Norwich City Council, which wants to give the centre of the estate a fresh, hopeful start.

It is the council and the police who

NEW START FOR ESTATE

have issued the new rallying cry to the local community.

The council wants everyone on the estate to play a part in what should now happen to the large empty space of land where the shops once stood.

Residents will also have a chance to look at wider issues on the estate, such as crime.

Barbara Simpson, chairman of Norwich City Council housing committee, said: "We have got to decide

where we go from here and get the different relevant committees involved.

"We have got to look at how we are going to redevelop the area and we need to hear from all interested groups.

"We were not very happy at having to demolish the shops, but there were problems associated with the empty buildings.

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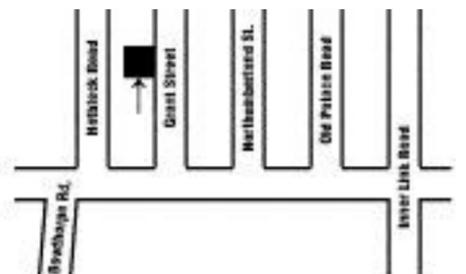


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