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# Globetrotting Daniel starts book on scholarship trip

By LUCY CLAPHAM

A travelling teenager with a passion for geography is hanging up his walking boots to embark on a written adventure about an exploratory trip of a lifetime.

Daniel Evans left his home in Filby to embark on a four-month trip through Alaska, America and Canada at the end of last year after winning a gap-year scholarship with the Royal Geographical Society.

And after touching back down on Norfolk soil, the 19-year-old, who has a passion for travel writing and has documented his love of the planet in his online blog, is now penning a book about his adventures.

The former Flegg High School student said: "I've always enjoyed travel writing, but on my American trip I only really used my blog to publish my work. I hope that this book will set the foundations for potentially more books, as I embark upon future trips."

Daniel was among thousands of students who applied for a scholarship.

Keen to live the American dream, while exploring some of the world's most stunning landscapes, Daniel used his £4,000 to jet off to Alaska, the USA's west coast and Canada.

He spent most of his time in Alaska, where he studied the effects of global



**BRIDGING THE GAP:** Daniel Evans visited locations including San Francisco during his time between attending Flegg High School and starting at the University of London.

warming on permafrost, and spent time with some of the world's leading professors on field trips and excursions.

He said: "The other project I worked on was a pioneering investigation into trying to calculate how much

methane is bubbling from our world's lakes.

"It meant very cold work out on frozen lakes but the investigation has just featured in the National Geographic and to have worked on a project, which has made it to those

glossy pages, is incredibly enriching."

He is now preparing for his next adventure – studying physical geography at the University of London.

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GREAT YARMOUTH

## Knitting help needed to spin art exhibition

People with a knack for knitting are being invited to help create a piece of colourful art that will feature in an upcoming exhibition in Great Yarmouth, celebrating a unique area of the town.

Students from Norwich University of the Arts are working with Yarmouth-based Sea Change Arts to create 20 works, inspired by Yarmouth residents' memories of the historic St George's and King Street areas of the town, which are currently undergoing a major regeneration.

The BA graphic design students are using photography, sculpture and visual arts to create their pieces.

But one young artist, Helen Mak, is harnessing the old age craft of knitting to create her piece, which will feature woolly sections as part of its design.

And skilled knitters are now being called upon to help with the final piece by coming along to some creative sessions.

The designs will use a pattern for cable knit, and knitters are asked to bring along their own 8-10mm needles if possible, but wool will be provided.

■ **The sessions are being held at The Drill House, York Road, Great Yarmouth on Wednesday, March 13 and Wednesday, March 20 from 2pm - 4pm. Refreshments will be provided.**  
■ **For more details and to sign up call Siobhan on 01493 745458 or email [siobhan@seachangearts.org.uk](mailto:siobhan@seachangearts.org.uk)**

NORTH NORFOLK/NORWICH

## Oompa Loompa fundraisers

Oompa Loompas will be running around three town centres next week fundraising for Comic Relief.

The group of six people, dressed up as the film characters, will be collecting money on March 15 and 16 in Aylsham, Cromer and Norwich.

It has been organised by Taylar Ramsbottom, owner of The Look unisex beauty salon in Alby, near Cromer.

The Oompa Loompas are friends and relatives of the beautician.

All proceeds from treatments carried out by Miss Ramsbottom between March 15 and 17 and March 19 will go towards Comic Relief.

■ **To book an appointment at The Look ring Miss Ramsbottom on 07880 885406.**

WEST NORFOLK

## Top marks for council website

West Norfolk council's website – [west-norfolk.gov.uk](http://west-norfolk.gov.uk) – has been awarded a maximum four stars in Society of Information Technology Management's annual review.

It compares local authority websites by looking at usability, structure and content.

Web team manager Andrew Howell said: "This is a fantastic achievement for the small but dedicated team who deliver our online services."

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