

Amy's art efforts honour granddad

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A schoolgirl's google-eyed stones are helping raise funds for research into a form of dementia suffered by her late granddad.

Amy Covell of North Walsham set about her money-spinning after the death of her "gramps", Michael Wade, last December.

The 10-year-old has held a cake sale at the town's Victory pool, raising more than £100, and has just completed an 18-mile walk from Wroxham to Aylsham and back alongside the Bure Valley Railway.

But she is also selling her stones with painted faces for the cause.

Mum Colleen of Birch Close said Amy started making the stones as part of a "five challenge" money-generating enterprise scheme at Manor Road Junior School last year and had "just carried on".

Mrs Covell, who is a teaching assistant at the infant school next door, said her stepfather Mr Wade, a retired electrician, suffered from Lewy body dementia as well as Parkinson's in later life.

Amy wanted to raise funds for research into Lewy bodies, which are tiny protein deposits that kill off nerve cells and brain tissue.

Mrs Covell praised Amy for her walk, where she did not complain for a moment – but admitted she and her



■ Amy Covell with some of her decorated stones.

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daughter were used to walking, as she could not drive, which meant a weekly walk to Waitrose on the edge of town.

→ People can still support Amy's fundraising efforts through www.justgiving.com/Steve-Covell/

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Hosts toast group's second anniversary

The City Host scheme has celebrated its second anniversary.

Hard to miss in their highly visible Norwich Business Improvement District (BID) branded "How to Help" tabards, the City Hosts welcome, guide and assist visitors throughout the Norwich.

The volunteers help out with key events in the calendar such as the Christmas light switch on and they are now preparing for the GoGoDragons! where they will be sporting new tabards helping to



■ Stefan Gurney has thanked all the volunteers in Norwich who act as City Hosts.

promote the trail. Hosts will also be out and about during Norwich BID's Head Out, Not Home free summer evening events programme starting on Thursday, June 25.

Stefan Gurney, executive director of Norwich BID, said: "I am very proud of our City Host scheme and I give enormous thanks to all the volunteers who dedicate their time to assist others in the city centre and who are so passionate about Norwich."

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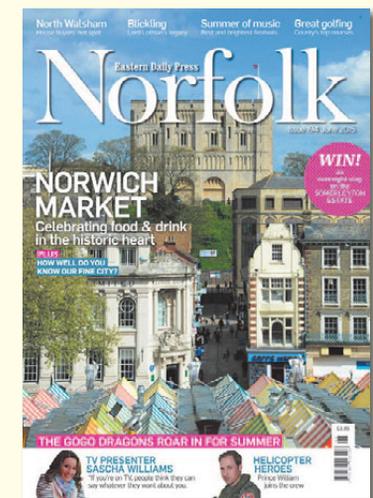
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