

## Did you see vodka thief?

Police have been hunting a thief who stole cigarettes and vodka from a Bradwell shop.

A man went into the Crab Lane shop around 10.55am last Thursday and spoke to the store assistant, asking for two packs of cigarettes and a bottle of vodka. He then asked for an item from behind the counter and as the shopkeeper turned around he grabbed the cigarettes and vodka and fled.

The thief was pursued and detained by the shopkeeper with the help of another and the vodka recovered, but the offender then left.

Anyone who saw the thief, or with information about who he is, is asked to call PC Nick Kitson on 101.

## Graffiti crime

Offensive graffiti has been scrawled on walls and railings around Gorleston.

Police are investigating after areas of Hertford Way, Pembroke Avenue, Magdalen Way and Nuffield Close were graffitied between 4pm on March 6 and midday on March 7. Anyone with information can call officers in Gorleston on 101.

## Ramp stolen

A metal ramp used for wheelchair access was stolen from outside a property in Bermondsey Pace East, Great Yarmouth, on March 6.

Anyone who saw anything between 10.50am and 12.30pm is asked to call police on 101.



**TRAVELLER:** Daniel Evans spent just under four months travelling through Alaska, America and Canada on a geography scholarship. Some pictures from his travels. Daniel pictured in front of the Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco, looking towards the city and the bay, inset, Daniel pictured in front of the rocky coastline before Resurrection Bay in the fishing settlement of Seward, south Alaska.

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# Discovering a natural world

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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 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, which he hopes to get published next year.

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

of hopefuls who applied for a scholarship and was one of 14 successful scholars who received a grant.

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

He said: "Some of my fondest memories were made during those trips, and I have great respect for (geological engineering professor) Ronald Daanen because he realised I shared his passion and buzz for discovery. 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 made it to those

glossy pages, is enriching."

But his travels were not all spent in freezing landscapes as he also enjoyed the natural wonders of Niagara Falls and Yosemite National Park, Christmas and new year in the LA sunshine and the celebrated landmarks of Seattle and San Francisco.

"I have been thinking long and hard about the highlights, and it's extremely difficult to single a specific one out, mainly because I experienced such diversity," he added.

"For arousing the imagination, it has to be Alaska. It provided serenity and bliss, and also made me aware that despite its enchanting array of flora and fauna, it's fragile and at the hands of exploitation."

Since returning home Daniel's travels have not stopped, as he has been in demand country giving talks about his excursion to groups - including schools and colleges - on behalf of the Royal Geographical Society.

In September he will be relocating to the capital to study physical geography at the Royal Holloway, University of London.