

NEWS IN BRIEF

Shawn Cuddy is coming to town

IRISH singing sensation Shawn Cuddy is coming to Soham tomorrow night. He is performing at The Brook, in Brook Street, from 9pm onwards. Tickets are £16. Call (01353) 721748.

Bolivia is subject of talk at WWT

'BOLIVIA: A Country of Extremes' is the title of a talk being held at the Welney Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust Centre next week. Richard and Joan Munns are hosting the talk on Tuesday, April 8 at 7.30pm. Admission is £2 for members or £3 for non-members. Call (01353) 860711.

Capture the magic of 'War Horse'

WAR Horse (12A) is being screened live from London's National Theatre in Ely tomorrow night. The screening is being held at The Maltings, in Ship Lane, at 7pm. Tickets are £12.50 for Ely Cinema members or £12.50 for non-members. Call (01353) 666388 or visit www.adec.org.uk.

Lunchtime concert at cathedral

GUITARIST Michael Christian Durrant is performing at Ely Cathedral today. The lunchtime concert starts at 1.10pm and entry is free.

Crafts galore at free event in Ely

EVERYTHING from handmade cards to gifts for the home will be on sale at Ely's Lighthouse Centre tomorrow. The centre, in Lynn Road, is holding a bumper craft fair from 2.30-5.40pm. There will also be raffles, tombolas and refreshments. Entry is free.



BUMPER SALES: From left: Barry Aldridge, Sue Aldridge, Jill Shepherd, Becky Buck and manager Shirley Love with the new sensory trolley

Book gives nursing home a boost

A NURSING home has been able to buy a special sensory trolley thanks to bumper sales of a book.

Memories of RAF Witchford was published last winter when Sue Aldridge, from Ely, made her ill husband's dream of having his own book published come true.

Barry, 67, who has Alzheimer's, lives at Soham Lodge Care Centre and Sue

decided that the money raised through the sale of the book would be split between the Soham Lodge Residents Fund and the RAF Witchford Display of Memorabilia.

Almost 500 copies have sold in just a few months, including one to the Queen, and the care centre has used the funds so far to purchase a sensory trolley for the benefit of all residents.

Restructure sees ADeC services cut

SOME local arts services provided by leading organisation Arts Development in East Cambridgeshire (ADeC) are to be axed.

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Now grant funding for the Ely-based charity is soon to become the responsibility of the City of Ely Council rather than East Cambridgeshire District Council, ADeC says some of its services will be scrapped this month.

Although the organisation says it is "very pleased" to be working with the city council, it also says the changeover is leading to a restructuring.

As reported last week, grant funding for the charity, as well as funding for Ely Museum and ownership of The Maltings, is being transferred to the city council.

Among the ADeC services being axed is the small grants scheme which it currently runs to help out smaller arts organisations.

A spokeswoman for ADeC said: "We are very pleased to be working with the city council, and believe this is in the best long-term

interests of ADeC. However, the end of our core arts development funding from the district council means in the short-to-medium-term, our focus will be on the development of our venue-based activities, including Ely Cinema and the Babylon Gallery, and the delivery of high quality arts-based projects.

"Some of our activities, which form a part of our current funding agreement with the district council, including our small grants scheme and the free advice service for groups and individuals wanting to develop arts activities, will come to an end from this April."

The organisation's director, Jane Wilson, is leaving in mid-April and there will soon be two co-directors - Nathan Jones and Caroline Cawley - both of whom are existing staff members.

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