

Tell us your news

Call our reporters on 07501 481521

To find out what's on at local theatres, don't miss **Going Out**, free with the Norwich Evening News every Friday.



Shakespeare's Hamlet inspires plays for festival

Shakespeare fans are in for a treat later this year with a double helping of shows inspired by one of his tragedies.

The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, is the starting point for two new performances being specially created for the Hostry Festival, at Norwich Cathedral this autumn.

The festival's headline show, Hamlet: The Undiscovered Country, will look at what happens after the final scene of Hamlet, and just before each performance the Norwich-based inclusive theatre group Total Ensemble will perform Prologue, a piece of movement theatre inspired by the original play.

Total Ensemble Theatre Company artistic director Rebecca Chapman said: "Prologue is being tailor-made to go before the main production. We thought a really



Performance: Rebecca Chapman with members of Total Ensemble. PHOTO: STEVE ADAMS

good way of preparing the audience for the new Hamlet play would be to have a troupe of strolling players, like in Elizabethan times, who are going to re-enact the original Hamlet

using movement theatre." Total Ensemble integrates disabled and non-disabled performers, aiming to bring people together as performers. Among those taking part are

Kizzy Baxter, 15, from Norwich, playing the young Ophelia, and Tillie Curson, 15, from Norwich, part of the chorus.

Tillie said: "It is really good to be a part of a group which is so diverse and being able to create something so unique." Caitlin McClay, 17, from Norwich, is playing the older Ophelia. She said: "I am really enjoying being involved. The group is all about people flourishing."

→ **Prologue followed by Hamlet: The Undiscovered Country is on from October 30 to November 3. For information and to book visit www.hostryfestival.org.**

→ **Have you got an arts story for the Evening News? Email emma.knights@archant.co.uk.**

Emma Knights
emma.knights@archant.co.uk

Police hunt burglar

A laptop and a mobile phone were stolen after a burglar sneaked into a Hellesdon home while the householders were asleep.

The crime happened in Vera Road, off the ring road, between 11pm last Wednesday and 6am the next day.

The burglar took a Toshiba laptop and a Samsung mobile phone. Detectives would like to hear from anyone who saw the burglary or noticed anything suspicious in the area around the times stated.

→ **Anyone with information should call Det Con Phil Paddon at Norwich CID on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.**

MP's visit to abbey

North Norfolk MP Norman Lamb, pictured, will visit St Benet's Abbey near Horning tomorrow morning to inspect progress in the restoration being carried out by Norfolk Archaeological Trust.

The Heritage Lottery funded scheme is repairing the gatehouse and windmill and will provide improved access, signage and community engagement.

Trust director Peter Wade-Martins said: "We are pleased to have the chance to show Norman the high quality conservation repair of the buildings and to discuss our plans to promote green access here." The trust is encouraging access by foot, bike and boat.



Sign up to streetlife.com and you could win an iPad

Streetlife.com is offering you the chance to win a fantastic new iPad, so you'll be able to keep in touch with your local community even when you're out and about.

The Evening News launched the local social network in Norfolk two weeks ago, to provide readers with a simple place to connect with neighbours and share practical information, advice and opinions about the area.

The more people who join in, the more useful streetlife.com becomes, which is why we're encouraging everyone to get involved and help build a trusty source of local knowledge.

You can use the site to ask questions about the place you live, discuss local news, services and events, and to exchange

belongings, skills and recommendations with neighbours.

It's free and easy to join with just your email address and postcode, and streetlife.com will put you in touch with the people and conversations in your area.

You can post messages, events, polls and pictures, and locals will be able to respond. Not only will your conversations be seen on streetlife.com, they'll also be displayed on our website www.en24.co.uk, and we'll be featuring conversations and trending topics in the Evening News.

Everyone who joins by the 24th August will be entered into the prize draw to win an iPad.

For your chance to win, sign up today at www.streetlife.com.



iPad worth £399*: stunning Retina display, 5MP iSight camera, ultra-fast wireless. To enter the prize draw simply sign up to streetlife.com

streetlife.com is the new local social network brought to you by the Norwich Evening News



How it works

- Go to streetlife.com and sign up with your postcode and email address. It's free and easy, and you'll automatically be linked to the people and conversations where you live.
- You can post messages, events, polls and pictures, and locals will be able to respond. And you can help out your neighbours by sharing your knowledge, opinions and advice about the area.

*Apple iPad with Wi-Fi 16GB (3rd generation); case not included. Retail price correct at time of going to press. Prize draw open to streetlife.com users with activated accounts at 11.59pm on Friday 24th August 2012. Users must be aged 18+; one account per individual. Winners will be drawn at random and notified by email. By joining streetlife.com you agree to streetlife.com's terms of use and your details being passed on to Archant Anglia. This prize draw is running in multiple titles.

