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Park's cricket tradition is to be revived

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**Safety plans for A1071**

A PROJECT to install special road surfacing is being considered for a notorious stretch of the A1071. The £15,000 plan - part of an investigation into 13 accident blackspots in Suffolk - is aimed at improving safety at hazardous bends near Hadleigh.

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**Schoolgirl sex case**

A NURSE who tried to groom a schoolgirl for sex was caught when an undercover police officer posed as a 14-year-old, a court heard. Andrew Dart, 27, of Coniston Square East, Ipswich, went to meet the "girl" in London after sending her lewd messages and arranging to meet for sex, jurors were told.

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**Artwork runs into trouble**

BRIGHTLY-painted shelters near Halesworth's war memorial have been criticised for being "completely inappropriate". The town council has defended the colour scheme.

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**Thorpeness house blaze**

A FIRE badly damaged a cottage in Thorpeness, near Aldeburgh, early yesterday morning. A 40-year-old man was detained under the Mental Health Act following the blaze at about 2.25am.

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# Pubs feeling the economic pinch

**CLOSURES:** Camra warns drinkers could be paying £5 a pint by 2012

By Russell Clayton

AN INCREASING number of Suffolk pubs are calling time for good because of plummeting trade, it has been claimed.

The "triple whammy" of the economic slowdown, the smoking ban, and cheap supermarket drinks has

thrown the county's pub industry into crisis - and there were claims last night it could lead to pub drinkers paying £5 a pint within a few years.

Thirty-six pubs across the county have closed for good in the last five years because of progressively difficult trading conditions - and more will follow, industry analysts have warned.

It comes as the county's brewing giants, Greene King and Adnams, announced alarming decreases in

year-on-year beer sales. The Campaign for Real Ale (Camra) has warned pub-goers could be forced to pay out £5 a pint by 2012 unless something is done to reverse the decline in the industry.

Nigel Smith, Camra's Suffolk area organiser, said: "There have been about 300 permanent pub closures over the last 30 years in Suffolk as a whole. We have

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WEATHER



with Chris Bell, of WeatherQuest

Today

Area A
Morning: Sunny periods, and largely dry for many, but a few showers will develop.
Afternoon: Occasional showers, possibly a few heavy ones, but still brighter spells in between.
Details: The day's high will be 19C (64F) with a light or moderate wind from the south-west.
Tonight: Fair and dry with clear periods, but tending to become increasingly cloudy later. Minimum tonight around 9C (48F) in a light south-westerly wind, becoming southeasterly.

Area B
Morning: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain, turning more showery by late morning or midday.
Afternoon: Rain soon turning to showers with some brighter spells later.
Details: Winds light or moderate south-westerly, top temperature 17C (63F).
Tonight: Fair and dry with clear periods, but tending to become increasingly cloudy later. A light south-westerly wind, becoming south-easterly; temperatures will fall to 10C (50F).

North Sea
South-westerly force 4 to 6, sea slight near shore, moderate offshore.

Local outlook

Tomorrow
Mainly overcast with a period of heavy rain, turning more to showers later. There will be a moderate south-easterly wind, the max temp 17C (63F) min temp 13C (55F).

Saturday
Mainly cloudy with showery outbreaks of rain which could be heavy and persistent at times. A moderate southerly wind. Max temp 19C (66F) min temp 12C (54F).

Sunday
A mix of sunny intervals with showers or further longer spells of rain for much of the day. Light north-westerly wind and a max temp of 18C (64F) min temp 10C (50F).

Weather at noon



UK summary

South
Staying rather cloudy for much of the day with shower rain at times. Tonight one or two showers early on, then cloud increasing in the early hours will bring rain. Max 17C (63F) Min 11C (52F).

West
Cloudy with showery rain expected for a time, easing away and brightening up later. Tonight soon becoming cloudy with patchy rain which will become persistent, and heavier later. Max 18C (64F) Min 10C (50F).

Midlands
Bright spells, but often rather cloudy with a scattering of showers, one or two quite heavy. Tonight fair and dry with clear periods, but tending to become increasingly cloudy later. Max 18C (64F) Min 9C (48F).

North
This will be sunny spells with the chance of scattered showers, perhaps thundery in the west. Tonight dry and fair with patchy cloud, and lengthy clear periods, leading to a few misty patches. Max 17C (63F) Min 7C (45F).

Scotland
Drier in the east, but rather cloudy with scattered showers in the west, some perhaps thundery. Tonight dry



and fair with patchy cloud, and lengthy clear periods, leading to a few misty patches. Max 15C (59F) Min 6C (43F).

Wales
Sunny spells, but cloud building to bring scattered showers, perhaps thundery in the north. Tonight a dry start with clear spells, but cloud increasing through the early hours will bring rain later. Max 15C (59F) Min 9C (48F).



World yesterday

Table with columns: Place, C, F, Weather. Lists cities like Algiers, Alicante, Amsterdam, Athens, etc. with their respective temperatures and weather conditions.

Europe

Much of southern Spain will have a dry day with sunny spells, however, more cloud is expected across Portugal and northern Spain with rain. Much of France, the Alps, Germany and Poland will be cloudy with persistent and at times heavy rain. Low pressure will bring unsettled weather to much of Scandinavia. South-eastern Europe and the Mediterranean will be sunny with an isolated shower for Turkey.

High tides

Table showing tidal differences on Harwich for various locations like Lowestoft, Southwold, Aldeburgh (front), etc.

Britain yesterday

Table showing weather conditions for various British locations like Aberdeen, Angley, Ayrton, etc.

Sun & Moon

Sunrise 0612 sunset 1935. LIGHTING-UP TIME: Sunset to sunrise. Moonrise 1159 moonset 2005. Phase of moon: First quarter on September 7 at 1504.

Professional weather services for the region www.weatherquest.co.uk Speak to the forecaster direct on 09065 777675 (calls cost £10 a minute)

NEWS

Why cricket

TRADITION: Park to host the sport again, 55 years

By Richard Smith

THE sound of leather on willow will once again ring out at an historic parkland this weekend - after a gap of 55 years.

When Campsea Ash Park Cricket Club folded in 1963, a classic venue for the summer game - Ash Park - was lost. But now the idyllic setting is preparing to host cricket again and some of those who remember sporting action at the park all those years ago will be there to see the long-awaited return on Sunday.

The gala match, hosted by Campsea Ash Wanderers and featuring "Suffolk" and "Norfolk" teams, came about after Richard Keeling, the present owner of Ash Park, was approached by Andrew Cadman, of Wickham Market, and James Morford, of Campsea Ash. Mr Cadman used to live on the Ash Park estate as a boy; he remembers carrying water to the two pavilions - one was for tea and the second was for changing - and his father Alfred mowed the pitch.

Mr Keeling was bowled over by the idea of bringing back cricket there and he said: "It was a deer park here and the gardens were one of the finest in Suffolk.

"Rather than just leave this land for cows and to take the hay out of it, it seemed a good idea to bring back cricket."

Next season the Wandeviers will be playing their home games at Ash Park. The park was once renowned as one of the best grounds in Suffolk and Campsea Ash took on teams from Lowestoft, Thorpeness, St Andry's Hospital, Melton, RAF Martlesham, Orwell Works, Mistle Bay, Bawdsey Eyke and Rendlesham.

The original High House, a 25-bedroom country mansion, at Campsea Ash and its estate of 2,350 acres was built in 1905 by John Glover.

In 1945 John George Sheppard, the owner of the Campsea Ash estate, formed the cricket club and he invited the famous I Zingari, an amateur English cricket club side, to play on his pitch.

Cricket was then played for more than 100 years but in 1963



OLD STUMPS NEW PITCH: Magnus Spence (right) and Richard Bertram at Campsea Ash Park ref: ch 06 Campsea Ash 01

Photograph: OWEN HINES

the High House mansion was demolished and the club moved to Woodteridge School and became known as Deben Valley.

Richard recalled: "We used to cycle here and spectators used to come from Campsea Ash and the surrounding villages. All you could hear were the birds and, at certain times, the seaman train coming through and it is marvellous that cricket is being played here again."

Children will play cricket from 11.30am on Saturday followed by the adults match at 1.30pm. There is a fete and money raised will go to Campsea Ash Village Hall.

Both Roger and his brother Richard were born in nearby Hacheston. Roger, now 84 and living in Wickham Market, was a batsman and Richard,

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AS IT WAS: The now demolished High House in Campsea Ash Park ref: ch 06 Campsea Ash 14

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NEWS


# is rising from the Ashes

after the team folded




**HITTING OUT FOR OLD TIMES' SAKE:** Richard Bertram bats with team-mate Magnus Spence and brothers Richard and Roger Rackham in the slips preparing for the gala match at Campsea Ashes park on Saturday set on Campsea Ashes 03. Left, Campsea Ashes cricket team 1940s. Back row, from left: Dennis Nunn, Peter Clements, Billy Jewhurst, Roy Burrows, Ken Palmer, Leslie Palmer, Roger Rackham and Arthur Hall. Front row, Dennis Williams, Richard Rackham and Bill Lankester set on 06 Campsea Ashes 12

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