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We can all play our part to beat cancer once and for all

It is everyone's worst nightmare to be told they have cancer.

With statistics that one in three people will develop some form of cancer in their lifetime, the c-word strikes fear into the most rational of person.

However, with new advances in medicine, improved screening and detection, and increased awareness, more and more people are beating the disease and are able to tell their story to inspire others.

Attitudes to cancer have changed remarkably in recent years. However, there is still work to do to ensure people are aware of the signs and symptoms and ensure they get checked out if they have any concerns.

All this week the EDP will focus on the subject of cancer by looking at the treatments and support being offered to local patients, and the research going on in East Anglia to help find cures for some of the 200 different types of cancer.

We will also be telling the inspirational stories of local people's fight with cancer.

Today, the parents of four-year-old Sarah Waller have shared their daughter's incredible battle with the disease after being diagnosed with a rare liver cancer that affects one in 18 million people. Her first day at school in a couple of weeks will be extra special after her premature birth and eight-month fight with hepatoblastoma.

The family will be leading off a March on Cancer event in Norwich in October, which we can all get involved with to help raise awareness and funds to help beat cancer once and for all.

Keep on trucking!

The noise might have disturbed a sleepy Sunday for some people living in Norwich, but it's a small price to pay for an event which gives so much pleasure to so many.

The annual East Coast Truckers Convoy celebrates its 30th year next year and it has become a fantastic date on the city's calendar. It's a day when big-hearted truckers allow disabled and disadvantaged children to clamber up into their cabs for a trip to treasure.

Perched inside these mammoth machines, the delighted youngsters head off in these lorries to enjoy the fun and thrills of Pleasurewood Hills.

And, all along the route, there are crowds of families waving at them, with mums and dads seeming to enjoy the spectacle as much as their children are.

Long may the convoy keep rolling!

Farewell to film legend

With the death of Richard Attenborough, we have lost one of the true legends of cinema.

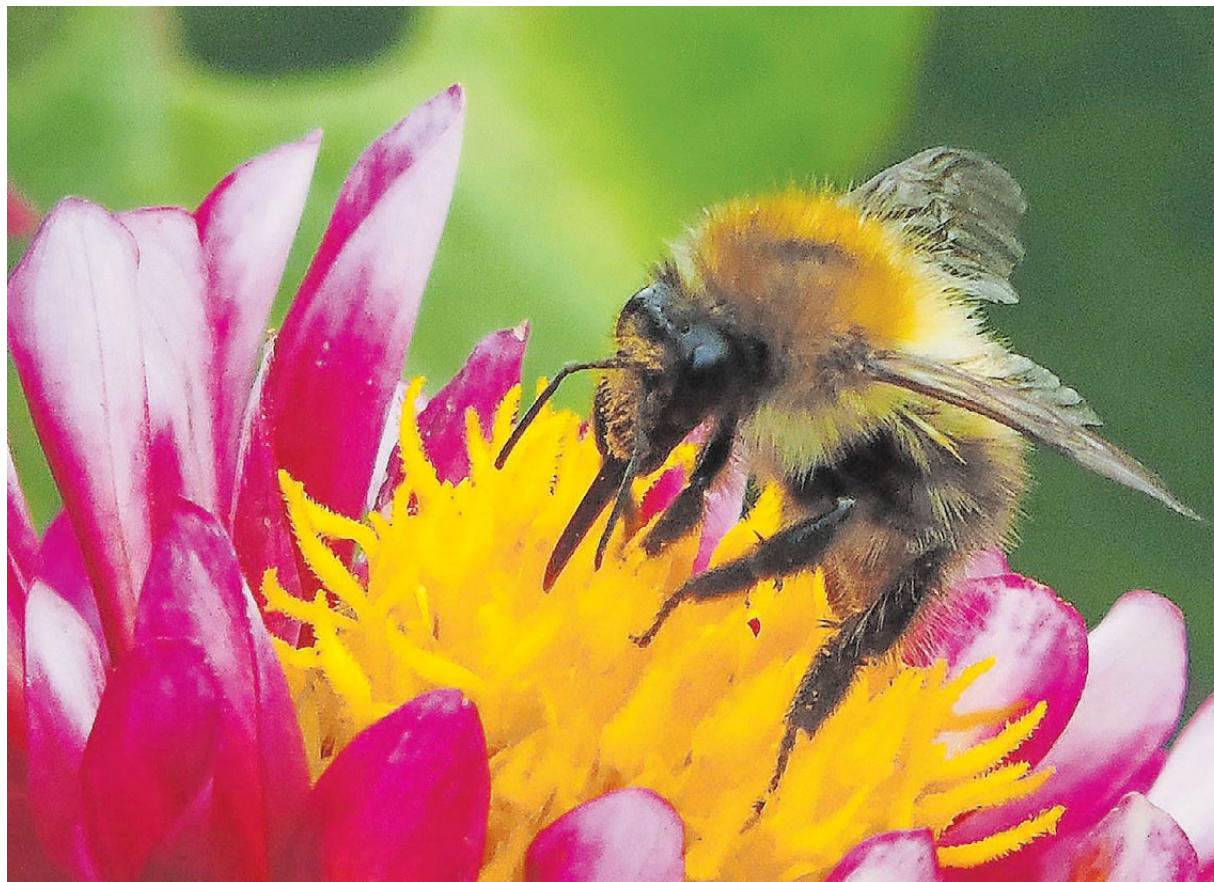
As an actor, he starred in films which became some of the most successful of his generation, including Brighton Rock, The Great Escape and Jurassic Park.

Lord Attenborough then turned to directing classics including Gandhi.

We pay tribute to his amazing contribution to the big screen.

READER'S PICTURE OF THE DAY

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■ This busy bee at East Ruston was caught on camera by Liz Murton. If you would like to submit a picture for possible publication in the EDP, visit www.iwitness24.co.uk

Don't blame the Americans, this is all our own fault

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I was on the 25 bus in Norwich the other day, travelling from the University to the city. The students getting on at UEA asked to go to the train station. An old bloke at the stop on Bluebell Road asked for Thorpe Station – as I would have done.

And then some middle-aged people on Unthank Road wanted tickets for the railway station. So there we had, encapsulated in a just a few minutes and just a mile or so, visible and audible evidence of a change in speech. (The bus itself had "rail station" on the front but no one says that.)

The gradual disappearance of "Thorpe Station" from Norwich people's usage is due to external factors. Since there's only one railway station in the city now, it's no longer necessary to specify which one you want, though it's interesting that there's been a time-lag of a good thirty years for this to even start taking effect.

It's less easy, though, to explain why people have stopped saying "railway station" and started saying "train station". I don't recall hearing anybody in this country, apart from small children who didn't know any better, calling it that until about twenty years ago.

But "train station" is what Americans



■ Norwich Railway Station, now the only one in the city.

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have always said, at least as far back as I remember (and that's getting to be quite a long time now).

It's true that Paul Simon is an American, and that his famous song, *Homeward Bound*, begins: "I'm sitting in the railway station." But he did, supposedly, write it at Widnes station – and of course the two syllables of "railway" fit the melody. But in all the modern books which describe differences between US and British English, the opposition between 'train station' and 'railway station' is mentioned. And that's my experience too.

So we can blame the Americans then?

Hardly. If we stop using our term and start using theirs, that's our doing. It's nothing to do with them. And the change can't be explained in terms of young people casually throwing Americanisms into their speech in order to sound trendy. Some time in the past two decades older people in positions of authority have made the decision to take down old signs saying "railway station", including expensive electronic signs, and replace them with new ones reading "train station" – at Gatwick Airport, for instance, and many other places. Don't blame the Yanks. That was us what done it.

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No power in the sky above or in the earth below will ever be able to separate us from the love of God.

Romans 8:39

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