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Government support for project is good news for children

There has been very little good news in recent months for Norfolk's children's services department.

Staff have faced criticism from many quarters and only last week a troubleshooter, who has previously worked in other under-fire authorities, was brought in to provide support.

This newspaper has held the department to account and will continue to do so in the months to come.

However, we understand the huge pressures and challenges facing those who deal with some extraordinarily tough situations on a daily basis.

So we welcome the announcement of £1m from the government to help children stay in education.

There is very welcome collaboration between the county council, other public bodies and charities to develop a project which combines educational support and therapy.

A so-called virtual residential school will be created which could stop 180 children ending up in care.

That has to be good news for the youngsters and their families.

And in a culture where money is so important, the fact that £3m could be saved from the extra costs of care provision and out of county specialist support has to make sense.

The grant is clearly not the whole answer and money can't solve all the county's problems.

However, it is important help and we trust that if more tangible support is needed from Whitehall then it will arrive.

Don't do 'bloke thing'

It's a simple message and it's been said before. But it is a message which can't be emphasised enough.

Men must stop ignoring their bodies and take action if they think something is wrong.

When firefighter Dale Cammidge, a crew manager based at the North Lynn Fire Station, started to find it difficult to swallow, he put it off for a month before he went to his doctor. But he did go – and tests revealed throat cancer at an advanced stage.

He went through 500 hours of chemotherapy at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital and 30 sessions of radiotherapy in just six weeks, and is now thankfully well again. Now his message to his fellow -men is "Don't do the bloke thing and ignore it."

Cancer is curable – increasingly so – but we all need to take action when we know it is the right thing to do.

Sue's wonderful legacy

It's a fitting tribute to Sue Wylie, a talented craftsman, for her vast collection of miniatures to go on display.

It was her dying wish for the years of dedication to be shared for others to enjoy and be inspired by.

And thanks to her family and Wroxham Miniature Worlds, that dream has now been realised.

The intricate doll-like scenes are not only a joy to see, they are the legacy of a truly talented woman.

READER'S PICTURE OF THE DAY

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■ A busy sanderling captured by Simon Bamber at Titchwell. If you have a photograph you would like to submit for possible publication in the EDP, visit iwitness24.co.uk

Maps show changing importance of towns and villages

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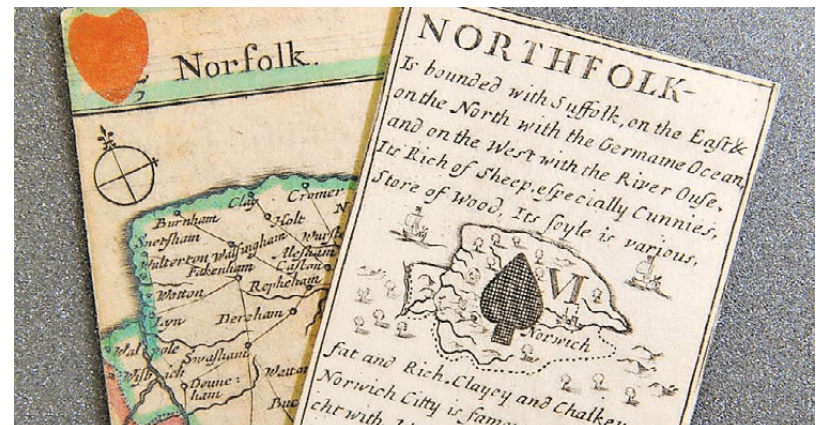
Some months ago, we saw in the EDP that a rare first edition set of playing cards was sold at Sotheby's in London, for £15,000. This greatly surprised the auctioneers, who were expecting no more than £4,000.

The cards were drawn and produced by a famous London cartographer and book-seller called Robert Morden, and published by him in 1676 – during the reign of King Charles II.

The interesting thing for us was that each of the cards in the pack presented a map of a particular English county. The card which had the map of Norfolk on it was the five of hearts: the EDP reproduced a picture of it to accompany their article.

One important thing about the playing cards was that, as Sotheby's had announced, for many counties these cards were the first-ever maps to actually show any roads. On our map, you can see the Norwich-Cromer road, the Norwich-Thetford road, and the Fakenham-Lynn road, among a number of others. The main rivers are also portrayed.

The maps also showed what were, at the time, each county's most important towns, and it's interesting to see what they were in Norfolk – Morden based this aspect of



■ Playing card maps by Robert Morden (1676) and William Redmayne (1677) were donated by Raymond Frostick to the Norfolk Record Office. Picture: SIMON FINLAY

his maps on information received from local informants in each county. Norwich, Lynn, Dereham, Swaffham, and Yarmouth are there of course. But Cley, which was a major port at that time, is also shown on the map, and so is Worstead, as an important producer of textiles. Towns just over the border into neighbouring counties are also shown: Wisbech, Brandon, Bungay, Beccles and Lowestoft.

Wisbech is given as Wisbich on the map, and Beccles appears as Beckles. A number of the other spellings are also very interesting. It is clear that Morden's informants had used spellings which represented the way in which the place names were actu-

ally pronounced at the time. Wymondham is spelt Windham, which makes very good sense to us; and so does Aylsham as Alesham. Lynn is Lyn, Diss is Dis, and Worstead is Wursted.

There is also important material here for people interested in the correct pronunciation of those local place names which there has been a certain amount of uncertainty about in recent years. It's good for people who favour our traditional local pronunciations to see that, three and a half centuries ago, Lowestoft was spelt Lowstof, and that Cley was spelt Clay. That is, of course, how these names should still be pronounced today.

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You make the path of life known to me. In your presence there is complete joy.
Acts 2:28

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