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The pieces are in place - so let's roar Canaries to victory

So, after rather a lot of huff and puff at Portman Road on Saturday, it comes down to one match.

But it is not just any match. For Norwich v Ipswich is about so much more than that.

It is about regional pride, workplace bragging rights and a feelgood factor that can last for weeks – or a feelbad factor, if you are on the wrong end of the result.

When the Canaries run out to face their old foes next Saturday, they will know that a win means Wembley for a 50-50 shot at a return to the stellar players, billionaire teams and unbelievable riches of the Premier League.

They should also know that they have the class to beat the Tractor Boys. And they will certainly know that they have, in their corner, many thousands of the best supporters in the world.

Those supporters are planning to turn Carrow Road into a wall of yellow and green. And there is no doubt they will also turn it into a wall of sound.

The ingredients are in place for a famous and unforgettable derby victory. But the single ingredient that cannot be guaranteed is the performance of the players on the day.

Thankfully, City have a squad of players who clearly care, driven on by a manager in Alex Neil who is proving himself to be a great motivator and tactician.

In the days to come, we promise to play our part, with the most comprehensive coverage possible.

Norwich City are part of the fabric of the region that we champion. Their success is our collective success – both in terms of the economy and our morale.

So together, let's make sure that this is a week to remember.

Protecting our history

When thinking of the Broads, what so often comes to mind is the stunning landscape and tranquil waters.

But it is its buildings too which make the region's waterways an iconic destination.

So celebrating and protecting the structures which are integral to the area's heritage is key.

The Broads Authority's proposal to create a heritage list for the waterside chalets on the northern rivers will help to protect some of the area's most magical views.

It's strange that some three decades ago the authority put forward a plan to pull down some of the bungalows.

Now they have certainly got the right idea to mark their existence and keep them from change.

The vote on Friday to put these historic chalets on the local list is an essential part in preserving this region's past.

Be responsible over pets

They are cute and cuddly... but they weren't wanted.

That's a problem highlighted today as an RSPCA centre in west Norfolk hunts for homes for three litters of kittens which have turned up on their doorstep.

As the manager of the centre says, cats are beautiful creatures, but there are too many of them in the world.

Getting your cat neutered is the responsible way to look after your pet.

READER'S PICTURE OF THE DAY

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■ Ducks and swans at Pensfield caught the eye of Steven Asker. If you would like to submit a picture for possible publication in the EDP, visit www.iwitness24.co.uk

Can't see the wood for the baum, boom and tre?

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One of the most fascinating things about languages is that they change. This is an inherent characteristic of human language: all languages change through time. Speakers change their languages – but they don't know they are doing it, and they certainly don't do it on purpose. It just happens. We don't really know why.

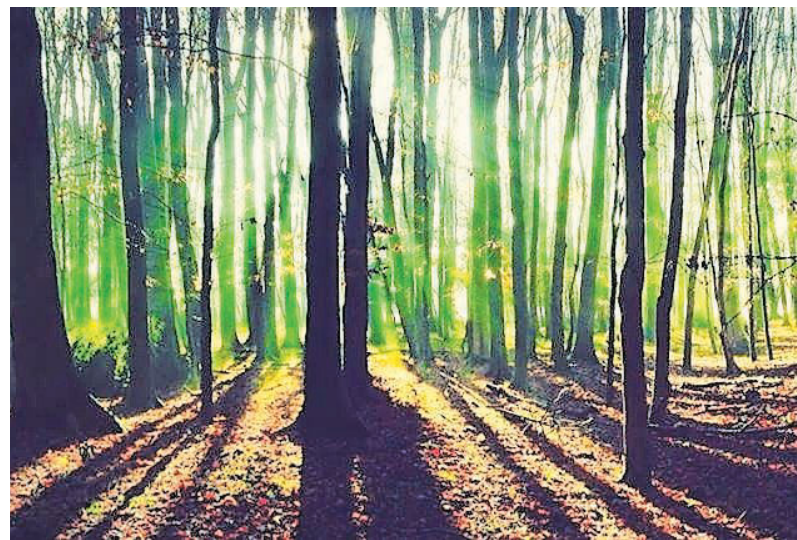
One way in which languages change is in the meanings of words. This happens gradually, and changes are usually subtle to start with.

You can see rather clearly how this happens by comparing English with the languages it is related to – in the sense that they have all descended from a single common Germanic ancestor over the last 2,000 years.

The Norwegian word 'kinn' has the same origin as our word chin – but it means cheek. Swedish 'ben' is the same as our bone, but it refers to the leg.

Danish 'sky' doesn't mean sky but cloud. German 'Zeit' comes from the same root as English tide, but it means time. Dutch 'bos' is related to English bush, but it means wood or forest.

In fact, Germanic words for wood are very interesting generally. The German word for tree is 'baum'; the Dutch word is



■ There are so many ways old words for wood and trees have entered our language.

'boom' – these have the same source as English beam: a beam is, after all, made of a tree. English tree corresponds to Norwegian 'tre', but in that language 'tre' also refers to wood as a material, as if we were to say "this desk is made out of tree". The corresponding German word for wood as a material is 'holz', which is the same word as the name of our Norfolk town, Holt, where it meant a small wood.

Our word wood corresponds to Norwegian 'ved' – but that means firewood. If you want to refer to a wood or forest in Norwegian you have to say 'skog'.

We don't have this word in English – except that in our region we actually do. The Sco in Sco Ruston, earlier Scouriston, comes from the Old Norse word skogr, meaning wood or forest in the language of the Viking settlers.

And Haddiscoe was originally Hadd's wood, with the -scoe part again coming from that Old Norse word.

We have no idea who Hadd was, but his name lives on in Norfolk – as do all these different Germanic words for wood, albeit with their meanings subtly changed in different ways in the different languages.

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Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink.. Is not life more than food?

Matthew 6:25

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