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ANIMAL LOVERS SEEKING 'LOST' PETS

Animal lovers in the south of the county have set up a new organisation, following the theft of their beloved pets.

They are now appealing for information from any other pet owners who think their animals may have been stolen. Organisers of Catwatch are asking people to contact them on their hotline 07798 716379. All calls will be treated in strictest confidence.

Investigations have already revealed that cats and dogs have gone missing along the A15 corridor and a suspicious looking vehicle in the area was found to have false number-plates. Large-scale cat disappearances have also been reported in the Market Deeping, Spalding and Holbeach areas.

"We do not presume to know why cats are being stolen, if indeed they are. We merely want to compile information to see if any patterns of evidence can be gathered and pass the information on to the appropriate authorities," said a Catwatch spokesman.



Crystal: One of the missing family pets

LIZ HAS THE WORLD IN HER SIGHTS



Liz Holmes is right on target

After just two years' pursuing the hobby of field archery, Liz Holmes from Bourne has won a gold medal in the World and European championships. And it was a display of the sport at a country fair at Grimsthorpe Castle which inspired her to take it up in the first place.

The ancient sport dates back to the middle ages and involves pin-point accurate target shooting with arrows travelling at 270 feet per second. Unlike their medieval counterparts, they do not use real quarry but replica animals are aimed at instead. Her husband, Graham, also became world champion at the same event staged in the Scottish Highlands.

BISHOP PRAISES ALMSHOUSE BOOK

It wasn't just Linda Crust's diligent research which came in for praise from the Bishop of Lincoln at the recent launch of her book 'Nine Centuries of Lincolnshire Almshouses'. The Rt Revd John Saxbee also praised the architectural imagination of the almshouses' original builders who didn't simply construct 'boxes' for people to live in but created buildings of character and quality. "We are celebrating the great history of a movement which has gone hand in hand with the church," he added.

The book is the latest to be published by Lincolnshire Heritage Trust and is available for £12.95 from all good bookshops or from Heritage Lincolnshire, The Old School House, Cameron Street, Heckington, Sleaford, NG34 9RW for £14.95 including packing and postage.

Linda Crust with the Rt Revd John Saxbee, Bishop of Lincoln



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ENGLISH HERITAGE HELPS DEAN'S EYE WINDOW PROJECT



English Heritage is offering Lincoln Cathedral £194,000 for further work to the fourteenth century Dean's Eye window, considered to be one of the most important conservation projects in any European Cathedral this decade.

Restoration work started in the late 1980s when the window was first removed. An exhibition in the north transept of the Cathedral records the window's

history and the progress of the restoration. The project is twinning new technology with traditional methods – a photogrametric computer design has enabled the project team to draw a template of the window on to a specially constructed tracing floor.

The £1.5million project is due to be completed in 2006.

A pictorial representation of the Dean's Eye window in the Cathedral exhibition with (inset) the window depicting Adam and Eve

£1MILLION REFURBISHMENT FOR HISTORIC INN

More than £1million is being spent on restoring the Angel and Royal in Grantham, the oldest coaching inn in the country. Described by Pevsner as 'one of the grandest of English pre-Reformation Inns', it has been bought by a consortium of local business people who are aiming to turn it into one of the leading town house hotels in the Midlands.

They have called in Andrew Moore, a hotelier with more than thirty years' experience in restoring and refurbishing historic hotels. He is aiming to ensure all the refurbishment is in keeping with the building's history and has already opened up the stone fireplaces to house real log fires. The old Angel bar, which has been shut for four years, is re-opening as a specialist malt whisky bar.

The thirty bedrooms are all being refurbished, with new bathrooms, and four new rooms are being made in the old servants' quarters. It was in this inn that Richard III signed the death warrant of the Duke of Buckingham and King John held his court in 1213.



Grantham's Angel and Royal Inn's new owners are completely refurbishing this historic property

MIKE COWEN

'IDEAL HOME' EXHIBITION FOR COUNTY

Exhibitors at the Ideal Home exhibition taking place at the County Showground later this month are hoping the buoyant housing market will bring them lots of buyers.

The exhibition features lots of home and garden ideas for everything from complete rooms to single pieces of equipment, plus demonstrations of specialist painting techniques, a food court and a craft pavilion.

It takes place on Saturday and Sunday, 22nd and 23rd February from 10am to 6pm each day. For further information please contact 01476 590291.

The Lincolnshire Ideal Home exhibition should have something for everyone

