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Dan is set to expand his city business

Ely hypnotherapy specialist Dan Regan has opened a new practice in the heart of the city.

After five years at Ely Complementary Health Centre, in St Mary's Street, Dan said he had "grown his business to the extent that he needs new premises".

The new Ely Hypnotherapy Centre will open its doors on May 1 at 3A Lynn Road.

Mr Regan began work as a hypnotherapist five years ago after suffering with anxiety and confidence problems of his own.

Mr Regan, who was crowned hypnotherapist of the year in 2014, said: "I am delighted to be able to expand my business so that I can help more people abolish anxiety, end panic attacks and eliminate phobias."

INFO: Contact the centre on 01353 669941 or visit www.danreganhypnotherapy.co.uk

■ Artist's impression of what the new processing plant will look like at Queen Adelaide



Firm unveils processing plant to create energy

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Plans have been submitted for a plant that will convert thousands of tonnes of straw into fuel for homes and businesses.

Pelco has applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council to build the plant in Queen Adelaide, near the Potter Group facility.

The company says that, over the course of a year, the plant will process around 150,000 tonnes of wheat

and oil seed rape straw gathered from farms within a 50-mile radius.

Baled straw would be delivered by road from farms, before being converted into pellets and transported by rail to renewable energy plants across the region.

Simon Barnard, chief operating office for Pelco, said: "We are delighted to submit our planning application for our first pelleting plant having brought together a great team to build and operate it.

"It's very exciting to think that in a little over a year we will be produc-

ing a low carbon biomass fuel sourced from British farms and providing the energy to heat and power British homes and business."

A screening option, approved by the district council earlier this year, outlined plans for the proposed development, which would see one building erected on site and divided into three areas; for storing, grinding and then processing the straw bales. The plant would be capable of operating 24 hours a day and would be able to deal with 150,000 tonnes of straw per year.

IN BRIEF



Police appeal after ram-raid attempt

ELY: Burglars attempted to smash their way into a jewellery shop in Ely. The incident happened at Italian Jewellery, in High Street Passage, at about 4.40am on April 15. It involved three masked people, two of whom used a form of battering ram in an attempt to break into the shop. Contact police on 101.

Stage is set for weekly toddler theatre group

ELY: A weekly theatre group for toddlers has been launched. The group is aimed at children aged 1-3 and hosted by the PlayRight Theatre Company. Sessions take place on Friday from 3.45-4.30pm at the Cathedral Centre, in Palace Green. Sessions cost £3.50. For more details, call 07794 621055 or e-mail youthely@playrighttheatre.co.uk



Scarlett makes a splash with pool marathon

A nine-year-old completed a 1.5km swim in aid of Marie Curie at the Paradise Pool, in Ely, on Sunday.

Scarlett Lomas-Pickering, who attends Sutton Primary School, has so far raised £150 for the charity, which provides support and care for those suffering terminal illness and their families.

Scarlett said: "It was really fun and I enjoyed it."

Her parents, Martin and Andrea, added: "We are proud of her and for a cause close to our hearts too."

Scarlett's grandfather, who looked after by Marie Curie nurses before his death.

■ Scarlett Lomas-Pickering raised £150 for Marie Curie with her sponsored swim, in Ely.

Warning after tools stolen from vans

A spate of thefts, which has seen a large quantity of tools taken from vehicles in the Soham area, has prompted a fresh warning from police.

Officers received reports of three incidents of vans being broken into and tools stolen in the Soham area between April 12-15.

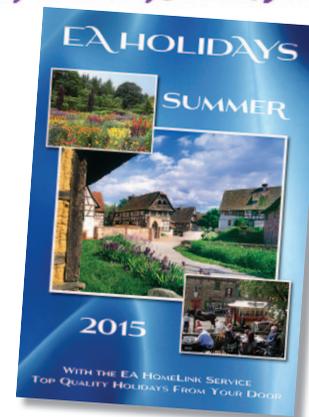
Police have warned vehicle owners to ensure their tools are removed overnight to deter criminals.

PCSO Ian Hawkins said: "If you have a works van or your know someone who does, please make sure to remove the tools wherever possible overnight. "If this is not possible make

sure that power tools in particular are stored in a locked box in the van and that it is parked somewhere well lit with whatever security measures you prefer."

■ Anyone with information about the thefts should contact PCSO Hawkins on 101.

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