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## Norwich City fans caught up in train incident

**Norwich City supporters travelling back from the victory over Millwall have told how they were caught up in an incident on a train, in which two people were hurt.**

The Canaries supporters were making their way back to Norfolk via Cambridge following the 3-1 win at The New Den when the incident happened on Saturday night.

The supporters were on the Cambridge to Norwich train, which left at about 9pm, when a man punched one of the Canaries fans who were in the carriage.

Fans got the man off the train, but he then got back on and punched a man, who was wearing glasses, in the face.

Meanwhile, in an unrelated incident a man was arrested for a public order offence and breach of bail at Norwich railway station on Saturday



Teemu Pukki of Norwich celebrates scoring his side's third goal during the Sky Bet Championship match at The Den Picture: PAUL CHESTERTON

night.

British Transport Police East Anglia tweeted that the man had been charged and remanded in custody.

He is due to appear in court this morning.

## Four call outs for fire service overnight

**Firefighters were called out four times across Waveney during Saturday night.**

A crew from Beccles were called to Gosford Road at 7.40pm to a report of a bin fire.

Firefighters attended the scene and dampened it down.

The Lowestoft South crew were then called out three times between 9.30pm and 1am.

Firstly, firefighters attended The Avenue, in Kessingland, at

9.37pm until 9.57pm to a false alarm from a defective fire alarm.

The crew were then called to Normanton Drive, Lowestoft, at 11.15pm following a request from the East of England Ambulance Service to gain entry to a building.

The ambulance service again requested the assistance of the fire service at 12.11am yesterday, but the crew was stood down at 12.27am and returned to the station.

## Norwich road reopens after two cars catch fire



Colman Road in Norwich was shut after two cars caught fire

Picture: DAN GRIMMER

**Part of Norwich's ring road was shut after two cars caught fire.**

Firefighters were called to Colman Road, close to the Earlham police station, at just before 11am yesterday.

Norfolk police said a car had caught fire, with the

flames also spreading to a nearby vehicle.

They said they had shut the road while Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service dealt with the situation.

A fire crew from Aylsham, wearing breathing equipment, put out the flames.

## Hoop-a-thon boost for charity which supports women who have cancer



The second Hoopathon is held at Open for Little Lifts, raising money for the special boxes given to women diagnosed with primary breast cancer

Picture: SONYA DUNCAN

**A four-hour long charity hoop-a-thon has helped to raise money so a Norfolk charity can provide comfort boxes to lift the spirits of women going through breast cancer treatment.**

The hoop-a-thon, which took place at the Open venue in Norwich's Bank Plain, was the second event of its kind held by the charity Littlelifts.

Littlelifts is a charity which

was created by Oa Hackett, from Bawburgh.

She was 28 when, in 2014, she was diagnosed with primary breast cancer.

Mrs Hackett came up with the concept of Littlelifts - boxes which are offered to women starting chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer.

Powerhoop expert Mr Dod oversaw a series of four 50 minute power-hooping

sessions for more than 70 people who had signed up for Saturday's exercise, with DJ Harps providing music.

Mrs Hackett said: "It went fantastically well. The room was full of energy and lots of enthusiasm."

She said the event was on its way to raising £3,000, which would pay for 70 boxes for women being treated for breast cancer.

# Safety checks at home of retired priest 'not robust enough', says coroner

**The Catholic Church has been advised to take action to prevent future deaths after a Canon died following a fall at his Suffolk home, a coroner has said.**

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Retired priest Brian Frost fell on June 30 last year and sustained severe head injuries.

Following an inquest, a coroner raised concern that the system for checking the safety of the house was "not sufficiently robust", as the 92-year-old was known to fall regularly, and the kitchen floor tiles had become loose.

Canon Frost lived alone, and on the day of his death, neighbours went to his house after hearing strange noises from his garden.

An inquest heard that Canon Frost had fallen and suffered a nosebleed but refused ambulance or medical assistance. When neighbours returned that evening, they found him face down in the kitchen in a pool of blood.

Suffolk coroner Nigel Parsley ruled the death an accident but said evidence revealed "matters of concern" and a risk of future deaths unless action is taken.

The inquest heard that bishops of each diocese are responsible for accommodating retired priests under "grace and favour" tenancy.

The general understanding is that the diocese provides the property and the retired priest is responsible for maintenance with an annual payment to cover costs.

However, the coroner said that the system of welfare checks was "not sufficiently robust and there was no independent assessment for health and safety risks".

"The system appears flawed, depending on the tenant, as it relies on the tenant retaining the

mental capacity to identify hazards and make requests for repairs," Mr Parsley said.

"The welfare system failed to identify and remedy the fact that an obvious and serious trip hazard was present."

The Diocese of Northampton, which owned the house, said all retired priests received visits from a clergy welfare officer and the diocesan property department; that Canon Frost also received regular visits from his locally based family, and that the council had visited and declared him able to live independently.

A statement read: "The coroner noted that the diocese did have a support mechanism in place but that it could be more robust in situations where elderly priests did not accept all the offers of help made by the diocese. As we are always willing to reflect on our practices, we have amended our approach accordingly."