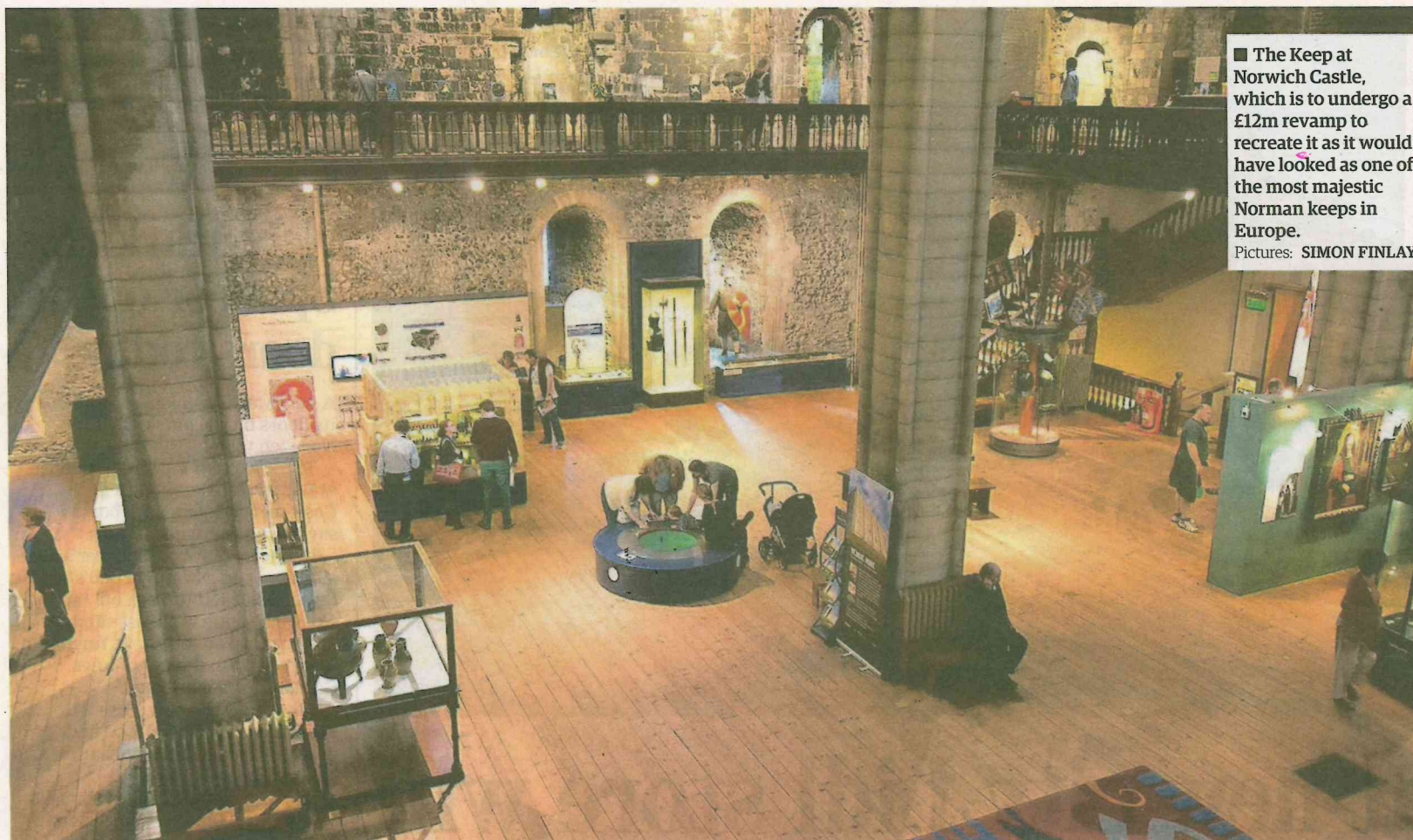


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■ The Keep at Norwich Castle, which is to undergo a £12m revamp to recreate it as it would have looked as one of the most majestic Norman keeps in Europe.
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Funfair signs removed from roadside

Signs advertising a new location of a long-running funfair were mysteriously removed within days of being put up.

About 20 of the 30 new white boards around Cromer, Sheringham and the Runtons, promoting the East Runton event, were stolen last week.

The funfair, run by L Gray and Sons, was moved this year to Beeston Regis to run from August 12 until today because of a Showmen's Guild of Great Britain rule.

It dictated that the East Runton fair could not happen so close to the Cromer Carnival funfair, which is running this week.

The East Runton fair returns to its traditional field on the edge of the village on August 22 and will run daily until August 28.

Larry Gray, from L Gray and Sons, who has not reported the incident to the police, said it would cost about £250 to replace the reusable signs.

MP to chair carers group

A Suffolk MP has been selected to chair an influential group which supports unpaid carers.

Dr Dan Poulter, MP Central Suffolk and North Ipswich, is the new chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Carers, which aims to promote awareness, knowledge and understanding of the needs of unpaid carers in Parliament.

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Carers was formed in 2005 and comprises MPs and Peers who care about ensuring the 6.5 million people in the UK who provide unpaid care for ill, older or disabled loved ones get the support they need. Dr Poulter said he was delighted to have been elected chairman.

Psychic event at The Talk

The Leeway Psychic Supper will take place on September 25 at The Talk on Oak Street, Norwich.

The event will include a wide range of entertainment including an appearance from clairvoyant Sally-Ann Taylor, and a buffet.

■ Tickets are available now for £15 and can be booked by contacting fundraising@leewaynwa.org.uk or call 0300 5610077.

Video booth to capture opinions on £12m revamp of castle keep

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A special video booth is to be installed at Norwich Castle, so visitors can have their say on the ambitious £12m revamp proposed for the museum's historic keep.

Museum bosses want to attract 100,000 extra visitors each year by transforming the keep of the 900-year-old building to recreate how it looked when it was one of the most majestic Norman keeps in Europe.

The Gateway to Medieval England project will cost up to £12m and the museum service is hoping to get £9m from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

To help with that bid, people who visit the castle between Tuesday and Thursday next week will be able to make their contribution in a special video booth.

People will be invited to record their opinions on what should happen to the keep, with the best ones compiled into a YouTube video.

Meanwhile, Hudson Architects and Martin Ashley Architects have been



■ Dr John Davies, chief curator for Norfolk Museums Service, outside Norwich Castle Museum.
Picture: SIMON FINLAY

appointed to work up feasibility options for the project.

Dr John Davies, chief curator for Norfolk Museums Service said: "We hope that The Gateway to Medieval England project will transform the visitor experience at Norwich Castle, restore the Keep's architectural

integrity, and attract tens of thousands of new visitors every year.

■ Do you think the keep revamp is a good idea? Write, giving full contact details, to Letters Editor, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE.

Stepping back in time

Families have been stepping back in time with a host of summer holiday activities which have been on offer at Norwich Castle Museum. More than 2,500 people have taken part in a 'Conquer the Castle' Keep trail, involving a quest for eight items in the keep, while there are also sessions on arms and armour, medieval weaving and Magna Carta. Today and next Wednesday there will be performances of Chaucer's A Knight's Tale, featuring local actor Neil Paris.

Performances are at 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm.

Costumed tours of the Castle Keep are also taking place from Monday to Saturday. The activities are free with museum admission.



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