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The fundraising page for teacher Stephen Webb has already reached its stated goal of £150,000 after just one week.

The Head of English at Hastings High School has been diagnosed

with a brain tumour and the fundraising page was set up so he can receive immunotherapy, which will give him extra time with his family.

On Thursday 19th September Stephen had an





operation to remove as much of the mass as possible.

An update on the fundraising page says that the surgery went well and he is now being closely monitored.

Hasting High School pupils and teachers gathered on the school field to spell SOS- Save Our Stephen recently.

Staff and students have held a fundraising event to encourage the local community to help their Head of English.

Over 3,000 people have donated money to help the teacher fundraise for immunotherapy therapy treatment.

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# **10km Run in Memory of Fundraising Cyclist**

Family and friends of a Stoney Stanton cyclist who died while attempting to complete a charity ride have completed a 10k run in his memory.



John Holubjowsky, from Leicestershire,

was just 28 miles (45km) from the finish of a Land's End to John O'Groats cycle ride when he suffered a fatal heart attack on 18 June 2022.

His widow Keeley said the 25-strong group took on the 10km (6.2 miles) Wolf Run, in Warwickshire, for a second year "*to keep his memory alive*".

They have so far raised more than £2,100 for his dedicated charity, Loros Hospice, from

this year's obstacle-based challenge.

Mr Holubjowsky was attempting to ride the length of Britain, for which he had been training for six months with an organised group, when he collapsed and died.

The 58-year-old, of Stoney Stanton, who had previously run marathons and halfmarathons, had been fundraising for Loros, which cared for his mother and a close friend.

He raised almost £7,000 for the hospice in Glenfield, which he had supported for 15 years.

Ms Holubjowsky described her husband as a *"selfless and generous person"*.

She said: "I feel proud that we can continue to grow John's legacy and fundraise for a wonderful local charity, which keeps his memory alive.

"He was good at bringing people together and he's still making it happen even though he's not here."

The 53-year-old said completing the endurance run last year was not only a *"physical and mental challenge, but emotional too"*.

"The whole time I just think of John, what he went through and it's a reminder of what a wonderful person he was," she said.







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# What a community can do when they all come together!

Dr. Luke Evans MP was invited on Saturday evening to launch the new defibrillator at The Weavers Arms Hinckley, in memorial to Carl Dennis and Adam Clarke.





There was a community spirit inside the pub and it was amazing to see so many faces old and new, who had come to support

who had come to support the launch.

Penny the Landlady and her husband Dave who has known Carl for several years, along with his friends and family wanted to do something in aid of his passing and to have a lasting memory of him and began to raise money and awareness for a defibrillator situated outside of the public House in Derby Road, Hinckley.

The Family asked for donations to be made to G.Sellers at his funeral to raise money for a defibrillator, along with all the regulars and various donations the total amount raised was a staggering £2159.00.

Penny would like to wish a huge thank you to all the family and friends, the monthly Quizzers and Steve and Gail the Quiz masters for all your generous donations to reach the target that was needed.

Dr.Luke Evans said "What a fantastic achievement for our community who have come together to raise funds for a defibrillator in memory of Carl Dennis.

"From what I have heard about Carl I know he would have been proud to have so many family and friends come together, to be able to give back to the community and potentially to save someone's life"...

It will aid so many in the future who may need this, it will help everyone in the community going forward and a constant memory of Carl Dennis who sadly passed in May 2024 and also Adam Clarke who sadly passed away in February 2023 and will be missed by so many.

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Two of our region's biggest and most popular have already been announced – in Earl Shilton and Burbage.

Earl Shilton Town Council presents The Festive Christmas Light Switch on 2024 on Friday, 29 November, from 5.30pm to 9pm.

All of the usual attractions will be there, including Santa's Grotto, Food and Drinks vendors, Gift Stalls, a Brass Band, Live Entertainment and Fair Rides.

So, be sure to go along and enjoy a festive



evening to start the festive celebrations.

On the same evening the hugely popular Burbage Christmas Market will be taking place on Windsor Street, LE10 2EF Burbage.

This is always a magical festive street market with hot and cold food, alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks, gifts, crafts and fairground rides available.

Road closures and restrictions will be in place from 2pm to 10.30pm on the day.

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For the first ever time in the NHS. some chronic pain patients are benefitting from an innovative new way of delivering pain-relieving injections using AR.

George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust is trailing the implementation of AR, through an Apple Vision Pro headset, in delivering ultrasound guided injections. This helps improve accuracy, efficiency and overall outcome for patients.

Dr Arul James, Clinical Lead Chronic Pain Medicine at George Eliot Hospital, who has led this pioneering work, said: "We are proud to be leading on this revolutionary new use of AR in helping patients with their chronic pain treatment during ultrasound guided injections.

"Millions of people worldwide suffer from chronic pain. It affects quality of life and often eludes complete relief through conventional methods.

"Targeted treatments, such as injections and nerve blocks, are critical for many patients. Historically, these procedures required clinicians to shift their focus between the patient and the ultrasound device, affecting both accuracy and comfort, but using AR means there is no break in focus and better accuracy when delivering the treatment."

Christina Redfern, one of the first patients to benefit from the approach, said: "My experience was exceptional. I felt safe in the knowledge that technology was enabling better care. I had been shown the goggles before and Dr James gave me a detailed explanation of how they work, what the benefits were and what to



#### expect.

"As a lover of all things technology, it was exciting and piqued my curiosity in how AR could be used to benefit myself as a patient, as well as patients who I care for in my job as a senior member of the nursing team at George Eliot Hospital.

"During the whole procedure, I felt connected to Dr James as the support team were amazing. They ensured I was comfortable at all times and Dr James told me everything that was going on to help keep me informed."





### Meetings for the month ahead

**Council meetings** are usually held on Mondays at Burbage Millennium Hall and members of the public are welcome to attend. Agendas are published three working days ahead of each meeting and can be viewed on the Council website. At the time of printing, the following meetings, starting at 6.30pm unless otherwise indicated, were scheduled:

- Planning Committee
  October 14 & 28
- Environment Committee October 21
- Administration & Finance
  Committee
  October 7

#### Contact us ...

The parish office is usually open from 9am to midday, Monday to Friday.

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# **Burbage Parish**

### **Neighbourhood Plan survey**

Burbage Neighbourhood Plan is currently under review and residents can help to shape it for the future by filling in an online survey, which can be found on the Parish Council website.

The revised plan, which is being prepared in line with new government guidelines and the proposed new Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council's Local Plan document, will help to steer the development of the parish from 2026 to 2041.

### **Crime prevention event**

Burbage PCSO Darren Stretton will be hosting a crime prevention event at Millennium Hall on **Sunday October 13 from midday until 4pm**, with crime prevention items for sale.

### Grant nominations final call

Nominations of Burbage groups and individuals who would benefit from a charitable grant this Christmas should be made to Burbage Parish Lands Charity **before October 31.** Email michellefrances@hotmail.co.uk or write to The Chair, Burbage Parish Lands Charity, c/o 11 Lysander Close, Burbage, LE10 2GF. Grants will be presented at Millennium Hall on **Tuesday December 10**.

#### **November events**

Road closures are to be in place for **Burbage Remembrance Service & Parade on Sunday November 10** and for **Burbage Christmas Market on Friday November 29**. Look out for information about both events in next month's newsletter.

### A Helping Hand

Burbage Helping Hand pop-up shop will next be at Millennium Hall on **Wednesday October 16 from 1.45pm**. To donate food or funds, please call Teresa on **07785 246086**.

#### **Farmers' Market**

The next Burbage Farmers' Market will be held on **Saturday October 5** on Burbage Methodist Church car park on Windsor Street.

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### **Rail Freight decision put on hold**

A decision on whether or not a National Rail Freight Interchange can be built at Junction 2 of the M69 near Burbage has been delayed until March next year.

The Government's Planning Inspectorate has recommended that consent **should not be given** for Tritax Symmetry's proposed 650acre development close to Burbage Common - but while the Secretary of State for Transport has said she is minded to refuse consent, she has delayed her decision until next March to fully consider the implications of the scheme before giving a final answer.

Parish Councillors, who have been fighting against the proposal - alongside neighbouring parishes, the Borough Council, County Council and area MPs - fear the development would have an unacceptable effect on residents and businesses, would cause severe problems on the local road network and would blight Burbage Common.

- The new decision date is March 10 2025.
- A link to the Secretary of State's statement explaining the reasons for the delay can be found on the Council's website

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Leader and Burbage Parish Councillor Stuart Bray said: "While it's very encouraging that the Planning Inspector is recommending that consent should not be given, we are disappointed that the Secretary of State hasn't rejected this environmentally disastrous scheme outright.

"I would urge the Secretary of State to listen to the Planning Inspectorate and to local campaigners and reject this unwanted proposal."

#### **Council support for Save our Spire appeal**



The Parish Council has donated **£10,000** towards a £50,000 appeal to pay for essential repair work on the spire of Burbage's parish church, St Catherine's.

Parish Council Chairman Cllr David Bill and fellow Councillors joined Principal Officer Juliet Perry to hand over a cheque for the amount to Burbage Rector, the Revd Andrew Hall, at a recent service.

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The Chairty loved meeting so many dogs of different, shapes, sizes, breeds and backgrounds. It was especially rewarding seeing former residents of L.A.A. living their best lives. There were 113 entries into the seven rounds of the dog show which included classes for waggiest tail, best youngster and, of course, best rescue! The judges had a difficult job deciding on 1st,2nd and 3rd places and the winner of each round went on to compete in the best in show round. It was the



winner of the Golden Oldie round, Dayna the Great Dane, who at 10 years old was crowned top Dog in Best in Show.

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# New community comes together at Hollycroft Grange, Hinckley

The Emergency Services were also on hand, with Leicestershire Fire and Rescue and Leicestershire Police providing informative displays and engaging activities.

Local children and their families enjoyed many interactive experiences, from exploring the impressive fire engine to participating in sports and crafts. The Co-op's Cooper the Bear made a special appearance, delighting young and old alike.

The event was a resounding success, fostering a strong sense of community and providing invaluable information to new residents.

Cllr Michael Mullaney, Executive Member for Housing and Community Safety, said: "Hollycroft Grange is an exciting new community for Hinckley offering everything a family may need. This event was a great opportunity for those new residents to come together, meet each other and learn all about the local resources and organisations available to them."







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# **Classic Cars Delight Crowds in Hinckley Again**

The crowds once again turned out in their thousands for Hinckley's Annual Motor Show on Sunday, 15 September.

The streets of Hinckley town centre, as well as Market Square and Argents Mead were once more filled with hundreds of classic cars, vans, motorbikes, steam engines and magnificent vehicles of all types.

Also on show were some of the precursors of all of those vehicles – classic old bicycles which got a lot of interest from the public.

Enthusiasts, those with a passing interest and families just relishing a unique day out were enthralled by the wonderful sights on show.

The weather, for the most part, was kind, with only the occasional downpour prompting those exhibitors with soft top and convertible vehicles on show to rush back to their pride and joy saying: *"Just gonna have to pop back and put the lid back up!"* 

Live rock and roll music was enjoyed by many in Market Square including some fantastic dancers and our own MP Dr Luke Evans.

It was once again a hugely enjoyable event with some truly amazing vehicles on show.

A panel of experienced judges had a difficult task on their hands in selecting just one winner in each of the motor show award categories.



Best Car in Show: Winner: Shaun & Nicola Roberts - VW Camper Van

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