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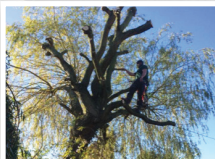
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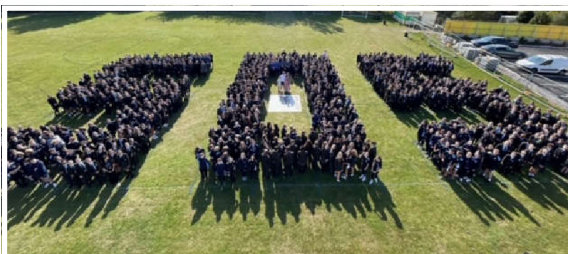
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Thousands Help Stephen Hit Fundraising Target

A fundraising appeal for a beloved local teacher has been shared far and wide and has already hit its initial target!

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.

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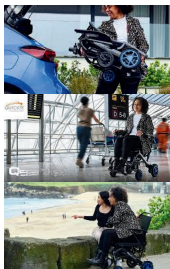
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Top Writing Awards for Hinckley Scribblers

Members of the Hinckley Scribblers writing group have again scooped top awards in the National Association of Writers and Groups (NAWG) Annual Competition, in competition with writers from across the country.

David Potter's story *'The Garden Party'* was selected as the overall winner in the Comedy Writing section, whilst Simon Rees-Jones took the top spot in the Ghost/Horror Story category with his compelling tale *'The Man in the Third Row'*.

David was surprised and thrilled to also achieve further success as a Runner Up in both the Short Story and Crime Fiction categories.

Chair Brent Kelly, said: *"Congratulations to David and Simon and well done to everyone who entered."*

"We have so many talented members in the

Hinckley
Scribblers

a writing group



group and have had a number of successes at this prestigious competition in recent years.

"We're a growing and supportive group and I'm delighted that David and Simon have received this well-deserved recognition."

"We will look forward to entering again next year."

Hinckley Scribblers welcome new members and meet every Friday morning at 10.30 am at Hinckley Library.

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This event is open to all members of the public with the main aim to promote fire safety messages through a range of activities, for both kids and adults, to help educate and keep protecting our communities.

These hugely popular days feature various events and activities, allowing you to meet your local firefighters and see your local station.

Their overall aim is to promote fire safety messages engagingly by incorporating lots of



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Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust's (LPT) School Aged Immunisation Service has begun its vaccination sessions in primary and secondary schools across LLR. Children from reception right up to year 11s in secondary schools, and everyone in-between, can get the flu immunisation in school for free this term. The team will be working up into December to ensure every child who wants a vaccine gets one.

Parents and carers can choose from two different safe and effective flu vaccines, which will protect children and young people against the latest strain of the virus. They are:

- The flu nasal spray, which is given as a quick and painless squirt up each nostril. This vaccine offers the best protection against flu.
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- The injectable vaccine is a porcine-free alternative to the nasal spray vaccine which contains small traces of porcine (pork) gelatine.

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Marie Butterworth, clinical lead for the School Aged Immunisation Service at Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, said: *"Flu is highly contagious and is rife during the winter months. It can cause a high temperature, body aches, sore throats, a cough, runny nose and exhaustion. Children and young people can be badly impacted by flu, especially if they need to take time off school or if it leads to them developing more serious problems, like ear infections and bronchitis.*

"The flu vaccine is a safe and effective way

to keep children protected against the flu virus. We offer a vaccine each year to protect against the latest strain of the virus. As well as helping to stop children getting ill from flu, the vaccine will also help to stop them from passing it on to family members or other vulnerable people they interact with. Flu spreads through coughs, sneezes and ingestion after touching a contaminated surface, so good hand hygiene, with regular washing, is also very important throughout the winter period."

Parents and carers are encouraged to fill out consent decision forms promptly when they are sent out from their child's school.

Marie added: *"We encourage all parents and carers to take time to go through the information with their child, so they understand what's on offer and can make an informed choice together. Even if parents don't want their child to be vaccinated, we'd ask that they still complete the consent form so we can be sure of their consent decision. The vaccine is very quick and most children will not get any side effects from having it – and if they do, they will usually be mild and last only a few days. Our team will do everything they can to make sure children feel comfortable and supported while they have the vaccine."*

Parents, carers and children who want to find out more can watch LPT's Flu Heroes short and fun animation, which explains what flu is and how the nasal flu vaccine works: <https://bit.ly/Fluheroes>

Information about the vaccine for young people can also be found on the Health for Teens website: www.healthforteens.co.uk/health/flu/flu-just-the-facts/. Videos about flu are also available in a number of languages on the LPT YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/SAISfluplaylist>

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Hinckley and Bosworth MP Dr Luke Evans urges constituents to check eligibility for Pension Credit

In July the new Labour Chancellor, Rachel Reeves, announced that the Government would be restricting Winter Fuel Payments so this support will now only be available to pensioners in receipt of Pension Credit or other means tested benefits.

Shortly after the announcement Hinckley and Bosworth MP Dr Luke Evans wrote to the Labour Chancellor, Rachel Reeves, and urged her to reconsider the policy change, citing the *“cruel impact it will have on thousands of pensioners in Hinckley and Bosworth, and millions across the country.”*

Since the policy was announced at the end of July, a clip from 2014 has emerged which shows Reeves – who was a Shadow Minister at the time – appearing to boast that Labour *“are the Party who have said we will cut the Winter Fuel Allowance.”* The revelation of the clip has led to accusations that the Labour Party planned to implement this policy for over a decade and weren't honest with voters in the recent General Election.

Pension Credit is the UK's most underclaimed benefit with Age UK, which has widely criticised the withdrawal of the Winter Fuel Payments as *“disastrous”* and *“a social injustice”*, reporting that there are over 1,000 pensioners in Hinckley and Bosworth who are entitled for the gateway benefit but have not yet claimed the additional support.

Local MP Dr Evans is urging pensioners worried about the changes to check their eligibility for Pension Credit.

To be eligible a single pensioner must be receiving less than £218.25 a week or under £332.95 for couples. This amount could be higher if you're disabled, a carer or have certain housing costs.

Pension Credit can be claimed online, over the phone or by completing a form. Information is available via www.gov.uk/pension-credit or by calling the Freephone Pension Credit claim line on **0800 99 1234**.

When applying please ensure that you have access to your National Insurance number, bank details and information about your savings.



Dr Luke Evans, Member of Parliament for Hinckley and Bosworth, said *“This is a short sighted and cruel attack on those who can't increase their income. I will continue to speak out against Labour's choice to make pensioners bear the brunt of the new Government's capitulation to Union demands. Our pensioners deserve better than this, so far almost half a million people have signed the petition and I hope others do too. Most importantly, I urge every pensioner across Hinckley and Bosworth who thinks they may be entitled to Pension Credit to check whether they are eligible. Pension Credit is the most underclaimed benefit in the UK and I will be writing to households across our community to ensure as many pensioners as possible receive the support they are entitled to.”*

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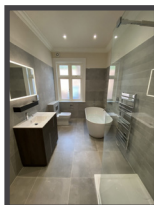
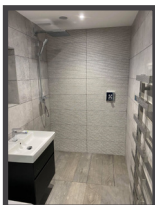
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Late September flooding brought havoc and disruption to Leicestershire after “unprecedented” levels of rainfall in the county.

Although Hinckley itself was not too badly affected, people venturing out to other towns and villages for work or social purposes were met with flooded roads across the county.

Residents in some parts were urged to “*move possessions and valuables off the ground or to safety*”.

Nearby Enderby Leisure and Golf Centre was forced to close after suffering “*extensive flood damage*”. Some roads in the area were also closed.

The heavy rainfall came after the Met Office issued yellow and amber weather warnings covering the East Midlands.

Phil Morrish, a local weather expert, said some parts of the county saw between 30mm and 75mm of rainfall on Thursday 26 September.

He said: “*This is totally unprecedented. I’ve never experienced anything like it before.*”

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service said it received about 40 weather-related calls “*in a couple of hours*” on Thursday night.

Group manager Vince Hyde urged motorists not to drive through flood water.



He said: “*One of the issues we encountered last night is that the volume of water was so great it was lifting manhole covers and removing them. We can’t even find them.*”

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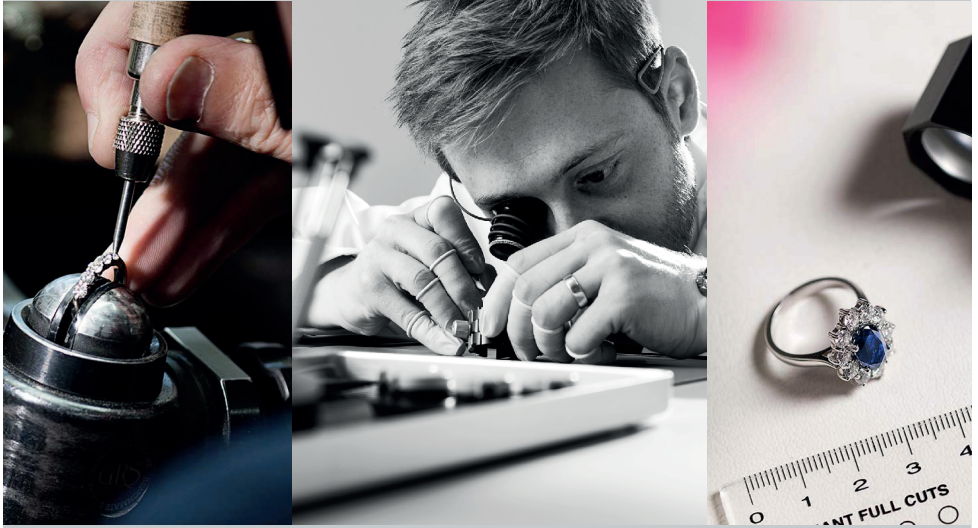
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Cineworld to Stay in Hinckley!

It has been the talk of the town since plans to close were first aired – but the good news is that Hinckley’s Cineworld cinema is to stay open in the town!

People feared the worst when, in July, Cineworld announced it intended to close six of its cinemas nationwide including Hinckley.

However, the Borough Council, which owns the unit in The Crescent occupied by Cineworld, has now agreed renewed terms with Cineworld that will keep the cinema open in the town.

The cinema is a key facility that the residents of the borough asked to see returned to the town as part of the Crescent redevelopment.

Following Cineworld’s announcement in the summer, a number of other national and independent cinema operators got in touch with the council with a view to taking over the lease if Cineworld did close its Hinckley cinema.

Cineworld said: *“Following discussions with our landlords at Cineworld Hinckley, we are pleased that it will remain open.”*

Council Leader Stuart Bray said: *“This is excellent news for the town, for the taxpayer, for Cineworld employees and for local businesses. Not only does it safeguard the future of this great facility in Hinckley town centre it also ensures the taxpayer continues to receive a rental income from Cineworld which helps to fund our public services.”*

“High Streets up and down the country are facing challenging times, but Hinckley is bucking that trend with retail occupancy rates and footfall above the Midlands average along with a great range of independent and national businesses. We want it to stay that way, so we’ve taken the necessary action to ensure we do that.”



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