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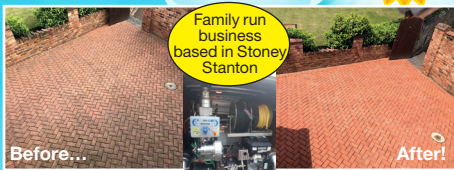
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We hope you enjoy receiving The Local Rock into your home each time, we look forward to bringing you many more magazines in the future.

Dr Luke Evans, Member of Parliament Hinckley and Bosworth, said

"A massive congratulations to the whole team at The Local Rock who are celebrating 15 years of keeping us informed and entertained! I'm grateful for the support they have shown me since I became your MP and, on behalf of our community, I'd like to thank everyone at The Local Rock who works hard each week to ensure the very best magazines are distributed to thousands of homes across our area. "We all know the value this magazine brings, telling local stories to our community is so important and the popularity of The Local Rock reflects that!"



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Organisers of Cadby Fete 2024 are hugely grateful to The Local Rock for its support in promoting this year's event and helping to make it such a success. The fete is the main annual fundraiser for Cadby Church and all money raised helps to keep the church in good repair and open daily for all who want to visit.

This year, the event was held for the first time at Market Bosworth Rugby Club. Fete co-ordinator Rachel Parrish said: "The Local Rock is a true community magazine and goes out of its way to support people working to make a difference in their own communities."

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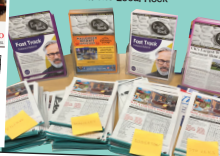
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It is a sad fact that prostate cancer affects more men than any other cancer, so that 1 in 8 men will experience it in their life time. In fact, 53,000 men are diagnosed every year. Despite all this, there are no screening or awareness programmes. And so we see well known men from the media and world of sport going public in order to draw attention to the risk and the need to get tested. The clear message is *"early detection saves lives: in fact if caught early enough prostate cancer can be cured. However, 80% of early cancers have no symptoms, so men need to be proactive and get tested from the age of 45"*.

Additionally, certain groups are more at risk than others. Black and African-Caribbean men are at twice the risk: likewise, men whose father and/or grandfather have prostate cancer. Such men should be tested from the age of 45, or ideally 40.

Men over the age of 50 are entitled to what is called a PSA test. This test measures the health of a man's prostate and can indicate the presence of cancer. Unfortunately, GPs don't make eligible men aware of this test, or call them in. So, it is left to local patient-led charities like Coventry & North Warwickshire Prostate Cancer Support Group to raise awareness and highlight the need for early testing.

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Adam Kiely says his life was turned upside down when his dad was told he had a brain tumour last February.

And despite the good news that it is not now thought to be a lymphoma, Adam has still decided to run the London Marathon this April for Lymphoma Action.

Lymphoma Action are the UK's only charity dedicated to lymphoma, the fifth most common form of cancer.

They have been providing information and support for over 35 years, helping thousands of people affected by lymphoma, which can affect young and old alike. Their mission is to make sure no one faces lymphoma alone.

Adam said: *"The range of emotions that I experienced at the time and seeing the impact that this disease could have had on my family so suddenly and unexpectedly has inspired me to still take part in the London Marathon 2025"*



in aid of Lymphoma Action.

"Now I've got the biggest challenge of all to inspire me, to get me out training and to get the miles in between now and 27th April 2025."

Adam has a Just Giving page which can be found by searching Adam Kiely London Marathon. There is also a QR code on this page via which people can make donations.



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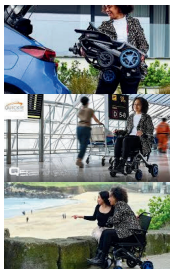
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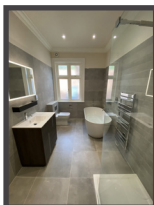
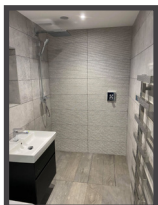
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The quiz and fundraiser night was held at The Anchor Inn in Burbage and raised hundreds of pounds for Hinckley Town Tennis Club on Monday, 3 February.

It was a great night out, with over 12 teams serving up the £5 per person entry fee to take part - and enjoy a ham or cheese roll!

A spokesperson said: *"What a great night! Over a dozen teams fought it out in a fiercely competitive quiz."*

"Including the raffle, we managed to raise £351 for the club!"

"A huge thank you to Cathy, Sheila and Dom for organising and everyone for taking part and donating raffle prizes."

"We will definitely do another one later in the year."

Hinckley Town Tennis Club provides itself on being a small friendly club dedicated to the enjoyment of the game.

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All of the courts have recently been resurfaced and the club has recently landscaped the communal areas to include shelters.

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Barwell Kid to be CBeebies Star

Barwell girl Bethan Watson is all set to appear on national TV – demonstrating her newly learned skill of knocking down tin cans like an expert!

Bethan, aged seven, will be the star of CBeebies show *'I Can Do It, You Can Do It'*, which is set to air sometime in the near future.

The CBeebies website says of the show:

"Stay active and pick up new skills as talented kids pass on their know-how to young rookies."

Bethan's mum, Sally Watson, described it as a *"peer teaching show"* where children of the same age teach each other a new skill. And for Bethan, she was about to learn all the skills of Tin Can Alley.

Bethan, who attends St Margaret's School in Stoke Golding, spent the day filming in Coventry, learning the skill, then had to complete

a challenge at the end of the day, which she completed successfully.

And according to her mum, Bethan now has the TV bug. Sally said: *"She really, really enjoyed it. It was a tiring day but she had lots of fun."*

"She's a real little performer – singing, dancing, everything!"

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Crews from Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Market Bosworth, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service Hinckley Station and a water rescue team used an inflatable rescue path and slide sheets to help him out of the water with the assistance of farm machinery.

By this time, according to firefighters: *"Poor Brandy was exhausted."*

They said: *"Eventually he got back on his hooves and was helped home to his nearby stable, where Brandy was warmed by his owners and cared for by a local vet. We understand he is recovering well from his ordeal."*

"Please take care around bodies of water in these continuing cold, wet conditions. If you



find an animal in distress, always contact the appropriate animal or rescue organisation."

A spokesperson for Hinckley and Bosworth borough Council described the incident as: *"A reminder to take care around bodies of water and what to do if you find an animal in distress."*

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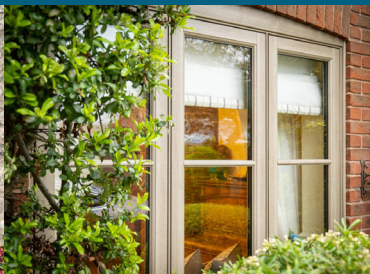
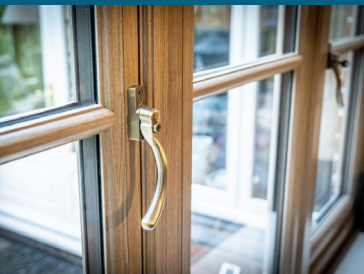
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The PNA helps the local NHS to manage and make decisions about requests from pharmacists or pharmacy businesses to set up new community pharmacies, merge businesses, or move premises within Leicestershire.

It also considers the accessibility and effectiveness of service delivery. They also provide insight into other areas where improvements can be made.

Councillor Louise Richardson, cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: *"The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory responsibility to prepare a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for Leicestershire every three years.*

"The Health and Wellbeing Boards across Leicestershire have come together to carry out this survey to gather your views on current services. I would encourage everyone to take part in this survey so that we have a clearer picture of what future services may be required."



The Boards will publish the results of initial survey, and these will be used to help prepare the draft pharmaceutical needs assessment which will be consulted on later in the year.

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It happened on Powers Road during a morning collection round and fire crews from Hinckley station were called to the scene at around 8.13am on Valentine's Day.

People had to stay indoors and keep windows closed because of smoke billowing from the fire.

A video was taken by a resident and has been shared by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC) on social media, show fire crews dealing with the incident.

Craig Hallam, station manager, Community Safety, at Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service said: *"Lithium-ion batteries are extremely sensitive to high temperatures and inherently flammable. Batteries should always be disposed of in an appropriate designated battery container and should never be put in a general waste bin or mixed with other waste, as they contain toxic and corrosive materials that can*

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The event, taking place on Saturday, 5 April at the Barwell Indoor Bowling Club, on Kirkby Road, LE9 8FQ, will be supported by a dazzling performance from the amazing vocal group Hometown.

There will also be The Soundlab One with music from the 70s and 80s and more.

Described as: *"A great night, not to be missed"*, tickets for the event cost £20 and are likely to sell out quickly.

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Hinckley Town Centre Hosts a Spectacular Piano Talent Show

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The vibrant atmosphere of the Hinckley town centre was alive with music on Saturday as local piano teachers and their talented students showcased their skills in a captivating talent show at the Britannia Centre. Shoppers and residents gathered to witness the incredible performances, celebrating the remarkable talent that resides within the community.

The event featured a diverse range of musical pieces, from classical masterpieces to contemporary hits, demonstrating the versatility and artistry of the performers. Attendees were treated to stunning renditions that captivated audiences, leaving them in awe of the skill and passion displayed by each artist. Pianocole (local piano teacher Nicole Reynolds and resident pianist at Baton Rouge - the country themed bar at Regent Street) opened the show with a captivating performance which stopped many in their tracks.

Keen piano student Lucas Rees demonstrated his piano skills as well as a cello duet with his mother Holly. Lucas has been raising money to attend Oxford Cello School. Read Lucas' story of this dream to be a professional musician at Fundraiser by Holly Rees: Lucas' dream of getting to Oxford Cello School

Local piano teachers expressed their pride in their students, highlighting the hard work and dedication that went into preparing for the show.



"It's been a wonderful opportunity for our students to share their love for music with the community," said Maria Torres (Pianista), a prominent instructor in the area. "The joy on their faces as they perform is truly rewarding."

Shoppers were not only entertained but also inspired by the event, with many stopping to listen, applaud, and even join in the musical celebration. Families enjoyed the lively atmosphere, as children danced and sang along, creating a sense of unity and joy.

The piano talent show proved to be a resounding success, showcasing the rich musical heritage of Hinckley and fostering a love for the arts within the community. Organisers are already planning future events, aiming to provide even more opportunities for local talent to shine and for residents to come together in celebration of music.

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Females can enter burrows to hunt water voles, which are unable to escape.

Leicestershire County Council's cabinet passed the plan to support the conservation of water voles, which environmental groups say have declined by 97% nationally since 1950, largely due to mink.

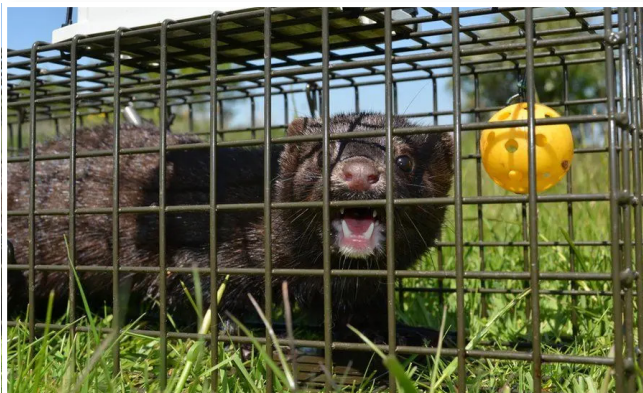
A document explaining the policy states only live-capture traps can be used on minks and any non-target species must be released unharmed.

It adds that methods to “capture and dispatch” mink are “humane, safe and targeted”.

The authority said while there is no definitive answer on the population of mink in Leicestershire, there has been a decline due to ongoing mink control.

The council said this new scheme allows for a common policy across Leicestershire to control mink population.

A council spokesperson said “We have



identified the water vole as a priority species in our Local Nature Recovery Strategy and are working with the Water Vole Recovery project to help boost their numbers in Leicestershire.

“Any work to control mink in the county would follow the highest national standards and would not be a threat to any other animals.”

The Leicestershire and Rutland Water Vole Steering Group (LRWVSG) has an agreed vision to support water vole recovery in the two counties, which includes the “humane control” of mink population.

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The site has now been made secure by the developer after the sightings were reported.

They council said: *"For everyone's safety, please continue to warn young people to avoid accessing the site."*

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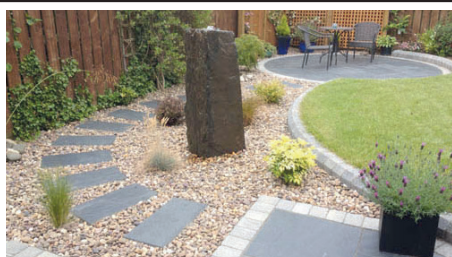
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Barwell Parish Council has given residents something to look forward to by announcing its programme of events for the year ahead.

The first is an Easter Eggstravaganza at Jubilee Hall and Radford Park on Saturday 19 April.

On Thursday, 8 May the 80th Anniversary of VE Day will be celebrated in Barwell (Tip) Park.

The seaside comes to Barwell on Saturday, 12 July with Barwell by the Sea in Radford Park and then the always popular Band on the F=Grass returns to Kirkby Park on Sunday, 7 September.

But it isn't just spring and summer that have been organised – plans are already in place for autumn and winter events.

There will be a Halloween Disco at Jubilee Hall on Saturday 25 October and the annual Remembrance Sunday Parade will take place on



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