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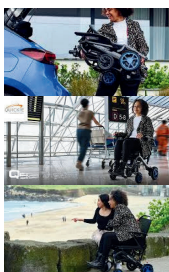


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# Hinckley BID Celebrates Success of ‘Concordia In The Crescent’ – A Sweet Easter Celebration!

Hinckley, April 12, 2025 – Hinckley BID is thrilled to announce the resounding success of their new Easter event, ‘Concordia In The Crescent,’ held on Saturday, April 12, 2025. This delightful celebration brought the community together for an ‘eggs-traordinary’ day of fun and entertainment.

The highlight of the event was the exceptional showcase by the Concordia Youth Theatre, who performed a captivating live musical rendition of the beloved family classic, ‘*Roald Dahl’s Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.’ The performance, lasting 30 minutes, enchanted attendees as talented young performers brought to life the whimsical world of Willy Wonka, complete with delightful characters and unforgettable songs.

Following the showcase, families participated in the Hinckley BID’s Easter Bunny Hunt, which had them searching for hidden bunnies in ten local business windows throughout the town centre. Participants collected clues and submitted their completed forms for a chance to win fantastic prizes, including a £50 town centre gift voucher, a large milk chocolate Easter egg, family cinema passes for four at Cineworld, and a round of mini-golf at The Birdie Bunker.

*“This event truly showcased the spirit of our community,”* said Hinckley BID Manager,



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Helen Crouch. “We are grateful to the Concordia Theatre, all the families who joined us for the festivities, and to our local businesses for their support in making this Easter Adventure a reality. Thank you also to the Holiday Lounge for sponsoring the Bunny Hunt.”

The Easter Adventure was free of charge, demonstrating Hinckley BID’s commitment to providing enjoyable experiences for the community, supported by local businesses. Participants were invited to download the Bunny Hunt Clue Guide from [hinckleybid.co.uk](http://hinckleybid.co.uk) or collect a printed copy from various locations, ensuring everyone could join in on the fun.

For more information about future events and activities in Hinckley, please contact [info@hinckleybid.co.uk](mailto:info@hinckleybid.co.uk).

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# Ada Lovelace Goes to College!

A campaign for Hinckley to become the home of a stunning new sculpture of one of our area's most celebrated and historic figures has taken a massive step forward.

It has now been agreed that the sculpture of Ada Lovelace will be situated outside the Hinckley campus of North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College.



Ada Lovelace grew up in Kirkby Mallory and not only was she the daughter of legendary and infamous English poet Lord Byron – she has gone down in history as the first computer programmer!

Ada spent her childhood years at Kirkby Mallory where she was encouraged to develop a love of science and mathematics.

She is considered to be one of the first computer programmers following her work with Charles Babbage's Difference Engine, which is a calculating machine which required a written program to carry out complex calculations.

A spokesperson for the campaign said: *"The statue will be virtually opposite the Museum, a*

*building she would recognise today, passing it many times with her grandmother travelling to and from Kirkby House, Kirkby Mallory."*

Work on casting the statue is beginning this month! taking approximately 16 weeks.

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# Give to Gilbert's Globetrotters

Readers may have heard over the past couple of weeks about Gilbert's Globetrotters – and seen a number of fundraising events taking place.

It's all part of a push to raise money in honour of Jade Gilbert, a teacher at Hinckley's Battling Brook Primary School who passed away last year.

Miss Gilbert had a huge impact at the school and Gilbert's Globetrotters was set up to raise money for a new gym – one of her passions.

The original target for Jade's Gym's fundraising page was £4,500, although the total cost for the gym is estimated at more than £16,000. Over £12,000 has already been raised!

A spokesperson said: *"Jade was an incredible lady who had a positive impact on anyone who came into contact with her. Her zest for life and enthusiasm in everything she did made her a pleasure to be around. Her infectious laugh was a common sound that could be heard throughout the school. This is why we feel so strongly that her memory must be honoured, and a suitable tribute must be created as a legacy to the impact that she had on so many in our community."*

Events took place from Wednesday 9th until Friday 11th April, including cycling event in Richmond Park, which was attended by MP Dr Luke Evans.

All children at the school have been taking part in daily PE lessons/activities and staff have been continually using equipment (provided by Empire Fitness in Hinckley) to chip away at a total distance of 25,000 miles.

Empire Fitness also ran a class called Combat Fitness for the appeal.

Dr Luke Evans said it was a *"Pleasure to be down at Richmond Park to kickstart the big family bike ride as part of the Battling Brook Primary School Gilbert's Globetrotters fundraising event."*

*"Great to see so many families out, enjoying the excellent weather and getting in lots of laps of*



*the park in memory of Ms Gilbert.*

*"Well done to everyone involved in organising the event and to Battling Brook Primary School PTFA for running the refreshment station!"*

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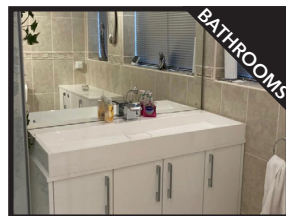
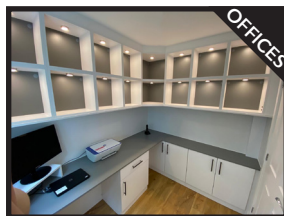
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# Hinckley & District Parkinson's Group

Over the months from messages and comments I have received I have discovered all types of people who have read these articles. Many have Parkinson's, or perhaps they have family and friends with Parkinson's, or some other debilitating illness. Others just like to keep themselves informed.



The monthly Carer's Group meeting tries to feature helpful information about assistance available, perhaps with Council Tax or mobility issues – the Blue Badge can be a very helpful addition when walking from a car is an issue. Some conditions or chronic illnesses are not immediately obvious to others and for some people this can make it hard to understand and believe that someone, with a “*non-visible*” condition genuinely needs support. Some people question whether you have a real problem because “*you don't look like you have a disability.*”

With that in mind in the latest Parkinson's Hinckley Group Newsletter is a feature about the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower. Simply by wearing the Sunflower, you are letting everyone know that you might need extra help, understanding, or just more time.

This idea was launched in the UK in 2016 and all sorts of businesses ranging from retail, tourism and transport have joined this worldwide scheme. People might be wearing a sunflower badge or lanyard, or have it displayed on a car, where it will indicate to roadside or emergency services that someone in the vehicle has an impairment which may not be visible.

For the free sticker or magnet you need to register on [www.nationalhighways.co.uk/sunflower](http://www.nationalhighways.co.uk/sunflower)

The Hinckley Group continues to meet throughout the Spring. The monthly meetings [which regularly attract over 70] continue on the 2nd Sunday at 2.30 on May 11th at the Mary Forryan Centre {LE10 1LW}; ‘Get Active’ Tuesday exercises at 2.30 at the St. Francis Centre [LE10 0EQ]; ‘Movement to Music’ [2.15] and ‘Singing for Fun’;[4.00] at Elmesthorpe Village Hall [LE9 7SP] on Friday afternoons. The Carers Group is held on the 3rd Tuesday at the same time as the exercise class, and there's Indoor Bowling at Barwell Bowls Club on the 4th Wednesday, May 28th.

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# Local café owner takes part in Parliamentary event celebrating female entrepreneurs

Claire Corbett, owner of Epicurean Lounge café in Hinckley, has joined other female entrepreneurs for the annual MP HERoes event in the House of Parliament to celebrate.

The event, conducted by Savvitas in partnership with NatWest Business, highlights women business owners across the UK championed by their MP.

Dr Luke Evans, Member of Parliament for Hinckley and Bosworth, nominated Claire for the event after the business has grown from strength to strength since opening in January 2024.

Claire follows other local female entrepreneurs, Penny Price from Penny Price Aromatherapy and Julie Price from Julie Price & Co Insurance Services, in being nominated for the award by the local MP.

Claire Corbett, owner of Epicurean Lounge café in Hinckley, said *"It is a privilege to have been nominated as an MP HERO."*

*"During the Spring Summit event I met a lot of amazing people and I am looking forward to working with this amazing group."*

*"Thank you to everyone who has supported me, family, friends, staff and customers!"*

Dr Luke Evans, Member of Parliament for Hinckley and Bosworth, said *"We have many fantastic businesses in Hinckley and Bosworth, so it was my pleasure to welcome Claire from*



*Epicurean Lounge to Parliament for the MP HERoes event."*

*"Championing other local businesses, hosting regular workshops, joining the Chatty Café Scheme and becoming a place for ladies to meet and discuss their experience with menopause are just a few of the ways that Claire and the team have supported our community since opening Epicurean Lounge at the start of last year."*

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The hub runs weekday day clubs with a range of activities, including Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (CST) and music and movement sessions, crafting and quizzes all designed to boost brain resilience and promote independence. A freshly prepared lunch is included as part of the day club offering, ensuring both nourishment and a sense of community.

Located at Rugby House on Hinckley Road, Sapcote, the hub is open Tuesday to Friday from 11:00 am to 3:00pm. For more information, you can contact them at [sapcotememoryhub@outlook.com](mailto:sapcotememoryhub@outlook.com) or call 07983 803896.

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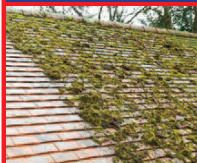


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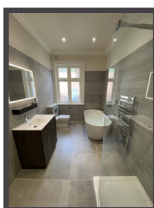
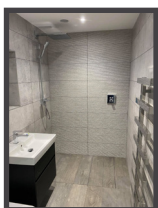
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