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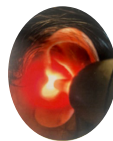
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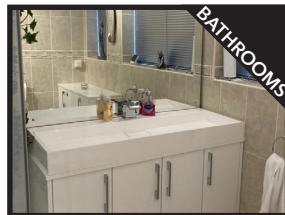
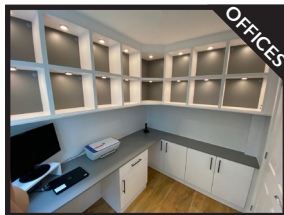
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It all started on Bank Holiday Monday, 5 May, in Argents Mead, with music from Julie Sings and The Rob Wilson Show and hundreds of people soaking it up on deckchairs or rugs.

On the day itself, Thursday 8 May the morning saw representatives from the Hinckley Branch the Royal British Legion raise a special VE Day flag in Argents Mead to commemorate the 80th anniversary.

Council Leader Cllr Stuart Bray read the proclamation and the Legion's secretary read a speech on behalf of the Chairman. This was followed by a two-minute silence and the bugle call the 'Last Post' was played.

Pupils from St Mary's Church of England primary school were also in attendance and they also staged a brilliant display in their playground.

MVT Charnwood parked up their amazing and spotless military vehicles outside The Clarence in the town centre, creating a real piece of history.

The celebrations continued all the way through to Saturday, with more music and celebration



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Over the coming weeks and months there will be Music in the Mead, Proms in the Park, Soapbox derbies, classic cars and food festivals – and much more!

Coming up on Saturday 7 June at Hollycroft Park is Proms in the Park from 6pm to 8.30pm. Gates open at 5pm and the park will come alive with the sound of music.



The first Hinckley BID Classic Vehicle Meet of 2025 will return this year by popular demand on Thursday 19 June, from 5pm to 8pm.

Anyone with a classic vehicle of any kind who would like to pop along would be most welcome.

Entrance will be from Station Road. Free to enter and visit. Please spread the word to any enthusiast you may know!

And registration is now open for the big one – the Annual Motor Show, which will take place on Sunday 21 September.

All Classic Vehicles (pre-2000

registration) and Vehicles of Special Interest are welcome.

To enter your vehicle please visit the Hinckley BID website.

Different kinds of vehicles will be filling Hinckley town centre on Sunday 29 June for the town's popular Soapbox Derby.

On the day, the vehicles will be tested along a 200m (656ft) course in Castle Street, where they will be aided by the slope of the road.

A spokesperson for Hinckley BID said: *"It's a celebration of ingenuity and teamwork, bringing together families, friends and businesses."*

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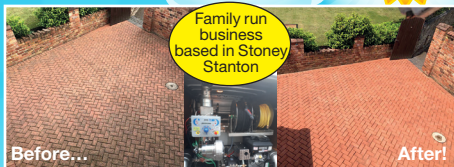
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The Men's Shed will open at St Mary's Church Hall, on Church Walk, Hinckley, LE10 1DW on Thursday 5 June, from 6pm to 7.30pm.

People are invited to go along and learn more about the benefits and opportunities of Men's Sheds, as well as support available for new Shed projects.



It is open to all – from those interested in taking part, learning more or helping to set up a Men's Shed.

Retired people in particular can become isolated after retiring and the group provides a safe environment for them share their skills, continue to develop their skills and meet with like-minded individuals or even just have a nice cup of tea.



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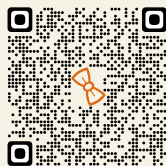
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Since its creation in 2012 the event has raised well over £40m for prostate cancer and men's mental health charities.

The aim is for participants to attend dressed in their best formal, stylish clothes on suitable bikes for a slow ride through the villages in South Leicestershire.

In previous years the event has culminated locally at The Bricklayers pub in Sharnford. Details are still to be confirmed for this year's event.

The event draws many people out into the villages to cheer the riders on - a wonderful spectacle and a real boost for everyone.

John Slatcher originally started organising the Leicestershire DGR five years ago, hoping the group would see around 50 riders, with the aim of raising funds of around the £2,000 mark.

However, the event attracted nearly 100 riders with the final fundraising figure of £10,000.

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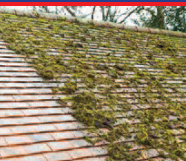


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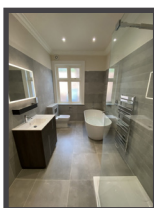
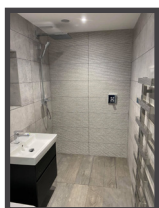
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# Hinckley and Bosworth MP pays tribute to Islastones in Commons debate on brain tumours

Dr Luke Evans, Member of Parliament for Hinckley and Bosworth, has paid tribute to Isla Tansey and the work of Islastones Foundation in a House of Commons debate on brain tumour treatment and research.

Dr Evans focused his comments about what can be done to improve outcomes for those with brain tumours, asking the Government about its approach to managing cancer, and the plan to improving survival rates. The local MP spoke about the human stories, and told the House about one of his own constituents as a lived example.

Many in Hinckley are familiar with the story of the seven-year-old Isla Tansey who, one August morning in 2017, woke up unable to walk. After months of treatments, surgery and radiotherapy, Isla was diagnosed with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) in January of 2018.

In a House of Commons debate on Thursday 8th May, the GP-turned-MP said, *"We can choose to be affected by the world, or we can choose to affect the world. My constituent Isla chose the latter."*

In the last few months of her life, Isla inspired thousands of people around the world with her positivity and creativity through her hobby of painting stones and pebbles.

Isla, who could no longer walk, travelled the world as she was sent pictures of carefully hand-painted stones at the Taj Mahal and in New Zealand, America and even Antarctica.

Dr Evans, who is Shadow Health Minister, also used his speech to tell the House about a recent conversation with a constituent who had approached him at a VE Day event in Donisthorpe to speak about the acquired brain injury strategy. *"Somewhat fortuitously,"* said Dr Evans, "I was able to tell my constituent that I was taking part in a debate on brain tumours today.

*"She and the likes of Headway and the Child*



*Brain Injury Trust are keen to ensure they can support people through the changes that the Government is pushing through on personal independence payments and disability support."* The local MP went on to ask the Minister if the Government had considered reviewing or updating the strategy in light of planned changes to welfare.

The Minister responding, Ashley Dalton MP, confirmed in her response *"the ABI strategy remains in play and in development,"* and promised to provide an update when one is available.

In his speech Dr Luke Evans, Member of Parliament for Hinckley and Bosworth, said *"The memory of Isla and the ongoing efforts of her parents truly are a point of light within our community; everyone knows the story and everywhere you go across Hinckley and Bosworth you can see painted stones in her memory - a phenomenon that has now spread across the world."*

*"Today, we have heard the statistics in this debate, but these are the real stories behind the cases, and our constituents all rightly ask for real understanding, for listening and for something to change."*

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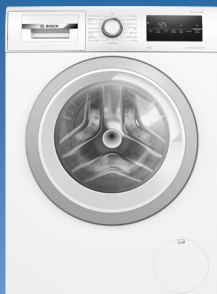
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