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Daredevil Christine Walks the Wing!

She did it! Christine Redall, from Burbage, celebrated her 74th birthday by raising thousands of pounds for the charity Rare Dementia Support.

And she did it by walking the wings of a Tiger Moth aeroplane as it soared through the air!

The self-confessed adrenaline junkie chose to take on the daredevil fundraising feat after her beloved daughter Anna died at age 42 after being diagnosed with a rare young onset dementia called Behavioural Variant Frontal Temporal Lobe Dementia, BvFTD for short.

Anna loved sunflowers, so Christine donned a black boiler suit decorated with them for the walk!

And the mission was well and truly accomplished! Christine told The Local Rock: *"I did it! A beautiful sunny day at Aero*

Superbatics in Cirencester enhanced the most exhilarating day of my life!

"I flew into the sky on the top of a Tiger Moth dressed in my black boiler suit adorned with sunflowers."

Through donations alone Christine







raised an impressive $\pounds 2,679$ – and incredibly that was matched by an anonymous donor – making a whopping total of $\pounds 6,410!$

Christine has expressed her gratitude for the incredible support she has received.

She said: "Some of my family and friends were there to cheer me on in person, but I know there were many more cheering me on from their homes.

"I am truly humbled, so grateful and incredibly proud of everyone who has donated and supported me. Thankyou."



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Calls to Preserve Victorian Frontage of Hospital

NHS health bosses have been urged to preserve the historic frontage of a Hinckley hospital in its proposal for a new £10.5m medical facility.

The NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board plans to build the day case unit on the existing Hinckley and District Hospital, in Mount Road.

The leader of Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council

has now written a letter to the board expressing his *"deep disappointment"* the Victorian frontage will be demolished as part of the plans.

The board said it was unable to retain the frontage due to clinical requirements of the development but planned to include some materials from the current building.

The new facility is designed to deliver services including gynaecology, urology and plastic surgery and will be linked to the new community diagnostic centre at the site.

A planning application to demolish the entire hospital was submitted last month.

In his letter, council leader Stuart Bray said: "Many people have contacted me to express concerns over your plan. I know these concerns will not be new to you as I believe





such concerns were raised as part of the public consultation."

In a statement the board said: "The option of retaining the Victorian frontage of the hospital unfortunately would have meant that the business care objectives and clinical requirements for the development of the new facilities would not be met.

"The proposed materials do include reclaimed bricks from the current building and we consider that the heritage impact of the scheme will be outweighed by the benefits to the public.

"We are also working with a local historian on plans to display images inside and outside of the new building, charting its long history."

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Organised by Leicestershire County Council's Young Carers Team, it offers a chance to talk about what support young carers and their families need as well as enjoy cake and a drink and

take part in a take-home craft activity.

Councillor Dan Harrison, leader of Leicestershire County Council, said: "If you're a young carer or think you may possibly be one, we'd love to hear from you.

"These drop-ins are a great way for you to have a chat with our team, meet other young carers, share your views and let us know what would help."

A young carer is someone under the age of 18 who looks after a family member or friend who has a physical or mental health, neurodiversity, drug or alcohol dependency.

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The event will take place at 5pm – 7pm, Wednesday, 26 June, Hinckley Family Hub, Granville Road, Hinckley, LE10 0PP.



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achieve this ambition, after members had backed the scheme with a busy year of fundraising activities.

Watched by members of the club Robin handed over the cheque to the chair of the Hinckley branch, Vicki Dolphin and asked her if the donation could be shared between bowel cancer for both men and women and children's cancer



and she will arrange for this to be spent locally.

Sometimes, a plan hits the spot, as this did, and it gives a good feeling to be a Lion and helping to make a difference to our communities.

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The concert celebrated both the 90th anniversary of the park and the recent VE Day which was marked with a one-minute silence.

The RBC Wind Orchestra performed well-known music from The Beatles to Shostakovich, classic films such as Lord of the Rings and Superman, and West End favourites like The King and I, alongside Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No 1 and Walton's Crown Imperial.

The orchestra was joined by singer Rose Johnson, a prize-winning graduate of The Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, currently starring on the prestigious Young Artists' programme with British Youth Opera.

Council Leader, Cllr Stuart Bray said: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank Douglas Mitchell, Rose Johnson and the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Wind Orchestra for a fabulous evening.

"This event was a great opportunity to celebrate the 90th anniversary of our awardwinning park and to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE day. It was a delight to see the park so full with everyone enjoying the evening."







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The zoo first announced the arrival of a baby De Brazza's monkey.

The monkey's mother is a firsttime mum and she is displaying exceptional maternal instincts and successfully rearing her newborn, which she's learnt by observing other females caring for young within her troop.

Two Humboldt penguin chicks have also been born.

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