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Studio 17 Dance Through Life

By Henry Lucas

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Strictly Come Dancing's longest serving judge Craig Revel Horwood pre-recorded a FAB-U-LOUS message announcing the beginning of the show. Following the voice-over, Studio 172, accompanied by two outstanding performances from the Shelby Stars dance school, took over the stage with 35 amazing routines, ranging from group numbers alongside solo and trio performances, with all routines being across a wide range of dance genres.

Every routine was performed brilliantly leaving the audience amazed going through every emotion during the show. Standout performances included two solo routines by Ella Norris and Isabella Lucas, whilst the inter lyrical performance of *"Me and the Sky"* also wowed audience members. A *"Grease"* medley by the Shelby stars was loved by everyone with huge cheers and applause from all.

Upon the success of *"Dancing Through Life"*



owner and teacher Miss Lucy stated: *"I am so proud of every student at Studio 17 for putting their heart and soul into this performance. You can see throughout that every single one of them is living their best life on stage."*

Miss Lucy said she is immensely proud and *"It has been a privilege to teach so many children and watch them grow into confident young women."*

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Fresh and Fabulous at Mallories Pantry

by Dayle Crutchlow

On a gloriously sunny Bank Holiday Saturday we decided to put the roof down on the car and take a drive around some of our beautiful villages.

Finding ourselves in charming Kirkby Mallory, we thought we'd pop into Mallories Pantry, a family-run farm shop on Church Road – and we're very glad we did.

First, we enjoyed a coffee from their fine selection, seated outside the front of the shop at a lovely table watching the quiet pace of village life unfold before us in the sunshine.



And then we headed back into the shop to peruse the wonderful array of fresh produce on offer.

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The spectacular cake selection was also dangerously tempting and free-range eggs come from just down the road in Peckleton.

We hadn't really gone in planning to buy anything, but it was impossible not to. Lo and behold we left with some lovely fresh duck eggs and some beautiful Sparkenhoe Blue cheese.

Neither made it as far as Bank Holiday Monday before being fully consumed. I suppose we'll just have to go back for some more!



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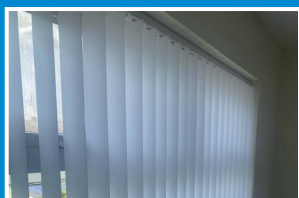
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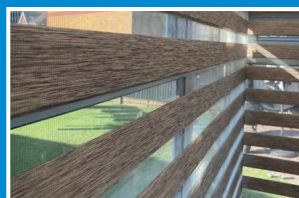
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Turning His Life Around – and Going to The World Cup



Hinckley man Darren Thompson will be going to every single England match in this year's World Cup after turning his life around from alcoholism.

Darren has made his childhood dream come true by getting tickets to all England games after going sober.

He has funded the adventure travelling around America, Canada and Mexico by using money he would have spent on alcohol.

The 53-year-old told BBC Radio Leicester he turned his life around after rehab three years ago.

He hopes to inspire others suffering from alcohol addiction.

The Leicester City supporting sales

manager attends alcohol support meetings four times a week.

He has dreamt of going to a world Cup since the age of 10, after watching England play Spain on TV in the World Cup in 1982.

"I thought, that's what I'm going to do in 2026," he said.

"I was spending a fortune on drink. So, I've been putting money away, about £500 a month.

"If I was still drinking, there's no way I would be going. I wouldn't be able to afford it."

Darren's wife will join him for the first two weeks of the World Cup tour from 16 June, and the couple plan to celebrate their first wedding anniversary in New York.



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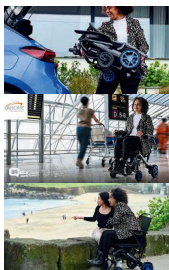


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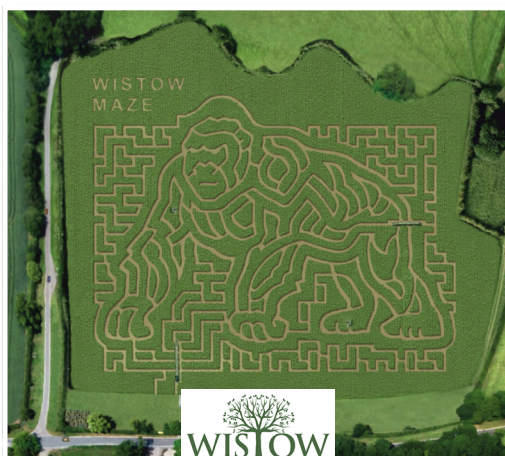
Wistow Maze – a Tribute to David Attenborough

As the nation celebrates the 100th year of Sir David Attenborough, a special maze has been created here in Leicestershire – the county where the great man developed his love of nature.

Leicestershire's famous Wistow Maze has been designed in the shape of a Mountain Gorilla, which he famously filmed in Rwanda in 1978 for the iconic BBC series 'Life on Earth'.

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Across the road is the Wistow Rural Centre with its cafe, garden centre, art gallery, model village and numerous shops,

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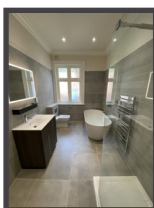
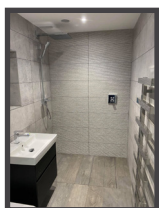
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M&N Jewellery Opens New Shop in Hinckley

Long-standing Hinckley Market jewellery business M&N Jewellery has opened a new shop in the town.

The familiar Hinckley Market jewellery business has taken the next exciting step, opening its new shop in Hinckley on Saturday 30 May.

M&N Jewellery has been part of Hinckley Market for many years, becoming known locally for buying, selling and repairing gold and silver jewellery, as well as offering a range of new, antique, vintage and retro pieces.

With the slogan *"We buy, sell and repair Gold and Silver Jewellery! New, Antique, Vintage, Retro!"*, the business has built a loyal local following and is now bringing its jewellery, repair services and friendly customer service into a permanent shop setting.

The official opening took place with Town Crier Jo helping to mark the occasion and welcome the business into its new home.

The new shop offers customers the chance to browse a range of jewellery and retro pieces, whether they are looking for a special gift, a unique vintage piece, a repair, or something special for themselves.

A spokesperson for M&N Jewellery said: *"We are so excited to be opening our new shop in Hinckley."*

"After many years on Hinckley Market, it means so much to take this next step and continue serving our customers from a permanent shop."

The opening is a positive boost for Hinckley town centre, supporting local independent business and giving shoppers another reason to visit the town.

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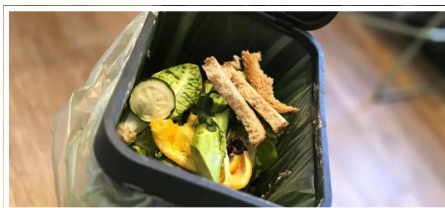
Hundreds of Tonnes of Food Waste Collected in Hinckley and Bosworth

New figures reveal that Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council collected 262 tonnes of food waste between 1 April and 24 April.

That has contributed to an incredible 869 tonnes of food waste collected in roughly one month by councils that started food waste collections in Leicestershire and Rutland.

The government set a deadline of 31 March for all homes in England to get weekly food waste collections. So where does the waste go?

Food waste sent to landfill, along with general waste, "doesn't just harmlessly break down" according to guidance issued by a number of local authorities.



It has a big impact on the environment as it rots and releases methane - a harmful greenhouse gas that is 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

Instead, food waste collected by these collections is turned into energy. Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council send their waste to anaerobic digestion plants.



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Hinckley & District Parkinson's Group

Since last month some of you may have been to the Chelsea Flower Show and saw a garden created for Parkinson's UK - A Garden for Every Parkinson's Journey.



It won the BBC/RHS People Choice Award, showing the changing story of the condition through planting, pathways, hand rails, textures and seating. It is to be moved to Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital, to be cared for by volunteers including the Parkinson's community.

Meanwhile, the summer months are traditionally the time when people hold outdoor events to help raise funds. Our Parkinson's Group often benefits from such much appreciated efforts. These funds are used to pay for the expert leaders needed to run our activities, so that our members can attend them without any costs to themselves.

In May we welcomed to our Sunday afternoon gathering, 23 year old Sam Burrows who had just completed the very first Newcastle-Gateshead Marathon raising money for the Hinckley Group. Sam's Godparents, Lyne and Geoff Whitelocks, attend our



group. Sam's grandfather had Parkinson's and so he had special reasons for supporting the charity as Geoff also has Parkinson's.

Sam with his medal, godparents and Janet Kavanagh, the chair of the group, at the Sunday meeting.



Sam completed the marathon in 4hrs and 27 minutes, raising over £1000 for the charity. Well done to Sam!

The Hinckley Group meetings continue with the monthly gathering on July 12th at 2.30, at the Mary Forryan Centre [LE10 1LW]; 'Get Active', the Tuesday exercise session at 2.30 at the St. Francis Centre [LE10 0EQ] with a Carers Meeting at the same time on the 3rd Tuesday; the S.I.D. exercise/social group meets on Thursdays, 2.30 – 4.00, at Sport in Desford [LE9 9JU]; 'Movement to Music' [2.15] and 'Singing for Fun' [4.00] are at Elmesthorpe Village Hall [LE9 7SP] on Fridays. Indoor Bowling at Barwell will be on July 22nd. Meanwhile the informal Drop-In Information Cafe is at Gates Garden Centre, Stapleton LE9 8JE, on the third Monday of the month, 2.00 until 4.00. You are very welcome to call and say 'hello'.

Any enquiries about the Hinckley Group can be directed to Janet Kavanagh, on 07932615233.



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