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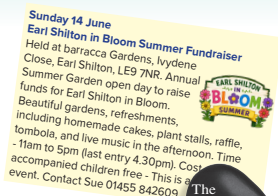


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# Running the Length of Britain With Support from Harry Styles

A Hinckley man has ran the length of Great Britain in

memory of his parents, raising more than £12,500 for charity.

And £2,000 of that came from none other than pop superstar Harry Styles!

Laurence Denis completed the 850-mile run from John O'Groats to Land's End in 23 days, finishing on 12 June.

Denis was in his late 20s when his mother Pauline passed away in 2020 after a 10-year battle with neuroendocrine cancer.

He started running to escape his pain and completed his first marathon later that year.

However, in 2023 his father Phil died suddenly from a heart attack, and Denis began to suffer from panic attacks and sleepless nights.

Denis kept running to cope and later founded a weekly running club, Let's Run Den, in Hinckley.

He set himself challenges, including running

across England, a run in the shape of a heart and 24 hours

on a treadmill, to raise money for charities.

After setting out on his latest run on 20 May, Denis reached out to Styles for support,

adding: "I was listening to Harry Styles, and I know he's a keen runner."

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In November, the pair scooped their first major title at the World Cup in Malaysia and they will hope that is a positive omen ahead of their trip to Glasgow in July.

Lewis-Wall said: *"As the week went on, we got stronger and stronger - the stars aligned and it was amazing."*

*"To stand on that podium with Elizabeth explaining to me that the England flag was being raised and the national anthem being played, it was very emotional."*

*"I always say let your bowls do the talking. Keep your head down and just play every wood as if it were your first."*

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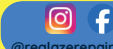
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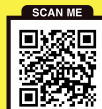
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# Pete Waterman a Hit in Model Railway Making

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Because music mogul Pete Waterman, one of the UK's most successful record producers, was in residence – giving advice on creating trees and scenery for model railways.

Most people know Pete Waterman as the man behind Stock, Aitken and Waterman – the producers behind the huge successes of the likes of Kylie Minogue, Jason Donovan and Rick Astley.

Not so many people know that he is also one of the country's greatest model railway enthusiasts – and he often shares that passion in Hinckley or at the nearby Battlefield Line.

Pete Waterman has long standing links with Hinckley, attending school in the town and setting up his original recording studio base at The Borough.

He also once brought his iconic 1980s Hitman Roadshow to Hinckley's Ritzy nightclub. The legendary pop music tour featured performances by his major Stock, Aitken and Waterman acts,



becoming a massive local cultural event in the late 1980s.

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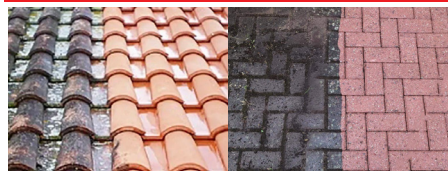
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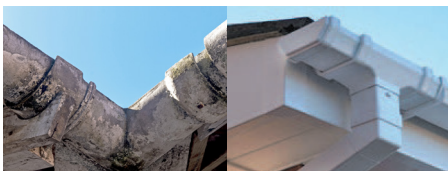
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# Refurbished Clubhouse for Hinckley Cricket Club

Cricket season is here – and the good news for the local cricket community is that the refurbished clubhouse at Hinckley Town Cricket Club opened recently.

The opening saw an afternoon tea for 65 guests and a game of cricket, in which Hinckley were the victors.

The refurbished clubhouse features a new bar, large balcony area and disabled-friendly access.

Commenting on the success of the day, Vicky Macqueen, Club Commercial Manager, said the reopening would benefit the community *“physically, socially and emotionally”*, explaining that the *“real victory of the day was the community now having the cricket club back in action and thriving.”*

The Club welcomed Paul Nixon, Ex-England Cricketer who played his first game for



Leicestershire County at Hinckley Town Cricket Club, as the guest speaker. Macqueen said Nixon *“thought the set-up was amazing and was thrilled to see Hinckley back up and running again.”*

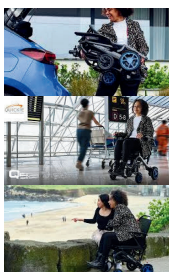
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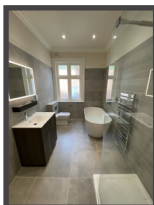
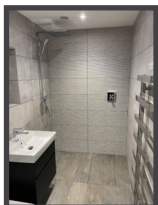
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The event took place on Saturday, 27 June – and it raised nearly £500 for the local Air Ambulance.

Afterwards, The Speakeasy team said: *“A very kind thank you to The Local Rock for featuring us, bringing extra awareness to the event.”*

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# Classic Vehicle Meets are Back

They're back! Hinckley town centre is once again playing host to classic cars and vehicles – this year with an exciting change.

The popular Classic Vehicle Meets have returned for three special evenings – the first having taken place on Wednesday, 18 June.

And for 2026 there is a brand new earlier start time. The events now run from 4pm to 8pm, giving families and vehicle owners an extra hour to enjoy the spectacular displays.

Taking place in the Market Place, the gatherings feature a wonderful collection of classic cars, vintage vehicles and modern classics.

Two further events are scheduled for 16 July and 20 August 20.

Organisers introduced the earlier start time following helpful feedback from participants and visitors.

The extra hour allows enthusiasts more time to

showcase their cherished vehicles.

It also enables families and visitors to make the most of the relaxed atmosphere during the warm summer evenings.

Visitors can explore a wide range of vehicles and meet the passionate owners who look after them.

The meets provide a fantastic opportunity for people to share stories, exchange knowledge, and celebrate motoring heritage.

The events have become a highlight of Hinckley's summer calendar, attracting spectators from across the region.

The gatherings also help to support local businesses by creating a vibrant atmosphere in the town centre.

Admission is completely free for both exhibitors and visitors who wish to attend.

Whether you own a classic vehicle or are just looking for a great day out, everyone is welcome.



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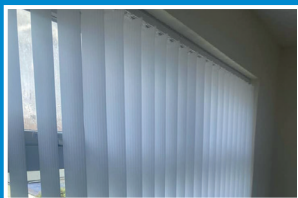
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# Hinckley Shows Support for Armed Forces



The people of Hinckley showed their support for the Armed Forces with a special event on Saturday, 27 June.

Thank you to everyone who marked Armed Forces Day yesterday, particularly all those who took part in the parade.

The event included representatives from several regiments, nationalities, sections, and services and offered the chance to thank the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community, from currently serving troops to service families, veterans, and cadets.

A procession marched from Castle Street to Argents Mead where a celebratory service was led by the Mayor's Chaplain Reverend Ian Hill.

The parade then went Castle Street and along Station Road where a formal salute was taken, led Kevin Buchanan DL, representing the Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire.



Visitors then enjoyed a range of attractions, including a stand showcasing wartime memorabilia and a stall hosted by the Hinckley branch of the Royal British Legion.

Younger visitors were entertained with children's

tomahawk throwing and a stilt-walking performance from Mr Biggles.

A spokesperson for Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council said: *"Many thanks to everyone who supported Armed Forces Day on Saturday."*

*"Armed Forces Day gives us all an opportunity to say a simple but important thank you to the people who serve, or have served, in our Armed Forces, and to the families who support them. It brings communities together to recognise their commitment and the role they play or have played in keeping us safe."*

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