

# Katherine's joy at stamp bid success

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**A USED stamp appeal launched by recovering leukaemia patient Katherine Sinfield is going from strength to strength.**

The appeal was launched last year as a means of raising money for leukaemia charities – and the latest donation to the charity Leukaemia CARE topped the scales at nearly 25 kilogrammes.

The 33-year-old, who is the wife of Mail journalist Stephen Sinfield, is recovering from a bone marrow transplant that she had to undergo after she was diagnosed with leukaemia.

She said: "When I launched the appeal, a lot of people asked how I expected to raise any money from tiny scraps of paper.

"As this latest donation shows, when added together these tiny scraps of paper transform into a back-breaking sack worth tens of pounds for charity.

"This latest donation, jointly collected by readers of the Burton Mail and Ashbourne News Telegraph, was by far the largest we have delivered so far and so I'm confident that when sorted, this delivery will top the bank as well as the scales."

Readers are reminded that stamps should only have a 4mm to 8mm border of paper around the edges, as excess paper lowers the value.

UK stamps should be separated from foreign stamps.

She added: "Used stamps are a valuable resource for charities.

"A single stamp on its own may not appear very much, but if we all saved them and bundled them together, we would be raising vital funds for charity."



"This type of fund-raising costs you nothing to do.

"You don't have to pledge your own cash or a monthly direct debit.

"All you have to do is hang on to some tiny scraps of paper which you would stick in the recycling bin anyway."

The amount charities receive per kilogramme of stamps varies, but typically they can expect a return of between £4 to £5 for UK stamps and significantly more for foreign stamps.

Readers or businesses wanting to help should drop their used stamps off at the Burton Mail's High Street offices.



## Katherine's Diary

THE reception class teacher from Burton, describes in her own words what daily life is like living with Chronic Myeloid Leukaemia (CML). Last year, the 33-year-old from Balfour Street spent nearly eight weeks at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham undergoing intensive chemotherapy.

Meanwhile, the Burton Mail launched its Take Five Minutes campaign in a bid to locate a suitable bone marrow donor, not just for Katherine, but for anyone who is in her position, while raising greater awareness of the condition.

Thankfully, last September, Katherine was able to announce that a suitable donor had been found in Europe and a transplant was planned for late October.

While undergoing gruelling treatment herself, Katherine wants to help others in a similar position and has taken to raising awareness of the condition and generating support for the charities.

For more information on how to become a bone marrow donor, call the National Blood Service Donor helpline on 0300 123 2323.

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I may be low on energy, but there are certain things which give me a sudden upsurge of enthusiasm and today it was used postage stamps.

The response to my appeal in the newspaper has been amazing and although the house was covered in thousands upon thousands of tiny pieces of paper, it was worthwhile to know that the 25kg haul was going to benefit the charity Leukaemia CARE. I'd like to hope that even after the packing and excess paper has been discounted from this total, that Leukaemia CARE has somewhere between 18 and 20kg of stamps to weigh in to sell. Which by my rough calculations and estimations should hopefully raise between £150 and £200 for the charity.

The charity's work continues and without any form of Government funding whatsoever, my stamp appeal continues – keep collecting please.

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Katherine poses with the mountain of stamps.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Fourteen alleged television licence offenders in court

FOURTEEN people from Burton have been charged for watching television without a licence.

All alleged offences are claimed to have taken place any time between July 8 and October 18, last year.

The alleged offenders, who have not yet entered any pleas, are: Cheryl Bridge, 33, of Dallow Street; Kirsty Goodwin, 22, of Dallow Street; Michelle Goy, 37, of Baker Street; Jonathan Hayes, 31, of Fontwell Road, Branston; Tanya Lewis, 35, of Vancouver Drive, Winshill; Romana Mahmood, 27, of All Saints Road and Kaylie McLaughlin, 24, of Kingston Road.

Their cases have been adjourned until January 24 at the prosecution's request.

The remaining alleged offenders are: Joshua Pike, 22, of Hawfield Lane; Linda Reynolds, 69, of Blackpool Street; Mary Sellars, 57, of Anglesey Road; Chris Smith, 30, of Hawfield Lane; Paula Thompson, 40, of Yew Tree Crescent; Lauren Watson, 22, of South Uxbridge Street; and Steven Wells, 37, of Casey Lane.

These cases have been adjourned until February 4 at the prosecution's request.

### Court trial after alleged assault twice in a day

A 36-YEAR-OLD man is to stand trial accused of assaulting a woman twice on the same day.

Sebastian Galazka, of Branston Road, Burton, has denied assaulting Anna Galazka twice on December 15.

For these charges he will return to Burton Magistrates' Court on March 21 to stand trial.

He answers conditional bail not to contact Anna Galazka, not to approach an address in Anglesey Road and to live and sleep at his address.

He has admitted failing to attend court on January 3 and has been fined £50 with a £20 victim surcharge.

### Court after accused of cannabis plant growth

A 53-YEAR-OLD man accused of growing 60 cannabis plants is set to appear in crown court.

Edward McKeown appeared at Burton Magistrates' Court but did not enter a plea and will appear at Stafford Crown Court on January 31 and answers unconditional bail until that date.

McKeown, of Flaxley Road, Birmingham, is accused of producing the plants in Burton on September 16.

### Father and son escape injury after car on roof

A FATHER and son have been taken to hospital after their car ended up on its roof in a field in Hatton.

The VW Golf which the duo were travelling in came off the road in Leathersley Lane just after 8.30am on Friday. They did not suffer any injuries.

A Derbyshire police spokesman said it was believed the road was icy at the time.

A Ford Transit van came off the road at Sropton Road at a similar time.

## Little Rascals 'not forced out'

A BUSINESS park has dismissed rumours that it forced a popular soft play centre to leave.

Little Rascals, in Bretby Business Park, has suddenly closed its doors.

A spokesman for the business park, which owns the units, dismissed rumours that Little Rascals had been forced to leave 'after another business offered a higher rent'.

She said: "We are not kicking them out at all. They have surrendered their lease and we have had interest in the

unit. We have an existing tenant who is looking at it.

"We had a meeting with Little Rascals and we agreed that surrendering their lease was the way forward. It was an amicable thing."

Reacting to the news that some parents were angry that children's parties had been cancelled, the spokesman added: "Nothing underhand has gone on. They have tried to handle it the best way they can. They were not trying to hurt anyone."



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## Housing meet

SOUTH Derbyshire housing bosses are set to meet to discuss the budget for the year ahead.

Members of South Derbyshire District Council's housing and community services committee will meet at 6pm tomorrow in the council chamber in Swadlincote.

The committee will discuss alternatives to its budget for the 2014-15 financial year.

Members of the public are invited to attend.

## NHS change day pledge

NHS staff from the East Midlands are gearing up to try to beat the number of improvement pledges made on last year's NHS Change Day.

NHS Change Day – taking place on March 3 – is a frontline 'Call to Action' for NHS staff, patients and the public.

The idea is to get as many people as possible to pledge to do one thing to make the NHS better. Already 597 people in the region have pledged to make a positive change including a pledge to ensure each and every one of their patient's holistic needs are met.