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TODAY

**Max 19C
(66F)**



TOMORROW

**Max 20C
(68F)**



OUTLOOK UNTIL FRIDAY:

Bright and mainly dry with sunny spells. Just a small chance of a shower developing in the afternoon. Feeling warm in the sunshine with light winds. Further warm sunshine, but a chance of showers, especially tomorrow when they could be heavy and slow moving. Bright at first on Friday, a chance of patchy rain later.

CHEMISTSROTA

BURTON: Manor Pharmacy, Horninglow Street – Monday-Friday 8.30am-6.15pm; Asda Pharmacy – Monday-Friday 8am-10pm; Dean and Smedley, Horninglow Road – Monday-Friday 8.30am-6pm; Waterloo Pharmacy, Waterloo Street – Monday-Friday 9am-6.30pm; Morrisons Pharmacy – Monday-Friday 8.30am-8pm; Boots, Coopers Square – Monday-Friday 8.30am-5.30pm; Sainsbury's Pharmacy – Monday-Friday 7am-11pm; All Saints Pharmacy – Monday-Friday 7am-Midnight; Tesco Pharmacy, St Peter's Bridge – Mon 8am-10.30pm, Tue-Fri 6.30am-10.30pm.
SWADLINCOTE: Brennans, Darklands Road – Monday-Friday 8am-6.30pm
Dean and Smedley, West Street – Monday-Friday 8.45am-5.30pm (open until 6.30pm all week every third week)
Sainsbury's Pharmacy – Monday-Friday 7am-11pm
TUTBURY: Dean and Smedley, High Street – Monday-Friday 8.30am-6.15pm.
WOODVILLE: Dean and Smedley, High Street – Monday-Friday 9am-6.30pm.
CASTLE GRESLEY: The Pharmacy, Linton Road – Monday-Friday 9am-6pm (closed 12.30pm-2pm, closes at 5.30pm every Tuesday).
CHURCH GRESLEY: Manor Pharmacy, Market Street – Monday-Friday 9am-6pm (closed 1pm-1.30pm).
NEWHALL: Dean and Smedley, High Street – Monday-Friday 9am-6pm (closed 1pm-2.15pm).
WILLINGTON: Willington Pharmacy, Repton Rd – Monday-Friday 9am-6pm (closed 1pm-2pm).
BARTON: Co-op Pharmacy, Main Street – Monday-Friday 9am-6pm (closed 1pm-2pm).
STRETTON: Dean and Smedley, Main Street – Monday-Friday 9am-6pm.
STAPENHILL: Dean and Smedley, Main Street – Monday-Friday 9am-6pm
Stapenhill Pharmacy, St Peter's Street – Monday-Friday 7am 10.30pm.
HATTON: Good-life Pharmacy, Station Road – Monday-Friday 8.30am-6pm.

Katherine's Diary

THE reception class teacher from Burton, who is battling leukaemia, has described in her own words daily life on the hospital ward where she is confined in her fight against the disease. Katherine Sinfield, 32, of Balfour Street, needs daily doses of antibiotics, fungal drips and blood transfusions after being diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukaemia in April. She has remained in hospital, in Birmingham, for the last seven weeks after doctors said her only hope of survival was to receive a bone marrow transplant. Last month, the Mail launched its Take Five Minutes campaign in a bid to locate a suitable donor, not just for Katherine, but for anyone who is in her position. Here, Katherine describes life on the ward and her daily battle against cancer and against her increasing boredom of being confined to the ward. For more information on how to become a bone marrow donor, call the National Blood Service Donor helpline on 0300 123 2323.

Friday, August 2:

Another busy day on the drip front but with only one of my two Hickman Line inputs being used.

The day was fairly mundane compared to some of the hectic days I have had recently. My only specialist visitor today other than my usual team of doctors was a skin consultant. She took another look at this biopsy wound on my back and gave the ward nurses directions on how to apply a new steroid-based cream I have been prescribed.

Over the past couple of days the menu on the ward has altered, giving me fresh enthusiasm at meal times.

Saturday, August 3:

More good news was on the cards today as my neutrophil cell count is now 0.4.

Remember the magic number I have to hit on two consecutive days before I am allowed home is 0.5.

Yes it's close, but it's too early to get the bunting out as there's also a lot riding on my temperature and blood pressure remaining stable, and my being able to have the many medicines I take in drip form being available in tablet form.

My future treatment is still undecided and so nobody knows yet if I will need to repeat



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this intensive course of super-strong Flag/Ida chemotherapy or if we take a different approach – the results will hinge on yet another bone marrow biopsy.

At the moment, my main ambition is just to go home.

Sunday, August 4:

Another quiet day on the ward without too much news to share.

My temperature and blood pressure remain stable, while I continue to have endless bags of antibiotics connected to my Hickman Line along with my usual anti-fungal drip and a bag of platelets.

Tomorrow marks the start of my seventh week in Birmingham and my ambition is to be home this week as it's our fifth wedding anniversary on Friday and my 33rd birthday next Tuesday – I want to celebrate both at home.

Hubby of cancer sufferer plans motorcycle ride

by **Rob Smyth**

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THE husband of the teacher at the forefront of the Mail's 'Take Five Minutes' campaign has revealed his hopes for a two-wheeled fund-raiser.

Mail journalist Stephen Sinfield hopes to hold a motorcycle rally in a bid to further raise awareness and cash for charity, as his wife Katherine battles leukaemia.

He told the Mail: "All I have at the moment is an ambition to stage an event which accomplishes a multitude of hopes. If we can get this dream from the drawing board to the tarmac then my hope would be to run the rally from Queen's to Queen's."

"Hence the Queen's Hospital in Birmingham and the Queen's Hospital in Burton – the two institutions instrumental in the care of my wife."

"I came up with the wacky name of the 'Boneshaker MARROWthon' and hope the 35-mile ride between the two hospitals would raise vital cash for the charities Cure Leukaemia and the Anthony Nolan Trust, as well as raise awareness and understanding of leukaemia and bone marrow donation."

Stephen admits that as his time is taken visiting Katherine daily in Birmingham that planning of the event so far is minimal – without even a firm date in mind – and so he is hoping supporters of our 'Take Five Minutes' campaign will join together to make this dream a reality.

He said: "I know that organising such a rally is a minefield of red tape. Firstly,



EASY RIDER... Stephen Sinfield pictured on a motorbike as he gets ready for a charity bike ride in aid of his wife, Katherine.

I realise that starting and ending the rally at a busy hospital is out of the question, therefore the Queen's to Queen's link will have to be more of a ride-by rather than a static stop.

"I am also acutely aware that we are edging ever-closer to the fantastic Ride to the Wall rally and I certainly wouldn't want to organise anything which caused conflict."

"It would be great if we could attract a few of the bikers who take part in the



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Ride to the Wall event to also support this rally.

"So far I've secured the support of Suzuki GB who should be able to supply me with an impressive bike for the ride and I've tapped up many of the contacts I have acquired through writing the Mail's motoring pages to get the event publicised nationally in some of the major specialist bike magazines."

Stephen is welcoming offers of help at stephen.sinfield@burtonmail.co.uk



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