

Delight as Katherine is placed into remission

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IT'S been a long hard journey, but Katherine Sinfield is celebrating the news that her leukaemia is now in remission.

The 33-year-old, who lives in Balfour Street, Burton, has been crossing her fingers for this day ever since she underwent a bone marrow transplant last year when doctors said it was the only way for her to survive cancer.

The teacher, who is married to Mail journalist Stephen, was diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukaemia and ever since has been fighting a battle to beat the disease while imploring others to sign up to be blood and bone marrow donors as part of the Mail's Five Minutes campaign.

She said: "All of the early results show that my leukaemia is now in remission."

"Results from the bone marrow biopsy taken around the 100-day marker, along with detailed blood tests, show that I am clear of leukaemia and in remission – this is the first time since diagnosis that I have been clear of the condition."

"It's too early to pop the Champagne corks as further tests are still needed on the bone marrow biopsy, but it's safe to say that the Champagne can go in the fridge to start chilling."

"I'm still a regular visitor to the

hospital in Birmingham and this will continue for years as leukaemia can be a tricky customer.

"The first two years following a transplant are important, as statistics show that if the leukaemia is going to return at any time, it is most likely to happen within the first two years."

"Once I reach the five-year remission milestone, it's fairly safe to say that I am fully cured."

As Katherine celebrates the news that her leukaemia is in remission, she continues to battle with the long-term side-effects caused by many doses of chemotherapy, radiotherapy and her stem cell transplant.

She added: "I am suffering with bouts of Graft versus Host Disease which is what happens when my new German donor cells start attacking my body."

"These troublesome symptoms vanish as quick as they appear and tend to include a very sore mouth, stinging in my legs and patches of dry skin."

"In the past couple of weeks, I have been struggling with an intermittent pain."

"As a precaution, I'll be visiting the hospital a little more frequently in the coming weeks for tests."

"It's going to be a very long and complicated road back to full health, but at least I am currently free of leukaemia."



GREAT NEWS ... Katherine is delighted after doctors said her cancer had gone into remission.

'It's going to be a long road, but I am currently free of leukaemia'

Katherine Sinfield

PLEA — Katherine asks people to back campaign



KATHERINE Sinfield is still urging people to 'Take Five Minutes' and register to become a blood donor

The 33-year-old made the plea as she continues her recovery from a bone marrow transplant.

Her plight has been highlighted as part of a Mail campaign, which was set up to get more people to donate

blood and sign up to the bone marrow donor register.

She is asking Mail readers to 'give blood' which will help others who find themselves in a situation similar to hers.

She said: "Not only can they register to become a bone marrow donor but they can also donate and help

out so many people, not just me.

"So I ask people to 'Take Five Minutes and register to be a blood donor and then set by around an hour to give blood and save a life."

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



WANT TO CONGRATULATE KATHERINE ON HER GOOD NEWS?

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NEWS IN BRIEF

American visitors sing praises of Ashby school

TOURISTS from America have praised a school in Ashby after they were given a guided tour.

The couple, from Seattle, were given a tour of Manor House School by Janet Russell, a teacher at the school.

They said: "Manor House School is so different from anything we have seen elsewhere, with all of the pupils standing to greet us in their red jackets, in such a beautiful manor house."

"We were given a booklet by Janet, explaining about the history of both the school and Ashby. As a writer myself, I heartily congratulate the authors and the local museum for producing it."

Open exhibition on Measham house plans

A PUBLIC exhibition will be held in a North West Leicestershire village on February 27 to show potential plans for 77 new houses in the village.

David Wilson Homes held a presentation at Measham Parish Council on Thursday on the plans which would see 77 homes built on land off Athersone Road.

The exhibition will be held from 4pm to 8pm at St Lawrence Church Hall.

Today is the big day for couple Mary and Harold

THE wedding of a couple who met at a Swadlincote care home – who will have a 100-year-old as maid of honour – was due to take place today.

Mary Shingler, 80, and Harold Gough, 79, will marry at Swadlincote Register Office. Their maid of honour will be Elsie Payne, who turned 100 last summer.

The pair met at Oakland Village care home just a few months ago and it was not long before Harold popped the question.

Ambulance service has high rate of heart calls

WEST Midlands Ambulance Service has urged people to learn CPR.

The service was called to more than 100,000 heart-related cases last year.

Details of the nearest 'Heartstart' courses can be found online at bhf.org.uk/heart-health/how-we-help/training/heartstart

Cadet handed place on scheme

YEARS of hard work and dedication have paid off for a South Derbyshire air cadet.

Jamie Hurrell is a member of the 1211 Swadlincote Squadron and has been awarded a place on the International Air Cadet Exchange Scheme, which will see him travel to Germany for three weeks in July.

The scheme links air cadets from around the world and places are limited with around 90 from the UK taking part annually.

The Swadlincote cadet said: "When Squadron Commander, Flight Lieutenant Alyn Thompson, asked me to fill in the application form to apply for such a camp, I believed my chances of being awarded a place on such a prestigious scheme would be very slim as in the previous two years, three cadets from our squadron have also been awarded places which has seen them travelling to Turkey, Singapore and Canada."

"So I feel honoured and excited about the prospect of being chosen over so many other outstanding cadets."

He will be taking part in a wide range of sporting and adventure training activities.

Police seek wine fraud victims

DETECTIVES in Staffordshire are on the hunt for anybody who has invested in a fraudulent wine company.

Up to £1 million is believed to have been invested in Le Bordeaux Wines Ltd, which launched online in late 2012.

The company offered investment opportunities for traders, but an investigation by Staffordshire Police revealed that the business was nothing but an operation of fraud.

The wines which had been sold to investors by Les Brodeaux Wines did not exist, and investors who sold their own wine did not receive any money.

It came to light when a company based in the county contacted police after falling foul of the company's ploy. It is believed around 30 other people or businesses have invested.

A 25-year-old London man has been arrested on suspicion of fraud in relation to the investigation, and has been bailed pending further inquiries.

Anyone with information should contact Detective Constable Chris Pope on 101, quoting incident number 258 or December 9.

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