

EXPERIMENTAL: DAD IS TO TAKE PART IN CANCER DRUG TRIALS

Battling David hoping for life-extending treatment

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A police officer will learn within weeks whether he is fit enough to travel to America to undergo experimental cancer treatment.

David Robinson, a trainee officer in Leicester city centre, has four incurable tumours – three on his brain and one on his spine.

Originally, the 29-year-old had hoped to travel to America in September last year to take part in trials of a new drug, which he hopes will extend his life with his wife Almira and eight-month-old daughter Amelia.

However, he had to put his plan on hold when he underwent surgery in September and November.

He said: "I'm not feeling brilliant at the moment, but I feel I'm getting better."

HEALTHY

"Two of the tumours had grown and I started to get headaches and blurred vision, so I had to have the two operations in a short space of time to remove them.

"My consultant wants me to be as healthy as possible if I'm to go to America. I'm having a scan at the end of this month and then some radiotherapy.

"Every day with Amelia is wonderful. She is doing something new all the time.

"It's really good being able to watch her do all these new things and I just want it to go on as long as possible."

Almira, 29, said: "He is doing better than he was before surgery, so hopefully things are stable at the moment.

"Amelia is a little ray of sunshine. She has a couple of little teeth, is saying 'mama' and 'dada' and crawling everywhere, so we're forever trying to find her."

David was first diagnosed with



WONDERFUL TIMES: David Robinson is enjoying spending time with his eight-month-old daughter Amelia

cancer as a teenager but the disease has returned despite treatment.

The new drug trial is taking place at the Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumour Centre, at Duke Hospital, in North Carolina.

The year-long trial involves 50 patients taking a tablet every day for a month and then undergoing four weeks of scans before the next course.

Although the treatment is free, the couple aim to raise £100,000 to cover costs of the stay in America.

Friends, family, colleagues and police officers across the UK have helped the fundraising hit £67,000.

Sgt Nick White, a friend and one of David's senior officers at Mansfield House station, in Belgrave Gate, said: "I have seen him dealing with the after-effects of chemotherapy and scars from surgery. It takes

a very special person to smile in these circumstances.

"The fund now stands at £67,000 and events are still being planned and people are still coming forward with donations, which is incredible given the financial climate."

For condition updates and details of further fund-raising events, see the "help us help a friend" site on Facebook or David's website:

www.davideerobinson.co.uk

Police make new appeal for help over burglaries

OFFICERS investigating two burglaries in north west Leicestershire have made a further appeal for public help.

The first incident happened between 11.30am and 7.15pm on Friday, December 10, 2010, at a house in Shelly Close in Measham where a quantity of jewellery, a laptop, two large whisky bottles containing coins and a red Nintendo Wii games console were stolen.

The second incident is believed to have happened at about 2am on Saturday, December 11, 2010, at a prop-

erty in Hall Lane in Whitwick. Burglars had forced entry to the house through a back door before stealing a quantity of cash.

Detective Constable Clare Birch, said: "The victims have been left shocked and we are keen to speak to anyone who may have seen anything suspicious."

A 28-year-old man has been arrested in connection with the incident in Whitwick and released on police bail pending further inquiries.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Det Con 4174 Clare Birch on Leicester 0116 222 2222.

Plea to continue recycling after top start to the year

RESIDENTS in one district of Leicestershire recycled 45 tonnes of festive leftovers in the first week of January – twice the usual amount.

Before Christmas, Harborough District Council urged the 80,000 residents across the district to recycle any leftover food to prevent the waste going to landfill sites.

In May last year, Harborough council, working with its contractor Focsa and Leicestershire County Council, became the first authority in the East Midlands to launch a district-wide separate

weekly food waste collection. Since then, more than 1,000 tonnes of food waste have been recycled into agricultural compost through residents using specially-provided caddies for their food.

Coun Steve Charlsh, Harborough's recycling spokesman, said: "There is more food around during the festive season and it is great to see leftovers going in caddies, instead of the black bin. I hope families who may have started using the caddy for the first time will keep using it. It costs the taxpayer every time waste goes to landfill."

WEATHER

Leicestershire Today

Becoming dry and increasingly sunny. Gentle winds. High 6C (43F).

Today **PM** **6**

Leics facts
Max temp: 7.8C (46F)
Min temp: 4.4C (40F)
Pressure: 1018mb
Rain: 0.3mm (0.01in)
Wind: NW (max 9mph)
Sun: 1.5 hours
Up to 5.30pm yesterday

Tomorrow **AM** **4**

Tomorrow

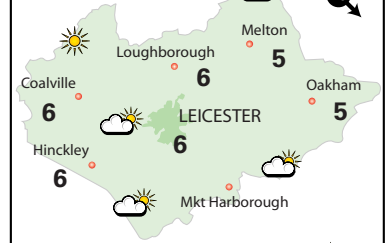
Dry with sunny periods. Gentle winds. Chilly. High 6C (43F).

Sun and Moon

Sun sets tonight 4.28pm
Sun rises tomorrow 8.06am



Leicestershire Tomorrow



Thursday Dry, but rather cloudy. Chilly.
Friday Dry, but rather cloudy. Cold.
Saturday Dry with sunny spells. Cold.

Britain Today (Max)

North 7 (45F)	South 7 (45F)
N. West 7 (45F)	S. Wales 8 (46F)
Yorks 6 (43F)	N. Wales 7 (45F)
W. Mids 6 (43F)	Scotland 6 (43F)
E. Mids 5 (41F)	N. Ireland 6 (43F)

The World Today (Max)

Athens 16 (61F)	Prague 7 (45F)
Berlin 8 (46F)	Madrid 13 (55F)
Brussels 7 (45F)	New York 6 (43F)
Dublin 6 (43F)	Paris 9 (48F)
Florida 25 (77F)	Rome 14 (57F)

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