

FLAWLESS: 17-year-old's driving performance is an extraordinary feat



■ Carla Holmes Taylor 17 celebrates passing her driving test with no minor marks with her driving instructor Hayley Noden from Pass You.

Carla passes test with perfect points

Pass master does not make a single minor mistake

JENSON Button might be fast - but one Earl Shilton teen may well be the perfect driver.

Carla Homes, 17, from Heath Lane, is celebrating after she completed an extraordinary feat.

She completed a faultless drive when she took her driving test a few days ago - just five months she turned 17 and started learning.

Her success has been deemed 'extremely unusual' as only 0.01% of the two million drivers who take their test each year manage it without a single minor mistake.

Learners can make up to 15 minor faults in

the 40-minute test. The average for those who pass is nine.

Carla learnt to drive at Pass You driving school in Sketchley Road, Burbage.

Her achievement is another great result for the school, which prides itself on an excellent pass rate.

Instructor Hayley Noden, said: "Carla was a model student who was a keen dedicated driver that always listened and tried hard."

"Carla passed in 30 lessons, with a flawless performance, which is miles better than the na-

tional average.

"What she has done is a very rare occurrence and I am so pleased that a female driver has achieved such great results."

Carla was thrilled with her result and said: "I'm really pleased, driving came quite naturally to me."

"I didn't feel nervous taking the test. I just kept calm and did everything that I would normally have done in a lesson."

For Carla, freedom and independence comes in the shape of a brand new Fiat 500, the perfect gift from mum and dad to celebrate her success.

Tickled Pink by challenge

JAN GRAYSON, from Barwell, has a great deal to celebrate in 2009.

She works as a Manager at Asda, in Hinckley, and now has a total of 25 years service with them.

During that time Jan hasn't had a single day off sick....you could say that she has been "in the pink" for all this time.

Jan also celebrates a milestone birthday this year.

To mark her double achievement, Jan has decided to walk the Leicestershire Round - a route of over 100 miles of footpaths - to raise money for 'Tickled Pink' breast cancer charities.

She said: "I wanted to celebrate this year by doing something a little different. Most people have a party, but I thought that I would challenge myself to a 113 mile walk."

"I know it sounds a little crazy, but that's the sort of person I am, or so my friends tell me!"

Jan hopes to raise £1,000 for the charity.

The walk starts from Asda, in Hinckley, at 10.30am on Tuesday, September 8, returning on Tuesday, September 15.

Anyone wishing to contact Jan to pledge some sponsorship can contact her at Asda, Hinckley, on 01455 636145, or Best Buddies Petcare on 07853 251 739.

Composting grows on community

GOOD communities go green, great communities go green together - that's according to Leicestershire County Council.

The authority is touting Community Composting as "an innovative way of enabling residents to collectively compost their green household waste," - and it's open to any group.

The scheme is the brainchild of Leicestershire's Waste Partnership, who are seeking to support a small number of composting projects across the county, in the hope that the idea blossoms.

Michael Rook, Chairman of the Leicestershire Waste Partnership, said: "We hope that the successful projects will provide models of good practice for how other communities could develop such exciting projects, which not only help reduce waste, but provide wider social and environmental benefits."

For further information, and to request an expression of interest pack, call Sally Kilbourne on 0116 305 5749.

Floral Nursery rhyme theme

A FLOWER Festival is being held at St Margaret's Church, Stoke Golding, over the Bank Holiday weekend (August 29 to 31).

One of the organisers, Corinne Wilson, said: "It's a wonderful theme this year - Nursery Rhymes - all the old favourites will be appearing Humpty Dumpty, Owl And The Pussy Cat, Little Miss Muffett, and Hickory Dickory Dock, 25 displays in total."

The church and school hall will be open from 10am to 5pm on the Saturday and Monday, and noon to 5pm on the Sunday. Free off-road parking is available on the school car park.

A fully operational public toilet is now available in the church, the result of proceeds from four years of Flower Festivals.

Master of the medium visits

GEOFF Kersey, from Derbyshire, revisited Hinckley Society of Arts to demonstrate his superb skills, as a water colour artist.

Members were enthralled at his mastery of the medium, enjoying tips regarding masking, and the use of different colours for skies, foliage, and rocks, plus the use of brush sizes.

The audience included several visitors drawn by the reputation of the artist.

The society will be holding a small exhibition, from 10am to 4pm, on August 29, in Hinckley Methodist Church, where monthly meetings are held. On September 4 Ian Risley will demonstrate his use of pastels.