

Nat Langham

Cross Keys Yard

Made a fortune as an English middleweight bare-knuckle prize fighter - the only opponent ever to beat the legendary Thomas Sayers. Nat was Manager to Jem Mace, the pioneer of pro-boxing.



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Arthur Kimbrell

Horsefair

Was a successful show promoter who worked for the Grade Organisation. The famous acts that he booked and accompanied across the UK included Frank Ifield, The Beatles, the Lana Sisters, Joe Brown & The Bruwers and Susan Maughan.

Joseph Aloysius Hansom

Natwest, The Borough

Was a prolific English architect. He invented the Hansom cab and was one of the founders of the architectural journal, The Builder. The first Hansom Cab travelled down Hinckley's Coventry Rd in 1835.



A.J. Pickering

The Borough

Was a renowned archaeologist, businessman and philanthropist, and a respected author of non-fiction including 'The cradle and home of the hosiery trade 1640-1940' about Hinckley's hosiery industry.



Hansom Cab

Regent Street

Joseph Hansom designed and built the prototype Hansom Cab at this site. It was designed to combine horse drawn speed with safety, having a low centre of gravity for safe cornering.



Dr Robert Chessher

QueensPark Ct, LondonRd

Was the first British Orthopaedic Surgeon. Highly respected amongst his peers, he invented the double-inclined plane to help in the treatment of lower-body bone fractures which proved to be of great benefit to sufferers.



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Father Matthew Thomas Norton

Priory Walk

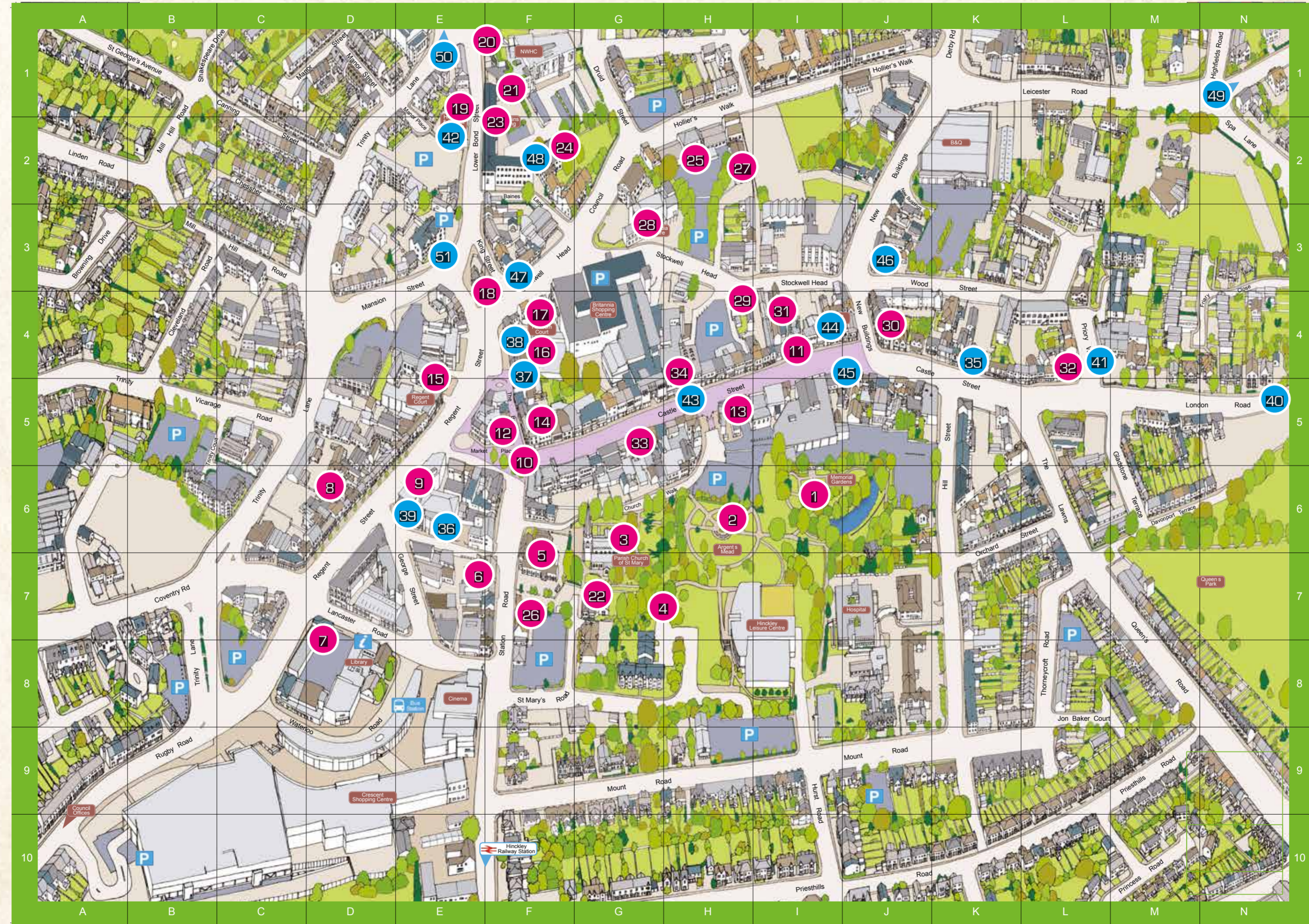
Re-founded the first Dominican Priory in England here since Henry VIII's Reformation. He was also a distinguished agronomist - a cultivator of crops, pasture, soils and eco-systems.



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Famous people in HINCKLEY

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Dr Myra King Merrick

Location: Eden Court, Mansion Street

A pioneering female doctor in Cleveland, USA. She was an advocate for women's and children's health and was born in a house adjacent to the Dog and Gun.

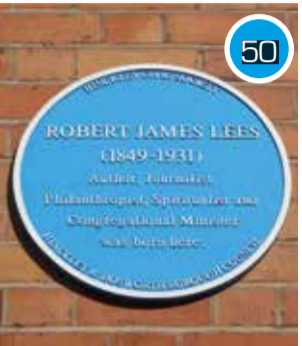


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Robert James Lees

Location: Upper Bond Street

A 19th century spiritualist medium who was reputed to have given séances to Queen Victoria to put her in touch with Prince Albert. He was one of the founders of the Spiritualist Church and the Tibbits magazine. He was born in Upper Bond Street.



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Elizabeth Coxhead

Hinckley Parks School, Leicester Road

An author of novels, critic, journalist, broadcaster and an accomplished mountaineer. Elizabeth was born at the former Hinckley Grammar School.



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Joseph Dare

Location: Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel

A domestic Missioner, poet and teacher practiced for many years at the Unitarian Chapel. A pioneering social worker in Victorian Leicestershire dedicated to tackling health issues.



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John Boutbee Brooks

Location: Brooks Yard, Stockwell Head

Inventor of the world famous sprung bicycle saddle during the late 19th century. Lived in a home in Brooks Yard



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William Iliffe

Hinckley Museum

The first stocking frame was introduced to Hinckley by William Iliffe in 1640, and he is credited with starting the hosiery industry which was to make the town famous throughout the world.



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Charlotte Mary Brame

Castle Street

The fine 18th century building at 35, Castle Street, was home to romantic novelist Charlotte Mary Brame who died in 1884. Charlotte is buried in the Ashby Road Cemetery.



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Jon Baker - RIBA

Crown Court

Founder member of Hinckley Civic Society and involved in Town Centre Architecture.

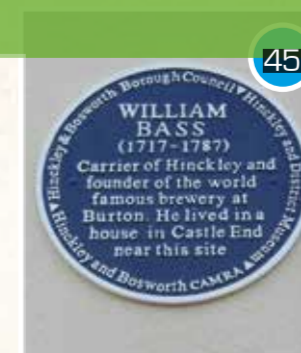


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William Bass

Castle Street

Founder of the famous Bass brewery in Burton-upon-Trent, established in 1777. William lived in a house in Castle End.



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William Butler

Location: New Buildings

Founder of the famous Mitchells & Butlers brewery in Smethwick, established in 1898. William was born in a house in New Buildings.



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