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**SOUNDS AND SILLINESS:** Get your fill of great bands at Strawberry Fields and, below, The Inbetweeners 2

**L**ET US take you down, 'cause we're going to... Cattows Farm, Normanton Lane, Heather, LE67 2TD. Yup, Strawberry Fields Festival is back, a bonsai Glasto in the north of Leicestershire. It kicked off last night with The Twang and DJ Yoda in the line-up and cracks on today and tomorrow with acts including Reverend and The Makers, The Rifles, Dodgy, Goldie Lookin Chain, Twisted Wheel, Catfish and The Bottlemen, Leicester's skanking By The Rivers and more. There's also a dance arena, a comedy and cabaret stage, with burlesque performances and an appearance by ex-drugs smuggler turned grizzly raconteur Howard Marks, and loads of stuff for kids. See the festival's website at: [www.strawberryfieldsfestival.co.uk](http://www.strawberryfieldsfestival.co.uk)

**READY** for another song? Right you are. Altogether now: "Aged superheroes, life long green-and-white, we belong together – you guys are cool and we are hot. Aged superheroes, our lives – and the new German Master comes



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Stuck for things to do over the weekend? Try our top tips

wiedermal the Weser beach." According to painstaking research we've just completed, on Google translate, these are the English lyrics to the Werder Bremen anthem. Tim Rice can probably sleep easy. The grand old Bundesliga side are Leicester City's final opponents in a pre-season campaign which has

already produced a rash of jaw-dropping wonder strikes. So far, we're unbeaten. But today's match at the King Power is the sternest test. The Germans beat Chelsea 3-0 last weekend. Werder Bremen fact: they retired the number 12 shirt. The fans are the 12th man, innit? **IN THE** Inbetweeners 2 (15), Will gets chased down a water slide by a poo. We think that's probably all you need to know to make up your mind whether to go and see it or not.

**OUR** favourite story about Leicester grebos Gaye Bykers on Acid is that they used to support themselves, dressed in women's clothing, as Lesbian Dopeheads on Mopeds, to get paid twice. We have no idea if that's true or not. Nor, for that matter, if they also had a spoof East German punk spin-off called Rektüm. But what is true is that Bykers bassist Robber and Crazyhead's Anderson and Porkbeast are now in Swamp Delta, who mix new stuff with old faves like What Gives You The Idea That You're So Amazing Baby, Everything's Groovy and Out On A Limb. They play the Donkey this afternoon, their only gig in the city this year, before heading for the Rebellion punk festival in Blackpool. Entry is a fiver, and it starts at 2pm.

**THE** award for the most cheerfully bonkers event of the weekend goes to the Mountsorrel Revival, "a modern take on a traditional village fete" which is staged tomorrow. There's soap box racing, gnome lobbying, archery, river trips, tractor rides, custom cars and hot rods on display, American Civil War re-enactments, music, dance, snacks... all sorts. It runs from 11am to 5pm. **MB**

First up: Julie Bradshaw, swimmer

**FIRST MEMORY:** Lying on my mum's bed while she changed my brother's nappy. I was about five years old. **FIRST TIME IN A SWIMMING POOL:** This was at the lido baths in Blackpool, with my parents. My mum didn't like water and when I was being tossed in the air, I splashed her face. With all my outdoor swims, while my dad went on the boat, my mum was the person on land following and sending out food to the rowing boat – the other part of my team along with my brother and nan.

**FIRST ALBUM:** Bay City Rollers, when I was 13 years old. **FIRST JOB:** In 1982, I worked as a lifeguard on the beach at Cleveleys, near Blackpool. Although the weather was cold most of the time, it was great to patrol the coast and be in charge of the lifeboat we had there. One season, a boy was drowning in the sea during my watch and I was able to swim out and save him.

**FIRST CAR:** My parents gave me their Triumph Toledo the first Christmas I was home after I had started my PE/sports science degree at Loughborough University. This saved them coming to collect me from Blackpool each semester. **FIRST PLACE OF MY OWN:** The house I bought in 1988 and in which I still live today. This is a three-bedroom house in Loughborough. I have felt very much at home here for the past 26 years, especially having an Endless Pool in my garden.

**FIRST LOVE:** Now, that would be telling! However, a special place in my heart goes to my black, long-haired lurcher, Barney, who was with me through thick and thin and, above all, loved swimming and would follow me into the water. My current rescue dog, gorgeous Molly, a greyhound, does follow me most



**DIFFERENT STROKES:** Left, Julie Bradshaw and a Triumph Toledo, which was her first car. Above, tartan tottie the Bay City Rollers

places but, unlike me, has not really taken to the water. **FIRST RECORD-BREAKING SWIM:** In 1979, I swam Windermere (10.5 miles) in four hours, 38 minutes. This was a British Junior Record and I believe it still stands today.

**FIRST WORLD RECORD SWIM:** This goes back to 1980, when I swam Three-Way Windermere (a total of 31.5 miles). I was particularly proud of this swim, since, as on all swims, I was raising money for charity. On the first leg, I pulled my shoulder and my physio, the day after, could not believe I swam for 21 miles with a pulled shoulder, commenting on me being "a brave girl". Two weeks after, I raced in the Two-Way Windermere championships and won it! **MB**

**INFO:** World record-holding long-distance swimmer Dr Julie "Madfish" Bradshaw MBE, from Loughborough, will this week be attempting to gain her 21st World Record. Beginning on Monday, she will lead an international team aiming to complete the world's longest lake swim by a standard relay team of six. They will swim a 14-way Windermere relay, swimming a total of 147 miles non-stop in 86 hours – 21 miles further than the current record set in 2011.