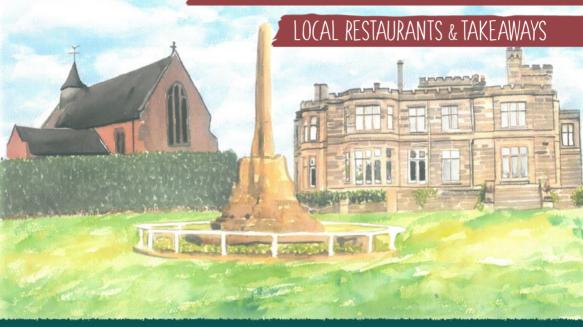
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We have a competition to win tickets to Meriden's Stonebridge Club who are hosting this year's scariest event: The Spooky Swamp. Our readers have an exclusive chance to win a Family Bundle ticket to this spooktacular extravaganza (see page 34 for details).

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Here are some dates for your calendar:

31st October - Halloween; 31st October - Daylight Saving Time ends; 5th November - Guy Fawkes Day. Have a great couple of months and

whatever you do - keep yourself and your loved ones safe.

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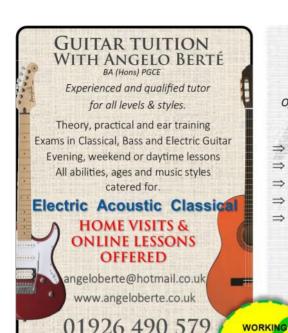


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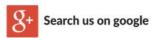
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ARIES MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

An exciting relationship opportunity appears to be up for grabs during October as the powerful Libra new moon on the 6th challenges you to up your game and reach out to take some risks. The full moon in your sign on the 20th indicates that some new adventures could be coming your way. Resources and finances are in the spotlight during November as the Scorpio Sun and Mars both encourage an all-important review. Scorpio Mars demands action and offers you the courage and determination to make some important changes. The practical Taurus full moon on the 19th suggests refreshing change.

TAURUS APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Health and wellbeing are your top priorities this month as the Sun, Mars and Mercury emphasise the need for Libran balance in all areas of your life. Venus, your ruling planet, arrives in the financial area of your chart on the 7th, some important decisions may have to be made. The transformational Scorpio Sun and dynamic Mars both shine a strong and guiding light on all your relationships and partnerships during November. This is the perfect time to make some dramatic changes as you communicate your values and your worth to all those in your circle.

GEMINI MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Love and romance are in the spotlight during October as the Sun, Mercury and energetic Mars stir up any issues concerning your relationships. Finding balance is a key issue this month and some soul searching will be needed; it may be best to think carefully before you express your opinion. The work and wellbeing angle of your chart is strongly emphasised during November as daily routines, wellbeing and general health become your top priorities. Mercury, vour ruler, moves into determined Scorpio on the 6th suggesting that you can now be unwavering in your decisions

CANCER JUNE 22 - JULY 22

The powerful Aries full moon on the 20th highlights a career opportunity as your thinking becomes much clearer and you are ready to forge ahead with an important decision. This is a really good month to revise what your unique qualities are and to use your imagination and creativity to your advantage. November suggests that love and romance are in the spotlight as the Sun and dynamic Mars fire up this sector of your chart. Whatever happens on the relationship front, it's going to be a fun month and the way forward becomes much clearer around the full moon on the 19th.

IFO JULY 23 - AUGUST 23

October is looking very positive for communication and negotiations on all levels. Your mind should be open but focussed in order to expand your knowledge. Expansive Jupiter is in a pivotal position and enhances your creativity, optimism and good luck; but take extra care that you don't overstretch yourself. Your home and family are high on the agenda during November as the Sun and Mars shine brightly in your domestic sector. Abundant Jupiter also lends a helping hand and ensures that things go your way, providing you use your intuition when dealing with any difficult issues.

VIRGO AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 22

Exciting new beginnings are evident as the month commences, firstly a positive Libra new moon on the 6th and then Mercury, your ruler, turning direct on the 19th. Enhanced planetary activity bring your attention to what is really important and help you to ignore and dismiss what is no longer valid. November shines the light on all forms of thinking and communication, particularly after the 6th as Mercury in Scorpio gives you the courage to express opinions that you are normally reluctant to voice. Your mind is sharply focussed, particularly around the Taurus full moon on the 19th.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 23

As Venus, your ruling planet, moves into Sagittarius on the 7th your communication skills come to the forefront. Creative planning is necessary as you consider new and exciting ways to get your message across. Energetic Mars, in your sign nearly all month, gives a strong boost to achieving goals. November welcomes your ruling planet to the careful and practical sign of Capricorn. The urge for adventure and risk taking must now make way for more serious plans concerning your future. Successful interaction and new projects are the main themes to keep you occupied.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Love planet Venus is in the last week of your sign, any partnership or relationship issues that need resolving should be dealt with now. Three planets in the most introspective part of your chart indicate that you need to take care of your physical health as your vitality may not be at its best. November is your birthday month and it offers the start of a new cycle of transformation and personal growth. Dynamic Mars stays in your sign all month, ensuring the perfect opportunity to be more assertive as you step up into a more important role. The full moon in your opposite sign on the 19th suggests a lucky breakthrough.

SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 21

Love planet Venus enters your sign on the 7th highlighting your need for a new adventure, and even a new romance! Steer your energy towards realistic targets that can be completed with hard work. The powerful Aries full moon on the 20th suggests an important breakthrough. November starts off super charged as Jupiter positively aligns with Mercury and highlights all forms of communication. Some important work related issues come to the surface and you may need to renegotiate how you are valued. With renewed confidence your long held dreams and aspirations can finally take shape.

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 20

October suggests there is a challenge to your work and career situation as the Sun, Mars and Mercury all highlight this area of your chart. Try not to give in to unnecessary self-criticism as your task this month is to balance logic with imagination. Opportunities arrive after the Libra new moon on the 6th. The Sun and dynamic Mars are both extremely powerful during November stirring up anything to do with friendships and group endeavours. Romance is also favoured as love planet Venus arrives in your sign on the 6th, increasing the chances of a meeting with someone new.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 18

This month the planets are urging you to take up a new form of study that can eventually lead to spiritual growth. Energetic Mars is strong, indicating that your life goals are highlighted and the powerful full moon in Aries on the 20th facilitates new projects that require your concentration and endurance. November could turn out to be quite a testing time on the home front as stern Saturn challenges individualistic Uranus and brings up issues concerning your personal freedom. Take heart, Jupiter is in your sign and can give you the required insight to solve any immediate problems.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

This month highlights the need for balance and stability in all things to do with your investments, finances and resources. Venus arrives in Sagittarius on the 7th suggesting that luck is changing and some important new insights could be on offer. Jupiter turns direct on the 18th - expect breakthroughs! November highlights study and spiritual growth as the intense Scorpio Sun and enthusiastic Mars both urge you to open your mind and explore subjects that you have been thinking about for a long time. Be sure to stay wide awake and attentive to any new opportunities that may suddenly appear.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

LIVEN UP THEIR LUNCHBOX

At the start of a new school term you may need plenty of inspiration to make your kids lunch boxes healthy and fun to eat. Packed lunches can make an important contribution to energy and nutrient intakes for children so it is important to get the right balance. Healthy lunch box tips

Variety and getting the right balance of foods is key for good health and for providing children with all of the nutrients they need to stay healthy. It is also important to understand what children would like to eat – some may like dips, some may be sensitive about certain smells, and some may prefer a pasta salad instead of a sandwich! So try the following tips for some new ideas:



Try different breads or starchy foods e.g. pitta pockets, tortilla wraps, crisp breads, couscous, pasta, potato salad, rice or chapattis – using wholemeal bread, whole-wheat pasta and leaving skins on potatoes will provide extra fibre!



Make fruit salad or fruit kebabs with bite-sized chunks of their favourite fruits (a sprinkle of lemon juice can stop fruit from going brown).



Add salad and some reduced fat mayonnaise or flavoured hummus, to liven up their usual sandwich or wrap.



Get dipping! Try tasty dips like hummus, cottage cheese or salsa with crackers, breadsticks or vegetable sticks.



Instead of a sandwich, why not add mixed beans, peas or lentils (as a plant based source of protein) to a pasta, couscous or rice salad!



Recycle! Last night's dinner can be a tasty lunch the next day. For example, making left-over pasta or rice into a salad or having a cold slice of homemade pizza.



Always include water! Hydration for children at school is key, and they may be doing lots of running around too.

Top tip: Schools may not have fridge space available for children's packed lunches, so to keep your child packed lunch cool, freeze a drink to act as a cool pack and it will melt back in time for lunch!





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Although we are hoping for a 'normal' Christmas this year, we will be continuing to follow any government guidelines plus our own company Covid policies throughout the coming months.

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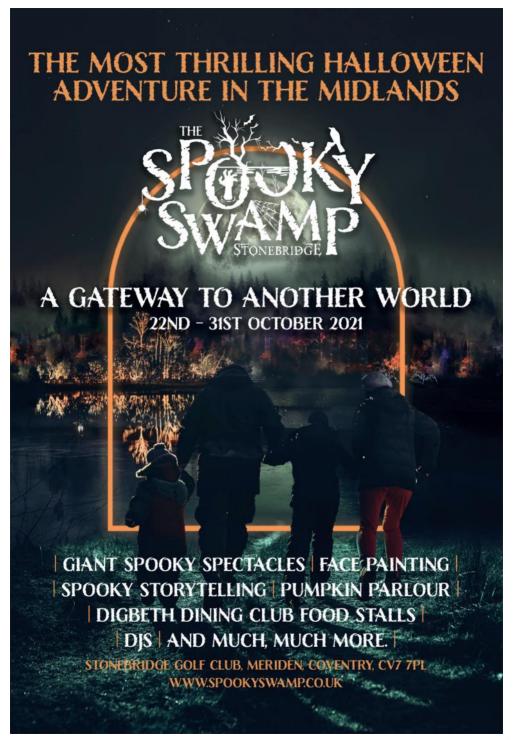
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