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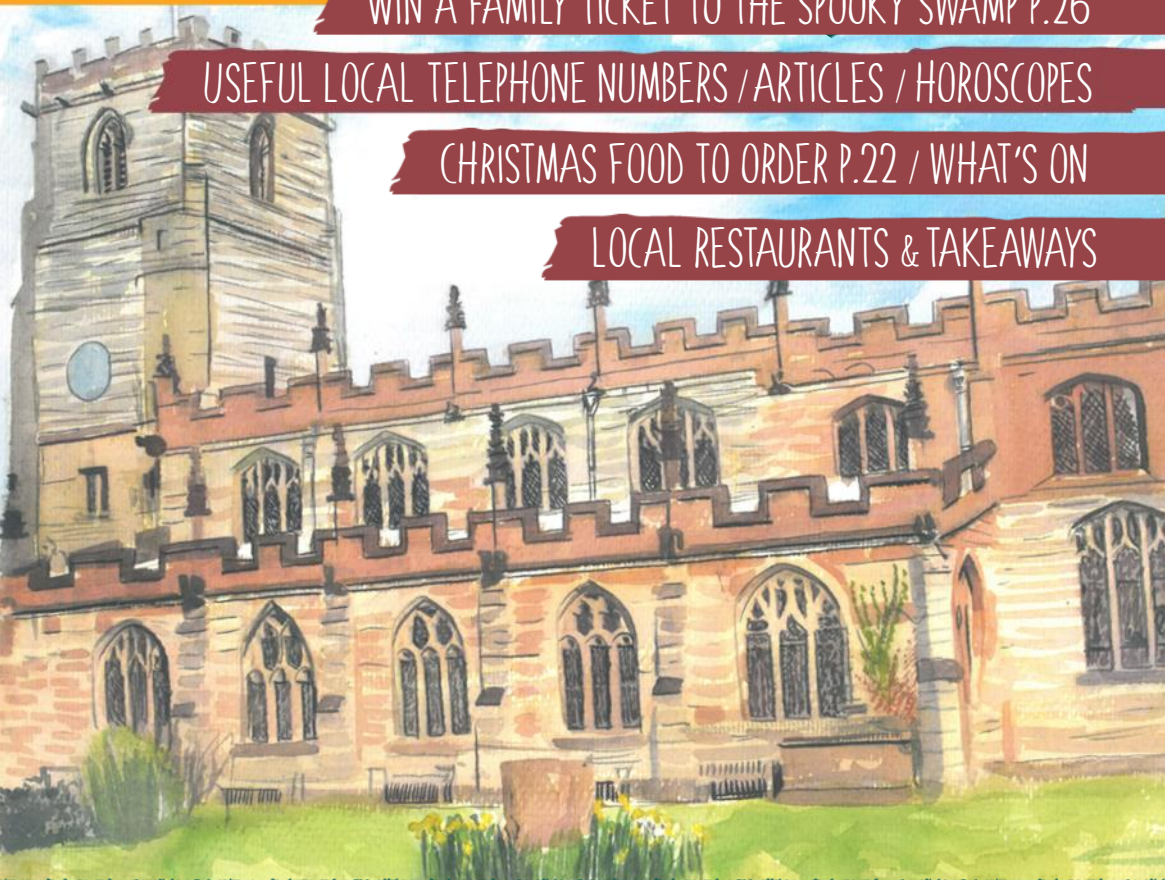


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Hello and welcome to our October/November edition! As the Summer is coming to an end, it is time to get busy again: busy with school runs, busy with house chores, busy planning for all the festivities over the next few months.

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 26 for details).

For those of you Early Birds, the Balsall Common's own Oakes Farm Shop have started taking Christmas Order (yes, we said the C-word already!): see pages 22-25 for more. For those who love a good bargain, we have one on nearly every page: see what our advertisers have to offer and quote Stonesthrow Directory to redeem. Not only will you be bagging a great discount, but by putting a good word in for us, you are helping us bring more local businesses who pride themselves on quality, professionalism and great reputation built locally and trusted by the community.

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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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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, your 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.

LEO 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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our weekly order email.

Balsall Common Country Market

Date: every Saturday / Time: 10am—11.30am /
Venue: Balsall Common Village Hall, 112 Station
Road Balsall Common CV7 7FF
We are more than just a place to shop – we are a
place where people meet and belong. Come and
have a cup of tea or coffee with us along with
home-made cakes and goodies. Our range of
foods includes cakes to die for, savoury meals
you can pop in the freezer for later in the week
and jams and marmalades in a class of their own.
We have splendid flower arrangements, plants
for your garden that include both the unusual
and old favourites. Our fruits and vegetables are
home grown and wholesome.

Kenilworth Market

Date: every Thursday / Time: 9am—3pm /
Venue: Abbey End, Kenilworth
Kenilworth market is a great opportunity to shop
in a vibrant open-air setting. You will find variety
and value, sold by new and experienced traders.
Choose from stalls selling everything from fresh
fruit and vegetables, plants, fresh baking, fish
and clothing, to gifts & food specialities.

Lions Beer Festival

Date: 15th, 16th of October / Time: 12 noon—
10.30pm / Venue: Shirley British Legion
A charity Beer Festival at Shirley British Legion
Co-Hosted by Acocks Green Lions, Solihull Lions
and Shirley Lions. Opening times for both days
will be 12.00 noon to 10.30 pm. Entry fee is £10
which will include a souvenir beer glass,
programme, entry to raffle and £5 worth of beer
tokens. A wide variety of beers and ciders will be
available. Tickets and admission can be paid for
on the day and at the door. Advance tickets for
the Festival can be obtained from Shirley Royal
British Legion.
Email: info@thelegionshirley.co.uk

The Omega Course

Date: 16th of October / Time: 10:00-16:00
Saturday and 11:30-16:30 Sunday / Venue:
Senior Citizens Club, Abbey End, Kenilworth

CV8 1QJ

The Omega Course is highly evaluated by
attendees and gives you an opportunity to
discuss Death and Dying in a safe atmosphere. A
weekend course will run 16th and 17th October,
and an evening course starts on 28th October for
4 weeks and one Saturday, held at the Senior
Citizens Club Kenilworth. Both cost £65 pp, £100
for two places booked together. For more info:
www.omegacourse.co.uk email:
courses@omegacourse.co.uk

Age UK Solihull Christmas Raffle

Tickets are available now for Age UK Solihull's
Christmas Raffle. Prizes include a Christmas
turkey, tickets for travel on Chiltern Railways,
Afternoon Tea at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, and
more. Tickets are £1 each (come in books of
five). Email events@ageuksolihull.org.uk if you
would like to play.

A Christmas Fair

Date: 27th of November / Time: 10am—1pm /
Venue: Knowle Village Hall, St Johns Cl, Knowle
B93 0NH

A lovely Christmassy morning at this Knowle
Village Hall Fundraising event! Christmas and
greetings cards, decorations, gifts, cakes and
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Date: choose your date, most weekends
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training is given on the day. Spectators welcome.
Find out more and book your place at
www.ageuk.org.uk/solihull/parachute-jump

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FOR ALL ORDERS
IS SUNDAY
5TH DECEMBER**

- How to order Christmas Meat, Desserts & Cheese Boards -

BEFORE THE DAY

You will find our butchery and delicatessen order forms instore.

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Claire, Kenilworth

These deposits confirm your order and the amount will be refunded upon collection.

ON THE DAY

Please keep note of your collection date and time and arrive within this timeframe.

There will be signs in the shop directing you to the order form collection point where you will be given your order forms. Please take your order forms to the relevant department and they will get your order to you as quickly as possible.



- Shop -

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

Over the next few weeks our shop will be filling up with Christmas gifts and Festive food. With fresh vegetable and dairy deliveries multiple times a week, we will have all the essentials for you!

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AVAILABLE FROM MONDAY 29TH NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER

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- Café -

NEW CAFÉ MENU

Our Head Chef has been busy putting together a brand new menu for our café, including breakfasts, brunch and lunch dishes, some old favorites and some new and exciting ones too!

The new menu will be launching this Autumn, so keep your eyes peeled and we can't wait for you to enjoy the new dishes yourself!

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For table bookings and Café enquiries

Call: **01676 535537** (Ext.1)

Email: **CAFÉ@OAKESFARMSHOP.CO.UK**

**N.B. Café phonenumber may be busy between 11am - 2pm
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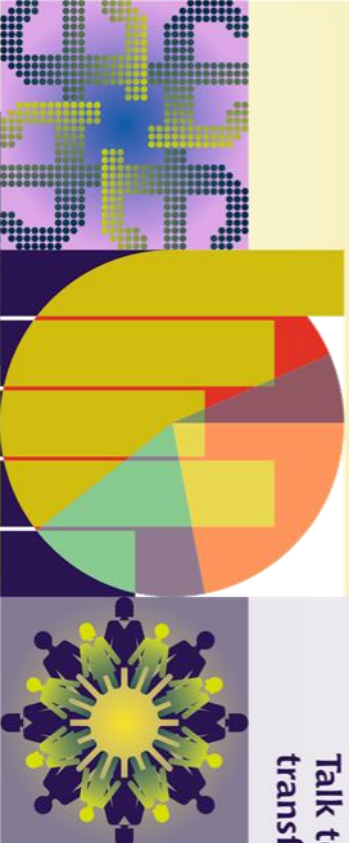
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