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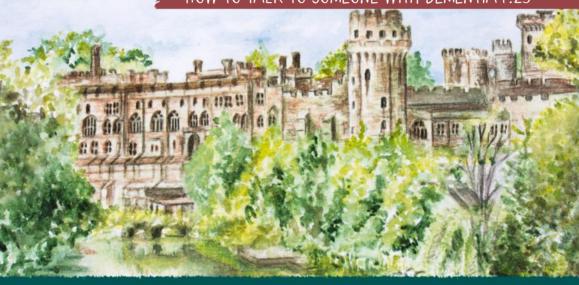


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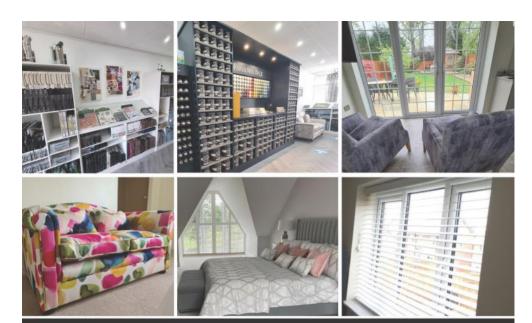


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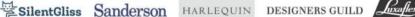
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Hello and welcome to our February/March edition of Stonesthrow Directory.

After the New Year celebrations and settling back into a routine, February brings a sense of optimism in the air, that Spring is just around the corner, everything will get brighter and warmer, and we can embrace life again feeling refreshed and re-invigorated.

A few things to celebrate and to look forward to in the next couple of months: Valentine's Day, Half Term, Random Acts of Kindness Day (17th of February), Pancake Day (21²¹ of February), St Patrick's Day, Mother's Day, etc. When deciding how to celebrate, what gifts to get your loved ones, please do chose local where possible: our shops, restaurants and other businesses are all heavily relying on your support, especially in times like these, when costs of simply running a business is at all times high.

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As always, we have prepared a list of local news and events (see p.18-19), a couple of good read articles, listings of your local restaurants & takeaways, useful local telephone numbers: it's all in one handy guide, brought to you by a local resident.

Here are the dates for your calendar:

14th of February - Valentine's Day; 19th of March - Mother's Day; 26th of March - Daylight Saving Time starts.

However you spend the next couple of months, keep your heart and your business local.

Yours, Stonesthrow Publications.

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Date: every 3rd Saturday / Venue: Warwick Saturday Market

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Independent South Warwickshire NHS Retirement Fellowship

Date: every 2nd Wednesday / Time: 10am -12pm / Venue: All Saints Church Hall, All Saints Road Warwick CV34 5NJ

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Warwick Probus Club

Date: 1st Wednesday of every month / Time: 10am / Venue: the Pavilion, Hill Close Gardens, Warwick. CV34 6HF

Warwick Probus Club No.2 was formed to give retired and semi-retired business men the opportunity to expand their interests and make new friends over a cup of tea or coffee while being entertained by a guest speaker. We are always pleased to welcome new members. If you think that you may be interested in joining us call our Secretary James on 07581 578732.

Saturday Talks in support of the Fusilier Museum Date: 25th of February / Time: 2pm / Venue: 700m

'D-Day failure? 1/Suffolks and the drive to Caen' by Adrian Roberts: examining the role of a single British battalion on D-Day and its attempt to capture a key German position; what did this action show about the problems encountered on 6th June and was it an important factor in the British failure to take Caen? These will be on Zoom until further notice. To receive an invite, contact the Secretary by email on rrfwarwickfriends@outlook.com, about a fortnight before. All talks begin at 2pm and last about an hour.

Saturday Talks in support of the Fusilier Museum Date: 25th of February / Time: 2pm / Venue: Zoom

'Monty in Italy' by Zita Fletcher: an examination of F.M. Montgomery 's battles in Italy, the hard fighting, the struggles with military administration and leadership experiences. These will be on Zoom until further notice. To receive an invite, contact the Secretary by email on rrfwarwickfriends@outlook.com, about a fortnight before. All talks begin at 2pm and last about an hour.

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ARIES MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Pioneering Mars in Gemini remains strong in your communication area all through February, suggesting that some excellent opportunities for innovative new ventures will be coming your way very soon. Love planet Venus arrives in your sign on the 20th, your social life should be on a roll now; there is much to be gained from group encounters and new friendships. March will be a rather introspective month for normally bold and dynamic Aries. The powerful combination of the Sun, Jupiter and Neptune in the deeply intuitive sign on Pisces will probably cause you to reassess many things in your life. Mercury arrives in your sign 27th bringing some tough choices your way.

TAURUS APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Strong Aquarian energy is at the highpoint of your chart, indicating that now is the time for keeping an open now is the time for Keeping an open mind on all your potential goals, including the previously dismissed ones. Venus, your ruling your ruling planet is in Pisces until the 19th, romantic matters are now also on a high—this could be a good time for taking time out with a good time for taking time out with a partner to explore the world. March is all about finding a much gentler way of life, particularly if things have been rather hectic during the last year. The Sun, Jupiter and Neptune are joined in spiritually minded Pisces and encourage you to tune in and connect with your life purpose. Creativity is highlighted and this is the year to find your deepest passion

GEMINI MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Aquarian energy during February suggests that the pull to broaden your horizons and take up new lines of study becomes stronger than ever. Action planet Mars remains in your sign all month, this placement is quick and changeable, not so good for making long lasting decisions. The spiritual Pisces new moon on the 20th suggests a more intuitive approach to most things. March is a powerful career month with the emphasis on you reaching your goals, whatever they might be. Optimistic Jupiter in mystical Pisces highlights your soul journey and the many things that still have to be accomplished. Venus and Mars both arrive in innovative Aquarius on the 6th, enabling you to get those new plans underway.

CANCER JUNE 22 - JULY 22

Finances, resources and investments are all under review this month as the independent minded Aguarian Sun illuminates this area of your chart. Take time out to make new plans concerning your career prospects, the time could soon be right to take the plunge and begin a brand new project. The powerful Leo full moon on the 5th offers a turning point - expect a creative development. March: Finances and resources are in the spotlight this month as Mercury and Saturn ask you to begin a through reassessment. Keep yourself focussed as you now have the power to be very persuasive in any negotiations. Jupiter in Pisces offers great intuition, use it wisely and this should turn out to be a profitable and productive month.

The radiant Aquarian Sun and task master Saturn both occupy your opposite sign during February. This powerful energy is emphasising the fact that you might need to address any difficulties in your relationships. The full moon in your sign on the 5th throws some light on an issue that's been troubling you for a while, good communication helps as a creative solution comes into view. March suggests that health and lifestyle balance will be top priorities for you this month. The Pisces new moon on the 2nd offers great insight and your renewed confidence enables you to push any new ideas forward. Jupiter and Neptune are strong in Pisces and this combination indicates a marvellous energy boost

VIRGO AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 22

Mighty planet Jupiter, newly arrived in Aries, offers the potential for some big changes to your finances and resources; be on the lookout for some important new information related to better your financial plans. Planetary trends suggest that this is also a good time for restructuring a nutritional review, particularly around the new moon in your opposite sign on the 20th. March: The full moon in your sign on the 18th helps you to apply your energies to constructive pursuits. The Sun, Jupiter and Neptune are all prominent around this time and highlight inspirational and intuitive experiences. New and exciting ideas to push you forwards occur at the spring equinox on the 20th.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 23

Some new and exciting creative opportunities are suggested during February as the Sun and Saturn both occupy this important area of your chart. Innovative new ideas can flourish and with Saturn's disciplined and practical outlook. They can be long Lasting. Romantic encounters are also in strong focus, particularly around the 20th as Venus arrives in Passionate Aries. March: The month's events hinge around Venus, your ruling planet, arriving in the most creative area of your chart on the 6th. Be sure to talk to partners and colleagues about the bigger issues and dig deep to unearth new truths. The Equinox on the 20th shows that freedom and individuality are more important than ever beforé

SCORPIO OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

The radiant Sun and stern Saturn in Aquarius are collectively illuminating your home and family life. Radical change could now be on the horizon, particularly around the Pisces new moon on the 20th. Mercury arrives in Aquarius on the 11th, good communication is essential as you look at new and innovate ways for moving forward, try to act with caution and deliberation. March: This month's planetary activity turns your attention to communicating trust and intuition, by doing this you'll benefit most from a harmonious atmosphere. Venus and March enter your domestic area on the 6th, you can use your organisational skills to perform everyday jobs and plan your schedule in a more efficient way.

SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 21

February's powerful Leo full moon on the 5th highlights travel and all forms of further study. Pull out all the stops and get busy with major initiatives: your strong intuition now may prove to be spot on. Action planet Mars continues on through your opposite sign, enhancing your organisational skills and offering you the chance to view decisions in a very different light. March is dominated by a restructure of your personal finances and earning capacity.
As both Venus and Mars arrive in
Aquarius on the 6th you'll find that if you good chance of succeeding. The Virgo full moon on the 18th suggests that a long term creative project can finally get underway.

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 20

Communication planet Mercury remains in your sign until the 10th, it's a good time for initiating any sort of practical change. Transformational Pluto is now in the last degrees of your sign suggesting there are many lose ends to tie up before you embark on an entirely new life journey. The Pisces new moon on the 20th offers a creative new way of getting your message across. March indicates that finances and resources are in the spotlight, challenges and change are on offer and you'll need to make some important decisions. The intuitive energy of Jupiter and Neptune in Pisces can assist you when looking at your choices. The spring Equinox on the 20th will reveal more about changes of the inevitable kind, particularly on the home front

AQUARIUS JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 18 February is your birthday month,

Expansive planet Jupiter is strong and courageous in fiery Aries, indicating that you can communicate better now and get your ideas across to others – you have a store of mental energy which should be applied to good ideas. The Pisces new moon on the 20th highlights finances, use your analytical abilities and problem-solving skills to make important changes. March is a very important month as both Mars and Venus arrive in your sign on the 6th, indicating innovative insight and big changes in the pace of your life. The Sun, Jupiter and Neptune in mystical Pisces offer Inspirational energy and a renewed interest in anything spiritual or creative.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

Power planet Mars in Gemini is strong in your domestic area this month; you should feel the urge to push ahead and review home and family matters with new found confidence and courage. Venus in your sign ensures that you are attractive to others and the new moon in your sign on the 20th enhances your this will make the way ahead look so much clearer. March: The powerful full moon in your opposite sign of Virgo on the 18th brings much needed clarity and focus into many areas of your life. This is a time for illuminating new beginnings, particularly where love and romance are concerned. Venus and Mars both arrive in analytical Aquarius on the 6th, it's time to be decisive!

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TIPS TO REDUCE CONDENSATION

IN YOUR HOME

Condensation forms when warm air collides with cold surfaces, or when there's too much humidity in your home and creates water which collects as droplets on a cold surface when humid air is in contact with it. This is especially common in winter, when your central heating system comes on in the cooler hours of the mornings and evenings. While condensation itself isn't a problem, if you do not treat it, it can cause damp patches to form where mould can grow and this can be bad for your health, as well as damaging the fabric of your home.

USE PAN LIDS WHEN COOKING

Cover your pans with a lid when cooking ensure to reduce moisture being created from the water boiling. Also, ensure you are using an extractor hood if you have one above the cooker. Remember, don't turn off your extractor fan as soon as you finish cooking as the moisture can still be in the air even after you have finished, instead leave it on afterwards for a few minutes to help to clear the humid air.

CLOSE KITCHEN & BATHROOM DOORS

Bathrooms and kitchens are the worst culprits for creating condensation on windows throughout your home. When cooking food, boiling the kettle, or taking a bath or shower, ensure that your kitchen or bathroom door is kept closed to prevent the moisture in the air from going into colder rooms which will cause condensation to form if it touches a cold surface.

DRY (1 OTHES OUTDOORS

Whenever possible, try to dry your clothes outdoors to prevent excess moisture from building up in your property. If you are unable to dry your clothes outdoor then keep them in a bathroom with the door closed and windows open until the clothes are fully dry.

TURN ON YOUR EXTRACTOR FAN WHEN USING SHOWER

Similar to when cooking in the kitchen, when you are taking a shower or having a bath ensure that you turn on your extractor fan to remove the steam and moisture that is created when running warm water in a cold environment. This will help reduce the amount of condensation that appears on your bathroom windows and walls.

ENSURE WASHING MACHINE IS CORRECTLY VENTED

If you have a washing machine or tumble dryer in your property, ensure that it is vented correctly. From just one load of washing two litres of water is emitted into the air, this effect is only magnified if the machine is fitted in a kitchen as cooking will only add to the condensation.



MOVE FURNITURE AWAY FROM EXTERNAL WALLS

For the same reason as above, make sure that your furniture is at least 50mm away from the surrounding walls to improve the air circulation around the property. Try to ensure that wardrobes are placed against internal walls in your bedroom as these will be less cold than external walls and less likely to cause damp and mould problems.

OPEN WINDOWS WHEN WEATHER OUTSIDE IS WARMER

If you use a room on a regular basis, such as a living room and the weather is not cold outside, open a window slightly to improve the ventilation in the room. Breathing is one of the main causes of condensation so this will help to improve the ventilation in your property.

WIPE DOWN COLD SURFACES

If you don't have an extractor fan in your bathroom or kitchen then make sure that you wipe down any cold surfaces when you have been cooking or taking a shower to remove any moisture that may have settled on the surface. This excess moisture in the air sits on the surface and will quickly turn to mould if left untreated.

ENSURE YOUR PROPERTY HAS ADEQUATE HEATING

Ensuring an adequate amount of heating in your property will improve the internal temperature of surfaces in the house and reduce the likelihood of condensation. Also, make sure your home is energy efficient by ensuring you have insulated walls and double-glazed windows installed so the heat doesn't escape from the property.

DON'T OVERFILL WARDROBES & CUPBOARDS

Do not overfill your wardrobes or kitchen cupboards. A lack of ventilation and air moisture trapped in warm overfilled cupboards can become a breeding ground for mould as the air cannot circulate freely inside. You may notice a musty smell or find that clothes have a damp feeling to them which is a sure sign that the cupboard is overfilled.

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& TAKEAWAYS

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01926 741004

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01926 498014

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01926 400580

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The Square Warwick Bar 9A Market Place CV34 4SA

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21 Market Place CV34 4SA **01926 492171**

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Wylie's Café Tea Room 66A Market Place CV34 4SD 01926 490448

Dough and Brew Pizza 45 Brook Street CV34 4BL 01926 401111 Saffron Gold Indian Westgate Close CV34 4DE

01926 402061

7 Square Restaurant French 7 Old Square CV34 4RA **01926 411755**

The Art Kitchen Thai

7 Swan Street CV34 4BJ 01926 494303

ASK Italian Italian 16/18 High Street CV34 4AP

01926 941006

Coffee#1 Warwick Café 22-24 High Street CV34 4AP 01926 419187

Giggling Squid Thai 1-3 High Street CV34 4AP

01926 497542 Jambavan Indian 6 Castle Street CV34 4RP

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20 Castle Street CV34 4BP **01926 499307**

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07445 223527 Aqua Food & Mood *Lebanese*12-14 Jury St. CV34 4FW

01926 495491

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01926 491736

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01926 400086

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01926 491020

Maya's Indian Brasserie Indian 45 Smith St, CV34 4JA

01926 400600 Bread & Co Café

60 Smith St, CV34 4HU 01926 493089

The Roebuck Inn Pub 57 Smith St, CV34 4HU

01926 494900 Robbie's Restaurant International 74 Smith St. CV34 4HU

01926 400470

The New Bowling Green Pub
13 St Nicholas Church St. CV34 4JD.

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01926 411003

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27 Coten End, CV34 4NT

01926 493774

Pastelaria Portuguesa Bakery / Café 57 Coten End. CV34 4NU

01926 475871

The Black Pug Pub 69 Coten End, CV34 4NU

01926 730496 The Railway Inn Pub

55 Guy St, CV34 4LW **01926 493725**

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01926 499968The Elephant & Castle Pub
105 Emscote Rd, CV34 5OY

105 Emscote Rd, CV34 5Q* **01926 774078 Rivercross Indian**

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66 Lower Cape, CV34 5DP **01926 498138**

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01926 495666

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01926 403933

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10 TIPS

FOR COMMUNICATING WITH SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA

It's hard to live with someone who has dementia. It can be difficult not to become upset with the disturbed communication and the emotions that the person will be feeling which may not be relevant to the reality. It can make family and caregivers feel stressed, anxious, irritated and utterly helpless.

Everyone's experience of the disease is different but repeating stories, not being able to think of the right words, losing track of thoughts, losing their way or forgetting where the rooms around them are situated, speaking less or speaking in another language are not uncommon.

However, even though the person affected by dementia may not be able to clearly express it, they are often still experiencing feelings and emotions that can confuse and upset them deeply.

Here are 10 tips on how to effectively communicate with someone who has moderate to severe dementia.

- Dementia worsens progressively. People with dementia find it difficult to make sense of others and to communicate effectively. It is crucial to show empathy, patience and understanding.
- 2. Avoid distractions and noise. Speak in a normal tone of voice at a normal volume. In order to be able to share moments that matter, a quiet environment will enable the person with dementia to focus their mental energy. It'll also assist them in staying calm.
- 3. Refrain from 'babytalk' or speaking in frustrated and agitated ways. Avoid criticising or correcting, and repeat what they said if something needs to be clarified.
- 4. Refer to people by their names. For example: "Hi Dad. It's me, Louise" rather than "Hi. It's me" or assuming that they already know the names of the people around them.
- 5. Keep conversation simple. Over complicating it by going off at tangents will only upset them because they will rapidly become confused and tired. You'll need to ensure you have enough time to spend with them, if you feel rushed or stressed, so will they. Take some time to calm down.
- 6. Body language is important. Stay calm and smile. Position yourself where the person can see you as clearly as possible, sitting rather than standing over them. When dementia becomes



very advanced, non-verbal communication may be the only option available and people with Alzheimers can understand kind touch, laughter and smiles. How you say something is often more important than what you say. Focus on feelings rather than facts.

- 7. It is very likely that your loved one will be 'stuck in the past' during conversation; a scenario from their days as a youngster, or something that happened last week. They are unaware of the time difference at that moment so don't try to correct them. Instead, listen, don't argue. they'll be far happier chatting away and reminiscing is really important.
- 8. Don't be personally offended if the person who has dementia uses bad or aggressive language or becomes paranoid or accusatory it is so upsetting. But remember that deep down they're not feeling or understanding what they are doing.
- 9. Understand there will be good days and bad days. Moments when they have clarity and moments when their mind is muddied. Make the most of 'good' days and find ways to adapt on 'bad' ones.
- 10. Do not talk about your loved one like they are not in the room. Always assume he or she can understand what you are saying and include the person in conversations with others. It helps to keep their sense of identity and feel they are valued, reducing feelings of isolation.

PLACES TO ACCESS HELP:

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ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY www.alzheimers.org.uk/
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