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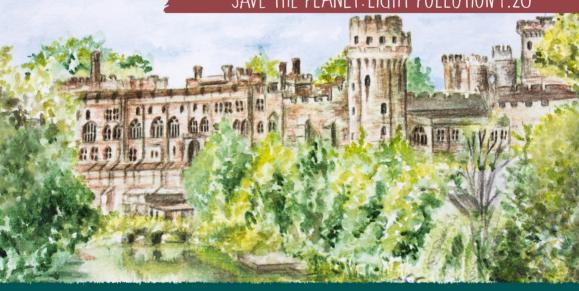
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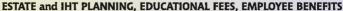






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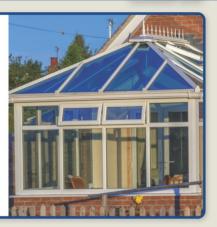
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A NOTE FROM THE FOITOR

Welcome to our October/November edition of the Stonesthrow Directory. Even though the days are shorter and darker, there are plenty of celebrations to put some sparkle into your evenings this Autumn.

Halloween revelries have grown over the years and now most children enjoy pumpkin carving, decorating the house, dressing up in costumes, and 'trick or treating'. Be sure to stock up on treats to avoid any pranks. There may be some early Bonfire Night celebrations, with places celebrating before the traditional 5th of November. Look out for local community gatherings and enjoy the fireworks, food, and fun in your neighbourhood. Check pages 18-19 for the listings of events taking place locally.

Don't forget to put your clocks back on Sunday 29th October, and enjoy that extra hour of sleep that comes once a year.

The second Sunday in November is always Remembrance Sunday, a day to honour those members of the armed forces who lost their lives in the line of duty. A two-minute silence is observed at 11 a.m. at events across the country.

Movember is a month-long charity event, when men grow moustaches to raise awareness of male health issues. Since 2016, this event has raised over £25 million towards men's health and wellness initiatives.

By the end of November Christmas markets will start to appear in local towns, putting us in the mood for another festive season.

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Here are a few of dates for your calendar:

29th October - Daylight Saving Time ends; 31st October - Halloween; 5th November - Guy Fawkes Day; 12th November - Remembrance Sunday.

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

Yours, Stonesthrow Publications.

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It's worth calling your energy supplier or local authority to see if you're eligible for any Government grants. Whether you're rocking an apartment or a barn, these 8 energy efficient upgrades will cut your carbon footprint, reduce your bills and add value.

- 1. Let there be LED: Say goodbye to those old incandescent bulbs that get fiery hot and hello to cool LEDs! The initial outlay may make you wince but they use 90% less energy and last up to 15 times longer.
- **2. Seal the Deal:** Draughty windows and doors are like energy vampires. Seal any gaps and cracks around doors, windows and other openings to keep the cold air out and the warm air in. Don't forget the loft hatch, letter box and keyholes.
- **3. Insulation Is King:** Speaking of warmth, proper insulation is a game-changer. From your loft, roof, floors and walls to your pipes, good insulation traps heat where it should be—inside, helping to keep your home warm in winter, cool in summer, reduce heat loss and lower costs.
- **4. Upgrade Windows & Doors:** If your windows and doors have seen better days, it could be time to upgrade. Choose high energy efficiency ratings, double or triple glazing and draught proofing to keep the cold out and the cosy in, enhancing your homes' kerb appeal at the same time.

- **5. Solar Panel Power:** Investing in solar panels is a long-term eco option you won't see the benefit of right away. But not only will you generate your own clean energy, you could even sell some back to the grid. A sure win-win!
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Recycle your old glasses

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

Warwick Lions would like to say a big thank you to all the people who have kindly donated old and broken spectacles to our stall at the Warwick Saturday Market. The glasses are cleaned & refurbished then sent to eye camps in Africa, India & Eastern Europe. We aim to collect redundant glasses on our stall every third Saturday.

Independent South Warwickshire NHS Retirement Fellowship

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

Stratford upon Avon Guild of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers

Date: 3rd Saturday of the month / Time: 10am - 3pm / Venue: Stratford Methodist Church Hall, Old Town CV37 6BG

A friendly group, beginners welcome. Talks, workshops. See:

www.wsdstratford.blogspot.com Or: www.wsdstratford@gmail.com

Warwickshire Vision Support Centre

Date: 2nd Friday of each month / Time: 9.30am - 11.30am / Venue: Kenilworth Senior Citizens Club, Abbey End CV8 1LG

Warwickshire Vision Support are a local charity that supports people living with sight loss in Warwickshire. Web: www.warwickshire.vision/Email: enquiries@warwickshire.vision
Phone: 01926 411331

Rapport Social Group

Rapport is a non profit making, social group for unattached adults age 50+ on their own and would like to meet new friends. We have a varied monthly programme of hosted events, including coffee mornings, lunches and evening

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Warwick Lions Club

Warwick Lions aim to provide help and funds for those in need. We assist individuals and families in crisis, provide items of essential household equipment, distribute food parcels and make donations to local schools and other charities. We are all volunteers committed to helping those in need, we are non political, non religious, have no cultural boundaries or gender discrimination. If you would like to know more or to join us in helping others please contact us via our Facebook page or by telephoning 0345 833 5921.

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.

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Date: every Thursday / Time: 8pm - 10pm / Venue: Budbrooke Village Hall, Hampton on the Hill, CV35 8QS

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Date: Wednesdays / Time: 1pm - 2.30pm / Venue: All Saints Church, Vicarage Fields, Warwick, CV34 5NL

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Warwick Woodloes Townswomen's Guild

Date: 1st Wednesday of the month /Time 19.30pm - 21.15pm / Venue: Woodloes community centre, Deansway, Woodloes Park Cost: £3 for visitors. We meet for friendship, fun evenings and guest speakers, days out etc. you are assured of a very warm welcome. 7th June meeting will be a fashion show held by NV HER at Nelson Club in Warwick. Tickets £10 to raise funds for Myton Hospice and Townswomen's Guild. For more information contact Sarah on 07984 235005.

Thrift Shop

Date: 1st Saturday of each month / Time: 10am - 12pm / Venue: Warwick Methodist Church Community Centre, Barrack Street CV34 4TH Good quality second hand clothes at bargain prices, typically £1 to £5. Refreshments also available.

Saturday talks in support of Fusiliers Museum

These will be on Zoom. To receive an invite. contact the Secretary by email on rrfwarwickfriends@outlook.com, about a fortnight before. All talks begin at 14.00 hours UK time and last about an hour. 28th October: 'Dunkirk' by Major David Seeney: looking at the evacuation of the B.E.F. at Dunkirk in 1940, the role of Montgomery and the massacre at Wormhoudt of men of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and other units. 25th November: '1/Warwicks from the Marne to the Aisne in 1914' by Jonathan Davy: looking at the part the Warwicks played during the First Battle of the Marne and asking if the Allies squandered a golden opportunity to defeat the Germans in September 1914.

Warwick Mop

Date: 13-14th, 20-21st October Come along and enjoy the thrills and spills of the family fun fair in the town centre.

St John's Haunted House

Date: 28th - 31st October / Venue: St. John's

House, Warwick CV34 4NF Get spooked at St John's for a Haunted House experience, suitable for children and their grown-ups, plus enjoy crafts and activities. Tickets are £12 children, £6 adults. Children under 2 are free. Spaces are limited so book soon at warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice

Market Hall Museum

Date: 1st November / Time: 10am-1pm / Venue: Market Hall Museum, Market Place CV34 4SA Calling all Arty Tots and their families. It's time to light up the skies, ready for Bonfire Night. You can create 'Bonfire Night' inspired crafts to decorate your home and dazzle your family and friends. Let's all SPARKLE! £3 per child, no need to book just drop in. Suitable for under 5s, older siblings welcome.

Warwick Town Bonfire Night

Date: 4th November / Time: 5pm / Venue: Warwick Racecourse

Ticket only event. Gates Open at 17:00 Two Fireworks Display's (a small one around 18:00, followed by the main display around 18:40). Free Parking, Bars open and variety of hot food stalls and entertainment. Also available - Book a 2 course buffet meal along with the show, (limited spaces).

Royal Leamington Spa's Big Lights Switch On

Date: 19th November / Time: 2 - 6pm / Venue: The Parade, Leamington Spa, CV32 4AT As we celebrate Diwali, Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Gurpurab and start the countdown to Christmas, come and enjoy a packed programme of entertainment for all the family! Bumper yuletide market. Fairground rides. Local artists performing on the stage. Lights will be switched on at 5.30pm, arrive at 5.15pm to see the line-up of people switching on the lights.

Victorian Evening

Date: 23rd November / Time: 3-9pm / Venue: Market Place, Warwick, CV34 4SA Step back in time and join us for a Victorian market with themed rides and fun for all the family. Lights will be switched on at 7pm. Market Place — Main event area with stage, ride and entertainers. Brook Street — Market stalls, Fire Spinner and Punch & Judy shows. Surrounding streets — Stalls, rides and entertainers. St Mary's Church — Christmas Tree Display of over 50 trees and short Carol Service. Market Hall Museum — Craft Market, kids craft activities, outdoor café selling mince pies and mulled wine.

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England's flying insect population has declined by 65% in the last 20 years. Their rate of loss is 8x faster than bird and animal loss. Without any doubt, we need our insect population... to sustain life for us all on this planet.

Why is this happening? Loss of habitat due to building and farming practices, changing temperatures, pesticide use, to name but a few of the challenges the insects face. After reviewing over 150 scientific studies, scientists concluded that there is yet another important but overlooked factor in the insect population apocalypse. Light, when it should be dark.

Two thirds of invertebrates are partially or wholly most active at night. We usually do not notice them. But, whilst we are tucked up in bed or glued to one of our many screens, these insects are busy working on essential tasks, pollinating our crops, flowers and fruits, recycling nutrients, controlling pests, and of course they themselves act as food for other creatures...all part of the eco system to which we belong! These insects we rarely see, are as vital to our future survival as the daytime insects we all recognise, they are the unseen night shift heroes of the planet!

Since life began to evolve, plants and creatures, including humans, have responded to light and dark appearing at habitual times in a 24-hour period. However, artificial light at night disrupts these "circadian rhythms".

Many insects are attracted to light. Scientists believe that insects are drawn to light instinctively because they use it as a guide, relying on the sun, moon and stars to find their way about. These are their signposts. Artificial light confuses them, they can often be seen circling around a light at night. By morning, at least a third of these insects will be dead, through utter exhaustion, overheating, dehydration, or loss of navigation skills so they cannot find their way home.

Buglife say that light pollution has been shown to reduce nocturnal pollinator visits to flowers by around 62% in some areas, caterpillar populations have been found to be in decline by around 52% near to street lighting, dung beetles are found to become disorientated, insect reproduction and hatching cycles may be affected.

"The evidence that light pollution has profound and serious impacts on our ecosystem is overwhelmingly strong. It is imperative that substantial steps are taken to make the environment safer for insects." (Matt Shardlow, BUGLIFE)

We can play our part!

Only use outside lights that are essential. Draw the blinds. Try to use motion sensor solar lights, so the light is only on for a short time. Direct lights away from wild areas.

Place lights as low as possible and point them downwards.

Choose low intensity, dim lighting, warmer hues, warm white, yellow or amber. These are somewhat less likely to affect wildlife. Ask your council to consider switching off lights at a time after midnight, this has been found to help insect life.

Let's "nurture the night shift", every light turned down or off helps!

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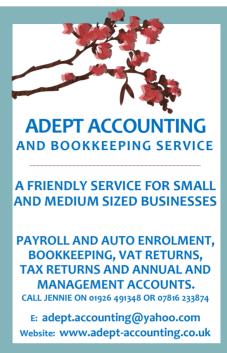
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The first thing to do is to create a kitchen design. That is because kitchen design is a bit tricky. As much as possible, you want to strike a balance between aesthetics and functionality. While you want your kitchen to look visually enticing to boost the appetite, you also want to make sure that it's conducive for cooking and food preparation.

When planning for the kitchen design, here are some of the key factors to consider:

1. Layout

The initial step to take is to set the kitchen layout before you even get into every detail. This entails considering where to position the kitchen main parts and components—the kitchen sink, countertop, fridge, table, and chairs. Make sure the whole layout looks structured and streamlined. You don't want to have your layout cluttered and hope everything is in perfect order. By doing so, you can ensure the functionality and efficiency of your kitchen construction.

2. Storage

After the layout, kitchen storage plays a crucial part. As there are many kitchenware involved and food items to store, you want to utilise and make ample space. For instance, you may want to consider overhead cabinets, more drawers, or enough shelves for your kitchen. When it comes to storage, your goal is to reduce the clutter in your kitchen. You also want to foster a safe environment that's ideal for food preparation and cooking.

3. Lighting

The kitchen lighting shouldn't also be neglected as it is what creates the perfect ambience for your kitchen. With the right lighting, it will set the mood of your kitchen. Apart from this, the variety of light sources in your kitchen will help you cook and prepare food safely.

There are many lighting options to consider for your kitchen. For instance, you may want to incorporate ambient lighting for the entire room or add pendants for lighting enhancement.

4. Flooring

The kitchen flooring is one part that shouldn't be taken for granted. This is because improper flooring can compromise the safety of the entire household. As a rule of thumb, go for lighter and safer types of flooring materials. Light materials can create a light, airy space for your kitchen. They will also allow you to see spills and potential hazards on the floor. After all, when it comes to cooking, safety is a top priority.

5. Ventilation

While you're at it, you have to consider as well the proper ventilation. Ventilation ensures the right circulation of air in your kitchen. It is vital when you cook or prepare food and is all the more crucial when maintaining the smell of your kitchen. Of course, you don't want the smell of the chicken curry to stay there for so long. As a recommendation, opt for a quality range hood with a powerful extractor for your kitchen's ventilation.

Conclusion

As far as the kitchen design is concerned, you want it to be visually appealing and highly functional at the same time. For this reason, consider the five crucial factors outlined above—layout, storage, lighting, flooring, and ventilation. All these can enhance the kitchen's overall look and make every part practically useful.

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