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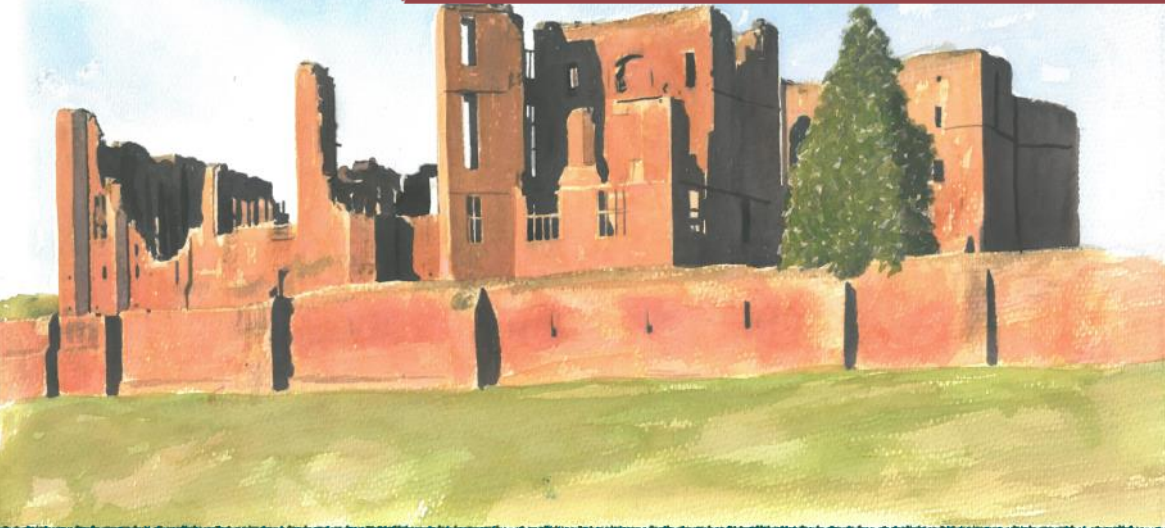
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## FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to our February/March Edition!

February is a day longer in 2024, and the 29th is traditionally the day that women can propose. The custom began in 5th century Ireland when St Patrick decreed that the extra day in a leap year would be the ideal opportunity for a woman to ask for a man's hand in marriage. Nowadays, anyone can propose at any time, but around 6 million people worldwide get engaged on the 14th of February.

If you are still deciding how to celebrate the day of love and romance, head to page 18 for some ideas.

Shrove Tuesday occurs on the 13th of February this year when we traditionally eat sweet or savoury pancakes. You don't have to be religious to enjoy this custom, it dates back to the 15th century when people would race and have competitions tossing pancakes.

Schools, libraries, and bookshops will celebrate World Book Day on the 7th of March. This year's theme is The Great Big Footy and Booky Quiz. It's always a fun celebration usually marked with fancy dress competitions and activities based around storytelling. Children can obtain a £1 book token and choose a free book. ([worldbookday.com](http://worldbookday.com))

Mother's Day falls on the 10th of March this year, so be sure to celebrate your Mum and make her feel special. Many local retailers are happy to work with you and create a bespoke gift for the special mother in your life.

The first day of Spring is officially the 20th of March 2024, so look out for all the daffodils and tree blossoms in your local neighbourhood. Easter celebrations occur at the end of March. Then the clocks will go forward in the early hours of Sunday the 31st of March, essentially giving you an hour less to consume all of those Easter eggs!

A few of dates for your calendar:

14th February - Valentine's Day; 10th March - Mother's Day; 17th March - St. Patrick's Day; 29th March - Good Friday (Bank Holiday); 31st March - Daylight Saving Time starts; 1st April - Easter (Bank Holiday)

However you decide to spend next couple of months - keep your heart and your business local.

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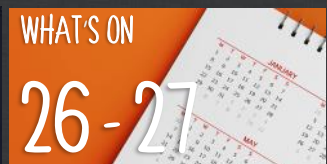
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# HOW DO YOU CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY?

If you're stuck for ideas on how to celebrate your love this Valentine's Day, here are a few ways you can celebrate and show your care.

Valentine's cards can be shop-bought or homemade, simple or extravagant, as long as they show a bit of thoughtfulness and affection.

Chocolates and flowers are the most popular gifts for Valentine's Day. Florists will be happy to help you choose a more personalised bouquet or plant for your sweetheart. A box of chocolates or treats can mean so much more if it's bespoke and most confectioners, bakers, or sweet shops can help you put together something truly special for Valentine's Day.

It's very traditional to show your love with a good meal. Booking a table for two in their favourite restaurant is always a winner. Make sure to book well in advance, you could even pre-order the meal if you know their favourite dishes. If your sweetheart is a more adventurous diner, try somewhere new and make the occasion exciting for both of you.

Cooking a meal can be a great alternative. If you are proficient in the kitchen, take charge and cook something you know they will enjoy. If you're not a confident cook, you could buy some provisions from a local market or delicatessen. Keeping things simple is the key to success; pre-prepared starters and desserts will give you time to concentrate on the main course. Alternatively, organising and cooking a meal together can be a lot of fun, and sharing the preparation will reduce stress.

A surprise date or getaway takes a lot of planning and thought, but it needn't cost a fortune. You could organise an outdoor adventure, hiking, biking, or exploring somewhere new. Find a natural landscape, a park, or a stretch of coastline to discover. If the weather is warm enough, you could pack a picnic and enjoy some romantic time in the great outdoors. If your loved one prefers more urban getaways with cultural activities, you could spend some quality time in an unfamiliar city or town and investigate it together. Most places have museums and art galleries, shows, and events that you can research and book online. Make sure you take photos to capture all those new memories.

You could create a photo book of a special time together, this romantic memento makes a really thoughtful Valentine's gift. Most local photographic shops can help you put together an album or choose an image to frame for your loved one.

Try something you've never done before. Book a spa day for two, or a class for both of you, it could be something creative or physical, mentally stimulating, or relaxing. You could learn how to dance, attend a pottery workshop, learn a new language, or paint portraits, the possibilities are endless. Check your local listings and events pages to explore your options.

Whatever you decide to do this Valentine's Day, if you put some thought into it you can show your loved one how much you really care.

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## FEBRUARY JOBS



*February can be a busy time in the vegetable garden with jobs including sowing seeds, cropping winter veg, garden organization, and projects to plan.*

The days might still be short, frosts heavy and snow lying on the ground, but February is a busy month in the vegetable garden and gardeners can get a head start on a busy spring. Here are some jobs to do in February.

### SEEDS TO SOW IN FEBRUARY

Some seeds have a long germination time, and you can sow many seeds both undercover and outdoors.

**OUTSIDE SOWING** if the ground isn't frozen, now is the time to plant shallot sets, broad beans, and garlic directly in the soil.

**COLD SOW INDOORS** seeds that you can sow now undercover include winter salad leaves, sprouting broccoli, leeks, spinach, kohlrabi, peas, and onions. Undercover can mean in an unheated greenhouse, but also on a bright windowsill in the house.

**HEAT LOVING SEEDS TO SOW IN FEBRUARY** propagators and grow lights can help get your seeds started early by providing extra warmth and light when both are in short supply. Seeds you can sow in February undercover with heat include tomatoes, peppers, aubergine, globe artichokes, and chillis.

### ORDER AND CHIT POTATOES

February is a great time to order and chit seed potatoes. There are hundreds of potato varieties, but the ones we tend to grow fall into categories of cooking type and how long they take to harvest. First earlies generally take around 55-70 days from planting to harvest and should be chitted first.

### ORGANIZE SEEDS AND SEED PACKETS

February is a perfect time to organize your seeds. Why not look through your stock and check the use-by dates, then buy new ones. Most seeds will have a good percentage that will germinate after being kept for some time, but generally the longer the time that has elapsed, the fewer seeds will sprout.

### GENERAL FEBRUARY GARDEN JOBS

February is a great time to start with a clean slate. Why not reorganize and deep clean the greenhouse, pots, cloches, and labels. Check your tool kit and repair, service, and replace broken tools. Why not sit down and draw up your garden plan for this year. It will help you use your space more efficiently and decide what you want to grow where.

### FEBRUARY GARDEN JOBS CHECKLIST

Organize seeds and place orders.

Seeds to sow in February: tomatoes, aubergine, chillis, kale, winter salad leaves, peas, sprouting broccoli, leeks, spinach, kohlrabi and globe artichokes.

- Plant shallots and garlic.
- Order and chit potatoes.
- Plant bare-root fruit trees and bushes.
- Prune fruit trees and bushes.
- Mulch perennial vegetables.
- Harvest brussels sprouts, parsnips, cabbages, cauliflower, kale, and leeks.
- Build raised beds, install a greenhouse, create garden paths, weave raspberry cane edging, build a raspberry trellis.
- Remove weeds, create a seedbed, turn the compost heap.

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# RESTAURANTS & TAKEAWAYS

|   |                      |  |
|---|----------------------|--|
| <b>The Almanack</b> <i>Gastro Pub, British</i>                  |                      |  |
| Abbey End CV8 1QJ   | <b>01926 353 637</b> |  |
| <b>Le Raj Spice</b> <i>Bangladeshi, Indian</i>                  |                      |  |
| 85-87 Abbey End CV8 1QJ   | <b>01926 859 774</b> |  |
| <b>Sunam Balti House</b> <i>Balti</i>                           |                      |  |
| 57 Abbey End CV8 1QJ  | <b>01926 863 073</b> |  |
| <b>Lil Greens</b> <i>Gastro Pub, British</i>                    |                      |  |
| 33 Abbey End CV8 1QJ  | <b>01926 512 529</b> |  |
| <b>Forrest Coffee House</b> <i>Café</i>                         | <b>07792 474026</b>  |  |
| 1 The Square CV8 1EF  |                      |  |
| <b>Coffee on the Corner</b> <i>Café</i>                         | <b>07415 650314</b>  |  |
| 16 Warwick Rd, Kenilworth CV8 1HE                               |                      |  |
| <b>Thai Kitchen</b> <i>Thai</i>                                 |                      |  |
| 43 Station Rd CV8 1JD   | <b>01926 853 963</b> |  |
| <b>Ego</b> <i>Mediterranean</i>                                 |                      |  |
| 29 The Square CV8 1EF   | <b>01926 864 463</b> |  |
| <b>Thai Sarocha</b> <i>Thai</i>                                 |                      |  |
| 11 Warwick Rd CV8 1HD   | <b>01926 858 265</b> |  |
| <b>The Rocking Horse Coffee Shop</b> <i>Café</i>                |                      |  |
| 22 Talisman Square CV8 1JB                                      | <b>01926 856 413</b> |  |
| <b>Modern Kitchen</b> <i>Coffee Shop</i>                        |                      |  |
| 6 Miller Court, Station Rd CV8 1JD                              | <b>07525 719528</b>  |  |
| <b>Alc Rooms</b> <i>Bar</i>                                     |                      |  |
| 7 Smalley Place CV8 1QG   | <b>01926 854585</b>  |  |
| <b>Sonali</b> <i>Indian Takeaway</i>                            |                      |  |
| 33 Warwick Road CV8 1HN   | <b>01926 856300</b>  |  |
| <b>Indian Edge</b> <i>Indian</i>                                |                      |  |
| 50 Warwick Rd CV8 1HH   | <b>01926 850 100</b> |  |
| <b>Raffles Restaurant</b> <i>Malaysian</i>                      |                      |  |
| 149 Warwick Road CV8 1HY  | <b>01926 864300</b>  |  |
| <b>The Green Man</b> <i>Gastro Pub, British</i>                 |                      |  |
| 168 Warwick Road CV8 1HS  | <b>01926 863 061</b> |  |
| <b>Indian Ark</b> <i>Indian</i>                                 |                      |  |
| 101-103 Warwick Road CV8 1HP                                    | <b>01926 857 373</b> |  |
| <b>Tai Pan</b> <i>Chinese Takeaway</i>                          |                      |  |
| 96 Warwick Road CV8 1HL   | <b>01926 512 904</b> |  |
| <b>The Full House</b> <i>Chinese</i>                            |                      |  |
| 86 Warwick Road CV8 1HL   | <b>01926 864 028</b> |  |
| <b>Bear &amp; Ragged Staff</b> <i>Gastro Pub, British</i>       |                      |  |
| 68 Warwick Rd CV8 1HH   | <b>01926 857 980</b> |  |
| <b>Mulan</b> <i>Chinese</i>                                     |                      |  |
| 78 Priory Rd CV8 1LQ  | <b>01926 851 108</b> |  |
| <b>Raku 57</b> <i>Japanese Restaurant</i>                       |                      |  |
| 57 Warwick Road CV8 1HN   | <b>01926 699 573</b> |  |
| <b>The Farthing Gallery &amp; Tearoom</b> <i>Café</i>           |                      |  |
| 15 High Street CV81LY   | <b>01926 513244</b>  |  |
| <b>The Butcher's Bistro</b> <i>Wine bar, European</i>           |                      |  |
| 16 High Street, Kenilworth, CV81LZ                              | <b>01926 257690</b>  |  |
| <b>Morning Sunshine</b> <i>Café</i>                             |                      |  |
| 36 Castle Hill CV8 1NB  |                      |  |
| <b>The Pitt Stop</b> <i>Mobile Baked Potato</i>                 |                      |  |
| Station Road CV8 1JD  | <b>07450 962 224</b> |  |
| <b>Zizzi</b> <i>Italian</i>                                     |                      |  |
| 29 The Square CV8 1EF   | <b>01926 852980</b>  |  |
| <b>Alfie Grimshaw</b> <i>Fish &amp; Chips</i>                   |                      |  |
| 94 Priory Road CV8 1LQ  | <b>01926 855 326</b> |  |
| <b>Chips &amp; Fishes</b> <i>Fish &amp; Chips</i>               |                      |  |
| 82 Roseland Road CV8 1GB  | <b>01926 853 782</b> |  |
| <b>Hong Kong Garden</b> <i>Chinese Takeaway</i>                 |                      |  |
| 6, Oaks Precinct, Caesar Rd CV8 1DP                             | <b>01926 512 640</b> |  |
| <b>The Gauntlet</b> <i>Gastro Pub, British</i>                  |                      |  |
| 3, Oaks Precinct, Caesar Rd CV8 1DP                             | <b>01926 852 110</b> |  |
| <b>The Queen &amp; Castle</b> <i>Gastro Pub, English</i>        |                      |  |
| Castle Green CV8 1ND  | <b>01926 852 661</b> |  |
| <b>Harringtons On The Hill</b> <i>Gastro Pub, European</i>      |                      |  |
| 42 Castle Hill CV8 1NB  | <b>01926 852 074</b> |  |
| <b>Time for Tea</b> <i>Café</i>                                 |                      |  |
| 40 Castle Hill CV8 1NB  | <b>01926 512 675</b> |  |
| <b>Clarendon Arms</b> <i>Gastro Pub</i>                         |                      |  |
| 44 Castle Hill CV8 1NB  | <b>01926 852 017</b> |  |
| <b>The Abbey Field</b> <i>Gastropub</i>                         |                      |  |
| Clarendon House Hotel, 6 High St, CV8 1LZ                       | <b>01926 515 450</b> |  |
| <b>The Famous Virgins &amp; Castle</b> <i>British</i>           |                      |  |
| 7 High Street CV8 1LY   | <b>01926 853 737</b> |  |
| <b>Kenilworth Cantonese</b> <i>Chinese Takeaway</i>             |                      |  |
| 2 High Street CV8 1LZ   | <b>01926 863 390</b> |  |
| <b>The Cross</b> <i>British</i>                                 |                      |  |
| 16 New Street CV8 2EZ   | <b>01926 853 840</b> |  |
| <b>School Lane Fish &amp; Chip Shop</b> <i>Fish &amp; Chips</i> |                      |  |
| 101 School Lane CV8 1GT   | <b>01926 859 490</b> |  |
| <b>The Royal Oak Pub</b> <i>British</i>                         |                      |  |
| 36 New Street CV8 2EZ   | <b>01926 856906</b>  |  |
| <b>Engine</b> <i>Pub</i>  |                      |  |
| 8 Mill End CV8 2HP  | <b>01926 853341</b>  |  |
| <b>The Wyandotte Inn</b> <i>Pub</i>                             |                      |  |
| 4 Stoneleigh Road CV8 2GD                                       | <b>01926 856167</b>  |  |
| <b>The Tiltyard</b> <i>British</i>                              |                      |  |
| 25 Leyes Lane CV8 2DE   | <b>01926 851 523</b> |  |
| <b>Domino's Pizza</b> <i>Pizza Takeaway</i>                     |                      |  |
| 37 Leyes Lane CV8 1DE   | <b>01926 856 888</b> |  |
| <b>The Kenilworth</b> <i>Cocktail Lounge Bar</i>                |                      |  |
| 61 Warwick Road CV8 1HN   | <b>01926 779 473</b> |  |
| <b>The Clock Tower</b> <i>Café</i>                              |                      |  |
| 212 Abbey End, Kenilworth CV8 1ED                               | <b>01926 855 957</b> |  |
| <b>Milk &amp; Mocha</b> <i>Dessert Parlour</i>                  |                      |  |
| 43 Warwick Road CV8 1HN   | <b>01926 511 444</b> |  |
| <b>Friends Kenilworth</b> <i>Fish and Chips</i>                 |                      |  |
| 72 Warwick Road CV8 1HH   | <b>01926 734 487</b> |  |
| <b>La Ari Italian</b> <i>Deli &amp; Café</i>                    |                      |  |
| 4 Warwick Road CV8 1HB  | <b>07392 339579</b>  |  |
| <b>Ardens</b> <i>Café</i>                                       |                      |  |
| 17 Talisman Square CV8 1JB                                      | <b>02476 422 422</b> |  |
| <b>Amante Del Cibo</b> <i>Pizza</i>                             |                      |  |
| 72 Whitemoor Road CV8 2BP                                       | <b>07514 133 944</b> |  |
| <b>Whitemoor Road Chippy</b> <i>Fish &amp; Chips</i>            |                      |  |
| 68 Whitemoor Road CV8 2BP                                       | <b>01926 512802</b>  |  |

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|------------------------|------------------------------|
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| Samaritans             | 0845 790 9090                |
| Consumer Advice        | 0845 4040 506                |
| Citizens Advice Bureau | 01926 457 900                |
| RSPCA                  | 07867 743827 / 0300 1234 999 |

## MEDICAL

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Warwick Hospital                                    | 01926 495321 |
| Coventry University Hospital                        | 02476 964000 |
| Pennington Dental Kenilworth                        | 01926 678332 |
| NHS Advice Line / Out of Hours Dental Advice<br>111 |              |
| Emergency Vets                                      | 01926 421465 |

## UTILITIES

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Electricity Power Loss | 0800 328 1111 |
| Severn Trent Water     | 0800 783 4444 |
| Transco Gas Leak       | 0800 111 999  |
| BT Fault Line          | 0800 800151   |

## KENILWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Town Clerk Miss Maggie Field | 01926 859 155 |
|------------------------------|---------------|

## TRAVEL

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Chiltern Railways       | 0345 600 516   |
| National Rail Enquiries | 03457 48 49 50 |
| West Midlands Trains    | 0333 311 0039  |
| Bus Travel Line         | 0871 2002233   |
| Coventry Airport        | 02476 308601   |
| Birmingham Int' Airport | 0871 222 0072  |

## POLICE

|                            |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Warwickshire Police        | 01926 415000         |
| West Midlands Police       | 0345 1135000         |
| Police Control Room        | 01926 851 111 Or 101 |
| Warwickshire Fire & Rescue | 01926 423231         |
| Crimestoppers              | 0800 555 111         |

## LEISURE & SPORTS

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
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| Kenilworth Library              | 0300 555 8171 |
| Meadows Community Sports Centre | 01926 857 613 |

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# WHAT'S ON LOCALLY

## **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.

## **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.

## **Kenilworth Art Society**

Date: Tuesday evenings / Time: 7pm / Venue: Venue Waverley Centre, 65 Waverley, Kenilworth, CV8 1JL

A friendly group, with beginners and experienced artists, using a variety of mediums with a programme of optional activities. New members are welcome, to share and learn. For more information visit [www.kenilworthartsociety.weebly.com](http://www.kenilworthartsociety.weebly.com) or email the secretary: [kenilworthartsociety@gmail.com](mailto:kenilworthartsociety@gmail.com) or call 01926 855470

## **Kenilworth History and Archaeology Society**

Date: second Monday of each month / Time: 7.45pm / Venue: Senior Citizens' Club, Abbey End, Kenilworth CV8 1QJ

We hold nine Open Meetings per year with guest speakers on a range of historical subjects, non-members are welcome for a donation of £2. We also hold three members only meetings per year. Full details of our programme and how to join the society can be found on our website [www.khas.co.uk](http://www.khas.co.uk) and on our Facebook page. The ethos of the society is to research the history of the town and make the results available to its residents.

## **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/](http://www.warwickshire.vision/) Email: [enquiries@warwickshire.vision](mailto:enquiries@warwickshire.vision) Phone: 01926 411331

## **Kenilworth Senior Citizens Activities Club**

Date: every Tuesday / Time: 1.30pm - 3.30pm / Venue: Newbold Comyn Leisure Centre, Newbold

Terrace E, Leamington Spa CV32 4EW  
Because of the ongoing building work taking place at our usual venue of Castle Farm Leisure Centre, we are currently meeting at the Newbold Comyn Leisure Centre in Leamington. We are a small friendly group who play Table Tennis and Short Mat Bowling. We also usually organise a Summer Outing and a Christmas Lunch for our Members. We would love to welcome new members from Kenilworth, Warwick or Leamington and the surrounding areas to join us for fun and friendship. There is plenty of free parking at Newbold Comyn.

## **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 meals, cinema, theatre and National Trust visits, day trips, walks and pub nights. For more information contact Jenny Brown on 07725 094123

## **Men Walking and Talking**

Date: every Thursday / Time: 7pm / Venue: Abbey Fields Car Park

A weekly walking group has been launched in Kenilworth aimed at supporting men's mental health. Set up by local resident Mark Taylor, the group was started earlier this year as the tenth branch of the Men Walking and Talking Group - which was launched during the pandemic. To join please visit their Facebook page: Men Walking and Talking or contact Mark: [menwalkingandtalking@outlook.com](mailto:menwalkingandtalking@outlook.com)

## **A Walking Football Group**

We meet twice a week, Tuesdays 11.00am and Thursdays 13.15pm at a superb local venue near Warwick University, for exercise, recreation, socializing and a laugh on an outside astro turf pitch. All Adults welcome. For further info contact 07941491488.

## **Independent South Warwickshire NHS Retirement Fellowship**

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

We have speakers, trips out, quizzes and much more, why not give us a try. Contact Jackie Shaw 01926 492361.

## **Kenilworth Over 30 Swimming Club**

Date: Every Sunday / Time: 8am - 8.55am / Venue: Newbold Comyn, Newbold Terrace East, Leamington Spa, CV32 4EW

We swim at Newbold Comyn whilst the Abbey Fields facility is being rebuilt. Only two members in each of the reserved four lanes to date - new members very welcome (£12.50 a month subscription) a great way to start your day! Please contact Simon Morton: [simonmorton8@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:simonmorton8@yahoo.co.uk) for more details or a trial swim.

### **Kenilworth u3a Meetings**

Time: 2.30pm / Venue: Kenilworth Methodist Church, Priory Road, Kenilworth CV8 1LQ  
Join us for a tea/coffee and a chat from 1.45 pm  
Members free - Visitors £1.

### **Warwick Memory Singers**

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

Open to anyone living with dementia or other neurological condition, accompanied by their carer. Led by specially-trained musicians, our weekly sessions can help build new friendships and boost confidence, enabling people to feel more positive and supported. £5 per week, carers go free. First Session free! To book a place or for further information, please contact Sarah Riddell: [sriddell@armonico.org.uk](mailto:sriddell@armonico.org.uk) or call 07722 632242

### **Kenilworth Probus Club No 2**

Date: 2nd Thursday of the month / Time: 10.30am / Venue: Clarendon Arms, 44 Castle Hill, Kenilworth CV34 1NB

9th December: Martin Gower. NHS a Jewel in the Crown or a Patient in need of Therapy;  
13th February: John McCormick. Computers are they really that smart?

Kenilworth Probus Club No 2. Is a club for retired and semi-retired men. Just come along or email: [contact@kenilworthprobus2.org.uk](mailto:contact@kenilworthprobus2.org.uk)  
Web: [www.kenilworthprobus2.org.uk](http://www.kenilworthprobus2.org.uk)

### **Bad Vibrations Community Choir**

No musical experience, ability (or even an audition) is needed to join our friendly and inclusive group. We sing for the joy of singing on the 1st /3rd / 5th Tuesdays from 6.30 - 8pm in Kenilworth School Upper Hall, Leyes Lane, when our choir rehearses a varied repertoire with instruction from a talented and professional choir master. Alternatively, on 2nd/ 4th Tuesday from 7 - 8pm in the Lower Hall, we have a Singalong, no choirmaster, just singing to great tracks from the last 50 years For information: [advken@gmail.com](mailto:advken@gmail.com) or call 07778 791365. Or just come for a FREE trial session.

### **Board Game Hub**

Date: 3rd Sunday of every month / Time: 3-5pm / Venue: the Kenilworth centre  
Stuck in the house all day avoiding the cold? Why not join us for board game hub? Bring a game, play a game, enjoy and cup of tea and a slice of cake..

### **Half Term History Makers at Kenilworth Castle**

Date: 10th—18th February / Time: 10am—4pm / Venue: Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Garden  
Join characters from the past for historical hijinks and hands on shenanigans at Kenilworth Castle this half term. Think you know all about Medieval Life? Think again! Be transported back in time through interactive stories to discover more about what it takes to become a medieval knight in our Squire to Knight activities. After mastering knightly etiquette, learn skills to become a mighty warrior through our sword school. Upon successful training, the king will

then bestow the prestigious title of knight upon you! to buy tickets please visit [www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)

### **Hands of a Genius – My life as a Micro Artist – A u3a talk by Graham Short**

Date: 15th February / Time: 2.30 - 3.30pm / Venue: Kenilworth Methodist Church

A micro-artist, living and working in Birmingham, Graham Smart is known for producing miniature pieces of art and has spent over 50 years going to physical and mental extremes to produce the highest-quality hand engravings ever seen.

### **Beer Festival**

Date: 23-24th February / Venue: The Lord Leycester Hospital.

Warwick Court Leet presents The Lord Leycester beer festival in The Great Hall. Tickets £8. Available from [www.warwickbeerfestival.com](http://www.warwickbeerfestival.com) and from the Visitor Information Centre and Torry's Hardware Shop. Friday's session will run from 4pm – 10pm, with Saturday's session opening at 12pm – 10pm, or when dry!

### **Saturday Talks in Support of The Fusilier Museum**

Date: 24th February / Time: 2pm / Venue: Zoom  
'Hannah Snell-an 18th century female icon' by Chris Kirby: hear the most remarkable and disputed story of Hannah who disguised herself as a man to join the Sixth of Foot (later Royal Warwicks) and ended up a celebrity on the West End Stage.

To receive a Zoom invite, contact the Secretary by email on [friends.fusiliermuseumwarwick@gmail.com](mailto:friends.fusiliermuseumwarwick@gmail.com) about a fortnight before. All talks begin and last about an hour.

### **Saturday Talks in Support of The Fusilier Museum**

Date: 30th March / Time: 2pm / Venue: Zoom  
'Women and Children First' by David Seeney: the incredible story of how this code of conduct was born when the Birkenhead was wrecked in 1852 with the 6th Foot (later Royal Warwicks) and other Regiments on board; on show will be artefacts from the wreck and a medal awarded to a man who survived. To receive a Zoom invite, contact the Secretary by email on [friends.fusiliermuseumwarwick@gmail.com](mailto:friends.fusiliermuseumwarwick@gmail.com) about a fortnight before. All talks begin and last about an hour.

### **Repair Café**

Date: every 3rd Saturday of the month / Time: 2-5pm / Venue: Abbey Hill United Reformed Church, Abbey Hill CV8 1LW

Repair not replace. If you can carry it or pedal it, we'll have a look at it. Repairs and advice are free, but card or cash donations are welcome. Last repair taken at 4.30pm. For more information please visit: [www.repaircafe-kenilworth.org](http://www.repaircafe-kenilworth.org)

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# HOROSCOPES: FEBRUARY / MARCH

## **ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)**

Mercury, Venus and Mars are occupying the highest point of your chart this month, indicating that this the perfect time to make a go of anything career related. Stay alert to any opportunities that come your way. The spectacular new moon and the start of the Dragon year on the 10th both highlight the beginning of exciting new adventures and new friendship groups forming. 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)**

February opens up some brilliant opportunities and ideas for further education and detailed travel plans. The new moon on the 10th is particularly important as its powerful energy encourages you to broaden your horizons, especially on the career front. The Virgo full moon on the 24th offers up a romantic opportunity, it also encourages you to be at your most creative. 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)**

February suggests that your financial plans will need some reviewing. Mercury, Venus and Mars are all in responsible Capricorn, excellent placements for assisting with practical long lasting decisions. The pioneering Aquarian new moon and the start of the auspicious Dragon year on the 10th, both ensure that you have some innovative new ideas to increase your prospects. 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)**

The first part of February offers you a great deal of energy as Mars, Venus, and Mercury are all challenging you in your opposite sign of Capricorn. This could indicate some relationship issues that will very likely come to the surface now. Jupiter and Uranus, both in the down to earth sign of Taurus offer heightened intuition steering you towards making the right decision. 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.

## **LEO (JULY 23 - AUGUST 23)**

The Sun and Pluto are strong in your opposite sign during February, emphasising any difficulties arising in your relationships. The Aquarian new moon on the 10th will throw some light on any issues that have been troubling you for a while. Dynamic planetary energy in the health and fitness area of your chart also suggests that you will have more drive and vitality to follow a new regimen. 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)**

February offers some big changes in the love and romance sector of your chart; be on the lookout for some important new information related to your plans. Mercury, your ruler, is in quirky Aquarius on Valentine's Day – be prepared, anything could happen! Jupiter and Uranus, both in down to earth Taurus, will help you to reach a positive outcome, be mindful and trust your intuition. 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)**

New and exciting creative opportunities are suggested during February as transformational Pluto and the radiant Sun occupy a pivotal part of your chart. Romantic encounters are also in strong focus, particularly around the time of the powerful Aquarian new moon on the 10th. The Dragon year begins and partnerships could take on a much more spiritual aspect. 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 before.

## **SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)**

February puts you in a rather assertive mood, as you strive to take on a more independent approach to life. Your communication sector is stirred up by Venus, Mars and Mercury all suggesting that renewed insight helps you to remain positive; big ideas can lead to brilliant results. The Aquarian new moon on the 10th offers some radical change, particularly in your domestic area. 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)**

Three planets in your financial sector all suggest an active and very positive start to this month. With your enhanced resourcefulness it's a good time to make some major decisions concerning your goals for 2024. The exciting Aquarian new moon on the 10th highlights all types of communication and gives you extra powers of persuasion and insight. 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 stick to your plans you have a really 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)**

Three planets in Capricorn ensure that this will be a breakthrough month. Dynamic Mars and romantic Venus are both strong in your sign, emphasising matters of the heart and suggesting that a new love interest may be on the horizon. Positive thinking is the way forward and the exciting Aquarian new moon on the 10th looks set to bring some great opportunities your way. 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 and the favourable and dynamic new moon in your sign on the 10th ensures that positive change is not far off. Communication planet Mercury arrives in Aquarius on the 5th, followed by Mars on the 13th and Venus on the 17th. This is truly an inspirational month, bursting with new ideas and the opportunity to act on them. Your intuitive nature should ensure that you make the right decisions. 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)**

Venus, Mars and Mercury start the month in the practical and resourceful sign of Capricorn, indicating renewed connections where friendships and group endeavours are concerned. Jupiter and Uranus highlight your powers of communication, pushing you to take full advantage of this chance to usher in a whole new era of confidence and success. The full moon in Virgo on the 24th illuminates and important issue. 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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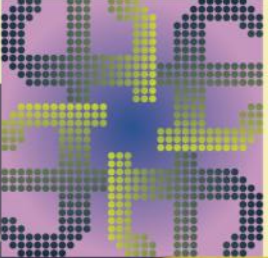
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