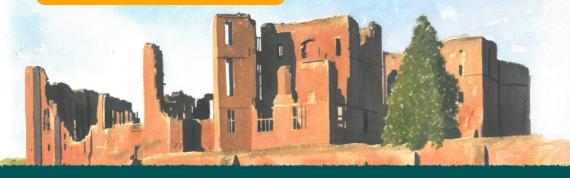
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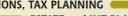








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Welcome to the August/September Edition.

The month of August is the holiday month: the weather is warm and usually dry, but the nights are lengthening a little, making the mornings fresh and the evenings cool and welcoming and perfect to dine alfresco with family and friends.

Here in England, September is the beginning of the academic year, with children starting or returning to school near the beginning of the month and students entering university towards the end.

In gardens across the country, those with green fingers are harvesting fruit and vegetables, taking cuttings and with the beginning of the autumn rains, and regular mowing is recommencing after the end of the heat of August.

After children return to school, many of us are enjoying the weather and start getting out and about again, visiting parks, countryside, stately wishing parks, country stude, stately homes and gardens, enjoying long walks, leisurely lunches and delicious afternoon teas. We return home as the evenings draw in, the fireside lovingly beckons, and autumn television favourites delight us once again.

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Many people face mobility challenges so installing accessibility features in the bathroom can make life easier, more convenient and help individuals remain independent.

Over 8% of UK households or 1.9 million homes have at least one person who has mobility issues. Being able to use the bathroom unaided helps us to retain our independence and maintain personal dignity. There are a range of installations that can be made to improve bathroom accessibility, some simple and inexpensive that you can do yourself or with some professional help, others that might require professional redesign of your bathroom.

Safety first

Falling is the most common injury you can sustain in your bathroom, and over a third of these injuries lead to a visit to A&E. These happen more to people who have mobility issues and can have serious health implications. But a lot of accidents can be prevented by making bathroom adaptations.

Simple ways to make your bathroom accessible

It is a fact of life, for various reasons, that many of us struggle getting on and off the toilet. Installation of handrails will make this easier as will installing an inexpensive raised seat on the toilet seat.

Handrails around the bath or shower will also make getting in and out safer as will non-slip mats. Battery operated bath lifts can sit neatly in your bath and allow safe entry and exit of the bath. A shower seat is a simple but elegant solution to safer showering if standing is a

problem and it folds away after use. High contrast taps will help people with sight problems remain safe and having a smart shower with voice activated commands installed will help someone keep their independence. Having non-slip flooring installed with non-slip bath rugs can significantly reduce the chances of falling in a bathroom.

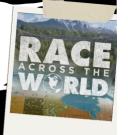
Professional adaptations

Many of us choose to consult a certified bathroom professional and seek their advice on how they can help us stay safe.

Having a walk-in shower could make the process of taking a shower safe if you have mobility issues and they can look stylish and enhance the value of your house. Or why not consider a walk-in bath which has a door on the side which means you don't have to step over a bath side, just step in and enjoy a relaxing soak in the tub. Wet rooms are perhaps one of the biggest changes you might consider but they will also have one of the biggest impacts on the quality of your life if you have mobility issues. They look very stylish and come in a vast range of designs. Wet rooms don't have trip hazards and there are no shower doors or curtains to worry about. If you use a wheelchair or walking aids then a wet room could greatly improve your ability to use the bathroom independently and safely. A bathroom professional could also advise you on specialised toilets that have adjustable height settings offering enhanced mobility opportunities as they automatically elevate and lower as needed.



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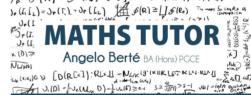
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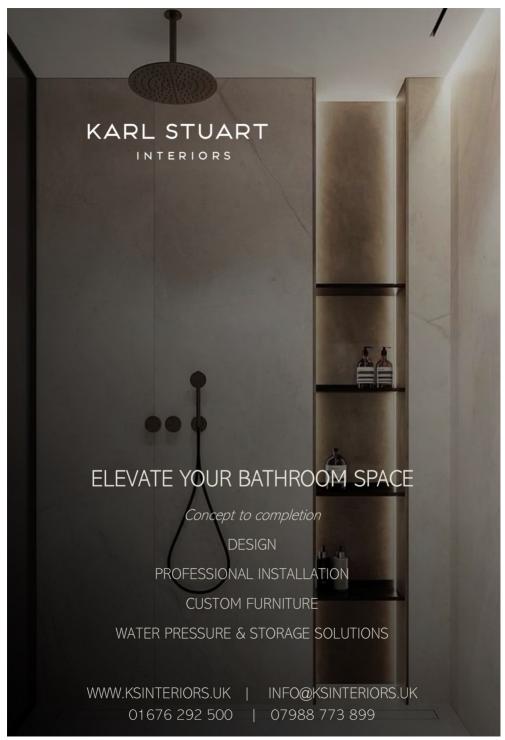
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Travel restrictions

You may have a place in mind, but long before concerning yourself over passport, travel insurance and vaccinations, give a final check that your destination is somewhere safe.

Natural disasters, political conflicts and social unrest are just a few of the reasons a place may find itself on the no-go list. Some of these elements may change frequently given we are in fast-moving times.

You can find guidance on the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) website and it's worth checking this information often in the weeks leading up to your holiday. In the past the FCDO has issued various travel warnings, including advice against 'all travel' and 'all but essential travel' to entire countries or parts of countries, so don't get caught out.

Scams

Scam websites on the internet are nothing new, and there is nothing more devastating than paying out for a dream trip only to realise you can't even make it through Passport Control.

To check if a holiday company is legitimate, look for suspicious language, typos, ensure there is clear contact information, website reviews, and membership in reputable trade bodies like ABTA or IATA. Verify the company's ATOL (Air Travel Organisers' Licence) if it offers flights, and avoid companies that request payment outside of secure systems.

Delays

Some delays are inevitable, but there are steps you can take to make it less likely. For example, if you're taking a short haul flight on a budget airline, it's best to get the first flight as planes will likely be going to and from mainland Europe several times in one day, so delays can accumulate. Also, download the app of the airline you're travelling with for regular updates.

Overpaving

Even if the website hollars 'hotel in demand... one room left!!' do not book anything on a whim. Companies often use this as a tactic to pressure customers into booking, but it is always worth checking your options.

Visit price comparison websites, read reviews of hotels so you can be sure it offers the standards promised and, if in doubt, book via a travel agent who will source the best deal.

Culture clashes

Some countries have different cultures to the UK. In France for example, this often means ladies will sunbathe topless on the beach, however if you try that in some Middle Eastern countries you are likely to get arrested.

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Getting fit can often feel like a chore. We've all been there - the free weights gathering dust in the corner, the guilt-inducing gym card in your wallet, and those expensive trainers that only make it as far as the local shops!

The truth is, relying on your own steam to get active usually leads to more time on the sofa, which is why joining a running club can be an excellent way to spark that motivation you've been lacking. Offering community, friendship and solidarity, you'll soon be pounding the pavements as your new pals cheer you on.

Personal goals

Before setting out to find a running club, take some time to reflect on your objectives. Are you looking to train for a particular race, improve your pace, or simply keen on enjoying the social aspect?

Your goals will influence the type of club you choose, whether it's focused on competitive training, recreational running, or a mix of both.

Seeking your sole mates

So, you've decided what you want, but how to find it? Of course, there is the online option, with platforms such as Facebook often showing local groups who are seeking new members. You can also check noticeboards in your gym, workplace or adverts in local magazines. Word-of-mouth is also a great way to find a club as you'll get a first-hand account of what to

expect and you will already have a buddy there.

Considerations

If you're just starting out on your fitness journey, there is nothing more soul destroying than being left in the dust. That means, at first, it may be smart not to choose a club that's full of would-be Usain Bolts.

So, research extensively to find the right fit. Most clubs will have groups based on timings meaning you'll be put with other slow pokes until you've found your footing.

Then, as you pick up your pace, you'll start moving up the ranks. Also, remember to check that the run schedule is convenient for you. Can you commit to the times offered and is it close to your home or workplace? Ensuring ease will help you stick to your new fitness regime.

Finally, be aware of any hidden fees when joining a club. Free trials usually come as standard to allow you to get a feel for whether it is the right option. As there is no need to hire a space, overheads for running clubs are usually low, so query any fees which seem a little excessive.

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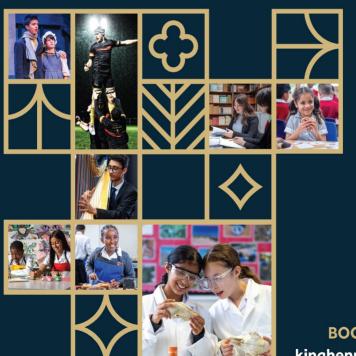
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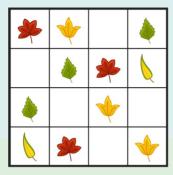
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WHAT'S ON LOCALLY

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.

Kenilworth Art Society

Date: Tuesdays / Time: 7.30 - 9.30 pm / Venue: Venue: Waverley Centre, 65 Waverley, Kenilworth, CV8 11

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 ww.kenilworthartsociety.weebly.com kenilworthartsociety@gmail.com: 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 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. www.warwickshire.vision/enquiries@warwickshire.vision / 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 meals, cinema, theatre and National Trust visits, day trips, walks and pub nights. For more information contact Jenny Brown on 07725 094123

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.

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

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 are welcome (£12.50 a month subscription) a great way to start your day! Please contact Simon: simonmorton8@yahoo.co.uk for more details or a trial swim.

Coventry And Warwickshire Retired Engineers

Date: third Thursday of most months / Time: 10:30 - 11AM / Venue: Dunchurch Village Hall CV22 6PN All events are open to the general public. www.retiredengineers.net 01926 490 456

Coventry And Warwickshire Schools Liaison Community

We have speakers on many hot topics and careers. Also activity kits we lend to schools and clubs, all free of charge. www.schoolsliaisoncommunity.net/CWSLC.htm 01926 490 456

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

Kenilworth Probus Club No 2

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

Kenilworth Probus Club No 2. Is a club for retired and semi-retired men. Just come along or

email: KPC2Contact@gmail.com Web: www.kenilworthprobus2.org.uk

Kenilworth Lions Club

Date: 2nd Monday of the month / Venue: Kenilworth Sports & Social Club

Throughout the year we support needy causes in the community and with a full social programme, the Club is friendly, rewarding and good fun. To find out more visit: www.kenilworthlionsclub.co.uk

Bad Vibrations Community Choir

Date: 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays / Time: 6.30pm-8pm / Venue: United Reformed Church, Kenilworth CV8 1LW

Love to Sing? Then come and join us.

No musical experience, ability (or even an audition) is needed to join our friendly and inclusive group. We sing for the joy of singing, when our choir rehearse a varied repertoire with instruction from a talented and professional choir master.

Alternatively, on 2nd/4th Tuesday from 7 - 8pm in the same venue, we have a Singalong; no choirmaster, just singing to great soundtracks from the last 50 years. For information:

www.badvibrations.org.uk; 07778 791365; badvken@gmail.com. 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.

The Kenilworth Walking Women

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

It's a wonderful opportunity to get some regular exercise, get to know some other women from Kenilworth, but in a safe walking group. See Facebook group page for details and updates.

Kenilworth Flower Club

Date: 1st Thursday of each month / Time: 1.30pm / Venue: Kenilworth Methodist Church, Priory Road

Flower Demonstrators: May 1st - Andrew Lloyd 'Tis The Merry Month'; June 5th - Clare Bond 'Sustainable Summer'. For more details please contact Diane Cahill on 01926 853907

Stratford upon Avon Guild of Weavers, Spinners & Dvers

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

Festival of Plav

Date: every Tuesday and Thursday in August / Time:

2-4pm / Venue: St. Nicholas Church, Abbey Fields, Kenilworth

This year, instead of a holiday club, we are running a Festival of Play every week in August! It's for pre-school and primary school children. It's running in St Nicholas Church in the Abbey Fields and costs £3 per session per child. Contact Heather for more information at kids@stnicholaskenilworth.org.uk

Summer Fest

Date: 10th August / Time: 10am—4pm / Venue: Parade, Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 4BL

Step into a vibrant world of summer magic as The Parade is transformed into a oasis of fun. Immerse yourself in the mini-pop-up beach, complete with buckets & spades for kids to play with. But the true heart of the festival lies in the giant market, where local artisans and producers showcase their remarkable talents. Discover unique handcrafted treasures, browse an array of captivating arts and crafts, and indulge in the fresh, locally sourced produce that celebrates the very best of the season.

The BIG Summer Market

Date: 25th August / Time: 11am—4pm / Venue: Warwick Town Centre, Market Place, Warwick, CV34 4SA

It's going to be an incredible event, perfect for the whole family to enjoy. The BIG Summer Market will showcase a fantastic variety of arts, crafts, and locally-produced goods. From handmade treasures to unique artwork, you'll find it all at our stalls. Discover the talents of our local artisans and take home something truly special. The street food area is sure to delight your taste buds with a mouthwatering array of delicious treats Indulge in a world of flavours, from Indian street food to delightful desserts. Kids will love face painting, rides, and FREE balloon modelling.

Leamington Market

Date: every Friday / Time: 10am—4pm / Venue: Holly Walk, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 4LY Holly Walk is set to host a brand new weekly market in the heart of Leamington Spa! Taking place every Friday, the market will showcase a fantastic range of local produce – from fresh fruit & veg to handmade artisan goods. It's the perfect way to shop local, discover something new, and support the amazing independent businesses in our community. Proudly in partnership with Warwick District Council.

Autumn Food Festival

Date: 28th September / Time: 11am—4pm / Venue: Warwick Town Centre, Market Place, Warwick, CV34 4SA

Expect a mouthwatering selection of street food, artisan bars, and local produce from talented traders across the region. Bring the whole family along – there'll be kids' rides & entertainment.

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ARIES

(MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Dynamic Mars, your ruler, starts the month off in industrious Virgo, moving to pleasure loving Libra on the 7th. Demanding Aries needs to take some relaxing time off, this is just perfect for the holiday season. Relationships come in to focus later this month, stay alert, there may be some disagreements that need your attention.

TAURUS

(APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

August is an important month as the radiant Sun and communicative Mercury both occupy the fiery and extrovert sign of Leo, suggesting that your creativity is strong and a generous and carefree mood is your cosmic gift. The maverick planet Uranus has just arrived in Gemini, highlighting your financial area, if you have any radical changes in mind, this is the month to get them up and running.

CEMINI

(MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

As the Sun and Mercury pass through the communication sector of your chart during August, you'll be looking at restructuring the way you think and how to expand your horizons. Maverick planet Uranus has just entered your sign, indicating that nothing will ever be the same again - Important opportunities are coming your way and some significant decisions will need to be taken.

CANCER

(JUNE 22 - JULY 22)

During August the Sun and Mercury suggest that some new money making schemes are coming to the forefront; if you use this powerful energy wisely it should leave you feeling successful and prosperous all month. The two beneficial planets Venus and Jupiter are strong in your sign, this is a cosmic gift for you to trust in your abilities and benefit from all the opportunities that come your way.

LEO

(JULY 23 - AUGUST 23)

It's your birthday month and the Sun and Mercury both light up your sign. The 9th brings a challenging full moon in your opposite sign of Aquarius, this offers the opportunity for dramatic change and some of your previous ideas may need reviewing. Love planet Venus and lucky Jupiter are both in sensitive Cancer, be sure to use your intuition when making any necessary changes.

VIRCO

(AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 22)

August looks like a rather changeable month as action planet Mars moves from your sign into balanced Libra on the 7th. This suggests that it's time to take a short break and tune into your inner needs. The Virgo new moon in your sign on the 23rd starts off a whole new cycle and a new phase of action begins after the 26th as Venus arrives in creative Leo.

LIRRA

(SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 23)

Cosmic blessing are around you during August as Venus, your ruler, and mighty Jupiter light up the highest point of your chart. The radiant Sun and communicative Mercury are strong in Leo, putting the emphasis on friends and social life, just perfect for the holiday season. Dynamic Mars arrives in your sign on the 7th, your vitality should be at a peak.

SCORPIO

(OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)

Communication planet Mercury increases the Sun's powerful and creative influence during August, suggesting that it's time to ask yourself two important questions - where do you shine, and what makes you feel really happy and fulfilled? Energy planet Mars, arriving in Libra on the 7th highlights your need to find a better work/life balance and take more time out for yourself.

SACITTARIUS

(NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 21)

August is an important month as positive planetary activity is higher than ever before. Maverick planet Uranus has just arrived in your opposite sign of Gemini, the cosmic message here is to expect the unexpected! Be sure to push yourself forward and make the most of a surge of self-confidence. The Sun and Mercury are in Leo and both indicate a new surge of creativity.

CAPRICORN

(DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 20)

August brings your relationships and partnerships to the forefront, some important issues now need your attention. Lucky Jupiter and love planet Venus are shining brightly in this area, indicating that outcomes should be very positive. Action planet Mars changes sign on the 7th, suggesting that it's a good time to embrace new career opportunities.

AOUARIUS

(JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 18)

Relationships come to the forefront during August as a long term partnership demands your attention. The Sun and Mercury are both in fiery Leo, indicating that passion, joy and creativity are more important than ever. The full moon in your sign on the 9th is both powerful and illuminating, the opportunity for change is strong this month, but it may be best to keep your options open.

PISCES

(FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20)

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