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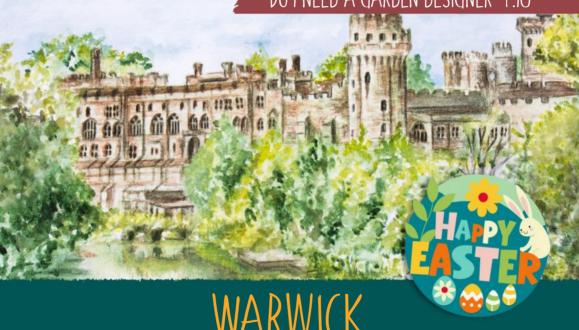
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## A NOTE

Welcome to our festive April/May Edition.

As the warmth of Spring settles in, we're reminded of the beauty and growth happening all around us. April and May bring a sense of renewal, and it's the perfect time to celebrate the stories that make our community so special. Let us focus on the vibrant energy that fills our village as we head into the Summer months.

From local festivals to exciting outdoor activities, the next two months are the perfect time to get outside, soak up the sunshine, and explore everything our area has to offer. Many local gardeners and green-fingered enthusiasts are transforming their front gardens into stunning green spaces-ideal inspiration for your own Spring planting!

As always, we have prepared a few interesting reads for you to enjoy: from tips on how to save the planet one garden at a time to an article about investment ideas to dementia.

If you would like to promote a business locally - we would love to help by bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience in connecting businesses with local communities, creating eye-catching adverts and making sure each door gets a copy of their directory full of local talent. Give us a call or email for a friendly chat. We are a small local business too, we only thrive if your business thrives, so we do our best to make sure you are seen and recognised by local residents who

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**Dates for your calendar:** 18<sup>th</sup> April - Good Friday (Bank Holiday); 20<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Sunday; 21<sup>st</sup> April - Easter Monday (Bank Holiday); 5<sup>th</sup> May - Early May Bank Holiday; 26<sup>th</sup> May - Spring Bank Holiday

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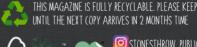
















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#### HENLEY IN ARDEN ARTS4ALL

#### JULY 13TH - 20TH 2025

This year's event boasts a stellar lineup. including a comedy finale featuring Hal Cruttenden, star of the Royal Variety Performance and Live at the Apollo, with a special preview of his 2025 tour (Sunday, July 20th). This stand-up comedy finale promises a night of laughter whilst Beyond the Barricade

fresh from a Birmingham Symphony Hall performance and ongoing UK tour head for town on Monday 14th July following the opening event (Sunday 13th July) which welcomes back Henley favourite Christine Bovill in Coming Home following it's successful Edinburgh Fringe run.

The iconic Kate Bush

Songbook - Currently touring the UK hits town on Friday 18th July and Sarah-Louise Young (Saturday, July 19th) brings her brand new interactive karaoke night to Henley in I Am Your Tribute, described as a "joyously immersive experience" (\*\*\*\*The Stage) and a highlight of the Edinburgh Fringe.

Challenging content includes The Windrush Secret (Thursday, July 17th) A powerful and thought-provoking performance tackling the racism surrounding the Windrush Scandal and praised as 'outstanding (New York Stage Review) and 'a show that pulls no punches' (The Guardian). This double with I Am the Greatest which takes us into the psyche of an individual

who has endured 25 years of the painful effects of the Zuc, introducing us to a unique interpretation of mental health and a society plagued by a lack of essential support due to government bungling.

On a lighter note, in Catch Your

Breath (Wednesday, July 16th) NHS anaesthetist. comedian and author Ed Patrick brings his unique brand of humour to the Memorial Hall -'Brilliantly Funny' - Matt Lucas. On Tuesday 15th July in a piece written special for Arts4All by Henley School Head of Drama, Steve Eagles, we see his students perform the somewhat 'spooky'

Thirsfield which is followed by Edinburgh Fringe regular Caroline Burns Cooke in Gruoch The Ladv Macbeth.

The Elves and the Showmaker & Wind in the Willows as Saturday, July 19th matinee performances introduce children from 3 to 11 to the joys of live performance and Ralph Allin returns with

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> For full programme, tickets and the chance to snap up one of the limited money-saving Season Tickets visit: www.henleyarts4all.co.uk

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Thursday 15th July 7.00 p.m. THIRSFIELD A NEW PLAY BY HENLEY SCHOOL

Thursday 15th July 8.00 p.m. GRUOCH - THE LADY MACBETH BY CAROLINE BURNS COOKE

Wednesday 16th July 7.30 p.m. ED PATRICK - CATCH YOR BREATH

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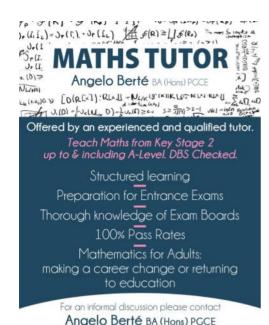
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#### Dreams can become reality

From the moment you contact a garden design service and then sit down with them you are making your dreams a reality. With extensive training they can create designs based upon what you have always wanted, what plants you love, what you intend to use your outside space for, and if you have green fingers or not, as this will determine the level of upkeep and maintenance.

#### Working to scale

Many of our gardens do not have outside space the size of Blenheim Palace, so working out how features can sit with planting schemes and lawned areas, paths, borders and seating areas or garden buildings is near impossible to the amateur gardener, but a professional garden designer using their expert eye can imagine exactly what you want, making suggestions you had never even considered. Many design

services use 3D design software to make the garden come to life even before a spade has hit the ground. And professionals have a good understanding of local planning laws and how best not to upset your neighbours.

#### Bringing house and garden together

A professional garden design service can make your outside space into another room, and effortlessly blend outside and in, creating a relaxed lifestyle. And by doing this they offer a truly bespoke service creating a garden that is unique to your property.

Managing budgets and increasing house value Believe it or not, using a professional garden design service can save you money in the long term. It does this by knowing exactly what is required, knowing what lasts and minimising overspend. A professional garden designer will be able to offer you the choice of materials and plants that you possibly haven't even heard of, and they know where to source these at the best possible price. Also, a professionally designed garden could add anywhere from 10 to 15% to the value of your house.

#### Creating something to be cherished

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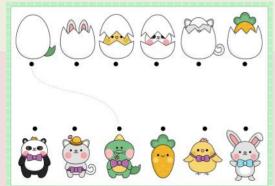
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Date: every 2nd Wednesday / Time: 10am -12pm / Venue: All Saints Church Hall, All Saints Road Warwick CV34 5NJ

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

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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: 21st of April / Time: 10am - 4pm / Venue: Parade, Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 4BL

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Date: 2-4th May / Time: all day / Venue: Kenilworth Rugby Football Club, Glasshouse Lane, CV8 2AJ Kenilworth's Beer and Music Festival is back by popular demand. Sample the very best in local music and enjoy a refreshing beverage with over 50 different beers, ciders, wines and cocktails to choose from! If you're feeling hungry watching your kids jump around on our epic bouncy castles or delighting in supervised activities in our Kids Zone, then treat yourself to a fabulous dish from one of our hand-selected independent food providers.

#### Lillington Bowling Club

Venue: Lillington Bowling Club, Lime Avenue, Leamington Spa CV3 2DB

Free Bowls Coaching: Date: 6th May / Time: 6pm Bowls Big Weekend Event: Date: 26th May / Time: 10am - 4pm

Lillington Bowling Club welcomes new bowlers of all ages to try a friendly and social sport which can be enjoyed by all abilities. Why not come along with flat soled shoes and let us introduce you to bowls on our super green. For further information, book a slot for either event or make enquiries visit our website: www.lillingtonbc.co.uk or call Chris on 01926 881229 or John on 07956 487378

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Date: 17th May / Time: 12pm - 7pm / Venue: St John's House

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Whether you're at a point in your life where you can properly build wealth, or perhaps are just able to tuck a little bit away each month for a rainy day, learning the basics of investing is in itself, well... an investment!

#### THF WHY

#### Wealth building

Investing allows your money to grow over time. By putting your money into assets that generate returns, you can significantly increase your wealth

#### Beat inflation

Inflation erodes the purchasing power of money. Investing in assets that appreciate over time helps to protect and increase the value of your money.

#### Future financial security

Investments can provide financial security for future needs such as retirement, education or emergencies.

#### THE WHAT

#### Stocks and shares

When you buy shares in a company, you become a part-owner and are entitled to a portion of the company's profits, which may be paid out as dividends. Stocks can offer high returns, but they also come with higher risk.

#### **Bonds**

Bonds are loans made to a company or government in exchange for periodic interest payments and the return of the bond's face value when it matures. Bonds are generally considered safer than stocks, but they typically offer lower returns.

#### Bricks and mortar

This involves purchasing property to generate rental income or to sell at a higher price in the future. It can provide steady income and potential for capital appreciation.

#### Commodities

Commodities are physical goods like gold, oil and agricultural products. Investing in commodities can be a hedge against inflation and can diversify an investment portfolio.

#### THE HOW

#### Growth investing

Growth investors seek companies that have



strong potential for future growth. They are willing to take on more risk for the possibility of higher returns.

#### Value investing

Value investors look for undervalued stocks that are trading below their intrinsic value. They believe these stocks will eventually appreciate in value.

#### Income investing

Income investors focus on investments that generate regular income, such as dividends from stocks or interest from bonds.

#### Diversification

Diversification involves spreading your investments across different asset classes to reduce risk. A diversified portfolio can help protect against losses in any one investment.

#### TOP TIPS

#### Set goals

Determine what you want to achieve with your investments. Clear goals will help guide your decisions.

#### Budget

Do not invest more than you can afford! Having a budget helps you manage your money effectively and is essential to smart investing.

#### Be smart

Learn about different types of investments and investment strategies. There are many resources available, including books, online courses and financial advisors.

#### Start small

Begin with a small amount of money and gradually increase your investments as you become more comfortable and knowledgeable.

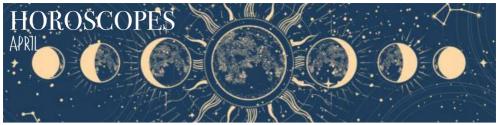


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#### ARIES

#### (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Neptune, planet of idealism and inspiration, has now entered your sign, this important shift offers a great opportunity for you to you use your intuition and your creative powers to the full. Your ruler, dynamic Mars, is rather emotional in the watery sign of Cancer and highlights your family and home life this month, try to stay calm and patient should any difficulties arise.

#### TAURUS

#### (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Venus, your ruler, sheds her bountiful light on your social life this month. New friends and networking opportunities start to appear after the 13th as the love planet goes direct. Dynamic Mars in Cancer, assists with intuitive communication as you recognise that it is time to turn up the pace and be more courageous in getting what you want. The new moon in your sign at the end of the month brings exciting new beginnings.

#### CEMINI

#### (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Your finances and assets loom large during April as energetic Mars moves through this area of your chart. A reassessment is on the cards as you take stock and review your options. Mars enters Leo on the 18th suggesting a much more creative approach to your business affairs. Mercury, your ruler, is at the highest point of your chart, indicating that a career move is possible.

#### **CANCER**

#### (JUNE 22 - JULY 22)

Your career area is illuminated by the radiant Sun and inspirational planet Neptune. The powerful Aries energy of this month suggests that if you have been wanting to make a change, now might just be the best time. Plans made in the first half of the month can really gather pace after the 16th. The Taurus new moon on the 27th offers new beginnings for group endeavours.

#### LEO

#### (JULY 23 - AUGUST 23)

The powerful line up of planets in dynamic Aries shine a spotlight on higher learning and inner growth for you this month. Perfect timing is indicated now as you strive to make sense of situations that have recently arrived in your life. The new moon in Taurus on the 27th is strong at your career highpoint, make the most of favourable opportunities with positive financial rewards.

#### VIRCO

#### (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 22)

Mercury, your ruling planet, arrives in dynamic Aries on the 16th, this important shift has the potential to revitalise your mind and bring clarity to the restructuring of some of your financial issues. It's a good time to capitalise on professional matters as people around you will appear receptive to your plans. The Libra full moon on the 13th illuminates the answer to a problem.

#### LIBRA

#### (SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 23)

Partnerships and relationships are high on your agenda during April as the planetary line up is powerful in Aries, your opposite sign. Some important and lasting decisions may need to be made, but try to remember that Aries is a volatile sign, so be sure to proceed with caution and maybe delay any big decisions until after the Libra full moon on the 13th.

#### SCORPIO

#### (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)

The Sun is highlighting your health and wellbeing sector this month, suggesting that some major changes may need to be set in motion.

Neptune has just arrived in dynamic Aries and is urging you to look at new ways to feel and look your absolute best. The Taurus new moon on the 27th brings some breakthroughs and exciting opportunities your way.

#### SAGITTARIUS

#### (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 21)

Creative new ways of earning your living are important this month. The power of the Aries Sun and imaginative Neptune both push you forward by opening your mind to trying new things. This month confirms that you can turn dreams into reality, providing that you follow your intuition, your heart and your passion. Your love life also looks exciting, particularly after the 13th.

#### CAPRICORN

#### (DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 20)

Home and family are in the spotlight this month, particularly after the 16th as the Sun and Neptune are joined by communicative Mercury in Aries. Dynamic Mars, in your opposite sign, is challenging you to recognise that many new and innovative ideas are on the horizon. Jupiter in Gemini is beneficial and offers you great courage and desire to push forwards in a totally new direction.

#### **AQUARIUS**

#### (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 18)

Money planet Venus goes direct in your financial sector around the 13th, this should free up any blockages that you may have been experiencing just lately. Bold and courageous ideas should now start to take off. Dynamic Aries energy plays a major part in your future this month and expansive Jupiter in Gemini looks positive for some major shifts to take place.

#### PISCES

#### (FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20)

Love planet Venus gathers speed and moves direct from the 13th, this should inspire you to make way for more compassion and tenderness in your relationship. Finances are also set to improve this month as the combination of the Sun, Neptune and Mercury (after the 16th) in Aries indicate some new insights are coming to the surface. The practical Taurus new moon on the 27th could turn out to be pivotal.

Christine Chalklin, Inspirational Astrologer and Life Coach.

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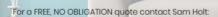


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Since the 1930s, 97% of our wildflower meadows have gone...ploughed up for agriculture, built on as towns and villages expand, with further damage to wildflowers due to the overuse of sprays and fertilisers.

This is a staggering loss of a critical resource which once comfortably fed our pollinating insects.

BUT, what's so important about these pollinating insects that we need to be concerned about their food supplies and their survival?

Because they are critical to our food supplies; one in every three bites of food we eat is pollinated by insects. Pollination is simply the way pollen (male cells), is transferred to the female part of a flower (stigma), which allows fruits to develop. Unless pollinated, plants will not produce fruit, and our food supply is reduced.

How do plants ensure pollination happens? Plants produce pollen, but also nectar, (a sugary energy drink), which most insects rely on. Nectar can be smelt from some distance, so attracts insects, along with brightly coloured and scented flowers. When insects visit a flower, pollen grains stick to their bodies, and when they visit the next flower, pollen will fall off and some will inevitably land on the female part of this flower, (the stigma). This will allow fertilisation to take place and therefore enable the plant to make seeds and fruit, from runner beans, strawberries, apples and nuts, to pumpkins, coffee and cocoa beans.

#### NO POLLINATION NO FRUITS

The loss of wildflower meadows has led to the decline in insect numbers, due to insufficient

food supply. A conservation report into insect decline has shown a 60% reduction in insects in the last 20 years and expresses grave concerns that this decline is continuing. Recent Research (Reading University) has found a 22% reduction in apple crops due to lack of pollinators.

BUT there are over 23 million gardens in the UK, and if we all play our part, we really could halt these falling numbers of insects who provide pollinator services to our gardens and to crops. We can allow space for wildflowers. Insects need food...we can help!

What the Plantlife Charity suggest, is a multi-height lawn.

A SHORT AREA. Cut to 2.5 - 5 cm. every 4-6 weeks from May. This allows shorter plants to thrive, such as birds foot trefoil which attracts over 130 species of insect, including some very beautiful butterflies.

MID LENGTH. Mow 2-3 times a year and collect the cuttings. This area will allow taller plants to feed other species of insect life.

LONG LENGTH. Leave completely uncut all year, this extends the nectar supply into the autumn and provides shelter for many creatures including insects.

N.B. ALWAYS MOW FROM THE CENTRE OF ANY GRASS AREA, SLOWLY MOVING OUT TOWARDS THE EDGES. This allows sheltering creatures to escape into hedges, swish the area with a cane before cutting.

See if you can adopt some of these suggestions, as every bit helps. You understanding how vital your garden can be provides protection of our insect friends and our future.

#### DEMENTIA CARE FOCUS

WITH GOOD ADVICE, CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND A PERSON-CENTRED APPROACH CHOOSING THE RIGHT CARE FOR SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA CAN HELP THEM LIVE WELL.



With almost a million people living with dementia in the UK, and that set to increase by around forty per cent by 2030 the condition is often referred to as the UK's biggest health and social care crisis. But with good care people suffering from dementia can live good lives.

**DEMENTIA** Dementia is a syndrome, a group of related symptoms, and it is mainly associated with the decline of certain brain functions which include memory loss, but also includes thinking speed, mood, movement, understanding and others. Alzheimer's disease is one of the most common types of dementia along with vascular dementia but there are numerous others.

UNDERSTANDING THEIR NEEDS Many people who suffer from dementia have complex needs, which range from the need to feel safe, to the need to take medication properly and regularly to the need to maintain their dignity and to maintain their selfhood. Any dementia care needs to focus on meeting these needs and any other needs that are specific to the individual.

RESEARCH CARE OPTIONS When considering care options family members need to undertake extensive research into what help is available. This can begin with support to live at home through to living in a care or nursing home. If you have been helping someone live independently or semi independently but as symptoms have worsened a needs assessment will be required from social services. Your local GP is a good place to begin this process and seek advice, guidance and support.

#### **EVALUATE FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

Dementia sufferers have extensive needs but there is help out there. Care homes are assessed by the Care Quality Commission and the most recent report is a good place for families to access an initial assessment.

LOCATION AND FACILITIES The location of a care facility can have an impact on the ability of someone with dementia to live well, and being close to friends and family can have a massive impact on their health. However, because dementia requires higher levels of specialist care whether there is an appropriate care or nursing home with the facilities to care for people is also an important factor.

CONSIDER COST AND FUNDING The cost of caring for someone with dementia can be considerably higher than for those without it. There should be 24-hour cover, with specific trained staff who understand dementia and can create and implement a care plan to help your loved ones live well and be happy. This specialist care makes dementia care cost relatively high. There is financial assistance out there, but this is often means tested. Your local GP will be able to offer advice and put you in touch with care specialists to allow informed decision making.

Choosing the right care for your loved one involves many factors but if they are able, it should involve the person with dementia as much as possible so they can live their best life.



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