# Meet Jeff Sandbrook...

A local roofing specialist with 50 years experience and 15 years service at N. Bird & Son



All roofing work undertaken by Jeff and the team, except chimneys... that would be Jeff's Dad!

"When replacing my roof, Jeff went above and beyond our expectations and he always behaved professionally and honest." Alan Hawkins, via Trustatrader

- Ridge Tiles
- Flashings
- Lead Work
- ChimneysFascias
- GutteringNew Roofs
- Flat Roofs

# **NO PAYMENT UNTIL YOU ARE 100% SATISFIED**

N. BIRD & SON

**ROOFING** 









0800 195 6946 0121 695 9033



FREE QUOTES FREE ADVICE FREE SURVEY



Part of Quality Homes Investments Ltd



# Knowle Domestic Plumbing Service & Appliance Repairs

All Plumbing Work Undertaken

• Burst pipes/leaks

SERVIS

- Taps, Sinks, Waste Units
- Ball Valves, Overflows
- Tanks, Cylinders, Immersions
- Toilets, baths,
   Showers
- 24 Hour Emergency

Appliance Repair Services

- Washing Machines
- Dishwashers
  - Tumble Dryers
  - Electric cookers
  - Vacuum Cleaners

£10 OFF for first time customers with this ad.

12 month guarantee, same day call-out special rates for OAP's

Office: 01564 730183 Mobile: 07770 698196

INDESIL

WHIRLPOOL

WIEFE

DEG

NEFF .

CREDA

DYSON

# summer fun...

# Welcome to the August issue of The Knowle & Dorridge Directory.

For those of you that aren't jetting off overseas this Summer, there's lots of great things happening locally – including Touchwood's urban beach, Age UK's Big Knit Campaign, a Charity Fun Day at the Land Rover Sports & Social Club and much more.

Check out the local event guide on page 6 and have a look at page 36 to see what shows are coming up at the Core Theatre. The Solihull Summer Fest returns to Tudor Grange Park on August Bank Holiday weekend so get your tickets, picnics and dancing shoes sorted!

**Have a great month** and make the most of the weather and the Summer holidays, while they last!



Zoe Reece Tel: 07557 220585

Email: zoe@dorridgedirectory.com www.knowleanddorridgedirectory.com



contents



6 Local events

- 59 Puzzles
- **36** Cinema and theatre guide
- 60 Inde

- 56 Competition
- 57 Useful telephone numbers
- 58 Recipe

Locally designed by: hotlobster design Itd Printed by: Warwick Printing Company

### PLEASE RECYCLE THIS MAGAZINE

4 Mention the Knowle & Dorridge Directory when responding to advertisements

# Exceptional vision ...



Are you looking for a legal adviser that delivers wise and effective solutions?

# Look no further.

Sydney Mitchell is a trusted Legal 500 law firm that will watch over your legal affairs.

We ensure that you receive quality legal advice.



"A professional service dealt with by delightful, helpful professionals...

## Birmingham

T: 0121 698 2200 - F: 0121 200 1513 DX 13054 Birmingham 1

## Shirley

T: 0121 746 3300 - F: 0121 745 7650 DX 13856 Shirley 2

### Sheldon

T: 0121 700 1400 - F: 0121 722 3127 DX 21801 Sheldon

Providing legal advice for generations www.sydneymitchell.co.uk







# community events

## Totally Tropicana

### Until 2nd September Touchwood

Touchwood is giving local residents the chance to be transported to sunnier shores once again with the return of its popular Costa Del Solihull urban beach in Theatre Square. This year's beach brings with it a touch of the 80's with a fun and colourful 'Tropicana' twist. Complete with deckchairs, buckets and spades, Costa Del Solihull offers the perfect place to enjoy a relaxing holiday experience without having to travel very far.





### Lemon Aid Charity Walk and Fun Day

Saturday 8th September, 12noon – 8pm Land Rover Sports & Social Club, 6 Billsmore Green, Solihull

A FREE local fun day for all ages with multiple stands and entertainment,

plus an AMAZING raffle - all to raise money for the Marie Curie hospice. Sponsored walk of up to 31km too. Email to register for the walk - lemonaidcharity@gmail.com

### An Evening at the Opera with Gaynor Keeble and Friends

### Saturday 8th September, 7.30pm Knowle Village Hall

Gaynor is a well-known mezzo soprano singer both on the operatic and the concert stages, and the programme will contain many Opera favourites. Tickets £8.50 from Carolyn (01564 779898) or Stephen (01564 778163). The concert is in aid of the Hall Refurbishment Fund.

# Big Knit

#### 1st September - 8th January

Can you knit little hats for the top of Innocent Smoothie Bottles, and in doing so raise money and awareness for Age UK Solihull's Winter Warmth campaign? For patterns call 0121 704 7842 or visit www.ageuksolihull.org.uk. Drop your finished hats to Age UK Solihull at The Core, Solihull Central Library or at their Solihull shop. Don't want to knit alone? Visit Boston Tea Party in Solihull on Tuesdays from 4th September between 9am - 12noon and join other knitters.

### **KNOWLE LIBRARY**

- Jellybeans held monthly on a Thursday morning for storytime and rhymes for the under 5's 10.45am -11.30am
- Monday Story Times Weekly story time and rhymes for toddlers and pre-school children 10.30am-11.00am
- Under fives Rhyme Times at 2pm every Friday
- Knowle Knit and Natter
   Group held monthly on a
   Tuesday 10.30am -11.30am
- The Reading Café Monthly on a Friday morning 10.30am -11.30am

- Self-Running Family History Group – Monthly on a Tuesday 2.15pm -4.00pm
- Reader's Circles Knowle Readers Circle meets monthly on a Friday 2.15pm
- Knowle Library Self Running Readers Circle monthly meeting Tuesday 11.00am
   -12pm
- Poetry Group Monthly on a Tuesday 11.00am -12.00pm
- **Scrabble Club** Adult Scrabble Club Fortnightly – Thursday 2.00pm

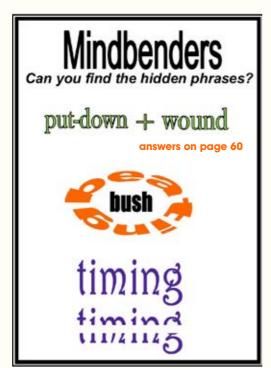


# George Michael & Wham Tribute

### Saturday 15th September 7pm **Knowle British Legion**

The UK's No.1 George Michael tribute Act for 2017, Robert ignites the stage with his authentic tribute to one of the most successful vocalists of our time, delivering a powerhouse performance of both George Michaels' biggest hits and Wham's greatest songs. To book visit www.tickettailor.com/ events/tributeniahts/160253







# Smoke Signals to Smartphones!

# Have you ever wondered what life was like before smartphones?'

ne of the oldest forms of long distance communication is smoke signals, used in both Ancient China and by Native Americans to warn of enemy attacks.

Then there were carrier or homing pigeons, which are birds that have been bred to find their way home over immensely long distances. A short message was written on a small piece of paper which was inserted into a small metal canister and attached to the leg of a pigeon. They were mainly used by the military and were a surprisingly accurate and effective way of communicating during battle.

In 1837, two sets of inventors simultaneously developed an electrical telegraph: Wheatstone and Cooke in England, and Samuel Morse in the United States. Morse and an assistant developed a new signalling alphabet using dots and dashes that became the standard for telegraph communication. By 1861, this Morse telegraph system connected the West and East coasts of America, and put the Pony Express (a mail-delivery service which had connected communities across the vastness of the United States) out of business. As technology improved, the telegraph became an audio transponder, where messages were translated based on the interval between two clicks.

Alexander Graham Bell is commonly credited as the inventor of the telephone, though in fact many individuals contributed to the devices we use today but it was Bell who filed the patent in 1876 for an "apparatus for transmitting vocal or other sounds telegraphically"



The earliest text-based machine was the fax machine. It's been around since the 1880s, though it only achieved commercial success in 1966, when Xerox introduced the Magnafax Telecopier. This behemoth weighed over 20Kg and sent digital versions of documents through phone lines via a series of dial tones. The fax machine became popular with business and in newsrooms because it allowed people to send documents across the world in a matter of minutes, replacing courier mail services and telegrams.

In 1973, Motorola produced the first 'mobile' phone, which weighed over 2Kg! Today, we've come a long way from those oversized devices and have access to phones that weigh around the same as a bar of chocolate, and slip easily into our pockets.

With the advent of the Internet came 'Instant Messaging'. ICQ was the first stand-alone instant messenger. This was the first centralized service which allowed individual user profiles. It was the grandfather of all other instant messaging services.

Today we use our mobiles for much more than talking. On average we spend just 6 minutes per day talking on the phone, but more than 26 minutes texting! Originally, we had to type out every letter according to the numerical keypad on our mobile devices. Now we have full QWERTY touch screen keyboards with predictive text and autocorrect capabilities that make it easier than ever to communicate. How amazing is that?

# **Curtains and Blinds**

designed and made for especially you

No job too big or too small

call for a free no obligation auotation "local interior designer" Sarah J Harper 07518 851063







# **Tudor Rose Curtains**

Mobile: 07518 851063 answer machine: 0121 445 2072

si@tudorrosecurtains.co.uk NEW WEB SITE www.tudorrosecurtains.co.uk



# ByteSuppo

Home and business IT support

PC problems fixed. Virus and malware removal. PC tune-ups. Data recovery. New PC setup. Broadband, email and server problems resolved. Free advice.

For a professional, friendly and dependable service

> Peter Johnston 0790 151 2544

www.bytesupport.co.uk

No call-out fee. 20yrs professional experience



# WINDOW FIX

- Misted/Broken glass units
- UPVc-DoorLocks/Hinges/Handles
- Windows–Locks/Hinges/Handles
- Patio Door-Tracks/Wheels
- Conservatory Roof Replacement
- Replacement Fascia & Guttering
- REPLACEMENT WINDOWS & DOORS

0121 704 1339

www.windowfixofsolihull.co.uk







**Land Rover Sports** & Social Club

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### JOHN HOLT TRIBUTE 1st September 2018

Lee Alexander is a singer, song writer, and producer whose career spans many years with a wealth of experience under his belt. Choose from Reggae, Soul and Motown as he can tailor the set to suit. A fabulous all-rounder with bags of charisma.



#### Tickets online from www.landroversc.co.uk

### **TAKE@THAT**

### 20th October 2018

Take@That is one of the UK's leading tributes to the greatest British man band of our generation. Each member has tirelessly worked on recreating mannerisms and harmonies, along with choreographed dance routines. providing a real likeness to the original Take That.



Tickets online from www.landroversc.co.uk

CALL DURING OPENING HOURS TO PICK UP TICKETS FROM THE CLUB

Billsmore Green, Solihull, B92 9LN • 0121 742 5490

# Fairground Attraction

### Why we like to be scared

airs and theme parks never seem to lose their attraction. My kids love them as much as I did. The smell of candyfloss, the music and the thrills. It's a perfect summer combination.

Not everyone will agree with me though. My wife is terrified of anything more exciting than the merry-go-round. So why do I love Blackpool's Big One, while her knuckles go white on the dodgems?

According to psychologists it comes down to something he calls a "type I" personality. Type I's are thrill-seekers who thrive on the uncertainty and intensity of activities that most people would find hair-raising.

It seems some of us enjoy the physical sensations associated with fear: the adrenaline rush; the pounding heart and the sweaty palms. **Scary rides make us feel alive.**Terrifying experiences induce a sense of euphoria once we're back on solid ground though we only enjoy them experts say, when we're within a "protective frame" that assures us that deep down, we're still safe.

Recent research has pinpointed certain genes which may be responsible for those of us with type T personalities. Biochemists have isolated a gene called DRD4 which seems more common in rollercoaster-lovers like me.

New technologies have allowed engineers to design coasters that change speeds quickly, shoot up hundreds of feet into the air, and make all sorts of twists and subject the body to intense forces. Research suggests that extreme fairground rides tend to appeal particularly to those of us who lead stressful, structured or controlled lives. It's certainly true that roller coasters are a way of breaking out of the humdrum expectations of everyday life. Theme parks allow us to act like children again; to experience true excitement and behave a little wildly. Where else as an adult can you scream at the top of your lungs and throw your arms in the air without being sent for psychological evaluation?

Adventure parks are also a great way of bringing families and friends together. Riders share the thrill and adventure of having survived what feels like an extreme experience, even though the rides there are very safe. This bonds the participants more closely. It's even been suggested because of this that theme parks and rollercoasters are good places to go on a date because in situations of high emotional intensity attraction is more likely.

If you're looking for a great day out this summer where you can get in touch with your inner risk-taker, feel closer to your family and maybe even find romance...head for the negrest theme park. It's a scream!



# YARDLEY MEMORIALS

We pride ourselves on personal service and customer care

We are now also based at Widney Manor Cemetery for new memorials and flowers.

Yardley Memorials offers a personal, sympathetic and professional service when you are faced with the painful and emotional task of choosing a suitable memorial for a loved one.

CE 600 (CO) 400

All lettering free on new memorials\*.





453 Stockfield Road, South Yardley, Birmingham B25 8JH.

Open Monday to Friday 9-5, Saturday 12-4.

Widney Manor Cemetery, Widney Manor Road Bentley Heath B93 9AA. Open 7 days a week 10-4.

\* Terms and conditions apply.

0121 706 2473

peter@yardleymemorials.co.uk www.yardleymemorials.co.uk





# **CROSSROADS SERVICE STATION LTD**

A friendly, family-run business since 1969

- MOT Testing Cars & Motorbikes
- Servicing & Repairs
- Air Conditioning Service & Repair
- Diagnostic Service & Repair
- Laser Wheel Alignment
- Tyres Supplied & Fitted
- Qualified & Experienced Staff
- Courtesy Car or Collection/Delivery available

# OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK

MON – FRI 7.30am – 6pm Sat 7.30am – 1pm

MOT's while you wait!

VOSIN \*\* R M I

599-601 Tanworth Lane, Shirley, Solihull B90 4JE **101564 703225** 

www.crossroadservicestation.co.uk

VAT No.: 113213041

# PSYCHOLOGICAL THERAPY. PRIVATE HEALTH CARE.

**Equanimity CBT** provides Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) which is the therapy of choice in the NHS for common emotional, behavioural and mental health problems. It is also available privately and through health insurance. Corporate referrals are also accepted.

Work related stress? Anxiety? Depression? Low self esteem? Compulsive behaviours? OCD? Anger management? Emotion regulation difficulties? Adolescent behavioural problems? Aggressive driving? Panic attacks? Phobias? Emotional distress?

# **Equanimity CBT**

New Street, Kenilworth. Wassell Grove Lane, Hagley. Day and Evening Appointments Available

Contact: enquiries@equanimitycbt.co.uk
Telephone 0844 693 1282 for a
free 15 minute telephone consultation.
B.A.B.C.P. Accredited CBT Psychotherapist.

Approved Health Care Provider for AXA-PPP, Aviva, Pruhealth, CIGNA, Simply Health and WPA.



www.equanimitycbt.co.uk

# **Stephen Smith & Son** Plumbing & Heating Services











Gas Safe reg no: 198187 Natural Gas. LPG & Oil

# Tel: 0121 247 4957 or 01564 200119

7 year manufacturer's warranty on all Worcester Greenstar gas boilers installed

www.stephensmithandson.co.uk

"Family business. Local and reliable."

### Work carried out includes:

- **Boilers / Radiators**
- Natural Gas LPG and Oil Installation and Repair
- Bathroom Installations
- Landlord Gas Safety Inspections/Certificates
- **Boiler Servicing**
- Hot Water Cylinders (vented and unvented)
- System Powerflushing
- Cold Water Tanks
- Shower Installations / Repairs
- Pipework
- Underfloor Heating
- Solar Installations
- Renewable Energy

# MPUTER PROBLEMS



#### CALL NOW FOR IMPARTIAL ADVICE FROM A QUALIFIED IT ENGINEER

- · Virus & Spyware Removal
- Wireless Broadband Set Up / Repair
- · All Computer Hardware Repair / Upgrades
- · All E-Mail Issues
- · One-to-One Friendly Training
- · New Computers / Laptops
- · New All In One Packages
- · Many Other Services Available!
- ✓ OUALIFIED
- ✓ LOCAL
- ✓ INSURED
- ✓ NO CALL OUT FEE
- ✓ 100% GUARANTEE ON ALL HARDWARE
- ✓ DIRECT TO YOUR HOME OR OFFICE

CONTACT MIKE NASH NOW... Freephone: 0800 077 8301 Office: 01564 330 505

halnma@antrackcomputers couk

WE ARE BASED IN KNOWLE

Our business has been

recommended by Which?

Members on

Which? Local

# Picnic Power

### How I overcame my fear of eating al fresco

he text from my friend Lorraine said simply: Fancy a family picnic this weekend? My palms began to sweat; my heart pounded. If she'd invited me to a naturist karaoke evening, I'd have been less distressed! I wanted to yell "NO! Why would you suggest that? I thought we were friends!' I detest picnics. Picnics are my nemesis.

My hatred of them began as a child. Car-sick and hot (air-con in vehicles was pretty much unheard of in 1980s Birmingham, and my mother insisted on having all the windows closed on account of 'the fumes') we would arrive at some God-forsaken destination, usually a carpark with a field attached next to a gasworks, and unpack soggy sandwiches, dangerously tepid sausage rolls and revolting syrupy Kia-Ora. There were never any loos, so we had to 'go' behind a bush; the memory of being discovered mid-flow by a random doa-walker still haunts me.

I'm sure my mother imagined herself, wearing a straw hat and broderie anglaise summer dress, reclining elegantly on a plaid rug while we children frolicked nearby playing tag or flying kites, or maybe lolled next to her reading.

The reality was my own personal version of hell. She might have managed the straw hat, but it wasn't easy to look elegant while squatting on a sloping patch of sparse parkland, being eaten alive by ants while us kids alternately squabbled and whined or poked a dead, maggoty rabbit with sticks.

She tried various approaches over the years. Once she cooked picnic fayre from the recipes in Woman's Own Magazine. Marinated chicken wings which looked quite nice before they'd

travelled twenty miles in a Tupperware box, ended up looking (and tasting) like evidence from a particularly gruesome episode of Silent Witness. **Ditto the potato salad.** 

I have nothing against eating outdoors. I have a table and chairs in my garden. The food only has to travel a few feet from the kitchen so there are no nasty surprises when we come to eat it. As an adult I'd avoided all picnics, until now. But Lorraine is my best friend and sometimes you must take one for the team, so I agreed reluctantly. "I'll bring the food, you bring the drink," she said.



My ridiculously enthusiastic family (they were stupidly excited about our first family picnic) and I arrived at the venue. My expectations were low. Lorraine and her husband Dave unloaded folding tables, chairs, a table cloth and... a cool box of delicious food mostly purchased from the local deli, which does all manner of pre-prepared salads and cold cuts. There was fresh bread, olives, citronella candles to keep away insects, music, wine (courtesy of yours truly) and not a salmonella-infested sausage roll in sight. It was completely delightful. There may have been frolicking children too, even if one of them did find a dead bird (told you!)

I am now a picnic convert and we're planning another. I'm even reading recipes for marinated chicken wings!

# PRESTIGE MULTI TRADES LTD

complete professional property renovation and maintenance services

"From a new roof to a dripping tap, to installing a cat flap"

# HANDYMAN SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE

Flat Roof Repairs and Recovering Specialist | UPVC Windows | Doors, Soffits, Guttering | General Property Repairs and Property Maintenance | Decorating | Carpentry | Plumbing | Plastering | Brickwork and much more...

# **CALL FOR A QUOTE**

www.prestigemultitrade.uk a1prestigeprop@aol.com 0121 745 3359 | 07886 922 280

# Eat to Boost Your Mood

We all feel a bit low from time to time. Try modifying your diet.

Go Mediterranean: Scientists have found that those who followed a classic Mediterranean diet were 30 per cent less likely to develop depression. It is thought that the combination of omega 3 fatty acids together with natural unsaturated fatty acids and antioxidants from olive oil and nuts, flavonoids and other phytochemicals from fruit and other plant foods and large amounts of natural folates and other B vitamins in the overall Mediterranean dietary pattern may help to protect against depression.

**Eat selenium:** Studies have linked low mood with low levels of the mineral selenium. Eating nuts is the best way to increase your intake. Brazil nuts are the most concentrated selenium source. Just three nuts contain the recommended daily intake of selenium for a woman.

Watch your blood sugar: The glycaemic index (GI) is a numerical system that indicates how quickly carbohydrates will make your blood sugar levels rise. Fluctuations in blood sugar lead to swings

in mood and energy. Choose foods that are slow to digest, and which offer a gradual, sustained energy release.

Boost your serotonin: Tryptophan is an essential amino acid which is converted in our bodies into the neurotransmitter serotonin. Low serotonin levels are often associated with depression. Proteins such as lean chicken, tuna, salmon and beans are tryptophan-rich and have been proven to boost the mood.

**Get plenty of fish:** Research suggests that omega 3, the essential fatty acids found in fish oils, can improve your mood. Regular consumption of oily fish (salmon, tuna and mackeral) has been associated with better moods and a higher self-reported mental health, even after adjustment for factors such as income, age and other eating patterns.

#### Remember that depression is not

**low mood.** It is a serious mental health condition. If you think you are suffering from depression please consult your GP.



# BUILT WITH TRUST START TO FINISH

Your local family-run building company.



pjayjjedl

**BUILD. DECORATE. MAINTAIN**Contact us, to see how we can help.

0121 241 2959

or visit us at: www.parkfieldbs.co.uk

Extensions. Conversions. New Builds. Renovations. Refurbishments.

Windows & doors. Decorate, external & internal.

Re-fit, bathrooms & kitchens. Roofing. Electrics. Plumbing. Heating. Carpentry. Tiling.

Drives & patios. Architecture Design.

Planning Applications. Interior Design.





# Den-building

y eight-year-old is a den-builder. Wherever we go he constructs a dwelling. If we're at the beach he's off foraging for driffwood to make a shelter, on a forest walk he stacks branches and covers them with leaves and moss, 'for insulation and camouflage!'.

If he's stuck indoors on a rainy day he'll use chairs, cushions and blankets. He is one of life's builders and should there ever be a zombie apocolypse and we have to restart civilisation from scratch I want to be on his team!

If you could distil childhood into a single activity, it would probably be den-building. Most kids love it, be it scavenging building materials from forest debris, to stacking chairs back-to-back and raiding the airing cupboard for linen. Denbuilding is also a great family activity. It requires teamwork and communication and is a good way to spend quality time together. Even the smallest children can gather leaves, or cushions if you're

indoors, and add decorations. My son loves to use fairylights on his more elaborate indoor structures.

But essentially, all a den needs is a frame and a cover. Planning is everything though. What materials are available? The beach will provide different building materials to the forest, or the sitting room. Think about how you'll support the roof. If it all collapses, don't stress, what have you learned? Den-building is about the process as much as the final result.

# A sturdy frame

Chairs and tables are good for building a structure quickly (good for very young children). Bamboo canes are light, strong and fairly cheap. Broom handles or tent poles are also good. Bendy sticks or plastic bendy pipes can make an interestingly shaped den. Fallen branches make you feel like Robinson Crusoe (but don't destroy trees).

### Stuff for tying

String or rope; rags - try cutting up old T-shirts.

### **Shelter Materials**

Bright materials can help you turn your den into a palace, fancy restaurant or castle. If you want to leave your den outside you'll need waterproof material, such as plastic dust sheets or tarpaulin. You can use large leaves a bit like tiles but you need lots and they must overlap properly so the rain runs off them and not into your den. It's fun experimenting though. If you do use leaves, ferns and moss remember that these are the habitats for little creatures so exercise some care.

**DON'T** use glass, or very heavy fence panels, tins of paint or branches cut from living trees.

If you're outside respect the environment!

essentially, all a den needs is a frame and a cover. Planning is everything though.

Don't damage the den site - when your den is dismantled it should leave no trace. Don't discard litter; take your rubbish home with you.

Take lots of photos or videos of your efforts. One afternoon building a den in the company of your favourite people will also build memories that last a lifetime.

By Sarah Davey





# **Bright Dawn Home Care**

We are now providing Live-in Care after 10 years of successful business in Domiciliary Care.

CALL TODAY **01564 784 598** 

# Our Live-in Care Service will give you and your family peace of mind.

The old saying "Home is where the Heart is" refers to the fact that most people prefer their own home to all other places, it is the place where we are most emotionally attached. Bright Dawn Home Care offers our clients the ability to do just that, to continue to remain in their own homes for as long as possible.

We offer two types of service - Domiciliary Care and Live-in Care. Domiciliary Care provides care to people in their home, encouraging independence and engaging with the clients around their interests and activities and daily requirements.

Domiciliary Care is normally a minimum of an hour long and can be done at various times during the day or night depending on what the client requires, personal care, house work, meal preparation, medication reminders and companionship.

Live-in Care is an extension of Domiciliary Care where the person will require more care around 24 hours per day seven days per week.

Live-In Care provides a continuous care service based on the person's personal preferences and requirements, in their own relaxed and familiar surroundings, without the need to move to the unfamiliar environment and more rigid timetables of a Residential Care home. To be able to remain at home is very important for people with Alzheimer's disease and Dementia.

#### ADVANTAGES OF LIVE-IN CARE:

- Remain as independant for as long as possible
- Continue to live in familiar surroundings
- · Maintain your usual daily routine
- Your care plan is uniquely developed to suit your needs without any rigid timetables
- Maintain relationships and family life seeing friends and family in a relaxed and familiar environment for everyone
- Keep up your hobbies, interests and clubs in your local community

# For more information please call **01564 784 598** Or visit www.brightdawnhomecare.co.uk

ALL CALLS ARE A MINIMUM OF AN HOUR LONG UP TO 24 HOURS.
THIS IS TO ALLOW FOR A DIGNIFIED AND QUALITY BASED CALL EACH AND EVERY DAY.

We provide services in: Catherine-de-Barnes, Hall Green, Hockley Heath, Hampton-in-Arden, Lapworth, Knowle, Marston Green, Olton, Shirley, Solihull, Tanworth-in-Arden, Balsall Common, Earlswood, Meriden, Berkswell, Warwickshire and Worcestershire.



# Quality care in your own home



Bluebird care (Solihull) is a privately owned local business operating only in the Solihull Metropolitan borough area, with offices in Shirley. Our main aim is to deliver high quality care to vulnerable people in their own homes, so that they can remain as independent as possible and remain in the familiar surroundings that they love. Our service is available 365 days per year and from a half hour to 24 hours per day. In addition all of our carers are trained in Dementia and Alzheimer's.

We provide personal care, for example, washing, bathing, toileting, dressing, getting into bed and getting up in the morning, administering medication. Bluebird care also provides home care such as help with ironing, cleaning, cooking, shopping etc. We can also provide companionship services for people, for instance reading to them, playing board games or taken to a show or a favourite venue.

Our personalised service is provided by very highly trained carers who are recruited locally.All of our carers are CRB checked and multi referenced to give you peace of mind. Our aim is to give you the same care staff so that they can get to know you as an individual and really know what matters to you.

PMJ House, Highlands Road, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands B90 4ND **T: 0121 7117435 E: solihull@bluebirdcare.co.uk www.bluebirdcare.co.uk** 

# Lady Katherine Housing & Care



The Court Of Lady Katherine Leveson

# Sheltered Housing

(Live independently with the added value of support on site)

# Residential Care

(Have your personal care needs met in a truly unique and vibrant Care Home)

# Respite Care

(Come and have a short break with us or give your loved one a short holiday with us while you have a break)

# **Enablement**

(Spend some quality time with us after a hospital stay, build up your strength for that return home)

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

contact

Chris Mundell Fundraising & Marketing Officer 01564 772415 / 01564 772850 cmundell@leveson.org.uk

Temple Balsall, Knowle, Solihull, B93 0AN



# Do you need a Helping Hand?

If you are looking for an alternative to residential care or extra support for those everyday tasks that are becoming difficult for you or a loved one – then we're here to help in **Knowle & Dorridge** from **30 minutes per week** to **full-time live-in Care**.

Our care teams have been providing **award-winning quality** home care since 1989 and can help with: personal care, housekeeping, help getting around or even to provide a break to an existing family member or care-giver.

Looking for **care? 01564 454 379** 

For more information www.helpinghands.co.uk



# Buy online

- . Bathroom Aids . Bath Seats
- . Bath Lifts . Electric Showers . Bath Steps
- . Shower & Bathing Accessories . Bathrooms Deltis
- · Bathmaster Sonaris and more...

Go to www.otbathrooms.co.uk to see our full range of products

We are a trusted and reliable company supplying and fitting specialist bathrooms. We are here to help and advise accordingly, providing our customers with a bathroom that is safe, practical and stylish.

We welcome visitors to our showroom at 53 Warwick Road, Olton Hollow B92 7HS but if you are not local to Solihull, then we are only a phone call away. If you wish to speak to us please call on

## 0121 707 8612

Alternatively, get in touch with us via email at: sales@othbathrooms.co.uk



If you are unable to get to our showroom in Solihull we can visit you at no cost for a no obligation quote

# Dimension Landscape & Driveways

- Quality driveways, patios and garden landscaping
  - Competitive prices and reliable service
- Using our own in-house expert contractors and equipment

Call us now for your free no obligation quote and to find out about our New Year Spring Bargains













0121 733 1463 / 07799 428557

www.dimensiondriveways.co.uk barney.dimension@icloud.com

4200 Waterside Centre, Birmingham Business Park, Solihull Parkway, B37 7YN

# a david cannon windows

# Our products are so good they speak for themselves





#### **WINDOWS**

Whether you want just one window replacing or a whole house, we can help. We offer advice on a range of designs to maximise the potential of your home, giving results you can enjoy for many years.

#### **DOORS**

We offer a wide range of door options including residential doors, french doors, patio doors, composite doors and bi-folding doors in Upvc and Aluminium.





WE MANUFACTURE
OUR OWN UPVC AND
ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS

Telephone: 0121 772 5557

www.davidcannonwindows.co.uk



ultraline\*

# ADRIAN LEWIS

PAINTER AND DECORATOR



With over 40 years' experience in painting and decorating, Adrian Lewis brings a wealth of professionalism and knowledge to your home or business.

Experienced in all finishes including wallpaper, internal and external paintwork, steel and floor painting, and varnishing.

Call: 07811 455 546

# C.STEVENS OF

**EST FAMILY BUSINESS** 

**NEW TILED ROOFS• GUTTERS** FLAT ROOFS•BRICK WORK LEADWORK SMALL REPAIRS UPVC FASCIAS • CHIMNEYS

> KNOWLE SOLIHULL

1564 790008 0121 733 1276

WWW.CSTEVENSROOFING.CO.

# D.A. MANDER & SON Ltd

# PROFESSIONAL FITTER AND SUPPLIER OF QUALITY CARPETS

Don Mander does not have retail premises. If you need him please call him direct—the only way to buy carpets



### **EASIER**

Than walking round lots of shops

### **CHEAPER**

No overheads cutting costs

### **ACCURATE**

See colours in their true light

### CONVENIENT

View in the comfort of your own home

Really pleased with job done by Don and family to install our hall, stairs and landing carpet, quick, knowledgeable and professional, wish we had found them sooner! Would highly recommend.

Claire Price, Solihull

For the best carpet fitters in the UK look no further than Don, Davina and Luke Mander. Experts in their field, trustworthy and extremely knowledgeable. No job is to big or too small. They carried out a repair job on our stair carpet which had been ruined by the cat. It is now as good as new.

Carol Tromans, Solihull

# 01564 700200

We can uplift and remove existing carpets and move furniture

Mobile: 07976 778694 FREE ESTIMATES

91 Longdon Road, Knowle B93 9HT

See our Review's at Freeindex.co.uk

# Bill Boyce Decorators

# A family run business with over 30 years experience

- Painting & Decorating
- Internal / External
- Offices, Restaurants & Private Houses
- Reliable
- **Excellent Reputation**
- All work carried out to a high standard
- Free Estimates



Call Bill on 07976 810680 or Dan on 07966 275134

89 Union Road, Shirley, Solihull, B90 3BY Tel: 0121 744 0040 or fax: 0121 744 0312 Email: billboycedecorators@hotmail.co.uk www.billboycedecorators.com







# Windows, Doors and Conservatories

Mainstream is a specialist manufacturer of high quality windows, doors & conservatories. We have a huge range of products including bifold doors, orangeries, glass extensions, pvc and upvc windows.











The Personal Touch
Our company is owned and run by three experienced directors that work in a 'hands-on' role. No job is too small or too large for us and if you are looking for something different, we can make bespoke products just for you.





# High Quality Standards We pride ourselves on attention to detail, and all of our products are manufactured 'in-house' at our Head Office in the West Midlands. And the same goes for our fitters – they are our own trusted staff, with many years' experience between them.

Come and see our new high performance Origin Aluminium Windows and doors.

01564 320013

www.mainstream-doubleglazing.co.uk









# A-door-able!

# UPVC & Bifold Doors to Suit All Applications

Mainstream Windows is a leading supplier of all types of replacement domestic **UPVC & Aluminium Bifold** doors. Whether you are looking for a new front entrance, back entrance or garage options, Mainstream's expert team can advise you on the best product to suit your property, lifestyle and budget.

or front entrance and back entrance. there are three main types of products used in homes today wooden, UPVC and composite doors.



#### **UPVC** Doors

UPVC doors are available in a wide range of colours and finishes and their comparative lower cost to alternative materials has made them popular in recent years. They also have other benefits. such as a higher resistance to weathering and generally reauire less maintenance



#### **Bifold doors**

Bifold doors are built to stack neatly to one or both sides of an aperture when open. This allows people to move freely from inside to outside or from one room to another. These can be used as room dividers or to open onto a balcony or terrace.

### **Composite Doors**

As their name suggests, they are made up from several different materials to produce a robust, secure and attractive-looking to protect vour home. The combination of materials, such as PVC. wood, insulating foam and GRP (glass reinforced plastic) results in a product that is very strong and requires no painting or varnishing to keep it looking good over its long lifetime. An occasional wipe with a damp cloth is all that is needed to keep it clean and retain its smart appearance.

#### **Porches**



# Gadgets for Summer Living

ardens are a great place for kids to run around and get that all important fresh air and exercise. The addition of a toy or two will mean you can keep them happily occupied for hours.

Swings are perennially popular. Make sure the size and style is appropriate to the age of the child. Better still buy one which has changeable seats so you can upgrade as the child grows, or simply ring the changes now and then.

Slides come in all sizes. They can be independent structures or attached to climbing frames. You really do get what you pay for in this instance. Do your homework. Is a metal or wooden frame best for your garden. How much use will it get and how many and what ages of children does it need to support? Get the best you can afford and it will serve you for many years.

Trampolines are a relative newbie to the UK garden compared with slides and swings but they are rightfully popular. Even adults can't resist them. You'll need a flat surface, and a safety net is highly recommended. Most trampolining injuries occur when one child lands on another so buy the biggest your garden will allow. It's almost impossible to police the 'one child at a time' recommendation so bigger is safer as each child has more space.

**Kids love dens.** Provide a Wendy house or a tepee and let their imagination run wild. If you have the funds you can buy an elaborate fort or tree house. If you don't have space for a permanent Wendy house, provide poles and

old blankets and let them construct their own!

If you have space for a sand and water area your children will love it. There are simple small plastic tables designed for the purpose and huge wooden luxury models complete with seats and sunshade. Use specialist play sand to fill it. Make sure you buy one with a cover to protect it from the weather and prevent neighbourhood cats from using it as a toilet.

We can't all have a proper pool in the garden but most of us have room for a paddling pool.

Add a couple of supersoaker water pistols and a waterslide made from heavy duty silicon and you're set for an afternoon of splashy delight.

If you have a large space you could invest in some football goals or a badminton set. But for those who love to play games and have a smaller space there's croquet or outdoor skittles. And there are now outdoor giant versions of family favourites like Connect 4, Jenga and Chess.

Time for some outdoor fun.



# QUALITY KITCHEN **FACELIFTS**

# Transform your kitchen this summer



you can reface?

- UK's leading kitchen facelift expert
- Installed in 1-2 days by professionals
- Save £1000s with a makeover











# Call 0121 3140956

www.dreamdoors.co.uk New Solihull showroom

coming soon!



Contact Zoe Reece on 07557 220585 / zoe@dorridgedirectory.com



17 Whitacre Rd, Knowle cullenplumbingandtilling@gmail.com
Tel: 07896 862 916
Established in 2005



- Full bathroom and ensuite design and installation to the highest standards with complete project management from start to completion
- Kitchen Sinks and Taps, Dishwasher and Washing Machine Installation
- Central Heating & Radiators
- General Plumbing Maintenance & Repair

- Showroom Finish Wall & Floor Tilling for bathrooms, kitchens, hallways and conservatories
- Specialist in ceramic, porcelain, natural stone tiling
- Business built on recommendation and reputation

All Work Guaranteed

Reliable Honest Service

References and Portfolio of Work Available



# a taster of what's on in august and september...

#### CINEMA

### The **Eaualizer 2** from 17th **August** Retired CIA

black ops agent Robert McCall returns to bring his unique, violent

brand of justice back to the streets. After using his unique skills to help those in need, he's found himself in high demand. But even he may have taken on too great a challenge with his latest case...



### **Crazy Rich Asians** from 17th August

Rachel ages to Singapore with her boyfriend for his friend's weddina and discovers he's from a family of 'Crazy Rich Asians, He's possibly the most

eligible bachelor

in the area, and all the other women are willing to do whatever it takes to bring her down.

## Alpha

### from 24th August

An epic story of a desperate fight for survival during the Ice Age.

Everything goes wrong in a routine hunting expedition, and a vouna caveman finds himself alone in the frozen wastes. A thrilling adventure set 20,000 years



ago in one of the most hostile environments imaginable.

To book please visit www.cineworld.co.uk

#### THEATRE

The Core Theatre, Solihull (formerly Solihull Arts Complex)

### Morgan & West's Magic Show

### **Thursday 30th August**

Time travelling magicians Morgan & West present a jaw dropping, heart stopping, brain busting, opinion adjusting, death defying, mind frying, spirit lifting, paradigm shifting, outlook changing, furniture rearranging magic extravaganza!



### **The Roy Orbison** Story - 2018 Tour

### Friday 7th - Saturday 8th September

Barry Steele is one of the world's leading vocalists playing homage to legend Roy Orbison. He has stunned audiences across the globe with his uncanny similarity and ability to authentically revive Orbison's sound. Barry Steele is unmissable, as he takes you on this specially produced musical journey in time.



### Malcolm Stent in the Afternoon

#### Wednesday 12th September

His auests vary each show. sometimes singers, sometimes quitarists. His stories will take you back and hopefully make you smile too. Malcolm's warmth and local interest ensures his popularity never wanes and his audiences remain as loval now as they were 25 years ago!

#### To book please visit www. thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk





### Howard Yarnold Windows & Doors Ltd

# Design, Build & Fit Aluminium & PVC-U Windows, Doors & Conservatories







New Bi-Folding Doors

### Now available 'A' rated UPVC energy saving windows

Special offer on our Superb Bi-Folding Concertina doors any colour. Ideal for entrance from lounge to conservatory

- We can offer a style to suit any home.
- · Advanced locking systems coupled with frames which are resistant to bending or the easy removal of glass make our windows less attractive to unwelcome visitors.
- Use of modern materials means our windows are virtually maintenance free, reduce noise pollution and provide thermal insulation in your home.
- Every frame is tailor made so fitting is a quick process with very little disruption to you.

FAMILY BUSINESS OFFERING HONESTY & PERSONAL SERVICE THROUGHOUT



Ashley on:

Call Brian or 0121 414 0808

e: sales@howardyarnold.co.uk www.howardyarnold.co.uk

1 Birkdale Avenue, corner of Heeley Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 6UB





Why not invest in a new driveway or patio to enhance the appearance and add value to your property?

Approved Drives and Landscapes offer a range of services to help improve all areas of your home, including;

Clay & Block Paving - Tarmacing (red or black) -Patios - Brickwork - Slabbing - Gravel -Landscaping - Fencing - Property Repairs Roofing Repairs - Driveway Maintenance (Pressure cleaning & sealing - weed free)







### Proud member of



### Find us in/on









www.centraldrivewayslimited.com

Get in touch today for a FREE quotation T: 0121 702 1456 M: 07748 577687 Michael.central@icloud.com





### BRIGHT&BEAUTIFUL

A BEAUTIFULLY CLEAN HOME AND A BRIGHTER YOU

Award winning eco-friendly cleaning, tidying, laundry and ironing service

**CALL TODAY FOR** A FREE CONSULTATION

01564 339 967

brightandbeautifulhome.com/henley-in-arden





### **AUGUST OFFERS**

Save 50% off all Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning. Why not take advantage of our great offers:

Lounge	Normal	Discount
Landing	£50	£25
& Stairs	£50	£25
Bedroom	£32	£16
3 Piece Suite	£90	£45

### **Classic Carpet Cleaning**

For further information please contact

Telephone: 0121 682 7450 or Mobile: 07980 172963

www.classiccarpetcleaners.co.uk





### Allow us to ease the pressure of keeping up with your domestic chores

### We are your extra pair of hands!

- Flexible cleaning service ranging from one-off spring cleans to regular cleans with your own dedicated lady.
- More than just a cleaning business let us help with ironing, shopping, in fact most household tasks. The list is endless .... Just ask!
- Our team have many years experience and have been carefully vetted and interviewed in their own homes.
- We are proud of the standards our team work to and all ladies have an excellent reputation within the local area.



We have full

Please give me a call to chat through your requirements.

Call Lorna on 0785 4071892

villagedomestic@gmail.com

### **Dorridge & Knowle Domestic Cleaning Services**

- Small established cleaning and domestic help business
- Provide dedicated, friendly & trustworthy local ladies (CRB checked)
- Take pride in high standards and caring for customers' homes
- Regular service or one off spring cleans
- Ironing service available
- References available
- Comprehensive insurance
- Costs are not subject to VAT



For a FREE, no obligation quote, please call Sue on 07809 567264



# Does your website look old and dated?



# Hotlobster Design offers you up-to-date websites to replace your tired ones.

Bespoke content managed websites are cheaper than you think. Call now for a chat about your website, social media & marketing needs.



studio@hotlobster.uk.com

T: 0121 369 1977 www.hotlobster.uk.com

# Johnsons Cars Trusted, Quality Service

## Johnsons Knowle should be your first stop when looking for a pre-owned vehicle.



Every vehicle we sell has been sourced from within the Johnsons Group and checked over by one of our trained technicians, so you can have faith in the quality of each and every one of our vehicles on the forecourt.

Alongside our showroom on Station Road we also have a state-of-the-art workshop, offering a comprehensive range of aftersales services, from MOTs to fixed-price servicing on all models.

For Sales, Service or Parts enquiries call us today on **01564 454 051**, or if you're passing pop in for a coffee and one of our friendly team will assist you.

### **Johnsons** Cars

25 Station Road, Knowle, Solihull, West Midlands B93 OHL

Call us today on **01564 454 051** or visit us at **johnsonscars.co.uk/knowle** 

Vehicles shown for illustration purposes only. Johnsons Dealerships LLP trading as Johnsons Cars (partnership No OC383295) is a subsidiary of Johnsons Cars Ltd, (registered in England No 3716766). Johnsons Dealerships LLP (Firm Reference Number: 512460), is an appointed representative of ITC compliance Ltd, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (their registration number is 313486).







### Helping You Afford

### BMW 320D M SPORT.



Special Offer £400.00 pm Sat Nav Low Mileage Leather

### Your Next Vehicle.

### MINI S COOPER



Special Offer £200.00 pm Sat Nav Leather Ltd Edition

### No Deposit! Inclusive of FREE Servicing and MOT's!

### FORD TRANSIT CUSTOM LTD



Special Offer £320.00 pm Reverse Camera BTooth Ply Line

### **RENAULT MASTER**



Special Offer £240.00 pm
Low Mileage Ply Lined Btooth

No Need to worry about CCJ's or Bad Credit!

Visit www.easyleasecars.co.uk
To Find Out How or Call Us Now on 0121 693 0573



wallacerobinson.co.uk

enquiries@wallacerobinson.co.uk

We have extensive experience in dealing with a wide range of the type of legal issues that you and your family may face during your life, including: RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
WILLS, PROBATE & TRUSTS
POWERS OF ATTORNEY
FAMILY AND COLLABORATIVE LAW
DISPUTE RESOLUTION
EMPLOYMENT LAW

Wallace Robinson & Morgan

since 1855

Take the first step to resolving your legal issues by contacting us on 0121 705 7571

#### Solihull

4 Drury Lane, Solihull West Midlands B91 3BD t 0121 705 7571

### Dorridge

17-19 Station Approach, Dorridge, West Midlands B93 8JA t 01564 779393



### TARGETED LEAFLET **PRINTING AND** DISTRIBUTION

### Leaflet printing

5000 A5 colour double-sided leaflets for £135 5001 -10000 for £270 Leaflet distribution 5300 leaflets for £150

Delivered to 5300 homes in **Knowle and Dorridge** 

Contact Zoe Reece on 07557 220585 / zoe@dorridgedirectory.com

# Athos BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

### solutions for the future...

Chartered Certified Accountants



- Accounts
- Tax Returns
- Payroll and Auto Enrolment
- Bookkeeping and VAT Returns
- Tax Advice
- Management Accounts

Call and make an appointment for a free initial consultation where a bespoke fixed fee quotation will be provided.

# .IRIS

ACCA

### T. 0333 400 7876

Athos Business Solutions Limited 1623 Warwick Road, Knowle, Solihull, West Midlands B93 9LF www.athos.uk.com





enquiries@athos.uk.com

# Specialist Advice



Wills & Trusts
Lasting Powers of Attorney
Probate & Estate Planning
Inheritance Tax Issues
Asset Protection



# Daisy Daisy

here are some flowers
I love because they
are show-stoppers,
others because of
their evocative scent,
and some because they are
unusual. Michaelmas daisies
don't tick any of those boxes,
but I love them anyway. They
are bright, cheerful, and
completely undemanding
- at home in the poorest,
driest soils, and bees and
butterflies love them!

They get their common name from their flowering period, which peaks at Michaelmas, the feast of St. Michael on September 5th, though they will carry on flowering well into late autumn. This means they are great for injecting colour into borders which can start to look a little washed-out and dreary in late summer. Until the midnineties, Michaelmas daisies were all known scientifically as asters, but then some were reclassified. Look out for the name Symphyotrichum, as many popular varieties now carry that name instead

The gardener credited with popularising the Michaelmas daisy was Ernest Ballard. Many of the varieties he cultivated are still available and bear the

names of his family members. "Ada Ballard" is named for his sister and is lavender blue, "Marie Ballard" is a pretty pale blue double bloom named for his wife. He is also responsible for "Prosperity" and "Peace", rose-pink and deep mauve respectively, which he named straight after the First World War.

If you want a tallish variety suitable for the middle of the border, try "Little Carlow" which grows to about 90cm and produces masses of violet-blue blooms. One of my favourites for the back of the border is "Calliope" which has striking black elegant stems that reach



### BY RACHAEL LEVERTON

heights of 2m, smothered in delicate lilac flowers. A good small variety is "Beggarten" which is pale blue, compact and clumpforming. "Tonga" is also smaller and is a lovely deep purple which looks great in a container.

Although they are not high-maintenance plants Michaelmas daisies benefit from being cut down to ground level in late autumn and covered in a good mulch of well-rotted organic matter.

And that's all there is to it!

Happy Gardening.



We are a family-run business offering a professional, friendly and reliable solution to all of your landscaping & fencing needs.



We're based in Kenilworth but work all over Warwickshire and the West Midlands.



### Oakland Group

www.oaklandgroupuk.com

### Complete Outdoor Services & Lighting



Tree Surgery & Hedging



Borders, Turfing & Outdoor Maintenance



Outdoor & Garden Lighting



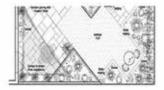
Fencing



Lawns & Mowing Services



Landscaping



Garden Design



Planting & Irrigation Work



**Groundworks & Land Drainage** 



Commercial Works



**Customer Feedback** 



**Emergency Works** 

"Oakland have to be one of the most proactive businesses we have the pleasure to work with... I would highly recommend them to anybody who requires dependable service."



01564 758608 info@oakland-group.co.uk

# <u>Hampton</u>

Gardening & Landscapes Ltd

Patios & Landscaping
Fencing
Lawn Mowing
Hedges & Trees







Office: 01675 446 174 Mobile: 07827 613 168 www.hamptongardening.co.uk

### **Midland Grounds Machinery**



### Get your garden ready for Autumn

with our range of lawnmowers, blowers, garden shredders and scarifiers



### SALES / SERVICE / PARTS

Come and see our showroom with many products on show to suit all your garden machinery and equipment needs:

18 Station Road, Knowle, Solihull B93 0HT

01564 773614 | www.mgmsolihull.co.uk | dave@mgmsolihull.co.uk

### PRO LINE

PROFESSIONAL LINE UK LTD

### REPLACEMENT PVCu FASCIAS & GUTTERS IT'S THE ONLY PROPER WAY

Don't be fooled by cheap prices! Capping over existing Fascias will ruin your home! It causes sweating, will rot away your old boards and eventually put dry rot through your roofing timbers.

Don't be fooled by those who say they cut rotten wood first, and then cap over.

OLD WOOD WILL ROT, NO MATTER WHAT!

We promise to beat any genuine quote!

### TEL: 0121 314 4390 MOBILE: 07776 287035

I will call, survey and explain exactly what the installation entails, with no obligation on your part. We would however be pleased to quote you for any additional areas. If you have had new Gutters & Down Pipes in the last ten years, it is possible to refit them afterwards.

Central Boulevard, Blythe Valley Business Park, West Midlands, 890 8AG

We also install Windows, Conservatories, Porches, Cavity Wall Insulation, Felt & Flat Roofs





# Summer Sunscreen Tips

By Louise Addison

Don't skimp - You need to apply a shot alass-sized amount of suntan lotion in the morning, then reapply every couple of hours. Skimping means you aren't protected!

High is not necessarily best - It's better to reapply factor 30 every couple of hours than to apply factor 70 once.

Choose Broad Spectrum - These sunscreens provide the maximum protection against the widest range of UV wavelengths.

Don't forget - the eyes, the tip of the nose, the tops of the feet, the lips, and near the hairline and scalp. These are the places people most commonly suffer sun-burn.

Apply even if you're not at the beach -Incidental sun exposure from walking down the street, driving with the windows open and sitting in front of a window, account for most of our exposure to UV throughout our lives. Apply suntan lotion wherever you are!

**Reapply -** Even water-resistant sunscreen needs regular reapplication.

If it's expired throw it out - Expired sunscreen breaks down and is less effective.

Use a high SPF moisturiser - Every day, even in the winter! It really is the best thing you can do to protect your skin daily



# COMPETITION



### WIN 2 tickets

to see Rolling Back The Years

### Wednesday 26th September 7.30pm

The Core Theatre, Solihull (formerly Solihull Arts Complex)

For your chance to win these tickets, worth £32, visit the Core Theatre website page for this event - www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk - to find the answer to this question:

Which dancers are performing in the show?

Email your answer to: thecoretheatre@solihull.gov.uk and please put 'ELO' as the subject line

Closing date for entries is 7th September and the winner will be drawn at random and notified by email after this date

#### **About the Show:**

The ultimate feel good show! Another sensational show from the producers of 'Memory Lane', 'All our Yesterdays', and 'Memories are made of This'. One of the biggest shows of its kind in the UK, taking the audience on a breath-taking musical journey through the 50's, 60's, and some of the brilliant sounds of the 1970's. Including songs by Connie Francis, Frank Sinatra, The Beatles, Elvis Presley, Abba, Jersey Boys and many more. Beautifully costumed and choreographed for each decade, performed by 'West End' and international vocalists.

### useful numbers

#### Health

 NHS non-emergency
 111

 Dorridge Surgery
 01564 776262

 Knowle Surgery
 0121 796 2777

 Solihull Hospital
 0121 424 2000

 Spire Parkway Hospital
 0845 850 1451

#### Council

Solihull Council 0121 704 6000

### **Utilities**

 Electricity power cut
 0800 6783 105

 Gas leak
 0800 111 9999

 Severn Trent Water
 024 7771 5000

 Severn Trent Water (emergencies)
 0800 783 4444

#### **Travel**

National Rail Enquiries 03457 48 49 50 Network West Midlands (buses) 0345 303 6760

### **LOCAL COUNCILLORS**

**DORRIDGE & HOCKLEY HEATH** 

Ian Courts

Tel: 01676 535490 icourts@solihull.gov.uk

**Andrew Mackiewicz** 

Tel: 01564 230294

amackiewicz@solihull.gov.uk

Ken Meeson

Tel: 01564 777772 kmeeson@solihull.gov.uk

### **KNOWLE**

Diana Holl-Allen MBE

Tel: 01675 443112 dhallen@solihull.gov.uk

**Jeff Potts** 

Tel: 01564 774804 jpotts@solihull.gov.uk

Alan Rebeiro

Tel: 01564 200047 arebeiro@solihull.gov.uk

# local police contact

for knowle & dorridge

Sergeant Mike Lloyd

Telephone: 101 ext 892 6037 Email: rural@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk



### **Courgette Gratin**

### A great way to use up the glut of courgettes around at this time of year

Preparation time: 20 mins Cooking time: 30 mins Serves 4 people

### Ingredients

2 tbsp olive oil 800g/1lb 12oz courgettes, sliced into 5mm/¼in rounds A few sprigs of thyme A few basil leaves 100ml/3½fl oz crème fraîche 50ml/2fl oz milk

1 tsp plain flour 75g/2½oz Gruyère or similar cheese, grated Salt and freshly ground black pepper

#### Method

Preheat the oven to 200C/Fan 180C/Gas 6

Place the olive oil in a heavy large, lidded frying pan over a low heat. When hot add the courgettes and herbs and season with salt and pepper. Cover the pan and cook gently for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the courgettes have softened slightly but still have a little bite. Transfer the courgette and herb mixture to an ovenproof dish.

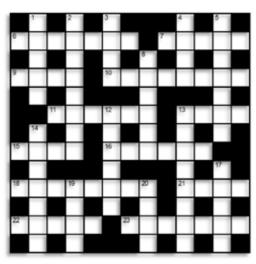
Whisk together the crème fraîche, milk and flour in a bowl and season with salt. Pour the resulting mixture over the courgettes. Don't worry if there is not enough to submerge the courgettes as the mixture will bubble up when cooking.

Sprinkle over the Gruyère cheese. Bake in the oven for around 25 minutes, or until brown and bubbling. Serve as a side dish, or as a light supper with crusty bread and a green salad.

**Note:** Gruyère is a wonderfully melty Swiss cheese but if you can't find it try Emmental, Beaufort, Jarlsberg or Comté.



### crossword



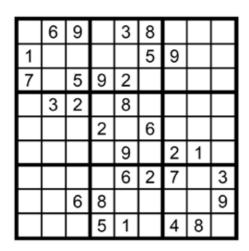
### clues

#### Across

- 6 Very cold storage cabinet (7)
- 7 From then, till now (5)
- 9 Reverse (4)
- 10 Made as good as new (8)
- 11 Image-recording device (6)
- 13 Speed contest (4)
- 15 Capital city of Italy (4)
- 16 Dissertation (6)
- 18 Type of vinegar (8)
- 21 Cigarette end, butt (4)
- 22 Mislead, hoodwink (5)
- 23 Distance travelled per unit of fuel (7)

#### Down

- 1 Inaccurate, untrue (5)
- 2 Clear or cloudy fizzy drink (8)
- 3 Swerve (4)
- 4 Inflatable rubber mattress (4)
- 5 Howl, shriek (7)
- 8 Breakout, abscond (6)
- 12 Inter, bury (6)
- 13 Print and distribute again (8)
- 14 Appealing, endearing (7)
- 17 Move, shift (5)
- 19 Secure (4)
- 20 Wind into rings (4)



### how to play SUDOKU

### It's simple!

Fill in the grid so that each row, column and 3x3 box, contains the numbers 1 through to 9 with no repetition.
You don't need to be a genius. These puzzles use logic alone. Watch out!
Sudoku is highly addictive.

answers on page 60

Accountants

48 Athos Business Solutions 0333 400 7876

**Bathrooms** 

0121 707 8612 24 OT Bathrooms 38 EH Smith 0121 713 7200

Blinds / Curtains / Fabric

Tudor Rose Curtains 0121 445 2072

**Builders** 

17 Parkfield Building Services 0121 241 2959

**Car Services** 

Crossroads Service 0156 470 3225 Station Johnsons Cars 01564 454 51 45 Easylease 0121 693 0573

**Care Services** 

20 Bright Dawn Home 01564 784 598 Care Bluebird Care 0121 711 7435 22 Lady Katherine Housing 01564 772 850 Helping Hands Home 01564 455 277 Care

Carnets

28 Don Mander 01564 700 200

01564 339 967

0785 4071 892

13 Stephen Smith & Son 01564 200 119

**Cleaning Services** 40 Bright & Begutiful

Classic Carpet Cleaning 0121 682 7450 41 Dorridge & Knowle Domestic Cleanina Services 0780 9567 264 Village Domestic

Cleaning **Computer Services** 

Byte Support 0790 151 2544 13 On Track Computers 0800 077 8301

Drives

& Driveways 0121 733 1463 39 Central Drives Landscapes 0121 702 1456

**Estate Agents** 

25 Dimension Landscape

63 DM & Co 0156 4777 314

**Events** 

9 Land Rover Sports & Social Club 0121 742 5490

**Fascias & Gutters** 

54 Proline 0800 956 1315

Garden Centres / Services / Landscaping 25 Dimension Landscape

0121 733 1463 & Driveways 39 Central Drives

Landscapes 0121 702 1456 51 Kenilworth Fencing 0789 104 6187 52 Oakland Group 0700 598 2828 53 Hampton Gardening 0167 5446 174

54 Midlands Grounds Machinery 0156 4773 614 62 Earlswood Garden

0156 4702 314

& Landscape Centre **Graphic Design** 

Central Heating / Gas Services / Boilers 42-43 Hotlobster Design Ltd 0121 369 1977

**Handyman Services** 

15 Prestige Mutli-Trades 07886 922 280

**Health & Beauty & Wellbeing** 

Central England Pilates 07762 31 1074 12 Equanimity CBT 0844 693 1282

**Kitchens** 

33 Dream Doors 0121 314 0956 38 FH Smith 0121 713 7200

Memorials

11 Yardley Memorials 0121 706 2473

Online Buying & Selling

64 ebuygumm www.ebuygumm.co.uk

**Painter & Decorator** 

27 Adrian Lewis 07811 455546 29 Bill Boyce 0121 744 0040

Plumbing

Knowle Domestic

Appliance Repairs 01564 730183 01564 200119

13 Stephen Smith & Son 35 Cullen Plumbing & Tiling 07896 862916

Restaurants

The Barn at Berryfields 01676 522155

Roofing

N Bird & Son 0800 195 6946 27 C Stevens Roofing 0121 733 1276 29 Roofing & Guttering Services 0795 6228 842

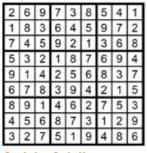
**Solicitors** 

0121 746 3300 Sydney Mitchell 46 Wallace Robinson Morgan Solicitors 0121 705 7571 49 Probate 0156 4758 055

Windows & Doors

0121 704 1339 9 Window Fix 26 David Cannon 0121 772 5557 Windows 30-31 Mainstream 01564 320 013

37 Howard Yarnold 0121 414 0808



### **Suduko Solution**

from page 59



from page 59



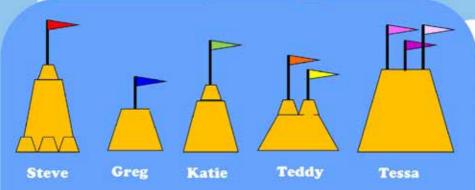
#### Solution to Mind benders

- Add insult to injury
- Beating around the bush
  - Split second timing

### **Mindbenders Solution**

from page 7





Five children took part in a sandcastle-building contest. The judges marked each sandcastle out of a maximum possible 60 points. Katie scored 35% of the maximum 60 points. Tessa's sandcastle scored 54. Steve scored half as many points as Tessa. Greg scored 12 fewer points than Steve. Teddy scored 2/5 of the maximum points. What was the final position of each child in the competition?

Can you help Rosie and Freddie get to the ice cream van?



### Seaside Scramblel

Unscramble the letters to reveal three things you might find at the seaside.

a tub caked spend

lads can set

mice race nav

ICE CLESIM VAIN Sandcastle Bucket and Spade Seaside Scramble Solutions









### YOUR LOCAL, INDEPENDENT ONE-STOP GARDEN SHOP

### PAVING SUPERSTORE

CONCRETE • SANDSTONE • LIMESTONE GRANITE • PORCELAIN • BLOCK PAVING WALLING • STEP STONES and much more...



Possibly the largest selection of paving & walling in the Midlands at the most competitive prices! Come and view our huge paving display and speak to our friendly team of experts.

### **TURF & TOPSOIL**



STERLING PREMIUM GRADE TURF

1Sq.M Roll from £3.13



TOP-SPORT TOPSOIL

Bulk Bag (0.5cu.m) from £39.80

### MOONSTONE FLINT **DECORATIVE AGGREGATES**

20mm hard angular chipping



Polybag £5.69

0.5cu.m

0.5cu.m **Bulk Bag** £75.05

### POSSIBLY THE LARGEST PLANT CENTRE IN THE MIDLANDS!



### WE MANUFACTURE.....



FENCE PANELS



SHEDS



**SUMMERHOUSES** 





TOOL STORES BESPOKE BUILDINGS.

CUSTOM SIZES AND STYLES AVAILABLE TO ORDER. ASK FOR FURTHER DETAILS

Pop in today to have a look around and stop for a drink and bite to eat at Wedges Cafe

### OPEN 7 DAYS - BUY ONLINE ANYTIME!



**EARLSWOOD GARDEN & LANDSCAPE CENTRE** FORSHAW HEATH ROAD, EARLSWOOD, SOLIHULL, B94 5JU

t. 01564 702 314 www.earlswoodglc.co.uk







### FREE VALUATIONS





Your straight talking ESTATE AGENT

# The UK Only Buy and Sell Website IS NOW LIVE!!!



Want to know why everyone's talking about it?

Go online and check it out NOW!

www.ebuygumm.co.uk