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Check out the local event guide on page 6 to see what takes your fancy. You'll also find details of the 'A Place in the Sun Live' event in case moving abroad or having a second home in the sun is on your mind. Whether you're staying locally or exploring Europe or further afield, this Summer, have a great month and make the most of the weather and the Summer holidays, while they last!

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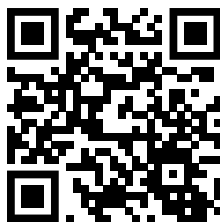
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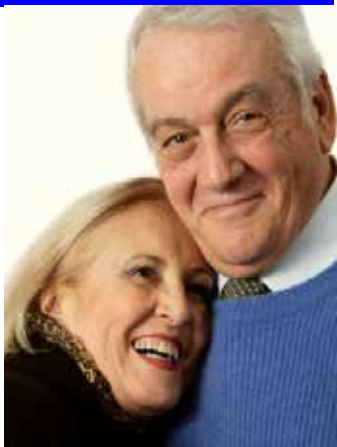
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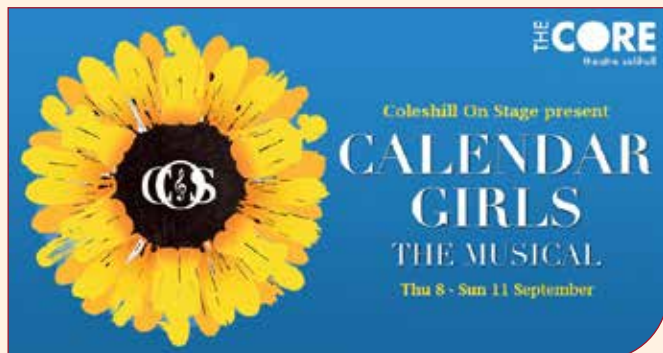


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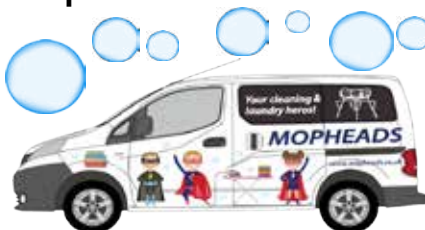
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Keeping amicable

Divorces often involve children as well as financial matters, so it's really important to try and ensure that relations are kept as amicable as possible to avoid costly and antagonistic proceedings. Everyone wants to move forward with their lives once the divorce has started, and the new law will help you do this.

It is now even possible for a couple to start the divorce jointly if they wish. The process and terminology has also been simplified which is also helpful as it will reduce the confusion and stress in a process which is difficult as it is.

The process

Once the divorce starts, a date is given when the minimum allowable period of 20 weeks will occur when it will be possible to apply for a conditional order (previously called a decree nisi).

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It is usually preferable not to apply for the divorce to be finalised until all financial matters have been concluded in a court order. It is important to get a clean break order at the end of the divorce case too, so that no claims by your former partner can be made against you in the future.

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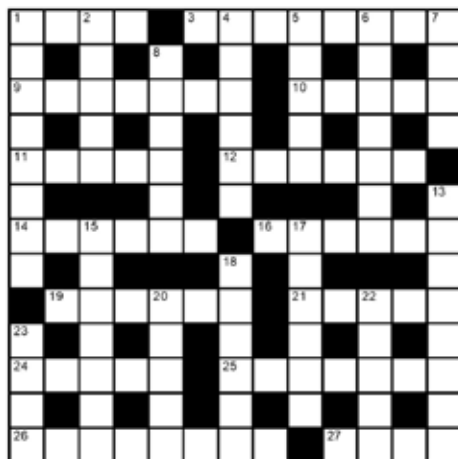
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2 Elevated (5)
4 Come back (6)
5 Lively dance (5)

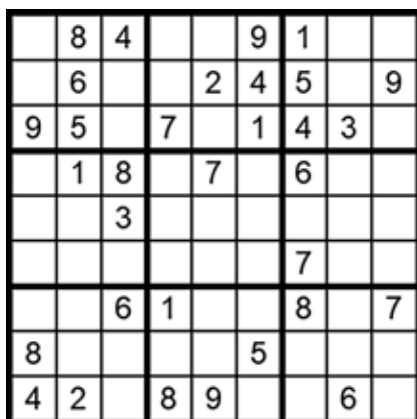
- 6 Inscription on gravestone (7)
7 Pungent herb (4)
8 Pail (6)
13 Captive (8)
15 More juvenile (7)

- 17 Ridiculous (6)
18 Large snake (6)
20 Baa, sheep noise (5)
22 Fragrance (5)
23 Edge of the pavement (4)

clues

- 1 Daring (4)
3 Three babies born together (8)
9 In the wrong (2,5)
10 Fibbing, falsifying (5)
11 Inuit canoe (5)
12 40th president of the United States (6)
14 North American wild dog (6)
16 Male parent (6)
19 Champagne (slang) (6)
21 Distant suns (5)
24 Large bird of prey (5)
25 Spear-like whaling weapon (7)
26 Male singing voice (8)
27 Couple (4)

answer on page 26



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.

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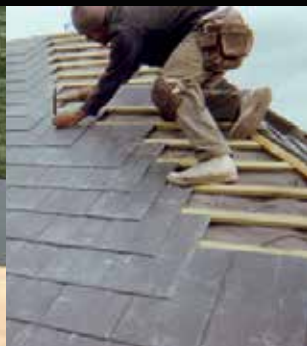
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a good read

By Natasha Donovan

The Heart's Invisible Furies

by John Boyne

Let me start by saying that this is long book, but in the deft hands of Boyne it is neither weighty nor stodgy. It's a book about the life of a fictional man, Cyril Avery, and it begins before he's even born, with his pregnant mother cast out of her strict catholic family and fleeing from her hometown.



Cyril is adopted but struggles to find his place in a loveless family. He is gay, and illegitimate, born in Ireland at the wrong time. This story weaves his major life events with world events such as the AIDS crisis, 9/11, and the ongoing prejudice towards gay men. We follow Cyril from Dublin to Amsterdam to New York and back to Ireland. Throughout his journey the reader is privy to his inner and outer struggles which serve to heighten the confusion, anger and shame that define his existence. But this is not some handwringing doom saga. Boyne brings a wicked playfulness to Cyril's self-deprecating wit, which commands both affection and empathy. Throughout the book various new characters appear at intervals, and their stories intersect and intertwine with Cyril's via a series of coincidences which on the surface might appear contrived, but when the reader reflects on the characters in their own life and the coincidences that brought them together, suddenly make sense. From the opening 'hook' to the closing paragraph you'll be rooting for Cyril, and you'll laugh and cry along the way. In the touching afterword, Boyne admits that although Cyril and his life are fictional there are many of the author's own lived experiences included in the plot. The book is all the richer for it.

Fiona's Luck

by Teresa Bateman

Illustrated by Kelly Murphy

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Sudoku Solution

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Shirley Lions Club 0345 833 9547

Health

NHS non-emergency	111
Grove Surgery	0121 705 1105
Northbrook Group Practice	0121 746 5000
Hobs Moat Medical Centre	0121 742 5211
Solihull Hospital	0121 424 2000
Spire Parkway Hospital	0121 704 1451
Daleswood Health, Solihull	01675 489489

Council

Solihull Council	0121 704 6000
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Utilities

Electricity power cut	0800 6783 105
Gas leak	0800 111 9999
Sewer Trent Water	024 7771 5000
Sewer Trent Water (emergencies)	0800 783 4444

Travel

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

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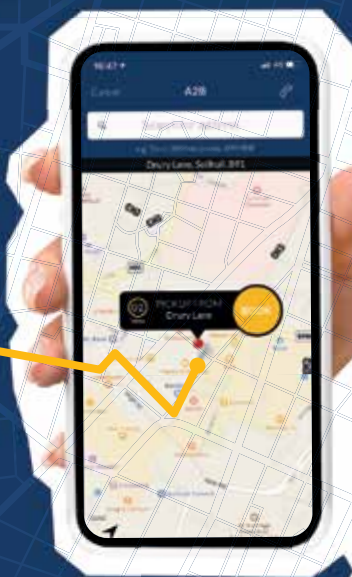
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