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Or maybe you're busy getting your garden summer ready or preparing to move house. If you need help getting your garden landscaped, your drive re-done, or your bathroom or kitchen updated then have a look to see if one of the local and reliable businesses who advertise in here can help.

Wishing you a great month ahead. Until next month,



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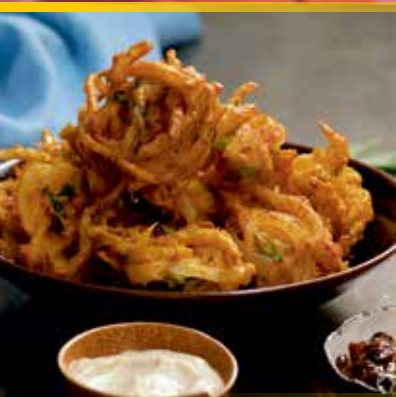
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Dorridge Cricket Club Family Fun Day

7th July 2pm, Dorridge

Cricket Club, Grange Road, Dorridge

Dorridge Cricket Club is holding a family fun day and opening its new ground at Grange Road. There will be live music, pop-up food stalls, a BBQ and bar, cricket taster sessions and two cricket matches taking place. Everyone is welcome.

Dolly Parton Tribute Night

13th July 7pm, Shirley British Legion

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What happens if I die without a will?

If someone dies without a will then their estate will follow the rules of 'Intestacy' – Hannah Tait, Partner at Solihull-based law firm Shakespeare Martineau, explains...

What does it mean to have died intestate?

Dying 'intestate' means that a person has passed away without a valid will, so the order of priority in terms of who inherits what is outlined in the Administration of Estates Act 1925, which in effect creates a 'virtual will' to decide how that person's estate is distributed.

Who will inherit the estate?

In England and Wales, assets held jointly, such as joint bank accounts and some joint property will pass automatically to the surviving owner. If there is only a spouse or civil partner and no children, then they will inherit everything else. Where there are children, the spouse or civil partner will inherit the personal possessions and the first £322,000 of the estate, with the balance being equally shared between the spouse or civil partner and the children. Where there are children but no spouse or civil partner, then the children inherit everything. If there is no spouse or civil partner or children, then grandchildren, followed by parents, siblings, nieces/nephews, grandparents, aunts/uncles or cousins will inherit, in that order.

What happens with property?

It depends on how it is held; if property is held jointly, as beneficial joint tenants, then the share belonging to the person who has died will pass to the surviving owner automatically. If they held it as tenants in common then their share will pass under the rules of intestacy.

Do you need a solicitor?

It is always possible to write a will or administer an estate without legal assistance. However, this can be very time-consuming and sometimes complicated. It's also very easy to get wrong, to misunderstand what is needed, or simply not to know the best option until it's too late. This can result in unnecessary tax charges, people benefitting who you hadn't anticipated, or situations that are difficult to unwind.

Using a specialist might seem expensive, but going it alone can often cause more stress and money wasted in the long run.



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There are more health



benefits too. They naturally deliver vitamins, fibre, and particularly high levels of antioxidants known as polyphenols - without any sodium, fat, or cholesterol. They are among the top 20 high-antioxidant fruits and are a good source of manganese and potassium. Just one serving - about eight berries - provides more vitamin C than an orange.

Strawberries also have minerals such as calcium, iron, potassium, folate, and magnesium, along with more antioxidants called anthocyanins. Those are healthful plant compounds that also give strawberries their red colour. The redder the fruit, the more antioxidants it has.

The vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants in strawberries provide important health benefits.

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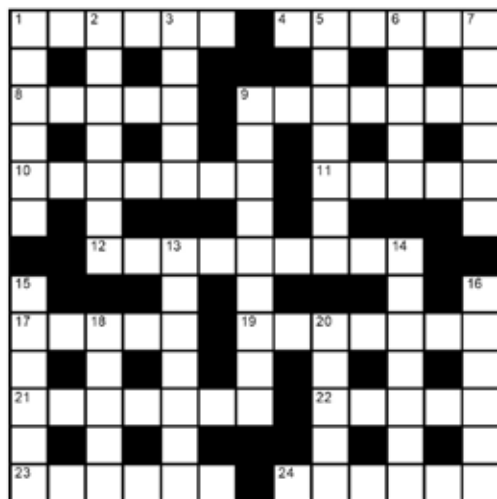


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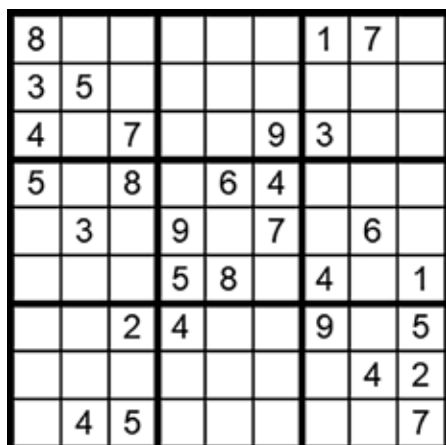
Across

- 1 Small round stone (6)
- 4 Pristine (6)
- 8 Large black bird (5)
- 9 Zeal (7)
- 10 Type of large military ship (7)
- 11 Rectify, revise (5)
- 12 Scarlet food dye (9)
- 17 Yellow/brown (5)
- 19 Gleaned (7)
- 21 Sparkle, shine (7)
- 22 Barbecue (5)
- 23 Cantankerous (6)
- 24 Burns supper dish (6)

Down

- 1 Robbery at sea (6)
- 2 Temporary, makeshift camp (7)
- 3 Estate, territory (5)
- 5 Recite, recount (7)
- 6 Tally, total (5)
- 7 Make fun of, insult (6)
- 9 Outlawed, prohibited (9)
- 13 The fastest big cat (7)
- 14 Deficient, incomplete (7)
- 15 Purchased (6)
- 16 Grown ups (6)
- 18 Lift (5)
- 20 Belief, principle (5)

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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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approved database, and starting 10th June this year, this requirement will extend to all cats by the time they are 20 weeks old.

The key advantage of microchipping is the increased likelihood of being reunited with your pet should they become lost. While microchipping for pets other than dogs and cats isn't legally required, it is highly recommended for all types of pets. Only authorized implanters, including vets and animal welfare organizations, can perform microchipping.

You can be fined up to £500 if your dog or cat is not



microchipped when they need to be. Dogs are also still required to wear a collar and tag.

If you are buying or adopting a dog or cat you should ask for proof a microchip has been fitted.

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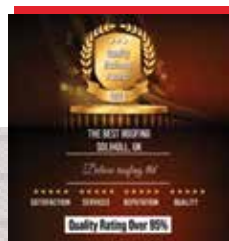
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