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Welcome to the April edition...

I hope you enjoy your lovely long Bank Holiday weekend - whether you're planning on relaxing at home, jetting off on a long-awaited break, or are just going to use the time to catch up on all those jobs that never seem to get done.

And if you need help sorting out that neverending list, why not see if some of the people and businesses who advertise in here can help you. Whether you need your roof fixed, the kitchen updated, your washing machine repaired, the house decorated, or a new carpet, there's lots of lovely local and helpful people in here who can help.

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For the first few weeks of their lives, puppies and kittens are protected from infections by their mother's milk, as long as she has been regularly vaccinated. However, after this time they will need regular vaccinations.

Here are the main diseases that pets are routinely vaccinated against:

Dogs - canine parvovirus,



canine distemper virus, leptospirosis, and infectious canine hepatitis. Dogs may need a kennel cough vaccine if they will be spending any time in kennels. This protects against parainfluenza virus and bordetella bronchiseptica. If you are taking your dog abroad, they may also need to be vaccinated against rabies.

Cats – feline infectious enteritis, feline herpes virus, feline calicivirus and feline leukaemia virus (if they are at risk).

Many of these diseases are now thankfully very rare, but if an animal does catch one, they can be difficult and expensive to cure, or even fatal.

Your vet will give you a card to record when vaccinations are given. They should also remind you when boosters are due. Protect your Pet this month!











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Grow your own herb garden

rowing a herb garden is a rewarding and practical way to add fresh flavours to your cooking while enhancing an outdoor or indoor space with greenery and fragrance. It's easy to create a beautiful and productive herb garden in almost any space, indoor or outdoor.

Herbs are pretty forgiving and can be grown in a variety of pots, planters, and raised beds, depending on your available space and aesthetic preferences.

Clay or Terracotta Pots provide excellent drainage and a rustic look but dry out quickly, so frequent watering is required.

Wooden Planters are a good option for a natural aesthetic, but they need to be constructed from untreated or food-safe wood to avoid chemical leaching.

Window Boxes are perfect for growing kitchen herbs close to where you cook, ensuring easy access to fresh ingredients.

Hanging Baskets are ideal for small spaces, they also allow trailing herbs like thyme and oregano to cascade beautifully.



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such as tin cans, mason jars, grocers' wooden crates and old sinks all make excellent and free containers to create a quirky, unique herb garden.

Whatever container you choose, ensure it has drainage holes to prevent root rot.

For a functional and attractive herb garden, select a combination of herbs that thrive well together and are useful in the kitchen. Obviously think about the herbs you use a lot, and plant these, but also consider unusual variations on your favourites such as lemon mint, lemon thyme and purple sage.

Ideas for group plantings: Mediterranean Herbs -

Rosemary, Thyme, Oregano, and Sage – These herbs prefer drier soil and full sun, making them perfect companions in the same container.

Soft-Leafed Herbs - Basil, Parsley, and Coriander – These require more moisture and partial sun, making them a great trio in a different planter.

Aromatics - Mint, Lemon Balm, and Chives - These herbs are fast-growing and versatile. Mint in particular should be planted separately to prevent it from smothering all the other plants.

Tea Garden Herbs -

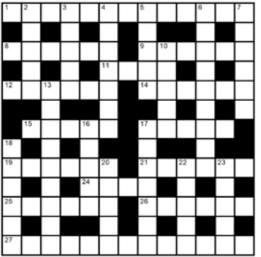
Chamomile, Lavender, and Lemon Verbena – These are great for herbal tea-lovers like me and grow well together.

Once planted, most herbs thrive on a bare minimum of attention. Mediterranean herbs thrive best in full sun and require less water. Others are happy in partial sun and their soil should be moist but not soggy.

If you use the herbs regularly in cooking, the constant trimming naturally encourages bushier growth and prevent them from flowering too early.

If you have a bit of a glut I recommend freezing sprigs or bunches of leaves in water, packed in ice cube trays. You can throw a few cubes into a casserole or soup or teapot whenever you like.

crossword



Down

- 2 Ellipses (5)
- 3 Play, production (5)
- 4 Admire, value (7)
- 5 Muscle spasm (5)
- 6 Genre of painting (5,4)
- 7 Curtail, dwindle (6)
- 10 Chuckle, guffaw (5)
- 13 Rch in underground seams of fuel (9)
- 16 Throw out, dislodge (5)

clues

- 1 Useful kitchen gadget (4,9)
- 8 Panama, Suez, Caledonian ______ (6)
- 9 Friendly, united (6)
- 11 Large American wild cat (4)
- 12 Breakout, flee (6)
- 14 Communal, mutual (6)
- 15 Surface, side (5)
- 17 Series of linked metal rings (5)
- 19 Prejudiced, wrongful (6)
- 21 Glum (6)
- 24 Automobiles (4)
- 25 Flip. overturn (6)
- 26 Offer recommendation (6)
- 27 Tolerant, empathetic (13)
 - 17 Starchy tuberous root (7)
 - 18 Agency, office (6)
 - 20 Grinds, rubs (5)
 - 22 Extremely angry (5)
 - 23 Builder (5)

answer on page 18

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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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The best cafes and coffee shops In Solihull

Top rated cafes in Solihull We're in an era of customer reviews, and so finding toprated establishments has never been easier. Some of the best cafes locally, according to Google reviews, include:

- Black Orange café in Solihull town centre gets 4.9 out of 5 on Google reviews. They offer a wide selection of hot and cold drinks, including a range of fruit teas, as well as a selection of savoury snacks and desserts.
- The Bloom Cafes on Hobs Moat Road in Solihull (4.8 on Google) offer a wide range of savoury brunches including full English breakfasts, chicken waffles, avocado on toast, loaded porridge, and yoghurt bowls.
- Swan Yard Coffee & Kitchen in Knowle gets 4.7 on Google and offers full English breakfasts and eggs on toast, as well as delicious treats such as cinnamon rolls and rocky road – all displayed in a glass cabinet right in front of your eyes to really tempt you!
- Hallie's Café in Monkspath also gets 4.7 out of 5 stars on Google reviews and offers sweet treats, milkshakes, ice cream, Biscoff pancakes, sausage rolls, bagels,



sandwiches and breakfasts. Is your mouth watering yet?!

And there's more...

Trip Advisor is another good source of top-rated venues, and the following coffee shops in Solihull are all featured in their top 5:

- If you're after breakfast but it's 3pm, don't worry, Boston Tea
 Party in Solihull town centre offers an all-day brekky. They also serve lighter breakfasts, brunch, lunch, toasties, cakes and freshly baked pastries.
- The Two Mugs is an independent café in Shirley where you can take your pick from a breakfast and brunch menu, their sandwich and toastie menu, a kid's menu, and even a dog's menu!
- Elderberry Blacks is an

independent café serving breakfast, brunch, and lunch on Knowle High Street. Take your pick from full English breakfasts, pancakes, sandwiches and, of course, coffee and cake!

- Bora Coffee is an independent, family run, coffee shop, located in Shirley High Street. Turkish poached eggs, breakfast sandwiches, granola bowls and French toast feature on the menu, as do smoothies, frappes and milkshakes.
- Swan Yard Coffee & Kitchen in Knowle, as mentioned above

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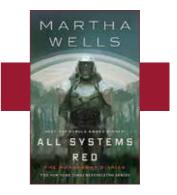
BOOK Review All Systems Red by Martha Wells

his is the first novella in the Murderbot Diaries series. It's a riveting and witty exploration of identity, autonomy, and humanity through the perspective of a self-aware security bot. The protagonist, a rogue SecUnit that refers to itself as "Murderbot," has hacked its governor module, gaining freedom from its programming. Despite this, Murderbot prefers to spend its time consuming media rather than engaging with humans or exploring its newfound independence.

The story follows Murderbot as it reluctantly protects a

group of scientists on a survey mission to an uncharted planet. When their mission is jeopardized by a rival corporation's sabotage, Murderbot must confront its fear of human interaction in order to save its clients. Through its interactions, Murderbot reveals a deep internal struggle with its purpose, autonomy, and desire to remain emotionally distant, even as it inadvertently forms bonds with the humans it protects.

Although officially Scifi, sceptics of the genre shouldn't be put off. This is at its heart, character-driven storytelling with added sharp commentary on technology and human relationships. The blend of humour, and high-stakes adventure makes it a winner for all readers.



recipe time

Rhubarb Crumble Cake Use in-season Rhubarb to make this New-York style crumble cake.



Ingredients Crumble top

260g plain flour 1 tsp baking powder 300g soft light brown sugar 1 tsp ground cinnamon 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg 1/2 tsp salt 170g unsalted butter,

Cake

260g plain flour 70g wholewheat flour 2 tsp baking powder 1 1/2 tsps. ground ginger 1/2 tsp salt 300g light soft brown sugar 170g unsalted butter, softened. 2 tsps. vanilla paste 4 eggs at room temperature 225ml buttermilk or natural yoghurt 400g Rhubarb, cut into 1.5-2cm chunks.

Method

Crumble Topping

Melt the butter in a saucepan.

In a bowl sift together the flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, baking powder and salt. Stir through the sugar then add the melted butter and mix together with a spoon until it clumps together and becomes crumbly. Set aside.

Cake

Preheat the oven to 180C / 160 fan Gas mark 4. Line a13x9-inch pan with greaseproof paper so the paper overhands the sides of the pan. Sift together the flours, salt, baking powder and ground ginger, adding the bran from the wholewheat flour. Place the brown sugar, softened butter, and vanilla in the bowl of a stand mixer and beat on medium speed until fluffy and pale. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition until well combined.

Fold in one third of the flour mixture gently. Add half of the buttermilk and mix until iust combined. Add the next third of the flour mixture and fold in. Add the remaining buttermilk, mix it in then add the remaining third of the flour and fold until just combined. Finally mix everything together aently for another 30 seconds to make a smooth batter. Place the batter in the pan and spread evenly. Sprinkle half the rhubarb over the top of the batter. then spread two thirds of the crumb mixture, then the remaining rhubarb followed by the rest of the crumb mixture. Place the pan so that the top is level with the centre of the oven and bake for 40-45 minutes. You don't need a thermometer to check if it's done but it does make things easier. The temperature of the cake in the centre should be about 95C when it's cooked. Remove from the oven and cool in the pan for 30 minutes. Use the excess greaseproof paper to remove the cake from the pan. Allow the cake to cool completely. Sprinkle with icina sugar, cut into saugres, and serve with thick yogurt or creme fraiche.

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