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STATION ROAD, WYTHALL

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Welcome to the October edition

As soon as October hits we all start thinking about Christmas. But there's Halloween and Bonfire Night to enjoy first.

Check out page 6 to see what you can do to get into the seasonal spirit and make the most of your time now that the nights are longer and colder. With Christmas approaching, it's a time of year many of us set deadlines - we want the extension finished by then, the carpets professionally cleaned, the gutters cleared... whatever you need help with there are a range of local professionals who advertise in this magazine who are ready and willing to help.

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community events



Solihull Halloween Festival

25 and 26 October 10-6, 27

October 10-4, Solihull High Street and Mell Square

Visit the town centre for a wide range of food, drink, and shopping stalls where you can take your pick from tasty foods and beautiful crafts from around the world. And the kids haven't been forgotten,

as there will be plenty of entertainment to keep them amused.

Little Ravers – Solihull Halloween Bumpkin Special

30 October 1-3pm, PopworldSolihull

This is Popworld for kids aged 2 to 12. They can have fun with a live DJ, UV lighting, free kid's face painting, and free pumpkin painting. There's also a licensed bar for the grown-ups. Book tickets at: www.popworldparty.co.uk/solihull

Wythall Bonfire & 2 Fireworks Displays

2 November 6pm, Wythall Park

Early bird tickets available for best value entry. 10 yrs & under FREE when accompanied. All proceeds to Wythall Park. Visit www.wythallfireworks.eventbrite.com for tickets.



Fireworks Display

3 November, gates open

4.30pm, Moseley Rugby Club

Join the hospital charities for Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham, Heartlands, Good Hope and Solihull Hospital for their spectacular fireworks display. The event includes charity stalls, tombola, hot food, and a licensed bar available. Scan the QR Code to book or visit: www.hospitalcharity.org/events/charity-fireworks-moseley

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12 November 8pm, The Greville Arms, Solihull

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Christmas Fair

30 November 10am - 1pm, Knowle Village Hall

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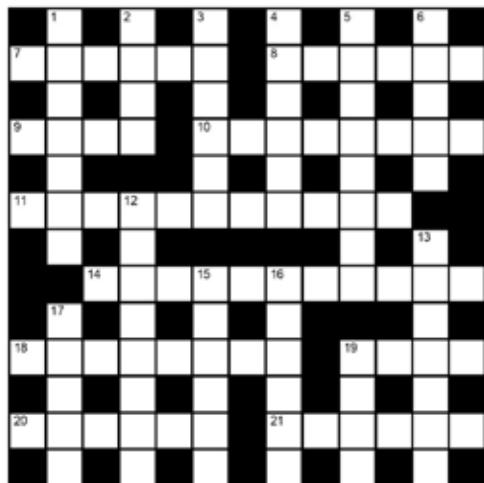
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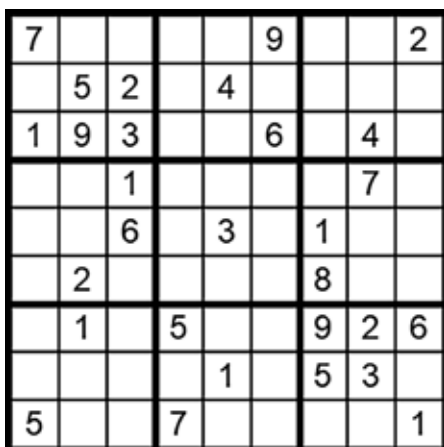
Across

- 7 Graceful, drooping tree (6)
- 8 _____ Wisdom (actor) (6)
- 9 Giant, usually evil (4)
- 10 They pull Santa's sleigh! (8)
- 11 British seaside town (11)
- 14 Used to disguise or conceal (5,6)
- 18 Broadcast, relay (8)
- 19 Ruler of Mt. Olympus. (4)
- 20 Apparition, hallucination (6)
- 21 Finally (6)

Down

- 1 Royal realm or province (7)
- 2 Abscond, scarper (4)
- 3 Deviate, sidestep (6)
- 4 Intense blue-purple (6)
- 5 Animal that catches and eats others (8)
- 6 Blanched, washed-out (5)
- 12 Fanciful, impractical (8)
- 13 Mexican alcoholic drink (7)
- 15 Japanese garment (6)
- 16 Appease, sooth (6)
- 17 Plait, weave (5)
- 19 Vivacity, zeal (4)

answer on page 18



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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a good read

By Natasha Donovan

If It Bleeds

by Stephen King

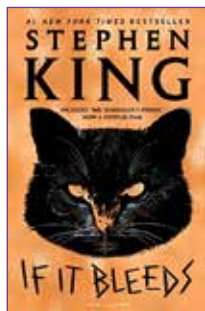
This is a collection of four compelling novellas that showcase King's mastery of storytelling. Mr. Harrigan's Phone: Craig, a young boy in a small town, befriends the reclusive and wealthy Mr. Harrigan.

After Mr. Harrigan's death, Craig continues to text his old phone, which was buried with him, and astonishingly, receives responses. The story explores themes of friendship, technology, and the supernatural consequences of the digital age.

The Life of Chuck: This novella is told in three acts, beginning with the end. It chronicles the life of Chuck Krantz in reverse, starting with the apocalypse and moving backward to his childhood. The story is a meditation on the significance of individual lives and the marks they leave on the world, blending reality with magical realism.

If It Bleeds: A sequel to another story, "The Outsider," this novella follows Holly Gibney of the Finders Keepers detective agency as she investigates a school bombing. Holly discovers that the reporter on the scene, Chet Ondowsky, is not who he seems. As she digs deeper, she uncovers a shape-shifting entity that feeds on human suffering, leading to a tense confrontation. This story highlights themes of resilience and the battle between good and evil.

Rat: Drew Larson, a struggling writer, retreats to a remote cabin to finish his novel. Stricken with writer's block and a series of unfortunate events, he makes a Faustian bargain with a rat, trading his success for a friend's life. The story examines the dark side of ambition, the cost of creativity, and the moral dilemmas faced by individuals in pursuit of their dreams. Stephen King's ability to weave intricate tales that delve deep into the human psyche is



legendary. And these four unconnected novellas are perfect for a bit of spooky-yet-easily digestible Halloween reading.

The Haunting of Aveline Jones

by Phi Hickey

This enchanting and eerie tale tells the story of Aveline Jones, a young girl who is sent to stay with her Aunt Lillian in the seaside town of Malmouth during her autumn break. While exploring the town, Aveline stumbles upon a dusty old book of ghost stories in a second-hand bookstore. Intrigued by

the tales within, she discovers that one of the stories involves a girl named Primrose Penberthy who mysteriously disappeared thirty years ago. As Aveline delves deeper into the book, she starts experiencing strange occurrences and eerie sightings, leading her to believe that Primrose's ghost is trying to communicate with her. Determined to uncover the truth, Aveline investigates Primrose's disappearance, despite her aunt's warnings and the townspeople's reluctance to discuss the past. Aveline's curiosity leads her to uncover dark secrets about Malmouth and its history. She learns that Primrose's disappearance is tied to a chilling legend and that the ghostly encounters she experiences are linked to a malevolent presence in the town. Will Aveline and her new friend Will, be brave enough to confront the supernatural forces at play, and bring peace to Primrose's restless spirit?

"The Haunting of Aveline Jones" is a suspenseful and atmospheric tale of courage, mystery, and the supernatural. Perfect for an October fireside read.



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Why should an otherwise healthy person need a flu vaccine? Well, seasonal flu is a substantial and unpleasant illness, far worse than the common cold, with which it's sometimes confused. Flu generally requires a week or so off work to recover and can

trigger other conditions like bronchitis or pneumonia.

The average person with flu infects one or two other people through sneezing, coughing and touch. If you work with the general public, in a shop or hair salon for example, you are more at risk of being exposed to the virus so you might consider a flu jab a worthwhile investment.

A business owner may consider the impact a week off sick would have on their business and opt to protect themselves for that reason.

Children are much more likely to pick up and pass on bugs as



they are in such close proximity to each other all day. For this reason, teachers and parents might think it wise to have a jab.

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Preparation time: 15 mins
Cooking time: 1 hour
Serves: 2

Ingredients

12oz / 350g onions (can use a mixture of brown, red and white or all the same variety)
 Butter for frying
 1 1/2 tsp Demerara sugar
 2 tsp dark soy sauce
 1 pint stock (chicken stock is lighter, beef stock heartier)
 2 thick slices lightly toasted bread
 2oz / 50g cheddar or Gruyere cheese

Method

Peel and thinly slice the onions.
 Heat the butter in a

medium-sized saucepan. Add the onions and sugar and fry gently over a low heat for 10-20 minutes, stirring frequently. The sugar will caramelize to a nice golden brown coating on the onions. Be careful not to let it stick and burn though, especially towards the end. Add the stock and soy sauce, and season to taste with salt and black pepper. Put a lid on the pan and simmer for approximately 30 minutes until the onions are soft and

starting to disintegrate. Grate or thinly slice the cheese. Divide the soup between two heatproof bowls. Float a slice of toasted bread on top of each bowl of soup, and top with the sliced or grated cheese. Grill for 2-3 minutes until the cheese is melted and bubbling (which is why you have to use heatproof soup bowls!) Serve with more crusty fresh bread.

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Sudoku Solution

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Crossword Solution

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Solution to Mind benders

1. Growing older
2. Skate on thin ice
3. Jump all over the place

mindbenders

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