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Have you Tried Stourport's New Canalside Café yet?

If you're looking for a good breakfast, a decent slice of cake and a friendly local atmosphere, there's a new café in Stourport that could be worth a visit.

Canalside Café has now opened its doors at 2-2a High Street, following the move from the former Stourport Farm Shop & Kitchen.

The name may have changed and the business has moved, but the team behind it say customers can expect the same food, the same friendly faces and the same family feel that has helped make the business so popular.

And if you've never tried their breakfast, now might be the perfect time.

The business has built quite a reputation for its breakfasts, with owner Douglas 'Doug' Loveridge previously claiming it serves the best breakfast in Worcestershire.

There's no shortage of choice either, with quality sausages, fabulous bacon, mushrooms, tomatoes and proper thick-sliced tiger bread toast all featuring on the menu. Of course, it's not just breakfast that has people talking.

The famous Stourport cheesecake has become something of a local speciality, with customers travelling from outside the area to get their hands on it. According to Doug, people have travelled from places including Solihull and Telford specifically for the cheesecake.

So, is it really the best cheesecake around? That's probably something you'll have to decide for yourself!

The move sees Canalside Café take over the unit previously occupied by Caldicott's Antique Shop, which closed earlier this year as the business concentrated

on the success of its sister operation.

Doug says the new café remains very much a family and friends business, with his wife, daughters and niece all involved. For the team, it's not simply about serving food. They want customers to feel welcome, enjoy a bit of banter and hopefully leave as friends rather than simply customers.

So, the question for Stourport is simple have you tried Canalside Café yet?

And more importantly, have you tried the breakfast or sampled that famous Stourport cheesecake?

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Kidderminster dressage star celebrates 18th birthday with a brilliant win



It was certainly a birthday to remember for Kidderminster's Grace Brighton, who celebrated turning 18 by winning her latest dressage competition.

Grace and her horse Fashion House, known as Norman, came out on top in the Novice Silver class at the Petplan Area Festival at Bury Farm Equestrian Village. The pair put in a fantastic performance to score 69.72 per cent, finishing 1.5 per cent clear of the competition and securing another impressive first-place finish.

The result also means Grace and Norman have qualified for the British Dressage Petplan Championships, which take place at Addington in October.

It has been a fantastic year for the young rider, who has now recorded an impressive 11 first-place finishes during 2026.

Grace has only owned Norman for just over 12 months, making their success together even more impressive. Before teaming up with Grace, Norman had never competed between the white dressage boards.

The pair are based at Coverdale Equestrian in Chaddesley Corbett, where Grace trains with Nick Lawson Walters and Mark Lawson Walters.

Grace is also a member of the West Midlands Dressage group and says her latest success is down to plenty of hard work and

the support of those around her. She said: "The victory was the best way to end my 18th birthday week-end.

"I was really pleased and super proud of this achievement, and I'm proud that all of the hard work, long days, and lots of training have paid off.

"It really takes a team effort to achieve these wins and that's what Coverdale provides."

With another victory under her belt and a place secured at the Petplan Championships, Grace now has plenty to look forward to as she continues what has already been a brilliant year in the saddle.

Good luck to Grace and Norman for October!



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The Elephants Pyjamas More Than Just a Baby Boutique...

Sometimes the best new chapters are the ones you never planned.

When Kelly and her husband moved to the beautiful village of Kinver in 2025, she had no idea that within a year she would become the owner of one of the village's much-loved independent boutiques.

A mum and step-mum to six chil-

dren and grandmother to one gorgeous grandson, Kelly had spent around 30 years working as a PA and Event Planner. But when she discovered that the owner of The Elephants Pyjamas was retiring and the boutique could potentially disappear, something simply clicked.

"I loved the shop, I loved what it represented, and I'd already

fallen in love with Kinver. I just couldn't imagine this lovely little boutique no longer being here." And so began the next chapter of The Elephants Pyjamas. While beautiful babywear and thoughtful new-baby gifts remain at the heart of the boutique, Kelly's vision has always been to grow it into something much more.

Today, tucked away at No.2 Chenevare Mews just off Kinver High Street, you'll discover gorgeous baby and toddler clothing, toys, nursery pieces and new-baby gifts alongside an ever-growing collection of women's fashion and accessories, Chelsea Peers pyjamas and gifts for the men too - including the brilliantly colourful OddBalls range. The aim is simple: something for every generation - and something for every budget. For Kelly, however, retail is only part of the story. With decades of event-planning experience behind her, she is in-



roducing experiences and services that take The Elephants Pyjamas beyond the traditional boutique. The shop can now come to you with its Pop-Up Baby Shower Boutique, bringing a carefully selected collection of gifts and baby products directly to a celebration. There are also beautiful bespoke occasion cakes available in partnership with Bake-a-Cakeo, making the boutique a place to turn to for some of life's biggest celebrations - from baby showers and new arrivals to birthdays and special occasions. Community and charity are equally important.

Throughout her career Kelly has supported causes including Macmillan Cancer Support, Teenage Cancer Trust and Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity, and that passion for fundraising has become part of The Elephant's Pyjamas story too.

Through PJ's Kindness Club, selected purchases generate donations for Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity, while Kelly and her team have also taken their fundraising quite literally onto the water, taking part in the Birmingham Dragon Boat Race as "Williams Viking Warriors" and raising more than £5,500 for the hospital. It is this combination of shopping, community, fundraising and a little bit of fun that Kelly hopes will shape the future of the business.

Women's fashion continues to grow, new brands and gifts are being introduced, the men's offering is expanding and there are plenty more ideas waiting in the wings. Yet however much The Elephant's Pyjamas grows, Kelly is determined that it will retain the personal service and warmth of an independent village boutique.

"I want people to walk through our door and feel welcome. Whether you're buying a £5 gift, choosing a beautiful outfit, looking for something for a new baby or simply popping in for a chat, you matter to us."

The Elephant's Pyjamas are growing but its heart remains firmly in Kinver.

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Mark Garnier Member of Parliament for Wyre Forest

Assisted dying: why I voted in favour Parliament once again faced one of the most difficult and deeply personal questions we can possibly debate: whether terminally ill adults should have the right, in tightly defined circumstances, to choose the manner and timing of their death. I voted in favour of the Assisted Dying Bill at Second Reading. This was not a decision I took lightly. Assisted dying is an issue on which there are strong and sincerely held views on both sides, and I have listened carefully to constituents who have contacted me.

For me, much of this debate comes back to what happens when somebody reaches the final stages of a terminal illness. I have personal experience of this.

My mother died after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. I saw first-hand the deterioration that can accompany a terminal illness and the suffering that families can witness as someone they love approaches the end of their life.

My starting point is therefore one of compassion.

I believe that a terminally ill person who is approaching the end of their life should be able to have a meaningful choice about how they die, provided that the law contains robust safeguards to protect vulnerable people and ensure that any decision is genuinely voluntary.

That is why I supported the Bill progressing to the next stage. Second Reading is not the point at which every detail

of legislation is finally settled. It is an opportunity for Parliament to consider the principle and then, if supported, to scrutinise the legislation in detail.

There are legitimate concerns about assisted dying, particularly around coercion, safeguarding and protecting people who may feel that they are a burden on their families. Those concerns must be taken seriously. They are precisely why the scrutiny of the Bill and its safeguards is so important.

But I do not believe that the existence of difficult questions means that Parliament should refuse to engage with the issue.

The vote was extremely close. The Bill was defeated by 286 votes to 270, meaning that it will not proceed in its current form. I know that some constituents will disagree with the way I voted, and I respect that. On an issue of such importance, there is no party line that can or should determine an MP's conscience.

My decision was ultimately about compassion, choice and dignity at the end of life. I believe we should continue the debate, listen carefully to the evidence and, above all, ensure that people facing the end of their lives are treated with dignity and humanity.

That is why I voted Aye

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THIS MONTHS

Local Lowdown Quirky Tales & Local Lore

There's always something unusual happening across the Wyre Forest – and we love sharing the quirky tales that make our area unique.

Did you know that Kidderminster once had a secret underground air raid shelter hidden beneath the town centre?

Locals walking along the High Street today might be surprised to learn that, during the Second World War, tunnels and chambers were built below ground to keep people safe during bombing raids. Some of these spaces still exist, quietly tucked away from view.



Meanwhile, over in Stourport, residents recently spotted a pair of bright green parakeets making themselves at home along the riverside. Thought to be escapees from an aviary, they've quickly become local celebrities – their tropical squawks drawing curious onlookers and photographers. It seems the Wyre Forest is a welcoming home for all creatures, not just our traditional wildlife.



And in Bewdley, there's been chatter about the mysterious carved faces that keep appearing on tree trunks near the riverside walks. Nobody is quite sure who is behind them, but each new discovery brings a smile to passers-by. Whether it's a hidden hobbyist wood carver or a cheeky prankster, it's another reminder of the creativity dotted around our community.



These stories may be light-hearted, but they're a wonderful snapshot of local life – a blend of history, nature and playful mystery that makes the Wyre Forest such a fascinating place to live. Keep your eyes peeled – you never know what quirky tale might be unfolding just around the corner!

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Unveil The Magic at The Mystic Market Step into a World of Enchantment

The Mystic Market is returning to Stourport for its second year, bringing a day of all things mystical, magical and spiritual to The Civic.

Taking place on Sunday, 1st November, the event promises a relaxed and welcoming day for anyone interested in spirituality, wellbeing, crystals, tarot and handmade products. Whether you're already familiar with the world of the mystical or simply curious to find out more, there will be plenty to discover.

Visitors will be able to browse a variety of stalls, with crystal sellers offering a selection of crystals and information about their different properties and energies. There will also be home-

ware and handmade products, providing plenty of opportunities to find something a little different to take home.

For those looking to relax and recharge, Reiki healers will be on hand offering their calming and restorative treatments, while tarot readings will provide the chance to explore the ancient art of tarot and perhaps gain some insight or guidance along the way.

The Mystic Market has quickly become a vibrant gathering for people with an interest in creativity, spirituality and wellbeing, while also offering a friendly environment for those who are simply looking for something a little different to do.

Entry to the event is completely free, with the market open from 10am until 4pm. So whether you're looking for a unique gift, interested in discovering more about crystals and spirituality, or just fancy browsing the stalls and soaking up the atmosphere, it could be a lovely way to spend a Sunday.

The Mystic Market takes place at The Civic, Stourport, DY13 8UJ, on Sunday, 1st November 2026, from 10am to 4pm.

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The spooky steam-powered adventures will be running from Kidderminster Station on Thursday 29, Friday 30 and Saturday 31 October, giving families the chance to climb aboard for a Halloween experience with a difference.

The evening begins at Kidderminster Station, where there will be plenty of ghostly photo opportunities to get everyone in the Halloween spirit. Disco Daddy will also be back by popular demand, playing frightfully good tunes from 4pm until 9pm.

There's plenty to enjoy before you even board the train, with the station cafe serving hot food, an award-winning pub and a gift shop to have a browse around. Then it's time to climb aboard and hold on tight!

The Ghost Train will make its way from Kidderminster to Arley and back again, with the approximately 75-minute journey taking passengers through some of the railway's atmospheric stations.

But this isn't just any train journey. Arley is described as the 'home of the living dead' and while you might expect a few spooky sights outside the windows, there could be some unexpected surprises waiting on board too!

Tickets include reserved seating on the Ghost Train, the return journey between Kidderminster and Arley, and a goodie bag for every child.

And if you think you're brave enough for something a little more terrifying, there's also an 18-plus Scream Train running for those who really do dare to be scared.

So whether you're looking for a Halloween treat for the children or fancy testing your own nerves, the Severn Valley Railway is getting ready to give Wyre Forest families a Halloween to remember.

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A Cup of Kindness and a Chance to Chat at Wolverley Community Café



Wolverley Community Café is inviting local people to pull up a chair and enjoy a chat as it celebrates almost three years of its popular Chatty Café table.

The café will be offering a free drink and cake to anyone who visits on Wednesday, October 21, between 1.30pm and 3pm, or Thursday, October 22, between 10.30am and 12 noon. The Chatty Café table is part of the national Chatty Café Scheme, which aims to tackle loneliness and social isolation by giving people the chance to meet others and enjoy a simple conversation.

At Wolverley Community Café, the table is hosted by Sue and Elaine, who are looking for-

ward to welcoming anyone who would enjoy some company. That could be someone who is new to the area, feeling a little lonely, or simply fancies meeting somebody new.

And you don't need a special reason to pop along. There is no appointment needed and no pressure to join in. Just turn up, grab a drink, pull up a chair and have a chat in a friendly and relaxed setting.

Sue said she enjoys being able to make a difference to people's lives and wanted to use her experience from working in caring professions to give something back to the local community. She said the Chatty Café table is a simple idea, but having some-

body to talk to can make a real difference.

The initiative has also received a helping hand from Co-op Travel, which has donated £200 towards promoting the Chatty Café scheme within the local community.

With the café continuing to provide a welcoming place for people to meet, chat and make new connections, the team hopes the Chatty Café table will remain a much-loved part of life in Wolverley.

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Kidderminster Pub Legend Celebrates 100th Birthday!

There can't be many people who can say they have seen a town change quite as much as Lilian 'Lil' Sewell. And after 100 years, Lil certainly has a few stories to tell.

Lil celebrated her 100th birthday on August 25 with a surprise family party at Whitlengs Tea Rooms in Hartlebury, surrounded by five generations of her family, plenty of cake, balloons and, most importantly, the people she loves.

Her granddaughter Anita Jones said the moment Lil realised everyone had gathered especially for her was incredibly emotional. "It was a deeply emotional day filled with overwhelming love, happy tears and immense happiness as five generations of family gathered together under one roof to honour our mum, nan and great nan."

And Lil certainly hasn't lived an ordinary life. She is a direct descendant of the Lowe family, the

famous rope makers of Bewdley who established their historic ropewalk way back in 1801. During the Second World War, Lil went to work at Tomkinson's Carpets in Kidderminster. It was also during those wartime years that Lil married her "soulmate", Norman Thomas Sewell, on January 20, 1945.

But for many people around Kidderminster, Lil will always be remembered for her years behind the bar. During the 1960s and 1970s, Lil and Norman became something of a local legend as landlords of The Old Bear on Stourbridge Road.

The pub has long since disappeared and the site is now home to a Tesco Express, but for Lil, those years were about much more than simply running a pub. Her granddaughter described running a busy town centre pub during those changing decades as a job requiring "an iron spine, boundless energy and a razor sharp wit".

Lil went on to become chairwoman of the Licensed Victuallers' Association and her family say she never exactly fitted the traditional image of a quiet grandma.

Away from her work and travelling, Lil has another big passion animals. She has supported animal charities for decades and has a particular love of cats, dogs, shire horses and donkeys. And at 100, Lil is still living independently in her own home and remains a real social butterfly.

As well as celebrating with her family, she received a very special 100th birthday card from King Charles. Anita said: "She is our anchor, our history, our strength and our pride. We cherish her more than words can say."

From everyone at Wyre Forest Matters, we'd like to wish Lil a very happy 100th birthday and what an incredible century it has been!



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Kidderminster Memorials Celebrates National Award Success



A Kidderminster memorial mason is celebrating after picking up a prestigious award in the 2026 BRAMM Memorial Design Awards.

Kidderminster Memorials was presented with a Bronze Award in this year's competition, which attracted entries from memorial masons across Britain. The achievement adds to an impressive list of accolades for the local business, making Kidderminster Memorials a triple award winner. The BRAMM Memorial Design Awards recognise creativity and excellence within the memorial masonry industry, with entries judged on their design, innovation and originality.

For Kidderminster Memorials, the award is a fantastic recognition of the care and craftsmanship that goes into creating a fitting and

personal memorial for families. Memorials are often an important and lasting tribute to a loved one, and the design process requires sensitivity, attention to detail and a high level of skill.

The award also highlights the importance of professional standards within the memorial industry. BRAMM the British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons is a national register of accredited memorial masons who work to recognised safety standards when installing memorials.

Accredited masons follow BS 8415, the British Standard covering the stability and installation of memorials, helping to ensure that memorials are securely and safely erected.

For a local business to receive recognition at a national level is a

considerable achievement, and the team at Kidderminster Memorials can now add another award to its growing collection.

The Bronze Award is not only recognition of the quality of its work, but also of the creativity and craftsmanship that goes into producing individual memorials for families across the local area.

It is another proud moment for a Kidderminster business putting quality, care and professional standards at the heart of what it does.





A Heritage Railway Link That Could Put Bewdley Back on the Commuter Map

There is something rather special about travelling to work on a heritage railway but for commuters in Bewdley, the new Bewdley Express could be about much more than nostalgia.

An eight-week trial has begun, giving passengers the opportunity to travel from Bewdley to Kidderminster on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, before connecting with services to Birmingham and beyond.

For many local residents, it is a welcome return of a rail connection that could make a genuine difference to everyday life.

The service leaves Bewdley at 6.40am and 7.40am, with connections at Kidderminster allowing passengers to reach Birmingham Snow Hill at 7.46am and 8.46am. Evening trains return from Birmingham at 4.46pm

and 5.46pm. For people who currently drive or cycle to Kidderminster to catch a train, the prospect of starting their journey in Bewdley is understandably appealing.

One new resident, Helen Jones, told the BBC that she had moved to Bewdley just six weeks ago and was already planning to use the service regularly for her journeys into the office.

Other passengers have spoken of how much the connection is needed, particularly for those commuting into Birmingham several times a week.

The trial is also a wonderful example of how Wyre Forest's heritage can potentially play a role in its future. The Severn Valley Railway is rightly famous for preserving and celebrating railway history, but this experiment

demonstrates that its infrastructure could also have a practical role in modern-day travel.

The hope is that the trial will demonstrate sufficient demand to support a more permanent connection between Bewdley and the wider West Midlands rail network.

For a town that has long been keen to improve its public transport links, that would be a significant development.

And perhaps the biggest test is a simple one: if you live in or around Bewdley and regularly travel towards Kidderminster or Birmingham, give the service a try.

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Natural Beauty Indoors: Autumn's Organic Charm

As nature sleeps under winds and Frost this Autumn brings its own unique beauty, and more homeowners are finding ways to reflect that indoors. The trend for natural materials continues into October through to January, blending sustainability with seasonal warmth.

Wood, stone and wool form the foundation of this look. A rustic oak coffee table, woven jute rug or slate candle plate can instantly ground a space and bring that sought after organic texture. Pair these with earthy tones such as mushroom, sand, sage and soft cream to create calm

and balance.

Add in greenery to keep your home feeling alive. Sprigs of pine, mistletoe and holly make charming decorations that celebrate the season's simplicity. Bundle them into vases, hang a wreath on an interior door, or lay a garland across your dining table for a natural centrepiece.

Warmth is key, so layer in knitted throws, sheepskin rugs and thick curtains to insulate and soften. Lighting should feel gentle, choose warm lamps, fairy lights, or even clusters of tealights to mimic the glow of a winter fire. A few well chosen accessories

such as ceramic vases, wooden bowls or woven baskets will enhance the look without overpowering it, keeping the focus on texture and tone. Even a simple display of dried flowers or twigs can add understated charm and a sense of connection to the season.

This look isn't about perfection, it's about embracing the beauty of nature in its raw, honest form. By bringing the outdoors in, you can create an Autumn and winter home that feels authentic, calming and wonderfully connected to the world beyond your windows.

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Plant of the Month: Japanese Anemone (*Anemone hupehensis*)

As summer fades and the garden begins to prepare for winter, Japanese Anemone is one of the plants that really comes into its own. Flowering from late summer through October, it brings welcome colour to borders when many other perennials are starting to fade.

Japanese Anemones produce elegant, saucer-shaped flowers in shades of white, pink and rosy purple, held on tall, slender stems above attractive dark green foliage. Despite their delicate appearance, they are surprisingly hardy and can provide weeks of colour with very little fuss.

They prefer a sheltered position in full sun or partial shade and do best in fertile, moisture-retentive soil that drains reasonably well. They are particularly useful towards the back of a border, where their tall stems can create height and movement.

October is a great time to plant Japanese Anemones, as the soil is still relatively warm and there is usually plenty of moisture around to help them establish before winter. Give newly planted specimens a good watering and add a layer of mulch around the base to help retain moisture and protect the roots.

Once established, they can spread quite enthusiastically, making them an excellent choice if you want a natural-looking display. Older plants can also be divided in spring if they become too large.

Garden tip: Don't be too quick to cut them back after flowering. Leave the stems and seed heads in place through autumn and winter to provide structure and interest and a little extra shelter for garden wildlife. October planting is all about looking ahead, and Japanese Anemone is a perfect example of a plant that rewards a little patience with a beautiful late-season display.

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You do not need a large home to have a big sense of style. With a little imagination, even the most compact spaces can feel open, airy, and full of personality. The secret lies in smart design choices and clever use of light, storage, and colour.

Start by embracing multifunctional furniture. A sofa bed in the spare room, a coffee table with hidden storage, or nesting side tables can save precious floor space while keeping your home tidy and organised. Look for pieces that can do double duty, stylish and practical is the goal.

Light is your best friend in a small space. Mirrors can work wonders by reflecting natural light and creating a sense of depth. Position one opposite a window to instantly brighten a room. Choose sheer curtains instead of heavy drapes to let in as much daylight as possible.

When it comes to colour, lighter shades open up a room, while pops of bold colour in accessories such as cushions, artwork, or rugs add character without overwhelming the space. A soft neutral palette with accents of terracotta, teal, or mustard works beautifully for a modern

yet homely look.

Clutter is the enemy of small spaces, so choose décor thoughtfully. A few meaningful items on display have far more impact than a crowded shelf. Keep surfaces clear and invest in decorative baskets or stylish boxes to store everyday items neatly out of sight.

Finally, do not be afraid to express your personality. Whether it is a statement lamp, a feature wall, or a gallery of family photos, small spaces come alive when they reflect the people who live in them.

With a few smart choices, any home, no matter its size, can feel spacious, stylish, and truly yours.



Sustainable Interiors: Eco Friendly Ways to Refresh

More people than ever are looking for ways to live more sustainably, and home interiors are no exception. Choosing eco friendly furnishings does not mean compromising on style. In fact, it often brings a richer, more authentic feel to your space.

Start by thinking about materials. Natural options such as reclaimed wood, bamboo, linen, and organic cotton are both durable and planet friendly. Investing in well made pieces that last is far more sustainable than constantly replacing cheap, disposable décor. Look for local makers and second hand finds. Pre loved furniture can often be refreshed with a coat of paint

or new handles, giving it a fresh lease of life.

Sustainability also means making the most of what you already have. Before rushing to buy something new, try rearranging a room or upcycling what is there. A lick of paint, new cushion covers, or a reupholstered chair can completely transform a space for minimal cost and waste.

Energy efficient lighting is another easy win. Switch to LED bulbs, which use less electricity and last far longer than traditional ones. Adding a few plants can also improve air quality while bringing life and colour

into your home. Trailing ivy, peace lilies, and spider plants are all great low maintenance options.

Finally, when you shop for new homeware, choose companies with clear sustainability policies and recyclable packaging. Many independent retailers in Worcestershire and the West Midlands are now embracing greener practices, from locally sourced materials to environmentally conscious production.

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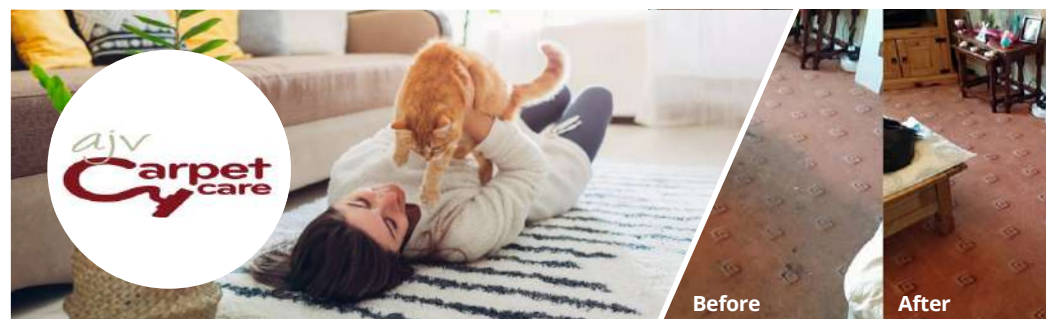
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Colour and Texture Swaps: Instantly Refresh Your Home

Sometimes, the easiest way to breathe new life into your home isn't a full renovation or a major shopping spree—it's a simple swap of colour and texture. By changing key soft furnishings like cushions, rugs, and throws, you can transform the look and feel of a room in just a few hours.

Start with cushions. These small accents punch far above their weight when it comes to impact. Choose colours that complement your existing furniture, or go bold with contrasting shades for a fresh, modern twist. Mixing textures—think velvet, linen, or knitted fabrics—adds depth and interest, making your sofa or bed feel new again. Layering patterns, from subtle stripes to playful geometrics, can also give your space a designer feel with-

out breaking the bank.

Next, look underfoot. Rugs are powerful tools for changing a room's personality. A neutral wool rug can soften a hardwood floor, while a vibrant patterned piece can become a focal point in a neutral living room. For smaller spaces, a few well-placed rugs can define zones, creating a sense of order and style. Seasonal swaps work too: lighter textures and brighter colours in summer, cozy and rich tones in winter.

Throws are another versatile option. Draped over the arm of a chair or folded at the end of a bed, they add both warmth and style. Like cushions, they offer a low-commitment way to experiment with colour, pattern, and

texture. A chunky knit throw can instantly make a room feel inviting, while a silky or lightweight fabric adds elegance.

Don't forget to consider your overall colour palette. While bold contrasts can energise a space, subtle harmonies can create calm and cohesion. Think of cushions, rugs, and throws as your home's accessories—they can be updated as often as your mood or the season changes.

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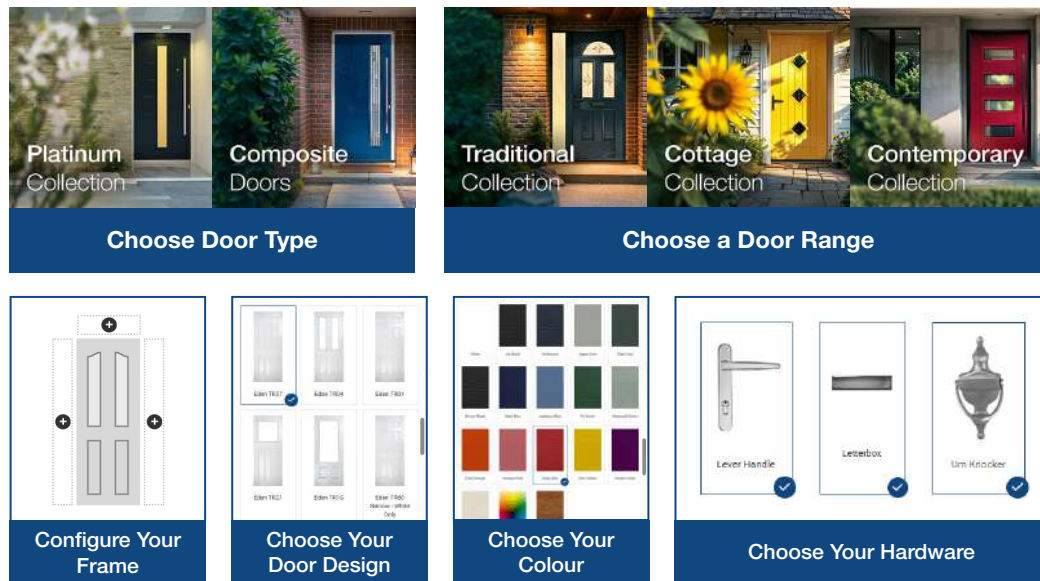
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One of the most remarkable things about furniture is its ability to transform a space. A well-placed armchair can turn an unused corner into a cosy reading nook. A rustic dining table can make a kitchen feel instantly warmer and more inviting, while a sleek modern sofa can bring a

fresh, contemporary edge to a traditional home.

The style, colour, and texture of each piece influence the personality of a room just as much as paint or wallpaper.

Furniture also allows us to express who we are. Some people love the charm of antique finds, with their timeless character and craftsmanship. Others prefer minimalist designs that reflect a love of simplicity and order. For many, the joy lies in mixing old with new — pairing a vintage chest of drawers with a modern lamp or combining natural wood with bold fabrics to create a unique, lived-in look that tells a story.

Beyond style, comfort is at the heart of it all. After a long day, there's nothing better than sinking into your favourite chair, surrounded by pieces that feel familiar and welcoming. The right furniture not only supports our lifestyle but also provides the backdrop for life's most meaningful moments — birthdays, Sunday roasts, quiet evenings, and everything in between.

So, whether you're investing in a statement piece or simply rearranging what you already own, remember: furniture is more than function. It's the bridge between a house and a home, helping to create spaces that reflect who we are, how we want to live, and the memories we hope to build.

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A sofa is more than just a piece of furniture—it's the heart of a living space. Whether you're curling up with a book, hosting guests, or enjoying a movie night with family, the right sofa can transform your home into a cozy and stylish haven. But with so many styles, fabrics, and sizes to choose from, how do you find the perfect one?

Style Meets Functionality:

Sofas come in an array of designs, from classic Chesterfields with deep button tufting to modern sectionals that offer ultimate comfort and versatility. If you're aiming for timeless elegance, a velvet or leather sofa in rich tones like navy or emerald green can add a luxurious touch. Prefer a more relaxed vibe? Scandi-inspired designs with clean lines and neutral fabrics create a minimalist yet inviting look.

Choosing the Right Fabric:

Fabric choice plays a huge role in both comfort and durability. If you have kids or pets, stain-resistant fabrics like microfiber or

performance blends are a practical option. For those seeking a plush, sophisticated feel, velvet or bouclé fabrics bring texture and warmth. Leather is another great choice—it's stylish, easy to clean, and ages beautifully over time.

Size Matters:

Before falling in love with a sofa, consider the size of your space. Large sectionals work well in open-plan living areas, providing ample seating for family and guests. For compact apartments, loveseats, two-seaters, or modular designs can maximize seating without overwhelming the room. Measure carefully to ensure your new sofa fits comfortably, leaving enough space for movement and other furniture.

Comfort is Key:

Looks aside, a sofa should be comfortable and supportive. Consider seat depth and cushion firmness—do you prefer a deep, sink-in feel or firmer support? High-density foam cushions hold their shape longer, while feather-filled options offer

a relaxed, lived-in look. Reclining sofas and chaise lounges are also fantastic choices for those who love to stretch out and unwind.

Sofas That Adapt to Your Life:

In today's world, versatility is essential. Many sofas now come with built-in storage, sofa beds, or modular designs that allow for easy reconfiguration. Whether you need extra sleeping space for guests or hidden storage for blankets, these smart designs make life easier.

Investing in the right sofa means finding the perfect balance of style, comfort, and practicality. With so many options available, there's a perfect sofa out there waiting to elevate your home's aesthetic and coziness.



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By Lindsey Watson, Elle Jay Aesthetics

As the seasons change and we swap long, warm days for crisp autumn mornings, our skin begins to feel the shift too. After months of sun exposure, air-conditioned offices, and perhaps a few late nights making the most of summer, the skin can often appear dull, dehydrated, and uneven. Autumn is the perfect time to repair, restore, and renew your complexion so that it feels healthy, radiant, and ready for the colder months ahead.

A Time for Repair and Renewal
Summer sunshine brings us joy, but it can also accelerate skin ageing. UV rays contribute to fine lines, pigmentation, and loss of elasticity, while heat

and humidity may leave pores congested. As autumn arrives, the skin naturally needs more moisture and a little extra care to undo some of that seasonal stress. It's the ideal time to address sun damage, improve skin texture, and give your complexion a fresh start.

Chemical Peels: Shedding the Old, Revealing the New

Chemical peels remain one of the most effective ways to treat pigmentation and improve skin clarity. By gently exfoliating the surface layer, they lift away dead skin cells, stimulate renewal, and even skin tone. This treatment is especially helpful after summer, when pigmentation often ap-

pears more pronounced. At Elle Jay Aesthetics, we offer a range of peels tailored to individual skin needs—from mild brightening treatments to deeper resurfacing options.

Microneedling and RF Microneedling: Rebuild from Within

For those wanting to boost collagen and repair summer-induced fine lines or uneven texture, microneedling is a wonderful option. By creating tiny micro-injuries in the skin, the body's natural healing process is triggered, leading to smoother, firmer skin. Radio Frequency (RF) Microneedling takes this one step further by combining microneedling with radiofrequency heat, tightening and remodelling the skin at a deeper level. Both treatments are

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Your Autumn Skin Journey

Autumn is the season of change—and your skin deserves that same chance to reset. At Elle Jay Aesthetics, we're here to help you repair summer damage, restore lost moisture, and prepare your skin for winter with a personalised treatment plan. Whether you're looking for a

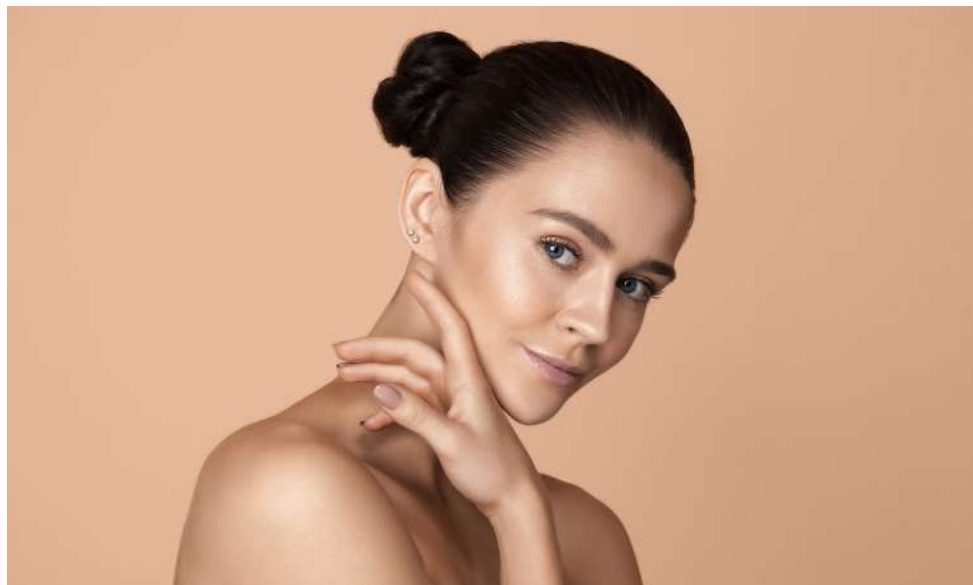
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 ½ tsp ground nutmeg
 ¼ tsp ground cloves
 ¼ tsp ground ginger
 ¾ cup (150g) granulated sugar
 ¼ cup (50g) brown sugar, packed
 ½ cup (120ml) vegetable oil or melted butter
 2 large eggs
 1 tsp vanilla extract
 1 cup (240g) pumpkin purée
 ¼ cup (60ml) milk (dairy or plant-based)
 Optional: ½ cup chopped walnuts, pecans, or chocolate chips

2. Mix dry ingredients: In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, and spices.

3. Mix wet ingredients: In a large bowl, beat together sugars and oil. Add eggs one at a time, then stir in vanilla and pumpkin purée. Add milk and mix until smooth.

4. Combine: Fold dry ingredients into wet ingredients until just combined. Gently fold in any optional nuts or chocolate chips.

5. Fill muffin cups: Spoon batter evenly into the 12 muffin cases.

6. Bake: 20–25 minutes, until a skewer inserted into the center comes out clean.

7. Cool: Let muffins cool for 5 minutes in the tray, then transfer to a wire rack.

Method

1. Preheat oven: 190°C / 375°F and line a 12-cup muffin tin with paper cases.





Spice Up Your October

Celebrate National Curry Week

It's that delicious time of year again! From 6th to 12th October, the UK celebrates National Curry Week, a week dedicated to one of Britain's favourite cuisines. Whether you're a die-hard curry fan or just fancy trying something new, this is the perfect excuse to indulge in bold flavours and support local restaurants at the same time. Started back in 1998, National

Curry Week has grown into a nationwide celebration of South Asian cuisine—and it's about more than just food. The event also raises funds for charities tackling poverty, making every curry you enjoy a way of giving back.

Locally, there are plenty of ways to get involved. Why not visit a nearby curry house for a meal

or takeaway? Supporting our local restaurants not only treats your taste buds but also helps the community thrive. If you're feeling creative, you could even host your own curry night at home. With the official National Curry Week recipe book offering dishes from 50 UK restaurants, there's plenty of inspiration for your culinary adventures. And don't forget to pair your curry with the perfect drink, whether it's a crisp lager, a fruity wine, or even a traditional lassi. For those who love sharing their experiences, the week is also a great chance to join the online community, show off your creations, and connect with curry fans across the country using #NationalCurryWeek.

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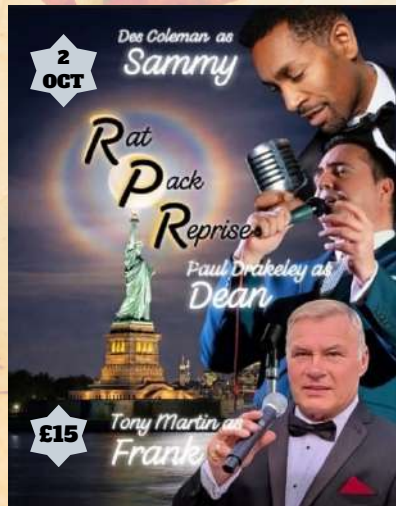
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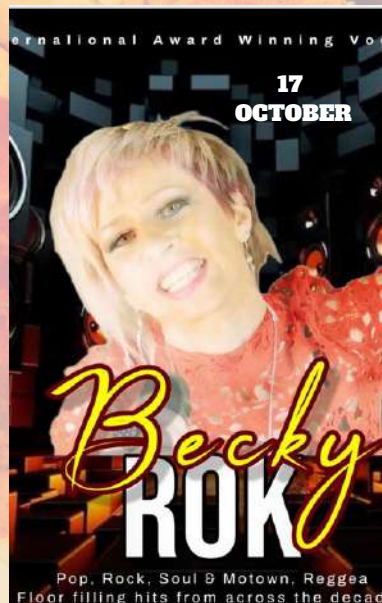


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Pink Floydian is an 8-piece tribute band dedicated to paying homage to the greatest progressive rock band of all time, Pink Floyd.

Their two-and-a-half-hour show spans the full breadth of Pink Floyd's illustrious career, offering fans a chance to experience live renditions of classic tracks from iconic albums like Piper at the Gates of Dawn, Obscured By Clouds, A Saucerful of Secrets, More, Meddle, Dark Side of the Moon, Animals, Wish You Were Here, The Wall, The Final Cut, Momentary Lapse of Reason, and The Division Bell. With each song, the band effortlessly transports the audience back to the height of Pink Floyd's success. And, of course, no Pink Floydian show would be complete without the all-important Floyd-esque lasers, adding to the immersive, multi-sensory

experience.

The band's dedication to faithfully recreating the finest moments of Pink Floyd's discography makes their performances stand out. Comprised of some of the North West's most skilled and passionate musicians, Pink Floydian has perfected the ability to recreate not just the sound but the atmosphere and emotion of Pink Floyd's legendary performances. Whether you're closing your eyes and getting lost in the lush landscapes of Shine On You Crazy Diamond or letting the powerful, emotive vocals of Great Gig in the Sky wash over you, Pink Floydian's performance is a celebration of the very essence of Pink Floyd. Fans of the band can expect a nostalgic trip through Pink Floyd's greatest works, from the anthems like Comfortably Numb and Wish You Were Here to deeper cuts that dedicated

Floyd fans will appreciate. The band's performances are fueled by a shared love for Pink Floyd's music, and this passion shines through in every note, every solo, and every detail of the live production. Each member of Pink Floydian brings their unique talents to the stage, blending together seamlessly to create an experience that is both musically and visually stunning. From the intricate, emotive guitar solos that define Time to the driving rhythm and melodies that made Floyd's music so timeless, Pink Floydian leaves no stone unturned.

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Kidderminster Harriers October Brings Plenty to Look Forward to

October promises to be another important month for Kidderminster Harriers as the club continues its return to the National League and looks to establish itself at Step One.

After securing promotion back to the National League through the play-offs last season, the Harriers are facing a demanding campaign against some of the biggest names in non-league football. The return to the fifth tier is a major achievement for the club, and every month brings another opportunity to test themselves against strong opposition.

The October programme begins at Aggborough on Saturday 3 October, when Harriers welcome Sutton United. A week later, on Saturday 10 October, the team faces a trip to Carlisle United, before returning home on Saturday

24 October to take on Worthing. There is then a midweek trip to Altrincham on Tuesday 27 October, before October concludes with another away fixture against Solihull Moors on Saturday 31 October.

The month therefore offers a real mixture of challenges, with home support at Aggborough likely to be particularly important. The visit of Sutton United and the later home game against Worthing give supporters two chances to get behind the team on home soil, while the away trips will provide demanding tests.

For supporters, this is exactly what makes a National League season so exciting. The Harriers are back among some of the best-supported and most

established clubs outside the Football League, and every point matters.

With the season beginning to take shape by October, the performances and results during this period could provide a useful indication of where Kidderminster can realistically aim come the business end of the campaign.

October Fixtures

- 3 Oct – Sutton United (H)
- 10 Oct – Carlisle United (A)
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