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Welcome to the November edition

By the time this arrives Christmas will only be about 6 weeks away! Check out page 6 to see what local events are coming up to get you in the festive mood.

You've just about got time to make any last-minute changes to your home in time for Christmas so remember to support local businesses as they really value their customers - we have a great collection of local tradespeople and businesses who are local and are looking for your custom.

Here's hoping the pre-Christmas build up isn't too hectic and that you find the time to relax, maybe over a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie!

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community events

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Menopause Café

26 November 10am, Paramo Lounge, Solihull High Street

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The Super Weekender 2023

1-3 December, NEC, Birmingham

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This annual Fair is a Knowle Village Hall Fundraising event. Christmas door wreaths will be on sale as well as plenty of gifts, cards, chocolates etc - lots to choose from! Refreshments will be available and there is a Grand Raffle. Come and join in!

Comedy Night

25 November, Knowle British Legion

Don't miss this sensational line-up of talented comedians who will have you rolling in the aisles from start to finish. So mark your calendars and prepare for an unforgettable night of non-stop laughter. Tickets from www.tributenightpromotions.co.uk/

Donny Osmond

9 December, Resorts World Arena

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a good read

By Natasha Donovan

Infinite Detail

by Tim Maughan

Maughan's debut novel is a mesmerizing and thought-provoking exploration of a future world shattered by the sudden collapse of the internet. Set in a near-future dystopia, Maughan skilfully navigates the intricacies of a society that has lost its digital connectivity and the profound impact it has on both individuals and the collective consciousness.

The novel weaves together two narrative threads: one set in the days leading up to the 'Zero Day' event, when the internet vanishes, and the other in the aftermath, where society grapples with the consequences. Maughan's prose is both evocative and insightful, capturing



the tension and unease of a world suddenly thrust into chaos. Through a cast of compelling characters, he explores how our reliance on technology shapes our identities, relationships, and perceptions.

Maughan's vision of a post-internet world is hauntingly vivid, painting a picture of a society in disarray, where once-thriving cities become desolate and communities fragment. As characters navigate this new reality, the author delves into themes of power, surveillance, and the blurred lines between the virtual and the real. The novel's exploration of the human condition amidst technological collapse is deeply resonant, inviting readers to contemplate their own relationship with the digital realm.

It's a cautionary tale; a portrait of the fragility of our current status quo, and it is as thought-provoking as it is terrifying; you won't ever take your Wi-Fi for granted again.

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