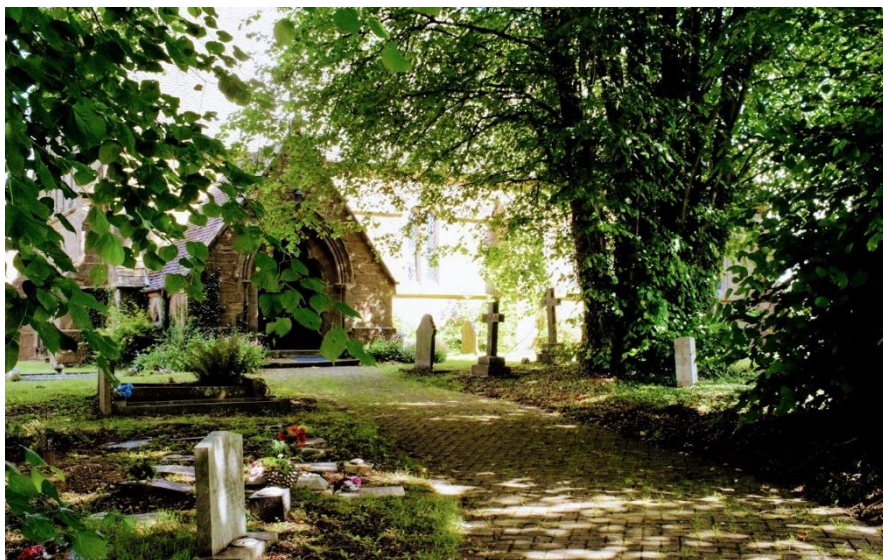




Fairfield Village Community Association

NEWSLETTER
APRIL/MAY 2022



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Wildmoor Quarry Expansion

In early January, Wildmoor Quarry requested a Scoping Opinion with regard their intention to extend existing mineral extraction, to quarry adjacent land and to import inert material.

Responses to the Scoping request have been given by FVCA, the Parish Council, District Councillor May and others.

The Community Association, at the February Social Saturday Gathering held on 5th February, gave a presentation outlining the proposal as detailed in the Wildmoor Quarry's Scoping Request, plus images taken by FVCA to help residents understand what could be happening. The presentation slides can be viewed on the FVCA website.

On the opposite page, satellite image showing the current quarry site and a map of the proposed extension that the applicant is considering.

At present, there is not a full planning application and so there is currently no consultation. The purpose of this presentation is to make residents aware of what could be happening, and should a full planning application be submitted that they have the information to make an informed decision as to whether they wish to support or oppose the planning application.

It is the intention of FVCA to hold a meeting once the full planning application has been published, and FVCA will request an extension to the consultation deadline.

If you wish to be kept up to date with quarry and other community news, subscribe to the FVCA newsletters, email admin@fvca.org.uk



current permitted extraction area equates to approximately 16.64 hectares of land

- the proposed combined application area would be approximately 27.93 hectares of land for mineral extraction.



Pepper Wood Extension – Success!

On Friday 18th February, The Woodland Trust completed the purchase of land that will enable an extension of over 125 acres to Pepper Wood.

In an email to FVCA, Paul Jarczewski, The Woodland Trust Site Manager for Central England, wrote “I would like to thank you [FVCA] for the help you’ve given us to reach this point, as I know you have championed this locally.”

“I would be very grateful if you were able to pass on thanks to other local residents who have supported us, through any of your communications. Thank you.”

The Community Association would also like to thank the many residents who have helped promote the Pepper Wood extension and have donated to the fund, it is very much appreciated. In the coming months/years, there will be opportunities for residents, local organisations & school to get involved in the extension delivery.

Join us for lunch

On the 3rd Monday of each month, we visit a local pub or other fine eatery for a hearty meal and good conversation. The group includes (and is not exclusive to) residents of Fairfield, Bournheath, Dodford & the surrounding area. We meet from 12.15pm, for a 12.30pm lunch. Dates and venues for future lunches are:

11th April	French Hen, Clent
16th May	Lord Morton's, Cutnall Green
20th June	The Swan, Fairfield
18th July	The Vine, Clent

If you are interested in joining our lunchtime meal, or would like further information, please contact Pat on 01527 832360, or email patricia@steward7.plus.com

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Love Where You Live

A huge thanks to all our Wombles, fighting Grot & keeping our community tidy, whether volunteering at our monthly litter picks or at other times of the month. Unfortunately littering in our community is an issue, with some grot hotspots where litter is always found, and the same stretches of footpath & verge where dog mess can also be found. Please:

- If you are unable to take part in the monthly litter pick, help fight Grot by litter picking outside your driveway and along the road & hedgerow near where you live.
- If you are a dog walker, please pick up, bag and put in the bin dog waste. There are plenty of dog waste bins in the village, so there is no excuse. And don't leave the dog poo bag for someone else to clear up.

And if you are free, the next Community Litter will be on Saturday 9th April – always on the second Saturday of each month. The more people that volunteer, the more we can do to tackle the litter along our village lanes. Meet outside the Village Hall 10.30am, wear suitable clothing & footwear, litter picking equipment will be provided.

Join the Fairfield 200 Club?

The 200 Club helps provide much needed funds to help keep our Village Hall looking magnificent. It is only £1.00 p/mth, with a draw every month, and top prizes range from £25 to £200. Membership is limited to 200, and there are a few available numbers. Interested in joining?

If you wish to join the 200 Club, please contact the 200 Club Administrator, Linda Garvin, 83 Brook Road, Fairfield, 01527 834935, alternatively download an application <http://fvca.org.uk/200-club>

Village Spring Clean



All hands-on-deck on Saturday 9th April when we will be giving our community a Spring Clean. Volunteers are needed to help clean our road signage, tidy the church yard, as well as litter pick those areas that are often forgotten. Meet up at the Village Hall 10.30am. To help with washing signage, please bring a bucket and sponge. Litter picking equipment will be provided. If we all donate an hour, our community will sparkle.



And you said...

*Survey responses will be shared at the Social Gathering on **Saturday 7th May 10am.***

We will explore comments received, address any points that have been raised and, where needed, start the process of delivery.



Public Meeting Community Shop & Post Office

A meeting is being held to discuss the establishment of a Community Shop & Post Office

Saturday 2nd April 10am
Village Hall

Community Shop and Post Office

Over the past few months a working group consisting of representatives from FVCA, Parish Council & our District Councillor have been gathering information with regard establishing a Community Shop and Post Office.

On the 2nd April, the working group will share its findings at a public meeting that will be held at the Village Hall, starting at 10am.

The purpose of the meeting is for the community to agree whether we should take the next steps towards establishing a Community Shop and Post Office, and to ask for volunteers to join the working group.

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Platinum Celebrations



To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, events are being planned to mark this historic occasion including:

Asking residents to turn our community **Red, White & Blue** and to wave the flag over the four-day bank holiday weekend, 2nd-5th June by decorating their houses and having red, white & blue floral displays.

Saturday 4th June -

- **Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea with our own Lady's Day at The Derby.** Dress to impress, ladies in hats & gentlemen in bow ties, enjoy a selection of sandwiches, cakes & a glass of prosecco, then watch the Epson Derby as it is live streamed at the Village Hall. There will be a nominal charge to help cover costs and to reserve a place.
- In the evening, we come together – family & friends – to watch the **Jubilee Concert from Buckingham Place** live streamed at the Village Hall. Free admittance & there will be a licensed bar.

Sunday 5th June – The Jubilee Lunch & Pageant at the Village Hall – bring your own picnic. There will be a design & make a crown competition, with a prize for each category winner, a Scavenger Hunt, with a prize for each adult & child that takes part, games & music.

Times for these events, plus details on how to buy your Afternoon Tea tickets, will be detailed in our next newsletter, on our website, notice at the Village Hall plus mentioning on our Facebook page.

Coming This Summer & Autumn

- **The Fairfield Museum** - Pop up museum showcasing your artifacts
- **Foodie Fairfield's Taste of Worcestershire**
- **Floral Fairfield** – Annual July event creating ribbons of colour

Recording History

We invite households to send a photo of themselves, preferably of them outside their house, recording who was living in the village at the time of this year's platinum jubilee. The photographs will be incorporated into a montage, which we hope will be put on display at the Village Hall, and digital copy held in archive. Residents may wish to provide some background information, such as names & any other information relating to the history of the property. Email photograph, address & any additional information to admin@fvca.org.uk Addresses will not be shared, this will be to verify that you live in our community. We ask for your consent that addresses can be held in archive for future historical reference.

"Cry 'God for Harry, England, and Saint George!'"

We will be celebrating England and St. George's Day on Saturday 23rd April. Woodcote Brewery's bar will be there, and they will be launching their new beer, which will be 100% British, made from British Hops and grains. Full details of the event will be shared in the coming weeks; see website, social media, village hall noticeboard etc.

Residents are encouraged to fly the flag for England.



Fairfield Flicks



Bromsgrove's Community Cinema

Fairfield Flicks is a voluntary run entertainment experience screening top Movies, Event Cinema and hosting great Live Entertainment for you to enjoy. Our goal is to bring our community together.

Please come along, make yourself comfortable and enjoy a cinematic experience at your village hall. **If you have not been to one of our screenings before, you will be pleasantly surprised.**

Refreshments are available, and includes a selection of WINES, FRUITFIELD'S CIDER & WOODCOTE BREWERY BEERS!

Admission for film screenings: £5.00 for evening screenings, £4.00 for morning and afternoons. Admission price to Live & Encore Entertainment/Streaming events, see publicity notice or our website. Some of our screenings are very popular, so advanced booking to avoid disappointment is advisable. For further information and to book advance tickets visit www.fairfieldflicks.org.uk

If you would like to help Fairfield Flicks, and see a film/show for free, why not volunteer? <https://fairfieldflicks.org.uk/volunteer>

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**[NATIONAL
THEATRE
OF SCOTLAND]**

THE STRANGE CASE OF DR JEKYLL & MR HYDE

**LIVE FROM
LEITH THEATRE**

Fairfield Flicks
27th March 7.30pm

Tickets: £8.00—Suitable for 15 yrs +

www.fairfieldflicks.org.uk

In selected cinemas
from 27 February 2022

A co-production with:  Produced by:  With support from: 

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National Theatre of Scotland, a company limited by guarantee and registered in Scotland, SC0054270 is a registered Scottish charity (SC005427).

Photography by Laurence Winram.
We are very grateful to the Sir Ewan and Lady Brown, The Foyle Foundation, The Balfour Lodge Trust, The William Syson Foundation, and The Woodbedding Charity for their generous support.

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The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

Sunday 27th March at Fairfield Flicks, 7.30pm

A first for National Theatre of Scotland, this exciting and unique theatre/cinema production is captured live from Leith Theatre and streamed “as-live” into community cinemas.

Enter a world of dark duplicity...

Within the century-old walls of historic Leith Theatre, something sinister is stirring. A gothic tale of double lives and inner demons, The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde takes on its own hybrid identity in this unique retelling.

Concerned by his good friend Dr Henry Jekyll’s recent behaviour, Gabriel Utterson is driven to uncover the identity of the mysterious and dangerous Mr. Hyde, to whom Jekyll is enthralled. Whilst on this search for the truth, Utterson finds himself seduced by the society of Edinburgh’s rich and powerful, but beneath the glossy façade lies a grim and brutal reality.

You, the audience, will step foot into a live filmset where you will witness the simultaneous creation and screening of this one-off experience. Be there as the drama unfolds on screen and in the historic rooms and hallways of Leith Theatre.

Conceived and directed by Hope Dickson Leach.

Written by Hope Dickson Leach and Vlad Butucea, based on the iconic novella by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Produced by National Theatre of Scotland and Selkie Productions in association with Screen Scotland and Sky Arts.

This performance is suitable for people aged 15 years and over, contains adult themes and violence.

All Tickets £8.00 For advance tickets <https://fairfieldflicks.org.uk>

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The Modern Folk Show – Saturday 7th May, 8pm

Tickets 8.00. Advance bookings: <https://fairfieldflicks.org.uk>

Free Parking & Licensed Bar

Karen Swan

Karen Swan has been described as an enigma. Her distinctive sweeping vocal style and haunting insightful songs transport the listener to her creative wonderland.

Her songs tend to wander between genres being referred to as a punky Joni Mitchell or a grungy Kate Bush with a touch of avant-garde and eccentric contemporary folk.

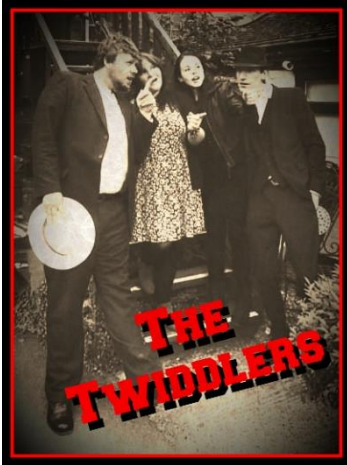
She is also an actor writer and clown and has performed worldwide, spending her time between her native Birmingham and adopted Bristol.

Karen will be accompanied by Jack Goodall, David Rees-Jones, Emma Reading and Adele Preece.



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The Twiddlers



Described, once, as 'the next folk super-group', The Twiddlers are a lockdown project gone wild. Based in the West Midlands, The Twiddlers consist of Kate Akers and Karl Merrick alongside their talented friends Steph Bubb and Stephen Calt. You can expect beautiful vocal harmonies, multi-instrumental carnage and traditional songs and tunes given a new lease of life with a lively and raucous performance. Already receiving plenty of festival bookings and becoming favourites of their regular folk clubs, The Twiddlers are definitely worth looking out for.

Abi Budgen

Songwriter - guitarist - time traveller - Beatlemaniac - Sister Rosetta devotee and self-confessed Country Blues anorak, Abi aspires to make music that is honest, witty, sometimes surreal and always groovy.

"effervescent...esoteric...energetic...and (occasionally) off-the-wall..." Tower of Song

"...absolute musical bliss." Scene Not Heard

Abi will be accompanied by Dan Wilkins on drums.



Movie Time



Ali & Ava (15) - Sunday 10th April 7.30pm

Both lonely for different reasons, ALI and AVA meet through their shared affection for SOFIA (6), the child of ALI's Slovakian tenants, whom AVA teaches. ALI finds comfort in AVA's warmth and kindness and AVA finds ALI's complexity and humour irresistible. Over a lunar month, sparks fly and a deep connection begins to grow. However, the legacy of AVA's past relationship and ALI's emotional turmoil at the breakdown of his marriage begins to overshadow their newfound passion.



Enveloped in music and imbued with humour, ALI AND AVA is a compelling contemporary love story written & directed by BAFTA-nominated Clio Barnard (The Arbor, The Selfish Giant, Dark River).

Dear Evan Hansen (12A) - Wednesday 20th April 7.30pm



Film adaptation of the Tony and Grammy Award-winning musical by Steven Levenson. Evan Hansen, a young man beset by social-anxiety disorder, is ordered by his therapist to write self-addressed motivational letters to himself in order to

improve his disposition and communication skills. After one of these missives is stolen by a classmate who subsequently takes his own life, the deceased's parents believe it to be a genuine note intended for Evan, who ingratiates himself with the family. As this relationship deepens, he begins to truly understand what it means to belong.

Junior Flicks: Clifford The Big Red Dog (PG) - Thursday 21st April 11.00am

When Emily Elizabeth wishes that her tiny, red puppy named Clifford will grow to be big and strong, she never anticipated waking up to find a twelve-foot pup in her small New York apartment. In an effort to keep him, Emily sets out to locate a magical animal caretaker she hopes can restore her pup to his normal size. As she searches the city with her irresponsible uncle Casey, schoolmate Owen and Clifford the big red dog, word of Clifford's size attracts the attention of a scientist who wishes to claim him as his own.



The Father (12) - Wednesday 27th April 2.15pm

Academy Award and BAFTA Award-winner THE FATHER is a tremendously



powerful story about a man who begins to question the fabric of his reality. With powerhouse performances from Anthony Hopkins and Olivia Colman, Florian Zeller's uniquely made feature film debut is disorientating and intriguing, and must be seen to be believed.

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The 355 (12A) - Sunday 8th May 7.30pm

When a top-secret weapon falls into mercenary hands, wild-card CIA agent Mason "Mace" Brown (Jessica Chastain) joins forces with rival German agent Marie (Diane Kruger), former MI6 ally and cutting-edge computer specialist Khadijah (Lupita Nyong'o), and skilled Colombian psychologist Graciela (Penélope Cruz) on a lethal mission to retrieve it. The unlikely team must also stay one step ahead of a mysterious woman, Lin Mi Sheng (Bingbing Fan), who is tracking their every move as the action rockets across the globe.



Wildfire (15) - Wednesday 18th May 7.30pm



Inseparable sisters raised in a small town on the Irish border, Lauren and Kelly's lives were shattered with the mysterious death of their mother. Left to pick up the pieces after her sister abruptly disappeared, Lauren is suddenly confronted with the family's dark and traumatic past when Kelly returns home after being reported missing for a whole year. With the intense sisterhood reignited, Kelly's desire to unearth their history is not welcomed by all in the small town, as rumours and malice spread like wildfire, threatening to push them over the edge.

Cyrano (12A) - Wednesday 25th May 2.15pm

Award-winning director Joe Wright envelops moviegoers in a symphony of emotions with music, romance, and beauty in Cyrano, re-imagining the timeless tale of a heartbreaking love triangle. The film tells the story of a poet who struggles to reveal his true feelings to the woman he loves due to his perceived unattractive appearance.





The Italian city of Turin been chosen as the Host City of the 66th Eurovision Song Contest, having triumphed over 16 other competing bids.

Italy won the right to stage next year's event when Måneskin gave their country its first win since 1990 with the song Zitti e Buoni at last year's contest, which was held in Rotterdam.

The Grand Final of the Eurovision Song Contest 2022 will take place at the PalaOlimpico, one of Italy's largest indoor arenas, on Saturday 14 May, and the them for this year's contest is The Sound of Beauty.

A Eurovision Party is being held at the village hall from 7.30pm, and the contest, which starts at 8pm, will streamed live onto the hall's big screen.

Entry will be free, and there will be a licensed bar.

So, wave the flag and cheer on the British entry.



Northern Ballet's Merlin

Inspired by the story of the mythical wizard, Northern Ballet's 'Merlin' will take audiences on a sweeping epic adventure of heartbreak, hope and more than a little magic. Choreographed by Olivier Award-winning Drew McOnie (Broadway's King Kong and Baz Luhrmann's Strictly Ballroom), expect an enchanting spectacle. Don't miss the legend reawakened through Northern Ballet's blend of classical ballet and unrivalled storytelling.

Merlin will be released to cinemas across the UK from 24th April, and Fairfield Flicks will be screening this marvellous production on Sunday 24th April at 2.30pm.

The performance has been certified as PG and the estimated running time: 130mins (incl. interval).

Tickets can be purchased from www.fairfieldflicks.org.uk
Adults £12.00, U16s £8.00

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St. Mark's Day

Our village church was named to honour St. Mark the Evangelist, whose feast day is on 25th April.

Mark was an Evangelist—one of the four men who wrote the Gospels found in the New Testament. Mark's Gospel was written first, and it is the shortest description of Jesus' life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. Mark's writings helped both Matthew and Luke to write their Gospels.

Mark was not one of the original Apostles, and he probably never knew Jesus. Instead, it is believed that he was a member of the first Christian community. In his writings, St. Peter refers to Mark as his "son." Peter may have used this term to show his love for Mark, or he may have used it because he was the one who baptized Mark. It is believed that Peter was the primary source for Mark's Gospel.

Mark travelled with Sts. Paul and Barnabas to spread the Good News about Jesus. During his imprisonment in Rome, Paul mentions Mark's concern for him and writes about how helpful Mark is in the ministry of helping others to believe in Jesus (Colossians. 4:10; 2 Timothy 4:11).

Mark founded the Church in Egypt and he became bishop of Alexandria, an important centre of trade and power during ancient times. He died there sometime between the years 68-74 AD as a martyr for his belief in Jesus.

Mark's Gospel is a lasting treasure for all believers. He wrote his Gospel to help people know that Jesus was the Son of God who suffered and died to save us from sin and death. When we read Mark's Gospel, we learn that to be a follower of Jesus, we, too, must be willing to make sacrifices, to "take up our cross and follow" (Mark 8:34) Jesus as he asks us to do.

The symbol for Mark is a lion with wings. That is because his Gospel begins with the story of John the Baptist, a "voice crying in the wilderness" (Mark 1:3), like the roaring of a lion. Lions are called the kings of the jungle. Mark's Gospel

tells us about Jesus' royalty as God's Son, a kingship we share through our Baptism.

We celebrate Saint Mark's feast day on April 25 and he is patron of Notaries, Venice, Barristers. His life and Gospel remind us to share the Good News about Jesus with others.

From Sea Lions to Sharks

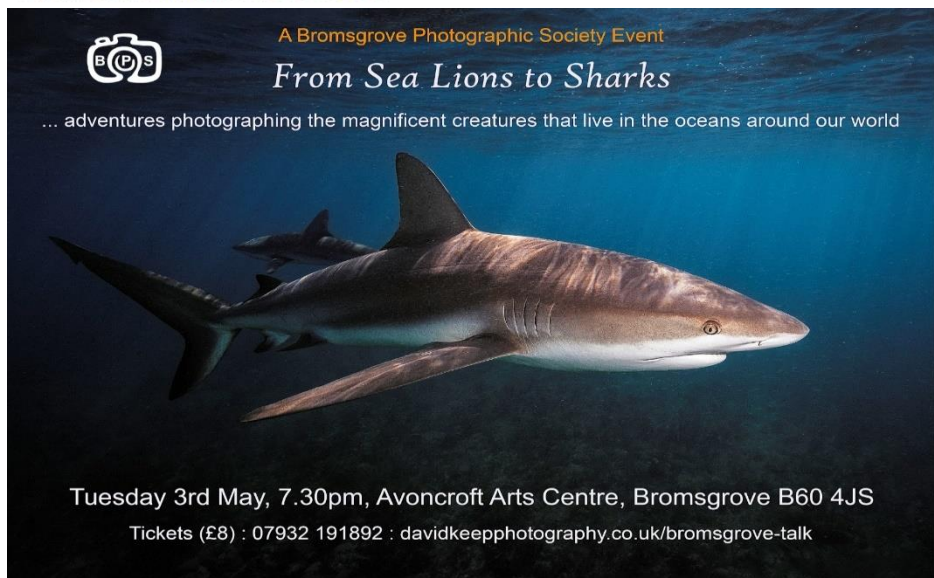
A presentation by award winning photographer David Keep

Tuesday 3rd May 2022, Avoncroft Arts Centre

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/from-sea-lions-to-sharks-tickets-234237991137>

We are very excited to be able to launch this amazing presentation at **AVONCROFT ARTS CENTRE, BROMSGROVE**, on 3rd MAY, titled '**FROM SEA LIONS TO SHARKS**' by renowned photographer **DAVID KEEP**. Tickets are limited. Members will be admitted free of charge but visitors will need to purchase a ticket, via the link below. See you all there!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/234237991137>



BPS

A Bromsgrove Photographic Society Event

From Sea Lions to Sharks

... adventures photographing the magnificent creatures that live in the oceans around our world

Tuesday 3rd May, 7.30pm, Avoncroft Arts Centre, Bromsgrove B60 4JS

Tickets (£8) : 07932 191892 : davidkeepphotography.co.uk/bromsgrove-talk

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Neighbourhood Watch

Help Keep Our Community Safe



Life's safer when you know your neighbours and the community pulls together.

If you see suspicious activity REPORT IT, online via <https://www.westmercia.police.uk> or telephone 101. If safe to do so, share your observations with us admin@fvca.org.uk so that we can make others aware.

What is Suspicious Activity?

If a vehicle/person feels out of place please report to the Police as suspicious activity, tel. 101. Even if something seems trivial to you, it's worth reporting as it could be important/vital information. Please remain vigilant at all times, and not just during anyone incident.

Is Your Property Security Marked?

Over the past few years, residents of Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stoneybridge have taken up the offer of receiving a FREE SmartWater kit, marking their property with this unique solution.

Please remember it is crucial that you put your SmartWater stickers in your doors & windows advertising that your property is security marked.

If you have moved into our community and would like a FREE SmartWater Security Marking Kit, email admin@fvca.org.uk

Coffee Mornings

1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month

Bournheath Village Community Centre

Meet & Catchup with other residents from the Fairfield-Bournheath Community

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Church Services at St. Mark's

2nd Sunday 11.15 am

Worship4ll - Family Service

4th Sunday 11.15 am

Holy Communion



**SATURDAY
SOCIAL**

Share Your
Thoughts



Coffee & Natter

Join us for a cuppa, catch up with friends, share your thoughts on community issues and get crime prevention advice

Village Hall

1st Saturday of each month: 10am – 11.30am

Weekly Activities at Fairfield Village Hall

Monday:

Line Dancing 7.30pm

Thursday:

Zumba 7pm – 8pm

Tuesday:

Sequence Dancing 7.30pm

Friday:

Taekwondo 6pm/7pm/8pm

Preschool: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9am – 3pm, Wed 9am – 12noon

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Diary

March

27th **The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde**, 7.30pm

April

2nd **Social Saturday**, Village Hall, 10am – 11.30am
9th **Village Spring Clean**, meet Village Hall, 10.30am
10th **Fairfield Flicks**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
11th **Fairfield Dining Group**, French Hen, 12.30pm
13th **Fairfield W.I.**, meet Village Hall, 7pm
20th **Fairfield Flicks**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
21st **Junior Flicks - Fairfield Flicks**, Village Hall, 11.00am
23rd **Celebrating England**, Village Hall, time (tbc)
24th **Northern Ballet's 'Merlin'**, Village Hall, 2.30pm
27th **Fairfield Flicks**, Village Hall, 2.15pm

May

7th **Social Saturday**, Village Hall, 10am – 11.30am
8th **Fairfield Flicks**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
11th **Fairfield W.I.**, meet Village Hall, 7pm
14th **Litter Pick**, meet Village Hall, 10.30am
14th **Eurovision Party**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
16th **Fairfield Dining Group**, Lord Morton's, noon
18th **Fairfield Flicks**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
16th **Fairfield Flicks**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
21st **Fairfield Dining Group**, The Dodford Inn, 12.30pm
25th **Fairfield Flicks**, Village Hall, 2.15pm
26th **Vegetable Society**, Village Hall, 7pm

June

4th **Jubilee Pageant**, Village Hall
5th **Jubilee Lunch & Pageant**, Village Hall

Fairfield Village Hall AGM

Wednesday 6th July 7.30pm

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