



Fairfield Village Community Association

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2019

Recreation Ground Car Park Extension

Three years' ago, residents suggested, and the Parish Council agreed in principal to extend the Recreation Ground car park, to relieve congestion on the road and on the footpaths. Planning advice was sought and, after receiving incorrect advice, it would appear that the Parish Council does not need planning permission to expand the car park.

At the residents' meeting on Saturday 6th July, residents were consulted as to their thoughts on the size and fabric of the extension.

Prior to the meeting, two residents had expressed to the Chair that they were against any expansion.

Other residents, not present, had indicated that they are in favour of an expansion by extending the car park in the direction of the Millennium Garden, stopping at the utility pole adjacent to the gate to the garden of 122 Stourbridge Rd.

The meeting agreed to the following proposals, that will be put to the Parish Council:

- The car park is extended in the direction of the Millennium Garden, stopping at the utility pole adjacent to the gate to the garden of 122 Stourbridge Rd.
- A lattice surface is adopted, to aid drainage.
- The creation of a wildflower area around the Community Orchard and behind the Millennium Garden, including a wet area taking water from areas that are prone to flooding.

Proposed Expansion of Fairfield First School

Fairfield First School has been chosen by the Local Authority (LA) to expand to a 1 Form Entry (1FE) School, to help ease the pressure on school places, across the town of Bromsgrove.

To do this the LA allocated funds to build one additional classroom. During the Feasibility Study it quickly became obvious that it would be cost effective to also replace the ageing mobile classrooms, currently in their 35th year on site.

As such, plans have been created to build 3 additional classrooms, on land belonging to the LA, to the rear of our school.

The Headteacher, Scott Smith, said “This, as I am sure you can imagine, is a very exciting prospect for everyone associated to Fairfield First.”

A ‘drop in’ was arranged on Tuesday 6th August for residents & interested parties to view the current plans and speak with the design team. These plans will also go on display within school, when they return in September.

County Hall will be submitting their planning application to the County Council later this year. As soon as the Community Association are aware of the planning notice, a message will be published on the Fairfield Facebook Page, Twitter Feed, e-Circular and website.

Speed Enforcement Update

Several residents have reported that they have not seen the Mobile Enforcement Officer in the village since late February.

The Community Association has contacted the Safer Road Partnership and the Operations Manager has informed us that they are experiencing some motorbike related staffing problem. The Operations Manager has said that 'It will be resolved over the next couple of months in the interim we have asked the local officers to pay some attention to the area.'

A further update has been received from our County Councillor, Shirley Webb:

"I have been advised by Safer Roads Partnership that the current motorcyclist who is off sick is just waiting for clearance to go back to riding from his specialist. The new recruit is yet to be fully trained, we are looking at mid August at the earliest to start."

"In the meantime i have asked our Safer Neighbourhood team when time allows, to spend time monitoring around my division."

So that we know how often the Local Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team are carrying out speed enforcement in the village, could residents email the Association when they see speed enforcement taking place – date, time, place of enforcement (and if possible) how long the officers were carrying out enforcement? Email admin@fvca.org.uk

Stourbridge Road Drains

Along with residents and the Parish council, FVCA has been lobbying the County Council to unblock the drain grids along Stourbridge Road.

In July we received the following message from Worcestershire Highways:

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“Just to keep you informed regarding the emptying of the gullies along Stourbridge Rd, there is a project in place to dig back the verges along Sandy Ln and jet the whole system, we will look to cleanse all the gullies along the Stourbridge Rd from the main island that joins Sandy Ln up to the motorway bridge (by the nursery) at the same time.”

“As you can appreciate it wouldn’t be cost or time effective to do these at separate times.”

On Friday 2nd August we received the following update from Worcestershire Highways:

“Ringway ... are looking to have the work completed by the end of September, this is due to the permits needed to be obtained, and the length of notice we need to give to obtain them.”

“Several operations will be carried out, overpainting of the carriage markings (where needed), cutting back of the verges and jetting of the drainage system, plus any other maintenance issues that can’t be done without traffic management.”

If no action is seen by the end of September, FVCA will be chasing.

Support Your Village Cafe

Bread, Milk and more on sale at Fairfield Cafe

Pop in for a full English breakfast, lunch or a Cream Tea.

Please support our Village Cafe, a lifeline for our older residents.

Smokers, make the pledge to Bin the Butt

Smokers please Bin The Butt - Don't Flick It

Our community litter pickers have noticed an increase in cigarette ends on the Recreation Ground and along the Village Roads.

As well as plastic, cigarette filters are comprised of thousands of chemical ingredients, including arsenic, lead and nicotine, all of which can leak into marine environments. According to studies, just one cigarette butt per litre of water is highly toxic to fish.



Toxins from the filter seep into the ground killing microscopic & small insects that are valuable to the food chain. Plastics also harm our local biodiversity.

Our #BinTheButt campaign aims to raise awareness amongst smokers and highlight the link between the cigarette butt they drop on the street, on the Rec. or down the drain and the impact it has on the our environment.

Black Country Foodbank

Donations of food, etc, would be most welcome, they especially need: Tinned potatoes, tinned veg. ready meals (ie macaoni cheese), Packets of instant mash, tinned fish, instant coffee, bottles of cordial/squash, cartons of fruit juice, tinned rice pudding/custard, cartons UHT milk, jars of cooking sauce, tinned meat pies/tomatoes/spaghetti Plus things like shaving foam/gel, adult toothpaste, toilet rolls, deodorant, Small boxes of washing powder, shampoo, etc

If you are able to assist with any of these items, please leave at the back of the St. Mark's Church (on the table).

Concerned Residents Querying Nextdoor Neighbour Letters

Residents have contacted FVCA querying letters that they have received from Nextdoor Neighbour.

There is a social media site called Nextdoor Neighbour that allows residents to share local information within a closed group; incidents, events, good news stories, etc.

The Nextdoor Neighbour website was founded in the USA and the operators have expanded to the UK; the site is operated and provided by Nextdoor EMEA Limited, an Irish company.

From comments left on internet, there has been a mixed reception to the Nextdoor Neighbour website – from our understanding the majority of dissatisfaction is from the sharing of information with 3rd parties, the “local information” posted on the website is often well received. [Local Information – We understand that the Neighbourhood people are being asked to join includes Bournheath, Belbroughton, Clent, Dodford, Hagley and the surrounding area]

We understand that if you sign-up you will agree to the collection of your data for marketing purposes that will be shared with third party organisations. It would appear that when residents sign up to the website, letters are being sent out to their neighbours to encourage them to sign up to the website too. FVCA have spoken to a couple of people whose name appears at the bottom of these letters and they were unaware that these letters were being sent out, Nextdoor Neighbour claim that authority was given.

Searching the internet, there are many complaints about “SPAM” letters from Nextdoor Neighbour. Nextdoor Neighbour have challenged these comments by saying:

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“The invitation you have received is from a neighbour that has verified at their address and chosen to send invitations to other residences in their neighbourhood to grow their Nextdoor network.”

“To be clear, we will never send out neighbour invitations on behalf of the member without the explicit permission of the member. Members are presented with the option to invite their neighbours when they join and through emails from time to time, however, members may choose to either ‘skip’ this step or choose not to click on the ‘send postcards’ button in the email. There is additionally an option to cancel postcards from the email if the member has accidentally sent invitations they no longer wish to send.”

“We are deeply committed to the privacy and security of our members, if this member doesn’t believe they have sent invitations from their account, we would like to review their account with them directly and are available on help@nextdoor.co.uk.”

Our advice to anyone wishing to join the Nextdoor Neighbour network is to read the site’s Member Agreement, Privacy Policy and Community Guidelines. We do not know whether there are privacy settings like Facebook.

FVCA encourages people to think carefully before joining sites and to do their research before subscribing and sharing personal information.

Recycling Reminder

Bromsgrove District Council are reminding residents not to put their recycling in bin bags or carrier bags. Bags and their contents are rejected at the Recycling Processing Centre.

Place items for recycling in the green bin and take any old carrier bags to your local supermarket, where it can be recycled.

Non-black plant pots can be placed in Recycling Bin. Black plant pots can be taken to Webbs Garden Centre.

Fishy Friday

Join other members of our community at Fairfield Café every Friday at 12noon for Fishy Friday.



Pepperwood Charcoal

Locally produced charcoal from sustainable wood source for sale.
contact the Pepperwood volunteers:

Tel: 0787 575 6698 Email jenkinhp@gmail.com

Social Wednesdays

1st Wednesday of each month 10.30am – 12noon at Bournheath Community Centre

2nd Wednesday of each month 2pm – 4pm at Fairfield Village Hall

3rd Wednesday 1.30pm – 3.30pm at Bournheath Community Centre

At Bournheath Community Centre: Use the book bank, play a game of table tennis or enjoy a chat & a slice of homemade cakes.

At Fairfield Village Hall: In the Main Hall there is Coffee & Natter, enjoy a cuppa and biscuits/cakes and have a good chat with other members of our community.

In the Committee Room we have Talk, Tea & Tech. Pop in and someone will help you use basic functions of your phone, tablet or laptop; e.g. sending text or email, searching the internet, online shopping and more.

We are looking for 'Online Champions'



Can you help us?

Do you know anybody that enjoys being online and enjoys helping others?

- Technology brings such a lot of benefits, however, in a society that is becoming increasingly connected, 'digital exclusion' is becoming a growing form of 'social exclusion'
- As part of our plans to **help tackle digital exclusion across North Worcestershire**, we are looking to develop a network of **Online Champions** who can visit local community groups and use their experience to help others with basic skills (such as getting online, using the internet for browsing, email or shopping, using Skype to make video calls etc) and with helping people to develop 'online confidence'
- Full training will be provided and anybody who gets involved will have the ongoing support of our existing team of Age UK BRWF IT Tutors and a member of the Age UK BRWF team

If you know anybody that might be interested in helping to make a difference for their local community, please contact

Jo Hughes on 01527 868855/ e: Jo.Hughes@ageukbrwf.org.uk

Floral Fairfield Blooms Again

Floral Fairfield this year has again been successful, with more properties looking blooming fantastic.

Rosemary James kindly judged this year's competition and the winners were announced during the public viewing of the Floral Art Competition. Gold and Silver star winner were presented with their certificates or, if not present, have been popped through their letterboxes.

Thanks to Rosemary for judging, Carol Edwards for chauffeuring Rosemary and to all residents for making their gardens, tubs & baskets look amazing, so that they can be seen and enjoyed by people passing by.

Certificate Winners

	Tubs & Baskets	Front Garden
Gold	16 Bournheath Rd	155 Stourbridge Rd
Silver	Fairview, Dordale Rd	47 Bournheath Rd
	34 Parish Hill	8 Wood Lane
	10 Stoneybridge	Glovers Meadow Farm
	8 Orchard Villas	2a Pepperwood Close
	108 School Drive	2 Pepperwood Close
	3 Wood Lane	124 Stourbridge Rd
	3 Pepperwood Close	
	14 Pepperwood Close	
	15 Pepperwood Close	
	65 Stourbridge Rd	
	29 Stourbridge Rd	
	9 Stourbridge Rd	
	85 Stourbridge Rd	
	105 Stourbridge Rd	
	142 Stourbridge Rd	

Village Hall Improvements

It has been a busy summer at the Village Hall.

Firstly, internally has been refreshed with decorators re-painting and re-varnishing the Hall.

Then contractors have installed external CCTV, improve lighting over the car park and along the entrance plus the installation of a projector, sound system and media player.

The CCTV installation & operation will be fully compliant with relevant legislation & ICO guidelines, the Village Hall policy will be available on the village website on the Village Hall web page.

The projector, sound system and media player will enable the Community Association and Village Hall committee to deliver film nights and afternoons.

Over the car park low energy, LED, lights will now come on automatically when it goes dark, remaining on until it becomes light. This will improve Hall User safety.

Villagers Get Creative with Floral Art

There were some creative and imaginative entries in our first Floral Art Competition that was held on Saturday 20th July, the theme was Super Heroes.

And the Gold Star winners are.....

Adults Class: Linda Garvin - "Sir Bradley Wiggins"

Community Class: St. Mark's - "War Horse"



Special credit to St. Mark's, the photo does it no justice, among the poppies were the trenches, barbed wire and a solitary horse.

Silver Star Certificates (Adult Category) were awarded to:

Mary Gibbs - "Spiderman" and Conrad Palmer - "Superman's Cape"



Village Hall Thanks

Fairfield Village Hall wishes to thank Cty Cllr Shirley Webb for the financial support she has given from the Divisional Fund that will enable the Hall to install CCTV, making our community venue a safe place to visit and to identify the perpetrator(s) of criminal damage.



Red Joan

Wednesday 25th September 2.00pm All tickets £3.00 each

The year is 2000 and Joan Stanley (Dench) is living in contented retirement in suburbia at the turn of the millennium. Her tranquil life is suddenly disrupted when she's arrested by MI5 and accused of providing intelligence to Communist Russia.

Cast: Sophie Cookson, Judi Dench, Tom Hughes

Director(s): Trevor Nunn	Runtime: 101 mins	Certification: 12A
Production Year: 2019	Release Date: 19/04/2019	Style: Drama

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

Wednesday 23rd October 2.00pm

All tickets £3.00 each

Set during the German occupation, Juliet Ashton (Lily James) is a free-spirited journalist, who forms a life-changing bond with the delightful and eccentric Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society.

Cast: Lily James, Jessica Brown Findlay, Michiel Huisman, Matthew Goode, Katherine Parkinson, Glen Powell

Director(s): Mike Newell	Runtime: 124 mins	Certification: 12A
Production Year: 2018	Release Date: 27/08/2018	Style: Romance, Drama, Comedy

Harvey and the Magic Museum (Junior Flicks)

Wednesday 30th October 11.00am

All tickets £3.00 each

(Free glass of squash for two children with every Adult hot drink purchased)

Young Harvie is a lively 10-year-old with one ambition: to see his name listed in the prestigious Gamers Hall of Fame. Unfortunately, he's forced to find a new source of entertainment when disaster strikes and his computer breaks...

NOTE: Children must be accompanied by an adult

Cast: Martin Dejdar, Ota Jirák, Petr Rychlý, Helena Stáchová

Director(s): Inna Evlannikova, Martin Kotik	Runtime: 87 mins	Certification: U
Production Year: 2019	Release Date: 15/03/2019	Style: Fantasy, Animation

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Five Feet Apart

Wednesday 30th October 7.30pm

All tickets £5.00 each

'Five Feet Apart' is the story of Stella Grant (Haley Lu Richardson) and Will (Cole Sprouse), two young people who fall in love while receiving treatment in hospital and refuse to be defined by the obstacles that separate them.

Cast: Haley Lu Richardson, Cole Sprouse, Claire Forlani, Parminder Nagra, Moises Arias, Ivy Dubreuil

Director(s): Justin Baldoni	Runtime: 116 mins	Certification: 12A
Production Year: 2019	Release Date: 12/04/2019	Style: Romance, Drama, Comedy

The Hustle

Wednesday 20th November 7.30pm

All tickets £5.00 each

In the hilarious new comedy 'The Hustle', Anne Hathaway and Rebel Wilson star as female scam artists, one low rent and the other high class, who team up to take down the dirty rotten men who have wronged them.

Cast: Anne Hathaway, Rebel Wilson, Tim Blake Nelson, Alex Sharp, Meena Rayann, Ingrid Oliver

Director(s): Chris Addison	Runtime: 92 mins	Certification: 12A
Production Year: 2019	Release Date: 10/05/2019	Style: Romance, Drama, Comedy

Hidden Figures

Wednesday 27th November 2.00pm All tickets £3.00 each

Based on true events. As the United States raced against Russia to put a man in space, NASA found untapped talent in a group of African-American female mathematicians that served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in U.S. history.

Cast: Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe, Kevin Costner, Kirsten Dunst, Jim Parsons

Director(s): Theodore Melfi	Runtime: 124 mins	Certification: PG
Production Year: 2016	Release Date: 26/06/2017	Style: Drama

Cinema Volunteers Needed

We need a team of volunteers to help deliver Fairfield Flicks. Joining a rota, volunteers will collect ticket money, serve refreshments, wash up cups/mugs and help put chairs away at the end of a film. Volunteers will need to be at the Hall 30 minutes before the start of a film.

Interested?

Email chair@fvca.org.uk Please indicate which of our Autumn scheduled shows you would like to help at and future volunteer frequency.



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Harvest Supper

This year's Harvest Supper will be on Wednesday 16th October at the Village Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm meal.

Join other residents from Fairfield, Wildmoor, Stoneybridge and the surrounding area for an enjoyable social evening and a hearty 3 course meal – with many of the ingredients sourced locally.

Ticket prices: To be confirmed (last year £10 each)

For further information, contact Mary Fairbain, tel. 01527 368008

Grot Free Fairfield

**2nd Saturday of each month (Jan – Nov),
meet outside Village Hall 10.30am.**



Donate an hour to keep our community tidy, let's banish GROT from our village. Wear suitable clothes & footwear. Litter picking equipment is provided.

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Our Volunteer Footpath Warden Needs Your Help

Could you help maintain the footpaths in the Fairfield Ward or the Belbroughton Ward?

Full training will be provided. Flexible volunteering.

Interested? Contact the Parish Clerk, tel. 01299 270722 email belbroughtonpc@live.co.uk

Have Your Say – It's YOUR Community

Join other residents to help shape where you live.

Relaxed, social, meetings are held at the:

Village Hall

1st Saturday of Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov 10am

Fairfield Villa Club House

1st Monday of Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec 7.30pm (bar open from 7pm)

The Community Association works for a better and sustainable community; building and maintaining pride in where we all live. We look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings.



Support Your Village Hall Join The 200 Club Winner

Only £1.00 a month, with jackpot prizes up to £200.00. All profits support Fairfield Village Hall. For an application form contact the Village Hall, fvca.org.uk/200-club or Linda Garvin, 83 Brook Road, Fairfield.

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Coffee & Chat

2nd Wednesday of each month at Fairfield Village Hall in the Main Hall, 2pm – 4pm

Pop in and meet other people from your community.

Coffee and Chat



Talk, Tea and Tech

Second Wednesday of each month at Fairfield Village Hall (Committee Room) 2pm – 4pm

Whether you want to send an email or text, buy from an online shop, upload images from your camera or Facetime a relative on the other side of world, Talk, Tea & Tech will be a relaxed, social activity that will help residents to understand technology and to improve digital inclusion.

It is never too old to be a Silver Surfer.



Sessions will take place in the Village Hall Committee Room on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and are £1.00 per person.

Bring your device, or if you do not have one turn up. Log in to the Village Hall WiFi and get connected.

CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

AND POSH CAKE COMPETITION

Saturday 5th October 10am – 12noon

Fairfield Village Hall



Fairfield Walkers

Get to know other members of your community and exercise at the same time, whilst enjoying our local countryside. Walks are usually 3 to 4 miles, with occasional longer walks.



Meet Fairfield Recreation Ground.

Wear suitable clothes and footwear. Dogs on lead are welcome.

Drive/Car Share to start of walk.

Next Walks: 3rd Thursday of Sept and Oct, meet 10am

Fairfield Dining Group – Getting to know your community

Social gathering of residents and friends of Fairfield & the surrounding area; get to know your community over a lunchtime meal.



Meals are held on the 3rd Monday of each month (Jan – Nov) at local pubs, restaurants and tea rooms, 12.30pm:

September 16th

The Ewe and Lamb, Hanbury

October 21th

The French Hen, Clent DY9 9PY

November 18th

The Swan, Fairfield

Please contact Pat Steward (01527 832360) if you wish to attend or require further information.

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Eyes Down for Rock and Roll

Bingo with a difference, instead of numbers it is music - Disco, Rock n Roll, Swinging 60s, Film Scores and more.

Come along to Fairfield Villa Cub House on Saturday 21st September

It's a 7.30pm start, bar open from 7.00pm start.

Only £5.00 for 4 games.

Profits from the Musical Bingo will support Fairfield Village Community Association, profits from the Bar support Fairfield Village Football Club.

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Volunteers needed to help manage Fairfield Village Hall

As a trustee you will, with other trustees, shape how the Hall is managed and work towards a sustainable future.

Trustees' Meeting are held on the first Wednesday of each month (except August) 7.30pm Village Hall (Barton Room).



Village Picnic

Despite the rain before the Village Picnic on Sunday 9th June, there was a lovely turnout on Sunday, with friends catching up and new friends being made.

The children did well in the races and it was nice to see the adults joining in with Tug-of-War, Sack and Egg & Spoon races.

It has been agreed to organize another picnic in 2020.

Thanks to everyone for supporting the event, to Charlie & Fairfield Villa for the bar and to Steve & Ellie for the ice cream bicycle.

Planters

The planters at both ends of the village have looked great this year with colourful displays. Thank you to all volunteers for helping to maintain our floral entrance to our community.



National Vegetable Society at Fairfield

All about Bees and Beekeeping by DAVID MILLS – 29th August

We are pleased to welcome David Mills who is a local man and he has been keeping Bees for 45 years. He is currently Vice President of the Worcestershire Beekeepers Association, a position he has held for the last 10 years. He began with a single hive at Far Forest. He now lives near Stourport and has 10 hives at various locations in the surrounding area.

As Growers we all appreciate the important role of Bees in our food chain, David is very enthusiastic about his hobby and will no doubt give us a better understanding of our Buzzing Friends.

This evening will also incorporate our Annual Show and the hall will be open for Staging from 7.00 to 7.55 pm. Judging to commence at 8.00 pm by our National Judge GRAHAM LINK FNVS.

There are Classes for both Experienced Growers and Novices/Beginners. This year we are introducing a new Class for NON MEMBERS/VISITORS to exhibit one dish of any single variety of vegetable(s). The DA has sponsored £10 Prize money for this Class.

All Exhibitors have FREE ENTRY to both the SHOW and the BEE TALK.

Anyone who would like a Show Schedule please contact Show Organiser Roy James.

There will be NVS books and growing guides on sale.

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New Members are welcome and there will be an opportunity to learn about other events and activities of the NVS. In the Midland Region.

For non members there is a £3 admission fee which includes Tea/Coffee and Biscuits.

Anyone interested in growing vegetables is welcome to attend.

Fairfield Village Hall is situated on the B 4091 (Stourbridge to Bromsgrove Road) about 2.25 miles from J4 on the M5. For anyone using Sat. Nav. the Post Code of the Village Hall is B61 9LZ.

If anyone requires a map, directions or other information please contact:
Roy James on Tel: 01527 831508 or email [roy_james2 @sky.com](mailto:roy_james2@sky.com) (preferred).

Keep up to date with FVCA community & Neighbourhood Watch news:

Register your email to receive e-circulars to your email box – send your email address to admin@fvca.org.uk

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Facebook facebook.com/fairfieldinformation

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Church Services at St. Mark's (subject to change)

First Sunday	Holy Communion	6.30pm
Second Sunday	Worship4All – Family Service	11.15am
Third Sunday	Holy Communion	11.15am
Fourth Sunday	Evening Praise	6.30pm
Fifth Sunday	Group Service	

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Residents Adopt A Smart Approach to Deter Burglars

In July, with the support from Sgt. Ram Aston and Community Volunteers, more properties have received their SmartWater Property Marking kits.

To date, our rollout has been fantastic, most properties in our community (Fairfield Ward) have received their kits. If you have not received a FREE property marking kit (worth £25.00) and you live in Fairfield, Wildmoor or Stoneybridge do get in touch, email admin@fvca.org.uk or pop along to a Residents' meeting.

Don't forget to put your SmartWater sticker in the window, front door, porch, back door, etc. When a criminal is looking for a property to target he/she will know not to bother with you as your property will have been marked.

Confusion: Postal address and the Fairfield Ward

There are a number of properties that have the postal address of Bournheath, Chadwich or Dodford that are in the Fairfield Ward (Belbroughton & Fairfield Parish).

How to tell which Parish & Ward you are in:

Check your Council Tax bill, this will tell you which Parish you are in. Which Polling Station do you go to, to vote? If Fairfield Village Hall, you live in the Fairfield Ward.

Fairfield ward includes properties in:

Barnes Close
Chadwich Manor Estate
Dordale Road
Harbours Hill
Madeley Road
Malthouse Lane
Middle Road
Mill Lane

Money Lane
Sandy Lane
Stoneybridge
Top Road
Third Road
Warbage Lane
Yarnold Lane



Fairfield Village Hall

The hall is available for hire and caters for all types of functions. Facilities include:

- Traditional dance floor;
- Large stage with stage curtains;
- Kitchen and bar area;
- Committee room;
- Car Parking on site;
- Projector screen;
- Hearing loop;
- Baby changing unit;
- Disabled toilet.



Booking and Enquiries:

Andrew 07762 749943

email: fairfieldvillagehall@outlook.com

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Charity Coffee Morning & Posh Cake Competition

On Saturday 5th October, there will be a Charity Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support & YANA (You Are Not Alone Mental Health Charity), between 10am- 12pm at Fairfield Village Hall.

At the coffee morning we will be holding a 'posh cake' competition (the equivalent of the Great British Bake Off 'showstopper'). After the judging, the entries will be sold for a small donation. Entries for this competition will be taken in between 10am -10.30am.

During the morning we will also be holding a raffle. Any items that you are willing to donate will be greatly received.

This event has been organized by Fairfield Village Community Association and Halesowen & Hagley Farmers' Club with the support of Fairfield Village Hall.

Please come and support this great event.

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Neighbourhood Watch News



Suspicious Garden Contractor

Report received of a Black van driving around the village on 27th June, driver claiming he needs to get rid of some gardening stuff. Chap claims he has been working at Catshill school. White man in his 50s with crooked front teeth. Shirt with logo on left side something like world gardening. Seemed very genuine at first until he offered the resident a garden bench!!

Catshill school has been contacted and it is not one of their contractors.

There have been further reports of a person visiting other properties in the Fairfield & Bournheath area.

12th June "Man aged 45-55, 5ft 10 to 6ft, short dark hair and stocky build called at my door and offered garden furniture for sale at a discount price following it being left over from a new build project in Fairfield! He offered no ID. He was wearing a green sweater with company name Worldwide Gardens and a logo on the left hand side of the sweater. After asking him some prices I then asked him where was the new build in Fairfield exactly and he could not be specific and was not sure as he said he was not local as he was from Suffolk. He was in a large black Peugeot van registration MA19 ***. He did not call on any of my neighbours. The incident has been reported to 101."

The police are aware and have reported to Regulatory Services.

Suspicious Activity

Please report any suspicious activity to the Police, tel. 101, and share information with FVCA so that other residents are aware.

Attempted Burglary

Attempted burglary on Thursday 18th July between 11.40am and 12.10pm on Mill Lane, Wildmoor. Thankfully they did not gain entry.

Please be extra vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police calling 101.

Attempted Burglary

Attempt burglary Saturday 6th July around 3.30pm in Woodcote Lane.

A grey Kia Sportage seen at an address with 2 males and female - Male Asian with a beard and other male with blonde hair.

Thanks to an observant neighbour who deterred the criminals.

Scam Alert

Elderly residents have reported to the Community Association that they have received automated telephone calls claiming to be Mastercard or Barclaycard saying that the resident owed money.

Fortunately, the residents, who do not have a Mastercard or an account with Barclays Bank, put the phone down.

We appeal to you to speak to your elderly neighbours to tell them about Scams and not to become a victim of fraud.

House Break-in

House broken into Dodford Rd Bournheath Wednesday 19th June between 9am and 2pm, jewellery taken. Any info call West Mercia on 101 ref 393190619

Scam Alerts

BT Scam

Reports from Norfolk Police (PC898) of a new scam involving a call purporting to be BT saying they will discount the phone bill by 35%. The caller knows

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details such as names address bills & phone usage BT have confirmed this is a SCAM. The number used was 02225604568.

Parking Fine Scam

Action Fraud have received an increase in reports and intelligence where elderly victims are being targeted by individuals purporting to be police officers or traffic wardens. The victims are being approached whilst parked in a car park and are told by the suspect that they have parked illegally or broken a speed limit and a photo has been taken of their car for 'evidence'.

Victims are advised that they will face a substantial penalty fine unless they pay a smaller upfront fee immediately. Victims, who opt for paying the smaller penalty, will be directed to a parking meter and asked to enter their card and PIN. These parking meters have been tampered with by the suspect in order to retain the card.

Once the victim inserts their card and are asked for their PIN, the victims are shoulder surfed for their PIN by the suspect. Once victims input their PIN, the card is retained by the machine and victims are told by the suspect to seek help from the company who operates the parking meter or their bank.

What you need to do

- If you are suspicious about the authenticity of the fine, do not pay it until you have verified it with your local council.
- Always shield your PIN from view when using an ATM machine, and never share your PIN with anyone.
- If your bank card is retained by an ATM machine, contact your bank immediately to inform them.

On the Beat – North Worcestershire

West Mercia Police have launched their 'On the Beat – North Worcestershire' newsletter, to view their first newsletter visit the Community Association's website Neighbourhood Watch Page.

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Beware of Nottingham Knockers

Nottingham Knockers (Bogus Doorstep Pedlars) are doorstep callers who target areas offering small household products for sale. These callers may claim to be ex-convicts attempting to mend their ways, however they are not part of any recognised rehabilitation scheme.



Please warn your neighbours, particularly elderly or vulnerable neighbours, not to open the door to strangers or buy or sell on the doorstep. Some doorstep callers may offer poor quality goods at inflated prices and if a caller is not genuine, they may be gathering information for future crime.

Please keep in mind that if cold callers don't get any sales in your area, they are less likely to return.

How they work

The sellers may say that they are on a "rehabilitation course" arranged by probation services or other organisations trying to find people work. This is not

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the case and often they are known criminals. Probation services do not run such schemes.

They may show a card which claims to be a “Pedlars Licence” or work permit.

A bag of household products (including the typical tea-towels!) is supplied at a minimal sum by the person who employs them. Once they sell enough to cover the cost of the products they get to keep anything else earned.

Usually they are deposited in an area from a transit van and given a list of streets to work. An hour or so later they are picked up and dropped off in another location. They often work from 9am to 9pm.

They will knock on a door, offering cleaning items which they know are cheap and of very poor quality; the householder also knows they are rubbish but that is part of the scam. Many people will purchase items and pay them something, just to get rid of them. There have been cases of elderly residents handing over large sums as these lads can be very persistent and confrontational.

The price for whatever has been purchased usually comes to a note; usually £10. The householder disappears to get the money, this is when the scam begins. When the note is handed over, the lad examines the condition and how long it took the person to get it. If it is crumpled, they accept it and move on. If it is crisp flat and new, they are much more interested and may engage the person in more conversation, to obtain details about them. As they leave they will smell the note. If it is slightly musty, this is an indication that there is more in the property. Those addresses are noted. The addresses of elderly / vulnerable / gullible people are all noted.

These are handed to the employer and there is a small amount of cash handed over for each one.

These addresses are then sold in prisons and pubs. If there is a later break-in, the employer expects a further cut of the proceeds.

These lists are purchased by all sorts of people including; tarmacers, tree workers, roofers, dodgy builders etc., and can be shared amongst the travelling

community. Once on a list, your address could be sold on and on. Hence the repeat nature of these persistent callers.

TURN THEM AWAY and PHONE THE POLICE

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Assisted bin collections

Are you unable or having difficulty to use the District Council's standard kerbside service?

The District Council will provide an assisted collection to you if you are unable due to infirmity, illness, or disability to move your bin to the kerbside and there is no-one in your household aged 16 or over who is able to move the bins to the kerb.

An assisted collection means the Council will collect recycling, household, or garden waste from a visible and accessible point on your property closest to road access, and then return any empty bins back to that point.

Assisted collections are agreed at the Council's discretion, subject to an initial assessment and regular re-assessments of infirmity, illness, or disability. The District Council will not provide assisted collections for any other reasons.

If you need help with your bin, phone 01527 881188 or email BSU@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk



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Weekly Activities at Fairfield Village Hall

Monday:

Line Dancing, Village Hall, 7.30pm

Thursday:

Zumba, Village Hall, 7pm – 8pm

Tuesday:

Dancing, Village Hall, 7.30pm

Friday:

Taekwondo, Village Hall,
6pm/7pm/8pm



Harvest Festival

This years' service will be on Sunday 13th October, starting at 11.15am, finishing noon, followed by drinks and biscuits.

Food donations will be given to the Black Country Foodbank.

Everyone Welcome.

Diary

September

- 7th **FVCA Residents' Meeting**, Village Hall, 10.00am
- 11th **Coffee & Chat/Talk, Tea & Tech**, Village Hall, 2pm
- 11th **Fairfield W.I., Village Hall, 7.30pm**
- 14th **Litter Pick**, meet Village Hall, 10.30am
- 16th **Fairfield Dining Group**, Swan Inn, Fairfield, 12.30pm
- 19th **Fairfield Walkers**, Meet Fairfield Rec, 10.00am
- 21st **Musical Bingo**, Fairfield Villa Club House, 7.30pm
- 25th **Fairfield Flicks**, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 25th **Bingo**, Village Hall, 7.30pm

October

- 5th **Charity Coffee Morning**, Village Hall, 10am – 12noon
- 7th **FVCA Residents' Meeting**, Fairfield Villa Club House, 7.30pm
- 9th **Coffee & Chat/Talk, Tea & Tech**, Village Hall, 2pm
- 9th **Fairfield W.I., Village Hall, 7.30pm**
- 12th **Litter Pick**, meet Village Hall, 10.30am
- 13th **Harvest Festival**, St. Mark's, 11.15am
- 16th **Harvest Supper**, Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start
- 17th **Fairfield Walkers**, Meet Fairfield Rec, 10.00am
- 21st **Fairfield Dining Group**, Swan Inn, Fairfield, 12.30pm
- 23rd **Fairfield Flicks**, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 23rd **Bingo**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 30th **Junior Fairfield Flicks**, Village Hall, 11.00am
- 30th **Fairfield Flicks**, Village Hall, 7.30pm

November

- 2nd **FVCA Residents Meeting**, Village Hall, 10.00am
- 9th **Litter Pick**, meet Village Hall, 10.30am
- 13th **Coffee & Chat/Talk, Tea & Tech**, Village Hall, 2pm
- 13th **Fairfield W.I., Village Hall, 7.30pm**
- 18th **Fairfield Dining Group**, Swan Inn, Fairfield, 12.30pm
- 20th **Fairfield Flicks**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 27th **Fairfield Flicks**, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 27th **Bingo**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 28th **Vegetable Society**, Village Hall, 7pm