

Fairfield Village Community Association

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2021



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Fairfield Village Community Association, a group of residents working hard for Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stoneybridge.

Social Saturdays to Resume

Starting 2nd October, on the first Saturday of each month, pop down to the Village Hall for Coffee & Natter with friends, community updates, share your views/concerns, there will be crime prevention films, guest speakers plus visits from our Local Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Fairfield Facts

Well known for her association with Coventry, according to legend on the 10th July in 1040 Lady Godiva rode naked on horseback through Coventry on Market Day to lower the taxes that her husband imposed on his tenants. But did you also know that Lady Godiva's husband, Leofric, Earl of Mercia, was Lord of the Manor of Fairfield.

Community Litter Picks

Our next Community Litter will be on Saturday 11th September, then on Saturday 9th October and 13th November. Volunteers are needed to help tidy our roads and open spaces. All we ask is that you donate an hour, the more volunteers the more we can do. Meet outside the Village Hall at 10.30am. Wear suitable clothing, litter picking equipment will be provided.



Meet Your Neighbourhood Team

For the past few months, roughly every 5 weeks, West Mercia Police's Bromsgrove North Safer Neighbourhood Officers, joined by a representative of your Community Association & Neighbourhood Watch Group, have been holding "pop up" surgeries in the village, which have proven to be successful. Future surgeries will take place at Social Saturday events (see page 2) or at shortage notice, details posted on the village Facebook page, Twitter feed, website and e-Circular.

Please pop by and say hello and share any concerns or just for chat. It would be very nice to see you, even if it is for 5 minutes. Tea/Coffee and biscuits are usually available.

THE FAIRFIELD CAFE OPENING HOURS

Monday - Friday 9.30am - 2.30pm Saturday 9.30am - 1.30pm Sunday Closed

Last kitchen orders 1 hour before closing.

Please phone orders ahead wherever possible to avoid waiting & queues on 01527 435019

Village Hall Update

The Village Hall has reopened, following Covid-19 Restriction being lifted, and many of our regular hirers have resumed their activities.

The Village Hall trustees take the safety of all users very seriously and have adopted best practice to protect everyone that uses our facilities.

If you hire or attend an event/activity at the Village Hall, we strongly request that you adopt the advice that we have received, see below.

Even though the capacity for using the Hall has been lifted, please continue to Covid-risk assess your activity/event, it may be that a responsible cap' should be adopted for the event/activity that is taking place. Please encourage people who are attending your event/activity to:

- not enter the Village Hall if they have or display Covid-19 symptoms or when they should be isolating,
- wear face coverings,
- use the hand sanitiser,
- "check in" with NHS Test and Trace Update (or use a register),
- ventilate the building,
- wipe down touched surfaces,

Should someone become infected with Covid-19 by attending an event/activity at Hall where the event/activity organisers have not taken reasonable steps to control the spread of a communicable infection, it is possible that the event/activity organiser could be held liable.

The trustees will continue to review our protocols and, should it be required, are not afraid to impose local restrictions for using the Village Hall. We call on all Hall users to do their part for keeping our Hall safe for all the people that use it.

Farmers ask for patience, as they help feed the nation

There are currently lots of tractor movements on the road, collecting this year's harvest.

If you are stuck behind a tractor, please be patient and only overtake if it is safe to do so. When it is safe to do so the tractor driver will pull over to let you pass.

Remember: Farmers have only a limited time window to get in the crops and what they are doing will help feed the nation.

Your patience is greatly appreciated.

Released Balloons Can Kill

Balloons help mark an event, and they are also lethal when released.

Balloons have been found on several occasions over the past few months in or near fields with livestock in them. In addition to being unsightly, spoiling our beautiful countryside, balloons can kill livestock – cattle have been known to eat balloons that end up stuck in their throat, choking them to death. Please dispose of balloons with your general waste and not release them.

Ultrafast Broadband Speeds to Fairfield Properties

FULL FIBRE is now available to many properties in Fairfield Village, offering Ultrafast Speeds.

- To check if fibre is available to your property visit www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband
- Contact your internet service provider to upgrade your package see what deals they are offering.
- Your Internet Service Provider will arrange for an engineer to visit your property to install the fibre connection. Connection is usually free, you may have to pay P&P for the new router.

YOUR Village Hall is under THREAT

Without YOUR HELP the Hall may have to close





Opened in 1979, the current building replaced the wooden Church Hall that was built in 1926.

The Village Hall continues to serve the community as a place of recreation, education, and community gatherings. Regular activities that take place include:

Fairfield Flicks
Zumba
Taekwondo
Women's Institute
Preschool
Fuchsia Roadshow
National Vegetable Society
Spring Lunch and Harvest Supper
Carols Around the Christmas Tree
Bingo

Line Dancing
Sequence Dancing
Charity Coffee Morning
Social Drop-ins & Interesting
Speakers
Touring Theatre & Live Music
Produce & Flower Show
Community Gatherings
New Year's Party

Managed by a team of volunteers, the Hall is in urgent need of more people to join the Committee of Management and to serve as a trustee. Due to age or moving out the village, the current committee consist of 5 residents and 1 hirer.

Over recent years, the Village Hall committee have overseen many projects that have enhanced our community building, including installation of HD projector & media system, replacement of the Hearing Loop, converting light fittings to LED, investment in a Heating Management system, refurbishment of the Oak Floor, resurfacing of car park entrance and installation of CCTV.

The Hall is in urgent need of volunteers to join the committee, to help manage and maintain our fantastic community asset. Without your help the future of the Hall and its vibrancy is in doubt. Your time commitment is one meeting a month, plus whatever task you volunteer to assist with.

If you would like to help YOUR Village Hall, please email chair@fvh.org.uk



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

Large stage;
 Hearing loop;

- Traditional dance floor;
 Projector screen;
- Kitchen and bar area;
 Baby changing unit;
- Committee room:
- Car Parking on site;
- Disabled toilet:

Recently installed media facilities include:

- · Wi-Fi, Media Player;
- · High Definition Projector;
- HDMI Port:
- PA System:
- Seating for up to 120 people.
 5m Wide Projector Screen.

For Booking and Enquiries Call: Booking Secretary 07762 749943

email: bookings@fvh.org.uk website: www.fvh.org.uk

NEW Village Hall website & email addresses: visit www.fvh.org.uk

What is Fairfield 200 Club?

Members of the 200 club buy one or more numbers which go into a monthly draw. There are 200 numbers in total. The subscription is only £1 per month for each number. Over the course of the year £1500 is given out as prizes and the remainder (up to £900) goes into Fairfield Village Hall funds. Twice per year the top monthly prize is £200.

You may have been resident in the Fairfield area for a number of years and never got around to joining or you may be new to the village.

Either way, please consider giving your support by joining the 200 Club. Most members pay £12 annually for each number.

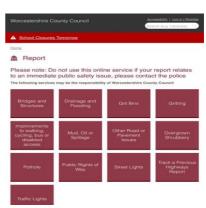
Further details and application forms can be found on the website http://fvca.org.uk/200-club/. Alternatively, please contact the Administrator (details below).

If you wish to join the 200 Club, please take the completed form(s) and subscriptions to the Administrator or contact her and she will collect them.

The 200 Club Administrator is: Linda Garvin, 83 Brook Road, Fairfield, 01527 834935

See It - Report It

Are you fed up with potholes in the road? The poor state of footpaths? Overgrown shrubbery? Etc etc. Then report it online it's easy and only takes a few moments. Let's get thing done! Just go online! Worcester County Council. **Report it**.



https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report_it

Fairfield Flicks is BACK!

Fairfield Flicks is a voluntary run Community cinema experience showing top films for you to enjoy. Our goal is to bring our community together.

Turn the page to see our autumn film schedule. Please come along, make yourself comfortable and enjoy a cinematic experience at your village hall. To add to the comfort, bring a cushion & slippers.

Refreshments are available, and now includes WINE!

For full movie details and to buy advance tickets visit www.fairfieldflicks.org.uk

Booking & Visitor Instructions

For the safety of all and in compliance with good practice, please follow our cinema booking instructions:

- Pre-book to avoid disappointment via the Fairfield Flicks website using the TicketLab box office, see page detailing each film screening. Door sales will be possible for any unsold tickets. To reduce cash handling, payment by card will be accepted.
- You must not enter the Village Hall if you or anyone in your household has COVID-19 symptoms.
- Maintain social distancing as far as possible.
- Use the hand sanitiser provided on entering the premises. Clean your hands often. Soap and paper towels are provided.
- Avoid touching your face, nose, or eyes. Clean your hands if you do.
- "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it". Tissues should be disposed of into one of the rubbish bins.
- Face coverings are encouraged, face masks and shields can be purchased from the foyer.
- Wash your clothes when you get home to reduce risk of transmission.
- Cushions are permitted, for personal comfort only.

FairfieldFlicks

Fairfield Village Hall, Stourbridge Road, Fairfield, B61 9LZ

www.fairfieldflicks.org.uk

Daytime £4.00—Evenings £5.00

Advanced Booking Advisable to Avoid Disappointment



15th Sep	7.30pm	Military Wives (12)
22nd Sep	2.15pm	Citizen Kane (U)
29th Sep	7.30pm	Supernova (15)
10th Oct	7.30 pm	Green Book (12)
20th Oct	7.30pm	TBC
25th Oct	11.00am	Monster Family (U)
27th Oct	2.15pm	Alone in Berlin (12)
14th Nov	7.30 pm	The Zookeeper's Wife (12)
17th Nov	7.30pm	Finding Your Feet (12)
24th Nov	2.15pm	Breakfast at Tiffanys (PG)



Military Wives (12)

Wednesday 15th September 7.30 pm

With their partners away serving in Afghanistan, a group of women on the home front form a choir and quickly find themselves at the center of a media sensation and global movement.



Genre(s) Comedy, Drama

Approx. running minutes 108m

Cast Sharon Horgan, Teresa Mahoney, Lara Rossi, Amy James-Kelly, Kristin Scott Thomas, Jason Flemyng

Citizen Kane (U)

Wednesday 22nd September 2.15 pm

A Golden Flicks Film (Subtitled)

In his film debut, the 25-year-old Orson Welles created an enduring masterpiece in Citizen Kane, an innovative, cinematic character study. The story unfolds in flashbacks as a reporter researches the life of the



wealthy and powerful newspaper magnate Charles Foster Kane.

Genre(s) Comedy

Approx. running minutes 114m

Cast Orson Welles, Joseph Cotton, Dorothy Comingore, Agnes Moorehead, Ruth Warrick, Ray Collins, Everett Sloane

Supernova (15)

Wednesday 29th September 7.30pm

Sam and Tusker are travelling across England in their old campervan visiting friends, family and places from their past. Since Tusker was



diagnosed with young-onset dementia two years ago their lives have had to change.

Genre(s) Drama

Approx. running minutes 95m

Cast Colin Firth, Pippa Haywood, Stanley Tucci

Green Book (12)

Sunday 10th October 7.30pm

Black History Month

Set in America in 1962, Green Book tells the heart-warming true story of Tony Lip, a working-class Italian-American bouncer who takes on a job as a chauffeur for Dr. Don Shirley, a highly-educated African-American classical pianist.



Genre(s) Comedy, Drama

Approx. running minutes 124m

Cast Mahershala Ali, Linda Cardellini, Viggo Mortensen, Iqbal Theba, Dimeter Marinov, Mike Hatton

Monster Family (U)

Monday 25th October 11am

Children's Movie - Autism Friendly Screening

All children must be accompanied by an adult

The Wishbone family are far from happy. In an attempt to reconnect as a family, Mum and Emma plan a fun night out. However, her plan backfires when an evil witch curses them, and they're all turned into Monsters.



Genre(s) Comedy, Animation Approx. running minutes 89m

Voices of Jessica Brown Findlay, Nick Frost, Jason Isaacs, Emily Watson, Catherine Tate, Celia Imrie

Alone in Berlin (12)

Wednesday 27th October 2.15pm

Otto and Anna Quangel receive news that their only son has been killed on the battlefield. Already disillusioned with The Führer and The Fatherland, Otto begins a campaign of civil disobedience, supported by his wife, whilst the head of the police force tries to track down the dissenters.



Genre(s) Drama Approx. running minutes 99m

Cast Brendan Gleeson, Mikael Persbrandt, Emma Thompson, Daniel Bruhl, Louis Hofmann, Katharina Schuttler

The Zookeeper's Wife (12)

Sunday 14th November 7.30pm

The film tells the true story of how Jan and Antonina Żabiński rescued hundreds of Polish Jews from the Germans by hiding them in their Warsaw zoo during World War II.



Genre(s) Drama

Approx. running minutes 121m

Cast Jessica Chastain, Johan Heldenbergh, Daniel Bruhl, Jitka Smutna, Shira Haas, Waldemar Kobus, Timothy Radford, Efrat Dor, Iddo Goldberg, Michael McElhatton

Finding Your Feet (12)

Wednesday 17th November 7.30pm

On the eve of retirement a middle class, judgmental snob discovers her husband has been having an affair with her best friend and is forced into exile with her bohemian sister who lives on an impoverished inner-city council estate.



Genre(s) Drama, Comedy

Approx. running minutes 107m

Cast Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie, Indra Ove, Timothy Spall, David Hayman, Joanna Lumley

Harvest Flicks - A film will be screened Wednesday 20th October, 7.30pm. All proceeds will be donated to St. Mark's Church. Film details will be released sometime in September.

Breakfast at Tiffany's (PG)

Wednesday 24th November 2.15pm

A Golden Flicks Film

A young New York writer sponsored by a wealthy woman falls in love with the charming, impulsive and eccentric call girl that lives next door. Based on a story by Truman Capote. The winner of 2 Academy Awards including Best Song.



Genre(s) Comedy

Approx. running minutes 115m

Cast Audrey Hepburn, George Peppard, Mickey Rooney.

Refreshments

Wine (White/Red/Rose)

125ml / £3.50

175ml/£4.00

250ml / £4.50

Coffee /£1.00

Tea /£1.00

Squash /50p

Snacks

Popcorn /£1.00

Magnum / £2.00

Volunteers needed to help Front of House, interested?

Email admin@fvca.org.uk

Do you leave a dog waste bag with the intention of picking it up later?

Please don't. Why?

- 1) You will probably forget about the bag or where you have put the bag;
- 2) By the time you have got back to the bag it is likely that you will have passed a dog waste bin.

The bag pictured was left near the entrance to Pepper Wood (off Wood Lane) for over two hours, half-way between the Pepper Wood and Wood Lane dog waste bins.



Watch what you wash away

It might surprise you to know that some medication, cleaning products and toiletries which are commonly used in the home can actually be harmful to wildlife and watercourses when they are washed down our sinks and into the drains.

Products containing anti-bacterial agents such as triclosan can have an impact on water quality which in turn impacts upon habitats and wildlife, and microplastics (including synthetic fibres from clothes) pass through the food chain from invertebrates to fish to predators such as otters.

Switching to biodegradable and environmental friendly products and checking the ingredients list for plastic derivatives is a simple way we can all reduce our impact and help maintain water quality in our water courses.

The Wildlife Trusts has some good advice on watching what you wash away here: https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/watch-what-you-wash-away

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.

Neighbourhood Matters

West Mercia Police have launched Neighbourhood Matters, their brand new community messaging service! Through Neighbourhood Matters you can sign up for local alerts, receive information about crime in your area, find out about police events and more. Sign up now https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk



www.fvca.org.uk admin@fvca.org.uk

Take Five to stop fraud

Criminals are experts at impersonating people, organisations and the police. They spend hours researching you for their scams, hoping you'll let your guard down for just a moment. Stop and think. It could protect you and your money.

STOP: Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

CHALLENGE: Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

PROTECT: Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud.

Shout Out Your Property Is Marked

Over the past three 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



What 3 Words

Three words for a faster emergency response.

To find you more easily in an emergency, West Mercia Police, Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service and many other UK Emergency Services are encouraging you to share your 3 word address.

What is what3words?

what3words has divided the globe into 3m squares and given each one a unique 3 word address. It means everywhere can be located with just three words. For example ///kite.chats.dine will take you to a precise spot in a field next to the River Ouse in York. what3words is available as a free app for iOS and Android and online map at map.what3words.com.

How do I use what3words in an emergency?

Find the 3 word address for your current location on the free what3words app for iOS and Android. It works offline – ideal for areas with unreliable data connection.

Share your 3 word address over the phone to the call handler.

The emergency service can then coordinate a response directly to the exact location where help is needed.

Do you have scam mail?

The National Trading Standards Team are cracking down on Scam Mail and they need your assistance. Please send your Scam Mail to the National Trading Standards Team, write the date you received the mail on its envelope, then pop it into any mailbag or envelope and send to the National Trading Standards Team using this address:

FREEPOST NTSST MAIL MARSHALS

Your Bin is Wheelie Useful

Please be aware that wheelie bins can be used by burglars as climbing aid to help gain access to your property. Make sure your wheelie bins are out of sight of burglars. Store or secure it away until collection day.

Did you know that wheelie bins can be used in the following ways by burglars and criminals:

As climbing aid to help them gain access to your property... Would be burglars can your wheelie bin and climb on top of it to help them scale your garden wall or fence.



As an indicator as to whether or not you are at home... Wheelie bins left out in the street can be an indication that you have not yet returned home from work. Consider asking a trusted neighbour if they would be kind enough to collect your wheelie bins from off the side of the road after they have been emptied.

As a removal aid to help take the items away that they have stolen... Burglars and thieves can use any insecure and accessible

wheelie bins as a carrying cart to take away any items they have stolen from your property.

To find out information about you... Criminal can search through your wheelie bins looking for any personal information which may be contained in discarded letters and documents. This information can then be used to aid in identity theft. Ensure you destroy all discarded personal documentation, ideally by shredding it.

To start small fires... Criminals and vandals can use wheelie bins to help set small fires which can easily spread out of control and cause damage to your property and in extreme cases endanger life.



Don't Help an Unwanted Intruder

Please secure any ladders or other items that are stored on your property in order to help prevent opportunist burglars from using them to help gain access into your house.

Quizzing To Steal Your Personal Information

Popular Facebook quizzes often ask users to answer a series of sharable personal questions, ranging from the name of their pet to their birth city. Some people see them as a fun way to bond with friends, or a way to make new ones. But many of these queries are similar, if not identical, to security questions used by banks and other institutions.

Telephone Scams

Criminals call people pretending to be from all sorts of different organisations.

Whether they claim to be from the bank, police, government or anything else remember to Stop, Challenge & Protect. You can always hang up & contact the organisation directly on a known email address or number.

Domestic abuse support



West Mercia Women's Aid Worcestershire 0800 980 3331 (24 hr)

Herefordshire, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin 0800 783 1359 (24 hr)

Respect (Men's advice line) 0808 801 0327

Worcestershire Male Domestic Abuse Helpline 0800 014 9082 (Tuesdays 11am-3pm)

National Domestic Violence Helpline 0808 200 0247 (24 hr)

Delivery text messages and emails

There have been several reports of scam text messages and emails claiming to be from a well-known delivery service such as Royal Mail, FedEx, UPS, Yodel and Hermes.

Messages state that a delivery has been missed and that the recipient will need to rearrange a delivery or that it has a shipping fee associated with the package. It will contain a link which will direct the consumer to a phishing website designed to look like the official website where consumers can make payment.

If in doubt, don't click the link. Take Five and think about what is being asked; are you expecting a delivery? Would it require a shipping fee if you have? Royal Mail will only send email and SMS notifications to customers where the sender has requested this when using their trackable products that offer this service.

The only time Royal Mail would ask customers to make a payment in an email or SMS is if a customs fee is due. In this case, they will also leave a grey card telling them there's a fee to pay, either for the international customs fee or a surcharge for an underpaid item before they can release the item.

You can forward suspicious text messages to 7726 and suspicious emails on to report@phishing.gov.uk

Nominated Neighbour Scheme

Nominated Neighbour scheme is designed to deter cold callers and rogue traders and can help neighbours work together to give cold callers the cold shoulder.

A bright yellow Nominated Neighbour sticker, prominently displayed shows potential callers that their identity will be checked by a trusted neighbour and they will only been seen if accompanied by a known and trusted person.

All it takes is a neighbour, family friend or family member to agree to be nominated and any callers will be directed to them for their identity to be verified.

The scheme makes it clear to any callers that their identity will be checked, deterring those callers who are not genuine.

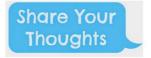
The nominated neighbour scheme is funded by West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner to help reduce doorstep crime. It is free and delivered to homes by the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership represented by Council Community Safety officers or your local police officers.

In addition to the Nominated Neighbour window sticker, a pack containing useful information on keeping safe is also provided as part of the scheme.

Further information and details of how to join the scheme can be made by contacting Community Safety at Bromsgrove District Council by calling on 01527 534187 or email at community safety@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk











Coffee & Natter

2nd October & 6th November 10am – 11.30am

Join us for a cuppa, catch up with friends, share your thoughts on

Diary

September

8th Fairfield W.I, Village Hall, 7.30pm
11th Litter Pick, meet Village Hall, 10.30am
15th Fairfield Flicks, Village Hall, 7.30pm
22nd Fairfield Flicks, Village Hall, 2.15pm
29th Fairfield Flicks, Village Hall, 7.30pm

October

2nd Social Saturday, Village Hall, 10am - 11.30am Litter Pick, Village Hall, 7.30pm 9th Harvest Festival, St. Mark's, 11.15am 10th Fairfield Flicks, Village Hall, 7.30pm 10th 13th Fairfield W.I, meet Village Hall, 10.30am Harvest Flicks, Village Hall, 7.30pm 20th 25th Fairfield Flicks, Village Hall, 11.00am 27th Fairfield Flicks, Village Hall, 2.15pm

November

Monday:

Social Saturday, Village Hall, 10am – 11.30am 6th 10th Fairfield W.I, Village Hall, 7.30pm Litter Pick, meet Village Hall, 10.30am 13th 14th Remembrance Service, 10.45am 14th Fairfield Flicks, Village Hall, 7.30pm Fairfield Flicks, Village Hall, 7.30pm 17th 24th Fairfield Flicks, Village Hall, 2.15pm 25th Vegetable Society, Village Hall, 7pm

Weekly Activities at Fairfield Village Hall

Line Dancing 7.30pm	Zumba 7pm – 8pm
Tuesday:	<u>Friday</u> :
Sequence Dancing 7.30pm	Taekwondo 6pm/7pm/8pm

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

www.fvca.org.uk admin@fvca.org.uk

Thursday: