



Fairfield Village Community Association

NEWSLETTER
SUMMER 2023



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

Village Picnic a Village Success

The rain held off, and the sun shone down on our village picnic at the Recreation Ground on Sunday 9th July.

Approximately 50 people, of all ages, joined in with fun; playing giant Connect 4, jumbo Jenga, looking around the police van & motorbikes, enjoying Punch & Judy and taking part in the competitive (friendly) activities, with adults & children taking part in the sack race and tug of war.

Huge thanks to everyone attended, the behind-the-scenes support by the FVCA volunteers, the Parish Council for allowing us to hold this event on the Recreation Ground, to West Mercia Police for the van & motorbikes and Professor Chandler for his brilliant Punch & Judy show.



Basic First Aid Course

Following the success of the course that took place in April, we have commissioned a second Basic Emergency First Aid course that will take place on Wednesday 25th October.

Full details of the course & how to book your place can viewed by visiting www.fvca.org.uk or by emailing admin@fvca.org.uk



STOP THE QUARRY

The owners of Wildmoor Quarry seek to expand their operations, which could see the quarry expand closer the village, towards Swan Lane and the properties opposite the Swan Inn. It is expected that a formal planning application will be submitted to the County Council later in the year, however, we do know what was being considered when the owners of the quarry sought a scoping opinion last year:

- continuation of existing activities at the site;
- extend phased quarrying activities on land to the west and southwest measuring approximately 11.29 hectares;
- to extract approximately 2.6 million tonnes of sand over a 13-year period, equating to approximately 200,000 tonnes per annum;
- the phased restoration of the site utilising both in-situ material and approximately 3,220,000 tonnes of inert restoration material, equating to approximately 210,000 tonnes per annum over approximately 15 years and 3 months;
- to include a material recycling facility (MRF) to recover approximately 1,071,000 tonnes of recycled materials from the imported Construction, Demolition & Excavation (CD&E) materials, equating to approximately 70,000 tonnes per annum.

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



Concerned for the potential negative impact that an expanded impact will have on the community, an action group has been formed, to try to stop the quarry expansion and to support those residents that wish to oppose the quarry expansion.

As new information becomes available, we will communicate this to you via the Community Association's e-Newsletter, Facebook page and hard copy newsletter. In the coming months, public meetings will be held, which we encourage all residents to attend.

Can you or someone you know help us? We need assistance to be able to understand the technical bits of the planning application. If you have expertise in mineral extraction or planning law, we will value your input. Email: stopthequarry@fvca.org.uk

We also need assistance with our communications, writing updates & press releases, and we also need to raise money to fund the Stop The Quarry campaign. If you can assist Email: stopthequarry@fvca.org.uk

Once the planning application is published, we will use our communication channels to notify residents. **We encourage residents to respond to this planning application.**

Drainage & Flooding, Who Does What?

There are a number of different organisations with an interest in drainage and flooding issues and knowing who to report a problem to is often confusing. With recent weather and the increased risk of flash flooding from thunderstorms and heavy downpours, we thought we'd remind you of who you need to contact for each type of flooding.

If you have any concerns please report it to the appropriate organisations:

- Worcestershire County Council highways on 01905 765 765 or <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/drainage-and-flooding-highway> for highway flooding or blocked gullies
- Severn Trent for sewer flooding or burst water mains on 0800 783 4444, or by using the online reporting tool here: <https://www.stwater.co.uk/in-my-area/check-my-area/>
- The Environment Agency Floodline on 0345 9881 1188 for main river flooding
- North Worcestershire Water Management on 01562 732191 for ordinary watercourse issues or surface water flooding

If you need assistance from your local council outside of normal office hours over the weekend please contact your local council's out of hours service: Bromsgrove District Council on 01527 871 565



Saturday 9th September 10.30am

Show the World We Love Our Village

We'll be tidying the church yard, washing signage & litter picking. Bring gardening tools or a bucket & sponge.

Meet outside Village Hall

It's Your Home, Your Village, Your Community – Be Part of THE BIG TIDY UP

Arm yourself with loppers, shears and/or a bucket & sponge, please do your bit for **Where You Live** on Saturday 9th September, as we tidy the church yard and clean signage around the village.

Meet outside the Village Hall 10.30am

Join the Fairfield 200 Club?

Thanks to all of you that subscribe to the 200 Club, last year you helped raise £552.00 for the Village Hall. During 2022, cash prizes won totalled £1500.00

If you are not a member of the 200 Club, why not join today? Or double your chances of being a winner by subscribing to a second number?

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



By Supporting Us, We Can Support You & Our Community

By supporting a FVCA initiative (Foodie Fairfield, Fairfield Flicks, The Wednesday Social, Tae Chi, etc) you are helping to develop community cohesion & local pride, and are raising funds that pays for the benefits that the Community Association provides, e.g. subsidized activities, newsletters, crime prevention booklets, picnic entertainment, mulled wine & mince pies at Christmas, etc.

Your support is very much appreciated. Thank you. Without YOU we would not have the community that we all enjoy.

If you have not yet supported one of activities, please do.



Your Health Van To Visit Fairfield

Sunday 3rd September 10am – 4pm: SW Healthcare are currently running a project called 'Your Health' which is an outreach health project, taking a variety of health services and support out into the community on van to address healthcare needs and services for registered and unregistered patients. **Pop along for your Personal MOT!**



What we do

- COVID 19 Vaccinations
- NHS Health Checks, Health Promotion and MECC offer
- Signposting – collaborative working with Social Prescribers
- Health Education including cancer screening education / lifestyle advice
- Supporting registration for the Unregistered Populations
- CVD Prevention
- Lipid Prevention
- Infectious Disease Outbreaks
- Covid-19 Treatments CMDU
- Remote ANP Hub supporting with patient reviews and interventions
- Clinical Lead for Lipid Education (Primary and Secondary care)



We have been approached by Active Herefordshire and Worcestershire to help fund and deliver a new activity in our village hall as part of the **OUR COMMUNITY CAN** project.

A FREE taster activity day is being organized for Sunday 3rd September 2023, from 10am to 4pm, at Fairfield Village Hall.

To identify preferred activities, a snap consultation was held in July, people filled in an online questionnaire or returned a flyer detailing the activities that they would like to try, thank you to everyone who responded to this consultation.

During the Taster Day, you can try out a variety of different activities to see what you like. You can stay for the whole day or pop-in when you feel like it.

At the time of writing this piece, the exact activities that will be taking place had not been finalized, they are likely to be Arts, Salsa Dancing, Tai Chi, Pilates & Languages, so please check the village hall noticeboard or the FVCA website for more up to date details. Activities will start on the hour for 45 minutes followed by a 15-minute break. Towards the end of the Taster Day, there will be an opportunity to feedback what you liked and discuss when these activities should take place.

It is our aim to continue delivering the activity or activities that people enjoyed the most. Please be part of this initiative and show the world that **OUR COMMUNITY CAN!**

Taster Day Consultation

In total, there were 48 responses to the consultation seeking suggestions for September's Taster Day: 36 online and 12 flyers. Brilliant! Especially as the turnaround was less than two weeks.

Some people left comments, we have provided some responses, please do get in touch, and help us deliver the solution:

“More distribution locally of flyers detailing whatsoever. Too many people do not know about Fairfield Village Hall events.”

As community events & village hall activities are mentioned in the FVCA newsletter, which is delivered to approximately 380 homes in our community every quarter, what additional information would you like to see in the event flyer? Is it a reminder flyer, and how often should it be delivered? If additional flyers are to be printed & distributed, we would need to recruit more volunteers.

“Daytime Activities cannot be attending by a lot of people who work. Looking at photos that appear on facebook etc. it would appear that most of the people who attend are retired.”

Every evening at the Village Hall activities take place, as well as increasing number of Wednesday afternoon activities. We also have cover bands & some of the region’s best indie artists perform at our village hall every month on a Saturday night, movies on a Sunday evening, plus event cinema, with screenings on the same day & time as the major UK cinema chains. It is true, most of the people that we attract are either Over 50 who live locally or young adults (25 to 35 yrs) that live outside our area. To increase the number of local 25- to 45-year-olds is something that we can encourage and would like, perhaps if local younger adults could get involved, others will also join in. If there is an activity that you would like to see that would attract young adults, please suggest and help organize. Facebook does not show photographs for all activities that take place, and the people attending. Some activities are delivered by third party organisations.

“We need extra social gathering for the elderly as there are none in Fairfield on a daily basis.”

We would love to have more activities for all age groups, but venues are limited. We are hoping that the Taster Day will help us identify more than one additional activity that we could deliver in our community, hopefully reaching out to all age groups. Please pop along to The Wednesday Social, and encourage other older people to do the same, tell us what you want (we note you not did tick any of the boxes) and what you will support.

Friends for Lunch

Join us as we visit a local pub or other fine eatery for a hearty meal and good conversation. We meet from 12.15pm, for a 12.30pm lunch. Dates and venues for future lunches are:

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| 18th September | The Potting Shed |
| 16th October | The Nailers, Bournheath |
| 20th November | The Swan, Fairfield |

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Pat on 01527 832360, or email pasteward7@outlook.com

The Wednesday Social

Join us on the second Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall, 2pm – 3.30pm, for talks and activities.

So far this year there have been interesting talks from Bromsgrove's Town Crier, Kevin Ward, and BBC Gardening Guru Reg Moule. There has also been an introduction to Pilates and chair exercises, Walking Rounders and a See – Hear Quiz.

Admittance is FREE, it is a group that is open to adults of all ages, and we welcome people from our community and from surrounding areas.

Future Talks/Activities:

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| 13th September | Wildlife Talk and Building Bird & Bat Boxes (bring a hammer & small nails) |
| 11th October | Tuneful Tubes? |
| 8th November | My Life on 2 Wheels |
| 13th December | TBC |

Did You Know...

Regular outdoor volunteering, cleaning street signs, litter picking, tending to planters, etc, can deter Billy Burglar.

Residents taking pride in their community tells Billy Burglar that we are community that cares and that we are keeping a watchful eye on what is happening. Litter and dirty signs tells Billy that we do not care, and that Neighbourhood Watch signage is for show.

So, do please consider donating an hour on the 2nd Saturday of each month, you could be preventing a crime.

Outdoor Tai Chi

After a successful pilot in July, Weekly Tai Chi sessions are now taking place on Fairfield Recreation Ground with qualified instructor Sheriden Rollo, **every Thursday 11 am - 12 noon**, initially until the end of September.

There is a nominal charge, with each session costing £2.00 per person. This helps pay the instructor fee. Please join us, wearing suitable footwear and loose clothing.



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Full details of the course & how to book your place can be viewed by visiting <http://fvca.org.uk/events/basic-emergency-first-aid-course-2> or by contacting the Community Association.

The Village Hall is looking for an additional cleaner

The Village Hall committee are looking for someone who could do between up to 2 or 3 hours on most Sundays with occasional other days when they have Sunday hire.

Flexibility is possible around exact timings of the work.

If you know of anyone who this would suit or want further details then contact the village hall chairman, email address chair@fvh.org.uk for details of the role and remuneration.



Walking Rounders, A Walking Success

For July's THE WEDNESDAY SOCIAL, the group took part in a game of WALKING ROUNDERS, which everyone enjoyed. Thanks to Alan & Sarah Gormley for delivering this session.

Following the success of this session, we are hoping to organize some more WALKING ROUNDERS sessions, we are currently waiting for permission from the Parish Council.



Do you want more news and interesting articles?

Get the Parish Magazine – news and articles for Fairfield, Belbroughton & Clent – delivered to your home for £8.40 a year, that's 50p a magazine.

Interested? Phone the church office tel: 01562 730 777 or email bfcoffice@btconnect.com

Harvest Festival

The annual village harvest festival will be on Sunday 8th October. The very short service at St. Mark's starts at 11.15am followed by refreshments.



Harvest Festival celebrates the time of year when crops have been gathered from the field and people can reflect on the food that they have.

It dates back to ancient Britain when people and farmers would give thanks for a good harvest.

Our service, which includes modern and traditional songs, and some poems, gives thanks to everyone involved with growing, transporting & preparing the food that we eat.

Please do join us. If last year is anything to go by, we will be joined by some four-legged and feathered friends, and the church will be suitably decorated.

Donations will be shared as followed:


- Fresh Produce – Dodford Children' Farm
- Non-Fresh Produce – Bromsgrove Basement Project
- Cash - The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution & St. Mark's
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**LIONS INTERNATIONAL
BROMSGROVE**



FABULOUS FORTIES NIGHT

Fancy Dress optional



**EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT AND FUN
WITH
HELEN PEARSON
&
LAUREL & HARDY TRIBUTE**

**FAIRFIELD VILLAGE HALL
FAIRFIELD
BROMSGROVE
ON
SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2023
AT
7.30 PM
TICKETS £15.00
INCLUDES MINI FISH AND CHIPS**

A BAR IS AVAILABLE

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
CAROL
TELEPHONE – 07377 449643**

Remembrance Sunday

This year's Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday 12th November, commencing at 10.50am at the War Memorial.

Community organisations are invited you to lay a wreath. Before the commencement of the service, people laying wreaths are asked to report to our Wreath Laying Marshal.

Following the service, refreshments will be served in the Village Hall.

Wreaths can be ordered from the Royal British Legion's online shop.

Like previous years, the Community Association would like a young person to lay the Association's wreath. Please submit nominations to admin@fvca.org.uk



Our monthly mini-food hall is open on the FIRST Saturday of each month at the Village Hall 9am – 12 noon, where you can buy freshly baked bread, fruit & veg, cakes, preserves, meat, meat pies, beer, cider, honey, eggs and more from local food producers & suppliers. There is even a Charcuterie.



It was in September 2019 when we launched Fairfield Flicks, and in the past 4 years so much has happened with the initiative delivering more than just non-theatrical movies, our programme now includes live & encore event screening (at the same time as the big cinemas), and hosting some of the region's best live music performers.

The diverse programme has led us to rebrand, and the birth of **BROMSGROVE ARTS – the home of Fairfield Flicks & Fairfield Music.**

To mark our 4th Birthday and the birth of Bromsgrove Arts we will be screening **Love Without Walls** on Sunday 10th September 7.30pm and on Wednesday 27th September 2.30pm.

It will be **FREE ADMISSION** to each of these two screening, but as seating is limited, we strongly advise that you book in advance to avoid disappointment, www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk

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As part of this year's **Heritage Open Days**, St. Mark's will be opening its doors & hosting a musical performance, and in the village hall a film charting the history of Bromsgrove will be screened.

Saturday 9th September

St. Mark's will be open from 9.30am, and there will be a special performance at 10am by the **Roaming Villeins**, something not to be missed.

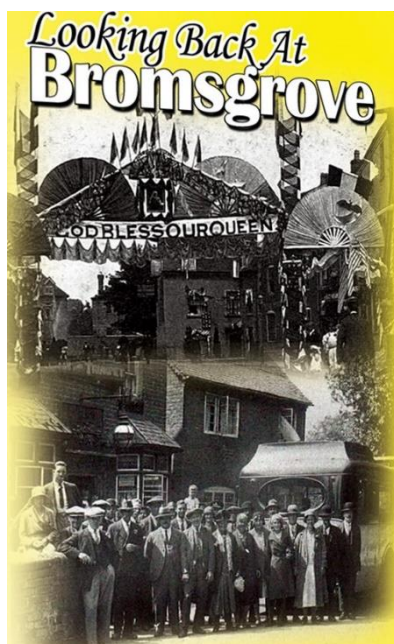
Sunday 10th September

St. Mark's will once again be open for two hours from 3pm, and at 5pm there will be a special screening of "**Looking Back At Bromsgrove**" in the village hall.

The film explores the origins of the town and follows its growth from a thriving medieval market centre, an important stage coaching town, the nail-making capital of Britain, to the bustling residential town of today.

The town's more recent past is brought to life with stories from the archives of Berrows Journal and the Bromsgrove Messenger, which provide a unique commentary on local events – as they actually happened – and a rare insight into the everyday lives of local people in times gone by.

The film contains a wonderful collection of old photographs, a unique map of 18th century Bromsgrove, archive film, and up to date footage.



This entertaining journey through time is produced by Britain on Film. Admission to see the film is free, as seating limited, booking is advisable to avoid disappointment <https://bromsgrovearts.org.uk>

Pumpkin Carving Competition & Fire Jugglers

This year we are planning a Pumpkin Carving competition on **SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER 5.30pm**.

Adults & children, bring your carved pumpkins to the Orchard at the Recreation Ground where they will be judged (see note at bottom of page). Tealight will be placed in the pumpkins and, as the sun sets, the tealights will be lit. In the twilight, this should look very nice.



Following the lighting of the tea lights, entertainment will be provided, a Fire Juggler. For safety, the juggler will be on the field, in a roped off area. The public will not be allowed in the roped off area and we encourage you to watch from the footpath side of the drainage ditch.

At the end of the event, entrants can take away the carved pumpkins for placing on their doorsteps/driveway entrance.

The village hall car park will be open for vehicles, and the hall will be open for toilets. We ask that the Recreation Ground car park is reserved for the elderly and disabled.

The schedule for the event is:

5.30pm – People bring pumpkins to the Recreation Ground.

5.45pm – Judging followed by lighting of tealights.

6.00pm – Performance.

6.30pm – Events Ends.

Should the weather be inclement, the event will take place at the Village Hall, pumpkins will be placed in front of the hall and the juggler will use LED rather than fire.

NOTE: At the time of writing, we are waiting for permission to use the Recreation Ground, should the Parish Council not given permission, the event will take place at the village hall.

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.

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APPLES
AUTUMN
CELEBRATION
CONTESTS
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FEASTING
FESTIVAL
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Harvest Festival

Word Search

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LEAVES
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OCTOBER
PUMPKINS
REGIONAL
SCARECROW
SEPTEMBER
SQUASH

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INSPIRING WOMEN

It's not all Jam & Cake at Fairfield W.I.

2nd Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall
7pm

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Produce Show, entering the competition, enjoying teas & cakes served, and buying the produce and flowers following the show.

Thanks also to all the volunteers for making the show possible.

HARVEST

Festival



SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER

11.15AM

ST. MARKS, FAIRFIELD

Join us for our annual service of thanksgiving,
donations will be shared as followed:

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Non-Fresh Produce – Bromsgrove Basement Project

Cash – The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution & St. Mark's

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BARTS – the home of Fairfield Flicks & Fairfield Music

To better reflect our diverse programme of cinematic and live events, there has been small change of branding with Fairfield Flicks now being known as BARTS (Bromsgrove Arts - the home of Fairfield Flicks and Fairfield Music).

Hopefully, these changes will assist with promoting our live events, as feedback received is that some people think that we are streaming live bands (as we are Flicks) and not hosting them.



Admission for film screenings continue to be £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.bromsgrovearts.org.uk

Our licensed bar sells a selection of WINES, CIDERS, WOODCOTE BREWERY BEERS as well as soft drinks.



If you would like to join our flexible volunteer team to help deliver our growing Fairfield Flicks programme, serving behind the bar, helping with lighting, promoting our events, do get in touch admin@fairfieldflicks.org.uk

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As it is our birthday, this will be a **FREE** screening. Booking tickets to avoid disappointment.



Hypnotic (15) – Wednesday 18th October 7.30pm

Determined to find his missing daughter, Austin detective Danny Rourke finds himself spiraling down a rabbit hole investigating a series of reality-bending crimes where he will ultimately call into question his most basic assumptions about everything and everyone in his world. Aided by Diana Cruz, a gifted psychic, Rourke simultaneously pursues and is pursued by a lethal specter -- the one man he believes holds the key to finding the missing girl -- only to discover more than he ever bargained for.



Starring: Ben Affleck, Alice Braga, JD Pardo

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (12A) – Wednesday 25th October 2.30pm

When Harold learns his friend Queenie is dying, he is moved to act. He leaves home, walking to the post box to send her a letter, until he realises a letter is not enough. In that moment Harold decides to keep walking, all the way to her hospice.



Starring: Jim Broadbent, Earl Cave, Penelope Wilton

JUNIOR FLICKS: Film TBC – Thursday 2nd November 11.00am

It's half-term week. Detail will be published on the Bromsgrove Arts website.

The Auschwitz Escape (15) – Sunday 12th November 7.30pm

The shocking true story of two Auschwitz prisoners who escaped and provided a rare first-hand and shocking report of genocide at the camp. After meticulous planning and with the help of their fellow prisoners, they manage to escape. Driven to survive by the hope that their evidence could save lives, they make their way back to Slovakia to share their horrific report to the United States Red Cross.



Till (12A) – Wednesday 15th November 7.30pm

Till is a profoundly emotional and cinematic film about the true story of Mamie Till Mobley's relentless pursuit of justice for her 14 year old son, Emmett Till, who, in 1955, was brutally lynched while visiting his cousins in Mississippi. In Mamie's poignant journey of grief turned to action, we see the universal power of a mother's ability to change the world.



Starring: Danielle Deadwyler, Whoopi Goldberg, Jalyn Hall

French Film Festival 2023 – Wednesday 22nd November 2.30pm

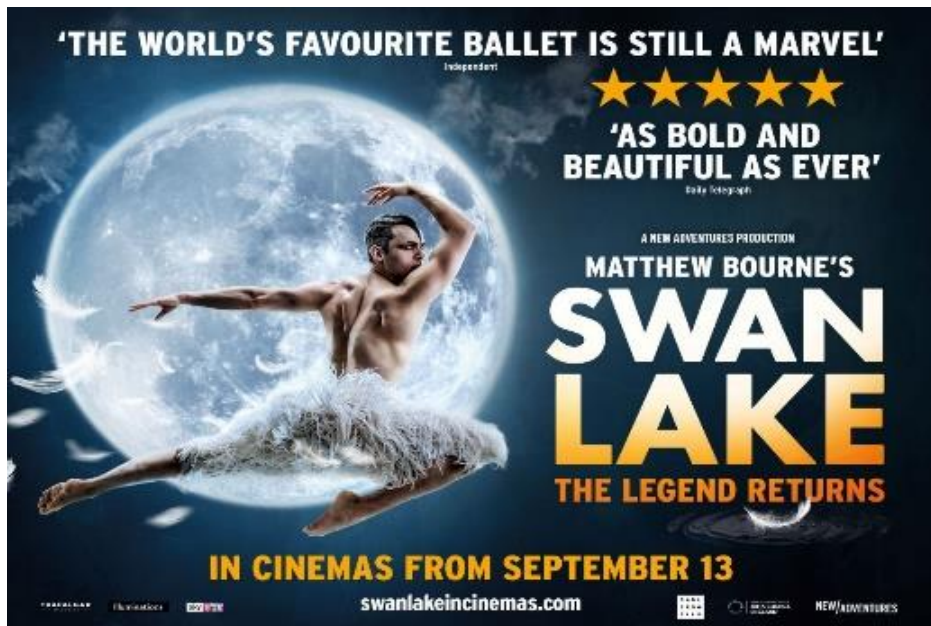
We will, once again, be a host venue for the French Film Festival UK 2023, screening a French language film with English subtitles.

Have You Got Your Tickets – The King of Waltz is BACK! August Bank holiday weekend.

🎻❤️ Love is in the air! **André Rieu's Maastricht Concert: Love is All Around** hits cinemas on August 26 & 27. Let the romance of André's music sweep you off your feet! Don't miss the most enchanting cinema event of the year, being screened at Fairfield Village Hall.

www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk





We're excited to announce the screening of the hit show **Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake** when it returns to cinemas in September.

This thrilling, audacious and witty production is perhaps still best known for replacing the female corps-de-ballet with a menacing male ensemble, which shattered convention, turned tradition upside down and took the dance world by storm.

Filmed live at Sadler's Wells Theatre in London in 2019, this 'spellbinding' (5-Stars Independent) re-imagining of the classic New Adventures production stars Will Bozier as The Swan/The Stranger, Liam Mower as The Prince and Nicole Kabera as The Queen.

Retaining the iconic elements of the original staging loved by millions around the world, Matthew Bourne and award-winning designers Lez Brotherston (Set & Costumes) and Paule Constable (Lighting) have created a 'spellbinding' (5-Stars – Independent) re-imagining of this classic New Adventures production.

Collecting over thirty international accolades including an Olivier Award and three Tonys on Broadway, Matthew Bourne's powerful interpretation of Tchaikovsky's beloved tale is 'still original, still unmissable' (5-Stars Metro), a passionate and contemporary Swan Lake for our times.

Come and see this masterpiece on **Wednesday 27th September 7.30pm**, Adults £15.00, U16s £13.00. Included in the admission price is a free alcoholic or non-alcoholic drink. This production has been rated PG.



Calyпсо Moon

Saturday 23rd September 8.00pm

Calyпсо Moon plays vintage swing, jazz, latin and calypso classics to keep you entertained all night long! Suitable for all ages, Calypso Moon plays music from 1920s-1940s, with songs from Ella Fitzgerald, Dean Martin, the Andrews Sisters and Harry Belafonte in their repertoire, plus many more! Come and join us for a celebration of this extraordinary music!

Supporting Calypso Moon will be Dave Jones

Tickets: £8.00 (Advance) - £10.00 (On The Door)



Amit Dattani

Saturday 4th November 8.00pm

Amit Dattani is a singer songwriter known for his unique brand of roots-driven guitar and striking lyrical originality. Behind his raconteur spirit lies superb musicianship, nimble finger-picking and a versatility which has garnered a strong reputation on the live circuit, with over ten years performing across the UK and Europe under his belt.



His wry lyrics, mellifluous guitar and warm vocals come to the fore with his most recent release, Santiago – a collection of stripped back songs with just guitar and voice, garnering attention from the likes of Americana UK and fRoots, radio play on BBC 6 Music and BBC Radio 2 and a nomination for 'Best Folk Act' from the BMA Awards.

Amit has shared the stage with the likes of Charlie Parr, John Smith, Blind Boy Paxton, Willy Vlautin, Kathryn Williams and Mark Morris

"Echoes of John Fahey and Leo Kottke" – Roots and Branches

"Just a fantastic picker!" – Charlie Parr

"Simple, sincere and authentic" – Folking

"This is among the year's finest debut albums" – Folk Radio UK

"Terrific country blues – recommended" – fRoots

"His deft touch and warm, gentle vocals take the listener on one enjoyable journey after another" – Flyin' Shoes

"It has been a while since a master musician such as Amit Dattani has reminded us of just how full a sound one man with one guitar can create" – Blues Matters

"Each song is a nugget in a seam of precious stuff, hand hewn and lovingly put together" – AmericanaUK



Supporting Amit will be Wes Finch.

Songwriter and guitarist Wes Finch's musical style feels rooted in folk but has the ambition and sophistication of pop. His live shows are engaging, energetic and intimate and over the last few years he's shared stages with the likes of Billy Bragg, Martin Carthy, Richard Thompson and Lucy Ward at various venues, folk clubs and festivals.

Recently relocating to Yorkshire, Wes continues to play throughout the country in between recording new material both as himself and with the poetry-inspired The Rude Mechanicals Band.

Tickets: £8.00 (Advance) - £10.00 (On The Door)

RICKY COOL AND THE IN CROWD

Saturday 14th October 8.00pm

Red Hot Rhythm and Blues! Scintillating Ska and Blue beat! Sensational Soul! Ricky Cool and the In Crowd serve up a gorgeous gumbo of sounds, similar to those found in the clubs of Soho in the early years of Mod mania. Original numbers are interspersed with great arrangements of classics to give you a musical mix that will have your feet itching to dance.

Many will remember Ricky Cool fronting one of Birmingham's most popular combos, the legendary Ricky Cool and the Icebergs. Ricky has toured with the likes of Billy Connolly, shared a stage with George Harrison and played alongside Robert Plant. He is recognised as one of the most entertaining front men in the business.



The band members are all top class musicians with excellent pedigrees, who have worked with artists including Ruby Turner, The Beat, Carina Round, Linda Perry and Fine Young Cannibals.

As Ricky says, "The music we play is timeless and our show is enjoyed by young and old alike. The enjoyment we have on stage rubs off on our audience and a great time is had by one and all."

Ricky Cool and the In Crowd are:

Ricky Cool – Lead Vocals, Harmonica, Saxophone.

David Parry – Guitar, Vocals.

Simon 'Smudge' Smith – Bass.

Nigel Darvill – Keyboards.

Harrison Weston-Cottrell – Drums.

Tickets: £12.00 (Advance) - £15.00 (On the Door)



SWING INTO AUTUMN

With The

MIDLAND CONCERT ORCHESTRA



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Compère: Peter Tomlinson

Vocalists: Claire Worboys, Jonathan Darby

Sunday
22 October

7pm

Fairfield Village Hall

Fairfield

B61 9LZ

*Programme to include
a selection of tunes
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Hines Henderson

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www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk

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online transaction fee not included in this price



There's No Such Thing As The Dog Pooh Fairy

Once again, pooh bags have been found hanging from trees in Pepper Wood. Could dog walkers please stop decorating the trees with dog waste bags, please carry the pooh bag to the nearest bin.

Fortunately, in the village, bins are approximately 1/4 mile apart, and there are two bins in the Pepper Wood car park.

Pooh bags are harmful to nature, and litter our beautiful countryside. Compostable bags only compost in a compost bin, not when left out in the open.

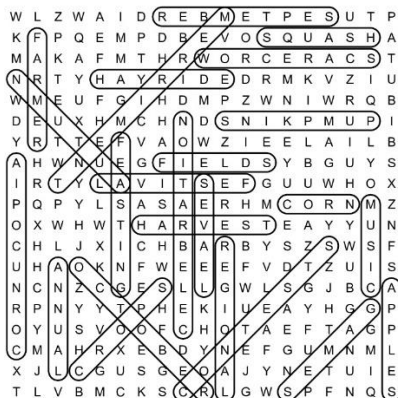
People may think, I'll hang it there and will pick it up when I walk back to the car, but often they do not.

Your assistance would be appreciated.

Harvest festival

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SOLUTION



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 any incident.

There's Safety in Numbers

Be part of our Neighbourhood Watch Group, to join (it's FREE) sign up to West Mercia Police's Neighbourhood Matter and opt in to join our Neighbourhood Watch Group, www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk

Also, subscribe to our Community E-circular, fill in the Newsletter box on our website's Home Page, www.fvca.org.uk

Doorstep Pedlars – It could be a scam

This article is a reminder – please make sure you're the elderly & vulnerable in our community are aware.

Who are Nottingham Knockers?

They 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 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

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

Church Services at St. Mark's

2nd Sunday 11.15 am Worship4ll - Family Service

4th Sunday 11.15 am Holy Communion

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

Bournheath Village Community Centre

1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month



10.30am – Noon

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



7.30pm – 9.00pm

Social Table Tennis

August

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| 23rd | Fairfield Flicks 2.30pm |
| 24th | Tai Chi 11.00am; National Vegetable Society 7.30pm |
| 26th | André Rieu's Maastricht Concert 7.00pm |
| 27th | André Rieu's Maastricht Concert 2.00pm |
| 31st | Tai Chi 11.00am |

September

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| 2nd | Foodie Fairfield 9.00am |
| 6th | Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am |
| 7th | Tai Chi 11.00am |
| 9th | Village Tidy 10.30am; Heritage Open Day - St. Mark's (see page 11) |
| 10th | Heritage Open Day (see page 11) |
| 13th | The Wednesday Social 2.00pm; Fairfield W.I. 7.00pm |
| 14th | Tai Chi 11.00am |
| 18th | Friends for Lunch 12.30pm |
| 20th | Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am; Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake 7.00pm |
| 21st | Tai Chi 11.00am |
| 23rd | Calypso Moon 8.00pm |
| 27th | Fairfield Flicks 2.30pm |
| 28th | Tai Chi 11.00am |

October

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| 4th | Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am |
| 7th | Foodie Fairfield 9.00am |
| 8th | Harvest Festival 11.15am |
| 11th | The Wednesday Social 2.00pm; Fairfield W.I. 7.00pm |
| 14th | Litter Pick 10.30am; Ricky Cool and the In Crowd 8.00pm |
| 16th | Friends for Lunch 12.30pm |
| 18th | Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am; Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm |
| 22nd | Midland Concert Orchestra 7.00pm |
| 25th | Fairfield Flicks 2.30pm; Basic First Aid Course 6.00pm |
| 28th | Pumpkin Carving Competition & Show 5.30pm |

November

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| 1st | Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am |
| 2nd | Junior Flick 11.00am |
| 4th | Foodie Fairfield 9.00am; Amit Dattani 8.00pm |
| 8th | The Wednesday Social 2.00pm; Fairfield W.I. 7.00pm |
| 11th | Litter Pick 10.30am |
| 12th | Remembrance Service 10.45am; Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm |
| 15th | Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am; Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm |
| 20th | Friends for Lunch 12.30pm |
| 22nd | Fairfield Flicks 2.30pm |
| 23rd | National Vegetable Society 7.30pm |



The display on Top Road looking wonderful, planted in memory of Anna Fieldhouse, who sadly passed away in February.