



Fairfield Village Community Association

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017

Festive Fairfield's Magical Family Christmas Party

This year, Festive Fairfield will host a Magical Christmas Party for all the family at the Village Hall, with Matthew Garrett performing world class magic on Saturday 16th December, starting at 6.30pm.

The hours-long magic show will be followed by a disco. The evening will include cakes & refreshments. The Family Party is scheduled to end at 8.30pm.



Matthew Garrett, Member of The Inner Magic Circle with Gold Star (Only 300 magicians worldwide reach this, the highest level in The Magic Circle) is a multi-award winning stage magician and is a regular performer on the stage at the world famous Magic Circle. In the past couple of years, Matthew has performed for "Atlantis" in Dubai and The Emirates Palace in Abu Dhabi, as well as performing live on Emirates TV for 6.5 million viewers, teaching other magicians at the world famous Magic Circle and releasing his flagship trick Ninja+ for professional magicians.

His previous achievements include winning the highest award in the UK for this type of entertainment - The Magic Circle Close-Up Magician of The Year.

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Matthew has also appeared on BBC, ITV, Channel 4, Sky and Cable and has performed all over the world and has worked for venues such as The 7 Star Burj Al Arab Hotel in Dubai, and The Ritz.

Tickets are £3.00 Adults, £2.00 Under 16's, Family Tickets are £10.00 – and can be purchased from Fairfield Post Office.

Janice to the Palace - popular community champion received MBE from Prince William

Article: Tristan Harris, Bromsgrove Standard

Local resident, Janice Boswell had a delightful day at Buckingham Palace when she went down to London to be presented with her MBE.



The much-loved community champion, who was awarded the accolade in HM The Queen's Birthday Honours List, had a day to remember. She received her award 'for voluntary service and services to the Bromsgrove community'.

Janice and her family travelled down in a Daimler supplied by Gaunts of Blackheath.

During the memorable day Janice trod the same steps as HM The Queen at the side of the palace and met and spoke to Prince William who positioned her medal on her lapel.

"I walked in and curtsied to the Prince and I asked him how his wife and children were while he gave me the award.

"When I left the room I shook hands with some of the others who were also there to receive awards."

Afterwards, as she sat with the other award winners, Janice noticed Billy Connolly was sat in front of her as he had received his Knighthood that day.

"I tapped him on the shoulder and spoke to him, he was a really nice guy.

"I asked him if he had odd socks on as I'd read in a magazine he likes to wear them but, he said, he had a matching ones on that day."

Reflecting on her day, Janice said: "Buckingham Palace was beautiful.

"I had been there previously for a garden party but this time I visited a lot of rooms I had not seen before.

"It really was a wonderful day and I would like to thank whoever it was who nominated me and wrote down everything I had achieved in my life."

After being elected to the District Council in 2000, the 74-year-old spent 15 years on Bromsgrove District Council, representing the Furlongs ward.

She was also the authority's Civic Head when she became famous for her 'three cheers' when attending official openings, launches or celebrations.

Janice also helped launch the choir at Bromsgrove's Life After Stroke Centre and started the civic head's tea dance which still takes place each month at the Parkside Suite.

Over the years she has helped numerous charities, raising thousands of pounds. Among them have been The Edward's Trust, The Primrose Hospice and The Stroke Association which she had as her chosen causes in her year as Bromsgrove Civic Head.

Away from politics, Janice has always given her time freely and has volunteered for community causes for 67 years.

After standing down from Bromsgrove District Council she became a parish councillor and continued her voluntary and charity work, including at Bromsgrove's Life After Stroke Centre.

After the palace trip on October 31, Janice and her family went for dinner at Chequers in Marlow.

It's your Village Hall

If you live in the Fairfield Ward why not become a trustee. One meeting a month on the first Wednesday of each month. For further information telephone Conrad 01527 833583 or email secretary.fvh@outlook.com.

Financial Support For Elderly Residents

Did you know that Belbroughton United Charities provides grants for the relief of poverty **for the elderly residents in the Parish of Belbroughton & Fairfield?**

If you know of an elderly resident in the Parish struggling to pay their bills, keeping their home warm or have little food to eat Belbroughton United Charities offers one off grants.

To apply or for more information contact:

Pauline Jones, Telephone: 0121 453 7785, Email: pjones456@talktalk.net

December's Community Association Meeting

December's meeting of Fairfield Village Community Association will be held on Saturday 9th December and NOT on the First Saturday, 10am Village Hall (refreshments from 9.30am).

Back to normal in 2018, the first Saturday of each month.

Village Hall 200 Club

With top prizes of up to £200.00, join the Village Hall 200 Club. It is only £1.00 p/mth.

The Club supports the Village Hall's ongoing maintenance.

Interested? Contact Linda Garvin,
tel: 01527 834935



First Aid Courses

11 members of our community successful completed the first aid courses that took place over the past three months.

All participants were awarded recognized certificates that remain valid for three years.

Congratulations to all.

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Positive Meeting with Sajid Javid MP

In response to an invitation from Fairfield Village Community Association, Sajid Javid, member of parliament for Bromsgrove, met up with residents of Fairfield and Stoneybridge to hear issues of community concern. The meeting took place on Friday 8th September at Fairfield First School.



Issues of community concern that were put to Mr. Javid, including:

- Safer Community – Speeding Traffic and Parking on the Pavement;
- Community Regeneration, Social Isolation and Public Transport;
- Improving Management of Public Right of Ways and Support that can be given to Farmers/Landowners;
- Green Belt;
- Rebalancing the UK Economy; and
- Delivery of NHS Inpatient Services – Alexander Hospital (Redditch), Worcester Royal & the QE, Birmingham.

Mr Javid pledged, with regard to traffic issues on the Stourbridge Road, he would set up a meeting with those responsible for highways in a bid to identify and implement solutions to create a safer environment.

He also acknowledged the impact of extra traffic flow on Stourbridge Road which would be brought about by housing developments at Perryfields Road,

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stating his view that investment was needed in the infrastructure. Mr Javid also spoke about how there were currently no national plans for a green belt review.

In a statement given to the Bromsgrove Standard, Sajid Javid said: "As Bromsgrove MP, it's important for me to hear from my constituents directly.

"It was good to attend this meeting and listen to the concerns of residents in Fairfield and Stoneybridge.

"As always, if I can ever be of help to any residents across my constituency, please do not hesitate to get in touch."

Conrad Palmer, chairman of the Fairfield Village Community Association, said: "Mr Javid listened to all concerns and residents present have, so far, expressed that the meeting was a positive experience."

He added that residents were looking forward to the meeting about the traffic issues.

As at the time of the publication of this newsletter your Community Association, the meeting pledged by Mr. Javid has not yet been scheduled.

The Community Association would like to thank Fairfield First School for the use of their school hall and to the School's Parent, Teacher & Friends Association for the refreshments.

Herbert Protocol

Do you care for someone with dementia or a vulnerable adult that may wander off and get lost? Please adopt the Herbert Protocol.

For more information contact the Community Association.

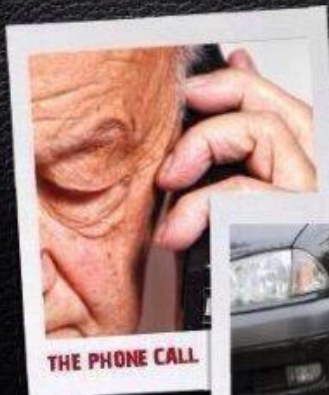


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IT'S A SCAM

Fraudsters want your PIN and bank card

- ① A fraudster telephones you claiming to be from your bank or the police. They tell you that your bank card details have been used fraudulently.



THE PHONE CALL

- ② They suggest that you hang up and ring the bank/police back to ensure the call is genuine. **Don't be fooled** – they stay on the line. They then tell you to read out or key in your PIN.



THE PIN NUMBER



THE COURIER

- ③ They send a taxi/courier to you to collect your bank card. With this and your PIN, they spend your money.

JUST REMEMBER:
Your bank or the police will never ask for your PIN or bank card – don't give them to anybody!

If you've been a victim of this crime call the police on 101.



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Community Litter Pick

There will be NO Community Litter Pick in December.

The next Litter Pick will be on Saturday 13th January 2018.

Mummy Monster Coming to Fairfield Village Hall

On Saturday 10th March (6.30pm), Liz Hart will perform her honest, funny, moving one-woman theatre show about caring for small children and the things that tip you over the edge. Those 'in the thick of it' need to see this show!

Tickets will be on sale in February from Fairfield Post Office.

Suitable for Audience: Adults/Older Children (13+ yrs)

Help Needed!

The Village Hall is managed by volunteers (trustees) on behalf of the local community.

The Chair of the Trustees urgently needs someone to take the minutes at the trustees' monthly meetings.

There are 10 meetings a year on the first Wednesday of each month.

The person taking the minutes will need access to a computer.

Please help your Village Hall out by volunteering - the Chair of the Trustees will be very grateful. Tel: 01527 833583 or email secretary.fvh@outlook.com

A Huge Thank You

At the end of October/Beginning of November, residents of Fairfield experienced shed & outbuildings break-ins, attempts on garages and Nottingham Knockers. Residents' reports & intelligence enabled YOUR Neighbourhood Watch Group (Fairfield Village Community Association) raise an awareness of what was happening in our community with other people living in and near the village.

The information you have shared with FVCA was shared with your local policing team. With your assistance, it looks like we may have foiled an attempt on some other sheds and outbuildings.

Please continue to be vigilant, reporting any suspicious sightings to the police (101).

If you feel that an attempt is being made to break-in to a property and the perpetrator is present, phone 999. Do not confront the perpetrator.

Please look after your elderly/vulnerable neighbours, encouraging them to adopt the Nominated Neighbour Scheme. For further information email fvcommunityassociation@outlook.com

Fairfield Dining Group

Social gathering of residents and friends of Fairfield & Stoneybridge; get to know your neighbours over a lunchtime meal.

The next lunch time gathering of the Fairfield Dining Group will take place on Monday 15th January at 12.30pm – Venue to be confirmed.

For further information or to confirm attendance telephone Linda 01527 834935 or Pat 01527 832360

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Saturday 16th December

Fairfield Village Hall
6.30 pm – 8.30 pm

Adults £3.00, U16's £2.00, Family £10.00

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Neighbourhood Watch News

Police ask for vigilance as sheds are targeted; tools and equipment are stolen

At the end of October 5 sheds were broken into. Offenders gaining entry via the fields at the rear of the property. The perpetrator(s) cut fencing that were holding in livestock.

The sheds being targeted are usually gardens that are long and away from the house.

If you see or hear anything suspicious in your garden phone 999

Please be vigilant when out, if you see anything suspicious please telephone 101

Nottingham Knockers

People claiming to be licenced pedlars have been visiting properties in our community, trying to sell their wares, such as tea towels, calendars and oven gloves. More often than not their pedlars' licence is not genuine.

These individuals, who are called 'Nottingham Knockers', are operating across the country are an organised travelling band of known criminals who have numerous offences and convictions between them mostly for burglary, theft, violence and sexual offences. They are targeting the homes of the elderly and the vulnerable across West Mercia, Warwickshire and neighbouring counties selling inferior household products such as cloths and dusters. Aggressive selling techniques are often deployed and callers to the Police report being threatened or verbally abused when they refuse to buy products and ask the caller to leave. This leaves the resident feeling intimidated, scared and distressed in their own home. Calls in relation to Nottingham Knockers in an area is usually followed by reports of burglary dwellings. Intelligence is requested in relation to persons engaged in door to door selling.



Any member of the public selling door to door needs a pedlars licence. These licences or certificates are issued by the Chief Constable of the pedlars home county, are valid for a 12 month period and allow the pedlars to operate anywhere in the country. If the caller on your doorstep does not produce a pedlars certificate then they should not be selling goods and are probably up to no good!

Some pedlars have produced an A4 laminated card with their picture on it and will tell you that the law requiring them to have a Chief Constable issued pedlars certificate has been repealed and they no longer need a licence/ certificate. THIS IS NOT TRUE.

The documents they produce may have Connexions or Probation Department on them and again, these are not the required document that they should be using.

Always answer your door on a chain should the person calling be unknown to you. If a Nottingham Knocker calls at your property:

- Shut the door;
- Do not buy anything;
- Telephone the police on 101.

Door to door scam alert!

If you are or know of a person who may be vulnerable to doorstep crime ask Fairfield Village Community Association about the Nominated Neighbour Scheme operated by North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership.



Fairfield Community Association

It's YOUR Home, YOUR Village, YOUR Community – members of Fairfield Village Community Association work to maintain and improve community life and our local environment.

All residents of Fairfield and Stoneybridge are members of the Community Association. Meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month, Fairfield Village Hall, 10am (refreshments from 9.30am). Meetings usually finish by 11.30am and often include a guest speaker.

Keep up to date with FVCA community news:

Register your email to receive e-circulars to email box – send your email address to fvcommunityassociation@outlook.com

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Have Yourself A Festive Fairfield Christmas

Saturday 16th December Festive Fairfield's Family Party

Village Hall

6.30 pm – 8.30pm

A party for all ages, there will be Matthew the Magician, performing an amazing stage show followed by a disco. Along will plenty of cake, this party is not to be missed. Tickets on sale from Fairfield Post Office.

Adults £3.00 U16's £2.00 Family: £10.00

Sunday 17th December

Carols & Prose

St. Mark's Church

11.15am

Prepare for Christmas with traditional Carols and Readings

Wednesday 20th December

Carols Around the Christmas

Tree

Village Hall

7.00 pm

Christmas Carols and Seasonal Songs around the Christmas Tree in front of the Village Hall, with Free mulled wine and mince pies (U18's a non-alcoholic drink).

Sunday 24th December Crib Service

St. Mark's Church

4pm

Children tell the story of the Nativity and traditional Christmas carols

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve Communion

St. Mark's Church

9.00 pm

Monday 25th December
Service

St. Mark's Church 10.00 am

Christmas Day Family

The day has arrived, let's give thanks. Open one of your presents in church and wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Sunday 31st December
Village Hall 8pm – 12.30am

New Year's Eve Party

This New Year's Eve welcome in 2018 at the Village Hall. There will be The Big Fat Quiz of the Year, Party Games and a Disco. Adults £10.00 U16's Free Tickets from Fairfield Post Office

Wishing You A
Very Merry Christmas

And a Happy & Prosperous
New Year



Welcome 2018 at #FestiveFairfield's New Year's Eve Party

Fairfield Village Hall
8.00pm – 00.30am

Disco - Party Games –
Big Fat Quiz of the Year
&
Light Buffet



Happy New Year!

Adults
£10.00
U16 Free

Bring
Your
Own
Drink

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Take A Few Simple Steps To Avoid Becoming A Victim Of Burglary

- Set a timer switch to turn your lights on when it gets dark – unlit houses are a give away that no one is at home.
- Lock your doors, patios and downstairs windows - even when you are in. Make sure you double check them again before you go to bed.
- If you have a burglar alarm, make sure you set it when you got out and also when you go to bed.
- Don't leave car keys, ID cards or valuables near windows, doors or letterboxes, where burglars can reach through to steal them.
- Lock your garden gates and side entrances. Don't leave tools lying around in the garden which could be used to break in to your home.

If you have information about a burglary phone the police on 101



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West Mercia
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Weekly Activities in Fairfield

Sunday:

Quiz Night at the Swan, from 9pm

Monday:

Pre-school, Village Hall, 9am – 3pm

Kicks Dance School, Village Hall, 3.30pm

Line Dancing, Village Hall, 7.30pm

Tuesday:

Pre-school, Village Hall, 9am – 3pm

Dancing, Village Hall, 7.30pm

Wednesday:

Pre-school, Village Hall, 9am – 12noon

Welcome Club, Village Hall, 2pm - 4pm (not Jan)

Thursday:

Pre-school, Village Hall, 9am – 3pm

Zumba, Village Hall, 7pm – 8pm

Friday:

Pre-school, Village Hall, 9am – 3pm

Street dancing, Village Hall, 3.30pm

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

Creating A Brighter Entrance

Team of volunteers needed to help create a welcoming splash of colour, transforming the troughs at the entrances to Fairfield with spring & summer plants.

The Parish Council have pledged some funds to purchase some plants, all we need is you.

Pop along to the Village Hall on Saturday 6th January, 10am.

Diary

December

- 2nd: Christmas Fayre, First School, 11am – 1pm
- 9th: Fairfield Village Community Association, Village Hall, 10.00am
- 13th: Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 16th: Fairfield's Magical Christmas Party, Village Hall, 6.30pm
- 17th: Carols & Prose, St. Mark's, 6.30pm
- 20th: Carols Around The Christmas Tree, Village Hall, 7pm
- 24th: Crib Service, St. Mark's, 4pm
- 24th: Christmas Holy Communion, St. Mark's, 9pm
- 25th: Christmas Day Family Service, St. Mark's, 10am
- 31st: New Year's Eve Party, Village Hall, 8pm

January

- 6th: Fairfield Village Community Association, Village Hall, 10.00am
- 10th: Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 13th: Community Litter Pick, meet outside Village Hall, 10.30am

February

- 3rd: Fairfield Village Community Association, Village Hall, 10.00am
- 10th: Community Litter Pick, meet outside Village Hall, 10.30am
- 14th: Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 22nd: National Vegetable Society, Fairfield Village Hall, 7pm for 8pm





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