

Fairfield Village Community Association

NEWSLETTER MAY 2017

Fairfield's Defibrillator is NOW Live



The defibrillator that is located on the wall outside the Village Hall is now registered with West Midland's Ambulance Service and can now be used to help save lives.

The defibrillator has been acquired through a joint partnership between Community Heartbeat Trust and Fairfield Village Community

Association, with grateful thanks to County Cllr. Sheila Blagg, National Lottery and the Parish Council for their financial assistance.

What is a defibrillator?

A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart through the chest wall to someone who is in cardiac arrest.

This high energy shock is called defibrillation, and it's an essential life saving step in the chain of survival.

How do I access the defibrillator?

The defibrillator is stored in a secure unit and a code is required to unlock the door. The door code will be given to you by the Ambulance Service when you dial 999.

Volunteers Needed

A third of 999 calls are from lone rescuers, so getting help to them is important. The Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS) is a community run system, and enables up to 10 residents living in Fairfield to assist pending the arrival of the emergency services. VETS volunteers give a level of reassurance to the elderly, those living alone and to the infirmed that there is always help on hand.

If you would like to join the VETS volunteer team, please email fvcommunityassociation@outlook.com Training will be provided.

Volunteer needed to support Fairfield Village Hall

Volunteer needed to take the minutes at the monthly trustee meetings, to circulate the agenda prior to meetings and to circulates minutes after the meetings. The volunteer does not have to be a trustee. For more information telephone Conrad 01527 833583 or email secretary.fvh@outlook.com

Visit to Fairfield by the Chief Constable

Over 35 residents attended February's meeting of Fairfield Village Community Association, with the Chief Constable of West Mercia Police, Anthony Bangham, as guest.

The Chief Constable, his local policing team (Inspector Sarah Corteen & Sergeant Al Cathwood) and Richard Clewer (Worcestershire County Council) took questions from residents regarding the issue of cars exceeding the speed limit as they drive through Fairfield and along Brook Road, vehicles parking on the pavement and impeding pedestrian passage and the increase burglaries in and around the area.



Traffic & Parking

It was recognized that Stourbridge Road is a main road and that traffic is an issue. During the past year, Richard Clewer and Inspector Corteen have met the Community Association to try to address the issues of speed and parking.

To date the County Council have:

- Repainted road markings;
- Erected warning signs (junction ahead and horses);
- Placed 30mph repeater signs through the village;
- Converted the school 20mph advisor sign from manual switch-on to automatic;

Issued "be thoughtful" parking signs.

Local policing teams have on several occasions conducted speed checks, advise motorists to slow down. The County Council are currently reviewing the Traffic Regulation Order for Stourbridge Road and once this is compliant the police will be able to start enforcement; issuing fines and points.

The Community Association have requested a small extension to the Recreation Ground carpark, the Parish Council have agreed to this request subject a suitable porous surface type will be sourced that will meet both the requirements of the planning authorities and deliver a 'green' solution. The Council does have concerns over financing the project in full and may seek external funds to help cover the costs.

The Chief Constable recognized that, in addition to enforcement and signs, engineering work is required. One solution, to address parking, is the extension to the Recreation Ground car park. Measures that physically or psychologically slow motorist could include a "gated entrance" ("gate" on verge that gives the impression that the road is narrow is at that point) and pinch points/chicanes.

The Parish Council have been asked to request Worcestershire County Council that suitable engineering works are carried out and also to ask the County Council to review Brook Road – speed limit and measures that will slow down traffic.

Addressing parking and making the village safe & accessible for all does require a multi-agency approach; County/District/Parish Councils, Police and village institutions (School, Football Club, FVCA) and residents. Representative of village institutions are encouraged to attend FVCA meeting so that workable solutions can be identified.

Inspector Corteen has said that parking on the pavement is not illegal, however, driving on the pavement and obstruction that puts life at risk is. Residents are asked to telephone 101 and report incidents where vehicles are parked in a way that prevents safe pedestrian

passage on public footpaths. The gap that is left must be wide enough so that it does not force people, especially people with pushchairs, the elderly and people with mobility aids, to walk in the road with cars speeding by.

Burglaries

The Chief Constable recognized the level of criminal activity that had taken place over the past few months. Inspector Corteen arranged for the Crime Prevention advisor to attend the Association's March meeting.

Operation SmartWater Community

Over the past 12 months there has been an increase in criminal activity in the North Worcestershire area, with many properties being burgled, some of these properties have been in the Fairfield and Stoneybridge area.

Fairfield Village Community Association (FVCA) is on a mission to reduce the likelihood of properties in Fairfield &

Stoneybridge being burgled by establishing a **SmartWater community**.

SmartWater is a traceable liquid and forensic asset marking system that is applied to items of value to identify thieves and deter theft. The liquid leaves a long lasting and unique identifier, whose presence is invisible except under an ultraviolet black light.

As a SmartWater community we will have clear signage throughout Fairfield & Stoneybridge that SmartWater has been adopted by the community. Communities that have adopted SmartWater have seen a decrease in burglaries; Cleobury Mortimer has not had a burglary since 2015.

SmartWater has the backing of West Mercia Police, West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner and Neighbourhood Watch.

How do we become a SmartWater Community?

To become a SmartWater community 80% of dwellings need to sign up to Smartwater; i.e. in the FVCA benefit area there are approximately 280 properties, we need 224 properties to sign up to the scheme.

What is the FVCA benefit area?

The FVCA benefit area are those properties on the roads listed below that are in the Fairfield Ward of Belbroughton & Fairfield Parish Council:

- Bournhealth Road
- Brook Road
- Dordale Road
- Fairfield Court
- Mount Road
- Orchard Villas
- Parish Hill

- Pepperwood Close
- > Stoneybridge
- > Stourbridge Road
- Swan Lane
- Wood Lane
- Yew Tree Lane

What Is SmartWater?

SmartWater offers a unique combination of a brand that is feared by criminals and revolutionary forensic technology that provides robust traceability to your valuables and assets. The forensic liquid assigns your possessions with your own unique forensic code, allowing items to be traced back to you and criminals back to the crime.



Why do criminals fear SmartWater?

The most effective way of deterring criminals is to increase their chances of getting caught. Traceability makes it more difficult for a thief to sell on their stolen goods, because through traceability comes accountability - and the likelihood of proven guilt. Because the police regularly check for SmartWater on recovered stolen property and actively raise awareness of it, SmartWater is well known and feared by criminals. With hundreds of convictions and a 100% conviction rate in court, criminals are aware of our power to place them at the crime scene and secure a conviction. By displaying SmartWater deterrent stickers and having signage throughout our community we are sending out a powerful warning to any would-be thieves.

What can I use it on?

SmartWater offers a totally generic form of traceability, so it can be used to mark almost any asset - including items stored outdoors.

How can my property be traced back to me?

Your SmartWater forensic solution carries a chemical code which is unique to you – the makers of SmartWater never make the same SmartWater code twice. The SmartWater chemical code within your solution is stored, together with your details, on a secure database which is maintained to the highest international standards of ISO27001. Should your property be stolen and subsequently recovered by the police, forensic scientists can analyse traces of SmartWater on the item to identify the chemical code and link it back to you via the database, thus establishing the true owner.

Do I need to register my address?

When SmartWater is delivered to your property the solution's chemical code is assigned to your property. You will need to complete and return a simple registration form giving your contact details; in the event that any of your marked property is stolen and later retrieved, Police forces across the United Kingdom can contact you.



Do I need to reapply the SmartWater product every year?

No, SmartWater is designed to last. It will withstand extreme temperatures and weather conditions. SmartWater conforms to the highest possible standards of robustness (Grade A External specification, PAS 820:2012) and is guaranteed to last a minimum of five years if applied as instructed. It will also withstand jet washing, so you will not need to reapply any solution after cleaning.

What happens if I get SmartWater on my skin during application, is it safe?

SmartWater is a water-based solution and is categorised as non-hazardous. If SmartWater does come into contact with your skin the makers of SmartWater recommend you wash the area with soap and water. Please follow the 'Health and Safety' steps included in the Application Instructions supplied with your bottle of solution.



How do I dispose of SmartWater?

SmartWater solution is water-soluble and we have been informed is not harmful to the environment. The makers of SmartWater say that any out-of-date or unwanted solution can therefore be safely disposed of by thoroughly diluting the solution and pouring it down.

I'm interested, what's the cost?

Last year Bromsgrove District Council had a special deal with SmartWater and were selling the packs at £15.00 each plus postage & packaging. If you were to purchase SmartWater direct from the manufacturer you will pay in excess of £50.00.

With the support of the Police & Crime Commissioner we are able to offer you SmartWater at £8.00 per pack.

I'm still interested, what do I do next?

Return the below pledge along with a cheque made payable to Fairfield Village Community Association. Your cheque will not be banked until we have received payment from approximately 224 dwellings. Once we have reached out target our order can be placed. Once the packs have been received they will be delivered to you by a member of the SmartWater Implementation Team.

Can I buy more than one SmartWater pack?

The Police and Crime Commissioner has agreed to support one pack per property in the FVCA benefit area.

Can I buy a pack at the discounted price and use the SmartWater for property at another address?

The SmartWater code for the pack that you will receive will already be assigned to your property in the FVCA benefit area before it is delivered.

What happens if you do not get 224 dwellings pledging to buy SmartWater?

If we have not reached our target by 31st May your cheque will be returned to you.

If you have any questions please contact Fairfield Village Community Association, telephone 01527 833583 or email fvcommunityassociation@outlook.com

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Pledge to buy Smartwater

Please return before 31st May

Subject to Fairfield Village Community Association achieving the minimum threshold required to become a SmartWater Community I pledge to buy One pack of SmartWater at £8.00 per pack.

I have enclosed payment for \pounds 8.00. Cheques made payable to Fairfield Village Community Association.

I understand that my cheque will not be banked until the minimum threshold for becoming a SmartWater Community has been met.

Name:	-
Address:	
PostCode	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Please return pledge and payment to:	

www.fairfieldvillage.co.uk fvcommunityassociation@outlook.com

Carol Edwards, 142 Stourbridge Road, Fairfield, B61 9LZ

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.

Neighbourhood Watch



Missing Street Sign

A street sign on Yew Tree Lane, at the junction with Bournheath Road, has been stolen. The sign went missing last week. Did you see anything? Please contact the Parish Clerk belbroughtonpc@live.co.uk or telephone 01299 270722

Annual Village Bring & Share Lunch

Sunday 7th May is ROGATION SUNDAY when we pray for God's blessing on the land, the crops and local farmers.

Traditionally we have had a bring and share meal in Fairfield Village Hall following the 11.15am service at St Mark's Church, Fairfield.

Please join us for this enjoyable service and afterwards in the Village Hall.

Everyone welcome.

Remembering Ken

A plaque will be unveiled at the start of this year's Village Hall AGM on Wednesday 3rd May, 7.30pm, in memory of Ken Lees, who sadly passed away at the end of 2016. The plaque remembers Ken's contribution to the Fairfield and the Village Hall.

It is hoped that Barbara will unveil the plaque and it would be nice if Ken's friends could be present for the unveiling.

Foul!

Dog walkers are reminded to pick up their dog's mess and bin it.

There have been incidents, once again, where dog mess has been reported on footpaths in the village, on walking routes used by children going to and from school.

Village Hall 200 Club

The Village Hall Management Committee has decided that with effect from the July draw, the five prizes of £2 each will be replaced by two prizes of £5 each.

Not a member? It is only £1.00 p/mth. During the year the top cash prizes include £100 and £200.

Interested? Contact Linda Garvin,

tel: 01527 834935



Be a considerate parker

Please remember to park considerately in the village.

Do not park so that the gap that is left on the footpath is not wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair.

Currently there are incidents where the elderly, people with mobility aids and people with pushchairs are having to navigate vehicles by walking on the busy and at times dangerous Stourbridge Road.

Even though Stourbridge Road has a 30mph speed limit, far too many vehicles have been recorded driving along the road at speeds in excess of 36, 46 & 56 mph.

So, whether you are a resident, visiting the village, watching a football match or dropping off a child for school, please be mindful and help create a safe and accessible community. Let's not respond to this plea after someone has been seriously injured

If you are not considerate, the Police have asked that you are reported to them.

Or, your vehicle may be photographed and your parking shamed on this Facebook Page.



Swishing For Charity

So you lovely ladies - clearing out your closets - want to update your wardrobe but don't want to spend any cash - have friend dress envy?? put a date in your diary for the Fairfield frock exchange at the village hall Wednesday 17th May 7:30pm - we've got some serious high quality designer clothes and shoes already pledged so a great chance to update your wardrobe without spending a penny!!

A great evening is planned with hair and makeup tips ,lovely bags and jewellery and the chance to win some fabulous prizes - and of course have fun swishing!

Swish for Charity and help Fairfield Village Community Association and West Mercia Women's Aid (Women's Refuge).



Clear the Grot Spots

It's your home, your village, your community.

Help keep YOUR community clean and tidy by donating an hour.

Targeted litter picking takes place on the second Saturday of each month. Meet outside the Village Hall, 10.30am.



Litter pick sticks, high-viz tops and refuse bags are provided.

Job Opportunity - School Crossing Patrol Warden

Are you an adult looking for a bit of extra cash? Or do you know someone that is seeking a part-time job?

Fairfield needs a School Crossing Warden.

Do you have experience of working with children and the general public



YOU COULD BE THE PERSON WE ARE LOOKING FOR

Duty times are 5 hrs 25 mins per week over five days, school term time. Job share will be considered.

Monday to Friday

Morning 8.35 - 9.05am

Afternoon 3.00 - 3.35pm

Salary: £7.80 per hour (Permanent hours) Term time only

Interested then please contact:

Integrated Transport Road Safety Team Transport Planning & Commissioning Worcestershire County Council Spetchley Road Worcester WR5 2NP

Tel 01905 763763

Hickory Dickory Murder

The Dead Secrets come to Fairfield Village Hall, Saturday 6th May, with their improvised comic Golden Age detective play - with five intrepid performers at the mercy of your audience's suggestions. Each performance is unique!

"The skill of these talented thespians was amazing...thinking on their feet they gave us a fast moving and hilarious story which amazed us all. At the final curtain they were on their feet giving them standing ovation they richly deserved" Village hall review

"Will leave you bouncing out of the venue with a smile and aching cheeks" - **** EdFringe Review

This show is suitable for Adults/Older Children (10+ yrs).

Tickets cost £9.00 (U16s £7.00) and can be purchased from Linda Garvin, telephone 01527 834935.

First Aid Courses

Your Community Association is arranging some first courses to take place from September. Further details will be in August's newsletter.

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

Community Association Meetings & Communications

All residents and friends of Fairfield & Stoneybridge are invited to Community Association meetings.

Meetings of the Community Association are on the first Saturday of each month, 10am, Fairfield Village Hall. Refreshments from 9.30am.

Keep up to date with the latest news and what's on in our community by:

- Registering your email address with fvcommunityassociation@outlook.com
- 2. Liking facebook.com/fairfieldinformation
- 3. Following Twitter @fairfield_info
- 4. Visiting <u>www.fairfieldvillage.co.uk</u>



Fairfield Village Hall Annual General Meeting



Wednesday 3rd May 7.30pm Fairfield Village Hall

Residents within the Electoral Ward of Fairfield in the Parish of Belbroughton are invited to elect the Committee that will Manage their Village Hall



The next PACT meeting will be on Tuesday 6^{th} June, at Dodford Village Hall, 7.30pm.

PACT meetings give you the opportunity to raise issues affecting you and your community with the police and your local (Parish, District & County) Councillors.

It is understood that the Police & Crime Commissioner may be attending this meeting.

Love to shop why not swap at

Fairfield's First Frock Exchange

Wednesday 17th May 2017, 7.30pm-9.30pm



Is there a dress that's been in the back of your wardrobe for months (even years!) that never gets worn? What about those jeans that don't fit you anymore? Ready to trade out your cardigan for a blazer? Do you have friend dress envy?

Join us for a night of swishing at:

Fairfield Village Hall

Stourbridge Rd, Fairfield, Bromsgrove, Worcs, B61 9LZ

Door Charge: £2.00

How does it work? Bring 5-10 gently worn and washed items that you no longer need or want (clothing, accessories, shoes or handbags). Quality is key! Please don't bring the old t-shirt you wear to do the garden!!

One piece of clothing = one token. You have the night to shop through other "pre-loved" items with your tokens while enjoying a vintage tea party, learning new ways to do your hair, apply make-up and how to dress for your shape.

Re-loved! You'll leave the event with "new-to-you" pieces, revitalizing your wardrobe without breaking the bank on new clothes!

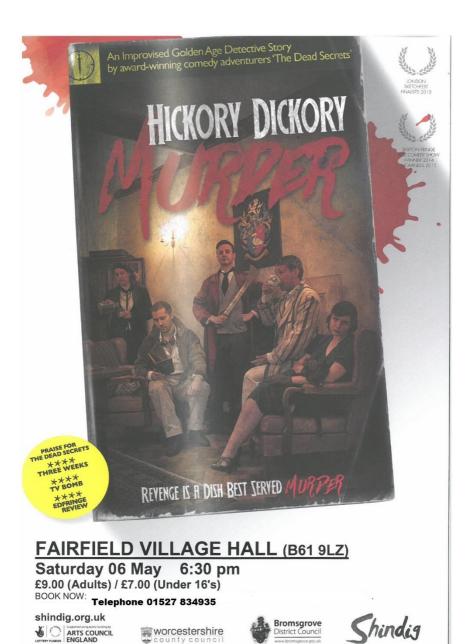
Spend the evening swishing with lots of treats and advice from our kind sponsors:

- Hair by Karen Grove and Lou Hughes @ Profiles
- Jewellery & Bags by Moda Jewellery
- Image Consultancy by Charlotte Scriven- House of Colour
- Vintage Tea Party refreshments by Denise Johnson
- Make-up by Emma Aston
- Raffle and prizes galore Courtesy of High House Health & Beauty.

If you can't attend but would still like to donate please drop off clothes from 6.30pm on the 17th at the Village Hall.

If you would like more information please contact Julie Baldwin: julesaallen@aol.com All unwanted items will be donated to West Mercia Women's aid.





Weekly Activities in Fairfield

Sunday:	Wednesday:
Quiz Night at the Swan, from 9pm	Pre-school, Village Hall, 9am – 12noon
Monday:	Welcome Club, Village Hall, 2pm - 4pm (not Jan)
Pre-school, Village Hall, 9am – 3pm	<u>Thursday</u> :
Kicks Dance School, Village Hall, 3.30pm	Pre-school, Village Hall, 9am – 3pm
Line Dancing, Village Hall, 7.30pm	Zumba, Village Hall, 7pm – 8pm
Poker Night, Swan Inn, from	<u>Friday</u> :
8pm	Pre-school, Village Hall, 9am – 3pm
<u>Tuesday</u> :	Ctroot dancing Villago Hall
Pre-school, Village Hall, 9am – 3pm	Street dancing, Village Hall, 3.30pm
Dancing, Village Hall, 7.30pm	Taekwondo, Village Hall, 6pm/7pm/8pm

Diary

May

3rd: Village Hall AGM, Village Hall, 7.30pm

6th: Fairfield Village Community Association, Village Hall, 10.00am

6th: Hickory Dickory Murder, Village Hall, 6.30pm

10th: Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm

13th: Community Litter Pick, meet outside Village Hall, 10.30am

17th: Frock Swap Fairfield, Village Hall, 7.30pm

22nd: Belbroughton & Fairfield Annual Parish Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

24th: Bingo, Village Hall, 7.30pm

25th: National Vegetable Society, Fairfield Village Hall, 7pm for 8pm start

June

3rd: Fairfield Village Community Association, Village Hall, 10.00am

6th: PACT Meeting, Dodford Village Hall, 7.30pm

14th: Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm

28th: Bingo, Village Hall, 7.30pm

July

1st: Fairfield Village Community Association, Village Hall, 10.00am

8th: Community Litter Pick, meet outside Village Hall, 10.30am

12th: Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm

26th: Bingo, Village Hall, 7.30pm

August

5th: Fairfield Village Community Association, Village Hall, 10.00am

12th: Community Litter Pick, meet outside Village Hall, 10.30am

12th: W.I. Annual Produce & Flower Show, Village Hall

23rd: Bingo, Village Hall, 7.30pm

24th: National Vegetable Society, Fairfield Village Hall, 7pm for 8pm start

