



# Fairfield Village Community Association

**NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2017**

## Sajid Javid MP to Meet Residents of Fairfield & Stoneybridge

Our local Member of Parliament, Rt. Hon. Sajid Javid MP will be visiting Fairfield on Friday 8th September.

Fairfield Village Community Association has invited Sajid Javid to meet with residents of Fairfield & Stoneybridge to discuss local issues and barriers in the community.

Time is limited, as Sajid Javid will only be in Fairfield for an hour. To assist in the facilitation of the evening, if there are any issues, questions or concerns that you would like raised please contact Fairfield Village Community Association, by email [fvcommunityassociation@outlook.com](mailto:fvcommunityassociation@outlook.com) or speak to one of the Association's Officers. If time permits, we may be able to accommodate an "open floor".

Fairfield First School have kindly agreed to host the meeting, which will start at 6pm (prompt).

Refreshments will be available, with money received being donated to the School's Parent, Teacher & Friends Association.

Please do support this meeting and use this opportunity to help improve our community.

## Home Safety Advice

North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership (NWCSP) will be attending the Community Association meeting on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, starting at 10am (refreshments from 9.30am).

NWCSP will be advising on home and personal safety. There may be some freebies for you to take away.

## 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](mailto:pjones456@talktalk.net)

## 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.



## Forties Fairfield

Expect a nostalgic journey back to the sights and sounds of the 1940's at Fairfield Village Hall on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September (7.30pm – 10.30pm).

Forties Fairfield will Swing through the decade, led by Vintage 40's entertainer **Kevin Mac** - a night to relive the fabulous songs of an era that saw the blitz, rationing, the wedding of Princess Elizabeth to Prince Philip, the founding of the United Nations, the start of the Cold War and the British Bull Dog spirit.

There will be laughter from Laurel & Hardy and when the All Clear is sounded High Tea will be served from the Vintage Tea Room.

Dress 1940's style, dance the Jitterbug and enjoy the spirit that won World War 2.



Forties Fairfield is being organised by Fairfield Village Community Association and the aim of the event is to bring members of the community together.

**Tickets are £5.00 each and can be purchased from Fairfield Post Office.**

Kevin Mac has been a semi-professional singer for over 11 years and is the resident singer at Severn Valley Railway 40's weekends. Kevin has also performed at a Crich Tramway Museum, Castle Bromwich 40's Weekend and at the Bugatti Owners Club in Cheltenham where he entertained over 8000's attendees.

# Floral Fairfield

Gardens, Tubs & Baskets have now been judged, the winners and properties marked Highly Commended are below.

This year did see an increase in the number of properties displaying tubs and baskets. Thank you to all properties that took part.



Floral Fairfield will be back next year. Please encourage your neighbours to help create ribbons of colour throughout our community.

## 2017 Winners

<b>Overall Winner:</b>	124 Stourbridge Road
Business Property:	Swan Inn
Large Property:	Fairview, Dordale Road
Small Property:	
Garden:	124 Stourbridge Road
Tubs:	108 Stourbridge Road
Baskets:	4 Dordale Road
Small Bungalow:	
Garden:	1 Bungalow Fairfield Court
Tubs:	4B Pepperwood Close
Baskets:	14 Pepperwood Close
Stoneybridge:	1a Stoneybridge
Unusual Pot Container:	2 High House, Stourbridge Road

## Suspected Sighting of Giant Hogweed

At the Parish Council meeting that was held on Monday 3rd July, Fairfield Village Community Association became aware that a plant believed to be Giant Hogweed had been sighted in Dark Lane, Belbroughton.

Although the suspected plant is outside the Association's benefit area, residents and visitors may wish to be made aware of the potential dangers of the Giant Hogweed plant should they be walking in the area that the suspected plant is growing or should further plants be found in or near our benefit area.

Giant Hogweed is part of the carrot family and is common on riverbanks and wasteland. The plant, a close relative of cow parsley, has white flowers, thick bristly stems and can grow more than 16ft (5m) tall. Native to Central Asia, it was introduced into Britain in 1893 as an ornamental plant but "escaped from domestication".

Toxic components in the leaves, stems, roots, flowers and seeds can be transferred to skin by touch. These do not cause burning alone - but they make skin sensitive to sunlight, which can then cause rashes, burns and severe blistering. These effects may not start straight away - often appearing 24-48 hours after exposure.

The Centre for Ecology and Hydrology says severe blistering can "recur for many years". It says Giant Hogweed "causes damage to DNA", adding: "Contact with the cut material in sunlight produces a reaction in almost everyone. The degree of symptoms will vary between individuals, but children are known to be particularly sensitive."

**The NHS says** "If the sap of the plant comes into contact with your skin, it can cause severe, painful burns and make your skin sensitive to strong sunlight.

**What to do:** If you touch a giant hogweed, cover the affected area and wash it with soap and water. The blisters heal very slowly and can develop into phytophotodermatitis, a type of skin rash which flares up in sunlight. If you feel unwell after contact with giant hogweed, speak to your doctor."

A Giant Hogweed plant can produce up to 50,000 seeds per year, and it is important to stop it seeding – **Special Protective clothing should be worn when dealing with the plant.**

If you spot the plant that you believe to be Giant Hogweed notify the landowner and the Parish Council. If the suspected plant is in Fairfield or Stoneybridge please also notify Fairfield Village Community Association.



*Giant Hogweed - impressive to look at, toxic to touch*

## **Appearance**

Giant hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*), is a tall, cow parsley-like plant with thick bristly stems that are often purple-blotched.

The flowers are white and held in umbels, (flat-topped clusters, like those of carrots or cow parsley), with all the flowers in the umbel facing upwards. The flower heads can be as large as 60cm (2ft) across. It can reach a height of 3.5m (11.5ft) or more and has a spread of about 1-2m (3.5-7ft).

Giant hogweed is usually biennial, forming a rosette of jagged, lobed leaves in the first year before sending up a flower spike in the second year and then setting seed. True biennials only live for two years, dying after flowering, but giant hogweed does not always behave as a true biennial and in fact some are perennial, coming up year after year.



*Reid Daley, 13, suffered burns after coming into repeated contact with giant hogweed in Bolton (Images from BBC)*

## **Control**

Although there is no statutory obligation for landowners to eliminate giant hogweed, local authorities will often take action to remove infestations in public areas. Plants that are undesirable, out-compete desired plants, or simply invade half the garden are classed as weeds and require control. Weeds from abroad with strongly invasive tendencies are termed 'invasive aliens' and pose a severe threat to wild or other uncultivated environments, such as railway embankments.

Because of the severity of the threat, legislation has been applied to invasive aliens, including giant hogweed. The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) lists it on Schedule 9, Section 14 meaning it is an offence to cause giant hogweed to grow in the wild in England and Wales (similar legislation applies in Scotland and Northern Ireland). Also it can be the subject of Anti-Social Behaviour Orders where occupiers of giant hogweed infested ground can be required to remove the weed or face penalties.

Local Authorities have powers under certain circumstances to require giant hogweed to be removed.



## Are you good at taking notes?

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](mailto:secretary.fvh@outlook.com)

## Nominated Neighbour Scheme

Do you have elderly or vulnerable neighbours? Help safeguard them from scams and other criminal activities by encouraging them to adopt the Nominated Neighbour Scheme.

For further information (Fairfield & Stoneybridge residents only) contact Fairfield Village Community Association. Details of the scheme will be put through your letterbox.

## 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](mailto:secretary.fvh@outlook.com).

## 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





# First Aid Courses

Two first aid courses have been arranged. Each course will last four consecutive Wednesday evenings, commencing at 7pm (finishing 9pm – 9.30pm) and will cover the following:

- Incident & Casualty Management;
- Wounds and Bleeding;
- Extreme of Temperature
- Fractures and Soft Tissue Injuries;
- Shock;
- Strokes
- Choking;
- Minor Injuries;
- CPR;
- Use of an AED;
- Unconsciousness;
- Burns and Scalds

Courses will take place at the Fairfield Villa FC Club House on the Recreation Ground.

The cost per person will be £20.00 for residents and people that have a relationship with Fairfield & Stoneybridge. For people that do not live in or have a relationship with Fairfield & Stoneybridge the cost will be £30.00. Each course participant will receive a first aid manual.

Places on each course is limited to 12 course participants and to secure a place on a course full payment is required.

## Course Dates

### First Course:

Wednesday 20th September  
Wednesday 27th September  
Wednesday 4th October  
Wednesday 11th October

### Second Course:

Wednesday 25th October  
Wednesday 1st November  
Wednesday 8th November  
Wednesday 15th November

To book a place on either of these courses please send payment and date of course that you would like to attend to **FVCA, c/o Linda Garvin, 83 Brook Road, Fairfield, B61 9JZ**. Please include your Name, Address, Telephone Number & Email Address.

If a non-resident please state your connection with Fairfield & Stoneybridge:

# Neighbourhood Watch News

## Elderly Fairfield Resident Scammed

During June, an elderly resident fell for a scam operated by a young man with dark hair, driving a large white van. The man was polite, 5' 10" – 6' tall and tanned.

Having undertaken some working on the garden, which he received payment for, the man offered to do some work on the roof. Saying that he did not have the money for materials he asked the resident for £60.00. Not having the full amount, the resident gave the man £40.00. The man has not returned. The incident has been reported to the police.



Residents are asked to be vigilant, to report any suspicious activities to the Police, telephone 101, and, if appropriate, notify Fairfield Village Community Association who are your local Neighbourhood Watch Group  
[fvcommunityassociation@outlook.com](mailto:fvcommunityassociation@outlook.com)

## Fraudsters contact victims claiming to be from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC)

At the beginning of August, an elderly Bromsgrove resident received telephone calls from a male and a female who said they were from HMRC and payment should be made by buying iTunes vouchers. The victim did this and also provided the voucher numbers. A further call has then been received again today telling the victim that they needed to purchase further iTunes vouchers.

Action Fraud have previously warned where fraudsters contact victims claiming to be from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) and trick them into paying bogus debts and taxes using iTunes gift cards.

Victims are contacted in a variety of methods by fraudsters claiming to be from HMRC and are told they owe an outstanding debt. Fraudsters all ask for payment in iTunes gift card voucher codes. Fraudsters use iTunes gift cards to collect money from victims because they can be easily redeemed and easily

sold on. The scammers don't need the physical card to redeem the value and instead get victims to read out the serial code on the back over the phone.

How to protect yourself:

- HMRC will never use texts to tell you about a tax rebate or penalty or ever ask for payment in this way.
- Telephone numbers and text messages can easily be spoofed. You should never trust the number you see on your telephones display.
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If you receive a suspicious cold call, end it immediately.

To report a fraud please call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040

## Operation SmartWater Community

72 dwellings signed up to Operation SmartWater Community, well below the 75% minimum threshold. Residents present at the FVCA meeting on Saturday 1st July were disappointed and thanked all the volunteers that stood outside the Village Hall on the day of the General Election promoting SmartWater and for delivering reminder flyers.



After considering that Operation SmartWater Community had already had two extensions to the deadline, that the shortfall in reaching the minimum threshold is approximately 150 properties, it was reluctantly agreed to write to all residents that had returned pledges explaining why we will not be proceeding with Operation SmartWater Community, returning any money paid. Residents will be advised that they can purchase SmartWater kits as individuals, at the reduced promotional one-off price of £25 inclusive of VAT and delivery (usually sold on an annual membership basis at £59.99 per year). To take advantage of this offer to go to <http://shop.smartwater.com/buy-crime-offer> or call 0870 242 8899. Make sure you quote discount code WDBCRIME25.

## 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](mailto:fvcommunityassociation@outlook.com)

Follow Social Media:

Twitter @Fairfield\_Info

Facebook [facebook.com/fairfieldinformation](https://facebook.com/fairfieldinformation)

Visit [www.fairfieldvillage.co.uk](http://www.fairfieldvillage.co.uk)



*Creative Children at this year's W.I. Produce & Flower Show*

# Peacock Angell Trio in Concert

Peacock Angell Trio play Fairfield Village Hall on Sunday 8th October 2017 as part of their nationwide tour.

An evening of fine beautiful music inspired by and taking influences from Folk, Jazz and classical genres will be performed by some of the midlands finest professional musicians.

Ruth Angell's beautiful vocals and spirited fiddle are matched by the dextrous guitar of Sid Peacock and the thrilling piano of Steve Tromans.

***"Wildly creative, best new stuff I've heard in an age" Independent on Sunday.***

**★★★★ Financial Times**

**'A storming set... mesmeric.' BBC Music**

**'Ruth Angell is superb!' MOJO Magazine**

**'A delight... essential folk.'**

Ruth Angell has toured with Ashley Hutchings' Rainbow Chasers and Andrea Begley (Winner of The Voice). Sid Peacock is an Associate Artist at mac Arts Centre Birmingham and Director of the Surge Orchestra. Steve Tromans is an innovative pianist / composer known for his settings of beat poetry.



The concert starts at 6.30pm. Doors open at 6.00 pm.

Tickets on sale from Fairfield Post Office. Adults £9.50, under 16's £7.50. Suitable for Adults/Older Children (12+ yrs)

Light refreshments will be on sale, members of the audience are welcome to bring their own alcoholic drinks.

## Live & Local Shows Coming to Fairfield Village Hall

### **Sunday 8th October: Peacock Angell Trio - Peacock Angell Trio in Concert**

An evening of fine beautiful music inspired by and taking influences from Folk, Jazz and classical genres performed by some of the midlands finest professional musicians. Suitable for Adults/Older Children (12+ yrs)

### **Sunday 26th November: Arletty Theatre - Stinxville**

Rollicking comedy musical theatre for a family audience age 10+. Moulin Rouge meets the Wizard of Oz in a quest for cake and glory. Watch out for the Can Can troupe with fab frocks and bad attitudes. Suitable for Adults/Family (10+ yrs)

### **Saturday 10th March: Liz Hart - Mummy Monster**

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! Suitable for Adults/Older Children (13+ yrs)

### **Saturday 14th April: Green Matthews - The Wind in the Willows: A Folk Opera**

Wind in the Willows as a lively four piece folk music performance for adults and everyone age 11+

Tickets will go on sale approximately 6 weeks before the show performance from the Box Office at Fairfield Post Office. All shows will start at 6.30pm

## Fairfield Dining Group

Monthly social gathering; get to know other members of your community over a lunchtime meal.

For further information, contact Linda Garvin tel. 01527 834935

# HALESOWEN & HAGLEY FARMERS' CLUB



## Countryside Show 2017 Sunday 17th September Show Opens 10am (Horse Show 9am)



### ATTRactions INCLUDE

Horse Show & Jumping	Craft Stalls	Fun Dog Show
Ask The Farmer Tent	Horticultural Marquees	
Licensed Bar & Food Stalls	Static Engines	
Trade & Charity Stalls		
Bouncy Castle	Cattle & Livestock	

Showground

Address:

Fieldhouse Lane  
Romsley  
B620PH



### MAIN RING ENTERTAINMENT

Shire & Heavy Horses	Bale Wrapping
Hawk Eye Falconry Display	Side Saddle Demonstration
Parade of the Albrighton & Woodland Foxhounds by Kind Permission of the Joint Masters	

**Admittance & Parking £2 per person (Under 16's Free)**

[www.fairfieldvillage.co.uk](http://www.fairfieldvillage.co.uk)  
[fvcommunityassociation@outlook.com](mailto:fvcommunityassociation@outlook.com)



## 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



## **Celebrating Harvest Time**

### **Service of Thanksgiving**

Sunday 8th October

St. Mark's, Fairfield

11.15am

### **Harvest Supper**

Wednesday 25th October

7pm for 7.30pm

£10.00 per person

B.Y.O.D

Tickets: telephone 0121 460 1938

## 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

Poker Night, Swan Inn, from 8pm

### **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



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**Friday 29th September**

**10am - 12 noon**

**Fairfield Villa Club House**

# Diary

## September

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Fairfield Village Community Association, Village Hall, 10.00am
- 9<sup>th</sup>: Community Litter Pick, meet outside Village Hall, 10.30am
- 13<sup>th</sup>: Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 16<sup>th</sup>: Ploughing Competition, behind Bromsgrove Ambulance Station
- 17<sup>th</sup>: Countryside Show, Field House Lane, Romsley, 10am - 4pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: Forties Fairfield, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 27<sup>th</sup>: Bingo, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 29<sup>th</sup>: Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning, Fairfield Villa, 10am – 12noon

## October

- 7<sup>th</sup>: Fairfield Village Community Association, Village Hall, 10.00am
- 8<sup>th</sup>: Harvest Festival, St. Mark's, 11.15am
- 8<sup>th</sup>: Peacock Angell Trio in Concert, Village Hall, 6.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup>: Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup>: Community Litter Pick, meet outside Village Hall, 10.30am
- 25<sup>th</sup>: Harvest Supper, Village Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm

## November

- 4<sup>th</sup>: Fairfield Village Community Association, Village Hall, 10.00am
- 8<sup>th</sup>: Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup>: Community Litter Pick, meet outside Village Hall, 10.30am
- 12<sup>th</sup>: Remembrance Service, St. Mark's, 10.45am
- 22<sup>nd</sup>: Bingo, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: National Vegetable Society, Fairfield Village Hall, 7pm for 8pm
- 26<sup>th</sup>: Arletty Theatre - Stinxville, Villlage Hall, 6.30pm

## December

- 9<sup>th</sup>: Fairfield Village Community Association, Village Hall, 10.00am
- 13<sup>th</sup>: Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 16<sup>th</sup>: Fairfield's Magical Christmas Party, Village Hall, 6pm
- 17<sup>th</sup>: Carols & Prose, St. Mark's, 6.30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup>: Carols Around The Christmas Tree, Village Hall, 7pm
- 24<sup>th</sup>: Crib Service, St. Mark's, 4pm
- 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Holy Communion, St. Mark's, 9pm
- 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Day Family Service, St. Mark's, 10am
- 31<sup>st</sup>: New Year's Eve Party, Village Hall, 8pm

Fairfield Village Community  
Association Presents

# 40's Night

VINTAGE PARTY LIVE MUSIC  
WITH Kevin Mack



Laurel & Hardy , Glen Miller Tribute, 40's Dancing

**Saturday 23rd September**

Fairfield Village Hall

Stourbridge Road, Fairfield Bromsgrove B61 9LZ

**STARTS AT 7.30PM - TICKET £5 FROM  
POST OFFICE - BRING OUR OWN DRINKS**

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