



# Fairfield Village Community Association

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019

## Fairfield Café - Under New Management

New owner, Kuli, is giving the café a makeover and would like to expand what is on offer, selling a selection of provisions. A new coffee machine and two new additional refrigeration units have been installed. Kuli is hoping to stock cold meats, bacon, eggs etc.

Currently, the Café is stocking milk (blue and green top), bread (white & brown), orange juice, milk shakes, ready to go sandwiches, as well offering a selection of hot and cold foods off the menu.

Please pop in and support Kuli & the Café. Kuli would like to hear from you, what else should he consider stocking that would encourage you to support the Café?

## Village Hall Suspends Non-Village Bookings

**Due to a lack of volunteers joining a rota to unlock the Village Hall for hirers, the Hall has had to cut down the number of non-village bookings.**

This reduction in booking will have a financial impact on Hall operations and investment.

If you are able to assist, unlocking/locking the Village Hall a couple of times a month please contact [secretary.fvh@outlook.com](mailto:secretary.fvh@outlook.com)

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## Be Mindful When Parking

There have been several comments regarding the two new "be mindful" parking signs that have appeared in the village.

The signs are appearing across the West Mercia Police Force Area outside all first schools - the signs have been funded by the Police & Crime Commissioner, in response to complaints he and the police have received from the public (many from school parents) objecting to vehicles obstructing footpaths.



The signs are to remind motorists to be legal and considerate when parking - something we appreciate in Fairfield, to help create a safe and accessible community for all (parents, children, residents, visitors).

If you have any feedback regarding the signs, please contact <https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/>

## Grot Free Fairfield

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month (Jan – Nov), meet outside Village Hall  
10.30am.**



Donate an hour to keep our community tidy, let's banish GROT from our village. Wear suitable clothes & footwear. Litter picking equipment is provided.

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PanGottic presents

# Long Shot

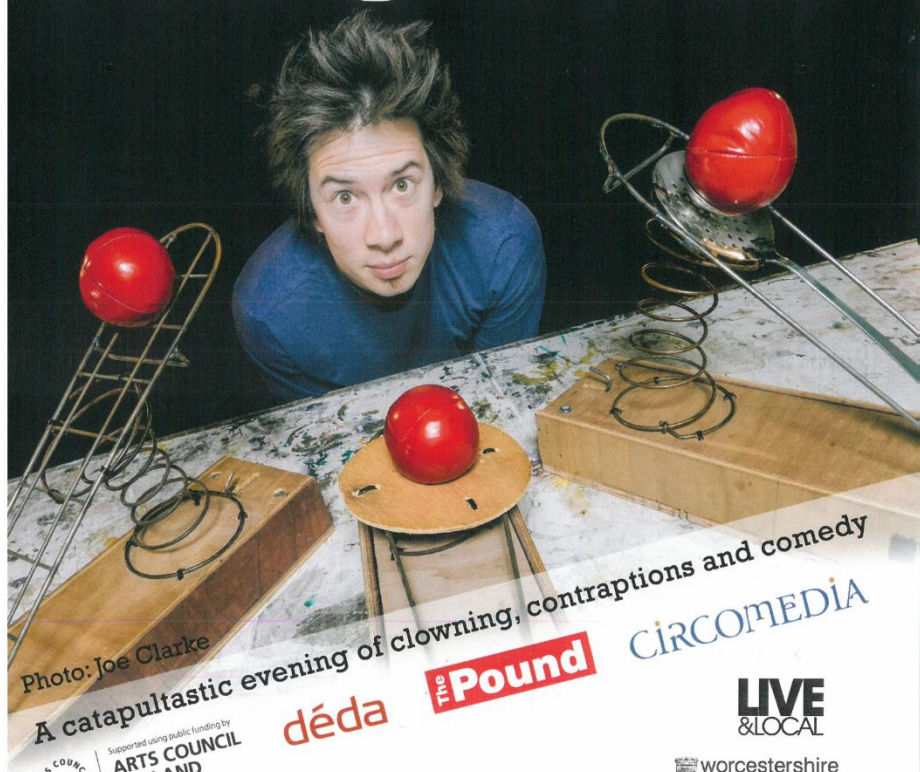


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A catapultastic evening of clowning, contraptions and comedy

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**FAIRFIELD VILLAGE HALL (B61 9LZ)**

**Sunday 10 March 6:30pm**

£8.50 (Standard) / £5.00 (Under 16)

BOOK NOW: Fairfield Post Office, 81 Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove B61 9LY or 01527 577 286.  
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## Floral Fairfield 2019 – Old & New Challenges

**This July we will once again be holding Floral Fairfield**, the annual competition that encourages households & businesses in Fairfield & Stoneybridge to create ribbons of colour throughout the community.

Certificates are awarded to the best floral displays and gardens that can be seen and enjoyed by people passing by.

The **categories are: Front gardens, Tubs & Baskets.**

In addition to creating ribbons of colours, we are inviting children, adults and institutions to enter **Fairfield's**

**Floral Collage**, a competition where you create a collage using flowers, the theme **"Super Heroes"**. You do not have to live in Fairfield to enter this competition.



Collages will be placed on display at St. Mark's Church for public viewing, Saturday 20th July. Prizes and certificates for both competitions will be awarded at 3pm.

Details on how to enter will be in the Summer FVCA newsletter. For competition rules, see FVCA website.

**Warm up the Green Fingers – Get Your Floral Thinking Caps On**

## Pepperwood Charcoal

Locally produced charcoal from sustainable wood source for sale.  
contact the Pepperwood volunteers:

Tel: 0787 575 6698

Email [jenkinhp@gmail.com](mailto:jenkinhp@gmail.com)

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## Fairfield Walkers

Get to know other members of your community and exercise at the same time, whilst enjoying our local countryside. Walks are usually 3 to 4 miles, with occasional longer walks.



Wear suitable clothes & foot wear,  
dogs on lead are welcome.

**2019 Walks:** 3rd Thursday of Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept, Oct, 10am and

Evening Walks – 4th Wednesday May, Jun, Jul, Aug, 7pm

### Keep up to date with FVCA community & Neighbourhood Watch news:

Register your email to receive e-circulars to your email box – send your email address to [admin@fvca.org.uk](mailto:admin@fvca.org.uk)

Follow Social Media:

Twitter @Fairfield\_Info

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## You could be a 200 Club Winner

Only £1.00 a month, with jackpot prizes up to £200.00. All profits support Fairfield Village Hall. For an application form contact the Village Hall, [fvca.org.uk/200-club](http://fvca.org.uk/200-club) or Linda Garvin, 83 Brook Road, Fairfield.

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# Have Your Say – It's YOUR Community

Join other residents to help shape where you live.

Relaxed, social, meetings are held at the:

## **Village Hall**

1st Saturday of Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov 10am

## **Fairfield Villa Club House**

1st Monday of Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec 7.30pm (bar open from 7pm)

The Community Association works for a better and sustainable community; building and maintaining pride in where we all live. We look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings.

## Fairfield Diners – Getting to know your community

Social gathering of residents and friends of Fairfield & the surrounding area; get to know your community over a lunchtime meal.

Meals are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month (Jan – Nov) at local pubs, restaurants and tea rooms, 12.30pm:

Dates & Venues for lunches in 2019:

March 18th	The Fox, Chaddesley Corbett
April 15th	Lord Morton`s, Cutnall Green WR9 OPQ
May 20th	Bromsgrove Golf Club
June 17th	The Swan, Fairfield
July 15th	The Navigation Inn, Hanbury Road
August 19th	The Gate, Bournheath
September 16th	The Ewe and Lamb, Hanbury
October 21th	The French Hen, Clent DY9 9PY
November 18th	The Swan, Fairfield
December	No lunch!!

Please contact Pat Steward (01527 832360) if you wish to attend or require further information.

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**Fairfield Village  
Community Association**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY 2ND MARCH 10AM  
VILLAGE HALL**

Celebrating achievements over the past 12 months

Electing Chair, Secretary, Treasurer & Officers for the year ahead

Updating residents on community issues

Consulting on FVCA's proposal to address traffic concerns

Guest Speaker—Jo Hughes, AGE UK  
Using Technology To Reduce Social Isolation and  
How Do You Operate That Thingamajig?

**Refreshments, Cakes & Biscuits from 9.30am**

**Come Along—It's YOUR Village**

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## Are You SmartWatered?

**Signage has been erected across our community warning criminals that SmartWater is in operation.**

57% of dwellings in the **Fairfield Ward** (see below) have now received their **FREE** property marking kits (SmartWater), which is fantastic.

**If you have not yet received your FREE property marking kit, they can be collected at any FVCA meeting, or you can arrange a home delivery by emailing [admin@fvca.org.uk](mailto:admin@fvca.org.uk) tel. 01527 833583.**



Kits cannot be put through the letterbox and will need to be signed for, so please arrange a time when you will be in.

## Confusion: Postal address and Ward

There are a number of properties that have the postal address of Bournheath, Chadwich or Dodford that are in the Fairfield Ward (Belbroughton & Fairfield Parish).

### **How to tell which Parish & Ward you are in:**

Check your Council Tax bill, this will tell you which Parish you are in. Which Polling Station do you go to, to vote? If Fairfield Village Hall, you live in the Fairfield Ward.

Fairfield ward includes properties in:

Barnes Close  
Chadwich Manor Estate  
Dordale Road  
Harbours Hill  
Madeley Road  
Malthouse Lane  
Middle Road  
Mill Lane

Money Lane  
Sandy Lane  
Stoneybridge  
Top Road  
Third Road  
Warbage Lane  
Yarnold Lane

# The Importance and Measurement of pH in your Garden or Allotment

The first meeting of 2019 by West Midlands District Association (DA) of the National Vegetable Society (NVS) will be at Fairfield Village Hall on Thursday 28 February. The hall will be open 7.00 pm with Free Tea/Coffee.

The Meeting will commence at 8.00 pm with a brief report on last year's progress and an update of the plans and programme for 2019 which includes the DA hosting the display at Gardeners World Live at the NEC June 13th-16th. and the Annual Show Thursday 29 August.

The main event of the evening is a Presentation by Richard Baldwin, RHS Masters on The Importance and Measurement of pH Richard is a member of the NVS and regularly attends our meetings.

He comes from the West Riding of Yorkshire and has been involved in horticulture all his life, beginning in a general nursery, progressing to the parks department glasshouses and nursery. After a period on the south coast growing indoor flowers and pot plants he moved to the research station at Luddington on commercial fruit crop production. Richard began his teaching career at Pershore College of Horticulture, specialising in commercial horticulture also running a 50 acre intensive vegetable unit and an organic unit, he holds position of Senior Horticultural Lecturer.

Members and Visitors can bring a Soil Sample for testing and there will be a demonstration using a BDH soil kit; all attendees can receive an electronic pH reading of their samples.

To collect a soil sample select an area of the garden or several crop rotation areas from the allotment, using a garden trowel, take ten samples from the area, about a trowel full each, down to a depth of 15cm (6 inches). Mix all ten samples together thoroughly, breaking up any large lumps. Put a cupful of the mixed soil in a suitable container. label and bring to the meeting, together with a small glass jar, an old teaspoon and some paper towels. Calculate site area in m<sup>2</sup>. Bring a calculator. Lime calculations will be undertaken.

New Members, Visitors or anyone interested in growing vegetables are always welcome to attend. For Visitors there is a £3 admission fee which includes Tea/Coffee and Biscuits.

For further information please contact:

Roy James on Tel: 01527 831508 or email [roy\\_james2 @sky.com](mailto:roy_james2@sky.com) (preferred).

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# Live Shows Coming to Fairfield Village Hall in 2019

## Long Shot

**Sunday 10 March 2019, 6.30pm**

**1 athletic and engaging master-juggler versus lots of wacky contraptions firing balls at him – he's going to need help from his audience! Surprises galore in this clever family show that guarantees big smiles.**

This impressive one-man show has been developed especially for rural touring and is suitable for a mixed age family audience to enjoy.

What marks this company as different from a standard 'juggling act' are their terrific bespoke contraptions which look like things created for TV's The Crystal Maze or QI. You can get a really good idea of these Heath Robinson goodies in the video trailer for the show.

In a nutshell, it's a skilfully and engagingly performed stripped-back circus show involving these handmade remote-controlled contraptions, comedy and juggling.

Tickets on sale from Fairfield Post Office. Adults £8.50 U16s £5.00



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# The Listening Project

**Sunday 14 April 2019, 6.30pm**

**Championed by jazz-pop star Jamie Cullum, sassy double-bass playing singer-songwriter Kel Elliott is justly acclaimed for her rich and powerful voice and uplifting, genre-leaping story-songs, here based on stories and personal recollections gathered from historic and reminiscence projects.**

Uplifting, wry, bluesy jazzy folky music from a literate, witty and sassy singer-songwriter - with the unusual distinction of being a double bass player - and her exciting quartet. Matching Kel Elliott's velvety vocals and trademark bass are endearing between-song banter and an impressive range of instruments, from guitar and bass clarinet, to sousaphone, saxophone, accordion, ukulele and percussion.

Following (River Avon boat-based) Kel's recent project work with Live & Local on the 'Discover: Chedham's Stories' heritage cyber story-trail - offering a unique insight into the Chedham's Yard blacksmith heritage site in Warwickshire - Kel has been focusing her songwriting on personal stories gathered from historic and reminiscence projects. Zigzagging through the very beat and pulse of human life, Kel uncovers the quirky, the fascinating, the weird and the wonderful.

A joy to listen to and true crowd-pleasers Kel Elliott & Her Three Man

Tickets on sale early March 2019 from Post Office. Adults £8.50 U16s £5.00



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# Neighbourhood Watch News



## Vehicle Crime

Recently there have been several incidents of vehicle crime in the surrounding area; Romsley, Catshill & Belbroughton.

Please review your vehicle security, removing items of value.

Do not leave your vehicle unattended whilst it is warming up.

Do not leave your car keys near a window or your front door.

## Scam Alerts

A fraudulent text is doing the rounds purporting to be from DVLA saying you have a vehicle tax refund, DO NOT click on link to process the refund. IT IS A FRAUD - IGNORE & DELETE THE TEXT

## Message From West Mercia Police – 999 Calls

"In 2018 we had almost 12,500 accidental/silent 999 calls, such as pocket dials or children playing with phones for example. We have to check that you are ok and do not require police and this takes valuable time. If you do accidentally dial 999, DON'T PANIC AND STAY ON THE LINE".

## Operation Lollipop

Members of the public in Bromsgrove, Rubery, Alvechurch, Wythall and Hagley are now able to send digital photographs of dangerous or inconsiderate parking outside schools directly to their Safer Neighbourhood Teams via a dedicated email address -

[OperationLollipop@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:OperationLollipop@westmercia.pnn.police.uk) Officers will then investigate and make contact with the registered keeper to take appropriate action where possible.

## The Telephone Preference Service

The Telephone Preference Service (TPS) is a free service enabling individuals to register their wish not to receive unsolicited sales and marketing telephone calls.

Those that can register on the TPS include consumers at their residential address, sole traders and, except in Scotland, partnerships.

Organisations with which you have an ongoing relationship, for example those who regard you as a customer, (or in the case of charities - a donor) may well gather your consent during the early stages of your relationship with them and will therefore be entitled to call you even if your number is registered on TPS (unless you have previously told them specifically that you object to them calling you for marketing purposes).

The TPS can accept the registration of mobile telephone numbers, however it is important to note that this will prevent the receipt of marketing voice calls but not SMS (text) messages. If you wish to stop receiving SMS marketing messages, please send an 'opt-out' request to the company involved.

As TPS registration only prevents marketing calls, organisations will still be able to call you for the purposes of genuine market research.

Unfortunately, TPS are unable to stop calls originating from outside the United Kingdom.

For further information and to register your telephone number visit [www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk)

### Village Bring & Share – Asking for a good year ahead for our farmers & food producers: 12<sup>th</sup> May

See the Lambs in Church, and hear them bleat the hymns - 11.15am

Village Bring & Share Lunch in the Village Hall - 12noon



## Evening Activities at the Village Hall

### **Monday:**

Line Dancing, Village Hall, 7.30pm

### **Thursday:**

Zumba, Village Hall, 7pm – 8pm

### **Tuesday:**

Dancing, Village Hall, 7.30pm

### **Friday:**

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



## Fairfield Village Hall Annual General Meeting



Wednesday 1st May 2019  
7.30pm  
Fairfield Village Hall

What's been happening at YOUR Village Hall and what are the future plans?

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

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# Diary

## March

- 2nd **FVCA AGM**, Village Hall, 10am
- 9th **Litter Pick**, meet Village Hall, 10.30am
- 13th **Fairfield W.I.**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 10th **Long Shot**, Village Hall, 6.30pm
- 18th **Fairfield Dining Group**, The Fox, Chaddersley, 12.30pm
- 31th **Mothering Sunday**, St. Mark's, 11.15am

## April

- 1st **FVCA Residents' Meeting**, Fairfield Villa Club House, 7.30pm
- 6th **Race Night**, Fairfield Villa Club House
- 10th **Fairfield W.I.**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 13th **Litter Pick**, meet Village Hall, 10.30am
- 14th **Kel Elliott – The Listening Project**, Village Hall, 6.30pm
- 15th **Fairfield Dining Group**, Lord Morton's, 12.30pm
- 21th **Easter Service**, St. Mark's, 11.15am
- 24th **Bingo**, Village Hall, 7.30pm

## May

- 1st **Village Hall AGM**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 2nd **Local Elections**, Village Hall, 7am – 10pm
- 4th **FVCA Residents Meeting**, Village Hall, 10am
- 8th **Fairfield W.I.**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 11th **Litter Pick**, meet Village Hall, 10.30am
- 12th **Village Rogation Service**, St. Mark's, 11.15am
- 12th **Village Bring & Share**, Village Hall, 12noon
- 20th **Fairfield Dining Group**, Bromsgrove Golf Club, 12.30pm
- 22nd **Bingo**, Village Hall, 7.30pm

## Church Services at St. Mark's

First Sunday	Holy Communion	6.30pm
Second Sunday	Worship4All – Family Service	11.15am
Third Sunday	Holy Communion	11.15am
Fourth Sunday	Evening Praise	6.30pm
Fifth Sunday	Group Service	

## Mothering Sunday – Give thanks to those that care for us

31<sup>st</sup> March      11.15am – 12noon

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