



Fairfield Village Community Association

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

UPDATE: FVCA AGM

At the Association's AGM in March, the following people were elected to serve for the year ahead:

Chairperson:	Conrad Palmer
Secretary:	Mary Gibbs
Treasurer:	Yvonne Watton
Officers:	Carol Brogan, Sue Wilkes, Geoff Cotterill

The Chairman gave his report, which can be downloaded from the Association's website, www.fvca.org.uk

What links Fairfield, ITV and Sainsburys?

We are all TRUSTED PARTNERS of the /together coalition.

The /together coalition is a national body that exists to build a kinder, closer more connected communities.

The work that your Community Association does has been recognised, and we are currently the only village group that has been recognised as a trusted partner by the /together coalition, our logo appearing alongside the coalition's other trusted & corporate partners. Our activities are being used as case studies to hopefully encourage other communities.

Along with the BBC, Bulb energy, HSBC, and other large organisations, we will be supporting Thank You Day on Sunday 2nd July, see details below.

The /together coalition coordinated the BIG HELP OUT, a day of volunteering (Monday 8th May) to help mark the King's Coronation, and the King's service to our nation.

Thank You

The UK's 3rd annual Thank You Day is on Sunday July 2nd and it's shaping up to be the best yet!

We would like to encourage you to celebrate all the things that keep us connected in our communities, so let's say a huge thank you to all the people we rely on, and to those who make a difference in our lives!



Do You want to get involved?

There are lots of ways to get involved from hosting a BBQs, to sharing a song or joining a Wild Walk! Visit: thankyouday.org.uk for more, including invitation templates, and party ideas or simply join the Thank You Day Facebook Group!

The power of ‘thank you’ can help transform communities by building bonds, helping to bridge divides and creating connections, old and new, so on Sunday 2nd July, lets all get together and say a great big Thank You.

Start Planning your day. We can’t wait to say Thank You Together.

What ever you are doing, please message us via email, Facebook or Twitter so that we can share your thanks amongst our community.

Wildmoor Quarry

At the time of writing, we understand that the owners of Wildmoor Quarry still wish 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 understood that it is being claimed by Mr. Parton, who owns the quarry, that Cadnet have no objections to mineral extraction either side of their pipeline.

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



It is currently envisaged that the planning application will be submitted to the County Council by the end of this year. Once the planning application is published, we will use our communication channels to notify residents. **We encourage residents to respond to this planning application.**

In January 2022, Wildmoor Quarry requested a Scoping Opinion with regard their intentions. In that request, the applicant proposed:

- continuation of existing activities at the site;
- extend phased quarrying activities on land to the west and south west 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.

Introducing the “8 Hills” Regional Park

The National Trust is working on proposals for the creation of a 12,000 hectare (47 square mile) ‘regional park’, centred along the 8 Hills between Clent and Weathroak in North Worcestershire.

Bromsgrove District Council are being encouraged, by heritage & wildlife groups, and other stakeholders, including Fairfield Village Community Association, to include 8 Hills in their local plan, which is currently being reviewed. BDC are now actively considering 8 Hills for inclusion and are engaged in the development of a spatial framework looking at opportunities.

The overall vision for the 8 Hills Regional Park is to improve access to the countryside for local communities, create additional income opportunities for farmers, and improve wildlife corridors and heritage features. The regional park would help to ensure that any development doesn’t reduce or cut off access to the countryside for local communities.

Interested in learning more about 8 Hills Regional Park? Please visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/8-hills

Bonfires

With warming weather, many people are out tending to their gardens, hanging washing on the line and leaving windows open around the house for ventilation.

Smoke from garden bonfires can prevent your neighbours from enjoying their garden, opening windows or hanging washing out and can be an irritant for those people that have health conditions, such as asthma.

Is that bonfire necessary?

Householders are therefore urged to consider an alternative method of disposing of garden waste e.g. composting, which can provide a useful soil enricher for your own garden. Compost heaps/bins also provide a home for many insects, voles and even slow worms. You can also put garden waste in the District Council's Brown Wheelie Bin that is collected fortnightly or you can take waste to the Romsley Recycling Centre.



How to prevent smoke nuisance

If it is essential to burn material in the open air, please follow the advice below:

- Light your fire when your neighbours are not likely to be in their gardens, having windows open for ventilations or washing on their line. Speak to your neighbours and liaise with them.
- All material to be burnt should be as clean and dry as possible.
- Bonfires should be sited as far as possible away from any houses.
- Check the wind direction to prevent smoke from being blown into your neighbours' property or onto roads.
- Never burn plastics, oil, rubber, electrical components or other chemicals as these materials produce toxic and offensive fumes.
- All bonfires should be closely supervised, since they are potentially dangerous. Do not leave a fire smouldering – put it out using soil or water.

What do I do if my neighbour is regularly having bonfires and I think it is a nuisance?

If you wish to make a complaint about a neighbour's bonfire, please contact Bromsgrove District Council.

Goodbye Betty

Betty Tarbuck died peacefully during the morning of Monday 10th April.

Betty, and her late husband George, ran the village shop for many years, organising many village events.

Following the death of her husband, Betty continued as a village stalwart, donating time to community activities, St. Mark's church & Fairfield W.I.

Until last year, Betty still lived in the village, attending services at St. Mark's and helping to make refreshments. It was due to poor health that Betty moved to a nursing home.

Betty's funeral took place on 9th May, with many friends from our community filling St. Mark's church.

Collect Your FREE "Crime prevention" Guide

This 8-page A4 booklet provides easy-to-digest, expert crime prevention advice on preventing burglary, antisocial behaviour, car crime, cybercrime, scams and street harassment. It encourages people to be active bystanders whilst explaining what that term means. The last page boasts a handy crime prevention checklist to help owners ensure they always leave their home in knowledge it is secure.

Pick up your "Crime Prevention" guide from the Village Hall at Foodie Fairfield or The Wednesday Social. There is one guide for each dwelling in Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stoneybridge.



Informative Basic First Aid Enjoyed By All

There was plenty of laughter, with good learning engagement, at the Basic First Aid course that took place on 26th April at the Village Hall.

Following the course, attendees reported that they enjoyed the learning experience and found the information really useful.

If you would like to attend a locally arranged Basic First Aid course, which would be delivered on a Wednesday evening, 6pm - 10pm, email admin@fvca.org.uk If there is the demand we will try and arrange another course.



The Looped Hole Walls of Fairfield

Have you ever wondered why there are holes in the wall, on both sides of the road, at the junction of Bournheath Road and Stourbridge Road?

They are known as Loop Holes.

Loop Holes were cut into garden walls during World War 2 to allow weapons to be fired through them, by the local Home Guard unit, in event of an enemy invasion.



According to the Defence of Worcestershire Project (1996), these structures are now quite rare in Worcestershire.

During World War 2, the Church Hall (on the site of what is now the Village Hall) was used by the Fairfield Platoon of the 2nd Worcestershire (Bromsgrove) Battalion Home Guard as their Headquarters and the Hall was also requisitioned for use as a first aid point.



Fire Crews Respond To Fallen Horse

Fire Crews from Bromsgrove Fire Station and Large Animal Team from Bromyard Fire Station were called on Saturday 22nd April to assist George a 25 year old cob horse, who measures more than 15 hands and weighs about 550kg, that had fallen in a building, off Money Lane, and unable to get up.

A vet from Field Equine Vets had been called by the owner's and was in attendance when they decided to call fire control and request assistance. By the time the first crew arrived George had already been given some sedation to keep George calm , using specialist equipment that the crew carry on the fire appliance for animal rescue, a plan was put in place to get George out of the building, then with the support of a local farmer and his tractor.

George was lifted to his feet after a short time he was able to stand on his own and the straps were removed.

George was given a full check over by the vet and given a clean bill of health, and is out now enjoying the grass.



Village Picnic

Competitive Fun

Sack Race, Egg & Spoon, Tug of War



Recreation Ground, Sunday 9th July
2pm - 4pm

Exercise & Destress with Friends

Join our Walking Group on the third Tuesday of each month for a 2 hour ramble of gentle terrain, many walks will be familiar to many residents. Meet Fairfield Recreation Ground 10am, unless otherwise advertised. Wear suitable clothing & footwear. Dogs allowed (on lead where animals are grazing or crops growing).



FLYTIPPING: Dumping of Grass & Other Garden Waste

We often receive complaints from residents regarding other residents who dump their grass cuttings & garden waste in the hedge or in a field.

According to the law, dumping garden waste anywhere, including in hedgerows, grass verges and woodlands is flytipping. Just because it may eventually compost down, does not make dumping acceptable or permissible.

To report flytipping visit <https://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/my-place/street-cleaning/fly-tipping/report-fly-tipping.aspx>

Wombling for a Grot Free Community

Charlotte & Ryan have been donating their time to keep our community tidy, please be inspired by their efforts to either undertake a solo litter pick or join our monthly community litter pick.

We need you to join our team of Wombles to help keep Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stoneybridge tidy. Across our community grot can be found on the edge of roads, in ditches & hedges and on open ground. Why not join our Community Litter Pick that take place on the 2nd Saturday of each month, starting at 10.30am, meeting outside the Village Hall. All we ask is that you donate an hour for YOUR community, wear suitable clothing & footwear, and WE will provide you with the litter picking equipment. In addition to helping to fight the grot that blights our community, it is good exercise and a great way of meeting other people who also live in our community.





Join the Fairfield 200 Club?

The 200 Club helps provide much needed funds to help keep our Village Hall looking magnificent. It is only £1.00 p/mth, with a draw every month, and top prizes range from £25 to £200. Membership is limited to 200, and there are a few available numbers. Interested in joining?

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

Friends for Lunch

Join us on the third Wednesday of each month as we visit a local pub or other fine eatery for a hearty meal and good conversation. The group includes (and is not exclusive to) residents of Fairfield, Bournheath, Dodford & the surrounding area. We meet from 12.15pm, for a 12.30pm lunch. Dates and venues for future lunches are:

17th July	The Dog, Harvington
21st August	The French Hen, Clent
18th September	The Potting Shed
16th October	The Nailers, Bournheath
20th November	The Swan, Fairfield

If you are interested in joining our lunchtime meal, or would like further information, 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.

Admittance is FREE. All we ask is a small donation for refreshments. Future Talks/Activities:

14th June	Talk: Madagascar's lemurs and whales
12th July	Activity: Walking Rounders
9th August	Talk: TBC
13th September	Activity: Building Bird & Bat Boxes
11th October	Talk: Tuneful Tubes?
8th November	Talk: My Life on 2 Wheels
13th December	Activity: TBC



Many shoppers armed with their lists attend Foodie Fairfield, our village Market Hall.

Thanks to all our stallholders for making this possible.

If you have not been, do come, a warm welcome awaits you.

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.

The event is also a social occasion where you can stop for a cuppa, and enjoy some freshly made cake and have a catch up with friends.





Fairfield WI 28th Annual Produce Show



Cake stall

Tombola

Raffle

Teas

Produce Sale



Fairfield Village Hall

Saturday 12th August 2023

Open to the public at 2.30 pm – Free Admission

Sale of cakes from 2.30 pm

Sale of produce from 3.30 pm

Entries welcome from all

**Schedules available from: S K Hair & Beauty, Fairfield,
Partridges Butchers and Beechcroft Nurseries**

or visit www.fvca.org.uk click on **Produce Show** tab
to download a copy

Quiz Time: Street Smart

1) Whose first words on “Sesame Street” were “Don’t bang on my can! Go away!”?

- a) Big Bird b) Ernie c) Mr. Hooper d) Oscar

2) What fictional lawyer was assisted by a secretary named Della Street?

- a) Perry Mason b) Owen Marshall c) Horace Rumpole
d) Ben Matlock.

3) On what London street did demon barber Sweeney Todd ply his trade?

- a) Carnaby Street b) Fleet Street c) Wall Street d) Harley Street.

4) In what musical did Freddy Eynsford-Hill sing “On the Street Where You Live”?

- a) “On a Clear Day You Can See Forever” b) “My Fair Lady”
c) “Carousel” d) “Gigi.”

5) What rock singer is backed by the E Street Band?

- a) Elvis Costello b) David Bowie c) Bruce Springsteen d) Bob Dylan

6) What actor won a Best Supporting Actor Oscar for reprising his Broadway role in “A Streetcar Named Desire”?

- a) Kirk Douglas b) Karl Malden c) Burt Lancaster d) James Franciscus

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“They need to come up with an app that will locate your glasses.”

A showstopper pork pie for the Village Picnic



Recipe courtesy of Miranda Gore Browne - Miranda is a food writer, home-baking expert, director of The Kitchen School and passionate foodie.

Ingredients

- 600g shoulder of British pork (300g whizzed in food processor or mincer, 300g finely chopped)
- 150g smoked streaky bacon
- 80g of breadcrumbs
- Fresh herbs – I used sage, marjoram, thyme and some chives
- 1 Bramley apple, peeled, cored and finely chopped
- 1 tsp of coriander seeds, crushed
- 1 tsp of juniper berries, crushed
- ½ tsp of white pepper
- ½ tsp of nutmeg
- A good pinch of mace
- Freshly ground salt and pepper
- 1 organic chicken stock cube
- 6 leaves of gelatine or 1 x 12g sachet
- 1 pint of boiling water

For the pastry:

- 450g plain flour
- 450g strong white flour
- 2 teaspoons of salt
- 300g lard
- 440ml water
- 1 egg, beaten, to brush on top

Method

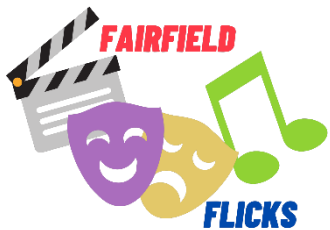
1. Preheat the oven to 180 degrees
2. First prepare the filling. Use a pestle and mortar to crush the herbs and spices. Put into a large bowl with all of the other ingredients, cover with foil and put to one side while you make the pastry.
3. To make the pastry, weigh and sift the flours and salt into a large mixing bowl.

4. Put the water and lard into a pan and bring to the boil. As soon as it has boiled, remove from the heat.
5. Pour the hot lard and water into the dry ingredients and use a wooden spoon to mix together. Keep mixing and then put your hands in to knead in the last dry bits. The pastry should be warm and elastic, like playdough.
6. Take a large (7-inch minimum) deep and loose-bottomed cake tin. Break off about two thirds of the pastry and roll into a rough ball.
7. Put this ball into the bottom of the cake tin.
8. Use a glass, bottle or rolling pin to press down into the middle of the dough. Then use your hands and fingers to press and pull up the dough to make the base and sides of the pie. The pastry should cover all of the inside of the tin and overlap at the top – it will hang over a little. The pastry should be at least 1cm thick, patch any bits if the pastry has broken or torn.
9. Stand the lined tin on a flat baking tray. Spoon the filling into the pastry case.
10. Then take the remaining pastry and use a rolling pin to roll out a circle a little larger than the base of the tin. Dip your finger into a little water and run it around the pastry where it meets the top of the tin. Carefully lift on the circle of pastry and press and crimp to connect the pieces. Trim off any excess with a pair of kitchen scissors.
11. Make two holes in the top with a sharp skewer – they need to be big enough to pour the liquid jelly through once cooked.
12. Decorate the top with rolled out pieces of pastry (eg a Union flag as I've done) or leave plain. Use a little water to stick on any decorations.
13. Put into the preheated oven to bake for 2½ hours, remove from the oven and brush the top with some beaten egg, return to the oven to go golden – this will take about 20-25 minutes. Make sure it doesn't burn by checking regularly.
14. Take it out of the oven and let it cool at room temperature for about an hour before adding the liquid jelly.
15. Sprinkle the gelatine powder or melt the leaves according to the packet instructions. Then mix a stock cube in boiling water and pour into the gelatine. Make up to a pint with boiling water. Use a funnel or a jug to pour into the holes (you may need to reopen the holes with a skewer, if they have closed up while in the oven). Leave to cool and for the jelly to set for a couple of hours in the fridge.

Answers to 'Street Smart'

1-d, Oscar; 2-a, Perry Mason; 3-b, Fleet Street; 4-b, "My Fair Lady"; 5-c, Bruce Springsteen; 6-b, Karl Malden

What's On at Fairfield Flicks



Admission for film screenings: £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.fairfieldflicks.org.uk

There is a licensed bar selling a selection of WINES, FRUITFIELD'S CIDER, 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

JUNIOR FLICKS: Epic Tails (U) – Thursday 1st June 11.00am

The story of super smart mouse Pattie and her feline friend Sam, as they embark upon an exciting adventure of paw-some proportions through Ancient Greece. With a little help from ageing hero Jason, the animals' quest brings them face to face with some the most bizarre and dangerous creatures from Greek mythology, as they race to halt the threat posed to their city by Poseidon himself.



What's Love Got To Do With It? (12A) – Sunday 11th June 7.30pm



How do you find lasting love in today's world? For documentary-maker and dating app addict Zoe (Lily James), swiping right has only delivered an endless stream of Mr. Wrongs, to her eccentric mother Cath's (Emma Thompson) dismay. For Zoe's childhood friend and neighbor Kaz (Shazad Latif), the answer is to follow his parents' example and opt for an arranged (or "assisted") marriage to a bright and

beautiful bride from Pakistan. As Zoe films his hopeful journey from London to Lahore to marry a stranger, chosen by his parents, she begins to wonder if she might have something to learn from a profoundly different approach to finding love.

The Fabelmans (12A) – Wednesday 21st June 7.00pm (note earlier start time)

Part memoir, part ode to the power of the movies, The Fabelmans finds Steven Spielberg digging at the family roots that helped make him a beloved filmmaker -- and proves he hasn't lost his magic touch.

Young Sammy Fabelman falls in love with movies after his parents take him to see "The Greatest Show on Earth." Armed with a camera, Sammy starts to make his own films at home, much to the delight of his supportive mother.



Translations (TBC) – Wednesday 19th July 7.30pm

See Bromsgrove Festival article (next page).

Mr Malcolm's List (PG) – Wednesday 26th July 2.30pm



When she fails to meet an item on his list of requirements for a bride, Julia Thistlewaite (Zawe Ashton) is jilted by London's most eligible bachelor, Mr. Malcolm (Şopé Dirisù). Feeling humiliated and determined to exact revenge, she convinces her friend Selina Dalton (Freida Pinto) to play the role of his ideal match. Soon, Mr. Malcolm wonders whether he's found

the perfect woman...or the perfect hoax.

Films for August – see website & village hall noticeboard.

Keep checking our website & village hall noticeboard for details of Event Cinema & Live Entertainment that we are screening/hosting www.fairfieldflicks.org.uk

Clean Signage Can Help Deter Criminals

Please help keep local signage clean by giving it a wash. It will show people visiting our community the pride that we have in where we live, and regular street cleaning can deter potential criminals.



Translations

Wednesday 19th July 7.30pm

As part of Bromsgrove Festival, Fairfield Flicks to screen the debut feature film from US filmmaker Keith Kopp, which is supported by Film Hub Wales. *TRANSLATIONS* is a Welsh romance drama that explores love between two people who are dealing with mental health challenges. The film stars some amazing new talent like Kate Morgan-Jones (*The Pact* and *The Forfeit*) and Alan Emrys (*Young Wallander* and *Host*).



It's been a long time since Stef last left her house in Wales. The loss of her brother combined with the quiet dread of the unknown conspiring to keep her inside. When her brother Liam's best friend, Evan, arrives to give Liam's journal to Stef, sparks fly. However, when Stef and Evan start to unpack their shared trauma, they question if their relationship can ever break free from its confines? Caught between Evan's images of a world outside that they could inhabit, and a story of lost love that Stef is translating from a previous generation, Stef must choose the kind of future she wants, and whether Evan will be a part of it.



Romance, Drama. BBFC: TBC (likely 12)



Shake It With The Hey Yahs

Saturday 27th May 8.00pm

Showcasing a vibrant mix of classic and contemporary greatest hits, this high energy and fun filled production, on Saturday 27th May 8pm, guarantees to get you shaking it on the dancefloor and in the aisles!

THE HEY YAHs are a fun and lively event band featuring fabulous male and female lead and harmony vocals, fantastic horns, and a floor filling rhythm section. Playing their spirited combination of medleys and mashups, soulful interpretations, and an eclectic mix of your all-time favourite tunes to get you dancing the night away.

The band members are all premium musicians with experience working in both live and production music in a variety of professional musical backgrounds. This includes touring Europe, session recordings in some of the UK's top studios, West End performances, cruise ship contracts, supporting headline acts and professional orchestral work.

Come see this lively theatrical music performance with hits from artists including, Beyonce, Bruno Mars, Tina Turner, Take That, and of course featuring Hey Ya! Plus many more of your favourite tunes to shake it to.

You know what to do! Shake it...shake it, shake it!! Tickets £10.00

Berliner Philharmoniker: Summer Concert 2023

Saturday 17th June 6.30pm

Berliner Philharmoniker will be performing their Summer Concert on Friday 16th June and Fairfield Flicks will be screening this recorded concert on SATURDAY 17TH JUNE at 6.30pm.

Conductor: Zubin Mehta

Piano: Yefim Bronfman



Zubin Mehta and Yefim Bronfman have been artistic companions for many years – Mehta was on the podium when Bronfman made his debut with the Berliner Philharmoniker in 1983. During this programme, we will hear the two musicians in Béla Bartók's highly virtuosic Piano Concerto No. 2, which alternates between percussive force and refinement – an ideal work for Yefim Bronfman's vigorous, soulful playing. Zubin Mehta also conducts Peter Tchaikovsky's dramatic Fourth Symphony, which reveals the composer's suffering to the world but also celebrates the joys of life at the close.

Tickets £16.00. Included in the admission price is a glass of wine (under 18's a soft drink).

Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty

Wednesday 28th June 7.30pm

Filmed live at Sadler's Wells in London, this 5-star award-winning production was the fastest-selling Matthew Bourne show when it was first staged in 2012.

With his trademark wit and creativity, Matthew Bourne transforms the classic fairy story into a gothic world of fairies and vampires set to Tchaikovsky's instantly recognisable score.



Tickets £15.00 (Adults), £13.00 (Under 16s). Included in the admission price is a glass of wine (under 18's a soft drink).

Dee and the Beats

Saturday 1st July 8.00pm

Well known for their acoustic performances, local group Dee and the Beats will be taking to the stage on Saturday 1st July.

This 4-member group, Phil, Mick, Leigh & Matt, have performed, for many years, across the Midlands, from headlining at the Pie Factory, Tipton, to pubs of their home village of Bournheath.



This July, Dee and the Beats will be performing something different to any of their other local shows that people may have seen. So, sit back and enjoy a lazy summer evening with some great music and an intimate performance.

Small Changes

Saturday 19th August 8.00pm

An evening of pop-folk-rock and points inbetween!

Small Changes are an acoustic based trio using cello, violin and guitar along with them all singing. They perform anything and everything from folk, pop, rock and points inbetween.



Formed with experience of many local bands and orchestras over the years, they are known for doing their own take on pop, rock and folk favorites from the 1970s to now. They also have their own songwriting strengths and perform original songs from their varied influences. In 2017 they decided to produce a CD EP of their own to answer questions from impressed audience members that were about had they got any of their own songs recorded. The self-explanatory EP “This Is Us” was the result. It contains brooding ballads, up tempo singer songwriter pop, bluesy tales, a political commentary done to a Dire Straits-ish beat and a full on neo-classical finale.

The band have supported local gigs by such names as 80s star Paul Young, ex Wishbone Ash main man Martin Turner, prog-pop legends Stackridge and blues faves Babajack. They have also done sessions for Black Country Radio.

They’ve performed many well received gigs around the Midlands. As one of the band said recently “Come along and hear us pluck around, and have some fun”. Well there’s an invite that sounds good!



The King of the Waltz invites you to his all-new cinema concert “Love is All Around”, from his beautiful hometown of Maastricht!

André Rieu will again stage his glorious annual summer event in the iconic Vrijthof Square this year. The concert will be a musical feast with heart-warming pieces lovingly chosen by André, covering classics, popular sing-alongs, and delightful waltzes that make you want to dance.

Along with his beloved Johann Strauss Orchestra, André teams up with the charming Gospel Choir and special surprise guests, bringing you and your loved ones a refreshing, romantic, fun party at your local cinema – you will feel that love is all around!

Share a concert experience filled with music, dance, love and happiness – Only in cinemas!

Screening Dates:

- Saturday 26th August 7.00pm
- Sunday 27th August 2.00pm

Tickets prices (includes complementary drink): Adults: £15.00, Under 16's: £12.00



SHAKE IT
with *The* **HEY YAHs**

Get ready to shake it with The Hey Yahs and sing into summer with this high energy and fun filled production. Featuring fabulous male and female lead and harmony vocals, fantastic horns, and a floor filling rhythm section playing your all time favourite classic and contemporary greatest hits!







 Sat 27 May 8pm
Bank Holiday Weekend

 £10
Book tickets online with Fairfield Flicks

 Fairfield Flicks, Bromsgrove

 fairfieldflicks.org.uk/events/the-hey-yahs-live



   **Get ready to shake it (like a polaroid picture) and let's get summer started!!**   

Showcasing fabulous male and female lead and harmony vocals, fantastic five piece horns, and a floor filling rhythm section playing your all time favourite classic and contemporary greatest hits!

Get your tickets now: fairfieldflicks.org.uk

You know what to do, shake it...shake it, shake it!

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 anyone 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

Car Key Burglary

Message from: PCSOSimon Cadwallader

Over the past few months, West Mercia Police have been investigating a number of reported car key burglaries in the Bromsgrove area and we want to reassure the community we are doing all that we can to trace those responsible.

Car Key Burglary is a crime where an individual breaks into a home with the specific aim of removing car keys and stealing a car from that property.

Perpetrators of this crime often 'work to order' and will target specific vehicles, based on demand and value. If a criminal is targeting a certain vehicle they will also be targeting the owner, looking for easy ways to exploit their security and get to their keys.

“The most common methods used by thieves are to follow victims’ home or 'cruise' around residential areas looking for opportunities. If you think you are being followed or see any suspicious vehicles, take the registration number and report it to the police.”

You can also reduce your chances of becoming a victim of car key burglars with the following simple crime prevention methods which are the most effective way to deter potential thieves:



- always keep your keys somewhere safe and out of sight
- always lock your car away safely in the garage, if you have one
- fit a high quality alarm to your vehicle • use additional security systems such immobilisers and visible security locks
- always take your keys with you when leaving the vehicle unattended
- always keep your keys safe and concealed in public places
- make sure doors, windows, the boot and sunroof are secure whenever you leave your vehicle
- if you own more than one vehicle, park the lesser valued vehicle behind the more expensive one on the driveway, making it more difficult to remove

It is also important to remember to protect your home:

- make sure all windows and doors are securely locked
- install a high quality burglar alarm
- install an exterior security lighting system

Advice and tips can be found [on our website here](#)

If you are the victim of a burglary of any kind, call 999 immediately.

Summer security

We are urging people to particularly vigilant to burglaries as the warm weather arrives. During the summer months, doors and windows are often left open, making homes an easy target for thieves.

There are some simple but effective ways that you can protect your property:



- Keep front, patio and back doors closed and locked when you are elsewhere in the house or the garden.
- Keep garden gates locked when you are away from the property.
- Ensure that windows and external doors on the ground floor are locked at night, and all doors and windows are locked when you are out of the house. Even a small window could provide a burglar with an opportunity to reach through and open a larger window to gain access.
- Remember to close downstairs windows when leaving a room, to deter the opportunist thief.
- Find out about property marking schemes such as Smartwater. If an item is marked it will be much harder for a thief to sell on. Also, if recovered, stolen items can then be returned to their rightful owner. For residents & businesses in Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stoneybridge, SmartWater kits can be obtained FREE OF CHARGE by emailing chair@fvca.org.uk.
- Register your property for free on <https://www.immobilise.com/> – it helps the police identify the owners of recovered property. You can register anything that has a serial number with Immobilise.
- Look out for your neighbours' property if they are away for a few days.
- Joining our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Our Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator works with the local Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team to help keep you informed of criminal activity in our area, pass on crime prevention advice and help resolve local issues. Local members are encouraged to keep an eye on what's going and pass on details of suspicious activity. <http://fvca.org.uk/neighbourhood-watch/>



For more information on how you can keep your home safe from burglars: <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>

If you have information about a crime or anyone you suspect may be involved in criminality, then please contact West Mercia Police using the online 'Tell Us About' form on their website www.westmercia.police.uk.

If you feel able to, please also share your suspicious sightings with us so that we can quickly inform other residents so that they too can be alert; email chair@fvca.org.uk or message via Facebook.

If you aren't comfortable contacting the police directly, you can pass on information anonymously to the independent charity, Crimestoppers, by calling 0800 555 111 or by visiting their website: www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Thank you for your help. It is only by the police and the public working together that we can prevent and detect crime.



YET ANOTHER WHATSAPP SCAM !

We have shared various scams where fraudsters have used WhatsApp as the platform to catch out the unsuspecting victim. Probably the most common one in recent months has been the "Hi Mum/Dad I've lost my phone and need some money to buy a new one"

However please be aware of the latest reported WhatsApp scam which is the

WHATSAPP ACCOUNT TAKEOVER

How does it work?

The scam begins with the criminal accessing another WhatsApp account which you have listed as a contact. The criminal posing as your friend or a member of a WhatsApp group you belong to, will then send you a seemingly normal message to try and start a conversation with you.

However, at about the same time, you receive a text message from WhatsApp with a six-digit code. This is because the criminal has been trying to log in to WhatsApp using your mobile phone number.

The criminal then claims they sent you the code by mistake and asks you to help by forwarding the code to them.

Once they have the code they can log into your WhatsApp account and lock you out. They can also then use your contact list to steal more accounts and use them to perpetrate further frauds.

How to protect yourself.

- Set up to-step verification to give your account more protection. Tap *Settings / Account / Two-step verification / Enable*
- STOP – THINK –CALL if a family member or friend makes an unusual request on WhatsApp, always call the person to confirm their identity
- Never share your account's activation code – the 6 digit code received by SMS

- You can report spam messages or block senders within WhatsApp. Press and hold the message bubble, select “Report” and follow the instructions

SOURCE: NATIONAL FRAUD INTELLIGENCE BUREAU (NFIB)

Online Sales Scams

There has been a new twist to the methods used by fraudsters purchasing from their victims on line.

Basically the victim has placed an item on Marketplace and receives a message from a “purchaser” online who says he will visit the seller to pay, and collect the item.

On arrival he shows the victim a “Banking App” on his phone and asks the victim to put their banking details on it to receive the payment.

Once completed, the phone screen confirms that the transfer has been completed, and the suspect leaves with the goods, but no money has been received.

As ever, always be vigilant to new scams and use conventional, recognised methods of payment.

Other scam emails that are circulating at the moment and you should be aware of:

- **TV licence** – this email tells you that your Direct Debit payment has failed and asks you to re-enter your banking details. It may look authentic but always check the email address it comes from and check your TV Licence account first via the recognised address, to find out if your payments are up to date

- **BT Email** – this message tells you that their Server System has failed and has quarantined your email messages. It provides a clickable link to “Review Messages” to release them - never click the link. This email looks amateurish and as before comes from a fake Hotmail address

- **iCloud storage** – You are told that your cloud storage is full up and you need to purchase more storage space. The offer of “Cheap Storage” may be tempting and the message may carry some authentic logos, but the email address of the sender will look suspicious so do not click the link provided. Check your authentic iCloud account to find out first if there is any problem with your storage

- **Santander** – Quite an authentic looking email with Santander logos and content copied in, and telling you that “PAYM” is closing.. However once again the fake email address of the sender is obvious. Do not click on the “My Details” link it requests you to use to update your details.

Planning a holiday? Here are some top tips to avoid scams:

Remember to “TakeFive” before parting with your hard-earned cash, as some deals that are advertised online may not be all they seem.

Stay ahead of the criminals by following our tips:

- Read online reviews from reputable sources to check websites are genuine.
- Only use the secure payment method recommended by reputable online retailers.
- If possible, use a credit card when making purchases over £100 and up to £30,000 as you receive protection under Section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act.

If you have visited a website you think is suspicious you can report it to the National Cyber Security Centre using the ‘report a suspicious website’ form on their website.

Take Five To Stop Fraud...

- **Stop:** Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.
- **Challenge:** Could it be fake? It’s okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.
- **Protect:** If you think you’ve been a victim of fraud, contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud online at [actionfraud.police.uk](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/) or by calling 0300 123 2040.

For further information visit:

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

<https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/>

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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

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

Your Ink Cartridges Could Help Us Raise Funds!



*Recycle Yours
at the Village Hall*