FWS Newsletter

News & What's On for Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stoneybridge

WINTER 2026



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Our organization is looking for dedicated individuals to join us in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

If you have a passion for Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stoneybridge and want to make a meaningful difference in your community, we want to hear from you!

Contact us today to learn more about this exciting volunteer opportunity.

ADMIN@FVCA.ORG.UK

www.fvca.org.uk

Volunteers needed:

- Village Hall Bar
- Official Photographer
- Helping at Foodie Fairfield (cafe/shop/bread counter)
- Lighting Desk Support
- Monthly Litter Pick
- Street Sign Washer
- Committee Member
- Writing Risk Assessments
- Writing Grant Applications
- Minutes Secretary

Front page: Advent Calendar 2020

An Afternoon Tea with a Kick



What a brilliant afternoon at the Village Hall on Friday 30 October, celebrating 100 years since the first Hall was opened in 1926. Over 70 people enjoyed an Afternoon Tea of sandwiches, sponge cakes, scones & lashings of tea, music from the decades was played in the background, plus photos and cine file that featured the Hall and life in the village being projected onto the big screen.



One of the Hall's current user groups, Verve Martial Arts, gave a fantastic, breath-taking demonstration, which even involved two young volunteers that, with tuition, broke wood with a kick. All the Verve students were fantastic, a credit to John Swift and his team.

Huge thanks to everyone that helped celebrate Church Hall 100, attending the Afternoon Tea, volunteering and to Verve Martial Arts for their demonstration.

Halloween Family Fun 2026



Despite the very low turnout, children and adults enjoyed Dippy The Clown's Halloween Show and Disco on Saturday 31 October.

There were many games and prizes galore, everyone was very happy, with parents complementing the evening's event, and adults enjoying the music and games.

No Treasurer, No Community Association

Our treasurer has sold her house and will soon be moving out of the area, a new Treasurer is needed for the Community Association, ideally with basic bookkeeping skills. If you can fill this voluntary role, email chair@fvca.org.uk Approximately 1 hour a week will be required.

If a treasurer is not found by the end of the year (31 January at the very latest), our AGM in March will be our last and the Association will close.



Thanks to David, our Community Planter has been refreshed and will bring some lovely colour during the winter months.

Huge thanks to David, Carol & others that have helped keep our planter looking blooming wonderful over the past - very dry - year, it is very much appreciated.

Have Your Say - Preparing for an Emergency



Over the summer, serious fires and other emergencies have affected neighbouring areas, damaging farmland, machinery, livestock, homes and treasured local spaces. Fairfield, Wildmoor and Stoneybridge have thankfully been spared serious incidents, but these events show how quickly situations escalate. Emergencies leave little time to think therefore, communities that plan ahead are better prepared to respond and minimise the risk of devastation.



That's why the FVCA is developing a Community Emergency Plan. Rather than a document left on a shelf, this will be a practical plan shaped by residents, volunteers, businesses and community groups. It will help us respond safely and confidently to unexpected events, including fires, gas leaks, prolonged power outages, flooding and other disruptions.



The plan will align with the Local Authority's emergency framework, drawing on what we know about our communities: where vulnerable residents live, the safest routes, who has specialist skills or equipment, and where buildings offering shelter, refreshments or information are sited. If the worst happens, we'll already share an understanding of what to do and who can help.

This is where you come in. Taking part helps protect the people and places you care about, so your family, neighbours and wider community won't be left scrambling in a crisis. You'll have a say in how Fairfield, Stoneybridge and Wildmoor organise themselves, shaping the plan from the start rather than being told afterwards. Planning together also strengthens everyday community connections, often bringing new friendships, shared interests and a deeper sense of belonging.

On Wednesday 27 January 2027, we'll hold the first public meeting to begin the consultation; starts 7:30pm at Fairfield Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. Your ideas, your local knowledge and your lived experience are essential. By joining in, you'll be helping build a safer, stronger and more resilient community for all of us.

Please support us to Help YOU & YOUR neighbours

Dog Mess Continues



Despite past appeals we are still finding dog mess across our community. It is disappointing that some of these dogs belongs to people that live here.

One resident has commented saying "*We are disgusted at the pure laziness and disrespect to others...I myself have dogs and I always pick up after them. It gives us decent dog owners a bad name as other will just blame all dog owners*.".

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR DOG'S MESS.

Our village has dog waste bins at most strategic junctions, there is no reason why people cannot pick up their dog's mess and place it in a nearby bin, which often is on their walking route. Also, don't bag it and leave the bag.

Harvest Thanks

With uplifting songs plus thoughtful and funny poems our community's celebration of this year's harvest was enjoyed on Sunday 11 October by those people present.



With contributions from local farmers and food producers (Glovers Meadow Farm, New Barn Farm & Pumpkin Paradise), and generous gifts from residents we were able to raise £100 for **Farming Community Network**, £51 for St. Mark's and we were able to give **Dodford Children's Farm** food for their visiting children/families, and feed for their animals.

Thanks to everyone for their kind offerings, to Margaret Herbert (Farming Community Network) for a very interesting presentation, to Corrine, Anne & Team for the fantastic displays, showcasing farming and autumn countryside, and to everyone else involved with the service or taking the donated food & feed to Dodford Children's Farm.

THE FARMING COMMUNITY NETWORK is a voluntary organisation & charity that supports farmers and families within the farming community. If you are a farmer/member of our farming community, and are struggling, need to offload to another farmer, give them a call, telephone 03000 111 999. For further information visit https://fcn.org.uk/









New Manager at the Swan

Big welcome to Sam, who has taken over as the General Manager at the Swan.

Village Advent Calendar

Have YOU entered your property, email clare@vintdunlop.co.uk with your address details, your preferred “unveil” date (1st to 24th December) and an outline of your display. We will then confirm your calendar “unveil” date.

You don’t have to be a gym person to get stronger

Health Hub Studios - Fairfield is here for you.



Maybe you’ve been thinking about getting fitter for a while.

Maybe you want to feel stronger, have more energy and do more of the things you love.

But walking into a gym, knowing what to do and feeling confident enough to get started? That’s another story.

That’s where Health Hub comes in.

Our small group personal training sessions give you:

- Expert coaching, so you know what to do.
- A welcoming, supportive group.
- Training that meets you where you are.
- The confidence that comes from getting stronger, one session at a time.

You don’t need to be fit before you start. You just need a place to begin.

📍 **Fairfield Health Hub, located at Fairfield Court, is here to help you take that first step.**

Ready to find out if we’re right for you? Get in touch and let’s get you started.

Email: Admin@healthhubstudios.co.uk
Website: healthhubstudios.co.uk

Remembrance Sunday Thanks

Huge thanks to everyone that attended our Remembrance Sunday service at the War Memorial on 8 November, followed by refreshments in the village hall. Details of how much was raised for the Royal British Legion will be posted on our social media pages and website, along with some photos.

Top Marks for Produce Show 2026



Despite the poor growing season, standards remained high at this year's Produce Show, held on Saturday 8 August. Organised by our local Women's Institute, this annual event remains a highpoint in our village calendar. Huge thanks to the Women's Institute (W.I.). team, led by Ilse, for pulling off another fantastic show.

Also, thanks to everyone that entered, and to all supporters & volunteers.

On our website (www.fvca.org.uk) there is a short (1 min 15 secs) video of entries and winners (which includes non-W.I. members).

This year's overall winner was Maggie Mason, pictured above, receiving the winners shield from Mary Fairbairn, President of the Fairfield with Catshill W.I.

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

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Halloween Fun at the Village Hall



Shop Local and Support Your Community

Locally sourced & artisan foods are on sale at the Forfeld Store, YOUR Community Shop at Fairfield Village Hall. Profit from shop sales helps pay for this newsletter & community events. The shop is open:

- during Foodie Fairfield (1st Sat, 9am - noon) and
- Wednesday afternoon (1.30pm - 3.30pm)

Our stock includes Wildmoos milk, Astley Wines, Franks Biscuits, Croome Cheese, Cotswold Gold Mayonnaise, Mathew's Flour, Emily Jams & Pickles, Two Farmers Crisps, Pimhill Porridge & Muesli, Bennets Ice Cream and much more.

Check out our prices, we are competitive, sometimes cheaper than the supermarket and other retailers.

Wombling For a Tidy Community

Yes, it is where YOU live!

The Wombles need your help – even if it is ONE HOUR A YEAR – to help keep Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stoneybridge grot free; roads, ditches & open spaces.

Please join one of the Community Litter Picks on the 2nd Saturday of each month, meeting at 10.30am outside the village hall. We only ask that you donate one hour of your time to help keep where you live tidy. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear, equipment will be provided. If weather conditions are not favourable, the litter pick will be postponed until the following month.

Next litter picks: 9 January, 13 February, 13 March. There will be no community litter pick in December.

Subscribe to our eNewsletter

If you want to keep up to date with what's going on in our community with more regular updates, and additional news and crime prevention advice, subscribe to our eNewsletter, which will be sent to your email inbox several times a week. To subscribe, fill in the Newsletter subscription box on our website www.fvca.org.uk or email admin@fvca.org.uk

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LOCAL MILK DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR

FRESH MILK

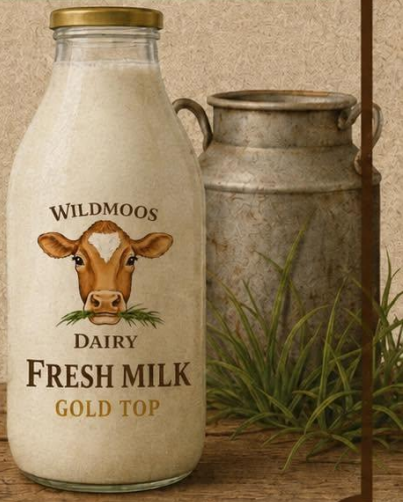
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FOODIE FAIRFIELD

Supporting Local Food Producers

1ST SATURDAY IN THE MONTH 9:00AM - 12:00PM

FAIRFIELD VILLAGE HALL, STOURBRIDGE ROAD, FAIRFIELD
BROMSGROVE, B61 9LZ

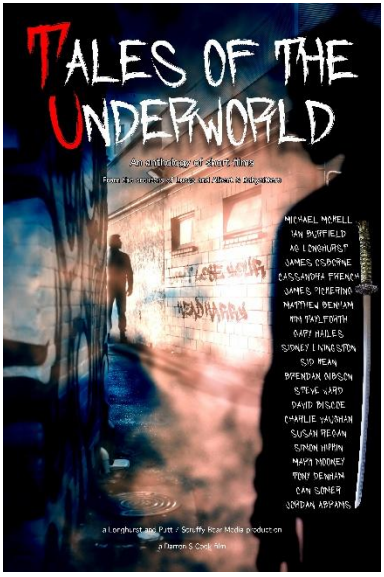
Shop Fresh, Local and Artisan



The Wednesday Social

FREE activities at Fairfield Village Hall, 1.30pm – 3.30pm. With FREE hot drinks, community library, a warm space and FREE charging of mobile devices.

- 1st Wednesday: Indoor Curling, Knit & Natter and Coffee & Chat
- 2nd Wednesday: Social Table Tennis, Knit & Natter and Coffee & Chat (Not December)
- 3rd Wednesday: Indoor Curling, Knit & Natter and Coffee & Chat
- 4th Wednesday: Social Table Tennis, Knit & Natter and Coffee & Chat
- 5th Wednesday: Indoor Curling, Knit & Natter and Coffee & Chat



Award-Winning Film Company to Visit Fairfield

Scruffy Bear Media are a British independent production company that produced the 2021 National Film Award winner Lucas And Albert, beating 1917 and Fighting With My Family.

On Wednesday 25 November 7:30pm, Nicky Hagan (Producer) and Darren Cook (Director) will be at Bromsgrove Arts @ Fairfield Village Hall to answer your questions following a special screening of **TALES OF THE UNDERWORLD** (15) (the prequel to Lucas And Albert). The third and final film in the trilogy, Babysitters, is in pre-production. Before the main film, some shorts will be screened, produced by local young film makers.

For info & tickets visit www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk

The Great British Spring Clean returns 12-28 March 2027. On Saturday 13 March we'll be doing our bit, details in our next newsletter

Growing Fruit & Veg

Whether for the table or for show, get good growing advice from the National Vegetable Society, they meet at the Village Hall on the last Thursday in February, May, August & November, from 7.30pm

It's Easy, Let The Retailers Do The Donating

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying.



If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started!

You can find our easyfundraising page here:
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fairfieldvillageca Thank you!

Recycling Ink Catridges: Good For The Planet, Good For Your Community

Pop your empty ink cartridges in the collection box at the Village Hall (sorry, not laser cartridges).

The box can be accessed during Foodie Fairfield, The Wednesday Social and during our BARTS events.

Every penny raised, recycling and shopping through Easyfundraising is used to support your Community Association and the many initiatives the Association delivers, including helping to pay for the quarterly newsletters that residents receive.



A Bridge To Friendship

The days are getting a lot shorter so what better way to spend the extra time indoors than by playing the card game called Bridge.



It is a game that brings people together to make new friends whilst improving memory and logic, an important plus for those of us who are "getting on".

There are several Bridge Clubs in our area. Some that cater for all standards of expertise. Two Clubs that accommodate the new beginners and lapsed players are both based at Burcot Village Hall.

Burcot Bridge play on Tuesday afternoons and begin sessions at 1.00pm. Sessions last for three hours and include a short break for refreshments.

Friday Bridge play on Friday nights and begin sessions at 6.45pm. Sessions also last three hours, again with a short break for refreshments.

Our gentle duplicate bridge play allows for mistakes etc without repercussions and also an ability to refer to crib sheets and to ask questions during and after play.

Should you need further information, contact:

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Ed Payne: edtopbananapayne@outlook.com Mob. 07950951122

Eugene Elijah: eugene1944@hotmail.co.uk Mob. 07908128706

IMPORTANT – Help Keep Our Community Alive: Put This Date In Your Diary

The Community Association AGM will be on **Wednesday 17 March 7:30pm** at the Village Hall. **This could be our last meeting**. We need:

- Treasurer
- Working Committee Members
- Secretary
- Chairman (if no one wants to do this, the current chair may continue for another year)
  It is **YOUR COMMUNITY**, please volunteer for **WHERE YOU LIVE**. If roles are not filled, the Association will **CLOSE**.



Advent Calendar 2026



Download the Advent Calendar map from our village website's Festive Fairfield page www.fvca.org.uk, visit the doors and take a photo, share it with the community – email admin@fvca.org.uk or attach to one of our social media posts as a comment.

A copy of the map will be displayed on the village hall noticeboard.

Support Throughout The Year

If you need a chat, try calling one of the following who are available to listen:

- Victim Advice Line - 0800 952 3000
- West Mercia Women's Aid Helpline (available to help all victims) - 0800 980 3331
- Men's Advice Line - 0808 801 0327
- The Mix (for under 25s) - 0808 808 4994
- National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline - 0800 999 5428
- Samaritans - 116 123

The Nativity Needs You For One Night Only!



Once again, Adults are needed to act out the Nativity on Christmas Eve 4pm at the Village Hall.

No acting experience needed, just a willingness to help share the Christmas Story, bring joy to young & old from our community, and have a laugh when things go wrong (which often it does).

No need to remember the script. Simple costumes needed, e.g. a crown for a king and a t-towel & bathroom for a shepherd.

If you would like to be part of the team (we need 12 people), join us for a quick (30 minute) script readthrough (our only rehearsal) on Sunday 13th December 12 noon, following the Carol Service.

Not able to attend the read-through but want to be part of the performance, speak to Conrad or email chair@fvca.org.uk

Please be part of this event – we NEED YOU – in past years we have struggled to fill the parts.



Festive Fairfield

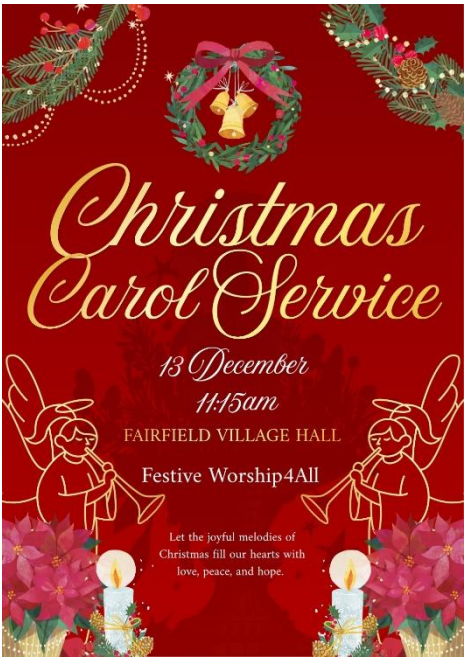
5th December	9.00am	Festive Foodie Fairfield – Village Hall
6th December	7.00pm	André Rieu's 2026 Christmas Concert: Let it Snow – Village Hall
9th December	2.30pm	André Rieu's 2026 Christmas Concert: Let it Snow – Village Hall
12th December	9.00am	Breakfast With Santa – Swan Inn (book at Swan Inn)
12th December	7.00pm	Festive Swan Singalong – Swan Inn
13th December	11.15am	Carol Service – Village Hall (Festive Worship4All)
13th December	7.00pm	Midland Concert Orchestra Christmas Concert – Village Hall
16th December	7.00pm	Festive Singalong, with Lutley Community Choir - Village Hall
19th December	10.00am	Mini Foodie Fairfield - Village Hall
20th December	7.30pm	Christmas Medieval to Modern – Village Hall
21st December	11.00am	[Brand New] Festive Fun with Peppa - Village Hall
23rd December	10.00am	Community Shop will be open – Village Hall
24th December	4.00pm	Nativity – Village Hall
24th December	TBC	Christmas Communion – Village Hall
31st December	9.00pm	Movie: The Odyssey – Village Hall

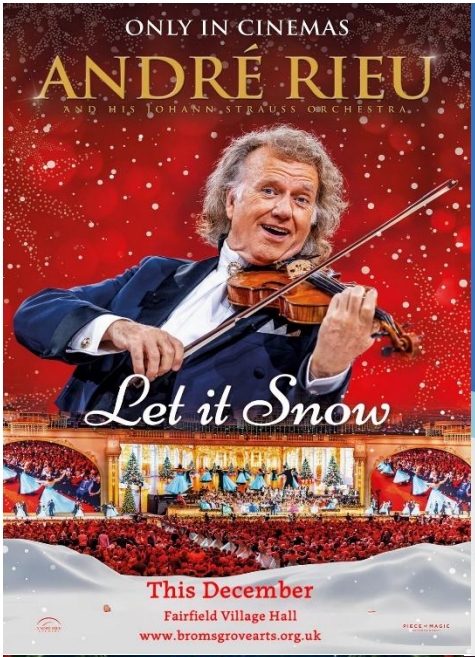
For ticketed events at the Village Hall, visit www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk

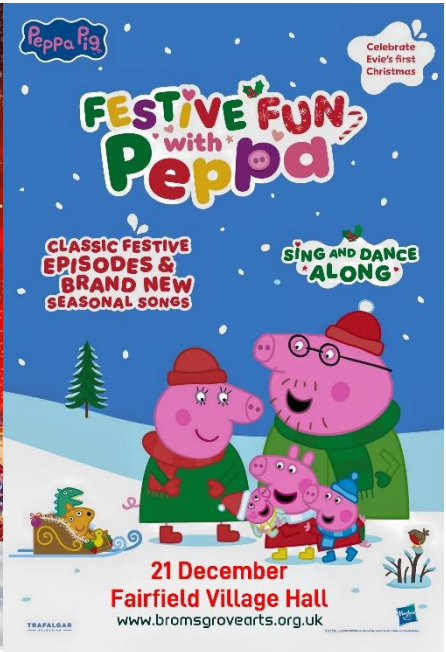

JOIN US FOR A
Christmas Sing-along
With Lutley
Community Choir
Sing Along To Some Great Festive Hits
16 Dec 2026, at 7pm
Fairfield Village Hall

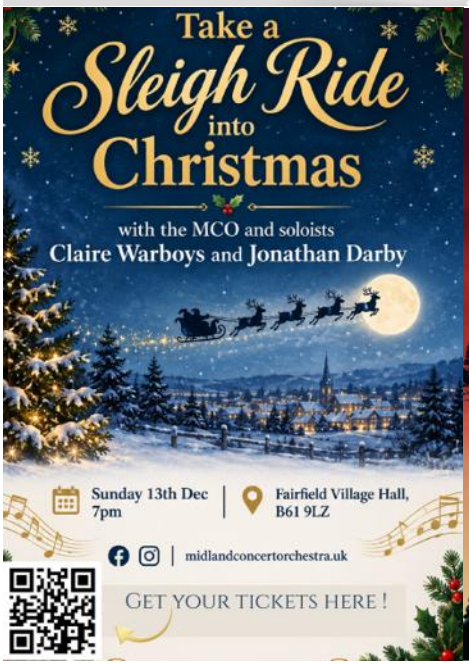

CHRISTMAS
MEDIEVAL TO
MODERN
Danielle Saxon Reeves
Sunday 20 December
7:30pm
Fairfield Village Hall
Stourbridge Road, Fairfield, Bromsgrove, B61 9LZ
www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk


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Fresh, Local & Artisan
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Christmas
Carol Service
13 December
11:15am
FAIRFIELD VILLAGE HALL
Festive Worship4All
Let the joyful melodies of
Christmas fill our hearts with
love, peace, and hope.


ONLY IN CINEMAS
ANDRÉ RIEU
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Let it Snow
This December
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Peppa Pig
Celebrate Evie's first Christmas
FESTIVE FUN with Peppa
CLASSIC FESTIVE EPISODES & BRAND NEW SEASONAL SONGS
SING AND DANCE ALONG
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Take a
Sleigh Ride
into
Christmas
with the MCO and soloists
Claire Warboys and Jonathan Darby
Sunday 13th Dec
7pm
Fairfield Village Hall,
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GET YOUR TICKETS HERE !


A FILM BY CHRISTOPHER NOLAN
THE ODYSSEY
DEFY THE GODS
NEW YEAR'S EVE
31 DECEMBER
SEE IN THE NEW YEAR
FAIRFIELD VILLAGE HALL
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MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR
CHRISTMAS OPEN HOURS CHRISTMAS OPEN HOURS CHRISTMAS
Community Shop Christmas Open Hours
Festive Foodie Fairfield
Saturday 5 Dec: 9am - 12pm
Mini-Foodie Fairfield
Saturday 19 Dec: 10am - 1pm
Shop & Collections
Wednesday 23 Dec: 10am - 1pm
Foodie Fairfield
Saturday 2 Jan: 9am - 12pm
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HAPPY NEW YEAR
MERRY CHRISTMAS


FESTIVE SINGALONG
12 DECEMBER, 2026 | 7:00 PM
SWAN INN, FAIRFIELD
Come and sing along, celebrate together, and feel the warmth of the season. Everyone's welcome to bring your friends and family.
JOIN US
www.swanpubbromsgrove.co.uk


Fairfield
Nativity Service
For more information email chair@fvca.org.uk
4-5pm 24 Dec 2026
Everyone is welcome!
Fairfield Village Hall
Scrip Read-through
13 December 12 noon





Bring your little ones for a delightful morning filled with joy and wonder.

Saturday, 12 December 2023 | At 9 AM
Swan Fairfield

More Information: **www.swanpubbromsgrove.co.uk**

Neighbourhood Watch



Burglaries on the Rise

In the first five months of 2026 there were 4 burglaries in Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stoneybridge; in the whole of 2025 there was one burglary and in 2024 there were 4 burglaries.

There have also been several attempted burglaries in recent months. Please:

- **REVIEW** your home and outbuilding security
- **PICK UP** a copy of the Neighbourhood Watch crime prevention booklet from Foodie Fairfield, Wednesday Social or other Community Association events.
- **TAKE PART** in initiatives that show that as a community we care; taking part in litter picks and washing street signs events makes Billy Burglar think twice.
- **REPORT** suspicious activity.
- **DO NOT** share photos or videos online of what you believe to be suspicious activity; for your safety these images should only be posted with the consent of the police.

If you are not already signed up, join our Neighbourhood Watch Group and subscribe to our eNewsletter. For more information, visit our village website or enquire at one of our community events.

Police To Target Dwelling Where Cannabis Is Allowed To Be Smoked

Reports of cannabis being smoked, with a couple of properties being identified where the smoking of cannabis appears to be allowed. Local policing team will be taking action. If residents are aware of any dwellings where cannabis is being smoked, to report to the police, to Crime Stoppers or the Community Association and we will pass.

Burglaries

So far this year there have been 6 burglaries in our Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stoneybridge community, which is up on last year when there was 1 burglary and 4 in 2024.

The trend across the West Mercia Force Area is a reduction in incidents, so why is there an increase here?

PLEASE review and step-up your home and outbuilding security. The Community Association have FREE crime prevention booklets; have you picked up and read your copy? These booklets can be picked from the Village Hall during Foodie Fairfield and on a Wednesday afternoon.

The Association also holds other crime prevention leaflets, including how to prevent oil thefts.

If you join our Neighbourhood Watch scheme (details on our website) you can buy discounted products, such as patio door locks.

Officers from the Safer Neighbourhood Team continue to pop into Foodie Fairfield, residents are encouraged to speak them about issues you wish to raise or for crime prevention

Crime Data
Recorded crime in the Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stoneybridge area for the first 8 months of 2026. Please remain vigilant, report suspicious activity, let's work together for a safer community.

	Burglary	Violence & Sexual Offences	Criminal Damage & Arson	Public Order	Other Theft	Drugs	Vehicle Crime	Anti-social Behaviour	Possession of a weapon	Other Crime	Notes
Jan	1										
Feb	1							2			
Mar		2		1	1						
Apr	1	1								1	
May	1	1									
June	2	2	1					1		1	
July		2	1								
August		1									
September											
October											
November											
December											
Total	**6**	**9**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**2**	

Help Keep Our Community Safe

Life's safer when you know your neighbours and the community pull together. If you see suspicious activity REPORT IT, online via https://www.westmercia.police.uk or telephone 101. If it is 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.

Report Fraud alert: Police forces being impersonated in scam calls using 'spoofed' phone numbers

Report Fraud, run by the City of London Police, is urging the public to be sure of who they are talking to following a spike in reports of calls from 'spoofed' police force phone numbers.

Analysis of data from Report Fraud, the national cyber crime and fraud reporting service, shows that there has been an increase in reports made where the caller has purported to be from a police force from a variety of areas across the country. The City of London Police itself, the National Lead Force for fraud, has also taken thousands of crime reports of a similar nature.

But in reality, it is a criminal contacting a member of the public, using a 'spoofed' phone number to try and obtain sensitive personal or financial details so that fraud can then go on to be committed. Often, the criminals will claim that the victim will be helping with an investigation by providing the personal or financial information they are asking for.

While a number of calls about this type of fraud has been made to Report Fraud, this is likely to be the tip of the iceberg and a far bigger problem that is not reported, so the full scale is unknown.

Criminals use 'spoofing' software to intentionally cover up their real caller ID and instead, mirror the phone number of a legitimate organisation. They do this to make it appear that calls or text messages are coming from a trusted organisation like the police, banks or government agencies.

These scam calls may use AI technology, be automated or from a real person. Their main goal is to trick you into sharing personal information or to transfer money.

How to protect yourself

• Remember that genuine service providers, banks and the police will NEVER call asking you to transfer money, share personal financial details or hand over remote control of your computer.

• If you are in any way suspicious, or feel pressured into anything, hang up and take time to check if the call is genuine. Call back on a number you know to be genuine, for example as shown on your utility bills or the back of your card. You can also call 159 to get through to your bank, or 101 for the police.

• Don't trust the Caller ID display on your phone – it's not proof of ID,

If you've lost money or have been hacked as a result of responding to a phishing message or scam call, you should report it to Report Fraud, visit https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/ or call 0300 123 2040.

Switch to Passkeys: Protect Your Accounts as Email and Social Media Hacking Soars

Report Fraud is urging the public to protect their online accounts after stolen sums from email and social media hacking surged by 417 per cent in the last year. Reported losses rose from £1.2 million in 2024/25 to £6.3 million in 2025/26, while reports of account hacking increased by 34 per cent, making it the most reported form of cyber crime in the UK.



Other types of account takeovers were also identified within reports, including gaming and streaming accounts, as well as travel and online delivery accounts. As part of Cybersecurity Awareness Month, Report Fraud has launched a campaign encouraging people to better protect themselves online by switching to passkeys and strengthening account security.

Account hacking occurs when criminals gain unauthorised access to an email, social media or online account and use it to commit further fraud. Once an account has been compromised, fraudsters may impersonate the account owner to target family and friends, request money, sell fake tickets or carry out other scams. One of the most common themes identified from reports is criminals using hacked accounts to impersonate trusted contacts.

What starts as a single compromised account can quickly have a wider impact. Victims may lose access to important accounts, have personal information exposed and face the distress of knowing criminals could be using their identity to target others. Friends, family members and colleagues may also become victims if they mistakenly trust messages sent from a hacked account.
The good news is that there are simple steps everyone can take to improve their online security and make it harder for criminals to gain access.

Protect yourself online

- Use passkeys wherever they are available. Passkeys are more secure and easier to use than traditional passwords. Where passkeys are unavailable, use strong, unique passwords generated by a password manager and enable two-step verification whenever possible.

- Review your privacy settings. Make sure your social media content is only visible to the people you want to see it, such as friends and family.

- Be careful about sharing personal information online. Details such as your birthday, where you live, family relationships or pet names can be used by fraudsters to build a picture of you and make scams more convincing.

- Verify unexpected messages. If someone you know contacts you through social media or email, don't automatically assume it is really them. Contact them through another method, such as a phone call, text message or in person, before responding.

If you believe your account has already been hacked, report it to Report Fraud and seek advice on recovering access and securing your accounts.

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 OK to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.
- **PROTECT**: Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud

ALWAYS REMEMBER:

- Avoid disclosing security details
- Emails, Phone Calls and Texts may not be authentic
- Always make direct contact with any organisation by using a genuine phone number
- Stop and Challenge any unexpected requests
- Protect others by reporting Fraud and Scams

How You Can Help Stop Fraud

- **If you've fallen for a scam, report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via actionfraud.police.uk**
- **Scam Text messages can be forwarded to 7726** to help phone providers take early action and block numbers that generate spam on their networks.
- **You can also report Scam mobile calls by texting 7726 with the word "Call" followed by the scam caller's phone number.**
- **Forward Fake Emails received to report@phishing.gov.uk**
- **If you think your bank account or personal banking details have been used fraudulently, then use the short phone number - 159** - to contact the Fraud Prevention Department of most major UK banks.

Nominated Neighbour Scheme

The Nominated Neighbour Scheme is a community initiative designed to protect vulnerable individuals from unwanted and unverified callers. It involves a trusted neighbour, friend, or relative who can check the identity of callers and accompany them to the homeowner's address if necessary. This scheme aims to enhance safety and reduce the risk of scams and burglaries by ensuring that genuine callers do not have to speak to the homeowner directly.

To participate in the scheme, individuals can nominate a trusted neighbour or offer to be their Nominated Neighbour. The nominated neighbour will then be able to handle any unrecognised callers on behalf of the homeowner, ensuring their safety and security. The scheme is particularly beneficial for elderly or vulnerable members of the community, providing them with peace of mind and protection from potential threats.

For further information, contact the Safer Bromsgrove Community Safety Team:

Telephone: 01527 534187

Email: CommunitySafety@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

Why don't we share photos of suspected suspicious activity?

There are some social media sites where people share images of what they believe to be suspected activity, such as a photo or a doorcam video footage, yet we do not, why?

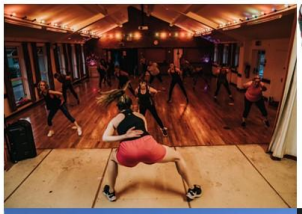
We follow police and Neighbourhood Watch guidance, this protects people who may be behaving suspiciously and are innocent, and the individuals that have sent in the image; e.g. the footage that you send in may easily identify a property, we would not want any future visits by an unsavory character or their friends. This also applies to times when we share warnings and appeals, sometime people ask for more information, not because they have seen something, but because they just want to know who & where something has happened.



Weekly Community & Recreational Activities at Fairfield Village Hall

Recreational & Community Activities

Sunday: Church Services (2nd & 4th Sun)
Monday: Line Dancing 7.30pm
Tuesday: Supreme Stars 4.00pm; Simply Strictly 7.00 & 8.10pm
Wednesday: Wednesday Social 1.30pm (not 3rd Wed)
Thursday: Ignite Academy of Dance 4pm; Zumba 7.30pm
Friday: Ignite Academy 4pm; Taekwondo 6.00pm & 7.00pm













Church Services at St. Mark's (services in the Village Hall)

2nd Sunday 11.15 am Worship4ll - Family Service

4th Sunday 11.15 am Holy Communion

It's Not All Jam & Cake at Fairfield Women's Institute

With interesting activities & speakers there's something for everyone.

Meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7pm at the Village Hall

Support Your Village Hall – Join the 200 Club

Not a member, why not join?

For only £1.00 month, you will be supporting the Village Hall, and there are cash prizes to be won!

For an application form & further information visit:
https://fvca.org.uk/200-club/

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

Bromsgrove Arts – the home of Fairfield Flicks, Music & Drama

Welcome to **BROMSGROVE ARTS**, a Community Entertainment initiative that is delivered by a brilliant team of volunteers.

Thank you for your support we are able to bring people together and help reduce loneliness and social isolation.

Our programme continues to be varied, with recent movie releases, quality live music on our stage, touring drama and Event Cinema productions. We aim to keep admission prices affordable, sometimes we control the price, and at other times we do not, and we will try our best to keep prices as low as possible for all of you. **If you book online, we do not charge a Booking Fee.**

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.bromsgrovearts.org.uk, alternatively tickets can be purchased from our community shop or before/during the interval of any of our screenings/events.

Our licensed bar sells a selection of WINES, CIDERS, WOODCOTE BREWERY BEERS as well as soft drinks, and our volunteer team will offer you a warm welcome.

NEVER MISS WHAT'S GOING ON

For updates on What's Coming to Bromsgrove Arts, why not subscribe to our e-Newsletter?

We will not share your email address, and you can unsubscribe at any time.

To subscribe, email hello@bromsgrovearts.org.uk or fill in the subscription form that can be found on our website.

VOLUNTEER WITH US

If you would like to join our flexible volunteer team to help deliver our growing Bromsgrove Arts programme, serving behind the bar, helping with lighting, promoting our events, do get in touch hello@bromsgrovearts.org.uk

Have you got a camera and can you take High Quality photographs for media publication? We need your assistance, drop us an email.

We also need some muscle, supporting our live music events (setting up: usually 3pm -4pm on day of gig, and clearing the hall: after the show). Your help would be appreciated.

OUR WINTER BARTS PROGRAMME

ENTERTAINMENT AT FAIRFIELD VILLAGE HALL

For full details of each of the below shows/screenings, visit www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk or pick up our What's On programme booklet from the Village Hall.

18th November	7.00pm	National Theatre Live: Golden Boy
21st November	8.00pm	Live Music: Brass Beatz
25th November	7.30pm	Tales of the Underworld plus Q&A - TBC
28th November	8.00pm	Live Music: Bringing On Back the 60s
6th December	7.00pm	Andre's Christmas Concert
9th December	2.30pm	Andre's Christmas Concert
13th December	7.00pm	Midland Concert Orchestra Christmas Concert
16th December	7.00pm	Festive Singalong
20th December	7.30pm	Christmas Medieval to Modern with Danielle Saxon
21st December	11.00am	Festive Fun with Peppa
31st December	9.00pm	NYE: The Odyssey
3rd January	7.30pm	500 Miles
20th January	7.00pm	National Theatre Live: Hay Fever
27th January	7.30pm	Emergency Response Plan Meeting
30th January	8.00pm	Live Music: Amit Dattani & Joe Bayliss
7th February	6.30pm	Rain or Shine Theatre Co: "Dracula : Totally Batty!"
13th February	8.00pm	Live Music: Swing From Paris
17th February	7.30pm	& Sons
18th February	11.00am	Junior Flix: Check website for details
24th February	7.00pm	National Theatre Live: The Motive and the Cue (Encore)
27th February	8.00pm	Live Music: Gren Bartley
6th March	8.00pm	Live Music: Pete Hyde & The Vieillards

We may have something on 22nd or 29th December, keep a lookout for social media posts or an update in our eNewsletter.