

# Fairfield Village Community Association

NEWSLETTER WINTER 2023/24



#### Singing in Heritage Open Days

As part of Heritage Open Days 2023, on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September the Roaming Villeins performed at St. Mark's.

Everyone enjoyed their vocals, and their repertoire include songs from the 16th Century, Lennon & McCartney, Billy Joel and a Teddy Bears Picnic.

Joining the audience was Cllr. Sam Ammar, Chairman of Bromsgrove District Council (below, centre, with the Roaming Villeins).

During the afternoon several people, visiting local heritage sites, came to have a look around our village church.

Thank you to everyone who came along.



For up-to-date Neighbourhood Watch and community bulletins (only some of our news items appear in this magazine):

Like <a href="www.facebook.com/fairfieldinformation">www.facebook.com/fairfieldinfo</a>
Subscribe to the e-Newsletter: <a href="www.fvca.org.uk">www.fvca.org.uk</a> Fairfield Village Community Association, a group of residents working hard for Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stoneybridge.

#### National Recognition For Fairfield Village Community Association

In early 2023, Fairfield Village Community Association was nominated for the 2023 Neighbourhood Watch Network National Volunteer Recognition Awards for the category COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING.

This category celebrates Neighbourhood Watch groups and Coordinators who have gone the extra mile to look out for the needs of their neighbours and neighbourhood.

On the 1st of September, the Community Association was notified that Neighbourhood Watch had received over 270 nominations and, after being shortlisted, judges had decided that our Community Association is a winner.



This is a huge achievement for our community. Congratulation to all our amazing volunteers and supporters for being part of our success, without you, none of our initiatives could be delivered that helps to enhance community cohesion, reduce loneliness & social isolation, and improve our environment. So, whether you are a litter picker, tree planter, look after the flower beds, deliver newsletters, serve behind the bar, help with marketing, coordinate one of our initiatives, report suspicious activity or attend one of activities, thank you.

Our thanks also to the trustees of Fairfield Village Hall for use of our community building that allows community events to take place, and to all our partners.

Comments received following the announcement that

the Community Association had won the award included:

"Winning this award is absolutely wonderful and is down to the hard work & dedication of our amazing volunteers & the strong partnership with other community stakeholders including Bromsgrove Police" Conrad Palmer, Chairman, FVCA

"This is brilliant recognition for the FVCA who do so much to bring people together. Thank you for being such a huge enabler for Bromsgrove Police to to provide information and assurance about what West Mercia is doing with partners to address community concerns." Pippa Mills, Chief Constable, West Mercia Police

"The FVCA should be very proud of this award and very much deserved. Well done." Insp Richard Field, Redditch and Bromsgrove Safer Neighbourhood Team

The awards ceremony was held at The Wellcome Collection in London on Wednesday 20th September, where Alan & Sarah Gormley received the award on behalf of our community. The award was presented to Alan & Sarah by John Haywood-Cripps, CEO Neighbourhood Watch and Ian Bretman, Chair of Neighbourhood Watch Network.

The other award winners were Peter New (winner of Innovation and Reach) and Supporting Sisters (winning Crime Prevention)

#### Harvest Thanks

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's Harvest Festival service, which was held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October. It was so nice to see you all, and we were joined by local farmers and representatives from local farming families.

During the service, there was a short presentation from Kate Jones on the work of the Royal Agricultural Benefit Institution, poems, and modern songs that people enjoyed.

Everyone was very generous, with £70 raised for Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, plus lots of perishable foods that will be given to Dodford Children's Farm and non-perishables going to Bromsgrove's The Basement Project.







Thanks to all our supporters over the past 12 months, from litter picking, delivering newsletters & tending plant beds to popping along to Foodie Fairfield, Fairfield Flicks & our other events. You make our community.

#### Volunteers Tidy Fairfield

Thanks to the small band of volunteers that helped with September's Village Tidy. 4 people tidied the churchyard, 2 people litter picked (lower) Fairfield, and 2 people washed street signage, bollards & bush shelter.

There is more to do, your assistance would be appreciated.

Below, before and after images of the Wood Lane Bus stop and Shelter.



#### Community Helps To Resurrect Wigman

In June a resident called out for long bamboo canes of bean poles that could be used to restore a wigwam that was made by her late mother.

The resident would like to thank all those members of our community that offered and contributed to the resurrected wigwam, which can be used for generations to come.

As you can see from the photo, the wigwam looks absolutely fabulous.





#### Foul! Don't blame The Dog

Across the village, on verges, footpaths & Recreation Ground, dog mess continues to be found.

Please pick up any mess your dog makes.

We are fortunate that - in the village - every 1/4 mile there is a bin, and THREE DOG WASTE BINS on the Recreation Ground, at every entry & exit point.

#### Join the Fairfield 200 Club?

Thanks to all of you that subscribe to the 200 Club, last year you helped raise £552.00 for the Village Hall. During 2022, cash prizes won totalled £1500.00

If you are not a member of the 200 Club, why not join today? Or double your chances of being a winner by subscribing to a second number?



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



#### Supporting The Basement Project

Local teenager, Rose, has been supporting Bromsgrove's Basement Project, and over the past few months collecting tins and packets of food for people less fortunate with the help of people living in our community.

A food collection bin was set up in the porch at St. Marks and the generosity of local people has been amazing.

If you have any spare tins or packets, please consider donating, the collection bin is in the porch at our village church.

#### **Meet Your Policing Team**



Your Safer Neighbourhood Policing team will be at Foodie Fairfield on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Pop along and say hello, discuss any policing matters with them or receive crime prevention advice.

#### The Wednesday Social

The Wednesday Social went wild when Yas from Worcestershire Wildlife Trust gave an interesting presentation to a small group of residents at September's The Wednesday Social. She outlined the work of the Trust, its achievements and what we can do to support nature.

October's guest speaker both was entertaining & educational, with plenty of humour and audience engagement. David Wornham introduced many instruments from

Everyone attending the afternoon's social commented that it had been a very good presentation.

around the world - including a musical bone - and he played a few tunes on some drainpipes.

At the time of writing November's social had not yet taken place, but it is expected to be very interesting; Kevin Ward regaling humorous anecdotes about his "life on two wheels".

So, why not join us on the second Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall, 2pm -3.30pm, for talks and activities.

Admittance is FREE, it is a group that is open to adults of all ages, and we welcome people from our community and from surrounding areas.



#### **Future Talks/Activities:**

13th December School Choir & Making Crackers

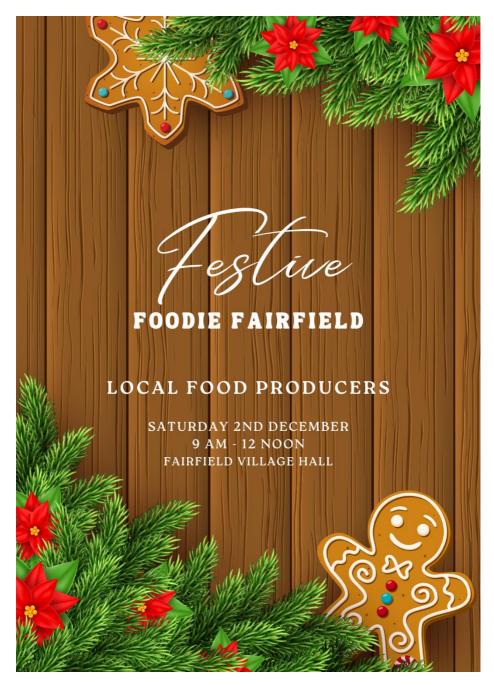
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10th January Talk: Waste Reduction

14th February Talk: Madagascar's lemurs and whales

#### Do you want more news and interesting articles?

Get the Parish Magazine - news and articles for Fairfield, Belbroughton & Clent - delivered to your home for £8.40 a year, that's 50p a magazine. Interested? Phone the church office tel: 01562 730 777 or email bfcoffice@btconnect.com



#### Clock Keeps Time Again

Renovation work to restore the village clock was completed in September and the restored clock was reattached to St. Mark's. On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September, an act or rededication took place, led by our vicar Canon Wyn Beynon, with residents and children from Fairfield First School in attendance, the children recited a poem entitled TIME, and Margaret Must, who has contributed to some of refurbishment costs in memory of her late husband Chris, said a few words.

The clock was first installed in 1953, in the year of Her Late Majesty's Coronation, with the present reinstallation in the year of His Majesty's Coronation. To mark these historical events Royal cyphers have been added to the clock.



Often incorrectly assumed to be the Church's Clock, it is a Public Clock that, like in many communities across the country, is attached to the tallest building, which at the time was often a church.

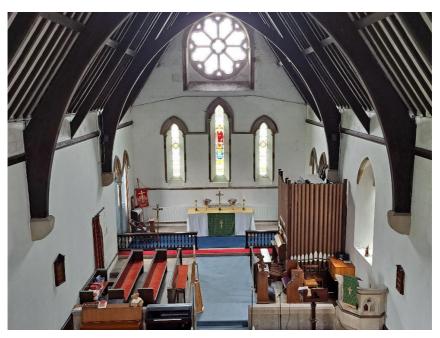






According to a Bromsgrove Messenger report in 1953 "The Coronation Committee decided that a clock costing £10 be put in the wall of the Church where all could see it".

With the scaffolding in place, to install the refurbished clock, some photos of St. Mark's from a different angle (see over).





#### Friends for Lunch

Join us as we visit a local pub or other fine eatery for a hearty meal and good conversation. We meet from 12.15pm, for a 12.30pm lunch. Dates and venues for future lunches are:

15th January The Swan, Wychbold
19th February The Queen's Head, Stoke
18th March The Dog at Harvington
15thApril The Robin Hood, Drayton
20th May The French Hen, Clent
17th June The Nailers, Bournheath

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Pat on 01527 832360, or email pasteward7@outlook.com



You can recycle your ink cartridges by placing them in the Recycling Box that can be found in the Village Hall foyer during FVCA events:

Foodie Fairfield, Bromsgrove Arts & The Wednesday Social.

#### Frightening Fairfield's Halloween

Over 40 people - a mixture of adults and children - attended the Halloween event on Saturday 28th October, which had to be changed to the village hall from the Recreation Ground due to the heavy downpour.

There were 21 fantastic carved pumpkins, all lit up in the dark, and a brilliant Glow LED performance from Flying Colours.

Everyone enjoyed the event. Thank you for coming.



On our YouTube channel, watch our video showing some of the pumpkins and entertainment.



# FESTIVE ADVENT Desvices

ST. MARK'S, FAIRFIELD

with Christmas Carols & a performance from the Clent Handbell Ensemble

Sunday 10th December 11:15am



#### Ricky Cool and the In Crowd Serves Up Ska, Blue Beat and Rhythm & Blues

The village hall rocked in October when Ricky Cool and the In Crowd took to the stage again, serving up a gorgeous gumbo of sounds.

The band were on top form, performing in front of a near full house.

There was a lot dancing in front of the stage, and in the seats, everyone enjoying the show.

Ricky Cool and the In Crowd will be back



next year, Saturday 23rd November, tickets are now on sale from www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk

#### Midland Concert Orchestra Helps Swing in Autum

With songs from Broadway and the Great American Songbook, the musicians and vocalists of the Midland Concert Orchestra (MCO) were an absolute delight, when they performed at the village hall in October, pleasing an audience of 76 people - a full house with all chairs taken.

Following the concert, the MCO left the following message on Facebook:

" 🞉 🗗 🎤 🎉 We have had the most amazing evening at Fairfield Village Hall...

Thank you so much to [the] team of volunteers for making our evening very stress free!

The audience tonight were fantastic and extremely welcoming...so a huge THANK YOU from all the orchestra to everyone who came along ... 📢 😊 📢 🎤 🦸 🥰 😊 "

The Midland Concert Orchestra, who are now using the Village Hall for their rehearsals, will be performing their summer concert here in Fairfield next June (Sunday 23rd). Tickets are not yet on sale, when they do, book quickly.

## The Wednesday Social is a Warm Welcome Space

Come in, keep warm, connect with others, and make new friends.

Initially 2nd Wednesday of each month 2pm - 3.30pm, if there is the demand this could include other Wednesdays. There's FREE hot drinks, biscuits, WiFi, charge your phone, plus a guest speaker/activity.

Spread the word, we look forward to giving you a Warm Welcome.



See page 7 for details of planned activities & speakers.



#### Foodie Fairfield Your Market Hall at the Village Hall









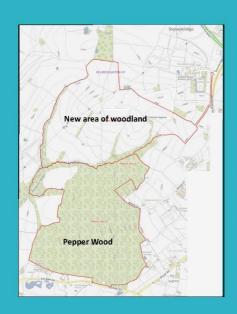
9 am - 12 noon







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.



#### Pepper Wood is getting bigger!

We're adding a new area of woodland to Pepper Wood and we'd like you to help us name it.

We are working hard at Pepper Wood to make it the perfect place for trees and plants to grow and wildlife to live.

If you can think of a great name for this new area of wood then email the FCVA with your suggestion. Please also tell us your name and the name of the area you live in: admin@fva.org.uk

#### Closing date is 15 December

To learn more about Pepper Wood or to help you with ideas visit the Woodland Trust website and search for Pepper Wood or scan the QR code.





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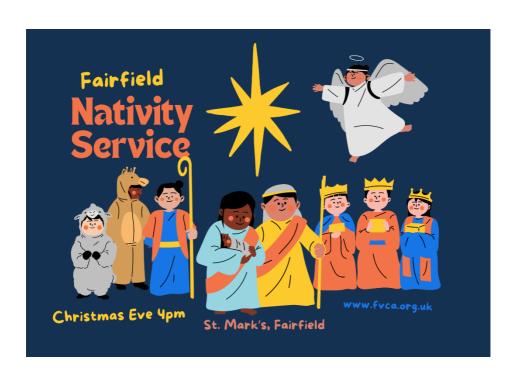
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## Ring in the New Year with a movie!





Experience the return of legendary hero, Indiana Jones, in the fifth installment of this beloved swashbuckling series of films. Finding himself in a new era, approaching retirement, Indy wrestles with fitting into a world that seems to have outgrown him. But as the tentacles of an all-too-familiar evil return in the form of an old rival, Indy must don his hat and pick up his whip once more to make sure an ancient and powerful artifact doesn't fall into the wrong hands.

Following the film, raise a glass and welcome in 2024

Sunday 31st December 9.00pm. Tickets £5.00 each

www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk



# It's not all Jam & Cake at Fairfield W.I.

 $2^{nd}$  Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall 7pm



For answers see page 31

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

Admission for film screenings continue to be £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.bromsgrovearts.org.uk

Our licensed bar sells a selection of WINES, CIDERS, 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 <a href="mailto:admin@fairfieldflicks.org.uk">admin@fairfieldflicks.org.uk</a>

#### Champions (12A) – Wednesday 27th December 2.30pm

After an incident that leads to him losing his job, an assistant basketball coach, Marcus Marakovich (Woody Harrelson), is given a choice by a judge between serving time in prison or doing community service coaching a team of players with learning disabilities. Marcus initially struggles with coaching this new team, but as he gets to know the players



personally, he comes to realize that they are more than just their skills on the court. He also develops a casual sexual relationship with Johnny's sister, Alex (Kaitlin Olson), but complications arise when Johnny becomes attached to Marcus and Alex becomes defensive. Marcus tries to secure a new coaching job with the help of his former assistant coach, but realizes that he has been manipulative and asks him to help with coaching The Friends instead. The team faces challenges both on and off the court, but with Marcus's guidance, they begin to improve and make it to the semi-finals. However, Marcus receives news that he has been hired by an NBA team, which causes tension with The Friends. As the team prepares for the Special Olympics finals in Winnipeg, Marcus tries to set up a play that will have Darius making the final shot, but his assistant coach warns him that it's a bad idea. Marcus reevaluates his coaching approach and sets up a different play that leads to a crucial moment in the game.

## JUNIOR FLICKS: Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken (PG) – Thursday 28th December 2.00pm (NOTE: NEW TIME)

DreamWorks Animation dives into the turbulent waters of high school with a hilarious, heartfelt action comedy about a shy teenager who discovers that she's part of a legendary royal lineage of mythical sea krakens.

Sweet, awkward 16-year-old Ruby Gillman (Lana Condor, To All the Boys I've Loved Before franchise) is desperate to fit in at Oceanside High, but she mostly just feels invisible. She's math-tutoring her skater-boy crush (Jaboukie Young-White, Ralph Breaks the Internet), who only seems to admire her for her fractals, and she's prevented from hanging out with the cool kids at the beach because her over-protective



supermom (Oscar® nominee Toni Collette, Knives Out), has forbade Ruby from ever getting in the water. But when she breaks her mom's #1 rule, Ruby will discover that she is a direct descendant of the warrior Kraken queens and is destined to inherit the throne from her commanding grandmother (Academy Award® winner Jane Fonda), the Warrior Queen of the Seven Seas. The Kraken are sworn to protect the oceans of the world against the vain, powerhungry mermaids who have been battling with the Kraken for eons. There's one major, and immediate, problem with that: The school's beautiful, popular new girl, Chelsea (Emmy winner Annie Murphy, Schitt's Creek) just happens to be a mermaid. Ruby will ultimately need to embrace who she is and go big to protect those she loves most.

# New Year's Eve: Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny (12A) – Sunday 31st December 9.00pm

Experience the return of legendary hero, Indiana Jones, in the fifth installment of this beloved swashbuckling series of films. Finding himself in a new era, approaching retirement, Indy wrestles with fitting into a world that seems to have outgrown him. But as the tentacles of an all-too-familiar evil return in the form of an old rival, Indy must don his hat and pick up his whip once more to make sure an ancient and powerful artifact doesn't fall into the wrong hands.



Following the film, raise a glass and welcome in 2024

#### Polite Society (12A) – Sunday 14th January 7.30pm

Big Trouble - Little Sister in this 2023 Action Comedy A merry mash-up of sisterly affection, parental disappointment and bold action, POLITE SOCIETY follows martial artist-in-training Ria Khan who believes she must save her older sister Lena from her impending marriage. After enlisting the help of her friends, Ria attempts to pull off the most ambitious of all wedding heists in the name of independence and sisterhood.



#### Book Club: The Next Chapter (12A) – Wednesday 17th January 7.30pm

The highly anticipated sequel follows our four best friends as they take their book club to Italy for the fun girls trip they never had. When things go off the rails and secrets are revealed, their relaxing vacation turns into a once-in-a-lifetime cross-country adventure.

Staring: Candice Bergen, Jane Fonda, Diane Keaton, Mary Steenburgen



#### Daliland (15) – Wednesday 24th January 2.30pm

Directed by acclaimed filmmaker Mary Harron (I SHOT ANDY WARHOL, AMERICAN PSYCHO), DALÍLAND stars Sir Ben Kingsley as the titular Salvador Dalí, one of the most world-renowned artists of the 20th century and focuses on the later years of the strange and fascinating marriage between Dalí and his wife, Gala (Barbara Sukowa), as their seemingly unshakable



bond begins to stress and fracture. Set in New York and Spain in 1974, the film is told through the eyes of James (Christopher Briney), a young assistant keen to make his name in the art world, who helps the eccentric and mercurial Dalí prepare for a big gallery show.

#### TBC (BBFC) – Wednesday 21st February 7.30pm

In January, checkout our website for details

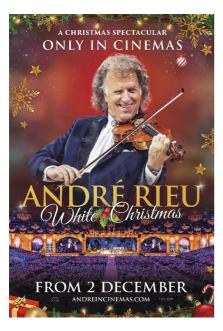
#### The Great Escaper (PG) – Wednesday 28th February 2.30pm

In the summer of 2014 - the 70th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings - octogenarian Bernie Jordan (Michael Caine) made global headlines. He'd staged a "great escape" from his care home to join fellow war veterans on a beach in Normandy, commemorating their fallen comrades. It was a story that captured the imagination of the world - Bernie seemed to embody the defiant, "can-do" spirit of a generation



that was fast disappearing. But of course, it wasn't the whole story. It was the story we all tell ourselves to make war and old age bearable. The bitter-sweet script explores the reality with wit and a very big heart. Bernie's adventure, spanning a mere 48 hours, also marked the culmination of his 60-year marriage to Irene (Glenda Jackson) - the story celebrates their love without sentimentality and with an eye to the lessons we can all learn from the Greatest Generation.

#### André Rieu's White Christmas



For many, Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year. This year it will come early with André Rieu's cinema special White Christmas—a celebration you will never forget.

From the first jingled bell, you will be immersed in the incomparable Christmas atmosphere of André's winter wonderland. Marvel at the magnificently decorated Christmas palace, complete with snow, two ice rinks, gorgeous winter scenes, romantic lighting, red carpet, countless lights, 150 beautiful chandeliers and over 50 Venetian candelabras.

Savour the spirit of the season while singing and dancing in the aisles to timeless Christmas carols, romantic waltzes and beautiful songs from all over the world — Jingle Bells, Ave Maria, Oh Holy Night, Hallelujah, Sleigh Ride and many more! Cinema audiences will also enjoy exclusive backstage access, as cinema host Charlotte Hawkins speaks with André about creating his musical winter

wonderland. It's a perfect early Christmas present for André fans!

Join André Rieu and his Johann Strauss Orchestra for their brand new Christmas concert from the comfort of your local cinema. An unforgettable festive treat for the whole family! Get your tickets now for André Rieu's White Christmas!

André Rieu's White Christmas will be screened at Bromsgrove Arts (Fairfield Village Hall) on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 7.30pm & Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm. Tickets are Adults £15.00, Under 16s £12.00. Included in the price – have a drink on us.

With strong advance sales to date, these screenings are going to be very popular, so don't be disappointed, buy your tickets today from <a href="https://www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk">www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk</a>



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Frankenstein – 'or, a play about a man, wot built another man'.

Whether you are 6 or 106, you will have plenty of laughter when FRANKENSTEIN take to the stage on Sunday 10th December 7.30pm.

Escape the stresses of life and enjoy a couple of hours of fun courtesy of Rain or Shine Theatre Company.

Victor Frankenstein is on a scientific quest. He believes that he alone is destined to break through the greatest boundary of the medical world and harness the power to control life and death. Along with his faithful assistant, Igor, he finds that the act of creation is not all it's cracked up to be when his efforts finally bring a homemade man to life. The only true question is who is the monster? Victor or his creation? Join Rain or Shine this winter for their hilarious take on this Victorian classic. Expect gags, fast paced chaos, well-timed comic set pieces. And hats. Lots and lots of hats.

Suitable for 6 years and over

Tickets can be purchased from www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk

Adults: £12.00; Under 16s: £8.00





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### Sunday 10th December at 7:30pm

Tickets: £12.00 adults, £8.00 children (under 15)

Tel: 03306 600541 - www.bit.ly/franky-bromsgrove

Doors open 7:00pm \* www.rainorshine.co.uk \*





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### Suitable for audiences from age 6 to 106

#### AUDIENCE COMMENTS

"An absolute hoot! My family and I have been treated to a marvellous evening's entertainment. What a wonderfully talented bunch you are and fantastic that you're putting the production on in local village halls as we so often miss out to the bigger towns. A welcome couple of hours of escapism and fun in this chaotic world!"

"Brilliant. Great build up of laughs throughout. I was in stitches at the end and have been smiling for days since. Superb acting. Roll on the next production."

Running time 2 hours (approx), Tickets are non-refundable, except for cancellations due to Covid-19 government mandates. Booking fees may apply

#### WWW.RAINORSHINE.CO.UK





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#### **Raffles**

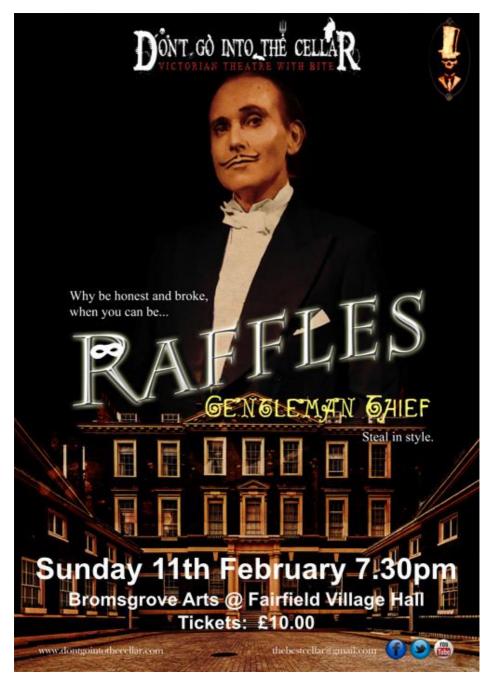
#### Sunday 11th February 7.30pm

Written by E.W. Hornung (Arthur Conan Doyle's brother-in-law), A.J. Raffles is the Edwardian era's most celebrated gentleman thief. In a series of highly entertaining tales, the suave catburglar thrills and charms you in equal measure.

A one man show from Don't Go Into The Cellar, suitable for people aged eleven and over.

Tickets: £10.00 www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk







#### Jack Goodall and the Kick

Saturday 2nd March 8.00pm

After impressing our audience in 2022 & 2023, Jack Goodall and the Kick returns in 2024.

Singer, songwriter and band frontman Jack Goodall has taken a unique and contrary musical path, at times funky and bombastic and at other times delicate and sedate. Goodall, who has released three solo albums, has toured the UK, Ireland and Canada playing both solo and with band.

The Kick are Jack Smith on drums, David Rees-Jones on percussion and Emma Reading on guitar.

"Beautiful music, I love it"

– Guy Garvey, Elbow, BBC 6Music

"The best live act in the West Midlands, 2019"

- Songwall
- "Awesome"
- Boris Palekh, Gogol Bordello and Hey Guy

JACK JACK CA

Tickets: £8.00 (Advance) - £10.00 (On The Door)







# COMMUNITY FUN FOR ALL

#### **SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 10.30AM**

**Fairfield Recreation Ground** 



BRING YOUR OWN PANCAKES

& FRYING PAN

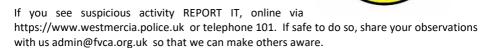




#### Neighbourhood Watch

#### Help Keep Our Community Safe

Life's safer when you know your neighbours and the community pulls together.



#### 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, <a href="https://www.fvca.org.uk">www.fvca.org.uk</a>

#### Billy's Christmas Present Appeal

#### Can you help Billy with his Christmas Present appeal?

He will collect them from you, all you must do is leave your presents in a place where he can see them.

If you don't want to take part in Billy's Christmas Present appeal, follow the following advice.

#### Preventing burglars from stealing a piece of your Christmas

Now more than ever we will all be spending more time at home which may mean purchasing games console, computers, tablets, games and other expensive items to keep everyone occupied at home. This means there are even more items to keep safe. The best way to do this is to follow our tips for keeping your home secure this festive period.

- Mark your property. We hold special bike marking events which are worth looking out
  for if you have got a new bicycle for Christmas. You can mark all your gifts including
  jewellery, tools etc and can place a sticker on your window to state that your property
  is parked. Marking your stuff makes it difficult for thieves to sell on, and so less
  desirable.
- Register all of you good on the Immobilise Property Marking Register <u>here</u>.
- Avoid posting photos of your gifts and purchases on social media and be careful not to identify your address in your posts.
- If you are going out for the whole of Christmas day to form a bubble as per the
  regulations, ask a trusted neighbour, family member or friend to keep an eye on your
  home, and do the same for them don't' forget to leave your lights on a timer switch
  to make it look like someone is at home in the evening.
- Try and place your Christmas tree out of sight of street fronted windows
- When Christmas is all over don't leave the boxes to your valuable gifts out by the rubbish bin, this lets burglars know what you have in your home. Take them directly to your local household recycling centre or think about keeping the broken-down boxes in a garage or loft
- Don't keep presents in garden sheds etc and allow someone else to do their shopping at your expense.
- Do not leave house or car keys near to your letterbox.



#### Church Services at St. Mark's

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11.15 am Worship4ll - Family Service

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 11.15 am Holy Communion

#### Weekly Activities at Fairfield Village Hall

Monday: <u>Thursday</u>:

Line Dancing 7.30pm Zumba 7pm – 8pm

<u>Tuesday</u>: <u>Friday</u>:

Sequence Dancing 7.30pm Taekwondo 6pm/7pm/8pm

**Sunday** 

Pilates 10.00am

**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

December LIGHT UP FAIRFIELD (18th - 31st December)

2nd Festive Foodie Fairfield, Santa's Grotto & Police Surgery, 9.00am - 12.00pm

3rd André Rieu's Christmas Concert, 7.30pm 6th André Rieu's Christmas Concert, 2.30pm

9th No Litter Pick

10th Advent Service 11.15am; Frankenstein 7.30pm
 13th The Wednesday Social 2.00pm; Fairfield W.I. 7.00pm

20th Carols Around The Christmas Tree, 7.00pm

24th Crib Service, St. Mark's 4.00pm

27th Fairfield Flicks, 2.30pm28th Junior Flick 11.00am

31st New Year's Eve Film 9.00pm

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#### January

3rd Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am

6th Foodie Fairfield 9.00am - 12pm

10th The Wednesday Social 2.00pm; Fairfield W.I. 7.00pm

14th Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm15th Friends for Lunch 12.30pm

17th Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am; Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm

24th Fairfield Flicks 2.30pm

#### **February**

3rd Foodie Fairfield 9.00am - 12pm

7th Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am 10th Pancake Race, Recreation Ground, 10.30am

11th Don't Go Into The Cellar Theatre Company: Raffles 7.30pm

14th The Wednesday Social 2.00pm; Fairfield W.I. 7.00pm

17th Live Music: Small Changes 8.00pm

19th Friends for Lunch 12.30pm

21st Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am; Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm

28th Fairfield Flicks 2.30pm

29th National Vegetable Society 7.30pm

#### March

2nd Foodie Fairfield 9.00am - 12pm; Live Music: Jack Goodall and The Kick 8.00pm

10th Mothering Sunday Service, St. Mark's 11.15am; Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm

13th The Wednesday Social 2.00pm; Fairfield W.I. 7.00pm

18th Friends for Lunch 12.30pm

20th FVCA AGM 7.30pm