



# Fairfield Village Community Association

**NEWSLETTER  
AUTUMN 2024**



**ACTIVE WEDNESDAYS**  
**AT**  
**FAIRFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

**1st Wednesday of each month**  
**1.30pm to 3.30pm**



**Table Tennis**

**Boccia**



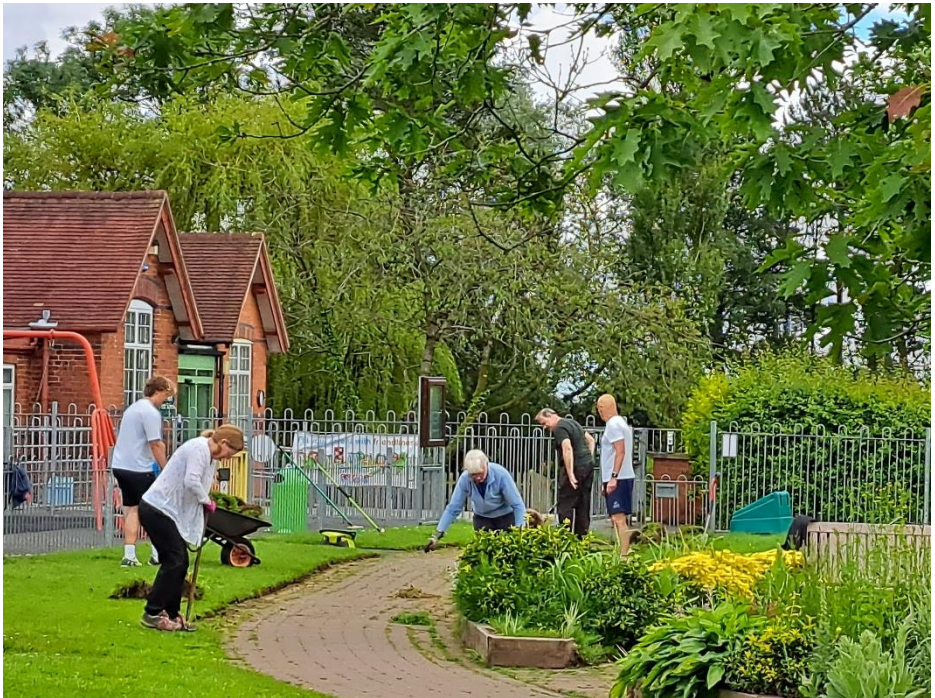
**Plus Refreshments & Biscuits, and it is all FREE**

## Thank you Volunteers for The Big Help Out

Thanks to everybody who gave up their time to support THE BIG HELP OUT, edging and weeding the path across the Recreation Ground, and weeding one of the planters

More is still needed to be done to finish of the job started, if you can help organize & coordinate a work party, email [admin@fvca.org.uk](mailto:admin@fvca.org.uk).

Thanks also to Beverley for the wonderful cake that accompanied our refreshments



### Litter Picking Equipment

If you have borrowed litter picking sticks & hoops and are not using them, please return to us, as we are running short, and they are expensive to replace.



# Foodie Fairfield

MARKET HALL  
IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL

Bread

Meat

Jams

Pastries

Pies

Marmalades

Apple Juice

Honey

Cheese

Biscuits

Samosas

Porridge Oats

Eggs

Spring Rolls

Vegetables

Beers

Cake

And more

1st Saturday in the month

9am to 12noon

Fairfield Village Hall



Despite the low turnout and rain, requiring this year's village picnic to move into the Village Hall, people enjoyed the occasion & the entertainment that was provided, Sauce City Band and Wally Wombat. Thank you to everyone who came and supported this initiative.

## Enforcement boosted in Bromsgrove District

Fly tippers and other environmental criminals are being warned to expect trouble in Bromsgrove District after enforcement was stepped up there.

This year more enforcement staff plus intelligence experts from Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) are active in the district to help catch the criminals who dump their waste, after Bromsgrove District councillors approved a funding boost for the service.

Special deployable CCTV cameras are also recording in multiple locations across the district, and brand-new online reporting tools have made it easier than ever for residents to provide information that could lead to fines and prosecutions.

Fly tips were reported in 417 locations across Bromsgrove District last year, and the district council spends over £1m a year clearing up local streets.

Bromsgrove District Council's Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services and Community Safety, Cllr Peter Whittaker, said: "Most people dispose of their waste properly and responsibly and ensure they're not creating nasty problems for everyone else, for example by ensuring the person taking away their waste is a properly registered waste carrier. It's not hard. But there's a tiny minority who either don't know or don't care about the impact dumping unwanted items has on a community. Imagine what our staff could be doing to actually improve our neighbourhoods, instead of being forced to spend their time clearing up illegally dumped rubbish."

Councillors agreed a £29k boost to the authority's existing enviro-crime enforcement capacity from 2024-25, as part of wider enforcement improvements at the authority which included an extra £149k to deal with unauthorised developments through planning enforcement.

Cllr Whittaker added: "The considerable professional skill and expertise of WRS in enforcement matters will benefit residents, improve justice, and deter criminals, helping to keep our communities safe, well maintained, and green."

To report a problem in your street scene go to [www.bromsgrove.gov.uk](http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk) and hit the Report it button, or search for Bromsgrove District Council on the App Store or Play Store to find the district council's handy new reporting app.

**This year's Harvest Festival on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October will be supporting Forage Aid, Dodford Children's Farm and The Basement Project, see page 8 for details.**

## Fairfield Dining Group

Make new friends and catch up with old at our lunchtime gathering, touring fine eateries in and around Bromsgrove.

16th September                      Bromsgrove Golf Club (note: Change of Venue)

21st October                          The Vine, Clent

18th November                      The Swan, Fairfield

If you are interested in joining our lunchtime meal, please contact Pat on 01527 832360, or email [pasteward7@outlook.com](mailto:pasteward7@outlook.com)

## Get Fresh & Local at Foodie Fairfield

Our Market Hall in the Village Hall supports local artisan food producers, making & selling Artisan Breads, Tasty Meat Pies, Quality Fresh Meats, Delightful Preserves, and more. The Community Association sells a range of other items, including Cheese, Porridge, Condiments, Flour and other non-perishable food items, plus postage stamps. The next Foodie Fairfield is on Saturday 7th September and every 1st Saturday of month, 9am to 12noon. The Forfeld Café will be open, so stop and catch up with friends, with a cuppa and a slice of homemade cake.



## 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](mailto:bfcoffice@btconnect.com)

## Keeping Our Community Tidy

Every 2nd Saturday of each month a small band of volunteers litter pick our community, mainly the roads and open spaces in Fairfield, venturing further afield if there are sufficient volunteers. Please join us on Saturday 14th September to help keep our community tidy, meet outside the village hall 10.30am, wear suitable clothing and footwear, litter picking equipment will be provided.



# FAIRFIELD HARVEST FESTIVAL



GIVE THANKS FOR OUR  
FOOD AND TO OUR  
FARMERS



**13**  
**OCT**  
**2024**

ST. MARK'S, FAIRFIELD, 11.15AM

CASH DONATIONS SHARED WITH FORAGE AID

FOOD DONATIONS SHARED BETWEEN DODFORD  
CHILDREN'S FARM & THE BASEMENT PROJECT



# Recycle Your Ink Cartridges *and help us raise money!*

Recycle  Charity



## Recycle your ink cartridges and help raise money for your Community Association

The Cartridge Recycle Box can be found at the village hall during Foodie Fairfield and other Community Association run activities.

## Volunteers at Work

During late June/early July, Community Volunteers were out and about across our community carrying out works to help keep our community looking great, work undertaken included:

- Hedge between Swan bus stop and street signage was trimmed back.
- Perspex of the old Wood Lane bus stop cleaned so that you can now see through it. The bus shelter has since been replaced.
- SmartWater & Neighbourhood Watch signs cleaned, they are there to remind Billy Burglar to keep away. If you see a dirty street sign near you, please help us by giving it a clean. Neighbourhood Watch & SmartWater signage can only help deter Billy Burglar if they can be clearly seen. Grubby signs can be an indication that people do not care.





# TRICK or TREAT



WITH ED THE  
MAGICIAN

FANCY DRESS | BRING A CARVED PUMPKIN



**OCTOBER 26, 2024**

DOOR OPEN AT 5.30 PM  
ED THE MAGICIAN AT 6.00PM  
FAIRFIELD VILLAGE HALL



DON'T MISS THE MOST SPOOKTACULAR NIGHT OF THE YEAR !

## The Wednesday Social



### Future Talks/Activities:

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.

#### **11th September Raptors**

Join Dave Sharp and his birds of prey.

#### **9th October Homes for Nature: Making Bird & Bat Boxes**

Bring a hammer, kits will be provided, and help give nature a home. You can take what you make away for your garden, or we can place your bird/bat box somewhere in the village

#### **13<sup>th</sup> November Indoor Curling**

Enjoyed when it was played earlier this year, this all-age activity returns.

## Local Shopping Gets Better and Better

If you have not been, Foodie Fairfield is a brilliant Market Hall in the Village Hall initiative that supports local food producers, selling artisan breads, chocolates, preserves, pies, fresh meat, vegetarian delights, apple juice and more, there is even a stall selling dog biscuits.

To complement these fantastic stalls, the Community Association is selling other foods sourced locally, at Foodie Fairfield and at other times during the month (see advert on next page). If there is the demand, we would like to increase our stock range, offering you more.

Whether visiting Foodie Fairfield or at one of our other Shop opening times, stay for a cuppa and cake.

Please support this initiative, it is the nearest things we have to a village shop; as they say, use it or lose it.

## Growing Better Fruit & Veg

Whether for the table for show, getting growing advice from the experts at Fairfield Village Hall 7.30pm, on the fourth Thursday of February, May, August, September.

During the quarterly meetings of the National Vegetable Society, there is usually a guest speaker, seed/plant swaps, a competition, as well as advice & refreshments. The next meeting will be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

# FORFELD POP-UP SHOP

1st Wednesday 1.30pm—3.30pm: Fairfield Village Hall

1st Saturday 9.00am—12.00pm: Foodie Fairfield

2nd Wednesday 1.30pm—3.30pm: Fairfield Village Hall (from October)

3rd Wednesday 10.30am—12noon: Bournheath Village Hall

**Shop Fresh & Local**



Cheese

Rapeseed Oil

Mayonaisse & Pickles

Porridge & Muesli

Flour

Drinking Chocolate

Salt

& More



## Library Services At Home

**Did you know that Bromsgrove & Catshill Libraries offer a FREE Home Delivery Service, if you are not able to get there yourself?**

Library Services At Home is a free monthly book delivery service for housebound and carers. The service is completely FREE.

To join send an email to Bromsgrove library on [bvlib@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:bvlib@worcestershire.gov.uk) or call them on 01905 822722 they will send you a joining form. Or a family member/carer can pop into Bromsgrove Library to pick up a form for you.

Once your application has been approved and you are signed up to the service, you can borrow up to 12 books or audiobooks (spoken word CDs) a month, and a friendly Bromsgrove Library volunteer will collect your book returns at the same time they drop off your new books. The volunteer returns all the books to the library for you.

Books that are delivered to you are chosen by Library book selectors, guided by the author and book type choices you provide on your form. Perhaps you prefer larger or normal print? Crime or Sci Fi? Romance or Historical Fiction? Or even a lucky dip might be fun once in a while!

## Quarries Update

**Pinches 4 Quarry:** the consultation period for the latest submission finished on 13 May. The Case Officer continues to write the Committee Report, for determination later this year (next available Committee being 24 September 2024).

**Wildmoor Quarry:** there is no update, other than we are expecting a revised Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion to be submitted for the proposal shortly. The purpose of which is to set out what assessments should accompany the application (we currently understand that this application would not seek to extend the site).

**Chadwich Lane Quarry:** a further amended draft drainage scheme seeking to address the comments raised by North Worcestershire Water Management is to be submitted, which will then undergo full public consultation. Once we are informed of the consultation, we shall share via our eNewsletter and social media site, plus post on our website. **PLEASE HAVE YOUR SAY AND RESPOND TO THE CONSULTATION**



Fairfield

# MAKERS MARKET



FAIRFIELD VILLAGE HALL (B61 9LZ)

SATURDAY  
30TH NOVEMBER  
NOON TO 2.30PM

HANDMADE ITEMS  
ART • JEWELLERY • POTTERY

PLUS..REFRESHMENTS &  
CAKE

[WWW.FVCA.ORG.UK](http://WWW.FVCA.ORG.UK)



## Active Thumbs Up

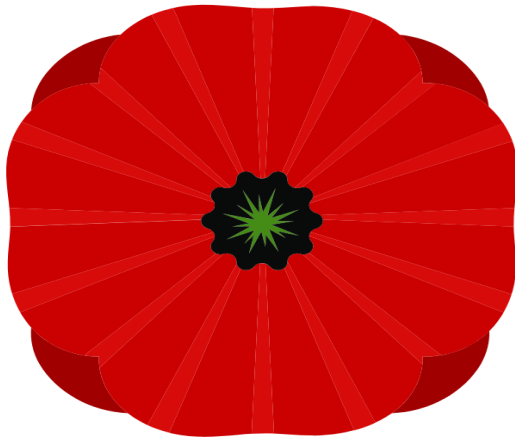
A brilliant day of FREE taster activities at the Village Hall in July, with people enjoying Pilates, self-defence (personal protection talk, demonstration and practical tips), table tennis, bocchia and indoor curling. Most people popped into the NHS van for a health check and more, and those people that stayed for the lunchtime break enjoyed delicious homemade cakes.

Huge thanks to everyone who came, to Dance with Nikki & Pete Martin (Redditch Self Defence and Youth Engagement) for their sessions, to Active Herefordshire and Worcestershire for organising the day, and to the cake bakers.



# LEST WE FORGET

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



Commemorating the sacrifices of members of the  
armed forces and of civilians in times of war.

**SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER  
10.50AM**

**FAIRFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

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



**Our wholly voluntary community initiative is 5 years old!**

Launched in September 2019 as Fairfield Flicks, **BROMSGROVE ARTS** continues to entertain.

With the support of a brilliant team of volunteers, we use cinematic and performing arts to bring people together, and to reduce loneliness & social isolation.

Our programme continues to be varied, with recent movie releases, quality live music on our stage, touring drama, event cinema productions and, for the third year in November, we will be a host venue for the French Film Festival UK.

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. 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](http://www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk)

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](mailto:hello@bromsgrovearts.org.uk) or fill in the subscription form that can be found on our website.



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](mailto:hello@bromsgrovearts.org.uk)

Do you know how to operate a lighting bars and desk? Or can you take High Quality photographs for media publication? We need your assistance, drop us an email.



HORROR  
MOVIE NIGHT

ON 26 OCTOBER AT 7.30 PM  
WWW.BROMSGROVEARTS.ORG.UK

Film will be known by early October

## MOVIES

### ORDINARY ANGELS (PG)

**Wednesday 25th September 2.30pm (Admission £4.00)**

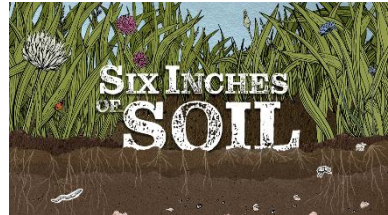
Based on a remarkable true story, ORDINARY ANGELS centers on Sharon Steves (Hilary Swank), a fierce but struggling hairdresser in small-town Kentucky who discovers a renewed sense of purpose when she meets Ed Schmitt (Alan Ritchson), a widower working hard to make ends meet for his two daughters. With his youngest daughter waiting for a liver transplant, Sharon sets her mind to helping the family and will move mountains to do it. What unfolds is the inspiring tale of faith, everyday miracles, and ordinary angels.



### SIX INCHES OF SOIL (PG)

**Wednesday 25th September 7.30pm (FREE SCREENING)**

Six Inches of Soil follows the inspiring story of British farmers standing up against the industrial food system and transforming the way they produce food – to heal the soil, benefit our health and provide for local communities.



The film follows the highs and lows of three new farmers on their regenerative journey: Anna

Jackson, a Lincolnshire 11th generation arable and sheep farmer; Adrienne Gordon, a Cambridgeshire small-scale vegetable farmer; and Ben Thomas, who rears pasture fed beef livestock in Cornwall.

As the trio of young farmers strive to adopt regenerative practices and create viable businesses, they meet seasoned mentors who help them on their journey. They are joined by other experts providing wisdom and solutions from a growing movement of people who are dedicated to changing the trajectory for food, farming and the planet.

Following the film screening, there will be Q&A panel with:

- Emma Hamer, NFU County Adviser Worcestershire
- James Warne, Soil First Farming
- Frankie Colwall, Hazelhurst Farm.
- Caroline Corsie, Worcestershire Wildlife Trust
- Moderating the panel will be author and BBC sports commentator Pat Murphy.

TBC

Wednesday 23rd October 2.30pm

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 11.00am



Nearer these dates, check our website for details of our Afternoon, Halloween & Junior Flix movies.

## THE MOUNTAIN/ LA MONTAGNE (15)

Wednesday 27th November 2.30pm (Admission £4.00)

Pierre, a Parisian engineer, goes up in the Alps for his work. Irresistibly attracted by what surrounds him, he camps out alone high in the mountains and leaves behind his everyday life. Up there he meets Léa, a chef of an alpine restaurant, while mysterious glows glitter in the deep mountain.



Set almost entirely on the snowy peaks and rock faces of the Mont Blanc massif above the town of Chamonix, this is ostensibly the story of a mild-mannered Paris-based French engineer sent on a job in the Alps who, apparently on a whim then quits his employment, pitches his tent amidst the glaciers, and feels no desire to return to civilisation. Stunning Alpine photography sets the background for a delicate love story nestling at the heart of the film. Director Thomas Salvador also gives a muted performance of a man (Pierre) who is attempting to lose himself in his surroundings.

Screened as part of the French Film Festival 2024.

In French with English subtitles



## DRAMA

### WATSON: THE FINAL PROBLEM

Saturday 16th November 7.30pm

From Live & Local, a Smokescreen Theatre Company production, a must-see for any Sherlock fan and fans of mystery crime drams. Set in 1894, Watson is alone. His beloved wife Mary and the great Sherlock Holmes are both gone. But London seethes with false reports and rumour. It is time to set the record straight. There is a shadow in the gutters of London. A spider's web of poisonous intrigue lies across the city. Someone is playing a long game and Holmes and Watson face their greatest ever challenge.



Watson is written by Tim Marriott and Bert Couples and performed by Tim Marriott (BBC's The Brittas Empire). Bert is the former Head Writer at the BBC on their adaptations of all 56 Holmes stories and The Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes for BBC Radio so you can expect the finest attention to detail in this show. It has received endless 5 star reviews since the show sold out performances at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2021, 2022 and 2023 and was The Scotsman's Fringe Favourite in 2021 while Tim Marriott won Best Performance Award at Edinburgh Fringe the following year. Tickets: £12.50 (Advance); £15.00 (On the door)

## EVENT CINEMA

### ANDRÉ RIEU'S 2024 MAASTRICHT CONCERT: POWER OF LOVE

Saturday 31st August 7.00pm and Sunday 1st September 2.30pm

André Rieu is ready to blow you away with his brand new cinema concert 'Power of Love'. From his picturesque hometown of Maastricht The King of the Waltz presents a must-see big screen spectacular. Accompanied by his world famous Johann Strauss Orchestra and a cast of hundreds this promises to be the music event of the summer by one of the world's most prolific artists.

In a concert overflowing with passion André's unique repertoire combines classical, musicals, pop and rock! You have to see it to believe it.

Set against the backdrop of the historic Vrijthof square André will amaze you with iconic film scores, beautiful waltzes, tear jerking ballads and unexpected chart hits - music has the power to unite and this is a concert for all the family.



Let's enjoy André's music together and spread the love. Don't miss **André Rieu 'Power of Love'** exclusively in cinemas this summer. Tickets: £15.00 (Adults), £13.00 (U16s) - Included in the admission: Have a drink on us.

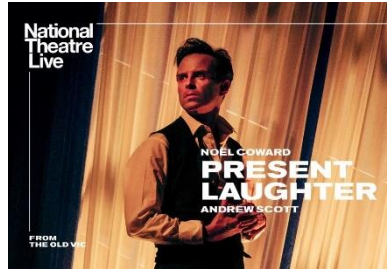
## NATIONAL THEATRE: PRESENT LAUGHTER (PG)

**Sunday 8th September 7.00pm**

The multi award-winning production of Noël Coward's provocative comedy featuring Andrew Scott (Vanya, Fleabag) returns to the big screen.

As he prepares to embark on an overseas tour, star actor Garry Essendine's colourful life is in danger of spiralling out of control. Engulfed by an escalating identity crisis as his many and various relationships compete for his attention, Garry's few remaining days at home are a chaotic whirlwind of love, sex, panic and soul-searching.

Filmed live from The Old Vic in London during a sold out run in 2019, Matthew Warchus (Matilda The Musical) directs this giddy and surprisingly modern reflection on fame, desire and loneliness. Tickets: £15.00 (Adults), £13.00 (U16s) - Included in the admission: Have a drink on us.



## NATIONAL THEATRE: PRIMA FACIE (15)

**Sunday 18th September 7.30pm & Sunday 13th October 7.30pm**

Jodie Comer's (Killing Eve) Olivier and Tony Award-winning performance in Suzie Miller's gripping one-woman play returns to cinemas.

Tessa is a young, brilliant barrister. She has worked her way up from working class origins to be at the top of her game; defending; cross examining and winning. An unexpected event forces her to confront the lines where the patriarchal power of the law, burden of proof and morals diverge.



Prima Facie takes us to the heart of where emotion and experience collide with the rules of the game. Justin Martin directs this solo tour de force, captured live in 2022 during a sold out run at the Harold Pinter Theatre in London's West End. Tickets: £15.00 (Adults), £13.00 (U16s) - Included in the admission: Have a drink on us.

## National Theatre: Productions TBC (see website for details)

There will also be National Theatre screenings on 16<sup>th</sup> October and 20<sup>th</sup> November.

## LIVE MUSIC

### SMALL CHANGES

**Saturday 21st September 8.00pm**

Returning to our stage SMALL CHANGES, join us for 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. Take a listen to samples at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOq5C7hDDvs>

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!

Tickets: £8.00 (Advance), £10.00 (On the door)

### CALYPSO MOON

**Saturday 5th October 8.00pm**

After wowing our audience in 2023, CALYPSO MOON are returning on 5th October 2024.

The all-women swing band, Calypso Moon, have been enchanting audiences everywhere with their fresh, playful renditions of jazz and swing songs of the 20s, 30s and 40s - think Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday and Doris Day!



Tickets: £8.00 (Advanced) – £10.00 (On the door)

## RICKY COOL AND THE IN CROWD

Saturday 23rd November 8.00pm

**Red Hot Rhythm and Blues! Scintillating Ska and Blue beat! Sensational Soul!**

Ricky Cool and the In Crowd serve up a gorgeous gumbo of sounds, similar to those found in the clubs of Soho in the early years of Mod mania. Original numbers are interspersed with great arrangements of classics to give you a musical mix that will have your feet itching to dance.

Many will remember Ricky Cool fronting one of Birmingham's most popular combos, the legendary Ricky Cool and the Icebergs. Ricky has toured with the likes of Billy Connolly, shared a stage with George Harrison and played alongside Robert Plant. He is recognised as one of the most entertaining front men in the business.



The band members are all top class musicians with excellent pedigrees, who have worked with artists including Ruby Turner, The Beat, Carina Round, Linda Perry and Fine Young Cannibals.

As Ricky says, "The music we play is timeless and our show is enjoyed by young and old alike. The enjoyment we have on stage rubs off on our audience and a great time is had by one and all."

Ricky Cool and the In Crowd are:

Ricky Cool – Lead Vocals, Harmonica, Saxophone.

David Parry – Guitar, Vocals.

Simon 'Smudge' Smith – Bass.

Nigel Darvill – Keyboards.

Harrison Weston-Cottrell – Drums.

[www.rickycoolandtheincrowd.co.uk](http://www.rickycoolandtheincrowd.co.uk)

Advanced tickets: £12.00 On the door: £15.00

## MUSICALS ON THE BIG SCREEN



### MISS SAIGON (25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SHOW) (15)

Sunday 22nd September 7.00pm



This spectacular, sell-out 25th Anniversary Gala Performance of the global stage sensation also features appearances by the original cast including Jonathan Pryce and Lea Salonga. This acclaimed production was described as “the most thrilling, soaring and emotionally stirring musical with magnificent performances” by the Daily Telegraph and “the greatest musical of all time” by the Daily Mail. The

epic love story tells the tragic tale of young bar girl Kim, orphaned by war, who falls in love with American GI Chris – but their lives are torn apart by the fall of Saigon.

Adults £15.00 - U16s £13.00 (Included in the admission, have a drink on us)



## THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL (PG)

**Sunday 10th November 7.00pm**

Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Phantom Of The Opera is a worldwide entertainment phenomenon. It has been staged in 145 cities across 27 countries and its box office sales eclipse Avatar, Titanic and Star Wars. To celebrate its 25th Anniversary year, Cameron Mackintosh presented The Phantom Of The Opera in a fully-staged, lavish production set in the sumptuous Victorian splendour of the Royal Albert Hall. Phantom Of The Opera At The Albert Hall stars Ramin Karimloo as 'The Phantom' and Sierra Boggess as 'Christine'. They are joined by a supporting cast and orchestra of over 200, plus some very special guest appearances.

Adults £15.00 - U16s £13.00 (Included in the admission, have a drink on us)

## GIRL FROM THE NORTH COUNTRY (NEW EVENT) (12A - TBC)

**Sunday 24th November 7.00pm**



Written and directed by celebrated playwright Conor McPherson and featuring Tony Award-winning orchestrations by Simon Hale, Girl From The North Country reimagines 20 legendary songs of Bob Dylan as they've never been heard before, including "Forever

Young," "All Along The Watchtower," "Hurricane," and "Like A Rolling Stone."

It's 1934 in Duluth, Minnesota. We meet a group of wayward travellers whose lives intersect in a guesthouse filled with music, life and hope. Experience this "profoundly beautiful" Broadway production (The New York Times) brought to vivid life by an extraordinary company of actors and musicians.

Adults £15.00 - U16s £13.00 (Included in the admission, have a drink on us)

## STILL TO COME IN 2025...

Sun 02 February - Les Misérables: The Staged Concert Live! (40th Anniversary)

Sun 02 March - Jesus Christ Superstar Live

Sun 30 March - Billy Elliot The Musical Live (20th Anniversary)

## Laughter Time

It Autumn, the nights are getting longer and there is a chill in the air, so let's spread a little joy with a few jokes.

**What's the devils favorite spice?**

Sin-er-man

**What do you give to a pumpkin who is trying to quit smoking?**

A pumpkin patch!

**What is a tree's least favorite month?**

Sep-timber!

**What do farmers wear under their shirt when they're cold?**

A har-vest.

**Who are the most religious people at McDonalds?**

Chipmunks

**What's a ghost's favorite nursery rhyme?**

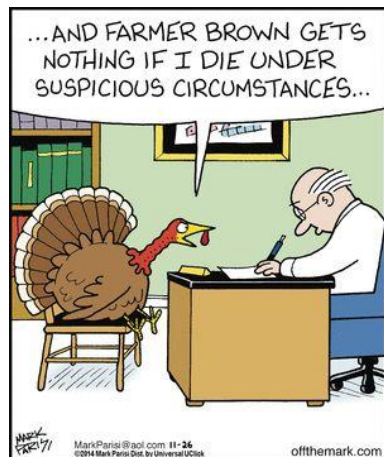
Little BOO Peep.

**Why are apples so bad in interrogations?**

They always crumble

**What did the oak tree say when autumn came around?**

Leaf me alone.



# Wine

## Tasting



30  
October 7.30pm

Tickets: £20.00 each

### Location:

Fairfield Village Hall (B61 9LZ)

Limited tickets available. Book now to secure your spot

*Tickets can be purchased from the Forfeld Store or [www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk](http://www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk)*



# 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](mailto: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.

## Crime Data

Recorded crime in the Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stoneybridge (Fairfield Ward) for the first five months of 2024. 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
Jan				1				
Feb		1	2					
Mar	1		1					
Apr			1		4			2
May	1	1			1	1	1	1

## 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](http://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](http://www.fvca.org.uk)

Volunteers are needed to be part of **Street Watch**, only 2hours a month, walking around the community with another volunteer, and supported by the police; you can even walk the dog. For further information, email [admin@fvca.org.uk](mailto:admin@fvca.org.uk)

## Has a Scammer Taken Your Money?

### **What to do if your bank refuses to reimburse you after you have been deceived**

If you've become a victim to fraud and lost money, it's crucial to quickly inform your bank by calling the number on the back of your card. Most banks are signed up to something called the Contingent Reimbursement Model which allows victims of certain frauds to reclaim any stolen money.

Your bank may require evidence to investigate and may search whether you took necessary precautions to avoid becoming a victim of fraud.

Should your bank fail to reimburse you or offer only partial compensation, you can escalate the matter to the Financial Ombudsman either online or by phoning: 0800 023 4567.

If you made the payment using a credit card, you might be fit to file a claim under Section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act. Alternatively, if you used a debit card, you could explore the option of chargeback.

Soon banks will have to reimburse most victims of bank transfer fraud. This change is expected to come into force from October this year.

It is advised that all consumers carefully verify that they are transferring funds to a genuine account. If receiving account details through email, it's essential to confirm the information via phone or in person before continuing. If there's any uncertainty, it's best not to proceed with the transaction.

## Some Scams Doing The Rounds...

### **Harry styles appears in BBC deep fake video.**

A BBC presenter has warned on social media that a fake news video of them appearing with pop star Harry Styles is circulating. The short clip, which mimics the BBC, features a presenter who claims that Harry Styles has 'launched a new app in which Britons could become very wealthy. 'This will most likely lead to an investment scam where fraudsters will try to lure you into their fake money-making schemes.

### **Sophie Ellis-Bextor and Le Creuset scam ad.**

A number of ads featuring singer Sophie Ellis-Bextor and her hit song 'Murder on the Dancefloor' are being used to impersonate cookware company Le Creuset. The ads claim that the singer has teamed up with the company 'to hand out 5,000 complete cookware sets' and includes links to malicious websites. These 'bait and switch' scam ads lead to random dodgy retailers selling skincare.

To report ads on Facebook, select the three dots in the top right and then press 'report ad.'

### **Residents warned against condensation fraudulent calls**

Fraudulent phone calls about condensation in homes have been reported. These are variations on common scam calls that will try to facilitate a visit from a “surveyor” who will undoubtedly find damp and then try to carry out unnecessary work on your property for thousands of pounds.

**DO NOT engage with any call that declares to relate to this kind or trade – they will be CRIMINALS trying to defraud you.**

## **Unveiling the Tactics: How Criminals Secure Your Trust**

**Perpetrators of fraud employ a variety of techniques to steal money and personal details. Interestingly, many of these schemes depend on a handful of fundamental psychological techniques.**

Consider this: fraudsters often aim to create a sense of obligation in their targets by coordinating situations where victims feel obliged to reciprocate a kindness. For instance, in romance scams, criminals might shower individuals with affection and emotional support, fostering a sense of indebtedness that makes victims more susceptible to assisting when financial issues are introduced.

**6 ways criminals win your trust:** Gain insight into the fundamental psychological tactics that form the basis of most frauds.

**Reciprocity:** Criminals aim to create a psychological impulse in victims to reciprocate a favour from someone they perceive as acting lovingly or generously.

**Consistency:** Criminals exploit our desire to demonstrate consistency in our behaviour over time. They achieve this by initially making modest requests and progressively increasing their demands.

**Social norms:** Criminals exploit our inclination to adopt certain beliefs or behaviours when it appears that others share the same beliefs or engage in similar behaviour." For example, most individuals tend to immediately help those in distress, especially when it involves their own children.

**Liking:** Criminals know that we tend to trust people who appear likeable and similar to ourselves. They might claim shared interests and launch a charm offensive, pretending to be genuinely interested in your life and showering you with flattery.

**Authority:** People tend to trust and comply with the requests of those perceived to be in a position of authority.

**Scarcity:** The habit to believe that rare goods, services, and opportunities are better than those that are abundant. For example, fake shopping websites use a large hourglass or timer to

indicate the deal is about to end, panicking you into making a purchase before you've done any checks.

## Cybersecurity terms you need to know

**E-commerce:** E-commerce (electronic commerce) is the buying and selling of goods and services, or the transmitting of funds or data, over an electronic network such as the internet.

**Clickjacking:** When someone is deceived into clicking on one element on a webpage instead of their intended target. The attacker exploits this by using the victim's click for malicious purposes, such as activating their webcam, installing malware, or gaining access to online accounts.

**Firewall:** Any technology, be it software or hardware, used to keep intruders out from your computer

**Pharming:** A cyberattack that redirects website traffic to a fraudulent website, often with the intent to steal login credentials or financial information.

**Social Engineering:** The psychological manipulation of individuals to trick them into divulging their confidential information.

**Deepfake:** Refers to a media technique that uses artificial intelligence to create or manipulate audio, video, or images to appear as if they are real and authentic. Deepfakes are used to spread misinformation, manipulate public opinion or create fake evidence for malicious purposes.

## What is Mail Fraud?

Mail fraud is a deceitful practice that exploits traditional postal services and has evolved into a persistent threat. Criminals use cunning techniques to deceive people into divulging personal information or sending money. These deceptions often prey on individuals' trust, exploiting their desire for financial gain. As technology advances, criminals adapt, employing sophisticated tactics to create convincing, yet deceitful, postal correspondence. Vigilance and awareness are crucial to prevent these schemes.

## Still doing the rounds...Romance Fraud

**Romance fraud, a form of confidence trickery, preys upon individuals seeking companionship and love.**

Offenders create characters, often through online dating platforms or social media, to establish romantic relationships with unsuspecting victims. They carefully manipulate emotions and exploit their victims' situation to gain trust and affection.

Once trust is established, the criminal begins to weave a web of lies, creating elaborate stories to suggest sympathy or financial assistance. Common tactics include simulating emergencies, such as sudden illnesses or financial hardships, to provoke financial support from their victims.

They may also promise future plans together, further deepening the emotional connection and dependency.

**Romance fraud can have devastating consequences beyond financial loss.**

Victims often suffer intense emotional distress, experiencing betrayal, shame, and heartbreak upon realising they've been deceived. In some cases, the mental costs can lead to long-term trauma and mistrust in future relationships.

**To combat romance fraud, education and awareness are paramount.**

Empowering individuals with knowledge about common tactics and warning signs can help them recognise and avoid becoming victim to these criminals. Please do not be afraid to talk about this crime with friends and family, it may well be that they have received contact from an unknown individual, and you could be the one that helps to stop the fraud.

The secrecy offered by the internet enables criminals to operate with freedom, making it challenging for law enforcement to capture them.

**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

- **If you've fallen for a scam, report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via [actionfraud.police.uk](https://www.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](mailto: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.**

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## 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:**

Line Dancing 7.30pm

### **Tuesday:**

Sequence Dancing 7.30pm

### **Thursday:**

Zumba 7pm – 8pm

### **Friday:**

Taekwondo 6pm/7pm/8pm

### **Sunday**

Pilates 10.00am

**Preschool:** Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9am – 3pm, Wed 9am – 12noon

## Bournheath Village Community Centre

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month**



**10.30am – Noon**

Meet & Catchup with other residents from the Fairfield-Bournheath Community



**7.30pm – 9.00pm**

Social Table Tennis

## August

- 28th Live Music: Willow Hill 8.00pm
- 29th National Vegetable Society 7.30pm
- 31st Andre Rieu: Summer Concert 7.00pm

## September

- 1st Andre Rieu: Summer Concert 2.30pm
- 4th Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am; Shop & Table Tennis 1.30pm
- 7th Foodie Fairfield 9am - 12pm
- 8th Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm
- 11th Shop & The Wednesday Social 2.00pm; Fairfield W.I. 7.00pm
- 16th Friends for Lunch 12.30pm
- 18th Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am; Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm
- 21st Live Music: Small Changes 8.00pm
- 22nd Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm
- 25th Fairfield Flicks 2.30pm; Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm

## October

- 2nd Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am; Shop & Table Tennis 1.30pm
- 5th Foodie Fairfield 9am - 12pm; Live Music: Calypso Moon 8.00pm
- 9th Shop & The Wednesday Social 2.00pm; Fairfield W.I. 7.00pm
- 13th Harvest Festival 11.15am; Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm
- 16th Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am; Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm
- 21st Friends for Lunch 12.30pm
- 23rd Fairfield Flicks 2.30pm
- 26th Halloween Event 6pm; Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm
- 30th Wine Tasting 7.30pm
- 31st Junior Flicks 11.00am

## November

- 2nd Foodie Fairfield 9am - 12pm
- 3rd Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm
- 6th Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am; Shop & Table Tennis 1.30pm  
Remembrance Sunday, Service at War Memorial 10.50am; Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm
- 10th
- 13th Shop & The Wednesday Social 2.00pm; Fairfield W.I. 7.00pm
- 16th Live & Local - WATSON: The Final Problem
- 18th Friends for Lunch 12.30pm
- 20th Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am; Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm
- 23rd Live Music: Ricky Cool and the In Crowd 8.00pm
- 24th Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm
- 27th Fairfield Flicks 2.30pm
- 30th Makers Market 12noon - 2.30pm

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

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