



FWS Newsletter

SPRING 2025





GET FRESH & LOCAL WITH
FOODIE
FAIRFIELD

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
9AM - 12NOON

FAIRFIELD VILLAGE HALL (B61 9LZ)
FAIRFIELD VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Planting for the Future

On Monday 27 January, residents and children from Fairfield First School & Fairfield Preschool came together to plant the Coronation Orchard on the Recreation Ground. Huge thanks to everybody for giving up their time.

This project has been made possible thanks to support received from Worcestershire Council and our Divisional County Councillor, Shirley Webb, plus permission to use the Recreation Ground from Belbroughton & Fairfield Parish Council.



In the autumn, the Community Association will be calling on volunteers to help plant daffodil and snowdrop bulbs amongst the orchard trees, and eventually an information board will be erected giving details of each fruits tree and what each fruit can be used for, e.g. a culinary apple or a dessert apple.

The Community Association would also like to thank ACERTREES, who are based in the village, for providing beech chippings that have been used as mulch.



FORFELD STORE

Fairfield's Community Shop



OPENING HOURS

1st Saturday: 9.00am—Noon

1st, 2nd & 3rd Wednesday: 1.30pm—3.30pm

Shop Fresh & Local

AT

Fairfield Village Hall

Shop Fresh & Local

Foodie Fairfield, the Association's monthly Market Hall in the Village Hall, continues as social and shop initiative, where people can buy quality artisan foods, from local food producers, as well as using the occasion as a social catch up with friends & neighbours.

Our regular traders are:

- **Meadow Mill Bakery** - Come and get yourself freshly baked Sourdoughs, Croissants, Chelsea buns, Eccles cakes, Lardy cakes and Much more, all locally made/baked by Meadow Mill Bakery
- **Cooksey Quality Meat** - From Farm to Fork, selling meat reared on their family farm. They also sell eggs, homemade pies & a selection of locally sourced vegetables.
- **Crafted Preserves** - Jams and Preserves for all occasions.
- **Fruitfields** - Apple Juice & honey, crafted with care from their own orchard and hives
- **New Road Honey** - You can't get any more local than New Road Honey
- **Nicola Cooks** - With vegetarian and non-vegetarian delights Nicola Cooks will have something for you, including a range of fish dishes.
- **Tipsy Truffles** – Artisan chocolatier from Ludlow
- **Anil Samosas** - Samosas, Spring Rolls and more

An off shoot of the Foodie Fairfield initiative is the **Forfeld Store**, a community shop that is open during Foodie Fairfield and during the Wednesday Social (first three Wednesday in each month), 1.30pm – 3.30pm. The shop is evolving and concentrates on selling local sourced foods that are not available from the Foodie Fairfield traders.

Our stock includes: Croome Cheese, Pimhill Porridge, Cotswold Gold Mayonnaise, Matthew's Flour, Frank's Biscuits, Cosy Hot Chocolate, Emily Jams & Pickles, Pickled Ricks Hot Sauce, Miso by Umani Chef, household supplies, batteries, postage stamps, greetings cards, gift sets, and much more.

This is a demand led initiative:

- **Use It or Lose It**
- Want the shop to open longer hours or to have a wider range of stock? Use it to show that there is demand and need.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

30TH MARCH

Say thanks to those that love and care for you and join us for a special family service at St. Mark's 11.15am

We'd love to see you there, the service will be full of love and family friendly songs, plus a little gift that each child can give to their parents & grandparents.

On Mothering Sunday, strip back materialism and get back to love, give thanks to the people that love and care for us at our short family service on Sunday 30th March 11.15am, at Fairfield Village Hall.

There will be fun songs – which everyone age can sing – hot drinks and little gifts for the children to give to the people that love them.

Join us and say thanks; it's the little things that count.

Serving Up Ping in the Community

There was a good attendance at January's **Paddle & Pint**, everyone who came enjoyed a social game of table tennis and a drink from the bar.

Because of the continued support for table tennis on the first Wednesday of each month (during the afternoon as part of the Wednesday Social), we will be getting a second table.



It's YOUR Community

Have your say, find out what your Community Association is doing, and elect the committee for the year ahead at our brief AGM that will be held during our Community Challenge on Wednesday 19th March 7.30pm at the village hall.

The Association's annual report and accounts can be downloaded from www.fvca.org.uk and we are in need of new people to join the committee, bringing fresh ideas and energy.

During the evening, Cheeses and Wine will be served, plus we will be playing our annual Community Challenge, which consists of three fun.



By attending, not only will you have fun, your presence will be a sign that people in Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stonebridge care for where they live.

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

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





HAPPY
Easter Sunday

20 APRIL 11.15AM

**Celebrate Easter with our short
Family Service, with uplifting songs
and Easter Eggs**

St. Mark's or Village Hall

Community Gathered To Remember

Thank you to everyone that attended our Remembrance Service on 10th November 2024, it was nice to see so many people there, and, when the cars were not driving past, the silence was moving.

The collection raised £175.00 for the Royal British Legion (up on last year), and wreaths were laid by:

- Parish Council
- Fairfield Village Community Association
- Bromsgrove Police
- Fairfield First School
- Fairfield Women's Institute

Thanks to everyone who helped deliver this event, and a special shout out to the young children from the village, Darcy & William, for laying the FVCA and School wreaths.

Growing Better Fruit & Veg

Whether for the table for show, getting growing advice from the experts at Fairfield Village Hall 7.30pm, on the last Thursday in 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 28th November.

Quarries Update

Wildmoor Quarry: At the time of writing, it is understood that a revised Scoping Opinion/outline Planning Application is to be submitted

Chadwich Lane Quarry: At the time of writing, the Council's Planning & Regulatory Committee had not sat to determine planning application that will address flooding concerns.

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



SIMPLY STRICTLY
**NEW BEGINNERS
DANCE CLASS**

STARTS TUES 25 FEB 7.00-8.00
£6.50 PER PERSON

NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST TURN UP

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

BALLROOM * LATIN * SEQUENCE * SALSA

Want to dance socially without overly complicated routines?

Want to learn a simple waltz, cha cha, rumba and more?

Want to enjoy dancing socially and with confidence?

Got two left feet and no coordination?

Want to meet new friends?

Want simple, easy to remember dances?

Want to have fun whilst dancing?

ANSWERED YES TO ONE OR MORE OF THE ABOVE?

THEN THIS IS THE CLASS FOR YOU

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: SUE 07940 567007

Wednesday Social

Every Wednesday afternoon at the village hall, there is something for you to do, and joining in is **FREE!** There's even a **FREE** hot drink & biscuits, plus you can charge your mobile devices and use the laptop to surf the internet, buy online or fill in forms.

1st Wednesday – Table Tennis

2nd Wednesday – Guest Speaker

- 12th March Orchid cultivation in gardens & meadows
- 9th April Quips and Quotes and Anecdotes
- 14th May A Policeman's Lot
- 11th June Rhyme nor Reason 2

3rd Wednesday – Board Games

4th Wednesday – There's no Wednesday Social, but there is movie screening, admission £5.50

In January, the guest speaker was Ray Barratt, who gave an interesting taking entitled Cadbury - Legend and Myth, following the Cadbury family from Devon to Birmingham and the family's contribution to the city.



Keeping Our Community Tidy

Wombles are **URGENTLY NEEDED** on the 2nd Saturday of each month to litter pick our community, mainly the roads and open spaces in Fairfield, venturing further afield if there are sufficient volunteers. Without volunteer litter pickers, our community would not look as nice as it does. When monthly litter picks started 9 years ago, the litter across our community was embarrassing, don't let us go back to how it once looked, with rubbish in the ditches and elsewhere. Please join us, meet outside the village hall 10.30am, wear suitable clothing and footwear, litter picking equipment will be provided.



COMMUNITY CHALLENGE & AGM

with Wine and Nibbles



Date : 19th March 2025

Time : 7.30pm

Venue : Fairfield Village
Hall

- Test your knowledge
- Three Fun Rounds
- Play Alone or as a Team

FREE ENTRY

Fairfield Community Association

Litter Picking Equipment

Despite previous calls for the return of borrowed equipment, none has yet been returned.

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

If you are still using them (regularly) could you drop us an email/tell us, so that we know where our equipment is.

Fairfield Dining Group

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

17th March	The Dog at Harvington
21st April	Easter Monday
19th May	The Swan, Wychbold
16th June	Lord Morton's Tea Room, Cutnall Green
21st July	The Swallows Nest, Romsley
18th August	The Fox, Chaddesley Corbet
15th September	The Nailers, Bournheath
20th October	The Vine, Clent
17th November	The Swan, Fairfield

If you are interested in joining our lunchtime meal, please pop into the FORFELD STORE, or email admin@fvca.org.uk



Worcestershire Advice Network (WAN) Household Support Fund scheme

The Worcestershire Advice Network (WAN) HSF scheme is being administered by Age UKs, DIAL and Citizens Advice across Worcestershire and is specifically aimed at:

- eligible pensioners NOT in receipt of Pension Credit
- people with disabilities or a long-term health condition of any age
- carers of any age
- anyone with high energy usage medical devices.

There are just a few simple questions which can be answered over the telephone to find out if someone is eligible and some residents may be eligible for more than one voucher (e.g. an eligible pensioner who also has a long-term health condition and is also a carer would be entitled to three vouchers meaning a total of £225).

For those who feel they may be eligible please get in touch with any of the following to apply:

- Age UK Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wyre Forest – 01527 570490
- Citizens Advice Bromsgrove and Redditch – 0808 278 7890
- Age UK Wyvern (who are the lead agency administering the scheme across the County) – 01905 724294 / 01684 560666

Current funding runs until 31 March 2025, subject to demand. It is anticipated this scheme will continue beyond this date but it's not yet confirmed.

Further information is online at: www.worcestershireadvicenetwork.org.uk

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/>



Remembering the end of the Second World War



2025 marks 80 years since the end of the Second World War, with Victory in Europe (VE) Day on 8 May 1945 and Victory over Japan (VJ) Day on 15 August 1945.

We are planning events to mark these momentous anniversaries to ensure that the service and sacrifice of the Second World War generation is always remembered.

Everyone in modern Britain today has a connection to those who served during the Second World War, either through their family or community heritage. Our activities will thank everyone who served, at home and abroad, and we will pay tribute to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and lost their lives, without whom the way of life we enjoy today would not have been possible:



- Saturday 3rd May 1940s Night at the Village Hall, 7.30pm for 8.00pm
- Thursday 8th May Short act of remembrance at the War Memorial, 10.55am
- In August, we will reflect and make a pledge of peace, details will be in our summer newsletter.

Tickets for the 1940's Night are £15.00 each and will include entertainment & a fish 'n' chip supper. Tickets can be obtained from www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk or from the Forfeld Store.

Profits from the ticket sales will be donated to the Bromsgrove Lion, who provide service and charitable support to the Bromsgrove community and help to fund the global humanitarian efforts of Lions Clubs International.

The short act of remembrance will include a reading, laying of a wreath, two-minutes silence and a poem. Do please join in with our activities as we remember.



VE DAY[®]

80TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

1940s NIGHT



ENTERTAINMENT & FISH 'N' CHIP SUPPER

Licensed Bar—Tickets £15.00 each

Saturday 3rd May 2025, 7.30pm for 8.00pm

www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk





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80TH ANNIVERSARY
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION
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Remembering the sacrifices of
members of the armed forces and of
civilians serving during the Second
World War; in service of their
country & fighting for the freedom
that we enjoy today.



8TH MAY 10.55AM
FAIRFIELD WAR MEMORIAL



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.

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. Some of our screenings are very popular, so advanced booking to avoid disappointment is advisable.

Over the past few months, we have been moving our online tickets sales from TicketLab to “in house”, this has now been completed, and so you will no longer be redirected from our website to TicketLab.

This move is not because TicketLab were no good, they have been very helpful over the past few years. We wanted to make our events and screenings more affordable, and so, from now on, there will be NO ADDITIONAL BOOKING FEES, which you will appreciate.

Unfortunately, due to card transaction fees and increases in licensing, some of our ticket prices have had to rise, but only by a small amount.

Thank you for your support of BARTS, a community initiative that uses the arts to bring people together and reduces loneliness and social isolation.

We are delighted that we are able to make screenings accessible and give a stage to existing & emerging artists to showcase their talents; your support for these artists, often overlooked by tribute acts and large stage shows, is very much appreciated.

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.

MOVIES

CONCLAVE (12A)

Wednesday 26th March 2.30pm

CONCLAVE follows one of the world's most secretive and ancient events — selecting the new Pope. Cardinal Lawrence (Ralph Fiennes) is tasked with running this covert process after the unexpected death of the beloved Pope. Once the Catholic Church's most powerful leaders have gathered from around the world and are locked together in the Vatican halls, Lawrence uncovers a trail of deep secrets left in the dead Pope's wake, secrets which could shake the foundations of the Church.



All Tickets: £5.50.

JUNIOR FLIX: PADDINGTON IN PERU (PG)

Thursday 17th April 11.00am

When his Aunt goes missing, Paddington and the Browns travel to Peru to search for her in this heartwarming family adventure. Brief moments may unsettle very young children, but there is humour and reassurance throughout.



The film stars Ben Whishaw as the voice of Paddington, with Hugh Bonneville, Emily Mortimer, Julie Walters, Jim Broadbent, Madeleine Harris, Samuel Joslin, Olivia Colman, Antonio Banderas and Carla Tous in live-action roles.

Tickets: Adults £5.50 - U16s £4.00 (Included in the admission, free squash for the children)

WICKED (PG)

Wednesday 23rd April 2.00pm (NB: Earlier start time)

Wicked, the untold story of the witches of Oz, stars Emmy, Grammy and Tony winning powerhouse Cynthia Erivo (Harriet, Broadway's The Color Purple) as Elphaba, a young woman, misunderstood because of her unusual green skin, who has yet to discover her true power, and Grammy-winning, multi-platinum recording artist and global superstar Ariana Grande as Glinda, a popular young woman, gilded by privilege and ambition, who has yet to discover her true heart. The two meet as students at Shiz University in the fantastical Land of Oz and forge an unlikely but profound friendship. Following an encounter with The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, their friendship reaches a crossroads and their lives take very different paths. Glinda's unflinching desire for popularity sees her seduced by power, while Elphaba's determination to remain true to herself, and to those around her, will have unexpected and shocking consequences on her future. Their extraordinary adventures in Oz will ultimately see them fulfill their destinies as Glinda the Good and the Wicked Witch of the West



All Tickets: £5.50

TO BE CONFIRMED

Wednesday 28th May 2.30pm

Nearer the screening dates, please check our website for details.



DRAMA

YOURS SINCERELY

Sunday 6th April 7.30pm

Don't miss the smash hit comedy from 'Rising Comic Star' (Attitude Magazine) Will Jackson.

Based on real-life correspondences; storytelling and lipsync cabaret collide in this queer coming-of-age comedy about the complications of 21st-century communication.



Will has accidentally stolen 300 second-class stamps from the post office. But he's making them count. He's going to write letters. From reconnecting with old friends and ex-boyfriends to run-ins with the marketing department at John Lewis, stamp collecting has never looked so sexy...

Audiences are invited to join Will for this incredibly gripping and emotive personal recollection of real-life interactions – from childish chocolate-fuelled mischief with Cadbury's to sensitive and real experiences with the NHS, this intimate show tackles hard-hitting issues with humour, honesty and fun.

Following resounding success at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and fresh from a nationwide tour, this 'palpably funny and heart-wrenching' (Feminist Fringe Reviews) story is the perfect introduction to queer comedy for all audiences.

Expect 'laugh-out-loud' (Bum on a Seat) comedy mixed with 'charmingly honest' (Broadway Baby) anecdotes in this one-man show from Quick Duck Theatre, the Birmingham-based theatre-makers with a lot of heart and a collection of killer soundtracks.

This is a one act show, 60 mins straight through.

"One of the most palpably funny and heart-wrenching one-man performances." ★★★★★
Feminist Fringe Reviews

"It is rare to see a performer so charmingly honest." ★★★★★ Broadway Baby

"Laugh-out-loud funny" ★★★★★ Bum on a Seat

Tickets: £12.50 (Advance); £15.00 (On the door)

APPRAISAL

Wednesday 16th April 7.30pm

From Smokescreen Productions, Live Drama on our stage, with the return of Tim Marriott (BBC The Brittas Empire).

WRITTEN BY TIM MARRIOTT

An annual work review that goes horribly wrong.

Head of Department Nicky wants to get on with her job, but her boss Jo has other ideas. He has a plan and thinks she is going to like it...

A two-hander dark comedy, Appraisal is a power play of manipulation, subtext and subterfuge, exploring the explosive consequences that can arise out of a seemingly innocent conversation.

Recently a Sell-Out Show in New York:

'Thrilling & splendidly performed, Appraisal is decidedly a gem' TalkinBroadway, NYC

'A concise and captivating two-hander – compelling, riveting' CultureVulture, NYC

WINNER – Edinburgh Festival Awards 23 – Best Actor – Best Actress

WINNER – Best Theatre Award, Adelaide Fringe 23

NOMINATED – OffFest Award

'A masterclass in gas-lighting & a masterpiece of manipulation' **** Everything Theatre

'A romp through workplace politics' **** One4Review

'Recognisable, authentic, deftly crafted, thoughtful yet laugh out loud' **** Liam Rudden

'Very funny, with some wonderful linguistic thrusting and parrying' **** Scottish Field

'A classically structured two-hander that captures the unjustifiable, often unaccountable, behaviour enabled by office hierarchies that wouldn't be tolerated anywhere else' **** The Scotsman

'A tense relatable thriller... genius' **** Bohemian Britain

Adults: £12.50 (Advance); £15.00 (On the door)

Under 16s: £8.00 (Advance); £10.00 (On the door)



WEEPING BANK LIBRARY

Wednesday 21st May 7.00pm

From The Librarian of Weeping Bank returns to Fairfield Village Hall to read another chilling tale from his private collection.

"We all knew the legend, if you carved your name in the sandstone of the cave and left a gift, Pock would grant you a wish."

"And what was the catch?"

"Catch?"

"There's always a catch in a fairytale."

Weeping Bank feels like the kind of village that doesn't want to be found.

And with good reason.

This seemingly quaint little place in the countryside has an unnervingly long history of ghost stories, and other tales of witchcraft, possession and devilry.

Tales that most residents would like to ignore, but have instead been meticulously researched, and mercilessly read, in libraries and village halls across England by the village's own Librarian.

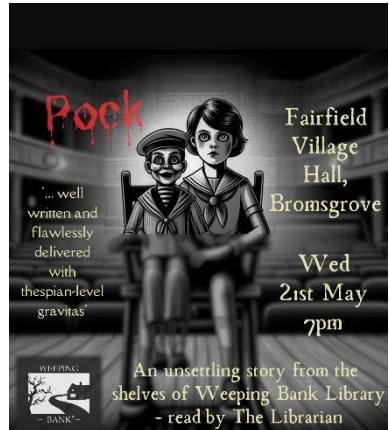
Welcome to Weeping Bank...

Warning – The Librarian's readings contain moments of heightened tension. The reading is unsuitable for anyone under the age of 15 or of a nervous disposition.

All Tickets: £5.00

More Drama On The Way...

15 th October	Jack's Ashes
19 th March	Don't Go Into The Cellar: The Diary of Nobody



EVENT CINEMA

NATIONAL THEATRE: THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

Sunday 9th March 7.00pm

Three-time Olivier Award-winner Sharon D Clarke is joined by Ncuti Gatwa (Doctor Who; Sex Education) in this joyful reimagining of Oscar Wilde's most celebrated comedy.

While assuming the role of a dutiful guardian in the country, Jack lets loose in town under a false identity. Meanwhile, his friend Algy adopts a similar facade. Hoping to impress two eligible ladies, the gentlemen find themselves caught in a web of lies they must carefully navigate.



Max Webster (Life of Pi) directs this hilarious story of identity, impersonation and romance, filmed live from the National Theatre in London.

BBFC Rating: 12A (TBC) Tickets: £15.50 (Included in the admission price, have a drink on us).

NATIONAL THEATRE: DR STRANGELOVE

Sunday 13th April & Wednesday 23rd April 7.00pm

Seven-time BAFTA Award-winner Steve Coogan plays four roles in the world premiere stage adaptation of Stanley Kubrick's comedy masterpiece Dr. Strangelove.

This explosively funny satire, about a rogue U.S. General who triggers a nuclear attack, is led by a world-renowned creative team including Emmy Award-winner Armando Iannucci and Olivier Award-winner Sean Foley.



BBFC Rating: 15. Tickets: £15.50 (Included in the admission price, have a drink on us).

NATIONAL THEATRE: At the time of writing Under Embargo

Sunday 11th & Wednesday 28th May

LIVE MUSIC

JACKGOOD ALL, WITH DYSTOPIA GENTLY

Saturday 8th March 8.00pm

Returning to our stage, popular JACK GOODALL , with support, this year, from DYSTOPIA GENTLY.

Independent singer/song-writer, Jack Goodall performs his own kind of music, contemporary yet inspired by an array of different artists. His music has received many credits, including from Guy Garvey, Elbow, BBC 6 Music.



Dystopia Gently are an alternative Rock/ Experimental Indie Rock band from Birmingham

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

BRASS BEATZ

Saturday 29th March 8.00pm

It will be party night at Bromsgrove Arts when Brass Beatz, one of Worcestershire's top bands, returns to our venue and takes to the stage on 29th March 8pm.

The band will be playing a mix of Motown, Soul, Pop and Disco, from the last 6 decades, there will be something for all tastes; you'll be singing along to some great hits, and even strutting the dance floor.



Brass Beatz are an eight-piece outfit of experienced and talented local musicians and performers. The band has a full brass section and play with no backing tracks or gimmicks.

Tickets: £10.00 (Advanced) – £12.00 (On the door)

JOE BAYLISS

Saturday 5th April 8.00pm

A night of contemporary, 21st century folk -inspired music. Influenced by John Martyn, Damien Rice and Nick Drake, Joe is really at home interacting with his audience.



By his own words... “ the oldest – ‘new kid on the block’ in the folk world in the last 12 years”, he brings a life’s experience portrayed in a contemporary way , weaving humorous back-stories with sensitive, thought provoking songs, soothing melodies and imaginative metaphors that intersperse, carefully crafted lyrical pictures. He can have you laughing at the introduction and crying three minutes later from the beauty of an emotional experience.

Supporting will be EDDY MORTON, founder member of The New Bushbury Mountain Daredevils. Eddy toured the UK and Europe constantly for eleven years releasing 8 albums, during which time the band appeared at every major Folk/Roots Festival in the UK and Europe including Cambridge, Cropredy, Skagen, Guildford, Dranouter, The Badentreffen and many more. Since then, he has released 5 solo albums with the sixth to follow in 2025.

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

MUMBO-JUMBO

Saturday 10th May 8.00pm

Expect Songs and Laughter from three experienced singer-songwriters. Mumbo-Jumbo features a new line up, new instrumentation and new songs. Now with two fabulous piano players Richard Hughes and Phil Bond and led by Oliver Carpenter this eclectic singer/songwriting trio sit somewhere in the folk, blues, and acoustic areas of music and bring excellent rapport with village audiences. Twice nominated in the British Blues Awards and commissioned to write the official song for VE Day 75, the trio write about everything from old soldiers to 19th Century cartoon characters, love, light and wealth of even more unusual subjects.



“Brilliant band – the guys are clearly a close group of friends who are very comfortable playing together, so they blend seamlessly, both musically and with their presentation. Hosting wise – they win our ‘most efficient band’ for being prompt, thoughtful, well organised and doing set-up/break down calmly in record time. I would recommend them.”

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

FOUND IN A FIELD

Saturday 17th May 8.00pm

Check website for further details

CANTALOOP: WHICHEVER, WHEREVER, WHENEVER

Sunday 18th May 7.30pm

West Midlands funk band, Cantaloop return to the stage with their recognizable and original brand of popular funk music combined with digital beats. With an extensive catalogue of tunes, this feel-good band are bringing 'Ol Skool, New Flavour' music to your local village and community. Expect to experience a feast of musicianship with styles including funk, punk, soul, jazz, electro and hip-hop. Fast, upbeat melodies are fused with engaging and moving performances that embody unity and community in an evening that will leave audiences uplifted and revitalized.



This adaptable, high-energy and fun show is bringing the sounds, community and atmosphere of the festival to the village hall, inviting audiences to leave their worries at the door and let loose. Audiences are guaranteed a good night out as these masters of funk bring 'feel good vibes' certain to have listeners grooving, tapping and dancing the night away. With 'showstopping live performances' (Mojo) this is one evening not to be missed...

"Well worth checking out, there is something for everyone." – Mojo

"You must dig it, they are a fantastic funk soul band." – Huey Morgan BBC 6 Music

"Stone cold quality funk" – Slap Mag!

Tickets: £12.50 (Advance); £15.00 (On the door)

More Live Music On The Way...

14th June	70s Heartthrobs Show – Rock On Tour 2025
5th July	The Phil Ashmore Band
21st September	Former ELO 2 Star And Frontman Phil Bates Up Close And Personal
4th October	Foxpalmer and SAM
18th October	Amit Dattani
25th October	Ricky Cool and the In Crowd
29th October	Willow Hill

MUSIC & MUSICALS ON THE BIG SCREEN

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR LIVE

Sunday 2nd March 7.30pm



Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's rock classic Jesus Christ Superstar returns to its roots with this sensational performance filmed in the UK during the Live Arena Tour. An incredible cast including Tim Minchin as Judas Iscariot, Melanie Chisholm as Mary Magdalene, Chris Moyles as King Herod and Ben Forster as Jesus Christ, perform hit songs including "I Don't Know How to Love Him," "Gethsemane,"

"Heaven on Their Minds," "Everything's Alright," "King Herod's Song" and "Superstar" in an exciting and contemporary interpretation.

This production contains a sequence of flashing lights which might affect customers who are susceptible to photosensitive epilepsy.

BBFC: 12A. Tickets: Adults £15.50 - U16s £13.50 (Included in the admission, have a drink on us)

A NIGHT WITH JANIS JOPLIN THE MUSICAL

Wednesday 26th March 7.00pm



Kalisha Amaris, Georgia Bradshaw, Choolwe Laina Muntanga and Danielle Steers will star as "The Joplinaires" in the Tony Award nominated hit A NIGHT WITH JANIS JOPLIN – THE MUSICAL.

This multi award-winning show captured recently at the Sadler's Wells Peacock Theatre is an extraordinary musical journey paying homage to Janis Joplin and her biggest musical influences. Like a comet that burns far too brightly to last, Janis Joplin exploded onto the music scene in 1967 and, almost overnight, became the queen of rock & roll. The unmistakable voice, filled with raw emotion and tinged with Southern Comfort, made her a must-see headliner from Monterey to Woodstock. Fuelled by such unforgettable songs as "Me and Bobby McGee," "Piece of My Heart", "Mercedes Benz", "Cry Baby" and "Summertime", a remarkable cast and breakout performances. A Night with Janis Joplin, written and directed by Randy Johnson, is a musical journey celebrating Janis and her biggest musical influences—icons like Aretha Franklin, Etta James, Odetta, Nina Simone and Bessie Smith, who inspired one of rock 'n roll's greatest legends.

BBFC Rating: 12A. Adults £15.50 - U16s £13.50 (Included in the admission, have a drink on us)

BILLY ELLIOT THE MUSICAL LIVE (20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION)

Sunday 30th March 7.00pm



Based on the Academy Award® nominated film, Billy Elliot the Musical has won the hearts of millions since it opened in London's West End in 2005. Set in a northern mining town, against the background of the 1984/85 miners' strike, Billy's journey takes him out of the boxing ring and into a ballet class where he discovers a passion for dance that inspires his family and whole community and changes

his life forever. The original creative team behind the film, including writer Lee Hall (book & lyrics), director Stephen Daldry, and choreographer, Peter Darling, is joined by music legend Elton John (music) to produce a funny, uplifting and spectacular theatrical experience that will stay with you forever.

BBFC Rating: 15 (TBC). All Tickets £15.50 (Included in the admission, have a drink on us)

ANDRÉ RIEU'S 75TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: THE DREAM CONTINUES

Sturday 12th April 7.00pm and Sunday 13th April 2.00pm

This brand-new cinema special is a tribute to André's childhood dream of one day forming his own orchestra and travelling the world. The film features a selection of André's favourite and most spectacular global performances along with some of the finest moments the Maestro and his Johann Strauss Orchestra have shared during their many decades together.



Most of the concerts featured in this film – The Dream Continues – have never been shown on the big screen before. To mark this amazing milestone, this is your chance to see these iconic André classics for the first time. Come aboard and celebrate André's 75th in style at your local cinema!

BBFC: TBC. Tickets: Adults £15.50 - U16s £13.50 (Included in the admission, have a drink on us)

BONNIE & CLYDE THE MUSICAL

Sunday 4th May 7.00pm



Tony-Nominee Jeremy Jordan and Olivier-Nominee Frances Mayli McCann, this award-winning production (including Best New Musical – What’s On Stage Awards 2023) re-tells the unbelievable true story of America’s most infamous couple, Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow. Recorded live at London’s Theatre Royal Drury Lane, discover the electrifying story of love, adventure and crime

that captured the attention of an entire nation.

BBFC Rating: 12A (TBC). Adults £15.50 - U16s £13.50 (Included in the admission, have a drink on us)

OTHER ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS

The Magic Room Stage Show

Wednesday 30th April 7.30pm



Book the childminder and step into The Magic Room for an exclusive night of parlour magic and entertainment with your closest friends and family.

Enjoy a spellbound evening with not one, but two stage magicians, Ed Sumner and Damon Conlan, who are two of the finest magicians the world has to offer, both have received many (many) 5-star reviews.

The show blends incredible mind reading, visual magic, stand up comedy and audience interaction to create an unforgettable theatrical experience.

The show is targeted towards adults and young people 15 years and over; it’s not ‘blue’ humour.

Book your tickets for a magical night.

All Tickets £15.50

Cocktail Master Class

Wednesday 30th July 7.30pm

With fun and laughter, learn the art of Mixology at this Cocktail Master Class from The Midland Mixo's.

After enjoying a welcoming drink, this entertaining 2-hour class will see you make three cocktails and play some games, with the support of an experienced Mixologist, Lee Cowell.

If alcoholic cocktails are not for you, non- alcoholic cocktails are also available.

"We had a fantastic cocktail masterclass with Lee for a Hen weekend. We made some brilliant cocktails and didn't stop giggling from beginning to end!"

Louise Williams

Tickets:

Alcoholic Cocktail Master Class	£33.50
Non-Alcoholic Cocktail Master Class	£26.00



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

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

Neighbourhood Watch

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.

Crime Data

Recorded crime in the Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stoneybridge (Fairfield Ward) for the first eleven 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	Possession of a weapon	Other Crime
Jan				1						
Feb		1	2							
Mar	1		1							
Apr			1		4			2		
May	1	1			1	1	1	1		
June									1	1
July								1		
August	1	1						1		
September	1									
October					1		1			
November										
Total	4	3	4	1	6	1	2	5	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 Also, subscribe to our Community E-circular, fill in the Newsletter box on our website's Home Page, www.fvca.org.uk

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.

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

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Subscribe to the e-Newsletter: www.fvca.org.uk



Weekly Recreational & Community Activities at Fairfield Village Hall

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

Sunday: Pilates 10.00am;

Monday: Line Dancing 7.30pm

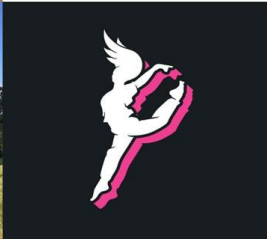
Tuesday: Supreme Stars Dance 4.00pm; Simply Strictly 7.00pm

Wednesday: Shop & Social 1.30pm (not 4th Wednesday)

Thursday: Ignite Academy of Dance 4pm; Zumba 7.00pm

Friday: Ignite Academy of Dance 4pm; Taekwondo 6.00pm & 7.00pm

For Bromsgrove Arts events & screening visit
www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk



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Church Services at St. Mark's

2nd Sunday 11.15 am Worship4All - Family Service

4th Sunday 11.15 am Holy Communion

Volunteers Needed

- Support for live music gigs (setting up: usually 3pm -4pm on day of gig, and clearing the hall: after the show)
- Stage Lighting technician
- Front of house for screenings & shows
- Photographing & videoing shows (must have camera)
- Setting up for Foodie Fairfield – on the Friday before the event 8.30pm – 9.15pm
- Clearing the hall after Foodie Fairfield
- Litter picking community



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

March	
1st	Foodie Fairfield 9.00am
2nd	Jesus Christ Superstar 7.30pm
5th	Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am; Shop & Table Tennis 1.30pm
8th	Jack Goodall 8.00pm
9th	The Importance of Being Earnest 7.00pm
12th	Shop & The Wednesday Social 2.00pm; Fairfield W.I. 7.00pm
17th	Dining Group 12.30pm
19th	Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am; Shop & Social 1.30pm; FVCA AGM 7.30pm
26th	Coclave 2.30pm; A Night With Janis Joplin 7.00pm
29th	Live Music: Brass Beat 8.00pm
30th	Billy Elliot The Musical 7.00pm
April	
2nd	Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am; Shop & Table Tennis 1.30pm
5th	Foodie Fairfield; Live Music: Joe Bayliss 8.00pm
6th	Yours Sincerely 7.30pm
9th	Shop & Social 1.30pm; Fairfield W.I. 7.00pm
12th	Andre Rieu 7.00pm
13th	Andre Rieu 2.00pm; Dr Strangelove 7.00pm
16th	Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am; Shop & Social 1.30pm; Appraisal 7.30pm
17th	Junior Flix: Paddington In Peru 11.00am
23rd	Wicked 2.30pm; Dr Strangelove 7.00pm
30th	The Magic Room Stage Show 7.00pm
May	
3rd	Foodie Fairfield 9.00am; 1940's Night 8.00pm
4th	Bonnie & Clyde The Musical 7.00pm
7th	Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am; Shop & Table Tennis 1.30pm
8th	Act of Remembrance 10.55am
10th	Mumbo-Jumbo 8.00pm
11th	Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm
14th	Shop & Social 1.30pm; Fairfield W.I. 7.00pm
17th	Found in a Field 8.00pm
18th	Cantaloop 7.30pm
19th	Dining Group 12.30pm
21st	Shop & Social 1.30pm; Weeping Bank Library 7.00pm
28th	Fairfield Flicks 2.30pm
29th	Junior Flix: 11.00am