



# Fairfield Village Community Association

NEWSLETTER  
SPRING 2024



A view from Fairfield: Sunset on the shortest day of the year, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023.  
Thanks to Kay for this photo.

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

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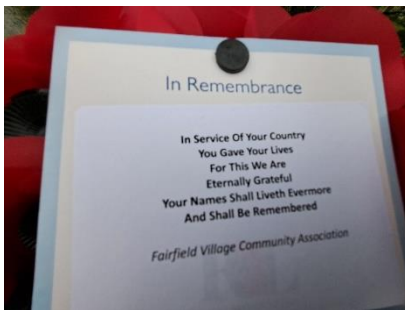
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## Community Falls Silent at Service of Remembrance

A well-attended Service of Remembrance was held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, which due to the inclement weather was held inside the Village Hall.

Wreaths were laid by the Parish Council (Cllr. Gibbs), Community Association (by a child, Miss Jessie Gibson), West Mercia Police (PCSO Cadwallader), Fairfield Women's Institute (Mrs. Cotterill) & Fairfield First School (child & headteacher, Mr. Scott Smith). Following the service, members of the community enjoyed refreshments.

The collection raised £134.30, which was donated to the Royal British Legion. Thanks to all volunteers involved with the service and serving refreshments.



**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall 7pm

## Street Watch launched in Fairfield

**Street Watch is now up and running in Fairfield, and we'd like you to join!**

On Monday 22nd January, local Street Watch volunteers along with PCSO Cadwallader launched the local scheme.

Street Watch volunteers support the local policing team with regular reassurance walks and engage with the community to identify local issues that matter most.



More information is on the flyer that can be found on the next page, or you can head to the Street Watch page on the West Mercia Police website [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)



# Would you like to make a positive impact in your local community?



Join the many others in your neighbourhood and become a Street Watch volunteer

Street Watch is a community led watch scheme which allows you to make a difference where you live.

- ✓ Keep fit and healthy
- ✓ Keep in touch with local police
- ✓ Help make a difference
- ✓ Meet like-minded people



Volunteers from our local communities carry out street walks and work closely with local police teams to pass on any concerns or issues that may need a police response.

It allows local people to help improve the neighbourhoods they live in by walking their own streets and providing visible reassurance and appropriate engagement in local issues that matter most.



## Wildmoor Quarry Update

**We have been informed that the Wildmoor Quarry application is now likely to be submitted in April 2024. (Apparently the applicant needs more time to get reports together!)**

## Community Litter Pick Update

Thanks to Keith & Carol Morris, monthly litter picks can continue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month 10.30am. For when Keith & Carol are on holiday, a deputy is needed, to ensure that the equipment is taken to and from the village hall. If you can help, speak to Keith or Carol, or email [chair@fvca.org.uk](mailto:chair@fvca.org.uk)

Volunteers are always needed to assist us in Fighting Grot and keeping our community tidy. Litter picking equipment is provided, all you need to do is donate an hour and wear suitable clothing & footwear.

## Fairfield Dining Group

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

18th March	The Dog at Harvington
15th April	The Robin Hood, Drayton
20th May	The French Hen, Clent
17th June	The Nailers, Bournheath

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

## A Successful Festive Fairfield 2023

**Festive Fairfield saw the community come together; huge thanks to everyone.**

The Festive Foodie Fairfield in early December included a visit from Father Christmas, with children seeing him in his grotto. Foodie Fairfield – our Market Hall in the Village Hall – was very busy, with nearly all stall holders, who are local food producers, nearly running out of stock.

Also in early December, there were two wonderful screenings of André Rieu's White Christmas, which was also screened at cinemas across the country. Our evening screening was a full house and our matinee screening attracted numbers there were better than in some other venues.



Everyone in the audience thoroughly enjoyed the show, with some first timers to our venue commenting how great our sound system is, and they were amazed at the picture quality. Thanks to you all for coming.

There was visit by the Rain or Shine Theatre Company, who performed their winter comedy *Frankenstein*, which included panto and audience participation – one child really did get into the swing of things.



At The Wednesday Social, residents were entertained by the school choir, and residents made Christmas Crackers, and later in the month there was a full house at the village hall, when the community gathered to sing carols and festive songs. Thank you to everyone who came, and to the choir at Fairfield First School for opening our joyous event.

The festive season celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, and on Christmas Eve the story of the Nativity was told at the annual Crib Service, with parts played by members of the community.



New Year's Eve saw the community gather at the village, to watch the film "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny", raise a glass to herald 2024 and then danced to some party music.

# COMMUNITY CHALLENGE & AGM

## with Wine and Nibbles



Date : 20th March 2024

Time : 7.30pm

Venue : Fairfield Village  
Hall

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

**FREE ENTRY**

Fairfield Community Association

## Complaints

Each year the Community Association receives complaints from residents regarding several issues, some of these issues we would like to share with you, see below.

If we all act considerately and responsibly, it is hoped that the number of complaints that we receive will reduce and help make our community a better place to live.

### **Parking**

Yes, it can be visitors to our community, e.g. at the start/end of the school day or when an event is taking place, sometimes it is caused by residents and their visitors. So that people can navigate our footpaths without obstruction, please ensure that vehicles are parked considerately and not blocking the pavement.

### **Dog Mess**

Whether it is Pepperwood Close or along Brook Road, dog mess is an issue across our community, and it is suspected it is not always being caused by visiting dog walkers. We are fortunate that in the village, at nearly every road junction, and at every entrance to the Recreation Ground, there is a waste bin; so please bag the pooh and use the waste bin or place the bag in your Grey Wheelie bin (and not leave it on the side of the path or hanging from a tree for someone else to take away).

### **Green Fly-tipping**

Some residents still throw green waste – e.g. grass cuttings, hedge cuttings & dead plants – in the hedge opposite their properties, and in nearby fields, which frustrates other residents & farmers. Apart from being illegal (it is classed as fly-tipping), the green waste can be harmful to the hedgerow biodiversity, i.e. by adding unwanted organic matter it can inhibit the growth of wild flowers (many wild plants like nutrient poor soil), and garden vegetation that ends up in a field could be fatal for livestock, as they may eat something that is not good for them.

### **Rubbish**

Not all the rubbish that is picked up by the Wombles comes from visitors or passing traffic. Some is from overflowing wheelie bins, where the lid is ajar and the wind blows the contents down the road, into hedges and fields. From the community survey that took place in 2022, many residents like living in a tidy, grot free, community, so please do your bit to Keep Our Community Tidy, make sure your wheelie bin lid is closed, and if you see litter – even if it is not your litter – pick it up.

### **Bonfires**

The good weather is on the way and people will be tidying their gardens, burning garden waste. PLEASE think of your neighbours, especially those with respiratory condition, or have the washing on the line. If you are having a bonfire, do not have them during daylight hours, better still, put your garden waste in Garden Waste Collection bin or take it to Romsley Recycling Centre on Quntry Lane. There are occasions when we receive complaints with regard people burning

non-garden waste rubbish, including plastic, please do not burn this rubbish, put it in the bin or taking it to the tip.

And finally...

### Fireworks

Despite appeals to refrain from setting off bonfires to mark Guy Fawkes night, the New Year and other celebratory events, there are residents who continue to set off fireworks whilst livestock is nearby. Last year a vet had to be called to a distressed & injured cow – costing the farmer money (£200 + VAT callout fee, plus treatment) – it was touch and go as to whether the cow needed to be put down, and two years ago, one cow died, and another severely injured themselves, again requiring vet treatment. If something startles you, perhaps when someone creeps up behind you or a car backfires, livestock are no different, they do not know that it is bonfire night, they hear the bang and it scares them, whether they are in a field or in a shed.

## The Wednesday Social

Over the past few months there have been some more interesting talks and activities at our monthly Wednesday Social.

“My Life On Two Wheels” was the subject of Kevin Ward’s talk at November’s social, and interesting talk it was with Kevin sharing his love of bicycles and motorbikes, and humorous anecdotes as his followed the Tour De France, illegal [bicycle] road racing and the difficulties riding a tricycle. Kevin brought to the hall his tricycle and a couple of tandems.



At December’s Wednesday Social, there was a festive theme with a special performance from the Fairfield First School Choir, making Christmas crackers and plenty of mince pies.

There was good turnout at January’s social, with guest speaker Rob Whitehouse, Waste Reduction Projects Coordinator at Garden Organic.



During Rob's presentation, residents found out what happens to their rubbish and recycling, why it is important to put things in the right bin, how to reduce food waste and how we can live more sustainably.

Further information regarding recycling and reducing food waste, visit <https://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/>



## 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.

### 13th March Indoor Curling

You've seen it played as part of the Winter Olympics, now play it in the village hall. A fun, all age, activity, so why not give it a go.

### 10th April Rhyme nor Reason 1 with Alan Tumber

A collection of comic poetry and song. With live music, pictures, recordings and film clips. The work of Flanders and Swann, Marriot Edgar, Stanley Holloway, Pam Ayres, Les Barker and others. Lots of laughs with goalkeeper Joe, Amnesia, Fifty Shades, and lots more.

### 8th May Richard Osman and Me

Join author Sally Jenkins as she outlines the inspiration for her latest novel 'Little Museum of Hope' (a real life museum in Zagreb) as well as a whistle stop tour through her writing career - including something that Richard Osman and I have in common. Sally is the author of several novels, including 'The Promise' and 'Bedsit Three'.

## An Inspector Calls

All being well, and subject to there being no operational callouts, Inspector Richard Field (local policing) will be joining us at Foodie Fairfield on Saturday 2nd March.

Pop along and give Inspector Field a warm Fairfield welcome.

## Vehicle Charging at the Swan

**Osprey Vehicle Charging now LIVE at the Swan Inn car park.** According to the Osprey website there is "a flat tariff of 79p per kWh across the whole network, whether charging by bank card or Osprey app, with no connection fees or hidden charges."

## Shop Fresh, Shop Local at Foodie Fairfields

### The Market Hall in the Village Hall that supports Local Food Producers

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, samosas, cakes, preserves, meat, meat pies, cider, honey, eggs and more from local food producers.



## An Evening of Cliff Richard's 65 Years of Hits

Fairfield Village Hall was one of 400 cinema venues in the country to screen CLIFF RICHARD: THE BLUE SAPPHIRE concert, which was only available in cinemas for two nights in November, with exclusive contents for cinema audiences.

Joining the audience, who sang along to Cliff's many number 1 hits, and some that missed out on the top spot, were Cliff, Cliff & Cliff (see image).



The concert marked Cliff's 65 years in the music industry and his vocals did not falter.

The concert, which was filmed for cinema audiences, included an onstage interview, Sir Tim Rice (lyricist) came on stage to and spoke to Cliff about his 65 year musical journey, some of the films he has been in, meeting Sir Laurence Olivier and his home in Barbados.

A great night was had by all, with audience feedback including the experience was better than other cinema events that they had been to, great atmosphere, and warm & welcoming venue.



Mothering  
Sunday

## Thanking Mum

Say thank you to the people you love at our Mothering Sunday service on 10<sup>th</sup> March at St. Mark's 11.15am. During the short family service children will be given pot plants that they can give to the people they love.

# Table Top Sale

Fairfield Village  
Hall

16 March, 2024

12 noon - 2.30 pm

& FreeCycle Corner

£5.00 a Table

Email:

[admin@fvca.org.uk](mailto:admin@fvca.org.uk)





## Table Top Sale & Freecycle Corner: 16<sup>th</sup> March

On the opposite page, see advert promoting the event. During the event, the Forfeld Café will be open.

If you would like a table to sell your wanted unwanted items or take part in the Freecycle Corner, the cost is £5.00 per table, see below for T&Cs

### Table Top Sale

To book a table email [admin@fvca.org.uk](mailto:admin@fvca.org.uk).

The hall will be open from 11.15am for sellers

1. Sellers will be responsible for everything they sell.
2. We ask that you DO NOT bring broken items, dangerous or flammable items (no kitchen knives, chemicals, paints, etc.. please) or anything in a condition that you wouldn't be happy to receive yourself. Dangerous or flammable items can, however, be displayed as photos (in the same way as larger items) for a later arranged collection.
3. For everyone's safety, please take all reasonable measures to check the safety and condition of any items or tools given.
4. Fairfield Village Hall reserves the right to reject items if they are too large or impractical to display and/or offer at the event without needing to justify its decision.
5. Any items not taken by the end of the event need to be taken home or disposed of by whoever brought them to the event.

### FreeCycle Corner

FreeCycle corner will take place in the Barton Room at the Village Hall during the Tabletop Sale on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 12noon to 2.30pm. This initiative is based on a 'Give and Take' event. People Donate items that are unwanted yet still have life left in them and takeaway useful items from other people (whether or not they have brought anything) - all for free.

**Please bring along** clean usable items in good condition to the hall between 10:30am and 12noon on the day of the event.

**The following are all welcome**

- kitchen and home and garden items
- Small gardening equipment, tools, storage containers
- craft supplies
- bric-a-brac
- toys and games
- Jigsaws
- unwanted presents
- Unused toiletries and perfumes.
- Small electrical items
- Photos can be brought of larger items e.g. furniture, bikes, statues, large garden equipment etc., which will be displayed on a board at the event with contact details for collection at a later stage (arranged directly by the recipient).

**Terms & Conditions for leaving items in FreeCycle Corner:**

1. Items must be of a size that can be carried home in a bag or in a car boot.
2. We ask that you DO NOT bring broken items, dangerous or flammable items (no kitchen knives, chemicals, paints, etc.. please) or anything in a condition that you wouldn't be happy to receive yourself. Dangerous or flammable items can, however, be displayed as photos (in the same way as larger items) for a later arranged collection.
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**Please take away items**, free of charge, for personal use or for other people.

**Terms & Conditions for taking items away from FreeCycle corner:**

1. Fairfield Village Hall cannot accept any responsibility for items taken from Recycle Corner and the items are made available 'as seen' without any actual or implied warranty. For your own safety, please take all reasonable measures to check the condition of any items or tools taken away.
2. Electrical items will not have been PAT tested, but power will be available on the day for in interested parties to test items where practical.
3. Items cannot be assumed to be 'complete' and are offered 'as seen,' especially but not exclusively, toys and tools.
4. Please do not take items and resell them; if taken and no longer needed, please donate on.

# PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

## Charity Quiz

All profits in support of  
Primrose Hospice



Proud to Support



Saturday 27 April 2024  
7.00pm for 7.15pm

To enter a team please contact  
Chris on 07803 036101

At Fairfield Village Hall Stourbridge Road,  
Fairfield B61 9LZ

Cost £2 per person, maximum 6 per team.  
Bar, raffle, bring your own food

## Fairfield and Forestdale Primary Schools Plant Trees at Pepper Wood



Children from Fairfield and Forestdale Primary Schools braved the freezing temperatures to help the Woodland Trust plant trees on the new Pepper Wood extension in Bromsgrove. Armed with nothing more than a spade, a puddle suit and a pair of wellies the children planted around 400 trees.

Headteacher for Fairfield, Scott Smith thought it was a wonderful experience for the children, saying:

"Everyone was very excited at the thought of planting so many trees and helping to change the outlook of our local environment. The children were also amazed at the list of wildlife that they may help to attract to the area. Being involved in such a wonderful project has given the children a degree of ownership and pride which will hopefully encourage them to use and look after the area for many years to come."



Headteacher for Forestdale, David Foster, thought the children had a unique day out, saying:



"New experiences are a fundamental part of developing our children at Forestdale - some of our children had never walked across a field before or used a kissing gate! So, planting trees to help and support the environment builds on the classroom curriculum giving them the practical experience which reaffirms the knowledge of their environment they learn in the classroom. Although before the trip some of the children were reluctant to go, all of them agreed that the experience was not only worthwhile but a whole lot of fun too!"

Pepper Wood is an ancient and hugely valuable community woodland, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and has an exceptional diversity of trees, shrubs and rare flowering plants. Through the generous funding from the Environment Agency the Woodland Trust have begun to establish 250 acres of continuous, resilient native woodland and reinstate Pepper Wood as a valuable community asset.

Woodland Trust Site Manager for Pepper Wood, Jane Ward said:

'The children have helped us to develop a new wood that will eventually become a thriving habitat for wildlife. Through these planting events we also hope to inspire the next generation of conservationists who will make real change in our fight against climate change and nature loss.'

Find out more about Pepper Wood and volunteering opportunities at [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk).

## Tackling Speeding & Drink Driving

Bromsgrove Police were in the village on Wednesday 13th December conducting an operation targeting speeding and drink driving.

During the operation, 12 motorists were educated about the dangers of their speed, and all completed a roadside breath test., whilst officers from Roads Policing checked vehicles for road worthiness.



## 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)

# Bromsgrove Bugle



Saturday 23rd March ~~1944~~ 2024 7:30pm

## A FABULOUS 40's NIGHT

Period costume encouraged

featuring 1940s  
Songbird

# Helen Pearson

with

# LAUREL & HARDY

DO DEVON



Fairfield Village Hall  
Fairbridge Road  
Fairfield, Bromsgrove  
B61 9LZ

Tickets £15  
inc mini  
Fish and Chips  
from the NAAFI  
and BAR available

Tickets from Carol  
07377 449643

## 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 prices 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](http://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 Bromsgrove Arts programme, serving behind the bar, helping with lighting, promoting our events, do get in touch [admin@fairfieldflicks.org.uk](mailto:admin@fairfieldflicks.org.uk)

## MOVIES

### ONE LIFE (PG)

**Wednesday 27th March 2.30pm**

The true story of Sir Nicholas ‘Nicky’ Winton, a young London broker who, in the months leading up to World War II, rescued 669 predominantly Jewish children from the Nazis. Nicky visited Prague in December 1938 and found families who had fled the rise of the Nazis in Germany and Austria, living in desperate conditions with little or no shelter and food, and under threat of Nazi invasion. He immediately realized it was a race against time. How many children could he and the team rescue before the borders closed?



Fifty years later, it's 1988 and Nicky lives haunted by the fate of the children he wasn't able to bring to safety in England; always blaming himself for not doing more. It's not until a live BBC television show, 'That's Life', surprises him by introducing him to some surviving children – now adults – that he finally begins to come to terms with the guilt and grief he had carried for five decades.

Starring Anthony Hopkins as Nicholas Winton, Helena Bonham Carter as Babette Winton, and Jonathan Pryce as Martin Blake.

## Trolls Band Together (U)

**Thursday 27th March 11.00am**

After two films of true friendship and relentless flirting, Poppy (Anna Kendrick) and Branch (Justin Timberlake) are now officially, finally, a couple (#broppy)! As they grow closer, Poppy discovers that Branch has a secret past. He was once part of her favorite boyband phenomenon, BroZone,



with his four brothers: Floyd (Golden Globe nominated electropop sensation Troye Sivan), John Dory (Eric André; Sing 2), Spruce (Grammy winner Daveed Diggs; Hamilton) and Clay (Grammy winner Kid Cudi; Don't Look Up). BroZone disbanded when Branch was still a baby, as did the family, and Branch hasn't seen his brothers since.

But when Branch's bro Floyd is kidnapped for his musical talents by a pair of nefarious pop-star villains—Velvet (Emmy winner Amy Schumer; Trainwreck) and Veneer (Grammy winner and Tony nominee Andrew Rannells; The Book of Mormon)—Branch and Poppy embark on a harrowing and emotional journey to reunite the other brothers and rescue Floyd from a fate even worse than pop-culture obscurity.

**For all Junior Flicks screenings, young children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission includes a glass of squash.**

## WONKA (PG)

**Wednesday 17th April 7.30pm**

Based on the extraordinary character at the center of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Roald Dahl's most iconic children's book and one of the best-selling children's books of all time, "Wonka" tells the wondrous story of how the world's greatest inventor, magician and chocolate-maker became the beloved Willy Wonka we know today.



With dreams of opening a shop in a city renowned for its chocolate, a young and poor Willy Wonka discovers that the industry is run by a cartel of greedy chocolatiers.

## BATTLE OVER BRITAIN (15)

**Wednesday 24th April 2.30pm**

A young pilot, fresh out of training, is called to join a Flight while they wait for the call to scramble. Throughout a single day, he witnesses the skies of southern England filled with deadly dog fights, and after every exhausting battle the men return to their dispersal hut, only to find another of their number missing. Unwilling to surrender, the pilot and his comrades unite to take to the skies once more, determined to defend not only the airfield, but their entire country.



## ELVIS (12A)

**Sunday 12th May 7.00pm**

The film explores the life and music of Elvis Presley (Austin Butler), seen through the prism of his complicated relationship with his enigmatic manager, Colonel Tom Parker (Tom Hanks). The story delves into the complex dynamic between Presley and Parker spanning over 20 years, from Presley's rise to fame to his unprecedented stardom, against the backdrop of the evolving cultural landscape and loss of innocence in America. Central to that journey is one of the most significant and influential people in Elvis's life, Priscilla Presley (Olivia DeJonge).

NOTE: Earlier movie start time, 7.00pm



## FRENCH EXIT (15)

**Wednesday 15th May 7.30pm**

"My plan was to die before the money ran out," says 60-year-old penniless Manhattan socialite Frances Price (Michelle Pfeiffer), but things didn't go as planned.

An aging Manhattan socialite existing on the last of her inheritance moves to a small Paris apartment with her son and cat.



## REAR WINDOW (PG)

**Wednesday 22nd May 2.30pm**

An Alfred Hitchcock classic.

Professional photographer L.B. "Jeff" Jefferies (James Stewart) breaks his leg while getting an action shot at an auto race. Confined to his New York apartment, he spends his time looking out of the rear window observing the neighbours. He begins to suspect that a man across the courtyard may have murdered his wife. Jeff enlists the help of his high society fashion-consultant girlfriend Lisa Fremont (Grace Kelly) and his visiting nurse Stella (Thelma Ritter) to investigate.



## WISH (U)

**Thursday 30th May 11.00am**

Walt Disney Animation Studios' "Wish" is an all-new musical-comedy welcoming audiences to the magical kingdom of Rosas, where Asha, a sharp-witted idealist, makes a wish so powerful that it is answered by a cosmic force—a little ball of boundless energy called Star. Together, Asha and Star confront a most formidable foe—the ruler of Rosas, King Magnifico—to save her community and prove that when the will of one courageous human connects with the magic of the stars, wondrous things can happen.



## EVENT CINEMA

### TITANIC - THE MUSICAL (12A)

**Sunday 10th March 7.30pm**

Filed at New Victoria Theatre in Woking  
Music and Lyrics by Maury Yeston  
Book by Peter Stone

In the final hours of 14th April 1912, the RMS Titanic, on her maiden voyage from Southampton to New York, collided with an iceberg and the 'unsinkable ship' slowly sank. It was one of the most tragic disasters of the 20th Century. 1,522 men women and children lost their lives.

Based on the real people aboard the most legendary ship in the world, Titanic the Musical is a stirring production, focusing on the hopes, dreams and aspirations of her passengers, all innocently unaware of the fate awaiting them.

Adults £15.00 - U16s £13.00

Included in the admission: Have a drink on us.



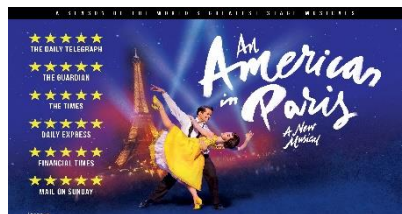
### AN AMERICAN IN PARIS (PG)

**Sunday 28th April 7.30pm**

Filed at Dominion Theatre  
Featuring music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin  
Book by Craig Lucas

This breathtakingly beautiful Tony Award-winning Broadway musical, inspired by the Oscar winning MGM film, tells the impassioned story of discovering love in the 'City of Light'.

Jerry Mulligan is an American GI striving to make it as a painter in a city suddenly bursting with hope and possibility. Following a chance encounter with a beautiful young dancer named Lise,



the streets of Paris become the backdrop to a sensuous, modern romance of art, friendship, and love in the aftermath of war.

Featuring the gorgeous music and lyrics of George and Ira Gershwin (including the classic hits, Wonderful and I Got Rhythm), stunning designs, and show-stopping choreography, this incredible production received 28 five-star reviews from the critics for its London Première at the Dominion Theatre.

Adults £15.00 - U16s £13.00

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## 42nd STREET (PG)

**Sunday 26th May 7.30pm**

Filed at Theatre Royal Drury Lane

Book by Mark Bramble and Michael Stewart

Music by Harry Warren

Lyrics by Al Dublin



42nd Street, the legendary Broadway musical theatre classic, is a 'glorious' (Sunday Express) and 'utterly moreish extravaganza of glitz' (The Times).

Telling the story of Peggy Sawyer, a talented young performer with stars in her eyes who gets her big break on Broadway, this is the largest ever staging of the Tony Award-winning musical and it was filmed live at the magnificent Theatre Royal Drury Lane in the heart of London's West End. Starring national treasure Bonnie Langford as Dorothy Brock and featuring iconic songs 42nd Street, We're In The Money and Lullaby Of Broadway, this is pure musical magic from the West End brought to the Big Screen.

Adults £15.00 - U16s £13.00

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## DRAMA

### WEEPING BANK LIBRARY

**Sunday 14th April 7.30pm**

The Librarian opens the creaking door of Weeping Bank Library, and there is a spine-tingling chill as he starts to read a spellbinding Ghost Story.

Read in the style of M.R.James, and enhanced by period props, low light, candles & subtle sound effects, the author, Alan Smith, creates an intimate & unique experience for you the audience.

'I came, I saw, I jumped out of my seat,' bestselling author Robin Jarvis

'Supremely creepy. The Librarian's tales will haunt you,' bestselling author Miranda Dickinson

'He never fails to deliver a chilling, imaginative story that grips our audiences,' South Staffs and Cannock Library Development Manager

Admittance: £5.00



## LIVE MUSIC

### JACK GOODALL

**Saturday 2nd March 8.00pm**

Singer, songwriter 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. Admittance: £8.00 (Advanced) – £10.00 (On the door)



### BRASS BEATZ

**Saturday 6th April 8.00pm**

Brass Beatz are a local band putting their own twist on 60's to modern day tunes guaranteed to get your feet tapping and singing along with them.

The band features a full brass section, no backing tracks or fancy gimmicks, just great musicianship. The group play a mix of songs covering Soul, Ska, Rock & disco so there's something for all age groups & tastes. Admittance: £8.00 (Advanced) – £10.00 (On the door)



### PRIVATE FUNKTION

**Saturday 13th April 8.00pm**

Private Funktion are an upbeat, seven-piece covers band who celebrate and play an eclectic mix of great rock, blues and country music. Come along and enjoy some big-hitters from the Stones, REM, Creedence, the Eagles and Stealers Wheel, as well songs from less well-known artists you'll want to hear more of.

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



### TYLER MASSEY QUARTET

**Saturday 11th May 8.00pm**

Based on friendship and mutual respect, Tyler Massey Quartet (aka TMQ) evolved organically over a period of several years, coalescing around the unaffected catalogue of American indie songs written by Maryland-born guitarist Tyler Massey.

The Quartet includes Alex Knight on bass, Eric Hej on percussion, and Ralph Jackson on sax & flute.

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



# 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.

## 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)

## Telephone Scams

The proportion of "Nuisance" calls that are actually Scams continues to increase, and half of Scams actually start with a phone call. These calls very often involve the criminals trying to glean your personal and/or financial information over the phone.

These calls may not always be easy to spot as the fraudsters can "spoof" phone numbers so they appear to come from a legitimate business, bank or Government organisation.

So how can you protect yourself from Scam Calls?

1. Never give out any financial information over the phone, if the call does not seem genuine just hang up and end the call,
2. Register with the Telephone Preference Service (TPS) which will prevent legitimate companies making unsolicited sales/marketing calls to you. Then when you receive a call, it probably is a scammer calling.

3. Consider using a Call Blocker to monitor incoming calls and block unwanted numbers calling. Activating Caller Display through your phone service will also help in recognising trusted numbers but still be aware of “Spoofed” numbers.

4. Always remember that scammers may keep the line open even after you think the call has ended, so do not ring another number straightaway as you will still be connected to the criminal. Either wait 15 minutes or use another phone to call back on a trusted number.

5. If the call claims to be from your Bank, then you can call any major bank directly by dialling 159, but still remember to either wait 15 minutes or use another phone before dialing 159.

## Did you know wheelie bins can be used by burglars?

Please be aware that wheelie bins can be used by burglars as climbing aid to help gain access to your property. Make sure your wheelie bins are out of sight of burglars. Store or secure it away until collection day.

Did you know that wheelie bins can be used in the following ways by burglars and criminals:

- As climbing aid to help them gain access to your property... Would be burglars can your wheelie bin and climb on top of it to help them scale your garden wall or fence.
- As an indicator as to whether or not you are at home... Wheelie bins left out in the street can be an indication that you have not yet returned home from work. Consider asking a trusted neighbour if they would be kind enough to collect your wheelie bins from off the side of the road after they have been emptied.
- As a removal aid to help take the items away that they have stolen... Burglars and thieves can use any insecure and accessible wheelie bins as a carrying cart to take away any items they have stolen from your property.
- To find out information about you... Criminal can search through your wheelie bins looking for any personal information which may be contained in discarded letters and documents. This information can then be used to aid in identity theft. Ensure you destroy all discarded personal documentation, ideally by shredding it.
- To start small fires... Criminals and vandals can use wheelie bins to help set small fires which can easily spread out of control and cause damage to your property and in extreme cases endanger life.

For further crime prevention advice, checkout our Neighbourhood Watch page, or contact a member of our Safer Neighbourhood Team [bhr.snt@westmercia.police.uk](mailto:bhr.snt@westmercia.police.uk)

## 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

## **March**

- 2nd Foodie Fairfield 9.00am - 12pm; Live Music: Jack Goodall and The Kick 8.00pm
- 6th Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am
- 10th Mothering Sunday Service, St. Mark's 11.15am; Titanic - The Musical 7.30pm
- 13th The Wednesday Social 2.00pm; Fairfield W.I. 7.00pm
- 16th Sustainable Fairfield (Tabletop Sale & Freecycle Corner) 12noon
- 18th Friends for Lunch 12.30pm
- 20th Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am; AGM & Community Challenge 7.30pm
- 25th 1940s Night 7.30pm
- 27th Fairfield Flicks 2.30pm
- 28th Junior Flicks 11.00am
- 31st Easter Service, St. Mark's, 11.15am

## **April**

- 3rd Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am
- 6th Foodie Fairfield 9.00am - 12pm, Live Music: Brass Beatz
- 10th The Wednesday Social 2.00pm; Fairfield W.I. 7.00pm
- 13th Live Music: Private Funktion 8.00pm
- 14th Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm
- 15th Friends for Lunch 12.30pm
- 17th Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am; Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm
- 24th Fairfield Flicks 2.30pm
- 28th An American in Paris - The Musical 7.30pm

## **May**

- 1st Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am
- 4th Foodie Fairfield 9.00am - 12pm
- 8th The Wednesday Social 2.00pm; Fairfield W.I. 7.00pm
- 11th Live Music: Tyler Massey Quartet 8.00pm
- 12th Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm
- 15th Coffee Morning @ Bournheath 10.30am; Fairfield Flicks 7.30pm
- 20th Friends for Lunch 12.30pm
- 22nd Fairfield Flicks 2.30pm
- 26th 42nd Street - The Musical 7.30pm
- 30th Junior Flicks 11.00am; National Vegetable Society 7.30pm