FAIRFIELD Village

FWS Newsletter

WINTER 2025/26

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14 DECEMBER 2025 11.15AM
Fairfield Village Hall
Join Us As We Sing A Selection of Christmas Carols

The Midland Concert Orchestra presents:
A hint of Christmas
Guest soloist Keith Phillips
30th November 2025, 7pm
Fairfield Village Hall, Fairfield, Bromsgrove B61 9LQ.
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Fairfield Village Hall Unveils Newly Upgraded Toilet Facilities

Fairfield Village Hall is proud to announce the completion of a major upgrade to its toilet facilities. This significant improvement ensures that the hall's amenities match the high standards of its other offerings, providing an enhanced experience for all hall hirers.

The upgraded facilities have already to received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the community. Comments received include:

- "Fantastic transformation. Well done."
- "Oh my days, wow!! Just wow!!"
- "I have recently had a chance to see the new toilets and they look wonderful. A great finish and will look good for a long time now."

These upgrades were made possible through the generous support of Lottery funding, grants from the Parish Council and Bromsgrove District Council, and assistance from the Halesowen branch of Wickes.

Geoff Cotterill, Chairman of the Fairfield Village Hall Management Committee, expressed his gratitude: "*This has been a long time coming, and we are thrilled to finally offer these upgraded facilities. Our sincere thanks go out to the providers of the funding that has allowed us to complete this work for the benefit of all those hiring and visiting our hall*".

A Splash of Colour for the Recreation Ground

Huge thanks to residents, Willow class at Fairfield First School & Fairfield Preschool for helping to plant 200 x Wild Daffodil & 200 x Snowdrop bulbs around the trees in our Coronation Orchard, on Monday 20th October; you all worked hard and we're looking forward to next year's blooming display.

The cost of the bulbs was shared equally between the Community Association and the Parish Council.

Shop Opening Hours

December 2025

6th December 9am - 12noon

20th December 10am - 1.00pm

Jan/Feb/Mar 2026

1st Saturday 9am - 12noon

1st Wednesday 1.30pm - 3.45pm

2nd Wednesday 1.30pm - 3.45pm

3rd Wednesday 1.30pm - 3.45pm

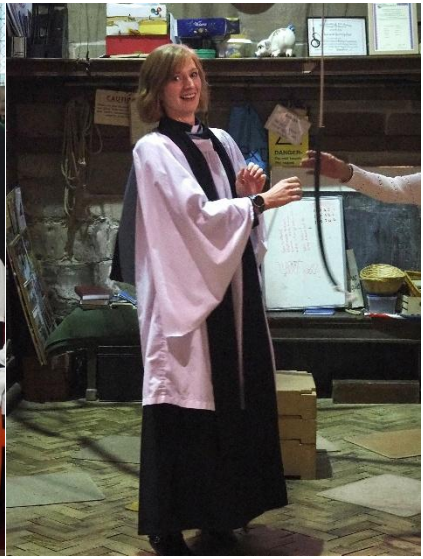
Welcome Chloë Hewett

On Thursday 4th September, residents from our community joined the residents of Belbroughton and Chaddesley Corbet to welcome our new priest Rev. Chloë Hewett.

The service was led by Bishop Martin Gorick (Bishop of Dudley & Acting Bishop of Worcester) and supported by the Archdeacon of Worcester (Mark Badger) with clergy from across the West Midlands also in attendance.

The Licencing and Installation service was held in a packed Holy Trinity Church, which was also had a sizable number of people from church where Chloë undertook her training. Following the formal service everyone enjoyed a buffet supper at Belbroughton Church Hall, the food kindly provided by volunteers from all three churches in the group.

Welcome Chloë to Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stoneybridge.



Giving Thanks to Farmers and the Food They Grow

Residents and local farmers came together on Sunday 12th October for our village Harvest Festival service. Despite the low numbers supporting this annual village event, the generosity of those people attending was fantastic, with several boxes of food being donated to Dodford Children's Farm and a similar number to Bromsgrove's Basement Project. The collection was shared with The Royal Countryside Fund, which supports farmers and rural community, the fund receiving £55.00.

Huge thanks for all your kind donations, and to the team that decorated the church, it looked amazing.

Village Hall is one of Worcestershire's Top Entertainment Venues

LUXlife magazine recently appluaded the winners of this year's Hospitality Awards, which included Bromsgrove Arts at Fairfield Village Hall, winning best community arts venue in Worcestershire.

TheLUXlife Hospitality Awards recognises businesses and individuals going above and beyond for their clients, customers, and guests in the hospitality industry.

There are still some residents think that what we offer may be "spit and sawdust" entertainment, because of their perception of what can be delivered in a Village Hall, as we are not "proper arts centre".

Our Bromsgrove Arts Programme includes some of the best music acts from the Midlands and beyond. Recently we have hosted, for the second year, Nashville's WILLOW HLL, as part of their European tour, and we are attracting an audience of people from across the West Midland.

Other live music acts to have recently appeared on our stage include RICKY COOL AND THE IN CROWD, Folk musician of the year runner up AMIT DATTANI, former ELO2 frontman PHIL BATES, and PETE HYDE AND THE VIEILLARDS.

During the Autumn half-term break we screened the brand-new family movie GROW, which hit UK cinema screens a few days earlier, and we regularly screen **new** NATIONAL THEATRE productions and other great Event Cinema productions, most recently BAT OUT OF HELL- THE MUSICAL and ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S LOVE NEVER DIES.

We also host top small-scale drama on our stage. In October, we welcomed back Tim Marriott (who played Gavin in The Brittas Empire) with a stunning performance of JACKS' ASHES, and in November *Don't Go In To The Cellar* returned with THE DIARY OF NOBODY.

Money made from our Bromsgrove Arts initiative has been used to pay for our quarterly newsletter and pays for family entertainment at the village picnic and other FREE community events, including guest speakers at the Wednesday Social.

Because we want all our events to be affordable, we keep ticket prices as low as possible, we do not charge a booking fee, and our bar prices are cheap – that's what our audience tells us.

So, by supporting these events, not only are you able to enjoy quality entertainment delivered locally at an affordable price, you are also helping to raise money that is spent on our community; **where you live**. See page 21 onwards for what's coming soon.

Shop Local and Support Local Food Producers

Locally sourced & artisan foods are on sale at the Forfeld Store, Fairfield's Community Shop at Fairfield Village Hall. The shop is open:

- during Foodie Fairfield (1st Sat, 9am - noon) and
- 1st/2nd/3rd Wednesday afternoon (1.30pm - 3.30pm)

Our stock includes Hinton's Gin, Astley Wines, Pimp Your Mayo, Franks Biscuits, Croome Cheese, Cotswold Gold Mayonnaise, Mathew's Flour, Droitwich Salt & Soap, Cosy Hot Chocolate, Emily Jams & Pickles, Two Farmers Crisps, Pimhill Porridge & Muesli, and much more.

Shop Review – August 2025

In August, we invited people who follow us on social media and receive our eNewsletters, to complete a short survey asking for their thoughts on our Community Shop, FORFELD STORE.
We would like to thank everyone who completed this survey; we greatly appreciate your feedback.

33 people completed this survey, some people did not answer some of the questions, which may explain anomalies in the below data. You can read the data and comments made by visiting the shop page on our www.fvca.org.uk website. We have tried to respond to any comments/suggestions made.

Even though some respondents feel that the shop should close, there are others that indicate that there are benefits to having a shop and that a service is required.

Even though footfall on a Wednesday afternoon is very low, support for our Community Shop during Foodie Fairfield is very good, with many people buying goods saying, at the counter, that our local & artisan food prices are cheap, and our “supermarket” items are priced similar to or are cheaper than ASDA, Morrisons, Sainsburys & Tesco.

Our Community Shop is evolving; the future is in your hands. Of course, if the demand & support is low, closure will happen. However, if there is the demand & support we will do our best to respond to your needs.

If there is something that you would like us to stock and that you will buy, please pop in and tell us. Unfortunately, we are limited with what perishable, short shelf life, food items we can stock, as we cannot afford wastage. However, this could change, if there if there is the demand.

As we are limited to when we can open, i.e. not every day, we are unable to sell newspapers, however, we are open to ordering magazines, if there is the commitment to buy.

If you love your community, help us keep it tidy

Winter is here and we can see the litter that has blown in to ditches now that the vegetation has died back, turning parts of our community, especially the ditches, into an eyesore.

Due to the small number of volunteers, we are struggling to keep on top of keeping all our community tidy. **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP WHERE YOU LIVE TIDY**.

Please join one of Community Litter Picks on the 2nd Saturday of each month, meeting at 10.30am outside the village hall. We only ask that you donate one hour of your time to help keep where you live tidy. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear, equipment will be provided.

If weather conditions are not favourable, the litter pick will be postponed until the following month.

Due to festive activities, there is no Community Litter Pick in December.

Next litter picks: 10th January, 14 February, 14 March

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!

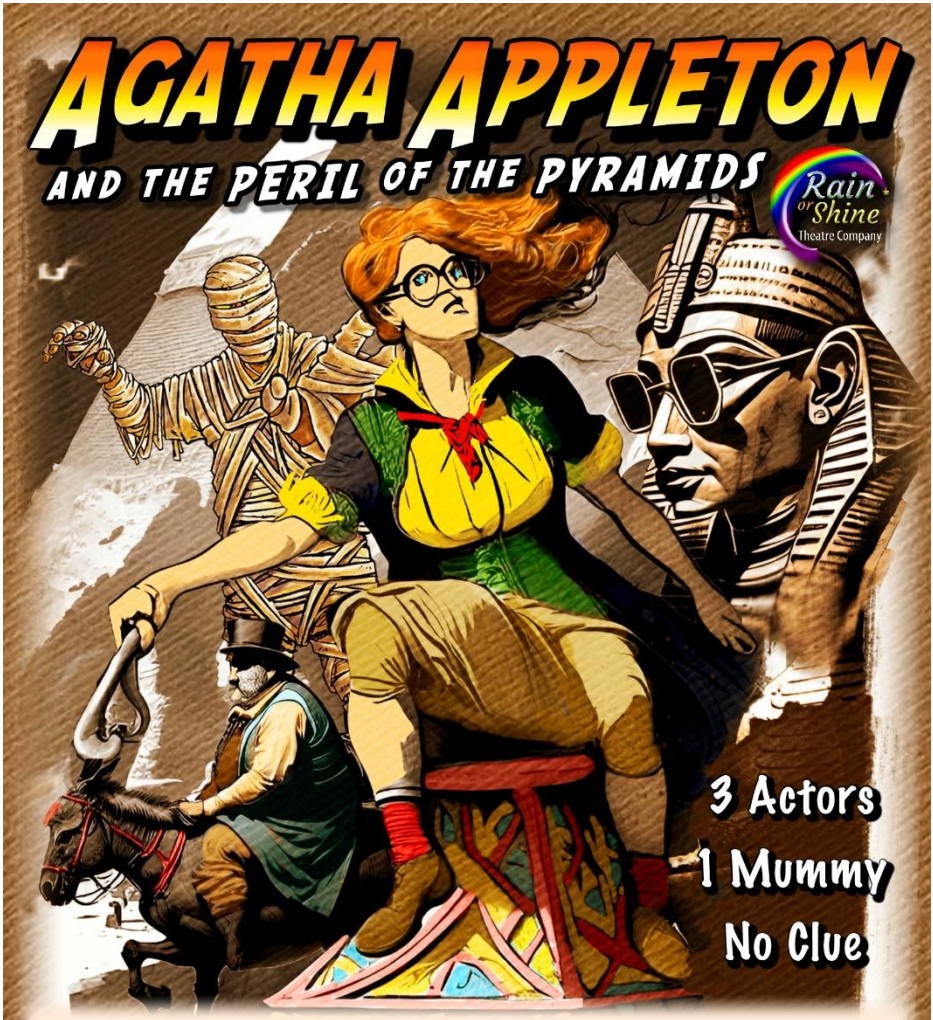
For an application form & further information visit:

https://fvca.org.uk/200-club/

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



Sunday 1st February 6.30pm

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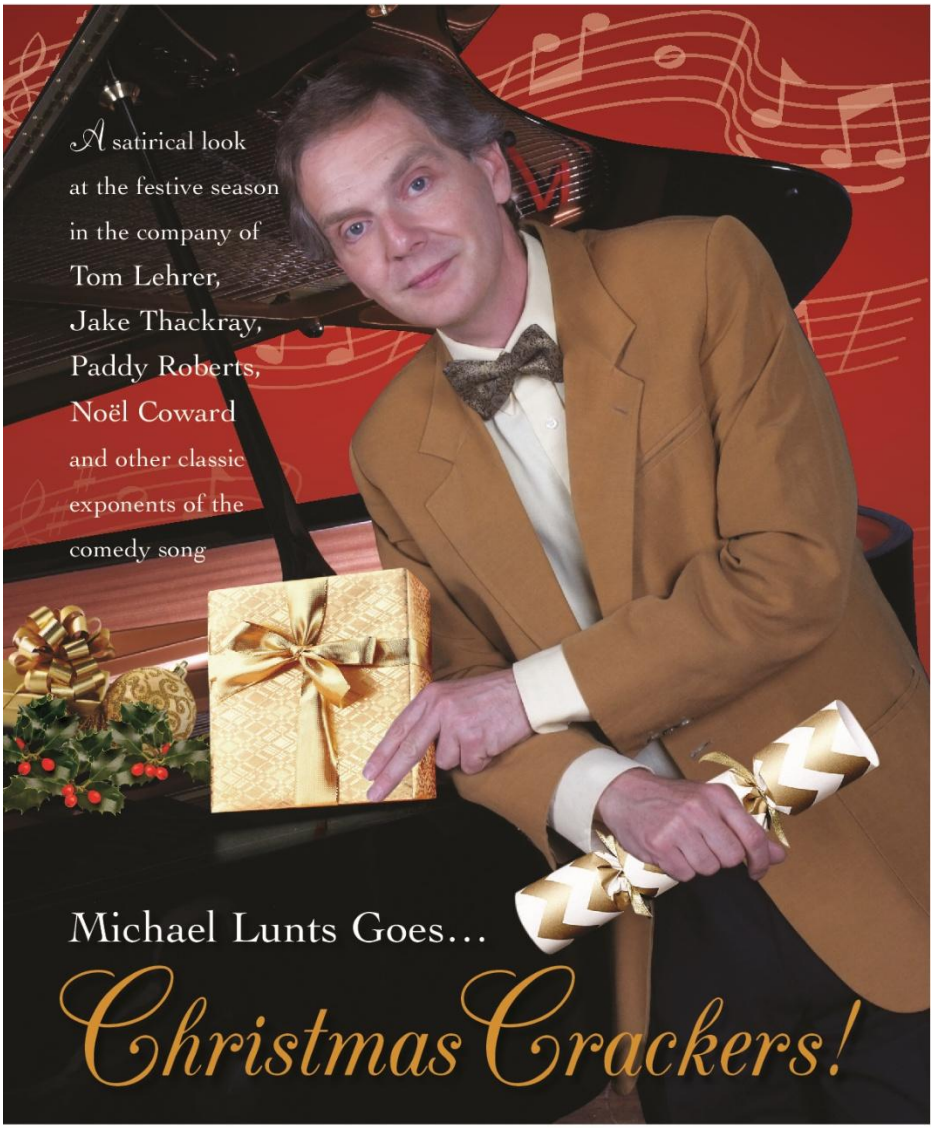
The Wednesday Social 2026

Wednesday afternoons at the Village Hall, 1.30pm – 3.45pm, there is something for you to do, and joining in is **FREE**! There's even **FREE** hot drinks & biscuits, plus you can charge your mobile devices and use the laptop to surf the internet. NR: There's no Wednesday Social on the 4th Wednesday, but there is movie screening with an admission of £5.50

1st Wednesday –	**Table Tennis and Coffee & Natter**
2nd Wednesday –	**Guest Speaker**
14th January	**Crimson Fields**: David Bardell tells the story of Nurses and Surgeons who served on the front line in the Great War 1914-1918; the compelling stories of a number of these Heroines and Heroes, such as Edith Cavell, Nellie Spindler, Noel Chavasse and John McCrae. David will also talk about QAIMNS, VAD and FANY nurses, plus the treatments and procedures developed by these extraordinary individuals and how they pioneered the direction of the whole medical profession today.
11th February	**Beyond the Blue Horizon**: Since the invention of the camera people have photographed the Moon and planets hoping to capture their brilliant images for posterity. In this highly visual presentation Andrew Lound takes us through the history of planetary photography ending with a spectacular musical tour of the planets. Sit back, hold tight and journey to new worlds. Images, Music, Video, Costume, props
11th March	**Unusual Cures and Blood Galore!** This talk by Kirstie Bingham explores the wonderful world of Tudor and Stuart medicine, looking at the role of apothecaries to barber surgeons. Are you ready to face the surgeon's saw? How about swallowing spiders bathed in butter for your cough?
3rd Wednesday –	**Freecycle Corner, Board Games, Indoor Curling and Coffee & Natter,** except 21st January
	On 21st January we will have the rescheduled talk **Stupid Moments in History** with Anthony Poulton-Smith. Everyone knows of the error which resulted in the deaths of many troops at the Charge of the Light Brigade, but this is by no means the only error not indeed does it come anywhere near the biggest error in history. Hear how history has recorded some of the dopiest decisions, some of which can hardly have seemed the brightest idea at the time.



Monday 29th December 7.30pm

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Joy
To The World
CHRISTMAS SERVICE
CHRISTMAS EVE - 1130 PM
FAIRFIELD VILLAGE HALL
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Electricity Distribution
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Are you worried about a power cut happening?
Our Priority Services Register is here for you
We understand power cuts can be particularly worrying for those who rely on electricity. Joining our FREE Priority Services Register will ensure you receive tailored, practical and emotional support.
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Once registered we can support you in various ways;
• provide a dedicated telephone number for you to contact us day or night
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31 DEC 2025
STARTS AT 9:00 PM | FAIRFIELD VILLAGE HALL (B61 9LZ)
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LIVE MUSIC & VIBE ALONG
JACOB MARLEY, IN ASSOCIATION WITH EBENEZER SCROOGE, PRESENTS DEAD SPIRIT MUSIC
FREE ENTRY, DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM
EVENT 7:00PM - 7:45PM, LICENCED BAR
FAIRFIELD VILLAGE HALL, STOURBRIDGE ROAD, FAIRFIELD, BROMSGROVE, B619LZ
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Join us to celebrate
CHRISTMAS NATIVITY
Celebration
Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus with Christmas Carols, and a beautiful reenactment of the Holy Night.
24 DEC | 4:00 PM
Fairfield Village Hall
www.fvca.org.uk

FESTIVE
FOODIE FAIRFIELD
Buy Artisan from
Local Food Producers
Saturday 6th December 9am - 12pm

Shop Fresh & Local

Foodie Fairfield, the Association's monthly Market Hall in the Village Hall, 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
- **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

Foodie Fairfield, every 1st Saturday in the month, 9am – 12 noon, at Fairfield Village Hall

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 four months of 2025. Please remain vigilant, report suspicious activity, let's work together for a safer community.

	Burglary	Violence & Sexual Offences	Criminal Damage & Arson	Public Order	Other Theft	Drugs	Vehicle Crime	Anti-social Behaviour	Possession of a weapon	Other Crime	Notes
Jan		2			1			1			
Feb					2			1			
Mar		1	2	2							
Apr				1				1			
May	1	1			1						
June					1					1	
July		2		2	1		1				
August			1								
September											
October											
November											
December											
Total	**1**	**6**	**3**	**5**	**6**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**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.

Like www.facebook.com/fairfieldinformation Follow: www.twitter.com/fairfield_info

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

THE Wednesday SOCIAL

Church Services at St. Mark's

2nd Sunday 11.15 am Worship4ll - 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

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

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

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

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

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

For further information and to book advance tickets visit www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk, alternatively tickets can be purchased from our community shop or before/during the interval of any of our screenings/events.

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

NEVER MISS WHAT'S GOING ON

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

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

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

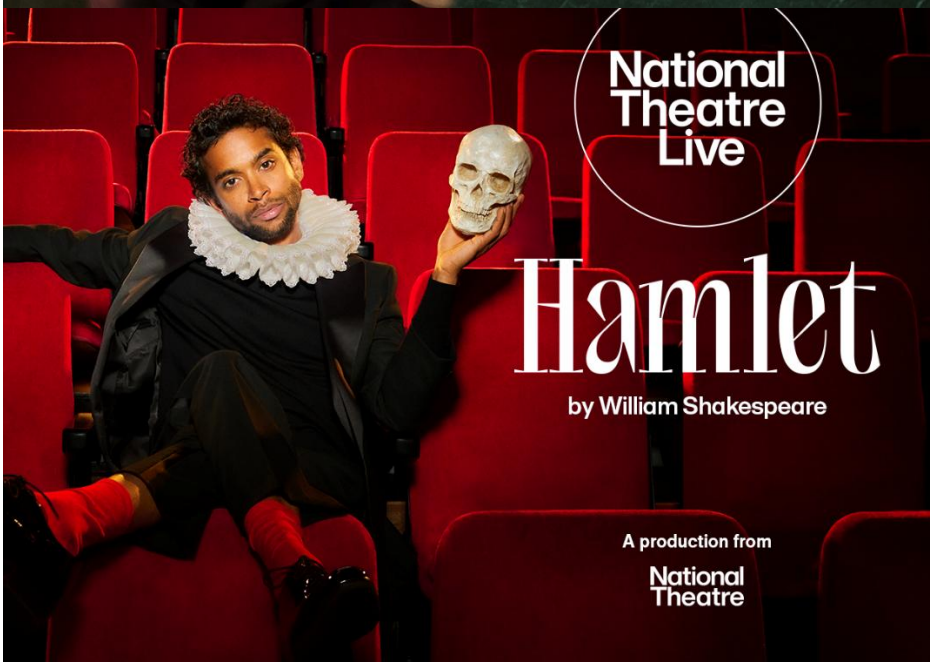
VOLUNTEER WITH US

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

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

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

National Theatre Live
Jack LOWDEN
Martin FREEMAN
The Fifth Step
Written by DAVID IRELAND
Directed by FINN DEN HERTOG
A production from
NEAL STREET
Playful PRODUCTIONS
CELEBRATING 15 YEARS
NATIONAL THEATRE OF SCOTLAND


National Theatre Live
Hamlet
by William Shakespeare
A production from
National Theatre

OUR WINTER BARTS PROGRAMME

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

26th November	2.30pm	French Film Festival 2025 - Love Affairs(s) Les Choses qu'on dit, les choses qu'on fait (15)
26th November	7.30pm	Cinema Live: John Cleese Packs It In (12A)
29th November	8.00pm	Westlife - Royal Albert Hall (25th Anniversary Concert)
30th November	7.00pm	Midland Concert Orchestra
7th December	7.00pm	André Rieu's 2025 Christmas Concert: Merry Christmas
10th December	2.30pm	André Rieu's 2025 Christmas Concert: Merry Christmas
14th December	7.30pm	National Theatre Live: The Fifth Step (15)
17th December	7.00pm	Rock Around The Christmas Tree
29th December	11.00am	Junior Flix: The Bad Guys 2 (PG)
29th December	7.30pm	Michael Lunts Goes Christmas Crackers
31st December	9.00pm	NYE: Superman (2025) (12A)
2026		
4th January	7.30pm	Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale (U)
21st January	7.30pm	Hallow Road (15)
28th January	2.30pm	The Roses (15)
28th January	7.00pm	National Theatre Live: Hamlet (12)
7th February	8.00pm	Live Music: Swing from Paris
1st February	6.30pm	Rain or Shine Theatre Co: Agatha Appleton And The Peril Of The Pyramids
18th February	7.30pm	Check website for details
19th February	11.00am	Junior Flix: Check website for details
25th February	2.30pm	Check website for details
25th February	7.30pm	National Theatre Live: TBC
28th February	8.00pm	Live Music: Calypso Moon

Festive Fairfield 2025

JOIN US A WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS & THE NEW YEAR

30th November	Festive Midland Concert Orchestra 7pm (Village Hall – Ticketed Event)
6th December	Festive Foodie Fairfield, 9am (Village Hall)
8th December	Festive Swan Sing-along, 7pm (Swan Inn, to book your meal contact the Swan)
13th December	Breakfast with Santa (Swan Inn, to book your breakfast contact the Swan)
14th December	Family Carol Service 11.15am (Village Hall)
17th December	Rock Around The Christmas Tree, 7pm (Village Hall)
24th December	Nativity Performance, 4pm (Village Hall)
24th December	Christmas Communion, 11.30pm (Village Hall)
29th December	Junior Flix: The Bad Guys 2, 11am (Village Hall – Ticketed Event)
29th December	Michael Lunts Goes Christmas Crackers, 7.30pm (Village Hall – Ticketed Event)
31st December	Movie New Year Party with Superman 2025, 9pm (Village Hall – Ticketed Event)

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