

FULFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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www.fulfordvillage.com or village Facebook site (search Fulford Village – Staffordshire)

BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2020

Fulford is doing amazingly well at keeping its environment and community blooming but as with everything like this, more help would be very welcome! Could you take on just one small (or large!) job (usually for just a few weeks of the year) to help keep the village looking good and running smoothly? There are many smaller jobs that only require for instance, 15 minutes a week, or an hour a month and we would love it if individuals, or better still, families could take on one of these and make it their pride and responsibility to keep “their” bit looking good. We also have “admin” jobs such as designing posters and signs, updating social media, taking photos etc that may suit someone more computer savvy than some of us! Every single person in the village has something to offer, we want to make the next generation proud and committed to their village and it’s never too early to start. So even if you only have 10 minutes a month to spare, you can help....please come along to the **BKV Launch on 12th March** (see below) or if you can’t make that, email fulfordvillagegroup@gmail.com and we can find you, your children or your whole family something that you can do to help Fulford stay the wonderful village that we all love.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE LAUNCH 2020 12th March 7.00 p.m. village hall

This is an informal event to thank everyone already involved and an open invitation to anyone who wishes to attend with fresh ideas. Everyone is welcome.

VILLAGE TIDY UP DATES Sunday 29th March and 26th April 11.00 a.m. village green

Please bring rakes, brushes and spades, coffee and biscuits provided! All welcome, there’s lots to do!

WIN UP TO £1000 FOR YOUR VILLAGE HALL AND £500 FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHER (ends 15th March 2020)

Love your village, love your village hall!!!

Celebrating 100 years of Village Halls! ‘Wonderful Villages’ photo competition.

With all the amazing photographers in this village (as can be seen in our village calendar every year) this has to be a competition with our name on it!! The competition is open to all rural UK villages and village halls, entry is free and details of prizes, themes and entry dates are available on the Allied Westminster Facebook page or on the villagehallsurvey.com website.

YOUNG PERSONS AWARD

Congratulations to Olivia Condliffe who has been awarded this year’s bursary in support of her bassoon studies and performance at the University of Kent where she is reading History. Olivia is 18, has lived in Fulford since she was 3 and has always been interested in music. Olivia plays the bassoon and piano and has played in the National Children’s Wind Orchestra, National Schools Symphony Orchestra and Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Orchestra as well as local ensembles such as Staffordshire Moorlands Music Centre, Painsley Concert Band and the famous ‘Fulford Orchestra’. Bassoon reeds are about £20 each and music and lessons are very expensive so some help towards these costs would be very welcome allowing Olivia to continue to enjoy her love of music and performance. The closing date for next year’s award is 31st January 2021, details of how to apply and qualifying criteria will be on the village website nearer the time.

PUB BOOK CASE

Thank you to everyone who donated and bought books from the pub bookcase last year - a fantastic sum of £232 was raised and donated to the RSPCA in memory of Bob. This year’s proceeds will be split between the British Dyslexia Association and Fulford Village Group so please keep supporting this fund raiser, there is always a great selection at just £1.00 a book!! Thank you to landlord Steve for his continued support.

THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON 01782 399320

The pub continues to sell great pub food and beers as well as hosting the regular Wednesday quiz and Play Your Cards Right. Look out for information about live music nights, specials and forthcoming events on the board outside the pub or better still, come in for a drink to find out the latest news.

LITTLE LEARNERS at Fulford Village Hall

Little Learners Nursery have extended their provision to include children from 9 months old to 4 years! We are situated in the Village Hall and offer full day / sessional care, Monday to Friday from 7.30 to 4 pm. We also hold before and after school clubs and provide the "walking bus" to the primary school. For more information call Angela Alcock on 07980959456 or call in for a chat.

FULFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS from Mrs Sutton, Head Teacher.

In order to make the most of our wonderful surroundings and to provide the greatest opportunities for our children to experience a healthy lifestyle, we would like to install a 1.2 metre wide pathway around the perimeter of our school field. At present, our children try and complete a daily mile run by running around a track on our playground, however, the number of children who can use it at one time is limited. The Daily Mile is simple and free and gets children out of the classroom for fifteen minutes every day to run or jog, at their own pace making them fitter, healthier, and more able to concentrate in the classroom. Unfortunately, we are unable to use our extensive field for large parts of the year due to the drainage. Therefore, a purpose built pathway would allow children to participate in their daily mile, provide a cycle path and provide an additional area for children to simply walk and chat with their friends. We are planning to finance this project through our limited school funds, additional fundraising and the very kind donation from a parent's charity event. However, for the track to be hard wearing enough to last, the cost will be approximately £25,000. Therefore, we would appreciate any other kind contributions to allow this dream to become reality.

Fulford Primary School Nursery and Forest School has been a huge success and the children have settled into Class 1 with Reception exceptionally well. Our Nursery is now full one day a week, but we do have limited places available for certain sessions. Please contact the office on 01889 505303 if you are interested in a Nursery place for your 3 year old or a Primary School place for your child transferring from another school. We are extremely lucky at Fulford Primary School as we can provide weekly Forest School sessions for all our children from Nursery to Year 6, due to our two fully qualified Forest School trained teachers and with the kind support of volunteers from the village. These take place a short country walk off site, up Cockieshall Lane, where the children have a forest area and a large field to host all of their exciting activities.

Fulford Primary School also has a Playgroup for children from birth to 4 years and their parents. Please come along for a play, craft activity and a chat every Tuesday during term time between 9am and 10:30 am.

£1.50 is a suggested donation to include a craft activity and snack. Other exciting events to look forward to:

Thursday 27th February 2020 -Year 5 visit to Stone Fire Station 'Safe and Sound' event.

Wednesday 18th March 2020 Book Fair running until Monday 23rd

Monday 23rd March - KS2 trip to the Wolseley Environmental Centre

Thursday 26th March - Chocolate Bingo at school

Tuesday 31st March - Physics Festival at BBHS for Year 5 pupils

MORE LOCAL TALENT!

Carly Allen-Fletcher grew up in Fulford, went to Fulford Primary School and Blythe High School and then to Loughborough University to study illustration. She has now had three children's books published - Goodnight Seahorse (a board book), Animal Antipodes a book for 5-11 yrs and Beastly Biomes for 7-11 yrs. These beautiful, contemporary books are available on Amazon or go to carlydraws.com to see her work.

ST NICHOLAS CHURCHYARD

In order to protect the churchyard wildlife please could only environmentally friendly slug pellets be used on and around the graves.

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, FULFORD Lent, Holy Week and Easter Revd Marion Reynolds

One of the two most holy seasons of the church year, come and join us at our special services:

26th Feb (Ash Wednesday) 10am St Nicholas, Holy Communion with ashing

5th Apr (Palm Sunday) 9:30am St Nicholas, Holy Communion

6th Apr (Monday in Holy Week) 7pm St Nicholas, Holy Communion (said)

8th Apr (Wednesday in Holy Week) 7pm St Nicholas Holy Communion (said)

10th Apr (Good Friday) 2pm St Nicholas, Stations of the Cross

12th Apr (Easter Day) 9:30am St Nicholas, Family Communion, 11:15am Christ Church, Family Communion

TABLE TOP AND CAR BOOT SALE - Saturday 25th April 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

This sale is being held at the Village Hall with a 6ft table in the hall or a car boot space on the car park costing £10. Book with Jo Barnard on 01782 393141 or email barnard.josephine@gmail.com.

A500 MUSIC in Fulford village hall

A double headliner of Luke Jackson and James Kirby will be playing on Sunday 26th April – this is great live music absolutely on our doorstep and not to be missed. For more details visit the A500 Music website www.a500music.co.uk or Facebook www.facebook.com/A500-Music or phone Ian Boyle 07828 830247.

COMMUNITY CHOIR most Sundays 4.00 – 6.00 Village Hall www.fulfordcommunitychoir.com

FCC continues to go from strength to strength and 2020 is proving to be one of the most exciting in the choir's nine year history with upcoming performances of African inspired Zimbe by Alexander L'Estrange in Lichfield Cathedral and the Victoria Hall in March and our very own fund raising concert in Sandon Hall in June. The choir has a regular membership of over 50 but new members are always welcome – no previous experience is necessary, there are no auditions and you are guaranteed a warm welcome, tel 07890 996798.

FULFORD VILLAGE WALKS - first Sunday of each month 11.00 a.m. village green.

The village walks are a great way to take exercise, get to know your village and make friends. They take one and half to two hours around the village but occasionally venture further afield and may take a little longer. Look out for the posters on the village noticeboards or for more information phone 07818 005901

COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE – for further info contact the Parish Clerk 01782 385187 (Mon – Weds a.m.)

The Parish Council is launching a community bus on the 1st April 2020. In order to use the service you must register at <https://www.communitylinkstafford.co.uk/become-a-member> with Community Link Stafford and pay a £7 membership per year. You will not be able to travel on the bus unless you have a valid membership card. Click on the link to complete an application form and pay the £7. There is a £5 fare for each return journey, bus passes are not valid. The route will travel on a Wednesday morning through Fulford, Saverley Green, Cresswell, Draycott, Blythe Bridge, Meir Heath and Rough Close before heading to Longton. A reverse journey will take place in the afternoon.

MOBILE LIBRARY – Village hall Wednesdays 19th Feb. 4th and 18th March 12.15 – 12.45 p.m.

The County Council review of the Mobile Libraries has maintained the visits to Fulford every third Wednesday but this service is only likely to survive the next review if it continues to be patronised.

THE VILLAGE HALL www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk

An additional Yoga session is now on a Monday as well as Wednesday, call 07452820839. For a timetable of the regular bookings and events including "Sing & Sign" for babies and toddlers, badminton, art group, yoga, patchwork, dance classes, indoor bowls, table tennis, choir, a senior residents monthly coffee morning and a pre-school during the daytime, and for information about forthcoming events, please visit the village hall website. Whilst most of these bookings are fully subscribed, there are currently opportunities to join indoor bowls on a Thursday, badminton (Mondays at 8.00 p.m.) and table tennis (Fridays 10.00 – 12.00). Fulford Bowls Club meets on Thursdays at 8.00 p.m. to play indoor short-mat bowls and invites anyone interested in trying this relaxed sport to come on any Thursday. Just bring flat soled shoes to have a try.

WHAT'S ON IN FULFORD 2020

(but check the village Facebook site or www.fulfordvillage.com for the latest info)

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 26th 10.00 a.m. Ash Wednesday service St Nicholas

MARCH

Sunday 1st 11.00 a.m. Village walk

Wednesday 4th Mobile Library 12.15 – 12.45 p.m. Village hall

Thursday 12th 7.00 p.m. BKV Launch Village hall

Wednesday 18th Mobile Library 12.15 – 12.45 p.m. Village hall

Saturday 21st Fulford Community Choir Zimbe Lichfield Cathedral

Wednesday 25th Fulford Community Choir Zimbe 6.30 p.m. Victoria Hall, Hanley

Thursday 26th Chocolate Bingo Primary School

Sunday 29th Village Clean up 11.00 Village green

APRIL

Wednesday 1st Community Bus launch

Sunday 5th Palm Sunday Communion 9.30 a.m. St Nicholas

Sunday 5th 11.00 a.m. Village walk

Friday 10th Good Friday Stations of the Cross 2.00 p.m. St Nicholas

Sunday 12th Easter Day Family Communion 9.30 a.m. St Nicholas

Saturday 25th 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Table Top and Car Boot sale Village hall

Sunday 26th Village Clean up 11.00 a.m. Village green

Sunday 26th A500 Music Luke Jackson and James Kirby Village hall

MAY

Friday 1st BKV Judging begins

Sunday 3rd 11.00 a.m. Village walk

Thursday 14th Worm Charming event at FPS

JUNE

Monday 1st Second BKV judging begins

Sunday 7th 11.00 a.m. Village walk with post walk refreshments at the Yard Arm

Thursday 11th Stoke City Penalty Shoot Out FPS 9.00 a.m. - all welcome to come and watch

Sunday 14th Fulford Community Choir fund raising concert at Sandon Hall

Saturday 27th Closing date of Photo competition (Garden competition judging dates tbc nearer the time)

JULY

Wednesday 1st BKV finalists judging begins

Saturday 11th Community Fun Day 2.00 – 5.00 p.m. Village Hall, from 6.00 at the Shoulder

AUGUST

BKV results

OCTOBER

Sunday 4th 11.00 a.m. Village walk

NOVEMBER

Sunday 1st 11.00 a.m. Village walk

DECEMBER

Friday 4th Santa and Soup

Saturday 5th Christmas Fair 1.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Village hall

Sunday 13th Fulford Community Choir Christmas Concert 7.00 p.m. Village hall

Tuesday 15th Village Carols 7.00 p.m.

KEEP UP TO DATE: If you would like to be kept more up to date with what's going on in the village join the Fulford Village email list by sending your email address to fulfordvillagegroup@googlemail.com

FULFORD VILLAGE GROUP MEETINGS: These open forum meetings take place on the **first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7.00 p.m. in the Shoulder**, everyone is welcome.

Thank-you to the Fulford Village Group for funding the printing costs of this newsletter. If you would like to contribute to the next edition please email the above address or tel: 07890 996798.