

FULFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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FULFORD WAR MEMORIAL APPEAL A MASSIVE “THANK YOU!” FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

When Fulford Village Group set itself the task of raising £2,500 to put towards the renovation of the village war memorial, we weren't sure we would do it, but we hoped that most of the target could be raised before the end of March 2019 when the work has to be completed.

We were therefore amazed and humbled at the scale and speed of the village response to our appeal. In a little over two weeks a combination of donations and fundraising had smashed through our target and we are delighted to confirm that we now have £3,017.41 to contribute to the renovation of the war memorial. Together with £2,000 from Councillor Ian Parry's Staffordshire County Council Community Fund, £2,500 from Fulford Parish Council and £250 from the tithe collection at All Saints Church Dilhorne, we have all the money we need and stone masons will soon be starting work. We can't wait for the work to be completed and hope as many villagers as possible will come to the official unveiling that will take place later in the year.

Thank you to everyone who delivered and collected envelopes, supported our fundraising and donated to the Appeal. We can now continue to honour the Fallen of the two World Wars for many years to come.

LIVE WIRES Friday 15th March 7.00 p.m. Village Hall

All funds raised from this great night of music will go towards establishing a Fulford War Memorial maintenance fund ensuring that the memorial can be kept clean and safe with no need for further fund raising. Specialising in covers, Live Wires (featuring local musician Matt Bishop) will play a night of music for everyone to join in and enjoy. Tickets are £10 and available now from 07791 968619 but book yours early as they are selling fast! There will be a bar provided by the Shoulder.

THE VILLAGE GREEN

You may have noticed that there have been some changes on the village green in recent weeks. For some time there has been concern about the state of the oak tree on the green and also about the size of the willow tree, some branches of which were taking much needed light from the grass beneath and some of which were starting to seriously overhang the roadway. After much consultation with Stafford Borough council and examination of the trees by their “tree expert” and environmental team, Streetscene has attended and work has been completed. The willow has been cut back a little to allow light to the grass and to remove the lowest of the overhanging branches, but unfortunately the oak was found to be diseased and dying and could not be saved. However a few days after its removal, Streetscene scanned the area and found a safe place to plant a new 10 year old oak of decent size. That's quick work! Our thanks to Streetscene for their tidy and efficient service, and to Stafford Borough Councillor Mr Michael Dodson, and Martin Oxby of Fulford Parish Council for their efforts in facilitating these much needed works.

BARN DANCE Saturday 9th February 7.00 p.m. Village Hall

Dancing to Folkus Pocus with caller Brian Stanton, the ever popular annual Barn Dance tickets sold out within days but if you haven't tickets it is worth phoning 07890 996798 to check for returns. The tickets are £10 adult, £6.00 child to include a ploughman's supper. There is a bar so please do not bring your own drinks.

VILLAGE CLEAN UP Sunday 17th March 11.00 a.m. Village Green

Every year the leaves need clearing from the village green and surrounding paths to keep the paths safe and to allow the grass to grow in the spring. This is a task for a small army of volunteers so if you have a spare hour on Sunday 17th March please come along with a rake, bags will be provided.

AFTERNOON TEA CONCERT Sunday 7th April 4.15 p.m. Village Hall

What a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon in spring enjoying afternoon tea with delicious home-made cakes whilst being entertained by the choir and local musicians! Tickets can be purchased on the door but to ensure a seat book your ticket in advance from 07890 996798 anytime from the beginning of March, £5.00 (£3.00 concession). The choir is open to everyone of all ages and experience and is a great way of relaxing and making friends, so if you are interested in giving it a try phone the number above for more information.

A500 MUSIC IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL Sunday 12th May 7.30 p.m. Village Hall

A500 Music presents **Speak, Brother & Joe Dolman** - doors open 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. start.

For details visit their website www.a500music.co.uk or see their Facebook page www.facebook.com/A500-Music. To purchase tickets directly and avoid paying a booking fee, call Ian Boyle on 07828 830247

FULFORD COMMUNITY FUN DAY JULY 13TH VILLAGE HALL 2.00 – 5.00 p.m, the SHOULDER from 6.00 p.m.

Bring a picnic and enjoy an afternoon of family entertainment! There will be various stalls, games, a dog show, tea, cakes, music and more and will be followed by a BBQ and live music at the Shoulder of Mutton. Anyone wishing to book a stall or organise a game please contact a member of the Fulford Village Group.

THE BOOK CASE 2019 charity - the RSPCA

The pub started selling second hand books in aid of the Church over eight years ago and in this time a substantial amount of money has been raised – at least £1500 (but we have lost count)! When the War Memorial Appeal was launched it was decided to put the book money from that date towards the renovation, having no idea at the time that there would be such an amazing response from the village and that the target would be reached in weeks not months. In the meantime we were saddened to hear that Bob, a well-known figure in the village and a regular helper and character at the pub had died, so it seems fitting that to mark Bob's memory, the charity for 2019 will be the RSPCA, his chosen charity at his funeral. For many the final memory of Bob will be the ceremony and display he planned at the pub commemorating the end of World War 1 and at the same time raising a substantial amount of money for the British Legion.

VILLAGE WALKS 11.00 a.m. from the village green

The walks take place on the first Sunday of every month starting from the village green at 11.00 a.m. and returning by about 1.00 p.m. The walks are on the roads and footpaths around Fulford and are a great way of taking exercise, getting to know people in the village, catching up on the news and seeing and learning more about the environment in which we live. New to the village? Then this is a great thing to do!

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, FULFORD Revd Marion Reynolds

Included in the What's On in Fulford are details of the special services for the year, however there is a regular monthly schedule of services in Church at which everyone is also very welcome. These are - 1st Sunday 9.30 a.m. BCP Holy Communion, 2nd Sunday 9.30 a.m. CW Holy Communion, 3rd Sunday 8.45 a.m. BCP Holy Communion (said), 10.00 a.m. Family Service and 4th Sunday 9.30 a.m. CW Holy Communion. On the 5th Sunday services alternate between St Nicholas', Fulford and Christ Church, Hilderstone.

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.

FULFORD HALL FARM SHOP 07854 213236

Fulford Hall Farm shop is now open, selling free-range meat, eggs, vegetables, homemade cakes and pies from their little blue shop next to St. Nicholas' Church. Opening times are Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Local delivery is also available, for any enquiries please ring Jade on 07854 213236.

FULFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS from Mrs Sutton, Headteacher.

As well as being proud of our broad and balanced curriculum and Forest School status, we are also very proud of our 2018 Key Stage 2 results. The national league tables which were published on December 13th 2018 have shown that Fulford Primary School is **4th in Staffordshire** for their average scores achieved in Maths at the end of Key Stage 2. This ranking is out of 389 Primary and Middle Schools in Staffordshire Local Education Authority, including Maintained schools, Academies and Middle Schools. Fulford Primary School is also **11th in Staffordshire** out of 389 schools for the percentage of children who achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths at the end of key Stage 2.

We hope to see you soon at one of our forthcoming events:

Fulford Primary School Open Evening for Parents of Children starting school in Reception Class in September 2019 - Tuesday 7th May 2019 from 6pm to 7pm

An evening for prospective parents to come and find out more about school life and to meet staff and pupils in readiness for their children starting school in September 2019.

Worm Charming Event at Fulford Primary School - Thursday 16th May 2019 from 4pm to 4.30pm

Who will be this year's champion worm charmer? The competition is open to all and we would be delighted to have more residents from the village join us. If you would like to take part, please let the school know so we can reserve a worm charming plot for you.

Fulford Primary School Open Morning for Children Starting School in Reception Class in September 2019 - Monday 20th May 2019 and Tuesday 11th June 2019 from 9am to 10am

Children starting school in September can come along with their parents (Monday 20th May) and key workers (Tuesday 11th June) for a taster visit and get to know the school before joining us in September.

Fulford Primary School Sports Day - Monday 17th June 2019 (Monday 24th June if weather postponed)

Younger siblings can come and support and join in the fun at our sports day. KS2 children will be competing in the morning and Reception and KS1 children in the afternoon. Any children starting at Fulford School in September 2019 are more than welcome to join in with our current Reception class in the afternoon.

Fulford Primary Summer Fair - Thursday 20th June 2019 from 3.30pm to 5pm

Everyone is invited to join us for our Summer Fair and enjoy a variety of games and stalls including tombola, cake sales and refreshments.

Fulford Primary School Taster Morning for Children Starting School in Reception Class in September 2019 Tuesday 25th June 2019 from 9am to 11am and Monday 1st July 9am to 2.30 p.m (including lunch).

Children starting school in September can come along and spend the morning with us and have lots of fun getting to know everyone before joining us in September.

GRIT BINS

If the temperature drops please remember the grit is for roads and pavements not private drives.

THE VILLAGE HALL www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk

For a timetable of the regular bookings held in the hall including "Sing & Sign", badminton, art, 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 website. Whilst most of these bookings are fully subscribed, there are currently opportunities to join indoor bowls, badminton and table tennis. For party bookings tel. 388784 or email bookings@fulfordvillagehall.org.uk.

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 8pm** 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 tel: 01782 398186.**

WHAT'S ON IN FULFORD 2019

(but check www.fulfordvillage.com for the latest info)

FEBRUARY

Sunday 3rd Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green
Saturday 9th Barn Dance 7.00 p.m. Village Hall

MARCH

Sunday 3rd Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green
Friday 15th Live Wires 7.00 p.m. Village Hall
Sunday 17th Spring Clean Up 11.00 a.m. Village Green
Sunday 31st Family Communion for Mothering Sunday, 9.30 a.m. St Nicholas' Church, Fulford

APRIL

Sunday 7th Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green
Sunday 7th Afternoon Tea Concert Fulford Community Choir 4.15 p.m. Village Hall
Friday 19th Good Friday Service, 2.00 p.m. St Nicholas' Church, Fulford
Sunday 21st CW Communion Service for Easter Sunday, 9.30 a.m. St Nicholas' Church, Fulford

MAY

Wednesday 1st Best Kept Village judging begins
Sunday 5th Village Walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green
Tuesday 7th FPS Open Evening (see above)
Sunday 12th A500 Speak, Brother and Joe Dolman 7.30 p.m. Village Hall
Thursday 16th FPS Worm Charming Event 4.00 – 4.30 p.m.
Monday 20th FPS Open Morning (see above)

JUNE

Saturday 1st BKV second judging begins
Sunday 2nd Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green
Tuesday 11th FPS Open Morning for key workers (see above)
Monday 17th FPS Sports Day (24th if bad weather)
Thursday 20th FPS Summer Fair 3.30 – 5.00 p.m.
Monday 24th Closing date for Photo Competition (Garden Judging date tbc)
Tuesday 25th FPS Taster Morning 9.00 – 11.00 a.m. (see above)

JULY

Monday 1st BKV finalists judging begins
Monday 1st FPS Taster Day 9.00 – 2.30 p.m. (see above)
Sunday 7th Village Walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green
Saturday 13th Community Fun Day 2.00 – 5.00 p.m. at Village Hall and from 6.00 p.m. the Shoulder

AUGUST

BKV results

OCTOBER

Sunday 6th Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green
Sunday 6th Harvest Festival, 9.30 a.m. St Nicholas' Church, Fulford
Sunday 6th St Nicholas' Harvest Supper 6.00 p.m. Village Hall
Sunday 13th A500 Willy Porter 7.30 p.m. Village Hall

NOVEMBER

Sunday 3rd Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green

DECEMBER

Sunday 1st Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green
Friday 6th Santa and Soup 6.00 p.m. Village Green
Saturday 7th Christmas Fair 1.00 – 4.00 p.m. Village Hall
Sunday 15th Fulford Community Choir Christmas Concert 7.00 p.m. Village Hall
Tuesday 24th Midnight Mass 11.30 p.m. (provisional) St Nicholas' Church, Fulford
Wednesday 25th Family Communion for Christmas Day 10.30 a.m. (provisional) St Nicholas' Church.