

FULFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2019

CONGRATULATIONS - A GREAT RESULT!

Fulford was placed **SECOND** in the Small Village Category in the Stafford Area! Thanks to the splendid efforts of the regular volunteers plus the fact that the majority of the village embraced the ethos of the event and kept their own patch tidy, we did really well. It would seem that the judges quite rightly see that the competition is about so much more than flower beds and verges and the community spirit of Fulford evidenced in so many ways, not least the effort re the War Memorial, went a long way in their rating us so highly. The detailed summary of the judges' comments has yet to be published but when available can be found at www.fulfordvillage.com/bkv-results.php

PHOTO COMPETITION

The winning photos as voted for during the Community Fun Day are printed and on display in the pub. As always the standard was very high and in some categories just a vote separated the first two places! Congratulations go to the category winners Sal Jones, Nick Mott, Stuart Thorn and under 14 winner Tor Mott. This year's overall winner was Stuart Thorn with his spectacular picture of the Green at sunset.

GARDEN COMPETITION

A lovely sunny day towards the end of June saw the judges walking round Fulford accompanied by members of the village who guided them and took photos to help them make their final choices. The awards presented at the Community Fun Day, congratulations to all the winners!

Large front garden – Hillberry House, Saverley Green Road

Small front garden – 18, Highview

Verge – The Rocks, Town End

Tubs and hanging baskets – 27, Kingfisher Crescent

Thank you to everyone for taking part but particularly to the judges for giving their time and expertise.

CALENDARS 2020 AND CHRISTMAS CARDS 2019

Using photos submitted for the competition the village calendars are being printed and will be ready for sale from members of the Village Group and during events around the village in early October at the same price as last year of £7.00 (landscape) and £5.00 (portrait). To reserve your copy phone 07890 996798.

We are looking for one or two more pictures for this year's Christmas cards. If you have any festive images of the village that you think might be suitable please email them to stuey.thorn@gmail.com by 14th October.

FULFORD COMMUNITY FUN DAY – put next year's date in your diary 11th July 2020!!!

FAMILY RESEARCH GROUP THURSDAY 2.00 – 4.00p.m. St Nicholas Church annexe

Have you ever wished you could trace your family tree back in time? Here is your chance!

FAMILY RESEARCH GROUP will commence on **Thursday 10th October** 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. in the annexe of St Nicholas Church and will be run by **Dr. Richard Talbot, MBE, F.R.Hist.S**, a leading North Staffordshire Historian from Fulford. Beginning at the start you will be shown the tools needed to research, compile and where to look and will cover all aspects of researching your family tree. The course will run for ten weeks and the cost including tea/coffee and all handouts is £35. To reserve your place please phone 01782 396858 or email drrichard.talbotmbe@gmail.com but don't delay as places are limited!

TABLE TENNIS FRIDAYS 10.00 – 12.00 a.m. Village Hall

New players are needed of all abilities from beginners to inconsistent genius! At just £2.00 a session it's good fun for everyone - just turn up for a free trial session or phone 01782 397303 for further information.

YOUNG PERSONS AWARD - closing date 31st January 2020.

Last year £100 was given by the Fulford Village Group to Alfie Boote as a contribution towards his travel costs to Poland to take part in the Team GB selection trials for the under 18 Canoe Slalom. In these World Junior Championships in Krakow, Alfie won a bronze medal in the team event, reached the final of the C1 Men's competition and received the award for the best performance of British C1 Men in the competition. This new award is open to any person up to the age of 18 who either lives in or has a strong connection with Fulford who may need some help in funding a particular project or venture - it could be in the field of sport, music or a charitable, volunteering or academic activity. Persons wishing to be nominated for the bursary should have shown prior dedication, commitment and talent in their chosen field. Applications/nominations will be treated with confidentiality and should initially take the form of a letter outlining some details sent by email to salandmick@madasafish.com

FULFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS from Mrs Sutton, Head Teacher.

STAY AND PLAY - NEW!

Pre-school age children (and their parents) are welcome to join us from 2.30 - 3.30pm on Mondays for an hour of play in our Reception Class and outside area. If you know of any parents who would be interested in joining us please let them know that they can just drop in to stay and play.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE CLUB

As a school we now offer After School Care, Monday to Friday, from 3.30 to 5.45pm with parents able to book sessions from 3.30 - 4.30pm which are in the form of a club such as games, Lego, sports, drawing and computing and further sessions which run from 4.30pm to 5.45pm including a light tea for children.

NURSERY PROVISION from September 2019

The School is happy to announce that from September 2019 we offer places in our Foundation Class for 3 year olds. The Foundation Class will be made up of both Reception and pre-school children, working together under experienced Early Years teachers Mrs Thornley and Mrs Sutton, together with the support of Mrs Norton. Children of pre-school age will be given a key worker, who will direct their learning ensuring it matches their needs and moves them on. We are now accepting admissions for Foundation Class 2019/20.

BRING AND BUY SALE, SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER Fulford Primary School

Look out for the posters around the village with more information about this event nearer the time.

ADVENT FAIR & CAROLS, WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2019 FROM 3.30 - 5.00 p.m. at Fulford Primary.

Everyone is welcome to come along and hear the children sing and enjoy some festive fun and refreshments.

FUTURE EVENTS

Please check our Fulford Primary School Facebook page to find information about forthcoming events.

LITTLE LEARNERS from Angela Alcock

Some exciting news - Little Learners Nursery have extended their provision to include children from 12 months old! We are situated in the Village hall and offer full day /sessional care, Monday to Friday from 7.45 to 4 pm. We also hold before and after school clubs.

For more information call Angela Alcock on 07980959456 or call in for a chat.

FULFORD VILLAGE WALKS SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER 11.30 a.m "A Walk to Barlaston"

On Sunday 6th October we begin our new series of Fulford Village Walks. These are usually circular walks commencing on the village green taking about 2 hours using the local footpath network. However, following the success of the 'Walk to Stone' in July, the first walk of the new season will be a 'Walk to Barlaston'. The walk is one way - please make your own arrangements for the return journey but note the **later start time of 11.30a.m** to allow for those people wishing to attend the Harvest Festival to do both. Check the village notice boards and the 'Fulford Village - Staffordshire' Facebook group for further information.

Other events are being planned for later in the season. For further information call: 01782 398280.

FULFORD VILLAGE GROUP AGM Monday 11th NOVEMBER 8.30 p.m. Village Hall EVERYONE WELCOME

A500 MUSIC IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER and 1st DECEMBER 7.30 p.m. Village Hall
Willy Porter and guest John Dhali are playing Sunday 13th October and Peter Riley and Shamona on 1st

December. For more details visit the A500 Music website www.a500music.co.uk or Facebook page www.facebook.com/A500-Music or by phoning Ian Boyle 07828 830247.

HALLOWEEN QUIZ SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER 6.30 p.m. (time tbc) the Shoulder of Mutton

Come to the Shoulder of Mutton on Sunday 27th October from 6.30 p.m. to be tested on your knowledge of the scary! It will be a fun evening for all the family with a spooky quiz and fancy dress competition for children and adults with fabulous prizes! Check out the notice board at the pub for more information nearer the time.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 10.45 a.m. St Nicholas Church, Fulford

"This year marks the 80th anniversary of the start of WW2 despite the fact that WW1 was meant to be 'the war to end all wars'. So, it is very appropriate that we remember all those who gave their lives in the service of their country. In Fulford we have more reason to remember as, following its restoration, we rededicate our parish war memorial during the Remembrance Day service on 10th November at 10:45am. All are welcome to the service but we would especially welcome relatives of those we remember on our war memorial" **Rev Marion Reynolds**

LEAF CLEAR SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER 11.00 a.m. Village Green

Come and help spruce up the village in readiness for the winter, just bring your rake and gardening gloves!

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE SHOULDER DOORS OPEN AT 7.30 p.m

Back by popular demand, "**STONE COLD SOBER-ISH**" will entertain and there will be a hot buffet. Tickets will be on sale from October in the Shoulder and costing just £18, will be in high demand so buy early!

VILLAGE HALL ROOF

Early this year an application for funding, to replace the main hall roof, was made to the **National Lottery Awards for All** and also to **Fulford Parish Council**, the Holding Trustees. Both requests were extremely successful and raised a combined amount of £15,000 towards the cost (£10,000 from the National Lottery and £5,000 from Fulford Parish Council). With additional funds to cover the total cost coming from our own **Village Hall funds**, this enabled a contractor to be appointed.

Observant villagers will have noticed the profile of the main roof ridge has progressively deteriorated since the hall was built in 1973. The contractor identified that the top ridge along the length of the apex between each of the steel supports was built with inadequate size wood, hence the sagging profile. This is now being addressed but the need for a structural survey has resulted in completion of the roof being delayed. Weather permitting; the work can now be completed. The opportunity to install high level ventilation in the roof has also been included in the project to address the comfort of the hall in summer.

Apologies to the users of the village hall and to the neighbours for the delay and any related noise issues.

THE VILLAGE HALL www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk

A new pilates session started on Tuesday 17th September at 6:30; call or text 07769 693390, and an additional Yoga session on a Monday as well as Wednesday, call 07452 820839. For a timetable of the regular bookings and events including "Sing & Sign" for babies and toddlers, badminton, art, yoga, Pilates, 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.

For party bookings tel. 388784 or 397629 or email bookings@fulfordvillagehall.org.uk.

The National Village Halls Week takes place from 20th January 2020 to 26th January 2020 which aims to celebrate England's Village Halls; See the next newsletter for more details.

THE OAK TREE ON THE GREEN

No doubt you will have noticed that the replacement Oak Tree on the Green has been removed. Unfortunately, earlier this year, the tree was plagued by an outbreak of the Oak Tree Processionary Moth, which, before this year, has been limited to the continent and south of the M25. Not only are the caterpillars a danger to the development of the tree, but they are also a hazard to the health of animals and people due to the large number of tiny hairs on each which they shed when they feel threatened. Those hairs can cause respiratory and eye problems and so the tree and nest had to be removed.

Monitoring of another oak tree in the vicinity has also been put into place but thankfully no moths have been found in the trap. In case you were wondering, the hole on the green has been left in case there are any more eggs underground, and the Green will be allowed time to recover before a replacement can be planted. Thank you to the eagle eyed dog walkers who spotted this before anyone was affected!

WHAT'S ON IN FULFORD 2019

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

OCTOBER

- Sunday 6th Harvest Festival, 9.30 a.m. St Nicholas' Church, Fulford
- Sunday 6th Village walk **11.30 a.m.** (note later start) Village Green
- Sunday 6th St Nicholas' Harvest Supper 6.00 p.m. Village Hall
- Sunday 13th A500 Music Willy Porter 7.30 p.m. Village Hall BYOB
- Sunday 27th Halloween Quiz 6.30 p.m (time tbc) Shoulder of Mutton

NOVEMBER

- Sunday 3rd Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green
- Saturday 9th Bring and Buy Fulford Primary School
- Sunday 10th Remembrance Sunday service 10.45 a.m. St Nicholas Church, Fulford
- Monday 11th Fulford Village Group AGM 8.30 p.m. Village Hall – all welcome.
- Sunday 17th Leaf Clear 11.00 a.m. Village Green

DECEMBER

- Sunday 1st Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green
- Sunday 1st A500 Music Peter Riley and Shamona 7.30 p.m. Village Hall BYOB
- 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
- Wednesday 18th Advent Carols and Fair 3.30 p.m. Fulford Primary School
- Sunday 22nd Christmas Carol Service 6.30 p.m. at St Nicholas Church, Fulford
- 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.
- Carols on the Green – date tbc
- Tuesday 31st Live Music and Buffet 7.30 p.m. the Shoulder (ticket only)

JANUARY

- Sunday 5th New Year's Walk 11.00 a.m. Village green
- Monday 20th National Village Hall week
- Friday 31st Fulford Village Group Bursary closing date

FEBRUARY

- Saturday 1st Barn Dance with Folkus Pocus 7.00 p.m. Village Hall

MARCH

- Saturday 14th Live Wires Fulford Village Hall

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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

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