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It is hard to believe another year has gone by and we are thinking about the jobs that need doing around the village to make Fulford Best Kept Village ready! Many people have offered to take on tasks, some big and some small, and in the spirit of 'many hands make light work' everyone's offer of help has been accepted. These tasks range from washing the white posts and street signs, maintaining the planters (including a new one that is on order), washing the phone box and bus stops, checking the playground for litter, keeping areas weed free and general village maintenance. Unfortunately the verges have taken quite a toll over the winter so if everyone could have a look at the area near their house and sweep and weed it would go a long way to improving the look of the village. The village Spring Tidy is on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March, details below, everyone welcome!

Last year the BKV village focus was butterflies and sunflowers and, continuing with the theme of encouraging wildlife in the village, there will be another three butterfly releases in early summer. The caterpillars have to be bought and nurtured and only released as butterflies when ready, so the dates of the releases will not be known until nearer the time. Look out for posters around the village from May onwards for more information.

Having heard so much on the news about the rapidly diminishing number of hedgehogs it has been decided that hedgehogs will be the other main topic of Fulford's BKV year. The school children have already been tasked to design their posters to be displayed in the village and the title is 'Fulford, the Best Kept Village for Hedgehogs and their insect friends'. Based on last year's fantastic designs we know the children from Fulford Primary School will really brighten up the village and make us smile with their amazing art work. We are always very grateful to the school for their support for BKV.

Despite all of the continuous road works last year, we still managed Highly Commended so surely with the Village Green back to its former glory, the lovely new well, the new planter on order and the fantastic community spirit in Fulford we will have a chance of a podium position this year!

### **SPRING TIDY Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 11.00 a.m. Village green.**

Just an hour from lots of people will quickly tidy the village green and surrounding paths, so put Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March in your diary, bring a rake and/or a brush and we will provide the bags and coffee!

### **ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES VALUATION Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April in aid of Church "Access for All"**

Following on from the wonderful fund raising evening with Gail Morecombe the Church has organised an afternoon with Adrian Rathbone, Director of **Hanson's Auctioneers** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 2:30pm – 5pm in Hilderstone Village Hall. Bring your antiques and collectables for valuation, £1 per item (max 5 items) Refreshments available. For more information contact Rev Marion 01782 397073



## **COMING SOON – ABUNDANCE WORKSHOP**

Look out for a date in late March for an Abundance Workshop at the Village Hall. This will be a fun evening event where you will learn how powerful your own mind is and how you can recognise and change your own negative beliefs around money and scarcity using RTT (Rapid Transformational Therapy) techniques. All proceeds will go to the Fulford Village Group to help make our village even better than it already is.

## **A500 MUSIC [www.a500music.co.uk](http://www.a500music.co.uk) Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

Bringing great live music to the Potteries, A500 Music has chosen Fulford Village Hall as one of their venues for some of the finest acoustic style music in a friendly and intimate environment.

The next gig is Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March featuring William the Conqueror with special guest John Dhali followed by Carter Sampson with Lauren Barth and Jesse Aycock on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

This is great live music just a walk from home, an opportunity not to be missed!

## **AUCTION OF PAINTINGS FOR OAK TREE FARM Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

### **Event at OAK TREE CAFÉ, OAK TREE FARM SANDON ROAD HILDERSTONE ST15 8RT**

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March there will be an auction of between 30 and 40 paintings by local artist (and Fulford Community Choir member) **Rita Banks**. The paintings will be available to view at 6.00 p.m. and the auction will begin at 7.15p.m.

You will be welcomed with a glass of bubbly and all monies will go to Oak Tree Farm Rural project for Young Adults with Learning Difficulties. Please come, invite your friends and have a wonderful evening raising money for Oak Tree Farm and grabbing yourself a bargain.

## **DOG FOULING**

Not such good news is the dog fouling in the Church yard – how unpleasant must it be to have to avoid dog mess when going to Church or visiting the grave of your loved one?

## **FULFORD HALL FARM SHOP 07854 213236**

Since September the farm shop has been donating 20p from each box of eggs sold to Fulford Primary School. This has raised over £65 so far! The farm would like to thank their customers for supporting the school and look forward to seeing what project this goes towards.

With Easter just around the corner if anyone would like to pre-order lamb please get in touch by calling 07854 213236. Half or whole lambs are available as well as a limited number of leg and shoulder joints in the shop.

## **THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON 01782 399320**

Book early for Mother's Day (Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March) and enjoy treating Mum to a special lunch at the Shoulder of Mutton. There will be two sittings (the first starting between 12.00 – 1.00 and the second between 3.00 – 4.00 p.m.). All meals need to be pre-ordered and there is a set price for each course – starters £5.50, mains £12.95 and desserts £5.50.

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March there will be live music from a solo artist from 9.00 p.m. and on the last Friday of the month Dom's Disco from 9.00 p.m.



## **PILATES**

Pilates classes are held on Monday at Fulford Village Hall and are ideal for beginner / intermediate level. To book a place and for more details please call Melanie on 07562 378808.

## **A NEW VENTURE IN THE VILLAGE - INSPIRE RECORDS**

Not many villages can boast their very own record label but Fulford can! Matt Bishop and Charlotte Elizabeth have set up Inspire Records (believed to be Staffordshire's only record label) offering comprehensive support from recording and production through to PR and management – in fact, everything a musician needs to further their careers. The duo hosted a hugely successful launch party in the village hall last month and we look forward to hearing more from Inspire Records.

## **FULFORD COMMUNITY CHOIR Sundays 4.00 – 6.00 Village hall (roughly fortnightly)**

The choir is open to everyone of all ages and experience and is a great way of relaxing and making friends. You are not expected to read music and won't be asked to sing on your own so do give it a try if you are interested – the first rehearsal is free and then £3.00 a session. Alternatively you may just want to come along and listen and if this is the case the choir's next performance is Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 4.15 p.m. in Fulford Village Hall when you can enjoy tea and cakes whilst enjoying some great singing. Tickets can be purchased by phoning 07890 996798 from the beginning of April, £5.00 (£3.00 concession). Phone the same number for rehearsal dates and times.

## **LIBRARIES**

The County Council is consulting on changes to the operation of the 20 county council Managed and Delivered Libraries (such as Stone), Voluntary Managed (such as Blythe Bridge) and Mobile Libraries. Ideas include using technology to extend opening hours with an automated service, working with communities to increase the number of community managed libraries and reviewing how the mobile and travelling library service is used. As part of the proposal the Mobile Library would continue to call at Fulford Village Hall, but not at Moss Lane.

## **MOBILE LIBRARY**

At present, the mobile library visits Fulford Village Hall at 11.55 and Moss Lane at 1.15 every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday.

## **WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION**

In August 2017 Veolia was awarded Stafford Borough Council's Waste and Recycling Collection Service and Processing of Dry Recycling Contract. The new Contract commenced on 4th February 2018. This means that Veolia will provide waste and recycling collection services as well as collections from the Saturday Civic Amenity services for Parish Councils. More info on <https://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/binday>

The Tuesday schedule for the collection of bins in Fulford remains unchanged.

## **THE VILLAGE HALL [www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk)**

For a timetable of the regular bookings held in the hall and for information about forthcoming events, please visit the website, and for party bookings tel. 01782 388784 or email [bookings@fulfordvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:bookings@fulfordvillagehall.org.uk).

## **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.

# WHAT'S ON IN FULFORD 2018

(but check [www.fulfordvillage.com](http://www.fulfordvillage.com) for the latest info)

**MARCH** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> A500 concert William the Conqueror 7.30 p.m. Village Hall

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Live music the Shoulder 9.00 p.m.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Auction of paintings at Oak Tree Farm

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Village Tidy Up 11.00 a.m. Village Green

**APRIL** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Valuation Afternoon 2.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. Hilderstone Village Hall

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Fulford Community Choir Afternoon Tea concert 4.15 p.m. Village Hall

**MAY** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Best Kept Village Competition begins

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> A500 concert Village Hall

Butterfly release – dates TBA

**JUNE** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Photographic competition closing date

Week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Garden competition judging

Butterfly release – dates TBA

**JULY** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Final BKV judging begins

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green

**AUGUST** BKV results

**OCTOBER** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Harvest Supper 6.00 p.m. Village Hall

**NOVEMBER** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Santa and Soup 6.30 p.m. Village Green

**DECEMBER**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Craft Fair **1.00 p.m.** Village Hall

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Fulford Community Choir Christmas concert 7.00 p.m. Village Hall

**KEEP UP TO DATE**

If you would like to keep 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](mailto:fulfordvillagegroup@googlemail.com)

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