



FULFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2022

The Best Kept Village competition is under way with judging taking place from 1st May, again sometime in June and if Fulford is lucky enough to get through to the finals, again in July. You will have noticed the wonderful children's BKV posters celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee displayed around the village, a reminder that it is time to tidy up the verges, sweep the pavements outside your house and do whatever you can to help present the village in its best light for the judges! Needless to say, litter picking and clearing up after your dog are ongoing throughout the year.

It is only when compiling this year's entry form and outlining the things that have happened throughout the year and the plans for the future, do we realise what an amazing place Fulford is and how well we did last year despite all the challenges in keeping community spirit alive during these unprecedented times.

Thank you to everyone who has stayed connected and involved whether through Facebook, emails or word of mouth and if you have not yet made contact but would like to offer your support please do get in touch.

FVG YOUNG PERSON'S BURSARY AWARD 2022

The Fulford Village Group was delighted to receive some strong applications this year for the annual £100 Bursary award. The judges reviewed all applications very carefully and are delighted to announce that the 2022 Bursary has been awarded to Nathan Thorn. Nathan is 13 years old and lives on Hillside Close. Nathan plans to use the bursary to gain valuable cooking experience with a Professional Chef and Kitchen which will help him with his future aspirations of a career within the Catering & Hospitality Sector. Well Done Nathan! The FVG would like to send special thanks to all those who submitted entries.

This annual award is provided to reward and encourage endeavour in young people (8-18 years old) who live in the village or attend/have attended the Village School. The bursary is offered to assist costs that will be incurred, and may be preventing, the young person from attending or receiving help with sport, music, art, theatre, creative skills or voluntary placements.

If you would be interested in applying for the 2023 award, look out for announcements about applications later this year.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2022 closing date 21st June 2022

This year's photographic competition 'A Year in Fulford' will follow last year's format of five categories Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter and Christmas with each photographer allowed to enter just one photo per category to stuey.thorn.fulford@gmail.com no later than the closing date above.

Because there are limited opportunities to use portrait (as opposed to landscape) photographs in the calendars just one portrait entry per photographer please. Voting and awards will take place at the Community Fun Day on 9th July and the Village calendar 2023 will be on sale from mid-October.

Entries can be submitted at any time so if your 2021/2022 photos are ready (with your name and category) they can be sent in straight away. Best of Luck to all participants!

FULFORD COMMUNITY CHOIR Sundays 4.00 – 6.00 p.m. Fulford Village Hall

It is hard to believe that a chance remark by a member of the village started Fulford Community Choir and that we are now celebrating our tenth anniversary! In these ten years the choir has given annual Christmas and afternoon tea concerts to a packed village hall, taken part in competitions in Leicester and Nuneaton, sung in Sandon Hall and the Victoria Hall several times and most recently in Lichfield Cathedral. It has of course been a challenging couple of years but thanks to the unwavering enthusiasm and energy of the conductor, Dan Hollingshurst and Zoom - the choir is still singing and is now returning to full strength.

To celebrate 'Ten Years of Song' the choir will be hosting an afternoon of music at Sandon Hall on 12th June starting at 2.00pm where there will be the opportunity to picnic in the beautiful grounds with music from Fulford musicians (including children from the Primary School) throughout the afternoon. There will also be a children's entertainer, refreshments and stalls and games culminating in a concert in the main hall at 4.30pm. Tickets are £12 (£3.00 children) to include a glass of prosecco (or wine or non-alcoholic drink) and a bowl of strawberries and will be available as advertised nearer the time, or by email to: fulfordcommunitychoir@gmail.com

If you would like to know more about the choir please don't hesitate to get in touch through the above email address or the Facebook or web page - everyone is welcome, there are no auditions, you don't have to read music and you will never be asked to sing on your own! Rehearsal dates are on the website fulfordcommunitychoir.com and the rehearsals are £4.00 a session.

FULFORD COMMUNITY FUN DAY - SATURDAY 9TH JULY 2PM til 5PM

The Community Fun Day was an idea formed by the Fulford Village Group as a way of bringing all aspects of the village together. During the event we have an array of children's games, a display of fighting knights and a Fairground Ride. This year there is a 20 stall Craft Market plus Tea and Cakes with an ensemble of musicians to enhance the atmosphere. The day will include a children's Fancy Dress parade and photographic competition.

The afternoon concludes with the FULFORD DOG SHOW. The feedback from the 2019 Fun Day was tremendous and hopefully it will be well supported this year.

As this is a community event, if any society or club in the village would like to promote their group on the day please contact Maria Hudson 07761356138 to discuss their ideas.

FULFORD DOG SHOW - SATURDAY 9TH JULY

The Village Dog Show, which was held for the first time in 2019, will be running again as part of the Community Fun Day, on July 9th, during the afternoon. This will be just for dogs who live in the village (and their owners!) as we know numbers have increased since 2019!!

Full details of classes are being confirmed in the next couple of weeks and further information and booking forms will be posted by Fulford Villager on the Fulford Village Facebook site, sent out via Village email groups and displayed on posters around the village. Booking forms can also be obtained directly from fiona.shield@btinternet.com.

THE VILLAGE GREEN

The village green, pub etc are being decorated with jubilee themed bunting etc, it would be lovely if residents got into the spirit and put up their own decorations, for all to admire as they travel around the village.

Over the Jubilee bank holiday weekend, there will be various events at the Shoulder of Mutton, including games, raffle, live music and a barbeque. See pub Facebook page for more details or look out for the posters on display in the pub.

JUBILEE GARDEN TRAIL - Saturday 4th June.

Five gardens will be open in the morning and four/five different gardens in the afternoon, for drinks/snacks (wide variety of wonderful food and both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks!) and many will also have children's activities.

Morning session is from 11am to 1pm and afternoon session is from 2pm to 4pm.

A full list of participating gardens will be available for collection nearer the date, from various points around the village, including the pub, village hall and Village Group members, so come along, meet with friends and neighbours, sample a drink and snack (or 10 !), and enjoy a ramble around Fulford. Any questions, offers of help or ideas, please contact Sal Jones on 07811 846105.

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, FULFORD

The benefice of St. Nicholas' Church, Fulford and Christ Church, Hilderstone is in vacancy. The process of finding a new 'house for duty' vicar (to take Sunday services plus two other days) is ongoing.

Services continue at 9:30 a.m. every week with visiting clergy leading worship, taking baptisms, weddings and funerals. St. Nicholas' Church is open for private prayer on Wednesday mornings between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. If you have any enquiries, please contact the churchwardens: Rowena Robinson 01782 397838 or Shirley Rawlings 01538 724392.

To celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Church will take part in the village trail on Saturday 4th June and there will be a special service in church at 9:30 am on Sunday 5th June to mark the occasion. Look out for the next Church magazine for the latest updates.

A500 MUSIC IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL 7.00 p.m. Village Hall – Sunday 15th May

A500 Music presents Willy Porter with Special guest Paul Hawkworth - doors open 6.00 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. start. For details visit their website www.a500music.co.uk or see their Facebook page www.facebook.com/A500-Music. Admission by advance ticket purchase Price £12 – Ian Boyle 07828 830247 / Email info@a500music.co.uk OR Facebook www.facebook.com/A500-Music

COMING UP: 21st August 2022 – SONG WRITERS CIRCLE – “A Songwriting collaboration” Pete Riley, Andy Collins, Steve Balsamo.

COMING UP: 30th October 2022 – The Luke Jackson Show. Doors open 6pm, music starts at 7pm.

THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON 01782 399320 – BOOKINGS NOW TAKEN ONLINE

Join us at The Shoulder of Mutton for a delicious home cooked meal, using locally sourced ingredients. The Shoulder is at the heart of the village and supports all events in a variety of ways, you can keep up to date with Facebook or Instagram or ask a member of staff for more details.

FULFORD VILLAGE HALL 07981 549013 / bookings@fulfordvillagehall.org.uk

Fulford Village Hall has a variety of regular events taking place each week, details which can be found on the website www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk – these include 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.

VILLAGE WALKS 10.30 a.m. from the village green

The walks take place on the first Sunday of every month starting from the village green at 10.30 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!

FULFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS from Mrs Sutton, Headteacher.

It has been so lovely at Fulford Primary School seeing the children finally mixing more across the classes and making new friends. It was especially wonderful to see all the children together at the school disco where we made a fantastic £456 on ticket sales and a further £234 for the Easter Egg Raffle, making a total of £690 to support our reading scheme in school. Thank you for all of your donations of Easter eggs and well done to all of our winners who took their hampers home after the disco.....enjoy!

Thank you for your recent generosity to help others, for buying red noses and sending donations into school. The children all looked fantastic in either Comic Relief merchandise or blue and yellow for Ukraine and we raised a fantastic £256.65. Thank you also for all your donations to help Ukrainian refugees. All of the donations were gratefully received by a drop off centre in Newcastle and Hilderstone.

We had a super day for World Book Day and it was lovely to see and hear the children so excited about books. Thank you for the time and money spent on providing the children's costumes and for sending in photographs of children reading in unusual places, which are displayed in the library.

The children also had a fantastic time in the afternoon of World Book Day when they were entertained by musicians from Entrust on guitars, keyboards, drums, and vocals. They really inspired all of our Rocksteady musicians and all the children had a fantastic time singing and dancing.

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 who completed their Bikeability programme and enjoyed cycling around the streets of Fulford, learning all about cycle safety and bike care.

The children have also thoroughly enjoyed sharing stories and reading to our resident reading Springer Spaniel called Nina alongside her owner Dani.

Fulford Primary School are still accepting donations of unwanted clothes into our 'Recycle 4 School' external textile bank on our school premises. Roberts Recycling Ltd is an award-winning company and one of the UK's leading clothes recyclers and exporters. By getting involved in our school recycling scheme, you are able to raise funds, recycle and benefit people in poorer parts of the world at the same time. We will receive £400 for every tonne collected so please spread the word to friends/family/neighbours that anyone is welcome to use our recycling bank.

Please put your unwanted items in a carrier bag or bin bag before dropping them off at the school office or putting them into the bank by the school gate. Please fill the bags with clean, re-wearable clothing, shoes and accessories, a full list of what is and isn't accepted can be found on the bank.

This is a great opportunity for us to show that we, as a school, care about the environment, ethics and sustainability. Thank you for your support.

We are busy organising some great events for everyone to come along to and enjoy in the Summer term, so please look at the "What's On" and keep your eye on the Fulford Primary School Facebook page.



WHAT'S ON IN FULFORD 2022

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

MAY

- BKV Judging
- Sunday 15th May – **A500 Music** presents WILLY PORTER with Special Guest Paul Hawksworth, from 6pm at Village Hall
- Thursday 26th May pm – Fulford Primary School and families Jubilee Celebrations – More details to follow
- Sunday 29th May – “**Jubilee Preparations**” - Decorate your houses, gardens, fences, windows, tree's and more as Fulford's Community prepares for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.. If you have any spare time, please join us to put up the Bunting around the Village Green and surrounding areas. If you can help, please contact Maria Hudson 07761356138, it would be really appreciated.

JUNE

- BKV Judging
- Saturday 4th June – “**Jubilee Garden Trail**”
- Sunday 5th June – **Special Service** @ St Nicholas' Church to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration
- Sunday 12th June – “**10 Years of Song**” by Fulford community Choir @ Sandon Hall
- Monday 13th June – Fulford Primary School - Provisional date for Year 5 and 6 Swimming Gala
- Tuesday 14th June – Fulford Primary School – Year 5 and 6 Physics Festival at Blythe Bridge High School
- Wednesday 15th June – Fulford Primary School – Stoke City Penalty Shoot Out
- Monday 20th June - Fulford Primary School - Provisional date for Year 3 and 4 Swimming Gala
- Tuesday 21st June – Closing Date – “**Photographic Competition**”
- Wednesday 22nd June – Fulford Primary School – Year 4 Olympic Legacy Day @ Blythe Bridge High School
- Monday 27th June - Fulford Primary School - Provisional date for Sports Day

JULY

- BKV Judging (Final)
- Wednesday 6th July – Fulford Primary School – Key Stage 2 Summer Performance
- Saturday 9th July (2pm-5pm) - **FULFORD COMMUNITY FUN DAY**

AUGUST

- BKV – Results Announcement
- Sunday 21st August 2022 – **A500 Music** presents SONG WRITERS CIRCLE – “A Songwriting collaboration” Pete Riley, Andy Collins, Steve Balsamo – **SAVE THE DATE**

OCTOBER

- Saturday 15th October - **FULFORD VILLAGE BARN DANCE – SAVE THE DATE**
- Sunday 30th October - **A500 Music** presents The LUKE JACKSON Show from 6pm @ Village Hall

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 twice a month at 7.30 p.m. in the Shoulder and everyone is welcome. Meeting dates from September will be publicised nearer the time.

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