



POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL calling... Welcome to our April 2022 update

Our news:

***Positive Images & Words Exhibition**, created by 10 commissioned upcoming artists, was launched on 26th March at The Litten Tree Exhibition space. Visitors were impressed by the creativity of artists. Profiles of participating artists can be viewed on our website www.positiveimagesfestival.co.uk

*We responded to **Culture Change Coventry's** Strategy refresh engagement document.

*Saturday 21st May marks Positive Images Festival's finale event, **Poetry Meets Music**, at Tin Music and Arts, Canal Basin from 7.00pm to 10pm. We will be joined by the fabulous Sarah Fletcher and Coventry's own Shahnaz Akhter and special guest performers from the local poetry and music scene. There will also be open mic slots for poets and musicians.

For more information about this free event, see www.positiveimagesfestival.co.uk or email positiveimagesfest@gmail.com

*Our **Annual General Meeting** took place on 24th March 1.15pm – 2.00pm and on 31st March 6.00pm – 7.00pm. The list of new office-bearers will be circulated shortly. The new committee will take over from the beginning of June.

And here is news from our partner organisations...

***Asian Blind Association** has started holding its Yoga and Gentle Exercise Sessions at St. Peter's Centre.

Dates for Yoga sessions: 6 May, 3 June, 1 July

Dates for Gentle Exercise sessions: 29 April, 27 May, 24 June, 29 July

Time: 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Free for members. Non-members: £1.00

For further information, please ring Bipinbhai Vyas 024 7644 8645.

*Visit www.arty-folks.org.uk/whats-on/ for information about their Art for Wellbeing sessions in April and May.

*The weekly newsletter of **Coventry Action for Neighbourhoods (CAN)** continues to provide information about exhibitions, events and important issues.

***Coventry Libraries:**

*In partnership with digital support agency The Space, **Bell Green Library** worked on a project *How places feel: Riley Square*. The project was supported by staff at Bell Green Library, CV2 residents and community artists Georgiou and Tolley. Visitors to the library were able to listen to a recording of people's impressions of Riley Square. Associated events included: a guided walk in Riley Square and an opportunity to be photographed.

*For information about Spoken *English Practice Conversation* sessions held at Tile Hill, Jubilee Crescent, Foleshill, Stoke, Bell Green and Central Library, please visit www.coventry.gov.uk/whatsonlibraries

Capturing Coventry*, an exhibition prepared by students of Hereward College, was displayed at **Bell Green Library.

***Finham Library** would like to have a lot of bunting around the library to celebrate the Queen's 70th Jubilee celebrations. People interested in contributing a bunting need to ensure that the bunting: has relevance to royalty or UK or a Commonwealth country; is no more than 15cm wide and 20cm long; has a cloth base. The library will collect buntings after Easter up until the 3rd week in May. Contact: finhamlibrary@gmail.com

***Coventry Peace** Newsletter for April has news about: peace-related events in and around Coventry; a memorial service for peace activist, Penny Walker; The Lord Mayor's Peace Lecture 2022, etc.

***CRASAC** are hosting a lunchtime webinar on Friday 6th May (12pm to 1.30pm) which will look at the findings of a recent report by the Independent Inquiry for Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) around [Engagement with support services for ethnic minority communities](#). The event is aimed at service providers and professionals who work with those affected by sexual violence.

***Hillfields Readers Group:** Join our monthly friendly Group to see if it is for you. We read at a pace suited to all. The group meets 12.30pm to 2.00pm on the first Friday of the month in the Windsor Room at St Peters Community Centre, Charles Street, Hillfields.

All over 16s welcome. Next meeting **Friday 6th May**.

Books, sandwiches and refreshments provided **Free**

If you would like to know more, email Colin Scott at colorsc@yahoo.co.uk

*After a 2 year absence **Styvechale Open Gardens** is back on 12th June 11.00am-5.00pm. Tickets are £5 per adult, accompanied children go free. Tickets and map are available on the day from the Church Hall at West Orchard United Reformed Church, The Chesils, Coventry CV3 6FP. Proceeds will go to the National Garden Scheme caring charities and Myton Hospice. There will be up to 15 lovely mature suburban gardens open, with many of them providing refreshments and plants for sale. Plenty for you to see and perhaps some ideas for you to take home. For further information, email thegaughts@yahoo.co.uk

***Sue and Graham Pountney** continue to send us quiz questions from time to time. Do let us know if you would like us to forward these to you.

*Highlights from **UNA Coventry Branch** April newsletter: 175 nations' endorsement of a historic resolution to End Plastic Pollution; UK's efforts to improve girls' access to education in developing countries; Help Ukraine Emergency Appeal; and international days.

Culture Noticeboard...

*Join actor and theatre-maker, **Vimal Korpai**, for a sensory walk, celebrating the diverse and vibrant heritage of Foleshill Road, taking in: visits to temples; a stroll along the canal side; stops at selected shops and finish with a glass of cold mango lassi and a hot aloo paratha. All experienced in a fun and relaxed way.

The walks, part of *Water Weekend*, will be held on 29th and 30th April at 10.00am and 1.00pm. Duration – approx. 90 minutes. Meet at the corner of George Eliot Road and Foleshill Road.

To reserve a place, please email vimal.korpai@hotmail.co.uk

***The City of Culture Trust** has released a booklet covering activities right up to May. For further information and to find out more about fantastic activities during weekends in May, please visit www.coventry2021.co.uk

Did you know?

***The Big Jubilee Lunch**, which brings neighbours and communities together over food and fun, will be marked from 2nd to 5th June. If you are planning a big lunch, you can download a useful pack by visiting www.theBigJubileeLunch.com

Sunday 5th June is **Thank You Day** – an occasion for a big party to thank neighbours, volunteers and communities for help in the difficult last two years and also to raise a glass to the Queen for 70 years of outstanding service.

***Refugee Week** 2022 will be marked from 20th to 26th June. The theme for the 2022 Refugee Week is *Healing*. To access the Refugee Week Event Organiser's pack, visit www.refugeeweek.org.uk You can also request updates. In Coventry, Refugee Week has been renamed Coventry Welcomes Festival, which is being coordinated by Last Mafuba l.mafuba@inini.co.uk

For your information/action...

***Imagineer Productions** is running a free training programme for young people aged 16-30, not in employment, education or training, and interested in the creative or technical side of live events and outdoor arts. Training sessions will be held up to May at Daimler Powerhouse Creation Centre. Contact: kathi@imagineerproductions.co.uk or tayyaba@imagineerproductions.co.uk or call Jane Hytch 07808 429619



We congratulate:

***Sanjay Jagatia**, CEO of Ekta-Unity, on being honoured with *The Hubert Walter Award for Reconciliation and Inter-Faith Cooperation*.

***Pru Porretta MBE**, Coventry's Lady Godiva, on being named Coventry's latest Good Citizen.

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