

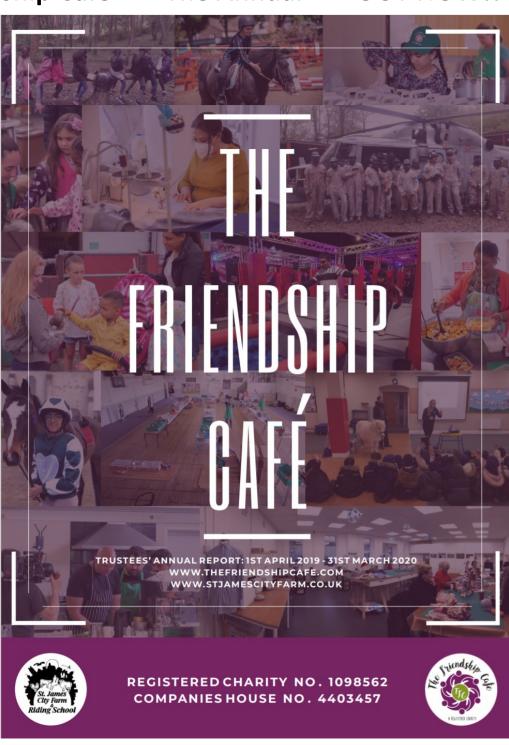
CAFÉ NEWS

Newsletter of The Friendship Café & St James City Farm

July/August/September 2020

Friendship Café — The Annual — OUT NOW!!

You can read our annual report on our website www.thefriendshipcafe.com















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Ed Lines

I always find this bit the hardest to write. Sometimes I am inspired and can write the editorial in minutes. Other times (like now) I can sit for ages thinking of something to pen and end up making a cheese toastie and watching Line of Duty re runs.

So I am going to try something new, I would like you all to shout out random words and I will try and write about 3 of them and incorporate them into my intro. So here goes......Elephant! Thanks whoever shouted that....next.....football team....I can work with that...one more—keep it clean please.......tree! OK then!!!

Liverpool FC (hate them as much as I do) find themselves as Champions of England (but still not as many league titles as Man Utd). They remind me of an ELEPHANT (an African one—you know whose ears are bigger and shaped a bit like Africa) that sits on the top of a tree (obviously a strong tree in Africa like the Baobab tree).

NO ONE KNOWS HOW IT GOT THERE BUT WE ALL KNOW ITS GOING TO FALL!!

TTFN

Shoaib—Editor





FAREWELL

We said goodbye to Juliet Sheppard our Finance Officer, who has moved on to work for GL Communities (another community organisation). After working with the Friendship Café for almost 6 years we will be sad to see her go. We would all like to thank her for her hard work and wish her well in her new job!



The Genius within....

hLocal**giving**

Mohammed Luqman has been attending the Friendship Café since he was about 7 years old. Luqman (now aged 16) is on the autism spectrum so can find it difficult to communicate with others but over the years has made many friends. Recently, we discovered that you can give any date to Luqman and he can tell you what day of the week it was. Even if it is a date in history 100s of years ago! This normally requires a complex formula or the use of a computer, but Luqman can calculate it in 2 SECONDS!

https://localgiving.org/donation/thefriendshipcafe/monthly

Can you spare a fiver each month?

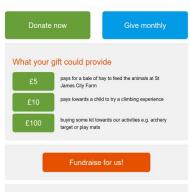
We are trying are best to be less reliant on grants – they usually take up a lot of time to complete and involves plenty of administration – time that could be better spent on actually running services and helping people.

If you can donate a small amount monthly (£5) that would be much appreciated.

Visit our Localgiving page

Thank you







OF EARTH AND SKY—https://ofearthandsky.co.uk/

Of Earth and Sky, is a large-scale poetry installation by <u>Luke Jerram</u>, taking place across Gloucester from Mon 24 August – Sun 1 November 2020. The poetry, created by Gloucestershire residents has been installed as a sculpture trail in 31 parks and public places across the city for people to discover and interact with.

Two of the poems chosen were by people I know very well. One is by my big sister. I have known her all my 51 years and never knew she had this talent. Family are very proud of you. The other is by Halima who is a family friend and has helped and organised numerous charitable and community projects. Well done to both of you.

What has happened to the world?

Why is it crying out in pain? What have we done so wrong? Who has caused this pain?

I feel a numbness, around me
I smell fear in the air
The deserted streets
No sound of laughter
But children crying in fear

What has happened to the world? Why is it crying out in pain? What have we done so wrong? Who has caused this pain?

The flowers all still blooming
The birds still sing their songs
The bees buzz all around me
The butterflies spread their warmth.

What has happened to the world?
Why is it crying out in pain?
What have we done so wrong?
Tell me who caused this pain?

Humans now all dress in masks
Walking away, without a hello
No good mornings
Or I'll see you soon
No come round for tea
Or a pop in and how are you?

What has happened to the world? Why is it crying out in pain? What have humans done so wrong? Who really caused this pain?

Blossom has now been and gone
Just like the daffodils of spring
Tulips now colour the ground
And lavender has spread her wings.

What has happened to the World?
Nature is pushing us far away
Humans are not wanted anymore
Mother nature is screaming out in pain

-Halima Malek Llanthony Secunda Priory



Our Guest

You came uninvited and you decided to stay
No red carpet or banquet was prepared for your way
Although no transport by sea, road or air,
You still managed to enter places no one would dare.
No restrictions, no rules, you were free to roam the world.
From China you set forth, no baggage or passport,
no visa required you came alone.
Traveling from one country to the next enjoyed and rested well.

No immigration laws of Brexit could stop you on your way, Nor the walls or barriers of Trump's USA.

No missiles of Putin's Soviet could deter your track

No race, religion, or colour do you have, yet you still enjoy the freedom of your travel.

You prey on your host making them weak you do not choose rich or poor

Your aim is to control and leave the world despair.

Your Presence caused "a lockdown" a word we never knew..... Families distanced, prisoners in our own homes A life so unreal in this modern world.

Yet you made us reflect, made us think.
The value of "life" —

Kindness, care, helpfulness, appreciation were no longer just words but the actions we took.

However a small request now, It's time for you to depart, Please "guest" leave us now.

So we may love, laugh and hug once again.

-Sajida Kathrada Gloucester Quays The Sabrina













City Farm: Now open again daily 9.30am to 5.00pm

Unfortunately, **no petting or feeding of animals** at the moment. We will see week by week how practical it is and adjust accordingly.

Please be patient with our volunteers who will let in small numbers at a time

– but at least it's a step towards normality.



Gloucester Day

Our volunteers attended the historic Gloucester Day in the City Centre.

It was a very subdued affair compared to previous years but it was a much welcomed change of scenery for the volunteers and the animals.

Countryfile visit

Adam Henson from BBC's Countryfile came along to the City Farm to see the riding school he formally launched almost 6 years ago.





Visit the city farm through this amazing VIRTUAL TOUR put together by David Burn from Kingfisher

Treasureseekers (for FREE!)

Look for the owl, the cat, the goats, sheep, ponies, chickens and the lovingly cared for community allotment area. Enjoy!!!

(To use copy and paste the RoundMe link on photo)

St James City Farm & Riding School





Don't forget 'Social Wednesdays' at the allotments at the City Farm from 10.30-12.00 where you can stop for a drink, have a chat and a look round.

The allotments are managed by Rachael from Fair Shares who is doing a grand job of getting the allotments up together again.



Kulchalee and his young people from the Lion's Den project came along to paint some poetic wisdom at the gates of the farm. (part of the OF Earth & Sky project).

Kulchalee has a fabulous growing project hidden away in nearby Parry Hall and we went along to two of the Summer events that they ran to support the events.

Thank you! MARKS& SPENCER

M & S store in Kingsditch who unexpectedly sent a cheque for £226 towards the City Farm, raised by their staff.

Riding Lessons

We have suspended all beginner lessons until further notice.

Please feel free to contact imran@thefriendshipcafe.com or 01452 308127 with any queries.









The Coffee Shop has now reopened

Monday to Fridays 10-3pm.

We have extended our table seating into the main hall to allow for social distancing measures to be put into place.

Watch out for the 'desi' breakfasts coming soon.

This is traditional Indian breakfasts with 'rotis' and spiced scrambled eggs, beans, potatoes and special 'masala' tea.

We look forward to seeing and welcome all our "regulars" and hopefully some "new regulars" back in the shop soon.





The Coffee Shop at The Friendship Cafe is at The Friendship Cafe.

7 September at 08:18 · Gloucester · 🔇

Breakfast at its best! The coffee shop was extremely busy during August for the eat out out to help out scheme. We are open continue to support your local café. Why not come in and enjoy the perfect cuppa and something off our Menu. #café #coffeeshop #local #community #bestbreakfast





Thank you to <u>Gloucestershire Constabulary</u> and the team of PCSOs who came down to security mark and register bikes at The Friendship Cafe recently. It means that if your bike gets nicked and found, it can easily be traced back to you. I know it works as someone told me that their stolen bike was returned to them ONE YEAR LATER! #biketheftshouldbeacapitaloffence!



The next dates will be:

Tuesday 27th October 5pm-6:30pm

Tuesday 17th November 5pm-6:30pm

Thursday 18th December 5pm-6:30pm

It normally costs money to get it done but

they will do it for FREE!!!





We made two treks through the stunning Black Mountains in Wales with Tregoyd Riding Centre. We hope to run more of these trips during the holidays for children and young people aged 10 or over from the Barton & Tredworth areas of the City. The next trips will probably be during the October half-term – unfortunately, unlike our normal large groups, we can only take groups of 8, ideally from the same 'social bubble' in order to transport safely. Contact imran@thefriendshipcafe.com to find out more.



Congratulations to Mohammed Ibrahim who came third in the annual Sacred Archery competition organised by the Ribat Institute. Mohammed, a regular at the Friendship Café Archery Club, has come a long way and finally achieved his dream of beating his former mentor Imran (who was having a bad day and did not do very well!)

Do, send in suggestions for anything that you think will be worth trying. Especially during these restricted times

We are always looking for new things to try out!







TUBING @ MATSON







SKI SLOPE











INDOOR CLIMB-ING @ THE WAREHOUSE









WILDCATS

Girls Football Skill Sessions













A deep breath of fresh air as we climb to the top of Robinswood Hill

Volunteers Required

If you would be interested in volunteering with the Girls Group, do get in touch with Zahara

@thefriendshipcafe.com

Thank you!

To all those that gave their time volunteering for the Girls Group Activities mentioned above and to the Activity Providers for allowing use of their facilities!



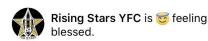
The Friendship Cafe

Rich is from the Community Payback team and along with his fellow colleague Steve, supervise offenders who put back into the community by doing work around the farm and the Friendship Café. This particular patch alongside the Friendship Café building has been lovingly restored by Rich and a member of the team, who have cleared the patch and reseeded it with grass. They've also put in place extra bike racks, ready for a cycling project in the near future.



Thinking of joining the Constabulary????

Gloucestershire Police will be recruiting in the future and if it's something you want to know more about or help with, please contact imran@thefriendshipcafe.com 01452-308127 and we can put you in touch with people who can tell you more about the process and support you through it.



A much deserved recognition of our wonderful players, parents and coaches this morning at our U10s Awards Presentation \(\frac{\mathbf{Y}}{2} \)

Thank you to all those that make this such an inclusive and special #Community Club









End of Season Awards - 2019/20

Each team held their delayed end of season awards in August after training with prizes for players and parents. Awards across all age groups were given for:

Best Team - Rising Stars U10s Comets.

Best Keeper – Habib Aswat.

Golden Boot – Tyler Nicholson, Adam Chand, Amir Bouchireb, Umar Faruk Tarki, Jacob Davis.

Players' Player – Jacob Davis, Danyaal Patel, Muaaz Ghanti, Tyler Nicholson.

Coach's Player: Luke Defause, Abdur Rahman Ouiles, Abdallah Hassan, Max Dawes.

Star Man: Zahid Turnbull, Salifou Bah, MZ Tai, Yaseen Saleh.









BECOME A FRIEND OF ST JAMES CITY FARM!

We need your help! Please Support Us

We keep our services free or as low cost as possible, but we still have many overheads to pay to keep things running. It costs over £70'000 per year to run the farm, and that is on a shoestring budget using only essential staffing, donations and the dedicated volunteers. Animal feed, vet bills, transport, insurances, water and electricity bills and replacing tools and repairs all cost money. You can help by becoming a Friend of St James City Farm by making a regular payment of £5 to £10 per month (or whatever you can afford!).

Or you can make a one-off donation:

- ◆£100 pays for a vet to visit and treat a sick animal
- ◆£50 helps to buy tools essential to maintain the animals' homes
- ♦£25 helps towards buying food for the animals
- ♦£10 funds a child's life-changing pony riding experience
- ◆£5 pays for a bale of hay and straw our animals need at least 3 a day!

Please donate securely online via

https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/finalCharityHomepage.action?charityId=1018888

St James City Farm & Riding School City Farm Riding School **Find out more** Home Events

Campaigns

Homepage

St James City Farm & Riding School is an award winning community project run by 'The Friendship Cafe' a registered local, charity.

Based in the inner city area of Gloucester, where over 50 languages are spoken in the space of one square mile, you will find a variety of small and large farm animals, poultry, owls, and a small but friendly British Horse Society Approved riding school to teach beginner local children all about riding.

Support us

If you'd like to support St James City Farm & Riding School just click the links

Start fundraising

Make a donation

Make a monthly donation

Donate your stuff

Or you can contact Imran at The Friendship Cafe, Chequers Bridge, Gloucester GL4 6PR to arrange your donation.

We are registered charity run by 'The Friendship Café' and for 'Gift Aid' purposes, if you are a UK taxpayer, we get a bit extra back from the Inland Revenue on top of your contribution.

Collectively, your contribution will help us to keep the farm running and free to access all year round! If you are a business or an organisation, speak to us about sponsoring one of the animals or a specific project. We have had donations of all sorts of things, including a water pump for the pond, timber to make the educational cow, a kitchen and appliances, even the sponsorship of two cows.



COVID 19: Vitamin D and BAME Populations

There is evidence of higher rates of infections and death from COVID-19 amongst Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) people in comparison with the White British population. Queries are mounting over the role Vitamin D has in differing the COVID-19 outcomes.

Healthy vitamin D levels are good for immunity, vitamin D helps regulate the amount of calcium and phosphate in the body and this is essential for healthy bones, teeth and muscles. A lack of vitamin D can lead to bone deformities in children and a condition called osteomalacia in adults.

Sources of Vitamin D

Vitamin D is made in the skin by the action of sunlight when we are outdoors and this is the main source of vitamin D for most people. Skin colour and the amount of skin exposed to sunlight can affect how vitamin D is made. Here in the UK, we get most of our vitamin D from sunlight exposure around late March/early April to the end of September. From October to the beginning of April there is insufficient sunlight exposure for our skin to make vitamin D.

Vitamin D is naturally present in very few foods; food sources of vitamin D include oily fish (mackerel, salmon, herring, and sardines), red meat, liver and egg yoke. Vitamin D is sometimes added to some foods (fortified foods) such as spread fats and breakfast cereals.

Another source of vitamin D is supplements.

Who is at risk of Vitamin D deficiency?

People with darker skin are at increased risk of not having enough vitamin D as their skin is less efficient at producing vitamin D. In other words, they need to spend longer in the sun to produce the same amount of vitamin D as than someone with lighter skin.

People of African, African-Caribbean and South Asian family origin, and those who remain covered when outside, are at particular risk. Also, people who are housebound and older people are at increased risk, particularly if they are frail, because they may spend more time indoors and have limited sun exposure.

Public Health England recommends

That you should consider taking a daily supplement containing 10 micrograms of vitamin D throughout the year if you:

☑ are not often outdoors – for example, if you're frail or housebound

2 are in an institution like a care home

usually wear clothes that cover up most of your skin when outdoors

∃ have dark skin – for example you have an African, African- Caribbean or south Asian background – you may also not get enough vitamin D from sunlight.

Vitamin D and Coronavirus

There have been some news reports about vitamin D protecting from COVID 19, there is however currently not enough evidence to support this. While we don't yet know whether vitamin D reduces the risk of coronavirus complications, you may still want to take a supplement at the moment in line with the Public Health England recommendations below.

Buying Vitamin D supplements

Vitamin D supplements can be purchased over the counter from your local Chemist and a 3-month supply of 10 micrograms vitamin D tablets currently costs about £2.30 (as at 30.06.2020).

Gloucestershire Covid-19 Emergency Grant

This fund provides practical support to eligible adults and families for food, gas/electricity top ups and household items such as furniture including white goods/appliances and furniture. You will need to meet the criteria and provide proof of your eligibility to receive the support.

For more information visit Gloucestershire County Councils website or telephone 0330-123-5550 https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/2097744/emergency-assistance-grant-form.pdf

Healthy Lifestyle Referral Service

Service to support clients who want to lose weight, stop smoking, get more active and reduce their alcohol consumption. For referrals and online referral portal see: https://www.hlsglos.org/referral/



Let's Talk about Memory and Dementia – Dementia Videos

The Gloucestershire Black Minority Ethnic (BME) Network for Dementia is pleased to announce the completion of Dementia Videos in English, Guajarati, Polish and Cantonese and would like to invite you to join us at an online launch event.

The project funded by Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust and Gloucestershire County Council Dementia and Education Strategy is the result of a joint venture between a number of local organisations involved in the Gloucestershire BME Network for Dementia. The aim was to produce videos in four different languages to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of dementia, to increase understanding of the illness and to reduce stigma associated with dementia. One of the key aims is to provide information for people from BME communities living in Gloucestershire on where to get help, support and advice.

The films feature local community groups in Gloucestershire and are currently uploaded to YouTube.

- English version https://youtu.be/6hRRqmMf2f8
- Gujarati https://youtu.be/YxbU7X2lx54
- Polish https://youtu.be/DYMnTSpUwA0
- · Cantonese https://youtu.be/IGGzg2F8LR0



Please contact Kathy Holmes at Managing Memory Together 0800 694 8800 or email <u>managing-memory@ghc.nhs.uk</u> for more details.







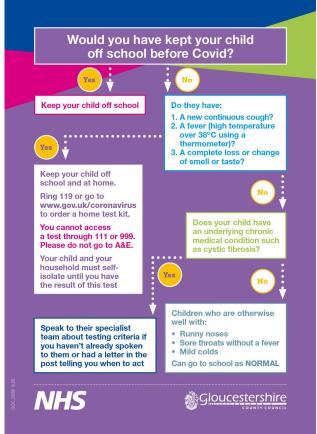


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- Body confidence / Body image
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- Self worth
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- Depression / Stress
- Suicidal thoughts



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Contact a member of the Workstart team: Robert Watkins

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Find out more at: www.dimensionstrainingsolutions.co.uk







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