

# FULKE GREVILLE FESTIVAL 2018

28-30 SEPTEMBER 2018

The Fulke Greville Festival 2018 is a celebration of the history, poetry, music, life and legacy of Sir Fulke Greville (1554-1628), Alcester's most famous Elizabethan figure.

As 2018 marks the 400th anniversary of his funding of Alcester Town Hall and the 390th anniversary of his death, a calendar of special events will bring to life the many cultural interests and achievements of this intriguing figure from Warwickshire's past.

A series of organised events, lectures, talks and guided walks will run from **Friday 28 – Sunday 30 September 2018**, and be based in and around Alcester and Warwickshire, the town and county of his birth.

For tickets and further information please go to our website

[fulkefest.org.uk](http://fulkefest.org.uk)



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## WELCOME

It was in 1621 that the title Baron Brooke of Beauchamp Court was bestowed upon my ancestor Sir Fulke Greville, due to his services of Chancellor and Privy Counsellor to King James I. It was through this act that our family still holds the same title today. Some of you may know that the name Fulke derives from the Anglo-Saxon word for 'people', as my Tudor ancestors were born and raised amongst the people and beautiful landscape of Warwickshire. As a poet, and an undeservedly neglected one, Sir Fulke would have studied and understood our family motto 'VIX EA NOSTRA VOVO' (We scarcely call these things our own).

This motto, which embodies the notion of stewardship, is as relevant today as it was four hundred years ago, as we celebrate the anniversary of the town hall he had built here in Alcester. In the same way I hope this festival will be a worthy tribute to the lasting legacy of my ancestor whose written works, buildings and cultural legacy continues to inspire people to this day.

Charles Fulke Chester Greville, Lord Brooke  
FESTIVAL PATRON

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TALKS • WALKS • CONCERT

# Schedule of Events



## The Life and Times of Sir Fulke Greville

28 September, 7.30pm, £5  
Alcester Town Hall

Our opening event – A talk from the festival's co-organiser, Adam Busiakiewicz, offering a complete overview of the life and times of Alcester's most famous citizen.

*(Refreshments will be available during the interval)*



## Fulke Greville's Warwick

29 September, 10.00am – 12.00pm, £15  
Warwick town centre

A guided walking tour covering Fulke Greville's local connections and former home in Warwick.

The tour will start by exploring the interiors and grounds of Warwick Castle, the building he saved from dereliction, and end with his spectacular tomb in St Mary's Collegiate Church.



*(Meeting point: Warwick Castle stables entrance. Please note – walking shoes are advised. This event is unsuitable for wheelchairs)*



## Fulke Greville's poetry and plays

29 September, 3.00pm, £7  
Alcester Town Hall

A fascinating lecture by the leading authority on Fulke Greville's literary pursuits, Dr Freya Sierhuis of York University. As a contemporary of Shakespeare, Greville's written works provide us with a thrilling insight into the life and creative mind of this most intriguing forgotten poet and writer.

*(Coffee and cake will be provided during the interval)*



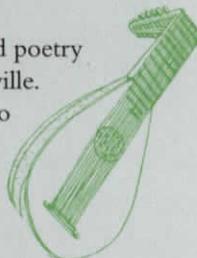
## Sonnets and Song – A celebratory concert and recital

29 September, 7.30pm, £10  
St Nicholas Church, Alcester

An unmissable evening of live performances of both music and poetry from the time of Sir Fulke Greville.

This will include lute song set to sonnets and poetry by Alcester's most famous forgotten poet!

*(Glass of wine and canapes included on arrival)*



## Walking tour of Beauchamp Court

30 September, 10.00am, £5  
Beauchamp Court, Alcester

A rare opportunity to visit the site in which the medieval manor of Beauchamp Court once stood. The tour will include a walk around the site and explanation of the remaining earthworks and moats, which decorated this once important home and birthplace of Sir Fulke Greville.

*(Meeting point: Alcester Town Hall. Please note – Walking boots are encouraged due to uneven terrain. This event is not suitable for wheelchairs)*

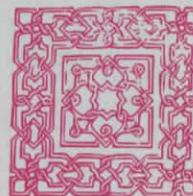


## Warwickshire's Elizabethan and Jacobean Gardens

30 September, 2.00pm, £5, Alcester Town Hall

Sir Fulke was known for creating several gardens of outstanding beauty, and as such, Dr Christine Hodgetts (Chairman of the Warwickshire Gardens Trust) will be discussing the most significant gardens which were planted during his lifetime.

*(Refreshments will be provided during the interval)*



## Politicians and Film stars – The Other Fulke Grevilles

30 September, 4.00pm, £5  
Alcester Town Hall

Aaron Manning (Interpretation Manager at the Historic Royal Palaces) will give an insight into the many illustrious later members of the Greville family. This includes Charles Fulke Greville, 7th Earl of Warwick, who tried to make his fortune as an actor in Hollywood during the 1930s.

*(Refreshments will be provided during the interval)*



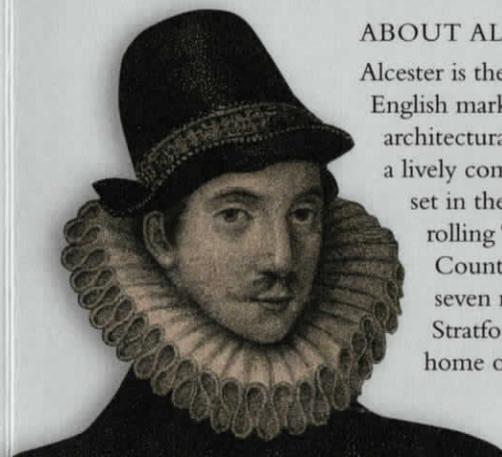
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EVENT

## Fulke Greville's London

26 September, 2.00 – 4.30pm, £15  
Holborn, London

A unique walking tour covering Sir Fulke Greville's London haunts. Starting from the site of his house (and eventual murder) in Holborn, walking down towards the Strand, this walk will cover his entire life and career ending in Westminster.

*(Please note – walking shoes are advised. This event is not suitable for wheelchairs. A short stop in a historic pub for a drink will be included)*



## ABOUT ALCESTER

Alcester is the quintessential English market town, an architectural gem with a lively community feel set in the attractive, rolling 'Shakespeare's Countryside', just seven miles west of Stratford-on-Avon, home of the bard.