

# FULFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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## **BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2014 - JUDGES' COMMENTS**

Below is a shortened version of the judges' comments. For the full text please visit [www.fulfordvillage.com/bkv-results.php](http://www.fulfordvillage.com/bkv-results.php)

'BKV awareness was tackled through items on the village website, emails to residents, the parish council newsletter, the Stone & Eccleshall Gazette and the Staffordshire Newsletter. There were a number of BKV posters and displays of good quality and eye-catching children's posters around the village.

The church surrounds looked very good overall. Some grass areas had understandably not been cut in May because the large expanses of bluebells were in flower; but there were some areas of untidy grass still in June. The seats and benches were generally sound, but some will need painting/varnishing soon.

The surrounds and car park of the village hall were neat and tidy and weed-free.

There was a pleasant outside drinking area at The Shoulder of Mutton, which looked generally well cared for, except for some litter and weeds, especially around the car park.

The telephone box was very clean inside and the surrounds were litter and weed-free.

The bus shelter was in good condition and clean and tidy inside and out, with up-to-date timetables.

There were excellent planted features on the corner of Meadow Lane and on the bridge in particular. The features on The Green, including the village sign and the well, were praised by the May judges.

The May judges said that Tudor Hollow was a generally pleasant area; but it did need some "tidying up" and it was spoilt by dog mess. Other small open spaces and verges were tidy.

Almost all the private gardens were very well maintained; and the June judges said that some "stood out as being magnificent".

The equipment in both play areas was very good and the safety surfaces were sound. There was, however, litter in the area near the village hall and judges were concerned about the lack of a fence between the play area and the wooded area at the rear.

The residents clearly care for their village. A very good standard has been achieved in recent years and the hard work put in this year maintained those standards. Competition was again very close in the Stafford area and very little separated the "best" villages. Congratulations on what has been achieved in 2014 and on achieving Highly Commended again.' John T Perry, MBE Chairman, BKV Working Group September 2014.

## **PHOTO COMPETITION – the results of the Fulford vote!**

**Overall winner** – David Robinson ‘Dog and chicken saying hello’

**‘Life** – Colin Gill ‘Alpacas’

**and events** – Rowena Robinson ‘bringing in the Harvest’

**in Fulford’** – Tim Barnes ‘Early morning fields’

**Under 14** – Louis Ostrouchow ‘Cat and dog’

The Fulford 2015 calendar and notelets are now being printed using the fantastic photos submitted for the competition. They will be on sale shortly at village events.

## **GARDEN JUDGING – the results**

Thank you to **Brian and Linda from Hollington Nurseries** for giving the time to judge the gardens and for donating a prize for their favourite garden. Their choices were:

**Small garden:** Jean Forster, 4 Hillside Close.

**Large garden:** Mr and Mrs Brough, Four Briars, Fulford Road.

**Verge:** Helen and Dean Christopher, the Chapel, Vicarage Road.

**Pots and planters:** Sally and Mick Jones, 50 Highview.

**Judges special:** Mr and Mrs Goodwin, 1 The Green.

## **VILLAGE GREEN LEAF CLEARING Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am Help please!**

As you can see from the Judges’ comments there are always practical maintenance jobs to be done in the village. To keep the grass in good condition on the village green the leaves need to be cleared before winter sets in and we are hoping lots of willing helpers will turn up with their rakes on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Plastic sacks will be provided and there will be soup for the workers at lunch time. Should the weather be really wet the leaf clear will be postponed to the following week.

## **VILLAGE PROJECTS**

Encouraged by the joint project which resulted in the Fulford village sign on the Village Green, the group are working with the parish council to tidy up the approach to the church. StreetScene has cleared the verge; the parish council has taken on the regular strimming and revealed the gully; ideas are being formulated which could result in this area being made into a feature.

## **COMMEMORATING WW1**

As you will have read in the Parish Council News 20 ceramic poppies from the Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red have been purchased. It is hoped to involve descendants of the men from the Fulford area who gave their lives in the Great War in a ceremony of commemoration. Their names appear at St. Nicholas Church in Fulford on both a Roll of Honour and a war memorial and some names also appear on grave headstones in St. Nicholas Churchyard. If you are a descendant or have any relevant information please contact Maria Hudson 01782 397303



Those named are:- CYRIL ALLERTON, WILLIAM BOWERS, WILLIAM COTTON, ARNOLD COULTON, THOMAS DAVIS, JAMES FIELDHOUSE, HAROLD HODGSKISS, EDWARD PODMORE, WILFRED POOLE, RALPH SAXON, THOMAS SCOTT, CHARLES SHIPLEY, and from WW2 - JOHN ADAMS, ROLAND WILD, WILLIAM WENLOCK. Those with headstones are:- ARTHUR JENKINSON, EPHRAIM L. ALCOCK

## VILLAGE WALKS

The village walks have started again after a break over the summer and are a great way to meet new people, to become familiar with the footpaths around the village and take some (mostly) gentle exercise. The paths can be muddy so strong footwear or wellies are recommended.

The next walk is on October 5<sup>th</sup> and will be on the first Sunday of every month throughout the winter and spring. Look out however for the New Year walk posters as this is sometimes a longer route taking in a pub or two.

## ROARING 20s FUNDRAISING NIGHT

### SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCT 7.30 FULFORD VILLAGE HALL

Blythe Bridge and District Rotary invite you to a Roaring 20s Fundraising night in aid of North Staffs University Hospital premature baby unit, Blythe Bridge High School music department and Rotary charities. There will be a cocktail and canapés reception, exciting 20's style Secret Kitchen buffet, roaring 20's youth band, raffle and big item auction, prize for best dressed lady and decorated table and dancing until midnight.

Tickets cost £20.00 each (bring your own drinks) – tel: Richard Jacobs 01782 388446

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

There is currently availability on a Wednesday evening for anyone wishing to hire the Large Hall for a community activity on a weekly basis, and the Small Hall is available on several afternoons or evenings each week.

The traditional Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December; stalls are available. For party bookings tel: 01782 388784 or 01782 397629.

## TABLE TENNIS

There is a full size table tennis table at the village Hall just waiting to be used and the hourly rate for the hire of the small hall is very reasonable. If you are interested in hiring the hall for table tennis please phone the number above.

## THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON 01782 399320 [www.thesoulderofmuttonfulford.co.uk](http://www.thesoulderofmuttonfulford.co.uk)

Come along to the Shoulder of Mutton weekly pub quiz! After a brief summer break **the quiz is back** every Wednesday from 8.30pm. Entry is £1.00 per person and includes chips and sandwiches. All proceeds go towards the Fulford and District Community First Responders. The pub is **now open on Monday lunchtime** and the usual weekday offers are still available – Monday is buy one main course get one free, Tuesday is pie night – all pies £7.00, Wednesday all sweets are half price and Thursday is £7.00 curry night.

On Sunday, roasts with all the trimmings are served from 12.00 – 6.00 pm

The book case continues to bring in welcome funds for the Church and has now passed the £750 mark - please keep bringing and buying books from the pub, your support is greatly appreciated.

## CHRISTMAS IN FULFORD

The dates for Santa and soup, the Christmas Fair and the Carols on the Green are all in What's On below so put them in your diary now! More information to follow.

## POST BOX NEWS

Royal Mail has altered the collection time for the box by the village green. The mail from this low-use box has moved to 'collection on delivery' with the postie emptying the box on their morning delivery round, rather than providing a dedicated collection by van. A later collection from the box on Fulford Road in the late afternoon will still occur.

## BUS SERVICE 4 - use it or lose it!

The 249 service through Fulford was merged with the 250 in April and operates between Longton and Stone via Meir Heath, Rough Close and Oulton; this is now renumbered as Bennetts Service 4. The service times have again been changed from 1<sup>st</sup> September and it no longer serves Hilderstone or Moddershall, but does give 2 or 4 hours shopping time in Stone or in Longton each day.

## 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)

## FVG MEETINGS - first and third Tuesdays of every month 8pm in the Shoulder

Everyone is welcome, just turn up.



## WHAT'S ON IN FULFORD 2014

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

### OCTOBER

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Village walk starting 11.00 on the Green  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Church Harvest Supper in the village hall  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Roaring 20s Fundraising Night 7.30 in the village hall

### NOVEMBER

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Village walk starting 11.00 on the Green  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Leaf clearing and soup on the village green 11.00

### DECEMBER

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Santa and Soup on the village green  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair 2.00 in the village hall  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Village walk starting 11.00 on the Green  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Church prize draw in the Shoulder  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Fulford Community Choir concert 7.00 in the village hall  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Carols and mulled wine on the Green 7.00

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**If you would like to contribute to the next edition please tel 01782 398186.**