

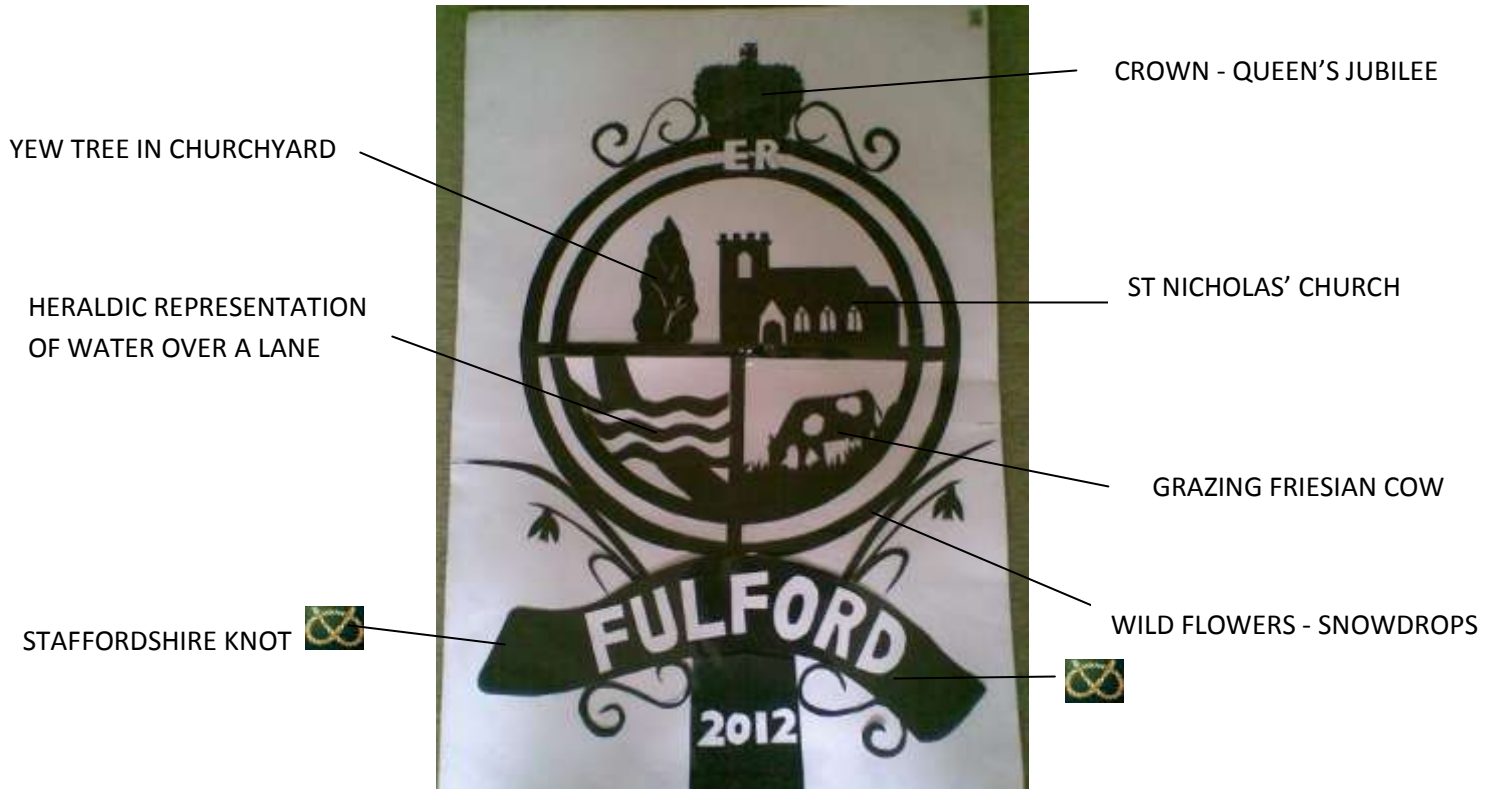
FULFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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FULFORD VILLAGE SIGN

Many local people have been involved in the design that was displayed at Fulfest 2012 and subsequently in the Church, but just in case you have not seen the proposed design below is a draft representation in card of how the sign will look. It is hoped that the sign will be ready by the end of the month but the official 'opening' will be the burying in the plinth of the time capsule being prepared by the children of Fulford school, containing stories, pictures and thoughts of their lives in 2012.



FULFORD COMMUNITY CHOIR

The choir has got off to a fantastic start and has 40 members after just 5 rehearsals. The choir's first performance is in Fulford Village Hall 7.00 December 9th and whilst the choir may not have the finesse of Military Wives, will perform with just as much enthusiasm! The concert will also include some instrumental soloists and wind band pieces performed by local musicians. Tickets will be available on the door (£3.00, £2.00 concessions). If you would like to join the choir the next rehearsal is November 11th at 4.00 in the Village Hall – tel 01782 398186 for more information.

NOVEMBER? No it's MOVEMBER!!!



Check out some hirsute, handsome, hunks by googling 'Movember 2012' and typing in Shoulder of Mutton, Fulford! If you have wondered why there has been a sudden sprouting of facial hair in Fulford rest assured it is part of a worldwide movement for a good cause (to raise awareness of prostate cancer) and normal service should be resumed on December 1st. Donations can be made and progress can be followed on the website or cash donations can be made at the Shoulder. If you are 'going it alone' please feel free to join the Shoulder team.

PHOTO COMPETITION 2013

The topic next year will be Seasons and Festivities in Fulford so don't forget to take some great Christmas photos, especially if there is some snow!

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION –THE JUDGES COMMENTS

Despite being unplaced this year the feedback is very good - we should all be proud of the village's achievements! A précis of the full report is reprinted on the back page.....

BKV MEETINGS - first and third Tuesdays of every month 8.00 to whenever in the Shoulder

Don't forget these are open to **anyone** and **everyone** from the village – there is no formal structure, no agenda, no committee - just a group of people with a drink. If you have an idea, feedback or concerns then come along one week. Whilst a group of about a dozen people is happy to organise events, communication, publicity etc extra help is still needed in maintaining the village environment. Many people have taken responsibility for areas near their houses - if you feel able to help just let us know, it would really be appreciated as Fulford is a large village!

AUTUMN TIDY Sunday November 18th 11.00 on the Village Green Are you available to help? If so just turn up and you will join a team to help clear a specific area of leaves, weeds and debris.

THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON 01782 399320 www.theshoulderofmuttonfulford.co.uk

The Monday to Thursday offer of buy two starters, mains or desserts and the cheapest is half price is still on, but the Christmas menu will also be available from December 1st.

Christmas Fayre Four course Menu 1st – 24th December 2012 - £18.95

Starters Prawn Cocktail - fresh water prawns on a bed of mixed leaves topped with Marie Rose sauce and served with granary bread and butter, Chef's Home-Made Pate served with warm buttered toast and a mixed leaf salad or Home-Made Soup of the day served with a hot crusty roll.

Mains Traditional Roast Turkey with all the trimmings or Fillet of Salmon served with a white wine sauce both served with roast potatoes, new potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Desserts Traditional Christmas Pudding with custard/cream, a slice of Chocolate Heaven served with cream or Sherry and Almond trifle, a Christmas classic! All followed by tea, coffee and mints!

Live music continues to be a feature of the Shoulder and **Total Recall** will be performing on Saturday November 10th. **New Year's Eve** is always a great night at the pub and this year Steve Hayes (from Nearly Dan - Steely Dan revue) and Lester Hunt (from Climax Blues Band) will be playing an acoustic set and helping the pub bring in the New Year in style. Two musicians well known on the International stage join together to play songs from the best of the best - Eric Clapton, Sting, BB King, Dylan, Van Morrison, Beatles and more.

FULFORD VILLAGE HALL tel. 01782 397629 www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk

The village hall continues to be incredibly busy and a fantastic resource for the village and, following **Santa's visit to the village Friday November 30th**, is hosting the **Christmas Fair** for the village on **Saturday December 1st at 2 pm**. If you would like a stall, contact the above number as soon as possible otherwise come to the fair and support local groups. You can visit Santa in his Grotto and do some Christmas shopping – there are some great, good value gifts on sale as well as afternoon tea. Look out for the Village Calendar available for sale!

FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL

Monday 31 December 8pm -2013

Tickets for this family evening of fun and celebration are £6 per head and can be booked with Sheila on 07981549013. Bring your own food and drink and sing and dance the New Year in to the great local band '**TOTAL RECALL**'

YOUNG FARMERS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRACKER CHARITY BALL

Friday 21 December 9pm

This is being held at Cross Fields, Sandy Lane, Cross Gate and will raise money for the Young Farmers Club and the First Responders. The event will run until the later time of 1am (rather than 12.30pm). For more information telephone 07791 587578

WHAT'S ON IN FULFORD 2012/2013

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

NOVEMBER 2012

- Sunday 4 November – Village walk 11am from Village Green
- Saturday 10 November – 'Recall' 9.30 pm at the Shoulder
- Sunday 11 November – Remembrance Service 10.50 am St Nicholas'
- Sunday 18 November – BKV Autumn tidy 11am Village Green
- Friday 30 November – Fulford Primary Fair 3.30 pm Santa 5pm
Santa and soup – 5.30 pm Village Green

DECEMBER 2012

- Saturday 1 December – Christmas Fair 2pm Village Hall
- Sunday 2 December – Village walk 11am from Village Green
- Sunday 9 December – Fulford Choir concert 7pm Village Hall
- Friday 21 December – Carols and mulled wine 7pm on the Green
- Sunday 23 December – Family carol service 6pm St Nicholas'
- Monday 31 December – 'Total Recall' 8pm at the Village Hall
- Monday 31 December – Steve Hayes and Lester Hunt at the Shoulder

JANUARY 2013

- Sunday 6 January – New Year walk 11am from Village Green

FEBRUARY 2013

- Saturday 2 February – Church Quiz Village hall
- Sunday 3 February – Village walk 11am from Village Green
- Saturday 16 February – Wind Quintet concert 7.30 pm St Nicholas'

MARCH 2013

- Sunday 3 March – Village walk 11am from Village Green
- Sunday 17 March – BKV Spring clean 11am Village Green
- Sunday 24 March – BKV Spring clean 11am Village Green

APRIL 2013

- Sunday 7 April – Village Walk 11am from Village Green
- Sunday 14 April – BKV tidy up 11am Village Green
- Saturday 20 April – Fulfest fund raiser 8 pm Village Hall
- Sunday 28 April – BKV tidy up 11am Village Green

MAY 2013

- Wednesday 1 May – **BKV judging begins**
- Sunday 19 May – BKV Tidy up 11am Village Green

JUNE 2013

- Sunday 9 June – BKV Tidy up 11 am Village Green
- Saturday 22 June – Church fete 2 pm Village Hall

JULY 2013

- Monday 1 July – **BKV FINAL judging begins**
- Saturday 13 July (tbc) – **FULFEST** from 2 pm on the Village Green

AUGUST 2013

- Monday 5 August – Best Kept Village results

VILLAGE WALKS - first Sunday of every month 11.00 Village Green

The village walks began again on October 7th and as usual, they last about 2 hours at a fairly leisurely pace and involve climbing over some stiles. We are always back though in time for a drink and/or Sunday lunch at the Shoulder. Everyone is welcome including dogs!

VANDALISM

Not only are we seeing an increase in general damage around the village, but there has been a recent spate of arson. Estate agents signs burned, the bus shelter timetable cover melted in one place and fire damage to the perspex of the bus shelter. If you see any of this activity please report it to the police.

KEEP UP TO DATE

If you would like to keep more up to date with what's going on in the village and maybe contribute some thoughts and even help out at some of the events put on to keep the Fulford village spirit, why not join the Fulford Village email list – send your email to fulfordvillagegroup@googlemail.com

BEST KEPT VILLAGE – the Judges' comments

The village was highly commended this year, with the judges praising BKV awareness, children's posters, the notice boards, bus shelter, churchyard and Memorial Well on the village green in particular. Private gardens were also praised as being maintained to a high standard. "They show pride and evidence of good community spirit within the village" (June judges).

There were also some areas where we did not do so well, including access to the telephone box and the seat in the churchyard which 'appeared unsafe'. The war memorial also needed some work and the judges commented on the badly scratched perspex on the bus shelter.

The village was very clean and tidy throughout the judging period, with evidence of good community spirit pervading. There was very little litter – except for some left by village hall visitors – and no dog mess. There is a tremendous amount of community spirit in the village and excellent BKV awareness and publicity, children's posters, recycling and dog fouling awareness.

Congratulations on being Highly Commended this year in the Small Village Category in Stafford District, where competition was again extremely fierce! Good luck in 2013!

John T Perry MBE, Chairman BKV Working Group

September 2012

The full text of the judges' comments can be read on the Fulford village website - <http://www.fulfordvillage.com/>

LIBRARY CORNER

The bookcases in the Shoulder are bulging at the seams and to date have raised over £450 specifically for the Church. If you have any books you would like to clear out before Christmas, or are looking for books to give as presents, then why not have a browse along the shelves and see what treasures you can find.

Thank-you to the Shoulder of Mutton and Fulford Village Group for funding the printing costs of this newsletter. If you would like any village information in the next edition tel 01782 398186.