

# FULFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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## BKV – THE JUDGES COMMENTS

As you can see below, apart from some dog fouling and litter and the upkeep of some notice boards and seats, the judges' response was generally good with many favourable comments about the Church, the Pub and the Village Hall.

“There was good BKV awareness, particularly through the village news and parish magazine and two excellent displays of children's posters on the village green and by the village hall. The posters were very colourful and imaginative. Well done!

The telephone box was excellent inside and out, was free from litter and well cared for. The bus shelter was in good condition both inside and out, with current bus timetables on display.

There were lovely garden features at Town End and Fulford Road; and the new village sign and memorial well were also distinctive and well cared for.

There was very little litter seen during judging (except as noted at the village hall in June and the cigarette ends by the pub); and no dog fouling (except in the churchyard in May). There was clear evidence of community awareness of and involvement in BKV and the judges commented on the range of community activities available.

The pretty planters around the village helped enhance Fulford's appearance, making it a very pleasant village to visit. There was a very good standard of care across the range of BKV features and the judges felt that there was excellent community spirit and involvement throughout the village. This was rewarded by a well-earned Highly Commended this year in the closely fought Small Village category in Stafford District.” John T Perry, MBE Chairman, BKV Working Group

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## FULFEST 2014 – 12<sup>th</sup> JULY, the first fundraiser -

### DAISY JAKS at the SHOULDER Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 9pm

Fulfest fundraising is starting early this year with an evening of music from Daisy Jaks, raffles and quizzes at the Shoulder on November 23rd. You may well remember Daisy Jaks from Fulfest 2012 for the fantastic reception they got for their mix of contemporary folk and covers so, a big thank you to Daisy Jaks for starting the fund raising and to Steve, the landlord for sponsoring and supporting the evening. It is also a chance to pop some loose change into the whisky bottle on the bar to help the village reach the magic sum of £2500!!

## FULFORD VILLAGE WINTER TIDY UP SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

There is just one tidy up this year to clear the leaves in order to preserve the grass on the green for the spring and to make sure the paths and steps are cleared of leaves and safe to walk on. If you have an hour you can spare please come and help the hard core of people who always do this job – it would be so much quicker with more help!

Just turn up at 11.00 with a rake, brush or spade and the green bags will be provided.

## FULFORD CALENDAR 2014 £5.00

The new calendar is now on sale with the photos featuring views, wildlife and events in Fulford. All the photos have been taken by people who live in the village and feature the three winning photos voted for at Fulfest. All profits go into FVG funds so please buy one!

## **SANTA ON THE GREEN FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

It is that time of the year again and the excitement begins with Santa going round the village on Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6pm before making his way to the Green for 6.30pm. Soup will be served on the Green to keep everyone warm whilst waiting to hear Santa's bell and music telling us he is on his way. Make sure the children have their Christmas wishes ready, as Santa will be expecting to have a chat with them all.....

## **FULFORD VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS FETE SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2.00 pm**

As well as buying some Christmas gifts, don't miss the opportunity to visit Santa in his grotto. There will also be homemade refreshments, raffles and a tombola all run in aid of local groups.

## **FULFORD VILLAGE HALL tel. 01782 388784 [www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk)**

The Village Hall continues to be a fantastic resource for the village. The traditional Christmas Fair will be hosted on Saturday 7th December from 2pm when organisations are invited to raise their funds by taking a stall. A new exercise class started in September on Monday evenings; and New Year's Eve is available for a village organisation wishing to hold a community event.

For a timetable of the regular bookings held in the hall and for information about forthcoming events, please visit [www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk). For party bookings tel. **01782 388784**.

## **CAROLS ON THE GREEN FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 7.00pm**

Come along and join the brass band, have a glass of mulled wine and sing Christmas Carols on the Green. It is the perfect start to the Christmas season and a chance to get into the Christmas spirit as well as an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Christmas through the words of your favourite carols.

## **NEWS FROM FULFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION:**

Fulford PTA is always busy fundraising and supporting the school. We have baked cakes, made jams and chutneys, organised tea and coffee, manned stalls, assisted Santa and his elves, run barbeques, popped endless bags of popcorn for film nights and swept floors. We have painted many things, from faces and nails to the murals in and around the school.

The PTA has funded items for the school that the school budget just doesn't cover. In the past we have raised money to subsidise school trips, have paid for reading books and maths schemes, funded resources for a handwriting scheme, bought toys for use at lunchtimes and helped fund equipment for the reception class. We have contributed towards an outdoor shelter and paid for a reading tent in the school library and for the Christmas party food. The PTA also funds gifts and souvenirs for the children for those special occasions such as at Easter and to commemorate the Royal wedding and the Jubilee.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** Please come along and support us at our next fundraising ventures:

### **Christmas Fair – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30- 5pm in the school hall.**

There will be a variety of stalls, refreshments, games for the children, face painting and the ever-popular Choc and Bottle tombola. Pop along and support the school and have some Christmas fun!

### **Christmas Shopping night – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November- 6.30-8pm in the school hall.**

The school has managed once again to secure many fabulous stall holders to come along to the Christmas Shopping evening to give you the choice of a multitude of wonderful, original gifts. Get your Christmas shopping done in one go! There will be jewellery, cakes, handmade crafts, toiletries, cards and much more. Refreshments will be available and there will be activities to keep your little ones happy while you shop. Come along and grab yourself a Christmas bargain!

## FULFORD CHILDREN'S CHOIR with Dan Hollingshurst, Sundays 2.30 – 3.15 in the Village Hall



Following a taster session at Fulfest, Fulford children's choir had their first proper rehearsal on Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>. Any child age 5 – 11 who is interested is still welcome to join on November 17<sup>th</sup> with two more rehearsals on December 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and a performance in the **Fulford Community Choir evening concert** in the Village Hall (£2.00 a rehearsal)

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### CHRISTMAS AT THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON 01782 399320

Live music continues to be a feature at the Shoulder with Live Wires performing November 8<sup>th</sup> and Daisy Jaks November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Fulford's very own Michelin starred chef Steve Nash is offering a gourmet menu at the Shoulder on November 15<sup>th</sup> at £29.50 per person. With live music to follow this will be a very special evening and only a few places are available so don't leave it long if you are interested!

The Shoulder of Mutton Christmas Fayre Menu is now available and bookings are being taken for 1<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> December 2013. The three course lunch menu is £16.95 and the three course dinner menu £18.95 (please note a deposit of £10 per person is needed on booking).

Bookings are now being taken for Boxing Day for a five course meal £30 for adults and £15 for children.

[www.thesoulderofmuttonfulford.co.uk](http://www.thesoulderofmuttonfulford.co.uk)

### NEWS FROM FULFORD COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS:

Fulford CFRs have been quite busy in 2013. We have had a little over 400 call-outs so far this year (up to the end of October). Over the last couple of months we have been called out on average, every 2 hours. We are becoming even busier than earlier in the year and this is likely to continue over the winter months where our services are often in higher demand. We have now had in excess of 1600 calls up to the end of October 2013 since the group formed in July 2008. We are very grateful for the support given by 'The Shoulder' and the pub-goers for the weekly pub quiz nights. Although these weekly sandwiches, chips and beer may not be good for your waistline this fundraising keeps our car on the road, so thank you!

We are always looking for volunteers, particularly as we recently lost 4 of our members who are now training to be full-time staff for the ambulance service. This leaves us with only a handful of responders, **we need your help, we need more volunteers**. No prior experience is required as full training is provided by the ambulance service with experience on the road with other responders for as long as is needed. Training to be an Intermediate CFR takes about 7 days (usually over weekends) plus two shifts with a paramedic on the road.

If you want to give something back to the community or are just interested to know more, give Mike (07703475888) or Nic (07736327397) or Mel (07979694060) a call. Alternatively if you see us about, stop for a chat, unless we are in a rush we are more than happy to speak to you.

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

Fulford Village Group has grown in numbers (welcome and thank you to those who have joined in) but as always it is still important to reiterate that these meetings 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.

## THE MOBILE LIBRARY

If you can't find the book you need at the pub (£650 raised for the Church so far!) then maybe the mobile library is for you. The mobile library visits the village on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month and is in Meadow Lane from 2.15 – 2.40 and then at the Village Hall from 2.45 – 3.15.

## BUS SERVICE 249 - use it or lose it!

The service between Longton and Stone via Fulford is operated by Bennetts Travel and gives 2 or 4 hours shopping time in Longton or Stone each day.

For timetable details see <http://www.stokebus.info/timetables/249.pdf>

The morning/evening service 7/7A to and from Longton which was operated by Wardle Transport has been withdrawn following re-tendering due to the little use made of this service.

## WHAT'S ON IN FULFORD WINTER 2013

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

**NOVEMBER 2013** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> the Walton Trio 7.30 St Nicholas' Church  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> village walk starting 11.00 on the Green  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Live Wires at the Shoulder  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Gourmet Menu and Live Music at the Shoulder 6.30  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Fulford School Christmas Fair 3.30 – 5.00  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Christmas shopping night Fulford School 6.30 – 8.00  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> **Fulfest '14 Fundraiser** Daisy Jaks at the Shoulder 9.00  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Picking up the Leaves 11.00 on the Village Green

**DECEMBER 2013** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> village walk starting 11.00 on the Green  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Santa around the village from 6pm  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fete 2.00 Village Hall  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Choir Christmas concert 7.00 Village Hall  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas carols on the Green 7.00  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Carol service St Nicholas'

**JANUARY 2014** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> New Year Walk starting 11.00 on the Green

**APRIL 2014** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> **Fulfest '14 Fundraiser** Race Night at the Village Hall

**JULY 2014** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> **FULFEST**  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Steam train dinner in aid of the Church

## 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, why not join the Fulford Village email list – send your email address to [fulfordvillagegroup@googlemail.com](mailto:fulfordvillagegroup@googlemail.com)

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