

FULFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The feedback from the BKV judges has just arrived and although there are a few areas for improvement next year, the comments were very positive!

‘Good community involvement was apparent. There was no litter or dog mess and the village looked clean and tidy throughout the rounds of judging.

There is clear evidence of community spirit and involvement, good BKV awareness and publicity, children’s posters, excellent recycling and dog fouling awareness, telephone, bus shelter and children’s play area, very well kept churchyard, open spaces and private gardens. Fulford has worked very hard at BKV this year and achieved a very good Third Place in the Small Village Category in Stafford District (where competition was very close)

Congratulations on this year’s efforts and good luck in 2012!

John T Perry OBE

Chairman BKV Working Group’

The full comments can be viewed on the village website www.fulfordvillage.com. Coming third in the small village category was a real achievement and reflected the way so many people are looking after the public areas of the village close to their homes. Thank you! Entry into next year’s competition is very likely and as well as the official competition, ideas are being discussed for a village competition running alongside the official one, with prizes for categories such as best hanging basket, tub and children’s garden as well as a competition for photos of the village through the seasons. More details in the New Year!

AUTUMN TIDY Sunday November 13th 1.00pm – 3.00pm

This is remembrance day, so why not join in the remembrance service in the morning, and then come and help pick up the leaves, sweep the paths, plant some bulbs and generally tidy the village for the winter. With lots of help all will be done by 3.00pm in time for afternoon tea.

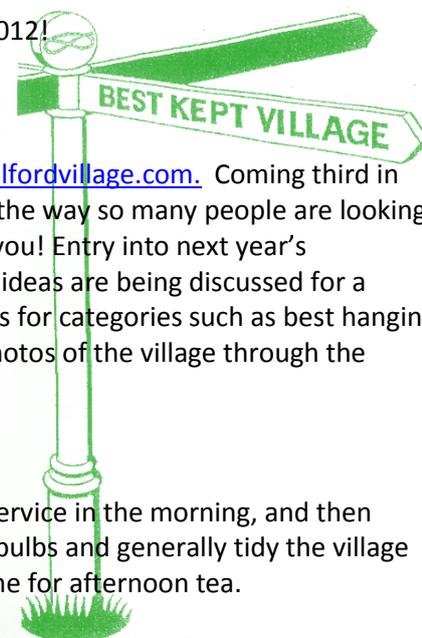
FOOTPATHS AND STILES

A great deal of work has been done by the Stone Ramblers in conjunction with Staffordshire County Council and local volunteers to improve the footpaths and stiles around Fulford and plans are underway to create a booklet of walks and a map for permanent display in the village sometime next year. Help is needed however, from someone with the appropriate artistic skills - if you feel you would like to be involved please contact Rich on 01782 398143. Why not come on the next **VILLAGE WALK** and see the improvements to the paths – they are held on the first Sunday of each month starting on the village green at 11.00, lasting about one and a half to two hours at a gentle pace. The next walk is **Sunday November 6th** - dogs welcome!

DOG MESS

People have commented that there has been an increase in dog mess on the pavements and verges recently. The vast majority of dog owners take clearing up after their dogs as an important responsibility, some even taking extra bags to clear up other people’s dog mess!

Please clean up after your dog.



FULFEST

Thank you to all those involved in organising such a great family day of entertainment, particularly to Colin Gill for being the driving force and doing all of the paperwork! Although this village celebration is free on the day, it does cost a great deal of money to put on and in the coming months there will be some fund raising events so that the musicians for next year's festival can be booked. If you want Fulfest 2012 please try and support these events. More information will follow in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH

Details of the Advent and Christmas services in Fulford and Hilderstone will be given in the November and December Church magazines.

The following are some of the additional events in the village.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 2nd – Santa visits Fulford!

Santa will begin his visit to the village at Fulford primary school at 6.00p.m on Friday December 2nd and will be at the village green for 6.45 where soup will be served to keep everyone warm.

Why not meet Santa at the school and follow his sleigh to the village green?

Help is needed to make and serve the soup, if you are willing please contact 01782 396860.



SATURDAY DECEMBER 3rd – Time to buy some Christmas presents at the Christmas Fair!

This is a busy couple of days for Santa as he will be in his Grotto at the Christmas Fair on Saturday December 3rd at the Village Hall from 2.00. There will be stalls selling Christmas gifts and cards, a cake stall, raffles, tombolas, teas and coffees. If you would like a table at the fair please contact a member of the village hall committee.

DECEMBER 7th (afternoon) and 9th (evening) – get into the Christmas spirit at Fulford Primary!

Fulford Primary school presents two performances of Christmas music. More details will be available from the school nearer the time.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 20th 7.00pm – your turn to sing!

Why not join Santa at the village green for 7.00pm on Tuesday December 20th and sing some Christmas carols accompanied by a brass ensemble, whilst enjoying a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. The music will last just 40 minutes so there will still be time after the carols to sample the Christmas menu at the Shoulder!



All of the above arrangements are obviously subject to the weather conditions, please look out for posters advertising the events nearer the time and visit the village website for up to date information – www.fulfordvillage.com

SHOULDER OF MUTTON tel. 01782 399320

It's a shame the World Cup Rugby is over and there are no more full English breakfasts at the pub but there are lots of other great **FREE** events booked at the Shoulder over the next few weeks!

On all of the following dates the normal dining menu will be served from 1.00pm – 9.00pm unless otherwise stated.

OCTOBER 29TH Halloween fancy dress night and disco from 9.30p,

NOVEMBER 12th **ELVIS** will be in the building from 9.30pm

FROM NOVEMBER 22ND THE CHRISTMAS MENU!

The Christmas menu for table or party bookings starts on Tuesday 22nd November, and will run alongside the normal menu.

| CHRISTMAS MENU | |
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| -Starters- | |
| Classic Prawn Cocktail, Home-made Duck & Orange Pate, Home-made Cream of Vegetable Soup | |
| -Mains- | |
| Traditional Roast Turkey with all the trimmings, Beef Wellington, Fillet of Salmon with a white wine sauce. All mains are served with roast potatoes, new potatoes and seasonal vegetables | |
| -Desserts- | |
| Christmas Pudding, Home-made Baileys Cheesecake, Chocolate Brownie, Cheese & Biscuits | |
| Two course dinner - £11. Three course dinner £15 | |

NOVEMBER 26th the **BEAT BROTHERS** are back by popular demand and will be performing from 9.30pm

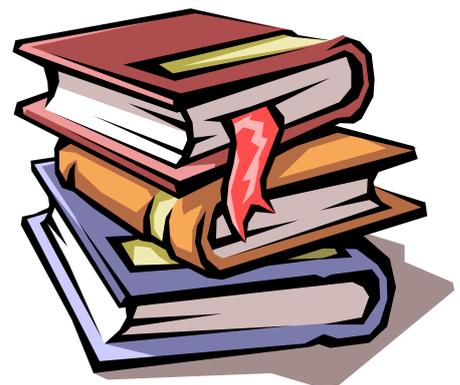
CHRISTMAS EVE disco from 9.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY open for drinks from 12.00pm – 2.30pm

BOXING DAY special menu coming out soon, bookings only 12.00pm – 3.30pm

NEW YEARS EVE information about the New Year's Eve celebration will be advertised nearer the time on the pub boards and the new Shoulder of Mutton website

theshoulderofmuttonfulford.co.uk



QUIZ NIGHT is still Wednesday night at 8.30pm with free chips and sandwiches at half time and £1.00 per contestant going to the Fulford First Responders. The fantastic support from the pub and local people has raised much needed funds for the First Responders - fulfordanddistrictcfr.co.uk

BOOKCASE

Steve has replaced the old bookcase and the pub now has a library corner! £200 has been raised for the Church and shortly, **DVD RENTAL** will soon also be available at £1.50 a time with the funds once again going to the Church.

FULFORD VILLAGE HALL

The village hall continues to be incredibly busy and a fantastic resource for the village. Listed below are two forthcoming events and a timetable of the regular events held in the hall but for more information please visit www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk

Saturday November 12th

The Biddulph Male Voice Choir will be performing a concert in the village hall alongside young, local, talented instrumentalists in aid of St Nicholas' Church.

Friday November 18th and Saturday November 19th

The Robert Bickerton Foundation will present 'CINDERELLA' an adult humour pantomime with all proceeds to the Midland Air Ambulances.

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| MONDAY | Youth Group 6.30 – 8.00 pm Slimming World 7.00 – 9.00 pm Badminton 8.00 – 10.00 pm | Gabrielle 07764 245344 J Vaughan 01782 398250 |
| TUESDAY | Zumba fitness 6.00 – 6.50 pm Medieval re-enactment 8.00 – 10.00 pm | Gail 07980 690356 P Howell 01782 395834 |
| WEDNESDAY | Yoga 6.30 – 8.00 pm Line dancing 7.15 -8.15 pm Sequence dancing 8.15 – 10.15 pm | D Hammond 01782 395072 Mr & Mrs Crick 01782 394457 Mr & Mrs Crick 01782 394457 |
| THURSDAY | Art club 9.30 – 11.30 am Dance classes 4.30 – 6.00 pm Bowls 8.00 – 10.30 pm | J Barnard 01782 393141 L Bartram 07813 184225 M Oxby 01782 397629 |
| MONDAY – FRIDAY PRE SCHOOL | 9.30 am – 4.00pm | A Alcock 07980 959456 |

VILLAGE RESIDENTS COFFEE MORNING 3rd Thursday of each month, 10.00 – 12.00 noon

NEW YEAR'S EVE IN THE VILLAGE HALL

A family evening with a disco or band has traditionally been held at the village hall hosted by one of the village organisations. This year no one has come forward to run the event but there is still time. So if you are interested in booking the hall in aid of your charity, please contact the booking secretary on 01782 397629.

BOOKING THE VILLAGE HALL

If you are interested in booking the village hall for an event please contact Linda Oxby 01782 397629

If you are part of a Fulford community group and have information that you would like put in future Newsletters please see the website for contact details – www.fulfordvillage.com

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