

# FULFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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## **BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2014**

The entry has been submitted and the village will be doing its very best to win the coveted Best Kept Village award. This year, instead of specific clean up days people have volunteered to keep an eye on areas around their homes and either tidy up themselves or ask for help if necessary. Assistance may still be needed on the odd occasion for bigger tasks (look on the web site and the notice boards for information and dates) but anyone who walks over the Green to the Baulk Lane steps will see what a fantastic job is already being done in keeping the paths clear and the steps clean.

## **Photo competition**

If you would like your photo in next year's calendar or on the notelets please submit your photo or image by email to [rich@rwapservices.co.uk](mailto:rich@rwapservices.co.uk) or on a CD or memory stick to Rich Mellor (3, Dale View Court) by June 15<sup>th</sup> enclosing your name, address and email address. The photos will be displayed at Fulfest on July 12<sup>th</sup> for the public to vote on. The topic is 'Life and Events in Fulford' and prizes will be awarded in two categories, adults and children under 14 years. The photos will be printed for you if required.

## **Garden Judging**

Thanks go to Brian Spencer from Paradise Nurseries (nr Tean) who will be judging the village gardens this year and has offered a garden voucher prize.

The judging categories are: small front garden, large front garden, tubs and baskets and verge appeal. There is no formal application to take part, Brian will just be walking round the village looking at the gardens from the pavement. Judging is planned for the last weekend in June but is dependent on Brian's availability and the weather! The results will be announced and prizes awarded at Fulfest.

## **Village walks**

If you want to join the Dawn Chorus walk on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> on its new route over the Dale followed by breakfast at Manor Barn, please book your place by contacting Matthew Ball at [matt@consultm.co.uk](mailto:matt@consultm.co.uk). There will be a small contribution of £3 each for the breakfast payable on the day. The walk will start from the village green at 4.15 am and will last for about two hours.

Look at the village web site and notice boards for the date of the Rhododendron walk as it is seasonally dependant but should take place one Sunday during June.

## **RACE NIGHT**

The amazingly successful Race Night has raised at least £1,750 to be used for projects in the village. The final total will be confirmed once all monies have been collected. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this Fulford fund raising evening so successful and to Rotary for sharing their guidance, equipment and expertise for which they will receive a donation of circa £750.

## **FULFEST 2014 – SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

The final details are being put together for a great afternoon and evening of music so make sure the date is in your diary!

## **THE MOBILE LIBRARY**

There is no service in May due to the bank holidays so the next mobile library visit will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June. From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July the mobile library will visit every 3 weeks until Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December stopping in Meadow Lane from 2.15 – 2.40 and then at the Village Hall from 2.45 – 3.15.

## **FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Wednesday 30th April at 8:15pm. All residents are invited and new members and ideas are welcomed. All village organisations using the Village Hall have an opportunity to be represented on the Management Committee for the next year 2014/2015.

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**.

## **WANTED, POPPY APPEAL ORGANISER for BLYTHE BRIDGE DISTRICT**

(Fulford, Meir Heath, Caverswall, Blythe Bridge, Forsbrook, Cresswell)

Anyone willing to take on this important role would be asked to:

- Distribute poppy trays and collecting boxes to schools, shops and pubs and other businesses in the area and collect same at the end of appeal period.
- Organise collectors for manned collection at B & Q Store in Meir Park and distribute some wreaths to individuals and local councils.
- Finally, count monies and bank same.

For more Information contact: NEVILLE TYLER tel: 01782 398041 e- mail [neville.tyler1@virgin.net](mailto:neville.tyler1@virgin.net)

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

The service between Longton and Stone via Fulford operated by Bennetts Travel is being reduced to 2 journeys into Stone and 3 journeys into Longton which represents a reduction in service from the current 3 and 4 journeys respectively. It is also being re-routed and re-identified from April 28th as **Service 4** giving 1½ or 3½ shopping time in Stone or 1½ hours shopping time in Longton each day.

### **HILDERSTONE VIDE GRENIER “EMPTY ATTIC”**

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May from 2-5pm there will be a sale of unwanted or unused belongings to raise funds to support village charities. Cream teas will be served at the Roebuck. There will be an open church with cake stall. There will also be an art exhibition as well as handmade gifts for sale in the village hall from 12-5pm.

### **DEFIBRILLATOR FOR FULFORD**

Blythe Bridge Rotary has very kindly donated £600 towards the purchase of a defibrillator for the village. More details to follow.

### **THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON 01782 399320**

The next Live Music session at the Shoulder will feature Sarah Miller on the 24<sup>th</sup> May but with events being booked on a regular basis keep an eye on the notice boards at The Shoulder or visit the website [www.theshoulderofmuttonfulford.co.uk](http://www.theshoulderofmuttonfulford.co.uk) for further information.

The Wednesday evening quiz continues to be a fantastic fund raiser for the First Responders. The quiz costs £2.00 per person to take part but with free sandwiches and chips supplied by Steve, the landlord and £15 for the winning team and £5.00 for the runners up it is a great value and fun night out. Be there at 8.30 for the 8.45 start.

Thank you to Steve for his continuing support for the Church with the book sales raising an amazing £670 so far. All books cost £1.00 with all funds raised going to St Nicholas'

### **FULFORD COMMUNITY CHOIR**

The choir rehearses on Sunday afternoons (roughly every other week) in the village hall from 4.00 – 6.00 and with 50 regular singers is going from strength to strength. Everyone is welcome, there are no auditions and no one is expected to read music. If you are interested phone 01782 398186 for the next rehearsal date or visit the village web site for more information.

### **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 welcome, just turn up.



# WHAT'S ON IN FULFORD 2014

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

## MAY

### BEST KEPT VILLAGE JUDGING BEGINS

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Dawn Chorus walk meet 4.15am on the village green  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Church Coffee morning at 3 Lancaster Avenue  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Sarah Miller at the Shoulder

## JUNE

### THE SECOND VISIT FROM THE BEST KEPT VILLAGE JUDGES TAKES PLACE DURING JUNE

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Summer Fayre at Fulford Primary School 3.30 – 5.00  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Photo competition closing date  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Church Coffee morning at 8 Lancaster Avenue  
Saturday and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> - Garden judging weekend  
Rhododendron walk date tbc

## JULY

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> BEST KEPT VILLAGE FINAL JUDGING BEGINS

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> **FULFEST** starting 2.00 on the village green  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Churnet Valley Dining Train trip with jazz band  
in aid of the Church

## AUGUST

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Best Kept Village results  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Safari Supper or BBQ in aid of St Nicholas' Church (tbc)

## SEPTEMBER

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Cauldon Canal Stompers – trad jazz in the Church

## 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

## NOVEMBER

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Village walk starting 11.00 on the Green  
Leaf clearing Village Green 11.00 (date tbc)

## 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  
Carols on the Green 7.00 date tbc

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