

FULFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2019

Last Autumn there was a push to plant more daffodil bulbs in the village and from the Barns to the School via the village green and the end of Meadow Lane beautiful daffodils have brightened Fulford this spring which, combined with some spectacular cherry blossom, led many to say 'we wish the BKV judges could see us now'! The judging begins however on Wednesday 1st May with a follow up visit in June and if the village is lucky to get through to the final judging, a visit in July.

The War Memorial renovation is almost complete, an achievement of which the village should be justly proud but there have been other improvements including the new oak tree and replacement posts on the village green, the new BKV banners and signs, and the new planter outside the school. A first this year were the village Christmas cards produced from photos entered in the photographic competition – hopefully there will be lots of snowy scenes submitted this year so that we can produce another set!

It is now time for the final touches to the village and in the next few days you will see the children's posters displayed, the flower beds planted, the phone box polished and people out with brushes and litter pickers! Everyone can make a difference however by removing dead heads from the daffodils, keeping the pavement outside their house weed free, picking up litter and clearing up after their dogs.

CHILDREN'S POSTERS – from Wednesday 1st May

We always look forward to the wonderful art work that the children from the Primary School produce for the Best Kept Village competition, displayed around the village from May 1st to mark the beginning of the competition. This year the village group chose the focus 'Less Plastic is Fantastic' and we look forward to seeing the children's ideas and pictures of how we could reduce Fulford's plastic waste helping to make Fulford a 'Best Kept Village'!

PHOTO COMPETITION closing date - Monday 24th June

The village calendar 2019 sold out within days so if you would like to see your photo in print, either as one of the vote winners framed in the pub, in the calendar or as a Christmas card make sure you enter the photographic competition! For the calendar, landscape (as opposed to portrait) is the most suitable style but the subject is a free choice just as long as the photos show Fulford through the seasons. The closing date is June 24th - please submit your photo or image by email to rich@rwapservices.co.uk or on a CD or memory stick to Rich Mellor (3, Dale View Court) including details of your name, address and email address. These will be printed by us to be displayed for public vote on the Community Fun Day Saturday 13th July to decide the winners from both the under 14 and senior category. Winning photos will receive a prize and will be on display in the pub. Calendar photos and Christmas cards will be selected from all entries.

GARDEN COMPETITION – judging between Monday 24th June and Friday 5th July

This is the chance for anyone in the village to win some gardening vouchers! During the fortnight between the 24th June and 5th July (the actual day is weather dependent of course) judges will walk the village and choose their favourite gardens in the following categories – small and large front garden, tubs and hanging basket and verge appeal. There is no need to formally enter the competition as all the judging will be done from the pavement. Prizes will be given out on the Community Fun Day Saturday 13th July.

LIVE WIRES

A massive thank you to Live Wires for a wonderful night in aid of the war memorial appeal. Apart from everyone having a really great evening, £800 was raised for the continued upkeep of the war memorial ensuring that it is maintained in a way that befits the sacrifice made by previous generations.

FULFORD COMMUNITY FUN DAY SATURDAY 13TH JULY VILLAGE HALL 2.00 – 5.00 p.m, and afterwards at the SHOULDER OF MUTTON for BBQ and live music.

This promises to be a fantastic afternoon of family fun and entertainment! With attractions that will include Children's Fancy Dress, Dog Show, Stalls, Games, Tea and Cakes, a Bar, Live Music, a Children's Funfair Ride and much, much more there will be something for everyone! Bring the family, bring a picnic and enjoy the afternoon! To round off a fun community day and following straight on from the activities in the village hall the Shoulder of Mutton will be having a BBQ and live music.

This is the first of what we hope to be an annual event bringing all parts of the village together – the School, Little Learners, the Church, the Village Group, the Village Hall and Pub will all be doing their bit to make this a really special day for the village. We will need lots of help so if you would like to volunteer in any way by helping to set up the gazebos, by manning a game or judging one of the events on the day please contact Fulford Village Group. This is an afternoon by the community for the community and we would welcome any extra help to make it a really fun day for everyone!

ANNUAL YOUNG ACHIEVERS BURSARY- a new idea instigated by a particular achievement.

Alfie Boote whose grandparents live in the village has been selected for the Team GB selection trials in Poland for the 'UNDER 18 CANOE SLALOM'. This is as a result of extreme dedication and Alfie has been chosen to be the first recipient of the £100 bursary from Fulford Village Group in recognition of his achievements and to help with travel costs etc.

This award will be open to any young person with a direct connection to the village and will be awarded annually in April. Applications will be during February next year – eligibility information and the application process will be publicised nearer the time in the village newsletter and on the village web site.

STONE GAZETTE

You may have noticed that the Stone Gazette is no longer being delivered to Fulford. Having queried this with the magazine it appears that with the increase in housing in Stone and Eccleshall but the need not to increase the print run, the distribution area had to be rationalised. The decision wasn't taken lightly or without looking at other options however as Fulford was the furthest point away in the distribution matrix it seemed the logical choice. You can however read the magazine online free of charge, or if you prefer a hard copy, some copies are left at the Boar in Moddershall or at Hilderstone Garage or are available from the Gazette offices in Stone. If you wish to submit an article the dates for 2019 can be found at <http://www.stonegazette.com>, <http://www.myvillagevoice.co.uk> or <http://www.st15directory.com>

A500 MUSIC IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL Sunday 12th May 7.30 p.m. Village Hall

On Sunday 12th May A500 Music presents Speak, Brother & Joe Dolman. Tickets can be purchased directly (thus avoiding paying a booking fee) by calling Ian Boyle on 07828 830247, Doors open 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. start, complimentary tea and coffee are served but please feel free to bring your own booze. This concert is followed by the Luke Jackson Duo and special guest April Jai on Sunday 4th August, Willy Porter and special guest John Dhali Sunday 13th October and Peter Riley and Shamona on Sunday 1st December. These are great artists performing right on our doorstep but book early – these concerts are often a sell out! For more details visit the A500 Music website - www.a500music.co.uk or see their Facebook page www.facebook.com/A500-Music.

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, FULFORD Revd Marion Reynolds

Included in the What's On in Fulford are the dates of the special services for the year and details of the Easter and Ascension day services are listed in the Church Newsletter.

Following on from the popularity of last year's visit, Hanson's Auctioneers will be back at Hilderstone Village Hall offering antiques valuations from 3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 15th May. Valuations cost £1.00 per item (maximum of 3 items) with all proceeds going to the Christ Church Access for All fund to provide facilities in Hilderstone Church. Refreshments will also be available.

THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON 01782 399320

Dom's disco and karaoke will be in the pub on Sunday 21st April and information about other live music events will be on the noticeboard outside the pub.

There are some special meal offers at the moment – Wednesday is Burger Night (£8.50 for beef, Cajun chicken or vegetarian), Wednesday and Thursday nights are Steak Nights and with every two steaks, you get a free bottle of wine (2 x 9 oz fillets £36, 2 x 10 oz rumps £26). Lunchtime sandwiches and baguettes are £6.95 (hot baguettes £7.95) and are served with chips but every night is gin night with a double gin and tonic just £6.50! The pub is looking for part time staff – for more information contact Steve on the number above.

FULFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS from Mrs Sutton, Headteacher.

Worm Charming Event at Fulford Primary School - Thursday 16th May 2019 from 4pm to 4.30pm

Who will be this year's champion worm charmer? The competition is open to all and we would be delighted to have more residents from the village join us. If you would like to take part, please let the school know so we can reserve a worm charming plot for you.

Fulford Primary School Sports Day - Monday 17th June 2019 (Monday 24th June if weather postponed)

Younger siblings can come and support and join in the fun at our sports day. KS2 children will be competing in the morning and Reception and KS1 children in the afternoon. Any children starting at Fulford School in September 2019 are more than welcome to join in with our current Reception class in the afternoon.

Fulford Primary Summer Fair - Thursday 20th June 2019 from 3.30pm to 5pm

Everyone is invited to join us for our Summer Fair and enjoy a variety of games and stalls including tombola, cake sales and refreshments.

FULFORD VILLAGE PLAYGROUP every Friday at St Nicholas Church 10.00 a.m. – 12.00.p.m.

Fulford Village Playgroup is held every Friday at St Nicholas Church (term time only). The playgroup welcomes all children under 5 for fun and games, whilst parents and carers can enjoy a cup of tea.

Contact Lauren on [07974 777075](tel:07974777075) for more information.

REFUSE LORRY Saturday 25th May 9.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

A refuse collection vehicle will be on the VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK on **Saturday 25th May**, (not on 6th April as per notice boards) for the collection of household items. It does not include such items as soil, rubble, fridges, freezers or televisions, liquid waste, paint waste and hazardous materials.

DOG MESS

In recent weeks there has been a big increase in the amount of dog mess around the village. Some of the worst affected areas are Kingfisher Crescent and Baulk Lane (both well used by children going to and from school) and also the Churchyard, where the fouling is not only on the paths but also actually on some graves. Picking it up and then leaving the bag somewhere is not a solution as this just adds to the plastic pollution. The Stafford Borough council website states –

“It is illegal to leave your dog's poo lying in a public area. If the dog is in your care you must clean up any mess it makes. Being unaware that the dog has fouled, or not having anything to clean up the mess, is not an excuse.” If you witness anyone not clearing up after their dog you can report this by contacting the council enforcement team at dogs@staffordbc.gov.uk or on 01785 619000 giving as much detail as possible such as name or description of dog/owner, location, times and dates.



THE VILLAGE HALL www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk

For a timetable of the regular bookings held in the hall including “Sing & Sign”, badminton, art, yoga, patchwork, dance classes, indoor bowls, table tennis, choir, a senior residents monthly coffee morning and a pre-school during the daytime, and for information about forthcoming events, please visit the website. Whilst most of these bookings are fully subscribed, there are currently opportunities to join indoor bowls, badminton and table tennis. For party bookings tel. 388784 or email bookings@fulfordvillagehall.org.uk.

WHAT'S ON IN FULFORD 2019

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

APRIL

Friday 19th Good Friday Service, 2.00 p.m. St Nicholas' Church, Fulford
Sunday 21st CW Communion Service for Easter Sunday, 9.30 a.m. St Nicholas' Church, Fulford
Sunday 21st Disco and Karaoke Shoulder of Mutton

MAY

Wednesday 1st Best Kept Village judging begins
Sunday 5th Village Walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green
Sunday 12th A500 Music Speak, Brother and Joe Dolman 7.30.p.m.Village Hall BYOB
Wednesday 15th Antiques Valuation Hilderstone Village hall 3.00 – 5.00 p.m.
Thursday 16th FPS Worm Charming Event 4.00 – 4.30 p.m.
Thursday 30th Stone Deanery Ascension Day service 7.30 p.m. Christ Church at Hilderstone

JUNE

Saturday 1st BKV second judging begins
Sunday 2nd Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green
Monday 17th FPS Sports Day (24th if bad weather)
Thursday 20th FPS Summer Fair 3.30 – 5.00 p.m.
Monday 24th Closing date for Photo Competition and Garden Judging begins.

JULY

Monday 1st BKV finalists judging begins
Sunday 7th Village Walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green
Saturday 13th Community Fun Day 2.00 – 5.00 p.m. at Village Hall and afterwards at the Shoulder

AUGUST

BKV results
Sunday 4th A500 Luke Jackson Trio 7.30 p.m. Village Hall

OCTOBER

Sunday 6th Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green
Sunday 6th Harvest Festival, 9.30 a.m. St Nicholas' Church, Fulford
Sunday 6th St Nicholas' Harvest Supper 6.00 p.m. Village Hall
Sunday 13th A500 Music Willy Porter 7.30 p.m. Village Hall BYOB

NOVEMBER

Sunday 3rd Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green

DECEMBER

Sunday 1st Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green
Sunday 1st A500 Music Peter Riley and Shamona 7.30 p.m. Village Hall BYOB
Friday 6th Santa and Soup 6.00 p.m. Village Green
Saturday 7th Christmas Fair 1.00 – 4.00 p.m. Village Hall
Sunday 15th Fulford Community Choir Christmas Concert 7.00 p.m. Village Hall
Tuesday 24th Midnight Mass 11.30 p.m. (provisional) St Nicholas' Church, Fulford
Wednesday 25th Family Communion for Christmas Day 10.30 a.m. (provisional) St Nicholas' Church.

KEEP UP TO DATE

If you would like to be kept 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

FULFORD VILLAGE GROUP MEETINGS

These open forum meetings take place on the **first and third Tuesdays of every month at 8pm** in the Shoulder, everyone is welcome. **Thank-you to the Fulford Village Group for funding the printing costs of this newsletter. If you would like to contribute to the next edition please tel: 01782 398186.**