

FULFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2015

What an amazing result!!!! Thank you to everyone who helped Fulford win not only the small village category in the Stafford Region awards but also become overall winner in the area. It is a testament to seven years hard work that has resulted in Fulford being not only a 'well kept' village but also a vibrant, caring community. Whilst there are the fairly regular group clean ups so much has been done by individuals just looking after their corners or maybe adopting an area or picking up litter. It has also been a time when existing groups have continued to thrive and the pub has gone from strength to strength, but new projects like Fulfest, the walks, the choir and table tennis have become part of village life. Thank you to everyone who has given of their time and effort.

For one year Fulford will now be the proud owner of the Best Kept Village area trophy and will receive £200 towards village projects. The trophy is similar in size to the village sign and once put up a ceremony will be organized to celebrate - details will follow shortly.

THE PHOTO COMPETITION WINNERS

By public vote at Fulfest '15, congratulations to the overall winner Sally Jones – Bluebell Wood and under 14 winner Oliver Lowndes – A Spring walk in Fulford

The category winners were Colin Gill – Fulford fungi, David Godfrey – Woodpecker and David Hammond – Fulfest musicians

Under 14 runner up was Ella Ostrouchow – Stokie Snowman

The full exhibition of photos is available to view in the Church annexe and the Fulford 2016 calendar and notelets compiled from competition entries will be on sale from the autumn. All funds raised go towards projects in the village.

THE GARDEN COMPETITION WINNERS

Thank you to Sue and Arthur from Heath House farm who judged the village gardens in June this year and awarded garden voucher prizes to:

Large Garden - Belvedere - Fulford Road

Small Garden - Ambleside - Kingfisher Crescent

Pots and Baskets – Manor Barn

Verge - Rose Cottage - Baulk Lane

Also, for keen gardeners, watch out for more details on the Community Herb Garden which will be created outside the Shoulder.

RACE NIGHT now on October 10th!

Following the huge success of last year's race night this year's tickets are selling fast so buy your tickets early! Tickets (£10) are available from any of the BKV group, by phoning 01782 398186 or knocking on the door where you see a sign advertising ticket sales. If you would like to support the

village and advertise in the programme or sponsor a race contact Mark: Mark@consultm.co.uk mob 07870224001 for details. Funds raised will be in aid of Fulfest with a donation to Blythe Bridge Rotary in thanks for their support in running this event.

LEAF CLEAR Sunday November 15th 11.00 a.m. village green – help needed please!

To ensure the Green is in good condition for next year's events the leaves need to be cleared from the Village Green and for safety, from the surrounding paths. Just bring a rake and a broom at 11.00 and we will supply the green bags and Steve from the Shoulder, the soup at lunch time. Good exercise, good company and soup, a great combination!

MAMMA MIA November 21st

Sing-a-long Mamma Mia (with the words this time!) is booked for 21st November so put the date in your diary now! Tickets will be on sale nearer the time and will cost £6.00 (£20 family ticket). Funds raised will be go towards funding village projects.

THE BUS STOP

At your cost, the perspex has now been replaced in the bus stop.

VILLAGE WALKS – time to walk and talk!

Following a summer break the first walk of the autumn will take place on October 4th starting at 11.00 from the Village Green. As always sturdy footwear is recommended and wellies if there has been lots of rain. The walks generally last for a couple of hours but occasionally a little longer if the leader is feeling particularly adventurous!

FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The parish council meets every second Thursday at 7:15 pm, either at the Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall, or at Fulford Village Hall. All meetings start at 7.15 pm with an opportunity for local issues to be raised by any local government elector from the parish.

THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON 01782 399320

£100 of prizes at the Wednesday quiz night!!! With the entry money being divided up amongst the winner and two runners up it really is worth coming to the Shoulder on a Wednesday. The quiz starts at 8.45 and costs £2.00 per person with free chips to help you along.

Below are the weekly offers but don't forget to check the pub boards for the latest information about specials and live music.

Mondays – selected mains £6.00

Tuesdays – Pie night, all pies £7.00

Wednesdays – free sweets with all mains

Thursdays – steak and curry night, all curries £7.00

Sunday lunch – roast dinner with all the trimmings £9.50

FULFORD COMMUNITY CHOIR SUNDAY 4.00 – 6.00 P.M. IN THE Village Hall

The rehearsals this term begin on September 13th followed by Sept 20th, Oct 4th (venue to be confirmed), Oct 25th, Nov 8th, 15th, 29th, Dec 6th with the Christmas concert on Dec 13th.

The choir is open to everyone of all abilities (but younger than 12 may be a little young), it is a welcoming group with the main objective of just having fun singing together with three or four performances through the year. The conductor is Dan Hollingshurst who you may have heard play at Fulfest in Focus Pokus or seen conducting the choir at concerts.

The cost is £3.00 per rehearsal but anyone is welcome to come along for free to see whether it is for them. If you need any further information phone Wendy 01782 398186 or just turn up.

FULFEST '15

What an amazing day we had! Fantastic music, fantastic food, lots of friends and family and only a little rain. Discussions are already under way about next year's festival but if you think you can help or have any ideas come along to a Fulford Village Group meeting on a Tuesday evening.

TABLE TENNIS Village Hall every Friday 10 'til 12 £2.00 including refreshments

This is open to all ages and abilities and is a fun filled morning - a mixture of chatting, laughing and camaraderie, not to mention the table tennis which can become quite competitive! Just turn up or phone David Hudson on 01782 397303.

FULFORD VILLAGE HALL www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk

The Village Hall continues to be a fantastic resource for the village not only for the activities it hosts but as a location for fundraising and social events for the local community and for private parties, weddings and birthdays. Additional revenue is also achieved by occasional lettings for caravan rallies in the early spring and late autumn.

A new exercise class is starting on a Tuesday early evening, and a Pilates class on a Thursday evening from 1st October.

The Christmas Fair is booked for the first Saturday in December as usual.

For a timetable of the regular bookings held in the hall and for information about forthcoming events, please visit www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk. For party bookings tel. **01782 388784** or email bookings@fulfordvillagehall.org.uk.

FULFORD VILLAGE GROUP MEETINGS

These meetings take place on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 8pm in the Shoulder. This is an open forum and everyone is welcome, just turn up.

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



WHAT'S ON IN FULFORD 2015

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

SEPTEMBER Best Kept Village Ceremony tbc

OCTOBER Sunday 4th Village walk starting 11 a.m. on the Green
Sunday 4th Harvest Festival Supper in the Village Hall
Saturday 10th Race Night in the Village Hall

NOVEMBER Sunday 1st Village walk starting 11 a.m. on the Green
Sunday 8th Remembrance Sunday service
Sunday 15th Leaf clearing, meeting on the Village Green at 11 a.m.
Saturday 21st Sing-a-long Mamma Mia in the Village Hall

DECEMBER Friday 4th Santa and Soup on the Village Green
Saturday 5th Christmas Fair 2 p.m. in the Village Hall
Sunday 6th Village walk starting 11 a.m. on the Village Green
Sunday 13th 7 p.m. Fulford Community Choir Christmas concert Village Hall
Tuesday 15th 8.00 p.m. Fulford Village Group AGM Village Hall
Carols on the Village Green 7 p.m. date tbc

JANUARY Sunday 3rd New Year Walk 11 a.m. Village Green

FEBRUARY Sunday 1st Village walk 11 a.m. Village Green

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