

FULFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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FULFEST 2016 – July 9th

Following much fund raising, Fulfest will be back again this year with the familiar mix of music, workshops, tea and cake and great pub food and drink – a day for the whole family to enjoy.

More information will follow nearer the time but for now, put the date in your diary!

LES MISERABLES MARCH 5th Fulford Village Hall 7.00 for 7.30

Tickets are now on sale for the chance to enjoy this powerful big screen film with your friends, just a short walk from home. Bring your own food and drink and maybe a hankie!

Tickets cost £6.00 (£20 family ticket) and are available from anyone in the Village Group or by phoning 01782 397303 but don't delay, there is limited availability and they are selling quickly. All funds raised will go towards village projects.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2016

The entry has been sent off and this year the huge challenge is to try to match last year's achievements! This is a lot to expect but already many projects are underway to help maintain and improve the environment of the village.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the village fund raising events throughout the year making the repairing of the steps and wall on Baulk Lane possible, levelling the ground and strengthening the wall to allow for planting. Also, with the £200 award from the Best Kept Village competition and support from the Parish Council, plans are under way to renovate the village well installing a new trough and repaving the uneven area around the well.

At the Church, the War memorial has now been assessed by the Parish Council and information submitted to the relevant organisation with a view to the upright being repaired and the memorial cleaned and the Church is going through the process of gaining ecclesiastical planning permission to replace the notice board by the main entrance gate.

A new venture this year is the Community herb garden that will be in place by the Shoulder within the next few weeks. Rosemary, parsley, chives, basil – all the favourites – will be available for you to help yourself. All that is asked is that you take just what you need, leaving some for the next cook, but putting some money in the collection box next time you are in the pub. Thank you to Steve for siting the herb garden in the pub grounds and to those who will be maintaining the herb garden for the village.

DAFFODILS

Everything is blooming early this year and the daffodils will soon be out all over the village. Notices have been put up to let people know the daffodils are there, but with the narrow roads the verges have taken a real battering this winter. If anyone has the time to take a spade whilst the ground is soft and make the verge near their house good it would be really appreciated.

DRAINS and LITTER

Maintenance of the village infra structure is no longer done routinely so it is in our interest to report blocked drains, holes in the roads, street lights, flooding, areas that have become hazardous, grit bins that need filling, etc. It is a very easy process either by phone, or quite simply and accurately on the County Council website, it takes 2 minutes on www.staffordshire.gov.uk/ "road or lighting faults". Or phone 0300 111 8000.

Environmental issues, such as littering, graffiti, dog mess, sharps, fly tipping and problems with children's play areas, can all be reported with just one phone call to StreetScene or on the Borough Councils website www.staffordbc.gov.uk/ or phone the Contact Centre on 01785 619000.

VILLAGE WALKS

The New Year walk had to be postponed due to the weather, but took place on February 7th – one dry day between two very wet ones! 25 people set off on a lengthy walk returning to very welcome hot pork baps and spiced cider, thanks to Fiona and Tim. The next walk is the March 'Clean for the Queen' walk (see below). Future walks will still take place at 11.00 on the first Sunday of each month but may also be themed – look out for the posters or check on the website for more details.

CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN March 4th – 6th

Fulford is supporting this countrywide initiative to prepare for the Queen's 90th birthday by incorporating a litter pick of Fulford and its environs with the village walk on March 6th.

Four walks with small teams of volunteers will set off from the village green at 11.00 a.m taking in the four roads that lead out of the village – just turn up and you will be provided with a litter picker and a bag and put in a team! If you have a hi viz jacket it may be good idea to wear it.

Other events to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday will take place nationally and in the village on Sunday June 12th, the official birthday.

CHOIR SHOWCASE Saturday March 12th

The choir continues to grow both in numbers but also in confidence, experience and repertoire.

On Saturday March 12th a coach will be taking the choir to Leicester to sing in a Choir Showcase organised by the nationally recognised charity Sing for Pleasure. The choir will sing a short programme of music to a panel of experts and other choirs, receive feedback and then join with the other singers for a half hour workshop. It is a non-competitive event but challenging and exciting!

The choir is open to everyone (over 12) – details can be found on the village web site or phone 01782 398186 for more information.

FULFORD IN CONCERT St Nicholas' Church 7.30 p.m Saturday March 19th

Previously called the Young Talent Concert we have come to realise there is a lot of not quite so young talent in Fulford, hence the new name 'Fulford in Concert'! Come to the Church to hear live performances from local musicians – from Mozart to well-known film themes by John Williams it will be a great night out. Tickets are available on the door £3.00 (£2.00 concessions) and all funds raised will be in aid of St Nicholas' Church.

WELL DESERVED RECOGNITION

It was wonderful to hear the news that Peter Dakin, our vicar, recently received an unexpected letter from the Acting Bishop of Lichfield inviting him to 'take up a Prebendal Stall in the Cathedral' to 'mark all his faithful service in the parishes and Diocese'. 'Prebendary' is an historic title that used to come with a hefty extra income but nowadays brings a named seat in the Cathedral, a title (Prebendary of Wolvey) and a responsibility to help manage the cathedral through the College of Canons. Peter will also be asked to lead worship and preach at the cathedral occasionally.

Peter will be shown his stall during Evensong at 5.30 p.m on Wednesday 2nd March, the Feast of St Chad and his title will become the Reverend Prebendary Peter Dakin.

THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON 01782 399320

For Mother's Day, March 6th, Steve is offering two sittings of a 3 course meal, the first sitting bookings will be between 12.00 and 12.45 and later, between 4.00 and 5.00 p.m costing £19 for adults and £10 for children. Following that busy Sunday there will be slight disruption in the pub from March 7th for a small refurbishment, so please check the notice board or phone the Shoulder to check opening times and availability of food,

The new sign says it all – bespoke Bed and Breakfast will be opening mid-July at Hawthorne Cottage next door, it really will be dine and stay!

TABLE TENNIS Village Hall every Friday 10 'til 12 £2.00 to include refreshments.

All abilities are welcome so if you are interested just turn up or phone David Hudson on 01782 397303.

THE PUB BOOK CASE

The bookcase needs some new books! The total is creeping towards the £1000 target but the stock could do with updating so if you have any books in good condition that you no longer need, please just drop them off. Any unwanted books that do not sell are taken to Oxfam.

FULFORD VILLAGE GROUP MEETINGS

These meetings take place on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 8pm in the Shoulder. If you have an event you would like to publicise or an idea you would like to raise come along for a chat, this is an open forum and no-one is coerced onto any committee or anything!

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 2016

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

- MARCH** Friday to Sunday 4th - 6th 'Clean for the Queen' weekend
Saturday 5th Film night 'Les Mis' 7.00 p.m. Village hall
Sunday 6th 'Clean for the Queen' Village walks 11 a.m. Village green
Saturday 12th Fulford Community Choir trip to Leicester
Saturday 19th Fulford in Concert 7.30 p.m. St Nicholas' Church
- APRIL** Sunday 3rd Village walk 11 a.m. Village green
- MAY** Sunday 1st Best Kept Village judging begins
- JUNE** Saturday 11th Photographic competition closing date
Sunday 12th Queen's 90th birthday celebrations
Village Treasure Hunt.
Week beginning Monday 20th Garden judging
- JULY** Friday 1st Final Best Kept Village judging begins
Saturday 9th FULFEST 2.00 – 9.30 p.m. Village green
Wednesday 13th Primary school afternoon concert Village hall
Friday 15th Primary school evening concert Village hall
Saturday 23rd Steam Train Dinner in aid of St Nicholas' Church
- AUGUST** Best Kept Village results and awards ceremony
- SEPTEMBER**
- OCTOBER** Sunday 2nd Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village green
Sunday 2nd Harvest Festival Supper the Village hall
Saturday Bavarian Evening 7.00 the Village hall (date tbc)
- NOVEMBER** Sunday 6th Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village green
- DECEMBER** Friday 2nd Santa and Soup 6.30 p.m. on the Green
Saturday 3rd Christmas Fair 2.00 p.m. Village hall
Sunday 4th Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village green
Sunday 11th Fulford Choir concert 7.00 p.m. Village hall (date tbc)
Carols and mulled wine on the Village green (date tbc)

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