FULFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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MUSIC AT ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH

The first of a series of concerts in aid of the church took place on January 21st when single reed players 'Reeds Aloud' entertained a near capacity church raising close to £300 for church funds. The next concert is being given by **'Moorlands Brass'** on **March 10th** (not March 3rd as previous publicised) and will be an evening of music to suit all tastes and a chance to see and hear a tuba, trombone, french horn and trumpets up close, as well as most probably some really bad jokes! Tickets are available on the door (£6.00 adults, £2.00 children, £14 family ticket) priced to reflect the fact that this is an evening of music to appeal to the whole family. If you wish to reserve tickets please email <u>wendy.godfrey51@yahoo.com</u>

CHURCHYARD TIDY Saturday February 18th 10.00

Many hands will make light work of clearing up the post-Christmas debris in the Churchyard. Even if you are not a Church goer and can only spare an hour, your help would be appreciated as the Churchyard covers such a large area. Tea and biscuits will be supplied to keep you going!

FULFEST 2012 July 7th 2.00 pm 'til late

Put the date in your diary!

ELVIS IS IN THE VILLAGE! Friday April 20th 8.00 pm Village Hall

Dust off your blue suede shoes as this event is the big fundraiser in support of **Fulfest 2012** and promises to be a great evening of music and dancing to everyone's favourite, Elvis. Bring your own food and drink and reserve a table for the evening by emailing <u>wendy.godfrey51@yahoo.com</u>

Tickets are on sale at £6.00 each from any of the Fulford Village group or through the email address above. Please try to support this evening, as Fulfest can only be a free event for the whole village if the necessary funds are raised throughout the year.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The entry has been submitted; judging will be in May and June.....

SPRING CLEAN DATES

Sunday March 11th, March 25th, April 22nd, April 29th and May 27th 11.00 – 1.00 meeting on the Village Green

It takes very little time to tidy up after the winter when there are quite a few helping hands, so if possible, try to spare an hour to help prepare the village for the summer and the Best Kept Village competition. There are no big projects, just maintenance this year.

VILLAGE GARDENS COMPETITION

To reflect the fact that so many people have contributed so much in recent years by caring for their front gardens and kerb sides, to run alongside BKV, prizes are going to be awarded locally for lovely **VILLAGE GARDENS.** There are just three categories, **best tub or hanging basket, best front garden and best kerbside display.** There is no need to enter but the judging will take place during the weekend the 9th and 10th of June.

Open to everyone in the village the **garden voucher prizes** will be awarded at Fulfest.

PHOTO COMPETITION

Prizes will also be awarded at Fulfest for the best photos of **'Fulford Views'** with a plan to exhibit the photos in the village later in the year should there be enough entries.

There are two categories, under or over 18 and the closing date is June 1st. Please deliver hard copies (ideally on A4) to Rich Mellor at 3 Dale View Court, Fulford telephone 01782 398143

CHILDREN'S POSTER COMPETITION

Once again this is being organised through the school and the posters will be displayed around the village throughout the summer. Thank-you to the school for supporting this aspect of the competition – once again we are all looking forward to seeing some fantastic designs this year.

LITTER AND DOG MESS

You may have seen the yellow hot spot signs! Dog poo continues to be a problem – please clear up after your dog.

VILLAGE WALKS

Two more village walks lasting about two hours are planned for **Sunday March 4**th meeting at 11.00 on the Village Green and the Dawn Chorus walk on **Sunday May 6**th – an early start at 4.15am on the Village Green but with the incentive of bacon rolls for breakfast after the walk!

Details of the popular Rhododendron Walk will be in the next newsletter.

SHOULDER OF MUTTON tel. 01782 399320

The BIG NEWS is that the pub is now serving **light lunches** from 12.00 – 2.30! The **NEW OPENING HOURS** are Monday 5.00 – 11.30 (no food) and Tuesday–Sunday 12.00–11.30pm Apart from the normal menu (including Tuesday's pie night and Thursday's curry night specials) there is now a fantastic, delicious and popular choice on the specials board.

CHARITY AUCTION NIGHT - THURSDAY 1ST MARCH (AUCTION STARTS AT 9.30pm)

More donated items are needed for the charity auction night on behalf of the First Responders and the Cancer Unit at the North Staffordshire Hospital being held at the Shoulder of Mutton. Please contact Jayne or Paul Bennett on 01782 397724 if you have any items to donate. Everybody welcome to bid!

Bookings are now being taken for **Mother's Day**, **Sunday March 18**th and **Elvis** (who loves Fulford!) is booked for the Bank holiday **Saturday May 5**th. This is a great chance to hear him sing from about 9.00pm in the more intimate environment of the pub.

For the pub Diamond Jubilee celebrations Steve has booked a hog roast and barbecue for Monday **JUNE 4**th and is in the process of booking some great musical entertainment for the evening.

ZEST – your local Curry restaurant 01782 385282

Celebrate life with Spice by trying the **CONTEMPORARY EASTERN CUISINE offered by ZEST** at the Hunter Public House, Saverley Green.

The opening times are Monday – Sunday 5.00 pm till late, deliveries are free on orders over £10.00 (within a 3 mile radius) and there is 10% discount on collections. Zest also caters for weddings, parties and functions. Visit their website at <u>www.thezest.biz</u> for more information.

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE, 2012

Village groups are invited to join together over the extended weekend on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th June. Initial ideas are that following the Sunday church service, anyone who would like to celebrate and commemorate the Queen's 60 year reign can do so by holding a Big Jubilee Lunch with their neighbours in their street!

A traditional Children's Tea Party held at the Village Hall is being planned for the Monday afternoon, and a hog roast later at the Shoulder.

FULFORD VILLAGE HALL tel. 01782 397629

The village hall continues to be incredibly busy and a fantastic resource for the village. For a timetable of the regular bookings held in the hall and information about forthcoming events please visit <u>www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk</u>

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