

FULFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The entry has gone in and with as many willing hands as possible we will do our best to try to get a podium position at the awards in August! In order to keep the village looking as loved and cared for as possible, several tidy up Sunday morning dates have been identified and are listed in the 'What's On' on the back page and on posters around the village. These last for an hour or so and are not as onerous as they sound so if you like to be involved come to the village green at **11.00 on Sunday 17 March** to do your bit. If Sundays are not possible but you are willing to help then please let us know if there is an area you would be willing to care for in your own time. This is already happening in several areas around the village but there are still places (the stream or the top of Highview for example) that are 'not adopted'.

FULFORD VILLAGE SIGN, TIME CAPSULE and PLINTH

The Fulford Primary School children have produced some fantastic work for the time capsule with memories for 50 years' time of the clothes they are wearing, their favourite foods, music, games and the names of their best friends and pets. Also included will be stamps, coins, newspaper articles, receipts and other local memories. The stone and the plaque are ready for the plinth so the sign will be completed within the next few weeks – look out for the opening ceremony!

The location of the time capsule will be recorded locally but also on the International Time Capsule website so hopefully someone will remember it is there and open it in 50 years' time!

PHOTO and GARDEN COMPETITION 2013

Following the success of the photo competition 2012, this year's topic is 'Seasons and Celebrations in Fulford' and the closing date is June 1st. Please drop your printed photos at 3, Dale View Court by the closing date but if you could also include a high quality electronic copy that would be great as it would make the compilation of the calendar easier. 100 calendars were sold last year and we would like to do this again but we did find that landscape (as opposed to portrait) pictures worked best – just a tip if you would like your photo included in next year's edition!

As with last year there will prizes for the best front garden/ verge, hanging baskets and tubs and these will be judged over the weekend 29/30 June with gardening vouchers as prizes.

MONTHLY SUNDAY WALKS and now WEEKLY WEDNESDAY WALKS!

As well as the monthly two hour Sunday walks (next one 7 April 11.00am Village Green) there is also a one hour mid-week health walk starting at 9.30 on the Village green , just long enough to get the day off to a good start.

The infamous **Dawn Chorus walk** followed by a cooked breakfast is booked for Sunday 5 May. Not for those people who need a full night's sleep as it is a 4.15am start on the village green but worth it for the fantastic dawn views, sounds of nature and bacon and egg breakfast.

The **Rhododendron walk** is pencilled in for June 2 but is weather dependant and will be confirmed nearer the time.

FULFORD VILLAGE MEETINGS - first and third Tuesdays of every month 8.00pm to whenever in the Shoulder

Don't forget these are open to **anyone** and **everyone** from the village – there is no formal structure, no agenda, no committee - just a group of people with a drink. If you have an idea, feedback or concerns then come along one week. Whilst a group of about a dozen people is happy to organise events, communication, publicity etc extra help is still needed in maintaining the village environment.

THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON 01782 399320 www.thesoulderofmuttonfulford.co.uk

The Tuesday to Thursday offer of buy two starters, mains or desserts and the cheapest is half price is still on but now there is **MONDAY MADNESS** as well where you buy two meals and the cheapest is free!

Bookings are now being taken for Easter Sunday but don't leave it too long as these dates book up quickly.

Live music continues to be a feature of the Shoulder and there are two dates for your diary - Saturday 23 March Elvis is back! and Friday 5 April 'Live Wires'

SLIMMING WORLD

Have you overdone it at the Shoulder? Dreading that bikini/speedo (!! moment in the summer Then maybe Slimming World is for you! Sue Taylor is the new Slimming World Consultant for Fulford and can be contacted on 01782 373436 or on Facebook – search Sue Slimmingworldfulford Taylor. The group meets every Monday at 5.30 and 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

MUSIC AT ST NICHOLAS'

The second in a series of three concerts in aid of St Nicholas' Church is being given by The Walton Trio at 7.30 on Saturday 23 March. Their first time performing in Fulford, this Palm Court trio of violin, cello and piano will perform pieces of varying styles and entertain with a few anecdotes. It is a wonderful opportunity to hear live, local music and meet the musicians.

Tickets are available on the door £6.00 (£2.00 concessions, family ticket £14.00), last year the series of concerts raised £1,000 for the Church – it would be great to do the same this year.

FULFORD COMMUNITY CHOIR and CONCERT

The choir continues to go from strength to strength and now has 58 members, however there is space for as many as wish to join so please come along if you are interested. Their next performance is Sunday 24 March 7.00 pm at the Village Hall, tickets available on the door (£3.00, £2.00 concessions) The choir is also performing at the Victoria Hall on 27 June and at Fulfest on 13 July - what fantastic progress in less than a year!

FULFEST 2013 FUNDRAISING DISCO

Saturday 20th April Village Hall

Fulfest is free for everyone on the day but is funded by events throughout the year so please support this event if you can. Tickets will be on sale shortly – look out for the posters giving further information.

SPRING FASHION SHOW

Friday 26th April 7.15pm

This Spring Fashion Show is being given in aid of the Church and in conjunction with the Edinburgh Woollen Mills Shop from Trentham Gardens. The clothes will be modelled by people from the village and the manageress will be talking about the clothes whilst they are being modelled.

Any sales resulting from the evening will receive a 20% discount! During the interval as well as the raffle, tea, coffee and cake will be served (included in the ticket price of £5.00).

Tickets are available from John Hooley, Gill Viggars, Julie Holland or Ann Boulton
tel. 01782 920739 (Mrs Viggars).

BUS SERVICE 249 - use it or lose it!

This service between Longton and Stone via Fulford is operated by Bennetts Travel. It gives 2 or 4 hours shopping time in Longton or Stone each day.

THE MOBILE LIBRARY

If you can't find the book you need at the pub (£500 raised for the Church so far!) then maybe the mobile library is for you. The mobile library visits the village on the 3rd Monday of the month and is in Meadow Lane from 2.15 – 2.40 and then at the Village Hall from 2.45 – 3.15. Use it or lose it!

FULFORD VILLAGE HALL

The Committee with its own funds and with a grant from Stafford Borough Council's Jubilee Fund has had the outdoor rear area to the hall resurfaced and extended which will benefit hirers in the summer and also the pre-school which operates from the Large Hall.

The village hall continues to be a fantastic resource for the village. For a timetable of the regular bookings held in the hall and information about forthcoming events please visit www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk and for party bookings **tel. 01782 397629.**

The AGM of the Management Committee will be held on Wednesday 24th April at 8:15pm – new members are always needed and welcomed!

UPDATED WHAT'S ON IN FULFORD 2013

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

MARCH 2013

- Sunday 3 March – Village walk 11am from Village Green
- Sunday 17 March – BKV Spring clean 11am Village Green
- Saturday 23 March – The Walton Trio at St Nicholas' 7.30 pm
Elvis at the Shoulder from 9 pm
- Sunday 24 March – BKV Spring clean 11am Village Green
Fulford Community Choir concert 7pm Village Hall

APRIL 2013

- Friday 5 April – 'Live Wires' at the Shoulder
- Sunday 7 April – Village Walk 11am from Village Green
- Sunday 14 April – BKV tidy up 11am Village Green
- Saturday 20 April – Fulfest fund raiser 8 pm Village Hall
- Friday 26 April – Spring fashion Show 7.15 Village Hall
- Sunday 28 April – BKV tidy up 11am Village Green

MAY 2013

- Wednesday 1 May – **BKV judging begins**
- Sunday 5 May – Dawn Chorus walk 4.15am Village Green
- Sunday 19 May – BKV Tidy up 11am Village Green

JUNE 2013

- Sunday 2 June – Rhododendron walk (tbc)
- Sunday 9 June – BKV Tidy up 11 am Village Green
- Saturday 22 June – Church fete 2 pm Village Hall

JULY 2013

- Monday 1 July – **BKV FINAL judging begins**
- Saturday 13 July – **FULFEST** from 2 pm on the Village Green
- Sunday 28 July – **Open Gardens** around the village from 12pm

AUGUST 2013

- Monday 5 August – Best Kept Village results

KEEP UP TO DATE

If you would like to keep more up to date with what's going on in the village and maybe contribute some thoughts and even help out at some of the events, why not join the Fulford Village email list – send your email to fulfordvillagegroup@googlemail.com

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