

FULFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Have you spotted the new and freshly painted bollards on the footpath from the Green, young tree, rebuilt stream wall, tidied planters and the extra grit and dog bins? Thank you to all those people who, despite the rain, have put some time into helping to show Fulford at its best. Judging begins on **May 1st** and carries on throughout June and, should the village be making a good impression, through the first two weeks of July. Look out for two or three people with clip boards walking around the village!

SPRING CLEAN DATES

There are just two dates left, Sunday April 29th and May 27th 11.00 – 1.00 meeting on the Village Green. As always any help would be welcomed.

VILLAGE GARDENS COMPETITION

A reminder that there is no need to formally enter this competition; it is just an opportunity to reward local gardeners who have made such a fantastic effort to help to improve the appearance of the village. Running alongside BKV, garden voucher prizes will be awarded at Fulfest for **best tub or hanging basket**, **best front garden** and **best kerbside display**. The judges from Milwich Gardening Guild will walk around the village during the weekend the **9th and 10th of June**.

PHOTO COMPETITION

A professional photographer has been asked to judge the entries for the best photos of '**Fulford Views**'. 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. As with the garden competition, prizes will be awarded at **Fulfest**.

CHILDREN'S POSTER COMPETITION

The children's posters have now been judged – look out for some fantastic art work in the village from May 1st!

ATTENTION ALL DOG OWNERS

There has been a marked increase in the amount of dog mess around the village over the past few months, and it is becoming a major issue with an increase along Baulk Lane, Meadow Lane, Vicarage Lane and the footpaths alongside Fulford Road in particular - all these routes are regularly used by young children on their way to school.

Hot Spot signs have been introduced to highlight areas, although some dog owners still appear to ignore them and refuse to pick up the mess left by their dog. Not only are dog faeces disgusting (especially if you tread in it, or pick up litter under which it may be lurking), but with a lot of young children in the village it is a major health concern. Only a few months ago a toddler fell into dog mess and is still in danger of losing the sight in one eye. Don't let something like that happen here.

It is up to YOU to pick up after your dog - it only takes a minute - you don't have to get your hands dirty - dog bags are available free from the post office in Meir Heath, and the newsagents by Blythe Bridge Station. There are plenty of bins and dog bins around the village - so use them!

DAWN CHORUS WALK

Not for the sleepy, this walk will begin at **4.15a.m** from the Village Green on **Sunday May 6th** – an early start but with the incentive of bacon rolls for breakfast after the walk! The walk will last about two hours and take in a variety of habitats including the rhododendron woods where bird activity will be at its best. To ensure there is enough breakfast for everyone please book a place in advance 398143/398186.

RHODODENDRON WALK

This walk is a wonderful opportunity to see some very rare rhododendron specimens growing locally and will begin from the Village Green at 11.00 on May 13th or 20th depending on the intervening weather and plant growth. The finalised date will be displayed on the village notice boards and website nearer the time.

MUSIC AT ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH

'Take Four' the Stafford based string quartet that performed to an enthusiastic audience at Fulfest 2011 is making another welcome appearance in Fulford as the next ensemble in the series of concerts to perform at St Nicholas' on **Saturday May 12th at 7.30**. As in previous concerts the group will perform a varied programme ranging from Bach to Bacharach and beyond, with history and humour along the way. Tickets are available from John Hooley tel 01782 393554 or 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 wendy.godfrey51@yahoo.com.

Church Summer Fete

The traditional fete will be held on Saturday 23rd June from 2pm at the Village Hall, with Stalls : Games : Refreshments : Cream Teas.

THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON 01782 399320

There is a new addition to the Shoulder of Mutton – Pepsi the border collie pup!! And the exciting news is that anyone is welcome to come to the pub and walk Pepsi once she has had her injections and is trained!

Forthcoming events include:

- 2 out of 3 (Meatloaf Tribute) Saturday 5th May
- Elvis (Mark Clay) Saturday 12th May

Don't forget that apart from Mondays, the pub is now open from 12.00 – 11.30 and as well as the evening menu, is serving light lunches from 12.00 – 2.30 (Monday opening 5.00 – 11.30, no food), with a full Sunday Dinner from 12.00 - 4.00.

BABY RABBITS free to a good home Tel: 01782 396860

FULFEST 2012 July 7th 2.00 pm 'til late

Thank you to everyone who put on their blue suede shoes and supported the Fulfest 2012 fundraising event, but particularly to Elvis, who provided such a fantastic evening of entertainment helping to raise enough money to fund this year's Festival.

DO YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED? – DO YOU HAVE YOU A GOOD IDEA? - HAVE AN UNTIDY BIT OF THE VILLAGE NEAR YOU? Please come and tell us.....

The meetings are informal and completely open - everyone is welcome. If you have an idea, something you think could be done to improve the village environment or community then come to the Shoulder on the first or third Tuesday of the month any time from 8.00. There would be no need to come every time, no commitment, no expectations - it is just an open forum for everyone in the village, a place to share ideas.

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE, 2012

Village groups are invited to join together over the extended weekend on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th June. 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 Family Tea Party will be held at the Village Hall on the Monday afternoon, open to the village with an entertainer for the children, with games and refreshments. The Shoulder will also be providing a Hog Roast on the Monday, so plenty of opportunities for everyone to celebrate!

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 www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk