

# FULFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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## **BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2015**

Everything that can be done has been done and the May judging has already taken place! The judges will visit the village again in June and if we have reached the final judging, again in July. As in previous years the competition isn't about being the prettiest village (but well maintained and colourful flower beds and tubs obviously help) but the village that looks loved and cared for and has a spirit of community. The areas that are difficult to maintain on a day to day basis are the public areas so if you are out for a walk, please continue to pick up litter and maybe take a detour around the village hall car park and the playground to check all is well. The results will be announced Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

## **THE PHOTO COMPETITION CLOSING DATE June 15th 'Fulford Month by Month'**

Entries can be submitted electronically to [rich@rwapservices.co.uk](mailto:rich@rwapservices.co.uk) or hard copies delivered to Rich Mellor 3, Dale View Court, before the closing date of June 15<sup>th</sup>. As last year, copies will be printed and displayed at Fulfest (July 11<sup>th</sup>) for the public vote to decide the category winners.

The Fulford 2016 calendar and notelets compiled from competition entries will be on sale from the autumn.

## **THE GARDEN COMPETITION the last week of June**

Thank you to Sue and Arthur from Heath House farm who have agreed to judge the village gardens this year. As in previous years there will be four categories – large front garden, small front garden, tubs and planters and kerbside display with the results being announced at Fulfest. Sue and Arthur will walk round the village during the last full week of June (the exact date will depend upon the weather) and judge from the pavement, there is no need to formally enter the competition and there is no need for access to the gardens. Garden vouchers will be awarded to the winners of each category.

## **SCHOOL BKV POSTERS**

Once again Fulford primary school pupils have produced some fantastic posters promoting their local environment and you can now see them displayed around the village. Please take time to look on the notice boards at the village hall, on the village green and in the walkway from the village green to Baulk Lane steps. Thank you to the staff and pupils at the school for their continued involvement in BKV with the posters brightening up the village every summer.

## **FULFORD VILLAGE GAMES Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup> from 1.00 – 4.00, Shoulder of Mutton back garden.**

There is no need to get into training for this 'Midsummer Madness Olympics' it will just be a Sunday afternoon of fun with a barbecue in the back garden of the Shoulder of Mutton pub. For a small entry fee for each game there will be activities for all ages, such as Giant Jenga, Limbo, Egg and spoon races, Welly throwing, Apple bobbing and much more and every winner whether an adult or a child, will get a prize. It will be a great way to spend Fathers' Day and all funds raised will go towards Fulfest '15.

## **THE BUS STOP**

Last year the parish council spent £500 replacing the perspex panels in the bus shelters in Meir Heath and Fulford however, many of you may have noticed that within months the Fulford bus shelter has already been vandalized. To replace these panels will cost hundreds of pounds. Not only is this criminal damage, this is your money raised from your taxes and the images are offensive to the people that use it. If you have any information please report to your local PCSO Rebecca Powell ([rebecca.powell@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:rebecca.powell@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk)).

## **VILLAGE SUMMER WALKS – time to walk and talk!**

Two special walks will take place on **June 7<sup>th</sup>** (Rhododendron walk) and **July 5<sup>th</sup>** (Summer Strawberry walk) both starting at 11.00 am from the village green. The Summer Strawberry walk will finish at 50, Highview Road for strawberries and cream and summer punch. To book a place on this walk (and the post walk refreshments!) please text 07811 846105.

A small group still does the health walk for an hour on a Wednesday morning starting at 9.30am from the village green, easy walking, everyone welcome.

## **ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, FULFORD**

**1960's Steam Train Dinner Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2016** - don't forget that early booking is recommended for the 1960's supper evening on the Churnet Valley Railway. Tickets cost £25 per person for a 2 course meal, train ride and live band and seats will be reserved on receipt of £10 deposit per person. Please contact Julie Holland - 01782 394070 for more information.

## **FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

The parish election scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> was uncontested in all four wards and with three councilors standing down pre the election, there are now three vacancies across the parish. Anyone who lives or works in the parish and is interested in improving their community well-being and in providing better services at a local level can be co-opted onto Fulford Parish Council and should contact the Parish Clerk.

## **THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON 01782 399320**

**£100 of prizes at the Wednesday quiz night!!!** With £50 for the winner and £30 and £20 for the 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

## **FULFEST '15 – July 11<sup>th</sup>**

The Fulfest '15 programme will be dropping through your letter box soon and as in previous years, there will be a great mix of music and acts to entertain all of the family from 2.00 – 9.30. This is a free community event organised and supported by lots of people in the village, however extra help will be needed on the day in providing cakes, serving teas, selling raffle tickets etc. If you are able to give an hour of your time, donate a raffle prize or cook some cakes, please speak to a member of the organising group or text Fiona on 07818 005901.

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

This is open to all ages and abilities. After some 5 months, it continues to be 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.

## **SUPERFAST BROADBAND NOW AVAILABLE IN FULFORD**

The new green box just opposite the Village Green has now been enabled as part of the County Council's initiative to bring superfast fibre broadband to the whole of the County. This is known as 'Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC)' broadband – the wire connection from the Green to your house remains unaffected, but if you switch from standard broadband to fibre broadband, you should see a significant speed increase with downloads improved from between 0.5Mbps to 2Mbps at present, to anywhere between 15Mbps and 80Mbps – a minimum speed up of around 10 times! Uploads are also improved from around 0.5Mbps to 2Mbps, so that will help you with sending emails or uploading photos or documents. The extra speed is especially advantageous if you currently share your internet connection between PCs, laptops and games consoles, but there is another advantage in that most providers offer some form of TV on demand service, allowing you to watch BBC iPlayer for example, through your TV screen.

Some people living in the centre of Fulford are already taking advantage of the new service (there is an additional monthly cost of around £5) - contact your service provider for more information.

## **FULFORD VILLAGE HALL [www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk](http://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.

For a timetable of the regular bookings held in the hall and for information about forthcoming events, please visit [www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk). For party bookings **tel. 01782 388784** or email [bookings@fulfordvillagehall.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:fulfordvillagegroup@googlemail.com)



# WHAT'S ON IN FULFORD 2015

(but check [www.fulfordvillage.com](http://www.fulfordvillage.com) for the latest info)

## MAY

### BEST KEPT VILLAGE JUDGING BEGINS

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 5.00 a.m Dawn Chorus walk starting on the Village green

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m. Fulford Community Choir concert Village hall

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 6.00 p.m. Hymnathon St Nicholas' Church

## JUNE

### BEST KEPT VILLAGE SECOND JUDGING VISIT

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Rhododendron walk starting 11 a.m. on the Village green

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Photo competition closing date 'Fulford month by month'

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Fulford Village games 1.00 – 4.00 p.m. Shoulder of Mutton

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> onwards - Garden judging week

## JULY

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> **BEST KEPT VILLAGE FINAL JUDGING BEGINS**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Summer Strawberry walk starting 11 a.m. on the Village green

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> **FULFEST** starting 2.p.m. on the Village green

## AUGUST

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Kept Village results

**SEPTEMBER** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Race Night Fulford Village hall

**OCTOBER** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Village walk starting 11 a.m. on the Green

**NOVEMBER** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Village walk starting 11 a.m. on the Green

Leaf clearing, meeting on the Village Green at 11 a.m. (date tbc)

Fulford Village Group AGM (date tbc)

**DECEMBER** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Santa and Soup on the Village green

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair 2 p.m. in the Village hall

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Village walk starting 11 a.m. on the Village green

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m. Fulford Community Choir Christmas concert Village hall

Carols on the Village green 7 p.m. date tbc

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