

FULFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2016

It's that time of year again! The banners are up, the children's posters ready for the annual display around the village and maintenance and gardening jobs are scheduled to be done for the beginning of the judging period from May 1st. As in previous years, Fulford will receive two unannounced visits from the Best Kept Village judges, one in May and one in June and if lucky enough to get through to the final round, another visit in July.

There has already been some amazing work from unsung heroes through the year – to highlight just a few look at the playground, the rail planters, the lovely planting around the phone box and village well and the maintenance of the area around the Baulk lane steps. Everyone can do something to help however, whether it is picking up litter, ensuring they pick up after their dog, tidying the verge near their home or just generally keeping an eye out and reporting blocked drains etc. Everyone doing a little is a great way to keep the village at its best!

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION – closing date June 8th

Last year 150 calendars and 80 packs of notelets were sold to raise money for the village using photos submitted in the village photo competition. If you would like to see your picture in print and have some photos celebrating '**Scenes from Fulford throughout the year**', please submit your photo or image by email to rich@rwapservices.co.uk or on a CD or memory stick to Rich Mellor (3, Dale View Court) by June 8th including details of your name, address and email address. These will be printed by us to be displayed at Fulfest for the public vote to decide the winners from both the under 14 and senior category. Winning photos will receive a prize and will be used in the Fulford calendar 2017 or notelets, as well as being put on display in the pub for 12 months - if you haven't seen last year's winners check them out in the pub next time you are in!

GARDEN COMPETITION – week beginning June 18th

This is the chance for anyone in the village to win some gardening vouchers. During the week beginning Monday June 18th some judges from a local nursery will walk the village and choose their favourite gardens in the following categories – small and large front garden, tubs and hanging basket and verge appeal. There is no need to formally enter the competition as all the judging will be done from the pavement. The prizes will be awarded at Fulfest on Saturday 9th July.



AFTERNOON TEA WITH THE CHOIR – Sunday May 8th 4.15 p.m.

The choir trip to Leicester on Saturday March 12th to sing in the Choir Showcase organised by the nationally recognised charity Sing for Pleasure was a great success - the choir sang their short programme of music to the panel of experts and other choirs and received positive, constructive feedback and, apart from having lots of fun, felt very proud of their achievements.

On Sunday May 8th the choir will sing this repertoire again at an afternoon tea concert at the village hall along with some new pieces learnt in the intervening time. Home-made cake and tea will be served, so for just £3.00 a ticket it will be a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

The choir is open to everyone (over 12) and the first rehearsal is free – if you are interested in trying it, details can be found on the village web site or phone 01782 398186 for more information.

FULFORD TREASURE HUNT ON FOOT - Sunday June 5th from 11 00 a.m.

Instead of the village walk this month it is a village treasure hunt!

Start from the Shoulder of Mutton any time between 11.00 a.m. and noon, collect your questions and map and off you go! Follow the map, find the answers to the clues, write them on your sheet and hand them in at the Shoulder when you have finished. In the event of a tie the time taken to complete the hunt will be taken into consideration. All teams must be finished by 1.30, answer sheets handed in after this time will not be considered and for road safety reasons, no more than 6 in a team please.

ENTRY FEE: adults £2.00, children £1.00 (under 8s free) LOADS OF GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!!

THE QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS – Sunday June 12th



Events to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday will take place nationally on Sunday June 12th.

In Fulford a family tea party for children from Fulford - Moss Gate - Saverley Green - Stallington and Cross Gate is being organised to take place in the village hall to recognise and celebrate the Queen's official birthday in traditional style.

More details will follow but look out for the posters and check the village web site.

FULFEST 2016 – Saturday July 9th

The plans for this year's Fulfest are well under way and every household will be receiving a flier nearer the time outlining the events for the day. At 1.00 there will be a folk workshop open to all instrumentalists and run by Folkus Pocus (otherwise known as Dan and Caroline Hollingshurst) but Fulfest itself will run as usual from 2.00 – 9.30. With this performance schedule and a few additional features this year, help is needed, particularly during the afternoon to cover all that is going on.

FULFEST VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

Could you give **one hour** of your time on the day? If so please contact us (by phone or text: 07890 996798) indicating which area you are interested in and when you would be available:

- Programme selling
- Tea tent – serving or bringing cakes
- Pimms tent
- Rattling donation buckets
- Raffle

All help gladly received!

In addition, we are delighted that **STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE CADETS** will be helping us with managing Fulfest this year and are very grateful for the support they will be giving us on the day.



The Staffordshire Police Cadets scheme encourages young people to develop new skills and self-confidence in the service of our communities. It aims to boost links between the police and young people and promote good citizenship. It isn't about recruiting police officers – it's about developing young people and making a difference to communities. Come along and talk to the Cadets at Fulfest, and see if it is something that you might like to become involved in or contact DCO GRAHAM SMOUT or Volunteers Manager CAROL BARRS 07811 188619 or 01785 232221.

AND SO MUCH MORE.....

Don't forget to check out What's On in Fulford on the final page as there is still more to look forward to in the village – the primary school concerts, the Steam Train dinner, the walks, the concerts and just before we start thinking about Christmas, the Harvest Supper and the Bavarian Evening.

BLYTHE BRIDGE LIBRARY – volunteering opportunities.

Libraries are vibrant community spaces where volunteers can express their interests through a menu of different volunteering opportunities and if you are looking to boost your CV the new 'Volunteering Speaks Volumes' accredited qualification will help you stand out from the crowd.

Ring 01785 278311 for a chat or find out more at:

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/volunteerinyourlibrary

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library now visits Fulford Village Hall at 11.55 and Moss Lane at 1.15 every 3rd Friday – 6th May, 27th May, 17th June and 8th July

HIGHWAYS

Just to repeat from the last newsletter - maintenance of the village infrastructure 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.

THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON 01782 399320

Call in for a meal and a drink and see the refurbishment – new floor, new skylight and decor, the pub looks lovely. You can always pick up a few herbs from the new Community Herb Garden as well!

FULFORD VILLAGE GROUP MEETINGS

These open forum meetings take place on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 8pm in the Shoulder, everyone is welcome.

WHAT'S ON IN FULFORD 2016

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

MAY Sunday 1st Best Kept Village judging begins
Sunday 1st Village walk 11 a.m. Village Green
Sunday 8th 4. 15 p.m. Fulford Choir Afternoon Tea concert Village Hall

JUNE Sunday 5th Village Treasure Hunt from 11.00 the Shoulder
Saturday 8th Photographic competition closing date
Sunday 12th Queen's 90th birthday celebrations Village Hall
Saturday 18th Garden judging begins

JULY Friday 1st Final Best Kept Village Final 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 (sold out)

AUGUST Best Kept Village results and awards ceremony
Sunday 14th Willy Porter concert tour at the Village Hall

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER Sunday 2nd Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green
Sunday 2nd Harvest Festival Supper Village Hall
Saturday 15th Bavarian Evening 7.00 p.m. Village Hall

NOVEMBER Sunday 6th Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green

DECEMBER Friday 2nd Santa and Soup 6.30 p.m. on the Village 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)

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

Thank-you to the Fulford Village Group for funding the printing costs of this newsletter.

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