

# FULFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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## BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2017

Fulford again entered the 'Best Kept Village' competition gaining Highly Commended. The judges' detailed comments are available on the village website [www.fulfordvillage.com/bkv-results.php](http://www.fulfordvillage.com/bkv-results.php) but below is a summary of the main points. Bearing in mind the months of road works in the village and the disruption and chaos leading up to the judging, everyone should be very proud!

"Fulford is a neat and tidy village, with very little litter. There was good evidence of community involvement, especially the numerous social events and BKV campaigns throughout the year and the many colourful planters around the village."

Whilst there were many favourable comments – BKV awareness, posters, Village Green, there were some improvements suggested at the churchyard, Village Hall, phone box and war memorial.

The village well was noted as being renovated; the village sign was an attractive feature which enhanced the Village Green and there were some nice, colourful planters around the village, including the ones on the bridge railings.

The Village Hall surrounds and car park were very neat and tidy with a number of attractive planted areas although there were small amounts of litter in May.

The Shoulder of Mutton car park was very tidy and free of weeds. The beer garden looked attractive and well cared for, with its community herb garden providing a nice touch. It was noted however that the bench on the Green would need painting soon.

St Nicholas' churchyard was pretty well maintained overall. It may be worth considering designated wildlife/conservation areas which could be left unmown to reduce the amount of "close grass cutting". The car park was tidy and the noticeboard was in good condition.

The children's play area was in a delightful setting, and all the equipment was well maintained and in good condition. The safety surfaces were good and the area was clean and litter free.

"Fulford is clearly a well-loved village with evidence of strong community involvement and pride."

### GARDEN COMPETITION

A very pleasant weekday evening in June was spent walking round the village looking at an incredible variety of beautiful front gardens. The standard was very high and choosing the prize winners was a very difficult task for last year's winners, Ruth and Peter Wilkinson however, four winners were chosen and have received vouchers and the winner of this year's large front garden award will be next year's judges.

Winning large front garden: Fulfield, Fulford Road

Winning small front garden: 28, Kingfisher Crescent

Winning pots and baskets: Four Briars, Fulford Road

Winning verge: Ivy House Farm, The Green

Judges' Special: 7, Kingfisher Crescent

Thank you to everyone for taking part but particularly to Ruth and Peter for giving their time and expertise.

## **BUTTERFLIES AND SUNFLOWERS**

There were very mixed results in the sunflower competition with some sunflowers growing healthily and some not growing at all despite the best of encouragement. The successful sunflowers were measured in August however, with three prizes being awarded for the following very impressive plants -

Tallest sunflower – John and Evelyn Hooley 265cms (just over 9 feet!!!)

Most flowers on one sunflower plant – Jessica with 10 flowers

Prettiest sunflower – Benjy and Dex Blumstein (the red variety)

The butterflies, under the careful nurturing of Sal Jones, did very well and there were three magical releases in the village of about 100 delicate butterflies that had developed from chrysalises in nets over a period of weeks. It is hoped to repeat the project next year with an increased variety of butterflies.

## **PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**

The standard of photography on the theme of '**Fulford and its Fauna and Flora**' was incredibly high and nearly 100 people took the opportunity to vote for their favourite photos at the pub birthday in July, the final choir rehearsal of the year and the welcome evening for the new vicar in the village hall. The winning photographers have received vouchers and the photos will be framed and on display in the pub shortly.

Because the photos for the calendar need to be seasonal and landscape (as opposed to portrait) the photos for the Fulford Calendar 2018 will be selected from all entries. Congratulations to this year's winners: Tim Barnes – Fulford, Nick Mott – it's Fauna, Martin Oxby – and Flora, Finnan Mott – under 14's

## **FULFORD CALENDAR 2018**

Using fantastic photos from this year's village photographic competition the Fulford calendar 2018 will be on sale soon at events around the village, from members of the village group or the farm shop. The calendars are available in two formats and cost £6.00 or £4.00 with all money raised going towards funding projects in Fulford. To reserve your copy please text 07890 996798.

## **FRIDAY PLAYGROUP**

The playgroup meets in the Church annex on Friday mornings between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m. during term time. Mothers or Fathers or Grandparents stay with the children. There are lots of toys to play with and drinks are available – for more information contact Lauren on 07974 777 075.

## **FULFORD FOOD AND CRAFT DAY SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 11.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.**

The first Food and Craft fair was held in September and was very well received. At the next event there will be an even greater mix of locally produced fine food and craft as well as teas, coffees, cake and cream teas! There is free admission and plenty of car park space.

## **VILLAGE WALKS 11.00 from the village green**

The walks take place on the first Sunday of every month starting from the village green at 11.00 a.m. and returning by about 1.00 p.m. The walks are on the roads and footpaths around Fulford and are a great way of taking exercise, getting to know people in the village, catching up on the news and seeing and learning more about the environment we live in.

## **FULFORD HALL FARM SHOP 07854 213236**

Fulford Hall Farm shop is now open, selling free-range meat, eggs, vegetables, homemade cakes and pies from their little blue shop next to St. Nicholas' Church. Opening times will be Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Local delivery is also available, for any enquiries please ring Jade on 07854 213236.

## **PATCHWORK AND QUILTING CLASS TUESDAY EVENINGS 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.**

An opportunity to learn patchwork and quilting or simply bring your own projects along and enjoy a social evening. Suitable for complete beginners or experienced quilters. £5.00 per class.

Please contact Jane to register interest or to find out more information on 01889 505738 / 07971 881034

## **GREYHOUNDS, GOLDEN OLDIES & FRIENDS CRESSWELL, DRAYCOTT**

'Greyhounds, Golden Oldies & Friends is an animal sanctuary caring for elderly dogs, goats and ponies. Our dogs live in a home environment as part of our family and at present we have ten. We have 11 sofas - one each for the dogs and one for my Mum, my husband and myself to share! Most of our animals have been ill-treated but with us they receive the best care possible and are able to live out their days in peace and tranquility knowing only love and kindness, something that most of them have not known before. We are a long standing charity and have been helping abused and abandoned animals since 1990. Upkeep of the sanctuary is costly and nearly all animals need veterinary care on arrival due to previous neglect, it is a constant battle to raise enough funds.' For more information contact Diane 07939 758373.

## **ELVIS FONTENOT AND THE SUGAR BEES SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

Formed in 1993 in Stoke-on-Trent, Elvis Fontenot and the Sugar Bees have evolved to become the premier European swamp'n'roll outfit that they are today. They have played on the BBC, in the States and at numerous events and festivals in mainland Europe, Ireland and UK festivals but tonight, they are in Fulford Village Hall. With their mix of Cajun, Zydeco, Swamp 'n' Roll you can expect an infectious good time! Tickets are already on sale (£8.00) available from members of the village group or text 07890996798. Doors open at 7.30 and a bar will be provided by the Shoulder so please bring your own snacks and enjoy drinks from the bar provided.

## **CHRISTINE COLLISTER & MICHAEL FIX SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 7.30 P.M. FOR 8.00.P.M.**

### **A500 MUSIC IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL - bringing great music to the potteries**

Christine Collister ( [www.runningmedia.com/christine-collister](http://www.runningmedia.com/christine-collister)) & Michael Fix's ( [www.michaelfix.com](http://www.michaelfix.com)) combined talents, passion for music and overall love of life are a delight and it is a great opportunity to hear them perform just a short walk from home, in Fulford Village Hall. Their performances strike a wonderful balance between their unique arrangements of timeless melodies of popular tunes and their own unforgettable compositions. In early 2017, Collister & Fix toured Australia, performing at festivals and concert venues, receiving a rapturous reception wherever they appeared. The Australian tour was such a powerful experience for both artists and audiences that Collister & Fix will return with a new album and another tour of Australia in 2018. Admission is by advance ticket purchase, price £12 - call or text 07480 615671, Email [info@a500music.co.uk](mailto:info@a500music.co.uk). Facebook [www.facebook.com/A500-Music](http://www.facebook.com/A500-Music). \*Bring your own drink\*

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

The Shoulder continues to offer great food and drink with Dom's Disco a new weekly event on Sundays from 7.00 pm – 10.00 pm. There will be a Halloween pumpkin competition during the week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October with the winner being announced at the Sunday Halloween disco and buffet – fancy dress optional! The Festive Fayre menu will be available all day, every day from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December (normal menu still available) with a disco and buffet on Christmas Eve from 7.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m. New Year's Eve will be a ticket only event, details available from the pub nearer the time.

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

The management committee is asking users and potential users by means of a survey for their feedback on their use of the facilities and for the plans for the next one to five years. The survey forms are being distributed around the village and are available at the Village Hall, please complete the survey and return it to either the Village Hall or the Primary School. A new event in the Village Hall is the Food and Craft Fair now booked for the second Sunday of each month 11.30 - 2.30pm. But for a timetable of the regular bookings held in the hall and for information about forthcoming events, please visit the website. For party bookings tel. 01782 388784 or email [bookings@fulfordvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:bookings@fulfordvillagehall.org.uk).



# WHAT'S ON IN FULFORD 2017

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

**OCTOBER** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Harvest service 9.30 a.m. St Nicholas'  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Village walk 11.00 a. m. Village Green  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Harvest Supper 6.00 p.m. Village Hall  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Food and Craft Fair 11.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m. Village Hall  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Elvis Fontenot and the Sugar Bees 7.30 p.m. Village Hall  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Halloween Disco and Buffet 8.00 p.m. 'til late the Shoulder  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Christine Collister and Michael Fix 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. Village Hall

**NOVEMBER** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Food and Craft fair 11.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m. Village Hall

**DECEMBER** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Santa and Soup 6.30 p.m. Village Green  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Fair 2.00 p.m. Village Hall  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Church Christmas Hamper raffle in the Shoulder  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Fulford Community Choir Christmas concert 7.00 p.m. Village Hall  
Carols on the Green date TBA  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Disco and Buffet 7.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m. the Shoulder  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> ticket only Disco and Buffet 6.00 p.m. 'til late the Shoulder

## JANUARY

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> New Year walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Amy Wadge and Luke Jackson 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. Village Hall

## FEBRUARY

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Barn Dance with Folkus Pocus 7.30 p.m. Village Hall

## MARCH

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Village walk 11.00 a.m. Village Green

## 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)

## 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.

**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.**