

FULFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2015

'The best awards ceremony ever' was how one of the judges summed up the way Fulford turned out to celebrate the handing over of the Best Kept Village plaque and trophy. The village is not sitting on its laurels however, and with the money raised through fund raising events, the steps and wall on Baulk lane are to be repaired to make the ground more level and the wall better able to support the soil. Also, with the £200 award from the Best Kept Village competition and support from the Parish Council plans are under way to renovate the village well.

Below is a shortened version of the judges' comments. For the full text please visit www.fulfordvillage.com

BKV awareness was tackled through the Village News, notes in Stone Life and Newsletter, the church magazine, the village website, emails to residents, posters, etc. (A comprehensive programme!) There were two excellent BKV banners at the village entrances and BKV posters at strategic locations, on noticeboards, at the village hall and elsewhere throughout the village.

There were some excellent displays of children's posters on the village hall boards, on the Village Green and (a surprise find!) on the fence leading to the small open space near the Green.

The surrounds of the church were neat and tidy in May and June, with well mown grass, the remains of bluebells and sensible conservation areas. The noticeboard near the road looked very "tired", but there was a new one near the front entrance. There were two attractive small planters at the front door.

The pub car park was excellent, with no weeds or litter. The outside drinking area and the pub frontage were both very tidy (and welcoming!)

The war memorial was disappointing, it is a simple structure which deserves more care and attention. (The memorial is in need of some structural repair and is in the planning stages of being renovated – hopefully it will be done soon!)

Verges were well mown throughout the village and the Village Green was in excellent condition throughout the judging period.

No litter and only one small dog mess (in late July) were seen. There was very clear evidence of BKV awareness and involvement and the village had obviously worked hard over a number of months to establish and maintain a consistently high standard over the vast majority of BKV features.

Judges described Fulford as "delightful village", which "it was a pleasure to visit." The village looked in excellent condition overall and all those who were involved in BKV had done very well.

FULFORD CALENDAR AND NOTELETS 2016

The 2016 Fulford calendars and notelets have now been designed and printed using photos submitted for the photo competition and are on sale around the village. The calendars are available as landscape (£6.00) or portrait (£4.00) and the notelets in packs of ten for £4.00.

All funds raised will go towards village projects. Phone 01782 398186 to place an order.

New for this year, the winning photos from the photographic competition have been framed and are now on display in the pub – take a look next time you call in for a meal or a drink!

LEAF CLEAR Sunday November 15th 11.00 a.m. Village green – help needed please!

Everyone can help to ensure the green is in good condition for next year's events by joining in clearing the leaves from the village green and from the surrounding paths. Just bring a rake and a broom at 11.00 on Sunday November 15th and we will supply the green bags and Steve from the Shoulder will supply the soup at lunch time.

MAMMA MIA November 21st Fulford Village Hall

Tickets are now on sale for the chance to enjoy your favourite big screen film with your friends, just a short walk from home. Bring your own food and drink and dig out your ABBA outfit or holiday clothes to really get in the mood.

Tickets cost £6.00 (£20 family ticket) and are available from anyone in the village group or by phoning 01782 397303 but don't delay, there is limited availability and they are selling quickly.

All funds raised will be go towards village projects.

THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON 01782 399320

The Wednesday night quiz and Play your Cards Right go from strength to strength with the highest recent win from Play your Cards Right of £400 causing quite a stir. You have to be in it to win it as they say, so come along at 9.00 any Wednesday if you want you join in.

The Christmas menu will be served throughout December and bookings for Christmas day are already being taken. Phone the pub or look at the board for details.

SANTA AND SOUP Friday December 4th 6.30 p.m.

Come and meet Santa and enjoy some homemade soup whilst waiting for him to arrive on his sleigh. It will also be a chance to see the new pub Christmas tree!

CHRISTMAS FAIR Saturday December 5th 2.00 p.m. Village hall

As well as Santa's grotto and lots of games for the children the Christmas Fair will be full of crafts, cakes and gifts as well as raffles and refreshments. If you would like to book a table there is still time, just phone 01782 397629.

FULFORD COMMUNITY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday December 13TH 7.00 p.m. in the Village hall

This is the fourth Christmas concert given by the community choir in the village hall and with performances from local musicians, children from Fulford primary school, Fulford orchestra and soloists, mince pies and wine it will once again be a fun celebration of the festive season.

Tickets are available on the door (£3.00 and £2.00 concessions) or from members of the choir or by phoning 01782 398186.

CAROLS ON THE GREEN Friday December 18th 7.00 p.m.

Come and sing your favourite carols on the village green accompanied by a brass band, mince pies and mulled wine - the perfect start to Christmas.

NEW YEAR'S EVE IN THE VILLAGE HALL www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk

A family evening with a disco or band has traditionally been held at the village hall hosted by one of the village organisations. This year no one has come forward to run the event but there is still time, so if you are interested in booking the hall, please contact the booking secretary on 01782 388784. For a timetable of the regular bookings held in the hall and for information about forthcoming events, please visit www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk. For party bookings **tel. 01782 388784** or email bookings@fulfordvillagehall.org.uk.

NEW YEAR WALK Sunday January 3RD 11.00 a.m. Village green.

Walk off the Christmas calories with the New Year Walk calling for a drink at the Boar in Moddershall before returning to the village for pork baps and spiced cider at about 1.30 hosted by Fiona and Tim. To book please phone 398280 or text 07818005901.

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

Table tennis will be taking a break over Christmas but will be back again from Friday January 9th. All abilities are welcome so if you are interested just turn up or phone David Hudson on 01782 397303.

THE PUB BOOK CASE

Don't forget to bring your unwanted books to the pub and take the opportunity to buy some to read by the fire over the holidays. The total raised has now passed the £900 mark, but how great would it be to reach £1000 for the Church!

THANK YOU

The Race Night was once again a popular event and raised much needed funds for the group to continue its good work. Thank you to the main sponsors: **Leeses of Barlaston, Longton Glass Ltd, Platts' Garage (Longton) Ltd, Malibu Hot Tubs Ltd, TF Travel Ltd, BDF Bearings, AA Silencers, Ghandi Indian Restaurant, Shenton's Butchers, Westbridge Furniture** and also to Trentham Bed Warehouse, Bentley Insurance, Keates Hulme Property Consultants, RJS Solicitors, Richard Jacobs Pensions, MDB Garden & Ground Maintenance, Fords Feeds Ltd, Kandahar Cattery, Mount Nurseries, The Greyhound Inn Lilies Petals, Victoria Carpets, Goodfellaz Barbers, Andy & Son family Butchers, Merv Bennett & Son, John W Collier, Rosemarie Holdcroft, JME Controls Ltd, Green Theme Landscapes Ltd, Lloyds Newsagents, Shingler's Services, Manor Farm Dog Walking, Marion Hall, Gillian Scarisbrick Optometrist. Without their considerable support Fulford Village Group would be under funded and it would be difficult to continue to organise events for the village.

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.

The Fulford Village Group AGM is on Tuesday December 15th 8.00 p.m. in the Village hall.

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



WHAT'S ON IN FULFORD 2015/2016

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

NOVEMBER Sunday 15th Leaf clearing, meeting on the Village Green at 11 a.m.
Saturday 21st Sing-a-long Mama Mia in the Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

DECEMBER Friday 4th Santa and Soup on the Village green
Saturday 5th Christmas Fair 2 p.m. in the Village hall
Sunday 6th Village walk starting 11 a.m. on the Village green
Sunday 13th 7 p.m. Fulford Community Choir Christmas concert Village hall
Tuesday 15th 8.00 p.m. Fulford Village Group AGM Village hall
Friday 18th 7.00 p.m. Carols on the Village green

JANUARY Sunday 3rd New Year Walk 11 a.m. Village green

FEBRUARY Sunday 1st Village walk 11 a.m. Village green

MARCH Sunday 6th Village Walk 11 a.m. Village green

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