

FULFORD VILLAGE NEWS

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2015

Villagers are preparing for the Best Kept Village competition with several initiatives to ensure that at least “Highly Commended” is again achieved. The roadside approach to St Nicholas Church was identified as in need of attention, and with the support from Streetscene at the Borough Council, the Parish Council has adopted this area and now has it on its regular programme of grass cutting.

The first BKV Village Spring Clean will be on Sunday March 22nd – meet at 11 a.m. on the village green to help prepare the village for the Best Kept Village judging which starts as usual on May 1st. Green bags and litter pickers will be provided, all that is needed are lots of willing helpers!

The photo competition theme is ‘Fulford Month by Month’. Entries can be submitted electronically to rich@rwapservices.co.uk or hard copies delivered to Rich Mellor 3, Dale View Court, before the closing date of June 15th. As last year, copies will be printed and displayed at Fulfest (July 11th, put it in your diary!) for the public vote to decide the category winners. The Fulford 2016 calendar, compiled from competition entries will be on sale from the autumn.

VILLAGE WALKS keeping Fulford Fit!

The walks take place on the first Sunday of each month and start from the village Green at 11 a.m. (apart from the Dawn Chorus walk that is much earlier) returning by 1 p.m. The routes are not too strenuous but sometimes a bit muddy so walking shoes or wellies are recommended.

Blow the cobwebs away and meet your neighbours – it’s a great way to spend a Sunday morning! Forthcoming walks: **March 1st**, **March 29th** (this walk is taking place a week earlier than would be expected to avoid Easter), **May 3rd Dawn Chorus walk** (look at the web site or noticeboards nearer the time for more information), **June (date tbc) Rhododendron walk**, **July 5th Summer Strawberry walk** (more info to follow). A small group still do the health walk for an hour on a Wednesday morning, starting at 9.30am on the Green.

SUPERFAST BROADBAND REACHES FULFORD (ALMOST)

You may have noticed the new green box which has appeared just opposite the Village green (alongside the Old School House). This is part of the County Council’s initiative to bring superfast fibre broadband to the whole of the County.

The fibre network will be pulled through the existing BT underground trunking, which means that there will be minimal disruption during installation (unless the trunking has collapsed and they need to dig it up to repair it), and so with luck, installation could be completed by the end of March.

This is known as ‘Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC)’ broadband – the 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 70Mbps– 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.

You should be able to stay with your existing broadband supplier if you wish to take advantage of the new service, although they may not all offer the fibre broadband service straight away, but cost is around £5/month on top of your existing broadband cost. 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. It doesn't replace Sky or Freeview completely, but can be a bonus for those of us who still struggle with freezing TV programmes or loss of satellite signal when it snows. The other option might be to try to entice Virgin Media to extend their network (although their recent expansion plans appear to be limited to filling in gaps in their existing coverage) – you can register your interest via www.virginmedia.com/cablemystreet

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

This is open to all ages and abilities. After some 4 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

FULFORD COMMUNITY CHOIR Sundays 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. in the Village Hall

Some feedback from a recent questionnaire:

'The choir is great – it's very different to what I do during the rest of my week and hugely therapeutic as well as good fun with some lovely people'

'I love attending choir and would definitely recommend it to a friend – it gives a sense of community to our village and I have met new people, both young and old.'

'I am a relative new comer but I have been made to feel very welcome. The choir rehearsal is, for me, just perfect – relaxed, non-judgemental and above all, good fun. FCC has that real 'feel good' factor'. Still wondering whether it is for you? Come along for a free rehearsal – you will not be expected to read music or asked to sing on your own. The dates vary, so check the village website for the next rehearsal or phone Wendy on 01782 398186

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, FULFORD

Following the great success of last year's Steam Train dinner, early booking is recommended for the 1960's supper evening on the Churnet Valley Railway planned for Saturday 23rd July 2016!

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

YOUNG TALENT CONCERT St Nicholas' Church, Fulford, Saturday March 21st 7.30p.m.

This concert, in aid of Church funds, is an opportunity to hear solo and small group performances from the young musical talent of Fulford. From our youngest players taking their first musical steps to the experienced musicians performing as professionals, this promises to be an evening to remember and a celebration of the youth of Fulford.

Tickets £3.00 (£2.00 concessions) will be available on the door.

THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON 01782 399320 www.theshoulderofmuttonfulford.co.uk

Below are the weekly offers but don't forget to check the pub boards for the latest information.

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

FULFORD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDER CHARITY

Please help us... help you...

We are your local Community First Responder team – a dedicated team of volunteers who are trained by West Midlands Ambulance Service and dispatched to emergency calls, providing lifesaving treatment to people in our community, whilst the ambulance is on route.

2014 was our busiest year to date! We had 885 emergency call outs (approximately a call out around every 2 hours!) and provided over 2500 staffed hours to the Fulford & District Community. Local support has always been gratefully received. In order for us to continue this vital service, we continue to need your help. As you can imagine, any spare time our busy volunteers have, is dedicated to going on duty in the responder car, but some of us find additional time to help raise funds for the charity, like local pub quizzes and Tesco collections. We really need some extra support with this. Can you spare a few hours to help us fundraise? Would your employer or company be willing to run a fundraising activity or collection for us? We do not receive any funding from the NHS to run the scheme and all donations go directly towards keeping our community responder car on the road.

If you can help, please contact David Steele (Group Coordinator) 07946185945 or Chad Bloor (Group fundraiser) 07535313132. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter @FulfordCFR

Heart Start Workshops 2015 ...

Local Heart Start and Defibrillator Awareness workshops in 2014 were very well attended and there will be more free workshops in 2015! Look out for posters and flyers with details of how to book on, and dates, which will be advertised on local notice boards and the village hall. If you have a 'ready-made' group of 8 or more people who would like to run a Heart Start workshop you can book a workshop directly, contact: Mike@fulfordanddistrictcfr.co.uk
Just two hours of your time and you will have the basic skills that could save the life of a loved one.

FULFORD VILLAGE HALL www.fulfordvillagehall.org.uk

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Wednesday 29th April at 8:15pm. All residents are invited and new members and ideas are welcomed. All village organisations using the Village Hall should be represented on the Management Committee for the next year 2015/2016.

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.

The pre-school which operates Monday – Friday has recently achieved an **outstanding** report from Ofsted “Staff are highly enthusiastic and motivated. They act as excellent role models to children to enable them to become active thinkers and learners. Consequently, children make excellent progress and are extremely well prepared for the next stage in their learning, such as school.”

The previous Newsletter reminded that there is a full size table tennis table at the Village Hall just waiting to be used. An enthusiastic group took this up on a Friday morning and another day may be necessary to satisfy demand! 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.

WHAT'S ON IN FULFORD 2015

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

- MARCH** Sunday 1st Village walk starting at 11 a.m. on the Village green
Saturday 21st Fulford Young Talent concert 7.30 p.m. St Nicholas' Church
Sunday 22nd Spring Litter Pick meeting on the Village green at 11 a.m.
Sunday 29th Village walk starting 11 a.m. on the Village green
Monday 30th Rotary quiz Village hall 7.30p.m. raising funds for the eradication of polio
£10 per person, pie & peas, bring your own drink
- APRIL** Saturday 25th Village Quiz Village hall in aid of the RSPCA
Wednesday 29th Village Hall AGM at 8.15 p.m.
- MAY** **BEST KEPT VILLAGE JUDGING BEGINS**
Sunday 3rd Dawn Chorus walk starting on the Village green (start time tbc)
Sunday 17th 7 p.m. Fulford Community Choir concert Village hall
- JUNE** Sunday (date tbc) Rhododendron walk starting 11 a.m. on the Village green
Monday 15th Photo competition closing date 'Fulford month by month'
Saturday and Sunday 29th and 30th - Garden judging weekend
- JULY** Wednesday 1st **BEST KEPT VILLAGE FINAL JUDGING BEGINS**
Sunday 5th Summer Strawberry walk starting 11 a.m. on the Village green
Saturday 11th **FULFEST** starting 2.p.m. on the Village green
- AUGUST** Monday 3rd Best Kept Village results
- SEPTEMBER** Saturday 19th or 26th Race Night
- OCTOBER** Sunday 4th Village walk starting 11 a.m. on the Green
- NOVEMBER** Sunday 1st 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 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 7p.m. Fulford Community Choir Christmas concert Village hall
Carols on the Village green 7 p.m. date tbc

FULFORD VILLAGE GROUP MEETINGS - first and third Tuesdays of every month 8pm in the Shoulder
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

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.