

Cutthorpe Matters

The second Cutthorpe Village charity AGM was held on Saturday 13th November. It is so inspiring to hear of the achievements of different groups across the village despite these still challenging times. A wonderful community spirit exists here and there are lots of good things planned for the coming months. Keep checking the website, Facebook and this fabulous 'yellow peril' newsletter to keep up and join in whenever you can.

We also elected some talented people to continue to guide the charity towards the things we would all like to see in our community. We welcome Mike Rowbotham and his considerable talents to the trustee group and sadly say goodbye to John Robinson as a trustee and wise counsel, I know John will continue to offer his wisdom and we are very grateful for it. There are now ten trustees and each leads an area of activity around the village. Find out more on the website.

Do have your say, if there is something you are interested in and would like to see happen to speak with us. Of course there is also so much that happens in a more informal and quiet way and this is brilliant too.

Arlene Honeyman, Chair, Cutthorpe Matters
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Remembrance day poppies

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the superb poppy display that the Cutthorpe Creatives put together and arranged around the Coronation Tree, there were lots of positive comments about how eye catching and poignant it was. The Parish Council paid for the large poppies that adorned posts throughout the village and made it something to remind us of the sacrifices made by so many over the years.

Please let Hilary have items for the next newsletter by 20th February 2022,
hilaryasinclair@gmail.com, 01246 297749

Community Speedwatch

The local community speedwatch group has already been at work and some drivers will have received warning letters from the police.

It has been shown elsewhere that the more frequently this is carried out the more effective it is making driving within the speed limit the norm rather than the exception. To help with this we need additional volunteers to give us more chances to help slow down drivers to the speed limit. Drivers are not prosecuted unless caught on several occasions but the warnings do have an effect.

Please don't forget this speed limit applies to residents as well as those driving through!

If you'd like to help slow down traffic in Cutthorpe contact David Catton d.j.catton@virginmedia.com or call 07973 735985

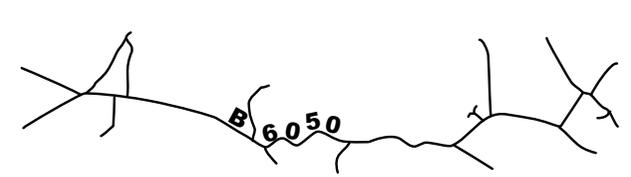
Dunston Grange building development

At a time when we as individuals are being asked what we can do to protect wildlife and the environment, Wm. Davis Homes are still intent on building a further 500 houses alongside Dunston Road in addition to the 300 even though current national policy is moving towards prioritising brownfield sites.

Many people have objected and the decision date for planning approval has been put back to 18th December. If you have already contacted Chesterfield Council - thank you. If you, or members of your household, haven't please write now, however brief your comment, as the weight of public opinion could be a major factor in the council's decision.

Post your letter to Planning Service Development Management, Town Hall, Chesterfield S40 1LP, visit www.chesterfield.gov.uk/planningapplications, or email : helen.frith@chesterfield.gov.uk In each case, quote reference CHE/21/00549/OUT. This is not a "done deal" or foregone conclusion yet but if we do nothing, then we are almost certain to lose.

Tony Darwent



Cutthorpe Kids

Despite having to cancel our Spooktacular due to the inclement weather, the raffle and bake sale managed to raise an amazing £1413.55.

The money will be going towards our fundraiser for a new village park and Cutthorpe Kids activities for the next year.

Thank you to all the local businesses and suppliers who kindly donated raffle prizes and baking and to everyone who bought tickets and cakes. What an amazing result for the village!

Due to a bit of quick thinking and plenty of practice through lockdown, we successfully held the Spooktacular competitions online and the entrants for Best Fancy Dress and Best Pumpkin (both adults and children's categories) did not disappoint! All the entries were fantastic and so creative! Well done to everyone who joined in and worked hard. Special congratulations to Rose for her winning scary doll costume and Oliver and Adam for their winning pumpkins.

After some careful consideration we have made the decision not to have a children's Christmas party this year. There will however, be a special guest visiting the village on Farmer Hodgkinson's tractor on Sunday 19th December, so do keep checking the village social media for information!

Playground News !

We are pleased to be able to confirm that agreement in principle has been reached with the Parish Council and the Cricket Club to develop the playground on the Recreation Ground. A small group of Cutthorpe Matters/ Parish Council members have started to meet to discuss how best to take this forward and to look at ways of funding /designing the project. Funding could be from grants, sponsorship, local fund raising etc, and its great that some money raised



up-to-date information can be found on www.cutthorpe.org.uk and **Facebook/Cutthorpe Village**

Thank you to all the parents and kids who got involved this year with our Summer Play in the Park and competitions. It's been another funny year due to the Covid Pandemic but it's been great to stay in touch with families in the village and have fun throughout the year despite restrictions.

We have loads of ideas for next year which will hopefully come to fruition as the situation around Covid eases. We can't wait to tell you about everything we have planned and look forward to spending time with as many Cutthorpe families as possible in 2022.

Cutthorpe Kids is a village group that runs events and activities for the local children and families, we really do believe it takes a village! If you live in the village and would like to get involved or if your child is not yet registered, then please do get in touch with Sarah on 07790 333830 or by email on Slbell11@icloud.com.

I just wanted to let you all know that despite having to cancel the event, we managed to make £1,413.55 from the raffle, Guess the Sweet competition and Cake sales.

All Cutthorpe Kids enquiries can be sent to Sarah at slbell11@icloud.com.



at the Spooktacular event has been allocated to set us well on the way! For anyone involved in such projects in the past, you will know that this may take some time to complete, but we would hope to have some initial ideas and plans available for the next newsletter. If any one has any experience in this area re design or is aware of any funding pots, please do let us know as any help would be greatly appreciated.
Ken Lawrie ken.lawrie@btinternet.com

Cutthorpe Institute Update

Institute Update – November 2021

The Institute remains open for bookings and meetings. The uptake from new bookings has been encouraging with such groups as puppy training and the Domino club joining the list. As a reminder, there are no restrictions imposed by the management group on the use of the hall and its up to individual groups to exercise their own rules as they see fit.

On the downside it looks like some of the usual Christmas events will not happen due to understandable concerns over Covid in the village, however we will be putting up the tree and lights to give a bit of festive spirit to the village.

On the upside, we are looking to extend the facilities the institute has to offer by including an outdoor area to the side and rear of the building. It is hoped that this can be used for such things as teas, coffees and other small gatherings. Thank you to Andrew and David Wood for helping with this.

Finally, a welcome to Roger Pendleton who has joined the working group as a volunteer. As always, if anyone has any general queries regarding the Institute, please feel free to contact me at mike.robotham@hotmail.co.uk, or on 07802243265. For bookings, please contact Jane Johnstone at jane.johnstone@hotmail.co.uk, a list of current activities at the Institute are on the Cutthorpe website.

Mike Robotham

Dog Training at The Institute

A new activity that Dog owners in the village may be interested in is the Dog Training 4 week courses starting on Tuesday 11th January - Lovely Loose leaders 6-7pm (train your dog to walk at your side) and Awesome Recallers 7-8pm (use a range of techniques to recall your dog). There is also a Christmas Tricks course on Tuesday 20th November and 7th December 6-7pm to teach your dogs some festive tricks. Contact Amanda Coupland, 07971 049175 info@derbyshiredogservices.com.

Mens Shed



Members of the Mens shed have completed several projects in the last few weeks, Mike Robotham completed the Soldier Silhouette, and Steve Dugmore has built the base of this into a stone Cairn, sited in the wild flower garden. Bernard Sinclair arranged with Nigel Eyre to make a brass plaque with the words Lest We Forget which is mounted on the stone base (Thank you to Nigel for doing this, even though he is not a Mens Shed member). John Thurstan has made and placed a Plaque in the wild flower garden, the Plaque has a QR code linked to the Village website describing the garden.

Bernard Sinclair and Graham Harrison made children's games boards for the Spooktacular event, the boards were painted by ladies of the craft club. Unfortunately due to poor weather conditions the event was cancelled, but the boards are stored hopefully to be used next year.

If you are interested in getting involved or finding out more about us, contact *Graham Harrison 07920 040129*

Cutthorpe Music/Choir



We are intending to carol sing around the village on 10th December, meeting at the tree at 7.00pm. We did this last year and it was very successful. All are welcome and we should be walking around the village singing at several points. Carol sheets will be supplied.

This year has been a little disappointing for the choir, covid has caused problems and the Three Merry Lads is shut at present which limits our venues. We do hope to be able to do more next year.

If anyone wishes to join phone myself, John Thurstan on 01246 231336

If anyone has any other musical talents, then we would be pleased to hear from you as well. *John Thurstan j_w_thurstan@hotmail.com*

Environment



A big thank you to all who have created the remembrance statue next to the wildflower garden, Steve and Bernard in particular, the village now has a permanent reminder of those who have given their lives for all to see.

Garden tips for November

- Clear leaves , in particular from lawns
- Plant bulbs for spring
- Raise containers onto feet to avoid water-logging
- Prune roses
- Plant out winter bedding
- Protect tender plants from frost

Gardening Club

The first meeting of the Gardening Club was held on 24th November, with plenty of ideas, discussion and a range of experience from beginner to well informed. There were also some plants to take away.

The next meeting will be held on 26th January, 7.00 at the Institute. Everyone is welcome, so if you want to learn more, have a project in mind and don't know where to start or just have knowledge to share please come along. There is a new Whatsapp group set up for everyone to share hints, tips, questions and plants available for anyone who can give them a good home.

Anne Harrison - peter7anne@icloud.com, 07484 814487

Cutthorpe Calendar 2022

The Cutthorpe Calendar has been printed and distributed to those that pre-ordered. If you were a pre-orderer and haven't had your calendars please get in touch. We will have a handful left as we had to order in batches of 50 so if you want a calendar there are some left. Contact details are 07774 932395 or email calendarcutthorpe@hotmail.com.

Tom Johnstone

Ashgate Hospice Winter Appeal

The Pennine Way in January?? Crazy, but that's when the Montane Spine Race takes place. The distance is 254 miles (410 km), the height climbed is 36286 feet (11060 metres).

Competitors have one week to complete the course.

Pete Stott, who lives in The Poplars, Main Road, has walked the route four times, starting in 1963. He's planning a sponsored Pennine Way Walk in January. It will be a "virtual" Pennine Way, using local footpaths, bridleways, lanes and roads. Daily routes will come close to the distances and heights he would tackle on the Pennine Way itself, though that will necessitate extra ascents of Common Lane and Oxtan Rakes on some days!

"I'm giving myself a month," says Pete. "I'm planning to walk on 17 days. That's what I'd aim for if I did the actual route in summer. I might need some rest days, which I've never bothered with before. I'm making it an environmentally sound walk, with no transport or accommodation costs, and I'll never be more than 9 km from Ashgate as the crow flies."

There'll be a Just Giving page when he can figure out how to set one up!

Anyone who would like to sponsor Pete can contact him at roamer56@hotmail.com.

Main Road, Cutthorpe Road Closure



6th to 10th December 8.30-15.30

Main Road above the school up to Slatepit Lane will be closed for 5 days during the day for road marking, studding and kerbing works.

There will also be a road closure **29 November-2nd December**, from Four Lane Ends to the Peacock in Barlow for tree felling.

Leave extra time for journeys as the diversions are extensive!