

## Comings and Goings

### Farewell

#### Tony Currell

Google "Anthony Currell" and you'll learn about a highly regarded artist and teacher. In Cutthorpe, we knew the human side of Tony. Many a lunchtime found him scanning a newspaper while seated on "his" bar stool at "The Gate Inn". He's missed in "The Three Merry Lads" where he spent many an afternoon extending his already wide reading. We knew Tony for his creativity, his willingness to help up-and-coming artists, his combative cricket, and for keenly contested conversations in which he made his opinions crystal clear. His health had been failing for a couple of years, and he passed away in Ashgate Hospice on 14th March. We miss him.

#### Marilyn Fowkes

A belated farewell to Marilyn Fowkes (nee Bingham) aged 76, who passed away in October 2021, a wonderful sister for Andy. She lived for many years at Four Lane Ends before latterly moving away and was well known to many Cutthorpe residents.

## Easter Dog Show



Amanda Coupland, who runs the Dog classes at the Cutthorpe Village Hall, is organising an Easter Dog Show at Holmebrook Valley Park on Sunday 10th April, 11.00-4.00. Last year they had over 500 attendees and are hoping to be even bigger and better this year. It will be fun for all the family with Easter Bunny Hunt, lots of stalls, food vendors, dog classes, agility and a fancy dress competition. Money is being raised for Spaniel Aid UK and the RSPCA. More information from Derbyshire Dog Services - [info@derbyshiredogservices.com](mailto:info@derbyshiredogservices.com) [www.derbyshiredogservices.com](http://www.derbyshiredogservices.com)

Please let Hilary have items for the next newsletter by 15th May 2022, [hilaryasinclair@gmail.com](mailto:hilaryasinclair@gmail.com), 01246 297749

## School News

I would like to thank our wonderful community for such a lovely welcome. I joined Cutthorpe Primary School as Headteacher last September and have enjoyed getting to know our local families and children. We have had a busy few months here at the school as we begin to open up our doors once more to friends and visitors.

Before Christmas, we were able to hold our Infant Nativity at St Thomas' Church in Brampton, it was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents able to watch what was a truly special performance by our children. We were also lucky enough to work in partnership with Charlotte and her wonderful staff at The Peacock where we put on a carol concert performance, again attended by our parents. Charlotte kindly put on refreshments which was very much appreciated.

Over the past few months, we have been lucky enough to participate in a number of sporting events including football matches against Barlow and Old Hall Primary, a basketball competition at Outwood Academy, sports hall athletics at Queens Park Leisure Centre and our infants have been to Chesterfield Tennis Centre for a balance bike event. This has been wonderful to see as it has been such a long time since we have been able to visit other settings and enjoy sport with other schools.

The community, our community, continues to be at the heart of everything we do here at the school, so if you feel that you have the time or would like to come and work with our children, please do get in touch.

*James Dowse*

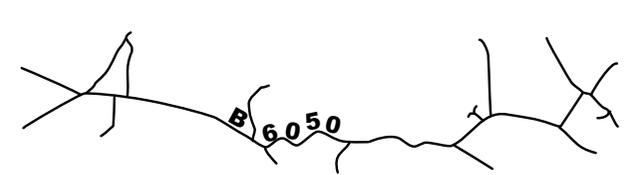
*Headteacher, Cutthorpe Primary School*

## Cutthorpe Choir



We are planning to start up our choir again at the beginning of May and would welcome anyone interested in joining. We meet on Friday evening 7.30 - 9.00 pm in the Village Hall. We are looking a pianist prepared to play for us on a Friday evening so if you or some you know can help contact John.

*John Thurstan [j\\_w\\_thurstan@hotmail.com](mailto:j_w_thurstan@hotmail.com)*



## Cutthorpe Kids

### Cutthorpe Kids Easter Party

On **Saturday 16th April**, Cutthorpe Kids will be hosting an Easter party at the Village Institute from 12.00-14.00. The party is for any children and grandchildren of village residents. Any regular attendees of the baby group are also very welcome to attend the Easter Party. Tickets are available from [www.eventbrite.com/e/cutthorpe-kids-easter-party-tickets-294800976657](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/cutthorpe-kids-easter-party-tickets-294800976657) (see the link on our website - [cutthorpe.org.uk](http://cutthorpe.org.uk)) with a suggested donation of £1, payable on the day. There will be entertainment including a magician, dancing and party games and all children will be able to enjoy a hotdog or burger, juice and a cake. There will also be a few games to raise funds for the new village playground, so do bring any spare pennies you have.



up-to-date information can be found on [www.cutthorpe.org.uk](http://www.cutthorpe.org.uk) and **Facebook/Cutthorpe Village**

### Baby Group

Cutthorpe Kids currently runs a baby group for families in Cutthorpe and the surrounding area. It runs on Wednesday mornings at the Three Merry Lads from 9.30-11.00 am with free tea and coffee for the adults and plenty of toys for the babies. Bring a few pennies for a lovely slice of cake.

### Queens Platinum Jubilee - Sunday 5th June 2022



This celebration of 70 years of the Queen's reign will be held on the Recreation Ground from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. All Cutthorpe residents are invited to bring a picnic (don't forget chairs/rugs). Entertainment will include a bouncy slide as well as other children's games. Music to be provided by our village band. Bring along a cake to add to the sharing cake table. We look forward to seeing you all.

### Village Fun Day



On 23 July we will be holding a Village Fun Day to raise money for the new village playground - this will be instead of the annual Festival. We plan to include a variety of fun activities for all the family, with the hope of hosting an enjoyable day for all village residents and raising the majority of the funds needed for the grant that has been applied for. More news coming soon but for further information contact Natalie - email [natalie@crush-design.co.uk](mailto:natalie@crush-design.co.uk).

## Playground Update



We are pleased to be able to confirm that following a grant application by the playground working group, we have been successful in getting through a stage one application process meaning that we can now move onto the design stage. We will be seeking views (via the Cutthorpe Kids group) as to what a future playground should include and will then be talking to playground contractors in relation to costs etc. There is also a growing view that some adult fitness equipment should be

included so that will be considered too. There is still a lot of work to do by the working group and Parish Council to get this finally approved, which will include some fund raising locally, as we are required to raise around 10% of the overall cost. Please do let us know if you are able to help with fund raising or getting involved in the overall project. We are hopeful that progress will be made for work to start before next winter! For further information contact [ken.lawrie@btinternet.com](mailto:ken.lawrie@btinternet.com)

## Village Hall Update

Just to remind everyone, The Institute is your village hall and is here to support local residents in what ever way we can. Some residents may not be familiar with the hall and so we would encourage you to contact us for more details or even just for a look around.

As mentioned previously, we are looking to expand the facilities with the addition of an outside area, this is moving forward with the support of the local parish council.

The hall is available to support up and coming events in the village such as fundraising events for the children's play equipment and the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

As always, if anyone has any general queries regarding the Institute, please feel free to contact me at [mike.robtham@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mike.robtham@hotmail.co.uk), or on 07802243265. For bookings, please contact Jane Johnstone at [jane.johnstone@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jane.johnstone@hotmail.co.uk)

*Mike Robtham*

## New sessions at the Institute

### The Real You

Helen Walker is starting a weight and lifestyle management course. Entitled 'The Real You' Helen, a dietary professional who worked with the NHS uses her own experience after trying every diet going to help others sustainably lose weight.

Topics will include getting rid of a diet mentality, healthy eating, mindful and mindless eating, know the difference between exercise and physical activity, don't be a slave to the scales and much more.

Starting in April at Cutthorpe Village Hall please contact Helen on 07856 907321 [helenwalker646@gmail.com](mailto:helenwalker646@gmail.com)

### Yoga

Sharron Fitzpatrick is starting Yoga classes these will run weekly:  
Monday 5.30 - 7.30 pm  
Wednesday and Friday 9.00 - 11.30 am

## Ashgate Hospice Winter Appeal

Those of you who read the last newsletter will have seen that Pete Stott was planning a virtual Pennine Way walk - this is how he got on.

### Virtual Pennine Way in January 2022 raises £2500\*-plus for Ashgate Hospice

Pete Stott and partner Jen Welbourne walked over 260 miles with more than 36000 feet of climbing, "We were never more than 6 miles from Cutthorpe, never above the 1000-foot contour," they said. "It was as safe and environmentally sound as we could make it. The weather was unbelievably kind, with just one wet day and hardly any frost. It would have been a very tough challenge in more typical January weather. We never grew bored while re-walking the lanes and bridleways: no two days were the same. People we met were interested in what we were doing, and many made donations. We're immensely grateful for everyone's support for such a good cause."

For a day-by-day record of the walk, go to [www.stottiewalks.walkingplaces.co.uk/](http://www.stottiewalks.walkingplaces.co.uk/)

To donate, go to [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-stott3](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-stott3)

\* Includes Gift Aid

## Mens Shed

John Thurstan has completed all but one of the Commemorative Plaques around the village all with QR codes linked to the Village website describing the commemoration, the outstanding plaque will be placed at the Village Institute with a brief history of the building. No other projects are planned at present. The group have agreed regular main meeting dates on the 1st Wednesday of every month, at the Three Merry Lads, 4:30pm.

We welcome Chris Allen as our latest member If you are interested in getting involved or finding out more about us, contact *Graham Harrison 07920 040129*



## Environment

I am hoping we can do a **LITTER PICK** this year - I have set a date for Saturday 26th March meeting at 10.00 a.m. in the Three Merry Lads car park, please come along and help if you can spare an hour. For those of you who haven't taken part before we supply gloves, pickers and plastic bags and then spread out throughout the village to clean up all the detritus at the side of the road for Spring.

We will not have a van this year so if anyone can help by collecting the bags at the end of the morning we will be grateful. Please let me know.

If anyone has any wild flower seeds to add to the area opposite the pub please let me know as we want to have a colourful display again this year.

The pub has asked for some advice for the garden and volunteers have already helped with the baskets which look really pretty, full of primulas.

### Garden tips for March

- Lift and divide overgrown perennials
- Hoe and mulch weeds to control them early
- Prune rose bushes and fertilise them
- Plant summer bulbs

### Gardening Club

The Gardening club has proved to be very popular and hopefully we are all going to learn from each other. Our next meeting is Wednesday 30th March at 6.30pm at 26 The Square weather permitting, if it is raining we will go across the road in the Three Merry Lads.

There is a 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*



## Support Group to help Ukrainian Refugees (SURG)

It is proposed to set up a local support group covering our local area to assist anyone who wishes to provide accommodation for Ukrainian refugees. This has to be for a minimum of 6 months, receiving a Government grant of £350 per month, any provision of food would be voluntary. Refugees, once registered receive grants and benefits administered locally

The aim of the Support group is to assist refugees and those providing accommodation in the area. Help can cover many areas such as Information, transport, assembly and distribution of food and clothing, arranging and involvement in group refugee meetings.

If you would like to be involved in this group, we would like to hear from you. Whether you are prepared to house a refugee family, are already registered to do so, are aware of any empty properties or simply wish to be involved as a helper please contact one of the following with your contact details areas of assistance you can provide

Graham Harrison text 07920 040129 email [jangra3@talktalk.net](mailto:jangra3@talktalk.net)

Karen Lane text 07713 153119 email [mlanebuilders290@gmail.com](mailto:mlanebuilders290@gmail.com)

John Robinson text 07847 373207 email [applewoods@talktalk.net](mailto:applewoods@talktalk.net)

## Well Dressing

For obvious reasons we haven't managed to do a well dressing for the past 2 years, apart from some beautiful smaller individual productions. Although there are people who are happy to be part of the production team we are lacking an organiser, so unless one is found it will have to wait for another year. It could take a different format if someone had a new idea. If you are interested in taking on the role and finding out what is involved get in touch with Hilary, who will be happy to advise - [hilaryasinclair@gmail.com](mailto:hilaryasinclair@gmail.com), 07973 429974