

Cutthorpe Bards

It is not proposed that poetry corner becomes a regular feature but with the Festival relatively fresh in our minds and the need to find new helpers we thought you might enjoy the following by Pete Stott (well known for his odes to village life and more) and Bernard Sinclair, who has for the first time in his life has been moved to put pen to paper in this way!

The Bunting Boys

by Pete Stott

...with acknowledgements to Tom Springfield and to The New Seekers (can be sung to the tune of 'The Carnival is Over')

How you wave, you Cutthorpe people,
When you're driving into town,
While we struggle with our ladder
As we take the bunting down.

Although it's nice to see you,
Smartly dressed and looking grand,
We should like you even better
If you stopped to lend a hand.

Dear friends, our hearts are aching,
Arms and legs are feeling queer,
This year's Festival is over....

Will you lend a hand next year?

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HELP - rewritten by Bernard Sinclair

...Acknowledgements to The Beatles (add the chorus in where you can).

Help! We need some bodies

Help! Not just any bodies

Help! You know we need some more

Help!

When we were younger, so much younger than today

We never needed anybody's help in any way

But now these days are gone, it's making us quite tired

To build marquees, well-dressing frames, and much much more beside.

Help us if you can, we're feeling down

And we would appreciate you being 'round

Give the festival a head of steam

Won't you please, please help the team?

It doesn't take much time to put up our marquee
A few more men and women sure could do it easily.
Thursday eve, an hour or two, is not a lot to share
To start our Cutthorpe Festival - Get up from your armchair!

Assembling our well-dressing frame is always quite a chore

Heavy panels, nuts and bolts, and always that much more.

To get it all lined up and straight, make all the pieces fit
Is quite a task, so don't just ask, come round and do your bit.

Once the frame is standing straight, there's still more to be done,

Loads and loads of sticky clay must now be plastered on,
A messy job, so do be sure to wear your oldest gear,
You'll need to change and shower before going for a beer.

Creative ladies take the stage, they work from dawn 'til dark

They turn a clay wall into art, with petals, leaves and bark.

Intense discussion fills the air as colours are applied
Until at last, it is complete, no brown clay can be spied.

First signs of your Festival are not that hard to see
Notices appear from Four Lanes End to Tinsel Tree,
Bunting flies from every point, from Riggotts Way to Square

Those Bunting Boys have struck again with colours everywhere

Finally the day arrives, and all the work is done
Children's rides, magician too, the dog show - all such fun.

Many people come to see the village at its best,
Friendly, happy, full of life, Malcolm in his vest.

Now the sun begins to set, the shadows growing long,
Dancing in the marquee to the music and the song.
Open mic is at its best, the beer is flowing freely
You couldn't finish off a weekend any better, really.

It's all packed up and put away, another great event.
Wonder how it came together? Well, to large extent
It happened because folk like you all gave a helping hand

So come on, folks, step forward now and join this happy band.

Won't you please please help us, help us, help us, oooh?



Cutthorpe News

September 2018



Three Merry Lads

Once again things move on, we've bid farewell to Ray and Nicola and are very happy to welcome Christine and Martin who, with only 3 weeks notice, have taken over the running of the pub. Longer term residents will remember them from when they previously very successfully ran the pub, about 20 years ago.

It's early days as they only moved in on the 3rd September but they are serving home cooked food from 12.00-8.30 pm, with the 'family friendly' menu priced at £4.95. They have plans for live music on Friday nights and will be running a quiz, when they get organised.

The pub has been a bit quiet recently so we are looking forward to Christine and Martin breathing new life into it.

Village Festival

Feedback on this year's festival has been that it was a good weekend and enjoyed by all, both village residents and others from further afield. Despite 'competition' from the World Cup football and Wimbledon tennis over the same weekend attendance was once again good which of course was helped by the excellent weather. Many thanks to the organising committee who put in a lot of time and effort to make sure it ran smoothly over the weekend and to those volunteers who helped with setting up the field, car parking, marshalling etc.

Next year's festival will be over Friday 12th and Saturday 13th July and if anyone should wish to join the organising group please eMail ken.lawrie@btinternet.com, new faces and new ideas are most welcome. Also, if anyone knows of any potential stalls for next year please put them in touch with wendy.lawrie@btinternet.com

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CutthorpeCalendars 2019

Photos needed now!

We have new volunteers to take over the calendar production for 2019. Tom and Jane Johnstone urgently need your Cutthorpe photos so look through your camera shots and get taking more to enter your best choices for inclusion. Send your digital choices to Tom. Closing date for entries Mid September, so not much time left... email your photos to johnstonetom@hotmail.co.uk

Future Events

Cutthorpe Village Christmas party

Paddy and John Robinson have generously offered to host a Christmas Party for Cutthorpe on Saturday 8th December 7.00 - 10.30pm, at Overholme Farm with Canapes and festive cheer. Suggested donation of £10 per person to attend
There will be a limit on numbers, for tickets, or more information, contact Peter Friend at arleneandpeter@aol.com or 07947 792603

Christmas Fair

This will be held on Saturday 1st December 2.00 - 4.30 pm. Teas will be served together with a variety of stalls to buy your Christmas gifts. Further Information from wendy.lawrie@btinternet.com

Cutthorpe village charity update

A draft constitution has been drawn up and the steering group are meeting to consider it in September. Updates will be posted on the website. Contact Arlene Honeyman at arleneandpeter@aol.com for more information.

Cutthorpe Institute

Changes are afoot for the Cutthorpe Institute. When the Institute is finally purchased by the Parish Council it will be managed by a new charity and its name will change to the Cutthorpe Village Hall.

The trustees will remain the same but a new secretary will be needed, as I am resigning as a trustee and secretary currently being in the process of moving to live in Lincolnshire.

My move will also create a vacancy for a secretary of the Working Committee. This worthwhile committee help each other to make the Institute available for the many groups and individuals who enjoy its facilities. The lettings generate enough income for us to employ a cleaner in addition to paying for minor repairs.

If you would like to help by becoming a key holder or in any other capacity please contact me or Barbara Stringer.

Christine Gaskin s_gaskin@sky.com, phone 01246 231660

Missing, presumed stolen

Two grey GRP planters, together with their miniature conifers, were taken from outside the Village Institute during the night of 19/20 August. Any information leading to their return would be appreciated. Contact Barbara Stringer roundwaydown@virginmedia.com

Cutthorpe, Holme Hall and Linacre WI

Our next 3 meetings to be held in Cutthorpe Village Institute between 2pm and 4.30pm will include:

September 6th A personal experience of Vietnam

October 4th Christmas crafts

November 1st Annual Meeting

A friendly atmosphere together with Tea and Cake are also on offer. Feel free to join us!



Yoga with James

New classes at the Institute
Introductory evening starts
Thursday 20th of September
@ 19:00 - 20:30

Luxury mats & equipment provided
Price: £8.50

Twice weekly classes start
every Monday & Thursday
@ 19:00 - 20:30

Bookings:

Text James directly: 07850 484947

Tel: (01629) 812205 www.yogatrunk.com



Environment

Phone Box

I hope everyone who uses the phone box library has noticed we have refurbished it. A good scrub and a lick of paint will hopefully mean that it will be continued in use for many years to come. Many thanks to Peter, Becky and Wendy for giving their time to sort it out and also to Stefan who made some lovely new planters to finish it off.



Gardening tips for September

- Plant spring flowering bulbs
- Divide herbaceous perennials
- Collect and sow seeds from hardy annuals and perennials
- Pick crops such as potatoes and raspberries

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Comings and Goings

RIP

Greta Wells of 1 Riggotts Way on 3rd August 2018.

The Appeal Committee and an end of an era

A cheque for £1865.52 was the final donation from Cutthorpe Appeal Committee to Ashgate Hospice, with contributions from:
From 2016/2017 £81.72

Christmas Fair 2017 £511.84

Institute table-top sales £246.90

Well Dressing/Cream teas/Tombola
£1025.06

The Committee has now been wound up. Future events will be arranged on an ad hoc basis.

Janet Harrison and Barbara Stringer thank everyone who has worked so hard to achieve this year's grand amount and the help given to support other local charities in the past.

We would like to extend the thanks of all the village to Barbara for the sterling work she has done in so many areas of fundraising for the village for many years.

Tombola

A huge thank you from Maureen Tropman to everyone who contributed items to the tombola stall for the Festival and then proceeded to buy tickets as well. Over £200 was raised on the afternoon. Maureen will see you all the same time next year so please save your unwanted stuff. If you want to move it on before then ring Maureen anytime and she will collect and save it (providing it doesn't need feeding!).

Contact: phone 07761 410115

email: metropman@gmail.com,

Deadline for next newsletter is 26th November 2018. Contact Hilary Sinclair 01246 297749, 07973 429974, cutthorpeinfo@gmail.com

Reminders of Other Cutthorpe Activities

Flower Club meet every Wednesday (except on the second week of the month) at 1.30pm in the Institute.

We arrange flowers, share gardening ideas and plants. It is so wonderful to have your house decorated and plants that will grow happily in your gardens.

If you are interested in joining us phone Claire on 01246 231336



The Cutthorpe Choir (The Merry Lads and Lassies)

reconvene in the Institute on Friday 7th September. There are possible plans for a possible Christmas Concert so look out for news about this. Feel free to come along and join them - contact John Thurstan 07821 725200 for more information.



Cutthorpe Creatives stall at the Festival was a success and they're looking to repeat this at the Christmas Fair. They meet in the Institute on the 2nd Wednesday of the month - next meeting Wednesday 12th September 7.00-9.00 pm, when they'll be making a variety of poppies. Future plans include etching on glass, felting, 'Chocolates' and more. All welcome to come along, find out more and join in. Contact Hilary Sinclair 01246 297749, hilaryasinclair@gmail.com

Discussion and Dining Group is still growing, with a wide range of topics discussed. They meet on the last Tuesday of the month at the Peacock, contact John Robinson at applewoods@talktalk.net

Cutthorpe 2000 committee

The next meeting of the committee will be on Monday 26th November at the Three Merry Lads