



Men's Shed

The Cutthorpe Mens Shed Club has now been set up currently with 8 members, and a steering group has been elected, we have also joined the UK Mens Sheds Association, which is a central body to represent and raise awareness of Mens Sheds nationally. At present there are 550 Mens Sheds in the UK and around 140 in planning. The association is a registered charity and we are also part of Cutthorpe Matters.

We do not have premises yet but are looking at options. We have held 2 meetings to date, and are discussing some small projects to get us started. There is a Cutthorpe WhatsApp group which you can join to become part of the group, so if you are interested in any way call Graham Harrison on 07920 040129.

Cutthorpe School News

Here at Cutthorpe Primary all our new Reception children have successfully settled into school life. It is therefore time for us to start thinking about the children who hope to join us in September 2021. Applications for this cohort open on 9th November. This year we will not be able to do our usual open days although we are looking at ways that we can engage with new families via remote platforms, including our website. If you or any family members are interested in joining school please contact us for further details on 01246 234585. Please be aware that places are likely to be available for families living out of the catchment area too.

At present we also have a limited number of spaces in other year groups so if you know anyone moving into the area, ask them to make contact if they are interested in joining us.

Sarah Johnston

Cutthorpe Kids

If you would like further information on Cutthorpe Kids or would like to get involved, you can contact Sarah on 07790 333830 or join the group "Cutthorpe Kids" on the Cutthorpe Village Facebook Page. **Sarah Bell**



Comings & Goings

Welcome:

Janet and Peter Brashaw moved into Old Hall Cottage at the beginning of lockdown and so haven't been able to get to know as many Cutthorpe residents as they may have liked but are meeting some when walking their springer spaniel.

Helen Walker moved into 2 Riggotts Way, Cutthorpe in the summer with her dog Darcy

RIP:

Tony McGuinness, who lived in Common Lane, passed away on Sunday 20th September 2020 in hospital. His family would like to thank all the people who sent messages of sympathy at the time. He had been a resident in Cutthorpe for 64 years.

June Ross

Lost and Found

Lost Ferret

Have you or anyone you know lost a lovely little ferret? It was found in the Cutthorpe area a few months ago and is now being looked after in a nearby village. Having previously owned a ferret I know how attached one becomes to these endearing creatures so want to make every effort to find its owner. Please contact Louise Bunting on 07387 268896.

If you know of anyone that this section applies to (including new arrivals or those just moving away) please let Hilary know.

Environment

Garden tips for Autumn

- Divide herbaceous perennials
 - Move tender plants indoors or greenhouse
 - Collect seeds to plant next year
 - Plant out spring cabbages
 - Tidy lawns and repair worn areas with new turf
- Happy gardening, stay safe.

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Cutthorpe reflections

Welcome to our somewhat delayed Autumn newsletter (with an additional page). We hope you are all keeping safe and well. Even with the current lack of socialising and events in the village you'll find plenty of information about Cutthorpe here, particularly concerning the activities of the village charity over the last year and a half with reports from the various sections.

Wishing all of you the very best in trying times.

Cutthorpe Matters Trustees

Cutthorpe Matters Village Charity Report - Introduction

2019 brought the establishment of the village charity, Cutthorpe Village Charity known in the village as 'Cutthorpe Matters'. Much hard work and dedication went into its establishment in May 2019. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all who gave their time and talents to bring this about. I would also like to say how wonderful it is to have an umbrella charity for all of the amazing groups already thriving in this place.

You will read about some of the activities in the brief reports in this special edition of the newsletter which forms the Charities annual report for 2019/20. The village consultation meetings gave people an opportunity to meet and offer their ideas and ask helpful questions about the charity and what we can all gain from its inception. Already some of these ideas have come to fruition and I would highlight the children's work as one project that is starting. There are more things already being explored and worked upon for this coming year and I would invite you to visit the website regularly and read the newsletter as they are the best way to keep up to date with developments.

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

We would also welcome your thoughts and involvement throughout the year. You can contact one of the Trustees with ideas and questions or attend one of the consultation meetings. If you are interested in governance and have some skills to offer in this area you could put yourself forward for election to become a trustee. Please do contact one of us to find out more.

My final request is to encourage you to become a member of the charity, it is entirely free and entitles you to vote at the annual general meeting. John Thurstan is the membership secretary and would welcome your application. Do enjoy reading about the wonderful things that the village hosts for us all and stay safe at this time. March of 2020 brought a period of 'lockdown' - a new expression for us all. The people in the village once again demonstrated their compassion and commitment to one another with wonderful acts of kindness. Some of this was organised by a quickly formed group 'Doing what we can to care' and some was and still is undertaken quietly but diligently by individuals in the village. It is truly humbling to see a real community do what it does best in adversity, care for each other. I wish you every good thing.

Arlene Honeyman, Chair Cutthorpe Matters

The AGM and Open Village Consultation will be held on Saturday 14th November online via Zoom meetings - AGM 2.30-3.00 and Consultation 3.00-4.00. All residents are welcome to take part but only Members can vote at the AGM.

John Thurstan is kindly hosting these so if you would like to take part in either or both parts of the meeting please contact him j_w_thurstan@hotmail.com for a link.

Cutthorpe Village Charity (CVC)

(Charity registration number 1183341)

Members Annual General Meeting 2020

Saturday 14th November 2020

To be held on-line via ZOOM at 2.30 pm – 3.00pm

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Trustees Report and Accounts to 31st March 2020.
4. Election Of Trustees

(The first Charity Trustees appointed for CVC in May 2019 were Peter Friend, Kenneth Lawrie, Arlene Honeyman, Wendy Lawrie, Hilary Sinclair, Annie French (Resigned 20th January 2020), Karen Lane, John Thurstan, Thomas Johnstone and John Robinson. It is a requirement that 1/3 of Trustees retire from Office at each AGM. There are currently 9 Trustees, so 3 will be retiring at this AGM. Retiring Trustees may offer themselves for re-election. The charity can have a maximum of 12 Trustees.

The retiring Trustees are:-

- Peter Friend (offering himself for re-election)
- Wendy Lawrie (offering herself for re-election)
- Karen Lane (not seeking re-election)

5. Nomination of New Trustees
6. Closure of AGM and any other relevant business

Village Consultation Meeting

3.00pm – 4.00pm

Meeting open to all via Zoom Link

We look forward to as many of you as possible taking part. ZOOM meeting hosted by John Thurstan - j_w_thurstan@hotmail.com

Charity Reports for the period up to March 2020 Financial Report

The main activity for the first year of the charity has been to establish its own bank account.

As the account opening didn't complete until May we don't have any activity directly related to the charity itself in its first year of activity to March of this year.

Subsequent to this we have combined all the funds from the various activities that are now covered by the charity into the one bank account so the balance of the money from Cutthorpe 2000 and the Festival account have been transferred in and the various funds from the choir and craft club have been transferred mostly in used fivers!

For 2020/21 we have agreed a budget for the activity which range from £850 for general spend covering the planter maintenance, environment, newsletter and general insurance. We have also allocated £250 for activity to support entertainment for the kids of the village. Against this we have general income from parties that we all attend (Burns Night, Christmas Bash etc) and profits on the excellent value calendar which all but cover this cost.

Other activities are the annual Festival. With everything going on this year this has not happened and in its place we have had the VE and VJ celebrations, which thanks to a bit of support from the Parish Council have broken even. For next year we will set a budget and hope to make a small profit.

Other activities started under the auspices of the Charity will be funded as necessary.

Tom Johnstone

Village Festival 2019

The annual Festival was held on the second weekend of July and once again was overall a great success. Many of the traditional events like the dog show, classic cars and children's entertainment were well received together with a new event, a children's 'colour run'. Organised in conjunction with the village school, around 50 children were involved in running around the recreation ground 4 times whilst friends and family members splattered them with child friendly paint of various colours. It was great to see the happy smiling faces of both the children running and the paint throwers, and it will certainly be a regular event in future years. There was a variety of coloured clothing and children to be washed at the end! Residents and visitors were entertained by live musical performances in the Marquee on both Friday and Saturday evenings, including a performance by the Village Choir. The theme for the well dressing event held over the festival weekend was 'The Wizard of Oz' to commemorate 80 years since the original film, and as usual a great display was produced by the team of village volunteers, together with a further superb well dressing produced by the village school.

2020's event was of course cancelled, although some mini well dressings did make an appearance for VJ day, we are hoping that 2021 will see us all refreshed and ready to start again with new ideas to reinvigorate the festival.

Ken Lawrie

For submissions to the newsletter contact
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Other News - Autumn 2020

Local History Project

A suggestion has been made that a Local History project be set up where we can archive the history of Cutthorpe and also store reminiscences of village residents. If you are interested in getting involved or have memories or memorabilia to share please contact Carole Ravey, 01246 203760, ca.ravey@hotmail.co.uk.

Neighbourhood Plan

Earlier this year the government issued a draft White Paper on Planning for Consultation. The Steering Group immediately stopped work to better understand the ramifications for the Brampton Parish. We are still not a lot wiser but now understand that we should be able to proceed to ratify our plan without waiting for formal clarification of the government's intentions. Work has now resumed and we hope to have a final draft for review by the Parish Council before the end of the year.

David Catton

Mobile Library

After the hiatus of the last 6 months this service is now operating again and will be calling at Cutthorpe on a 4-weekly cycle. Customers will need to phone to book an appointment and will be able to pick up a maximum of 10 books. Appointment times will last 5 minutes and for the time being you won't be able to select your own books, instead you will be asked what type of books you like reading and a selection will be made for you to pick up. For safety, books returned are being quarantined and you are asked to bring your own bag to pick up books - don't forget your mask!

For an appointment ring 01629 533464. The library van will be calling into Riggotts Way on Wednesdays 12.30-1.00 - 8th October, 5th November and 4th December. Happy Reading.



Burns Supper.

25 January 2020 marked the 5th Burns supper in the Village Institute. The team gathered together to bring about another very successful evening for everyone. Neeps and tatties were peeled and mashed, great discussion ensued about the best way to do them, they were all delicious! This year we had two pipers. The first was a lovely surprise bagpipied entry into the hall and then our very own Dave Shipstone donned the very fetching wig and piped in the haggis. Ken Lawrie was at his best as the master of ceremonies and Tom Johnson and Janet Harrison gave brilliant speeches from the lads and lassies. No Burns supper would be complete without Tam O'Shanter delivered by Pete Stott ably assisted by June, John, Arlene and everyone in the room!! This is the biggest fundraising event of the year for the charity in the village and we thank everyone who gave their time, talent and hostess trolley to make it another resounding success.

Cutthorpe Choir

The choir started in September 2016 and has proved a successful and valuable social asset for Cutthorpe.

In January 2020 we had 22 active members, but sadly our singing was curtailed in March as part of the Covid-19 lockdown. We had had a very successful Well Dressing service in July 2019 and the Choir Sung on the Friday Festival night, ably supported by the band. They also sung in a Christmas Carol service and in the Three Merry Lads. I would consider all of these a success and they were enjoyed by all.

Sadly the Covid-19 infection has caused singing to stop and is much missed, but we have a few hints that we may be able to start again, with precautions.

If we are allowed to we have pencilled in Carol singing around the Village shortly before Christmas.

John Thurstan

Craft - Cutthorpe Creatives

We are a group of people who love craft and have various talents, some start hidden but all emerge and are warmly celebrated. We normally meet in the Village Institute once a month on the second Wednesday evening between 7pm and 9pm. Our projects this year have been many and varied. Some of us take it in turns to lead a session and we aim to leave at the end of the evening with a piece of finished craft. Felting, jewellery making, kite making, natural dying and Fimo are some of the skills we have explored. Our members range from 17 years old and have no age limit, we welcome anyone who loves crafting and also those with no experience and who may think they are no good at it. We know we can prove you wrong and will happily support you to find your inner crafter

Environmental Group

The work to improve the environment of the village that has been progressed over a number of years continued throughout the year, with support now from the charity as the work has been brought under its umbrella. The village planters were once again replanted in the Spring to bring colour to the village over the summer months, and the planting of bulbs over recent years ensured that the village was full of colour in the Spring months. It was agreed during the year that the charity could develop the strip of land near the telephone box in the centre of the village, and discussions are now on-going as to how best this could be progressed. Regular litter picking within the village boundary also ensures that the environment of the village is kept attractive to residents and visitors.

Children's activities (Cutthorpe Kids)

This group is a new one for the village and has been created by a group of mums and grans. Sarah Bell leads the group and has already successfully applied for funds to hold activities for village children. The events started with an Easter egg hunt and an Easter bonnet competition. Bunnies secretly scampered around the village delivering eggs to the doorsteps of village children. The charity used some of the Burns supper money to support a Christmas party for over 30 children to enjoy in December 2019 in the Village Institute. Party games were great fun and a number of children enjoyed the antics of their parents during the games, fun for all the family. Santa came too and every child received a lovely gift. Party food was supplied very generously by people in the village and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, children and young at heart adults alike. The charity is hoping to help us fundraise for a slide in the recreation ground next year. We are also hoping to have a pumpkin festival at the end of October and encourage everyone to take part by decorating pumpkins and putting them on their doorstep for the 31st October.

Do visit the Cutthorpe Kids Facebook page or the village website for photographs and more information about our events. Please do let us know if you would like to get involved or have any ideas.

Cutthorpe Calendar

The Cutthorpe Calendar is produced every year and helps raise funds for what is now the village charity.

Buying a calendar should really be treated as a donation to the charity with a free calendar thrown in and at only £6 it is unbelievably good value. Pictures are submitted by local residents and reviewed by an expert panel to select those that represent the best mix of views of the

village and local interest.

We do get a really good selection of pictures every year and it is difficult to select the 12 best. Please don't be disheartened if your entry doesn't get included and keep sending them in. The selection has been made for this year -the 2021 calendar is now with the printer and will be available towards the end of October. To encourage purchases we are making this a limited edition of only 200. We are taking early bird pre-orders and will look at a discount for this. Once we have final costs from the printer we will confirm early bird prices and volume discounts. A preview of the pictures will also be available on the web site (under Galleries). to sell all the copies we do need committed sales people (read that as you choose!) so any volunteers please let us know by emailing or contacting 07984 647109.

Please continue to submit your entries for future years. Remember they should be high resolution, landscape (wider than high) and should be sent to calendarcutthorpe@hotmail.com.

Christmas Village Party 2019

For the second year running we were lucky enough to have Paddy and John Robinson generously open their home, Overholme Farm, for us hold our village Christmas celebration, open to all Cutthorpe residents. Again the lights, together with the spread of food and drink was fantastic and thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended. This is not a fundraiser and we just aim to cover our costs with the very reasonable £10 per head donation, which provides both the food and beverages. We won't be able to continue this 'tradition' this year but a suggestion to host a 30 minute Xmas party gathering to toast and wish each other well on Zoom could be discussed at the AGM - keep an eye out on the website and Facebook for more news.