



Pub News

Three Merry Lads:

Seasons festivities: 19th December Christmas Open Mic night;

Christmas Day - open from 11 - 4pm (Christmas meal fully booked);

27th December - Big fat Quiz of the year - all day quiz (drop in when you can);

New Years Eve - party (fancy dress optional) with buffet £5.00

Regular events: **Curry night** last Tuesday of the month, **Open mic night** last Friday of the month; **Music Quiz** every Monday, **General Knowledge Quiz** every Thursday, **Al Needham** (Jazz, swing, etc) every other Wednesday

The Peacock:

Christmas eve: 10.00 - 11.30 am - Champagne Breakfast

The Gate:

Every Monday night: **Pie and Pint £10**, pies with Heather's shortcrust pastry and choice of any of 6 real ales,

Other News

Some of you may not know that the Derbyshire Mobile library service stops in Cutthorpe. Up until the end of December it had several stops in the village on every 2nd Tuesday. However this will change for 2015 and it will stop only once a month at Riggotts Way on the 3rd Wednesday at 10.00 - 10.30 am,

Ideas and Volunteers

With our newly revitalised Cutthorpe organising committee we would welcome any ideas you may have for events, newsletter items, suggestions for the environment, etc.

As ever, voluntary organisations only exist with the help of as many volunteers as they can get so if you think you'd like to help out in any area of village life do let us know - get in touch with the relevant committee member or if you prefer just turn up to the next meeting at the 3 Merry Lads at 7.30 pm on the 15th January,

The Committee in brief

Chairman: John Robinson - a relative newcomer, having only lived here 31 years!

Secretary: Matthew Bawden - resident in the village for the last fourteen years. I feel blessed to be part of such a wonderful community **Communications** (Newsletter & Website): Hilary Sinclair - Bernard and I moved to Cutthorpe from Surrey in March 2014 so new to everything and everyone

Events: Jess Crookes

Environment/gardening

Anne Harrison, Peter and I have lived in Cutthorpe since 2011 and moved into the Square in 2013. Dog owners and enthusiastic amateur gardeners.

Deadline for next newsletter is February 15th 2015. We need information about all aspects of the village, including births, marriages and deaths. Contact Hilary Sinclair

Welcome to the 'new' Cutthorpe News

Message from the Chairman

We are still in existence! Following the call to meeting in the last newsletter, the response was overwhelming, between 80 & 90 people came along and volunteers came forward to assist with the Carnival and join the 2000 committee. At a subsequent meeting a new committee was formed to carry the organisation forward.

This is the first newsletter from the new group with a new title, the name of which has still to be confirmed - if you have a good idea let us know - contact Hilary (details on the back page). The idea is that in the future the organisation will act as coordinator of village activities and to this end future committee meetings will have representatives from the Village Institute and leaders from various sectional activities we undertake, at the moment divided into

Environmental - covering bulb planting, gardens and village appearance, **Events** - covering any

shows, concerts, well dressing and carnival and **Communications** - covering this newsletter and a future website for the village.

It is hoped that in time other activities can be incorporated where those with like minded interests can get together. In future there will be regular meetings of the committee, which will be open to anyone to attend and put forward suggestions for new groups, activities and improvements. The first open meeting of the new committee will be held on the 15th January at 7.30pm Three Merry Lads. The first item on the agenda will be 'should the name be changed for the organization and if so to what?' Future meetings to be third Thursdays of alternate months March, May, July, September and November, unless deemed otherwise when any revised dates will be given in this publication.

We look forward to as many Cutthorpe residents as possible getting involved.

John Robinson, Chairman

Cutthorpe Calendars 2015

are now available - contact John Robinson for your copies price £4.50 (+50p for envelope) They are also available at the Three Merry Lads

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A Note from Linacre - Autumn 2014

Our woodlands are especially beautiful at this time of year with an impressive display of autumn colours and fungi and we are trying to keep up with clearing the leaves in selective areas to keep the site safer for our visitors.

Looking back to our summer work on site - we have worked with the Trust for Conservation Volunteers and our own Linacre volunteer team to erect a new long fence on the south side of the top reservoir, just within the conservation area to protect the eroding bank sides. By ensuring that visitors cannot enter the water in this area we hope that erosion will be stopped and we can save the circular walk around the top reservoir. Please bear with us as we still need to do some work on the narrow strip of path around the pram push and gabion section where erosion is still a problem. Thank you for your patience and also to the volunteers - it proved to be a long, hard job!

Woodland work has begun again in Kitchenflat Wood, with some more clearance of sycamore and coppicing of hazel along our potential ride from the Peacock. Opening up along this footpath has already resulted in an improved herb

and shrub layer which is great for biodiversity and also in a lighter, drier path.

A small, dedicated team of volunteers have also begun to rescue an old pond just below the middle car park. They found that it had once been stone lined and may have been associated with the garden from the old hall which was situated around the site of the car park today. Does anyone have any information or photographs about this pond? It would be really good to know more about the history of this part of our site. Although we have a lot of water at Linacre, we do lack pond habitats and so we are all very excited to see what wildlife this new 'des res' will attract.

As winter approaches please do not forget that we cannot always grit the access road into Linacre and getting back up from the lower car park can be a problem when the track is icy.

Finally, may we wish you all a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Jackie and Gill, Linacre Rangers
(The Linacre Valley Project is a Partnership between Severn Trent Water and Derbyshire County Council.)*

bulbs in the empty areas.

Gardening tip for December: -

Check winter protection, make sure all your tender plants are taken indoors or covered to protect from frost. Also a good month to prune apples and pears.

Anne Harrison, Environment Committee
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Blooming Pretty

I would like to draw everyone's attention to the bulb planting scheme that has made the village a spectacle in the spring. If you are a new resident as I am then can we please ask if you can avoid parking on the grass verges to allow the bulbs to thrive. We are hoping to map out all the existing locations and next year plant more

Cutthorpe Institute:

The Cutthorpe Institute is home to a variety of activities, new members are welcome to many of these, so this is a reminder of details and contacts:

Tuesday:

Art club 10.00 - 12.00 am - Group of Cutthorpe locals get together to paint, 1 or 2 vacancies - contact Beryl Goddard 234166

Table Tennis 7.00 - 9.00 pm - Contact Peter Elliott 551737

Wednesday:

Over 60's 1.00 - 3.00 pm - friendly group who meet up to play dominoes, whist and bingo with tea and biscuits plus the occasional outing and a Christmas party. £1.50 per session

Book Club 7.00 - 9.00 pm 1st Wednesday of the month - contact Claire Thurston 231336

Thursday:

WI - 1st Thursday of the month - 2.00 - 4.00 pm: A friendly group of 7 who would welcome new members. Interesting speakers and demonstrations with hands-on craft meetings. Contact Joyce Cratchley 236845

WI Programme 2015

- January: lunch at a local pub
- February - 'Poetry' chosen by members
- March - Cheese tasting

Lace Club 4th Thursday of the month 10.00 am - 3.00 pm - the club has a waiting list but if you'd like to find a class to attend Contact Angela Goodwin 236930

email brian@briangoodwin.co.uk

Flower Club - 7.00 - 9.00 pm (except 1st Thursday) New members welcome, demonstrator each week, bring your own flowers to recreate the previous week's demonstration. Contact Christine Gaskin 231660

Friday:

Cutthorpe Craft Club 1.00 - 3.00 pm for anyone who likes knitting, crocheting, cross-stitch and other crafts - everyone welcome, beginners or those who are old hands at it. We're always ready to help those who would like to learn. Contact Barbara Stringer 01246 620314 email roundway.down@hotmail.com

Pilates/Yoga 6.15 - 7.45 pm - contact Helen Neal 556476 or 07840 528703

Saturday:

Whist Club 6.45 pm (arrive 6.30) the Mayfair Whist Club has around 30 members and would welcome more at any level - if you are a beginner they'll be delighted help you learn - £2.50 per session, contact Brian Pettitt mspettitt@yahoo.com 272668

For **Cutthorpe Institute bookings** contact Barbara Stringer 620314

New humorous novel

Riggotts Way author, Roy Stringer, is celebrating the recent publication of "Ruffled Feathers", now available as an Amazon paperback, £8.99 or Kindle download, £1.99. If you want to learn how the residents of an old people's home get the better of an unscrupulous nightclub owner, how he only just avoids an over-sexed wildlife ranger in central Africa but finds a cure for his water phobia, this is the book for you.