

## Community Speed Watch

Seven Cutthorpe volunteers received online training to operate Community Speed Watch sessions in Brampton Parish. Speed Watch is a non-confrontational measurement of traffic speeds designed to remind motorists of the relevant speed limits and hopefully persuade those who might disregard them to reduce their speed. The speed limits are just that, not targets to be achieved or exceeded! It is planned to start operations once the lockdown ends. There will be warning signs indicating that vehicle speeds are being monitored; no vehicles will be stopped but any vehicle being driven significantly above the legal limit will be noted and the driver will receive a warning letter. If repeated occurrences of excess speed are noted the police have the discretion to consider further action. We hope this will encourage safer driving as there is little doubt that too many drive at excess speeds here. If anyone else wishes to volunteer and join the initial group, please contact any Parish Councillor (details can be found on [bramptonparishcouncil.org](http://bramptonparishcouncil.org))

## Comings and Goings

### RIP

**Margaret Stock**, who lived in Cutthorpe Road for many years with her husband, Derek, sadly passed away in October 2020.

**John Wood** passed away at Chesterfield Royal Hospital, aged 88. A lifelong resident of the area, John was a farmer all of his life on his family farm Hall Farm and Green Farm in Cutthorpe.

### Welcome

We don't have the names of the new residents who have moved into Cutthorpe over recent months but we'd like to extend a welcome to you all. We are a friendly bunch and in normal circumstance there is plenty going on in the village so when you have the chance do make yourself known to other residents. We look forward to welcoming you properly when we get back to some sort of normality.

## Neighbourhood Plan

The next draft of the Neighbourhood Plan is close to completion and we hope this will be the version sent for formal examination prior to its adoption and confirmed legal status. There will be additional content covering excessive external lighting of properties in the Parish and of establishing zero/low carbon emission standards for any new-build or re-development of properties in the Parish.

### Local Parking

Concerns about inconsiderate parking have been raised so please bear in mind that: Soft and Grass verges are easily damaged, any flowers planted there are destroyed and in wet conditions a mud zone is left.

Parking on pavements means disabled and, vulnerable people and parents with pushchairs can be forced into the road. Always allow a 'double buggy' width.

New laws are being brought in that will result in a fine for pavement parking, so get into good habits now.

*David Catton*

### Possible Recycling Disruption

The Council has just announced new household recycling collection arrangements as their recycling contractor has gone into administration. The Council has therefore moved to in-house recycling collection arrangements and is aiming to maintain services and minimise disruption as far as possible.

The Council will be using its garden waste collection vehicles to maintain recycling services. This means it will not be possible to keep 'inner caddy' paper items separate for a short time. However, these recyclable wastes will be sent to a Material Recycling Facility for sorting. More news will come from the Council as it is available.

## Cutthorpe reflections

**Welcome** to our belated newsletter. We hope you are all keeping safe and well. Despite the inability to socialise in person we managed to bring some cheer to the village around Christmas time and are making plans for this year, including sowing a wildflower patch, a Children's Easter Egg competition and other improvements to the village (more details in this newsletter).

Hopefully something positive will emerge through 2021 as the change in regulations takes effect, and we look forward to meeting in person once again.

If you have any ideas for items to include in future newsletters, do get in touch with Hilary (editor). Wishing all of you the very best for 2021.

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## Cutthorpe Festival 2021

### Saturday 10th July (Fingers crossed !)

Given the uncertain position caused by the pandemic, we unfortunately will not be able to organize a festival for this year in its usual format, given the advance planning that is required for such an event. However, in anticipation that the government's road map out of lockdown etc is successful, we are being optimistic and are hoping that it may be possible to arrange some kind of 'celebration day' for the village on Saturday 10th July. So many get together over the last twelve months have been missed so we will do our best to arrange something entertaining for village residents to enjoy in a safe way, although a final decision will obviously need to be taken nearer the time depending on any continuing local restrictions etc. Further details will be available via the website when we are able to be clearer on intentions, but for now please keep the date in your diary. If you have any ideas on how we may use the day to celebrate please contact [ken.lawrie@btinternet.com](mailto:ken.lawrie@btinternet.com).

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

## Cutthorpe Matters

It would be understandable to think that nothing is happening in our community because of the restrictions in place to keep us all safe and well. It is heartening to reflect that despite all, there is still great activity as can be seen in this latest newsletter. The Charity's first AGM and village consultation meeting were held on Saturday 14th November. A range of really good ideas were shared at the consultation meeting and we were able to look back on the ideas put forward at previous consultation meetings and realise that most if not all have been achieved or are being planned. There are so many people quietly supporting each other and the doing what we can what's app group also continues to connect and support people. The Facebook group has come in to its own recently when the water went off for part of the village. Do consider joining the Charity as a member if you haven't already done so. There is no cost and it would be so good to hear your thoughts.

*Arlene Honeyman, Chair, Cutthorpe Matters*  
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## Well Dressing 2021

In a similar vein to our Festival considerations we are also planning to organise the Well Dressing in some form, created during the week before the Festival. For the time being the format will be flexible until we know more. With the proposed relaxation of regulations, it should be possible to manage, so if you're interested in getting involved, finding out more about the traditional craft of well dressing or have any ideas for a theme this year, please get in touch with Hilary. [hilaryasinclair@gmail.com](mailto:hilaryasinclair@gmail.com), 297749, 07973 429974

## Mens Shed



The Cutthorpe Men's Shed, based on the nationwide organisation, is now up and running. Several meetings have taken place, originally socially distanced outdoors and now online. Despite the current lockdown there are 4 projects ongoing :

- A plaque is to be created for one of the commemorative trees in the village.
- A group of volunteers is being organised to do the digging work for the wild flower garden.
- A mock up of a soldier silhouette is being created to add to the wild flower garden once completed.
- Refurbishment of the seat around the Coronation tree at the top of Common Lane is being organised.

We have made contact with the community involvement officer of Derbyshire county council who is able to assist with guidance on obtaining grants, and donations of equipment etc.. They have assisted 2 groups recently to start a shed club. Once we find premises or space for premises, we may be able to apply for grants given certain conditions.

We are still looking for premises, so if anyone has any ideas/suggestions we would be pleased to hear from you. If you are interested in getting involved or finding out more about us, contact *Graham Harrison 07920 040129*

## Cutthorpe Kids

Despite Covid restrictions, Cutthorpe Kids were still able to celebrate the festivities.

On Saturday 12th December, Santa Claus paid a visit to Cutthorpe bringing us all some much needed Christmas cheer. He was driven through the village by Farmer Hodgkinson on his tractor. It lit up Main Road with its twinkling lights and looked wonderful as it journeyed from The Gate to the Granary and back.

Special thanks to Effie & Matt Hodgkinson for their generosity and to William Ashmore for being such a good sport.



## Environment

Happy New Year to everyone, can I thank all the locals who are constantly litter picking, I manage to pick some up on every walk and together it does make a difference. I will hope to organise a village litter pick if it's at all possible but I have doubts that it will be allowed.

### Garden tips for February

- Plant summer flowering bulbs
- Protect new shoots from slugs
- Lift and divide clumps of perennials
- Plant shallots onions and early potatoes

*Anne Harrison - peter7anne@icloud.com, 07484 814487*

## Wild Flower Project

We are pleased to be able to confirm that after discussions with the Parish Council, the Charity have been given permission to develop and maintain the strip of grass near the old telephone box, which the District Council always seem to miss on the grass cutting days! Many thanks to those who have voluntarily cut this grass over the last couple of years. The intention for this year is to make a small wild flower garden to brighten up the centre of village and preparation work will start soon, so don't be surprised if you see volunteers from the new 'Mens Shed group' digging in that area or other local residents planting seeds!

*Ken Lawrie*



Cutthorpe Kids were also gifted with a selection box each which were beautifully wrapped and delivered by the ever thoughtful and generous ladies of the village craft club.

There will be another Easter competition open to all the children of the village this Spring. This year it will be "design an egg" where children can use whatever materials they like to design a 2D or 3D egg. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

As always, if you'd like to register your child or get involved, please get in touch with Sarah Bell on 07790 333830.

*Sarah Bell*



## Cutthorpe Choir Carol Singing

On 15th December 2020, we had a carol sing around the village. It had been discussed earlier in the year by Cutthorpe Matters, who thought it would be nice to do what we can in a difficult year and bring some cheer to the residents.

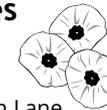
Under the regulations then in force we could sing in groups of six. We had several groups of six, singing on opposite sides of the road, then spaced out on Riggots Way and even, as numbers dropped towards the end of the evening, in a garden.

It was wonderful to be singing again and despite the restrictions everyone had a good time. We were even served Mulled Wine! Thanks to all who came, and those who stood at their doors, or in the road and joined in. It made it a Christmas experience. One of the few we have been able to enjoy this year.

*John Thurstan*

## Remembrance day poppies

This is advance notice that a plan is being worked on to decorate the Coronation tree at the top of Common Lane with poppies for Remembrance Day. This will be similar to decorations created in Chesterfield and in Dronfield and so we'll be asking for lots of hand crafted poppies made any way you like - knitted, crocheted, sewn, etc that can be attached to a backing. So get your needles out, patterns will be available if required when the plan is finalised but all will be welcome. For more details contact Wendy Lawrie [wendy.lawrie@btinternet.com](mailto:wendy.lawrie@btinternet.com) or Hilary Sinclair [hilaryasinclair@gmail.com](mailto:hilaryasinclair@gmail.com)



## Calling all Flower Arrangers

Your parish church, St Peter & St Paul at Old Brampton, is desperately seeking flower arrangers. Can you help out when COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed?

Please contact Barbara on 07980 510591

## Cutthorpe Calendar

Hopefully everybody has their own personal copy of the 2021 calendar - if not there are still a few left, so it is not too late to secure one. You never know, one day they may be a collectors item. Contact us on 07984 647109.

It was with some trepidation we went into the process of pulling the calendar together as we had just come out of one lockdown and it was looking highly likely that we would be heading into another one in the middle of peak selling season, which has traditionally been done door to door but we decided to push on.

What helped the decision is that we got another really good selection of pictures.

It then did look a bit daunting when 4 large boxes of calendars turned up mid October but to our pleasant surprise we have sold most of them and made a reasonable profit. This is down to the general support for the calendar in the village and also those unsung heroes who have done everything they can to shift them by WhatsApp, email, phone and walking the streets.

We are also starting to think about 2022. Any contributions please forward on to [calendarcutthorpe@hotmail.com](mailto:calendarcutthorpe@hotmail.com). Ideally they should be landscape (wider than high). It is possible to crop portrait but not ideal. We are also having a think about what format the calendar should be in and how we sell it so if you are interested in being a part of that let us have your contact details or ideas.

*Tom Johnstone 07984 647109.*

## Cutthorpe Creatives

Despite not being able to meet in person, the Creatives group have been organising virtual get-togethers via Zoom (with thanks to John Thurstan), where they have made a variety of things including chocolate truffles and Christmas wreaths, macrame owls and leaves and kusudama (paper) flowers. Something for Easter will be the theme for March. If you want to join them you are very welcome, let Arlene know on [arleneandpeter@aol.com](mailto:arleneandpeter@aol.com) and you can be included in the next Zoom meeting.