



Cutthorpe Institute Update

The Institute has remained closed throughout the Covid-19 pandemic but with the vaccine programme taking effect we are hopeful that a safe re-opening can take place soon and bookings and social gatherings resume. The majority of groups who used the hall for various activities have expressed an interest in returning as soon as practical which is encouraging after such a prolonged absence. The working committee which oversees bookings are being guided by the government relaxation programme and the next key date is the 21st June, after which we will hopefully have a clearer picture on what we can do to get the hall back into use.

Barbara Stringer has stepped back from her direct involvement in the institute after many years of dedicated service, on behalf of the institute trustees and members of the working committee that she chaired, I would like to offer her our warmest thanks and gratitude. Going forward, if anyone has any general queries regarding the Institute, please feel free to contact me at mike.robotham@hotmail.co.uk, or on 07802243265. For bookings, please contact Jane Johnstone at jane.johnstone@hotmail.co.uk

Knit and Natter

Want to make your own gifts, garments and soft toys? Need a handy cover for that mug, mobile or I-pad? Hope to make your partner squirm with embarrassment at the jumper you knit for him? A welcome awaits for knitters, cross-stitchers and crocheters of all ages – also suitable for those wanting to learn – at these popular two-hourly sessions.

Cutthorpe Village Institute: Fridays from 1.00 p.m. starting 25th June (providing restrictions allow). Contact: Barbara 01246 620314, mobile 07980 510 50, email roundwaydown@virginmedia.com

Comings and Goings

RIP

Enid Cotterill, who lived at Pratt Hall Farm for many years and was a scholar at Cutthorpe Schol. Sadly passed away 3rd February 2021.

Welcome

Once again, 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 look forward to welcoming you properly when we get back to some sort of normality.

Dunston Grange building development

A meeting was recently held by the Dunston Grange Residents Action Group with Councillor Simmons to express concerns about the proposed building of another 500 houses on Dunston Road. A wide range of issues and questions were raised including the fact that initial proposals include a primary school and shops but no mention of doctors surgeries, dentists and other crucial infrastructure - It was confirmed that there are no plans for provision of these additional services. Also the impact of the increase in traffic was raised, particularly as Cutthorpe will be on a direct route to the Peak District and beyond and there is already a large development underway.

The full minutes of the meeting with issues raised are available on the News page of the Cutthorpe website or can be forwarded to you - contact Phil Baines, email dgrag21@gmail.com, to express your concerns, the more vocal we are the more likely the council will listen to people's views. *Anne Harrison - peter7anne@icloud.com*,

Cutthorpe reflections

Welcome once again to the newsletter, being produced just before the hoped for relaxation in lockdown. However this means that we still don't know what will happen in the near future and so plans are still very much on hold for larger celebrations. We are planning a lower key Village Picnic to replace the usual Cutthorpe Festival, on the lines of the Great Get Together we held a few years ago, which should mean that families can get together to relax, enjoy each other's company with games for the children and cake for everyone! We look forward to seeing you there.

Do check the website and Facebook (see above) for up to date information on our activities.

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Cutthorpe Village Picnic 2021

Saturday 10th July

As it has not been possible to arrange a village Festival year, it is intended that we will instead (subject to the government COVID roadmap not changing) hold an open village picnic on Saturday 10th July on the recreation ground from 3pm. This will be a very informal event open to all which will give us the opportunity to get together in this way for the first time since the start of the pandemic! There will be some children's games during the afternoon, followed by some live music from the village band and a good old sing song led by the village choir. A 'bring and share' cake table is also to be available for those who wish to participate or simply just bring your own picnic. No drinks will be available on the recreation ground but will of course be available from The Three Merry Lads. We hope to see many of you there (weather permitting !), for further detail please contact ken.lawrie@btinternet.com



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

Cutthorpe Kids

The Cutthorpe Creatives were busy over Easter, wrapping the Easter Eggs for Easter bunnies that were delivered to the Cutthorpe Kids.



There will be children's activities at the Village Picnic, on Saturday 10th July, everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the fun.

We are also organising Saturday morning "Play in the Park" sessions through the summer, running from Saturday 26th June to Saturday 28th August, 9.30-11.30. This is open to all families in the village, there will be a selection of outdoor games and toys for all ages to play with.

Families are invited to come and join in for an informal get together, children remain the responsibility of their parents at all times.

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

Well Dressing 2021

With all the uncertainty still surrounding activities this summer it was regretfully decided that the usual large well dressing will not be constructed this year. However we are planning to organise small individual productions, similar to those created for the VJ day memorial in 2020 (pictures can be seen on the Cutthorpe website 2020 Gallery). Anyone is welcome to make something which can be displayed at the Village Picnic, these can be anything you like - small groups of people may like to get together to create something and children's contributions would be particularly welcome. If you need any help with this, please get in touch with Hilary. hilaryasinclair@gmail.com, 07973 429974

Cutthorpe Matters

We hope this lovely weather is bringing everyone some much welcome relief and we will all be able to enjoy a lovely summer in the village. The Kids group are certainly planning some fun times for families, do join in. They have been able to offer some fabulous activities with the grant we received. This has been possible as we are now a registered charity. We have had several ideas from villagers attending the consultation meetings which will enable more activities and support for other members of our village.

We already assist a range of projects in the village, including Cutthorpe Kids, the Mens Shed, Village Festival (this year the Village Picnic), Cutthorpe Creatives, Cutthorpe Calendar, Environment group, Cutthorpe Choir, and are always pleased to consider other ideas that you might have.

Recently more people have become members of the charity. This is so encouraging as the more members, the greater our capacity to apply for grants to generate more community wide interests in the village. It does not cost anything to join and as a member the only thing you are committing to is agreeing with the aims of the charity. Anything more is entirely up to you but we do hope you will come and join everyone at the Village Picnic in July.

You can download a membership form from our website www.cutthorpe.org.uk/charity or get one from our membership secretary, John Thurstan j_w_thurstan@hotmail.com
Arlene Honeyman, Chair, Cutthorpe Matters
arleneandpeter@aol.com

Cutthorpe Creatives

Having had some successful virtual meetings we are now looking forward to getting together in person as soon as possible but in the meantime are making plans for future meetings. If you want to join them you would be very welcome, let Arlene know on arleneandpeter@aol.com

Mens Shed

The group spent a Saturday morning removing the grass from the verge adjacent to the telephone box book club exchange Ann Harrison and Wendy Lawrie have now covered the area to a wildflower garden.

We are planning to site a Soldier Silhouette in the wildflower garden. Mike Robotham is progressing this at his home, we have a target date for completion and unveiling on Remembrance day.

John Thurstan is producing plaques for the few Commemorative trees and other interesting features in the village, These plaques will include a QR code which when scanned will open a page in the Village website providing the details of the commemoration. Hilary Sinclair will create the page for the website. You may have noticed that some of the cracked slats on the seat around the Coronation Tree at the top of Common Lane have been replaced by Shed Club members, with thanks to John Robinson for supplying the slats.

The club are still on the lookout for Premises 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 Calendar

Don't forget we need your contributions for the 2022 calendar to calendarcutthorpe@hotmail.com. Ideally they should be landscape (wider than high) and the higher resolution the better, it is possible to crop portrait but not ideal. We are still considering 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 School

Here at Cutthorpe Primary we are enjoying the chance to get back to a greater sense of 'normality' following the various Covid-19 lockdowns over the year. Our children have been amazing and have shown their resilience, patience and perseverance. All of our children are working hard to catch up on any lost learning and we are very grateful for the support our families have given during these difficult times.

September will bring a change of Headteacher at Cutthorpe Primary. After 7 years at the school I will be moving on to pursue a new career in Art Psychotherapy. My successor as Headteacher will be James Dowse who comes to Cutthorpe having been a Deputy Headteacher in another Derbyshire school. I am sure the community will join me in welcoming James to the school.

On a personal note, I would like to thank those members of the Cutthorpe community that I have got to know during my time at the school. It has been a pleasure working with you.

Sarah Johnston (Headteacher)

Remembrance day poppies

Makers in the village are full steam ahead in poppy production - knitted, crocheted or cut out from felt. These will be pulled together to make a display to be used around the Tree at Common Lane for Remembrance Sunday in November. If you have already produced some or are planning to do so, the completed items can be posted through the letterbox at the Institute (in a bag or envelope please!). All contributions are welcome and will be used - we need as many as possible to make a dramatic display. For more details contact Wendy Lawrie wendy.lawrie@btinternet.com or Hilary Sinclair hilaryasinclair@gmail.com



Environment

At last we seem to have some improved weather and the garden is looking lovely.

The village is full of colour and hopefully by early summer we will have a grand display of wild flowers opposite the Three Merry Lads, thanks to the hard work of the Men's Shed members who prepared the land for seeding.

Garden tips for June/July

- Hoe borders regularly to keep down weeds
- Pinch out side shoots on tomatoes
- Plant out summer bedding
- Stake tall floppy plants
- Prune spring flowering shrubs
- Dead head regularly for continuous flowers

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Wild Flower Project Update

You will have noticed that the wild flower patch near the old telephone box is now developing. The 'Mens Shed Group' prepared the area and a group of ladies from the village scattered the wild flower seed in the middle of April. Unfortunately due to the cold and wet weather, the seeds have been slow to germinate but with the recent warmer weather are now coming through. Hopefully, fingers crossed, lots more sunshine during June will speed up the growing process and we will have some colour in the village over the summer, in addition to the bedding plants in the planters. For further detail contact Wendy Lawrie or Anne Harrison.

Ken Lawrie



St Mary's High School Sponsored Walk

The school will once again be holding their 6-mile sponsored walk around Holmebrook Valley Park, Linacre Reservoirs and through Cutthorpe on Tuesday 29th June between Noon and 3.00pm in aid of Ashgate Hospice. Do give them your support.