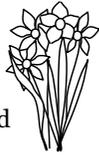


Environment

We hope everyone is enjoying the early Spring bulbs that are appearing up and down the village, it makes us all feel that good weather is just around the corner.



Gardening tips for March:

- Protect new spring shoots from slugs.
• Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials
• Plant summer flowering bulbs

Anne Harrison

Thank You

A very big Thank You should be expressed from all the Village to Anne and Peter who did so much work planning and organising the planting of the new bulbs throughout the village that we are all now enjoying

Litter Pick - 'Clean up for the Queen'

There is a nationwide movement to get the towns and countryside cleaned up in time for the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations. We need as many volunteers as possible for our litter pick on 2nd April - meet at 10.00 am at the Three Merry Lads car park. Contact Ann Harrison -peter7anne@btinternet.com, 07752 877909 for more details

Cutthorpe Primary School News

We are very pleased at Cutthorpe Primary School to have our achievements recognised at a local and national level. Our end of Key Stage 2 results were reported in the Derbyshire Times just before Christmas as being ranked 5th in Derbyshire. We were also delighted to receive a letter from Nick Gibb, Minister of State for Schools, congratulating us on our very high standard of performance and acknowledging our children's attainment as being in line with only one of 187 schools in the country.

We are very proud of our amazing children and would like to thank the staff and parents for their hard work and dedication too.

Chesterfield Royal Macmillan Cancer Centre Appeal

Since the cheque for £1,400 was handed over to Macmillan last year, efforts have continued to raise money through charity boxes and the craft stall in the Institute. A further three cheques have been sent since September bringing the grand total to £1,583.13. Thanks to all those who helped and contributed.

Comings and Goings

HILDA WITHERS - Hilda `Mrs Withers` died at her home in Pilsley after a short illness having just reached her 92nd Birthday. She taught a generation of children at Cutthorpe School from 1973 until 1984. She never forgot her pupils and always enjoyed hearing of their progress and exploits in life.

Will the earth move for you?

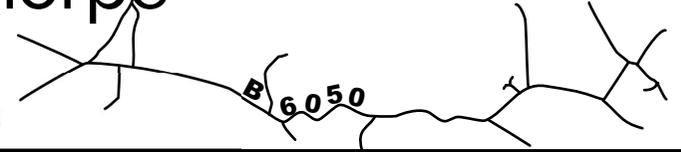
For those who haven't spotted it, the Parish Clerk has put up a notice on the left-hand noticeboard at the institute about fracking licences in North-East Derbyshire. Although contractors would need planning permission, there could be implications for the village.

Cutthorpe 2000 committee news

The next meeting of the committee will be on Tuesday 10th May, 7.30 Three Merry Lads.

Committee Contact details:

- Chairman - David Catton - d.j.catton@virginmedia.com, 272153
Secretary - Tracy Hopkinson, trudie25@hotmail.co.uk
Treasurer: Bert Priest, 232237
Communications (newsletter & website) Hilary Sinclair cutthorpeinfo@gmail.com, 297749, 07973 429974
Environment: Anne Harrison, peter7anne@btinternet.com, 07752 877909



Cutthorpe Institute Purchase

Brampton Parish Council have agreed to purchase Cutthorpe Institute to continue the use of the facility as a community asset for residents. The purchase will be funded with a mixture of Loans, Parish Council Reserves, Grants, Local Fundraising and Donations. The balance required from Grants, Local Fundraising and Donations is £10,000. The Parish Clerk will apply for grants from various funding providers; fundraising and donations are sought from local organisations and individuals.

Once purchased, the Parish Council will also then need to consider how best to fund the cost of the long standing repairs required to the Institute roof, so fundraising initiatives for this would also be appreciated.

If you would like to organise an event or make a donation to assist in the purchase, please get in touch with your local Parish Councillor or contact the Parish Clerk Liz Boswell, bramptonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk, tel 07758 460757

The Annual General Meeting of the Cutthorpe Institute Management Committee will be held in the Institute on Wednesday 13th April at 7.15 pm. Anyone in receipt of this newsletter is eligible to attend.

Cutthorpe Village Website

Don't forget to check the website - www.cutthorpe.org.uk - as any news that falls between the quarterly newsletters will be posted there. If you have any items you would like added to the website, news, walks, anything else of interest, please contact Hilary on 297749, 07973 429974 or email cutthorpeinfo@gmail.com.

Festival News - see page 2 for details

The Cutthorpe Festival takes place over the weekend of 8-10th July, with a variety of entertainments including the very popular Great Cutthorpe Bake Off, the Merry Lads and Lasses choir and the Festival Fun Run. Make sure you come along to enjoy the fun. FREE ENTRY all weekend.

Well Dressing

It's time to think about the 2016 Well Dressing. At a recent meeting it was agreed that the theme for this year will be the 150th anniversary of the birth of Beatrix Potter. Frame building starts on 23rd June, followed by 'puddling of the clay'. By 1st July the clay goes onto the frame. 'Barking the picture' comes next, then work begins filling in the design that has to be completed by 8th July ready for the Blessing of the completed well. If you want to help or learn how it's done, please let me know when you'll be available so I can make up a rota - Barbara. Tel. 01246 620314 or email: roundwaydown@virginmedia.com

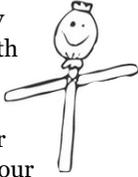


Cutthorpe Festival 2016

This year let's make our Festival Week full of fun and games:

We start off on Sunday 3rd July

5.00 pm at the Three Merry Lads with **Make your own Scarecrow** - hats, clothes, bags, shoes and even heads will be available (or bring your own) so we can all design and make our scarecrows together. Fun afternoon and BBQ. The judging for the scarecrows will take place on Friday 8th so let's have them all in place. Prize for Best in Village.



Friday 8th July

6.30 Well blessing service at the Village Institute followed by blessing of the wells.

7.30 - 10.30pm Musical entertainment including the Cutthorpe Choir who will be singing in the marquee, plus acoustic guitarist and entertainers. Bar, food and children's fair.

Saturday 9th July

Art Show and cream teas at the Institute

Cutthorpe Festival

1.00 pm register for the Dog show

Fun run starting on show ground

2.00 pm Festival opens - Dog Show, Classic Vehicles, The Great Lorenzo, Andy's Aeroplanes, Children's Fair, BADASS, Gun Dog Display, Village Tug of War, the Big Bake Off Challenge, Bar, Food and Stalls

5.00 pm Jazz Band

7.30 - 10.30 pm Open Mic night hosted by Mark Black, Bar and Food

Sunday 10th July

2.00 - 4.00 pm Institute Art Show and Cream Teas

2.00 pm - Village Cricket Match and spectators 'Wine Slurp' afternoon, BBQ or bring your own picnic

Big Cutthorpe Bake Off Challenge

Following the success of last year's bake off we are expanding the competition into 4 separate

classes: Men's bakes, children's bakes, chocolate dreams and most elaborate design. We ask that each bake be entered with a clear ingredients list as the cakes will be sold off in pieces for festival funds.

Entries need to be in the main tent with ingredients list by 2pm and winners will be announced later in the afternoon. Time to be confirmed. Any further queries contact Effie at Euphemia.hodgkinson@hotmail.co.uk

Auction of Promises

Do you have a skill or something you could offer? The Festival committee would like to hear from you. It could be a couple of hours gardening, cleaning or diy, making a meal or anything else. No promise will be wasted! To find out more email arleneandpeter@aol.com or call Arlene on 205844

Festival Fun Run

Planning for this years fun run on the festival weekend has commenced, so make a note in your running diary - Cutthorpe Festival Fun 5K Fun Run - Saturday July 9th.

The run will be mid afternoon this year so that finishers will come back to a big cheer while the festival is in full flow, Application forms will be available via the website shortly, any queries please e-mail the organiser ken.lawrie@btinternet.com

For other Festival information contact Karen at mlane.builders@virgin.net

Book a Stall for the Festival

The more people get involved the better the Festival will be so we are still looking for people to take stalls - they only cost £10 so if you have a hobby or pastime that could be displayed and/or sold why not give it a go? How about a produce stall? - Allotmenters could get together. Jams and cakes are always popular, To book a stall get in touch with Wendy Lawrie wendy.lawrie@btinternet.com - a printable booking form can be found on the Cutthorpe website in the Festival section of Events.



Local Bus Service Threat

Under Derbyshire cost cutting proposals the Cutthorpe and Barlow bus service 16/16A will go by October 2017. Anyone interested is asked to respond to the consultation, which closes on the 24 th April - a link to the consultation document is on the Cutthorpe home page or pick up a copy at your local library. Janet Pickersgill, the Derbyshire Senior Transport Officer Local Bus Network on 01629 536734, is happy to answer any queries or help with the questionnaire. see www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transportchanges

Parish Council Vacancy

Parish Councillor - The role of a Councillor is to work with the Council to serve the community. Bringing local issues to the attention of the Council and help it make decisions on behalf of the local community. Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7.00 pm. For info contact the Parish Clerk bramptonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk 07758 460757

Barlow/Cutthorpe/Holmesfield

Local History

The history of our 3 villages is closely integrated. With your help Gina & Adrian Clarke plus John Adams are attempting to produce records, both pictorial and written to illustrate the changes of the villages from the earliest information available.

Most of Barlow Church records have been transcribed, over 20,000 pictures/items have been received, family history of Barlow families are being compiled.

We need more help - more pictures of the villages, people and places, more information - all of which we exhibit at various times of the year for anyone to view.

Contact gina.smith@hotmail.co.uk

Deadline for next newsletter is 23rd May 2016. Contact Hilary Sinclair 297749, 07973 429974 cutthorpeinfo@gmail.com,

Cutthorpe Choir



The choir, run by John Thurstan, now calling themselves 'The Merry Lads and Lasses', is gaining members all the time and everyone is welcome so why not give it a try? It's an entertaining way to spend an hour and a half on a Friday evening. There's a voluntary donation of £2.00 to help with the purchase of music and for their talented accompanist Lydia. They meet at 7.30 in the upstairs room at the Three Merry Lads so feel free to come along or contact John on 231336 for more information.

Look out for their 1st recital at an Open Mic night in April.

Pub News - Three Merry Lads

1st April - singer - Tommy - all types of music and some comedy.

Cutthorpe Institute:

Learn / Improve your Bridge

If you'd like to join us for a non-pressure, social evening of Bridge held on Wednesdays (basic knowledge of the game would be good) please ring Sheila King 271211 or 07837 028015.

Note: can Cynthia, who called previously contact Sheila again as unfortunately she lost the phone number!

WI 2.00 - 4.00 more details from Joyce Cratchley, 236845. New members are very welcome.

Craft Club

Newcomers welcome at Cutthorpe Craft Club (previously, Knit and Natter). Village Institute, 1-3 p.m. every Friday.

Mobile Library dates, every 4th Wednesday

The mobile library will stop at Riggotts Way at 10.15 - 10.45 on 30th March, 27 April, 25th May