



Cutthorpe Music/Choir and the Cutthorpe Village Picnic

Having hibernated since our outing in the pub Christmas 2019 the 'Emerging Village Band' were allowed to inflict their talents on a handful of brave souls who joined us on the Cricket Ground on Sunday evening, (29th August).

A mix of music including Andy Ravey's favourite Fire and Rain, which he did justice to, and a finish with a couple of favourites of Sweet Caroline and Country Roads which had the crowd on their feet singing along (well at least a bit of a sing along!)

Chris, our long suffering guitar teacher, joined to support us. His singing partner, Jen, also joined to give a very good rendition of Lucky One and they went on to show us what proper singing and guitar playing should sound like.

To finish the evening John Thurstan did his best (?) to look like one of ABBA (not sure which - male or female) and some of the choir, who also haven't had a chance to get together women and manfully sang through a few folk songs and a handful of ABBA songs, supported by the spectators.

An enjoyable evening and hopefully, as restrictions lift over the coming months, to be followed by other events.

Tom Johnston

Choir Restart

The choir at Cutthorpe has been out of action for some time now. It is probably long enough and it would be nice to do some singing for Christmas.

The choir will start meeting in the Institute on Friday 1st October 7.00pm, and then weekly. If you are interested in coming along contact John Thurstan
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Comings and Goings Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Will and Claire's new baby Robin at 23b The Square, a brother for Harry. Also a welcome to Al and Sally Platt who have moved into the Old Hall with their children, Millie and Orlando; John and Sarah at 49 Cutthorpe Road; Seth, Laura and family who are now living at 1 Main Road, and a very belated welcome to Brian and Cheryl at The Haven, Main Road together with any other new residents we have missed out who have moved into Cutthorpe over recent months.

Dunston Grange building development

You will recently have received a second letter from Lee Rowley MP with some information regarding the proposed 500 houses off Dunston Road in addition to the 300 already under construction, and advice as to how we can express our views and concerns to Chesterfield Borough Council. In addition, all have received a leaflet from Dunston Grange Residents Action Group asking for our support in writing to the Council. At the time of writing, there have been less than 100 objections and if you have not already done so, please write now before 84 acres of fields and farmland are lost forever, as well as taking on further problems of pollution, a massive increase in traffic that a total of 906 houses (including the Strata ones) and the loss of Cutthorpe's village identity as it edges ever closer to Chesterfield. The current landowner does not live locally and therefore won't be affected in the same way as those of us who will have to endure this for years to come. Also, the action group have now secured the support of Campaign to Protect Rural England to advise. There is still time to write and it only takes a few minutes by email or letter to Chesterfield BC Planning dept. scheme ref CHE/21/00549/OUT. You don't have to go into great detail and every objection adds weight to the cause. Remember also that this is not limited to one per household and that every family member is entitled to write in.

Tony Darwent

Cutthorpe reflections

Welcome to the Cutthorpe newsletter, We hope you have all kept safe and well and are looking forward to the gradual opening up and meeting each other again. We are particularly looking forward to the Cutthorpe Kids Autumn Halloween celebration, where there will be more than games for the children, with attractions for adults as well - see Sarah's Cutthorpe Kids article and do come along on 31st October.

Check the website and Facebook for up to date information on our activities.

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Cutthorpe Festival

COVID has unfortunately meant that the Festival has not been able to be held for the last 2 years, although as restrictions are now lifted and hopefully remain so longer term, thoughts have now turned to planning an event in 2022. Whilst many people within the village have commented how much the festival has been missed, many have also commented that the break has given the opportunity to think about future festival formats. Suggestions have ranged from making it a much bigger event (like Barlow) to reducing it to a smaller one day event. We thought therefore that we would seek the views of residents (who the festival is for) as to how they would like to see future festivals organised. Any views would be appreciated via our facebook page or the link on the village website. In addition, the current lead organisers (Ken and Wendy Lawrie) are unfortunately not in a position to lead for next years event, so if you are interested in taking on this role for next year, - please get in touch with Ken on ken.lawrie@btinternet.com for a chat on what's involved. There is a very willing and able group of volunteers that provide support in both advance planning and over the festival period.

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

Cutthorpe Kids

Despite an extended lock down, dubious weather and people jetting off on their jollies, we managed to have three wonderful weeks of "Play in the Park". It was lovely to get together, for both the adults and the kids. Kite flying, stilts, Diablo, rounders, egg and spoon races and games with the giant parachute were just some of the activities that kept everyone entertained. We'll definitely be running it again next summer, thanks to everyone who joined in. Summer's coming to an end and it's back to school but there's lots in the pipe line for the rest of the year including the very exciting Halloween Spooktacular!

On Sunday 31st October, between 12.00-15.00 the recreation ground will be transformed into a spooky field of fun to raise money for Cutthorpe Kids activities and new park equipment.

There will be food, drinks, a bouncy castle, artisan stalls, seasonal flower arranging classes, loads of games for the kids with prizes galore, a ghost hunt, pumpkin carving competition, fancy dress competition, kids arts and crafts plus many more attractions. There will also be a raffle with some truly terrific prizes!

This is going to be an amazing community event raising money for our wonderful village kids group, so tell your family and friends! We'll also need help on the day, so if you'd like to be involved, do get in touch.

If you live in the village and would like your children to be on the register, we'd love to hear from you.

All Cutthorpe Kids enquiries can be sent to Sarah at slbell11@icloud.com.



Cutthorpe Institute Update

With things gradually returning to normal it is great to confirm that the Institute is open for regular bookings and one-off events. Since opening in July we have seen a steady return by some of our regulars led by the Knit and Knatter and the Whist group. Also returning are some of the Art and craft groups but sadly, lockdown has meant we have lost some groups who have gone "on-line"

Moving forward we will be looking to the Christmas period when hopefully some of the regular festive activities such as the Christmas fayre and Burns Night will be taking place. We will keep you all posted on these and other events nearer the time.

As always, 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
Mike Robotham

Cutthorpe Matters charity

The Cutthorpe Matters charity, formed in 2018 for the benefit of the village to create a thriving organisation and community, is going from strength to strength and we have more plans for the future. All Cutthorpe residents can help by joining as members, among other things this helps us when applying for grants to assist with our work and new ideas and voices are always welcome. There are no obligations when becoming a member, so please think about joining - you can find out more and download a form from our website www.cutthorpe.org.uk/charity or get one from our membership secretary, John Thurstan j_w_thurstan@hotmail.com and return it to him, Wych Cottage, Common Lane, or Arlene Honeyman, 19 The Square, Main Road.
Arlene Honeyman, Chair, Cutthorpe Matters
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Remembrance day poppies

We mentioned before that we are planning to make a poppy display to be used around the Coronation Tree at the top of Common Lane for Remembrance Sunday in November. These can be knitted, crocheted or cut out from felt and should be resilient outdoors. We need as many as possible and all will be used to make a stand out display. 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!). There are plenty of patterns available online or some options can be supplied. For more details contact Wendy Lawrie wendy.lawrie@btinternet.com or Hilary Sinclair hilaryasinclair@gmail.com



Mens Shed

Lockdown and the holiday season, mean the club has not met up this year, hopefully we will arrange a meeting in the next few weeks. We have one new Project in addition to the 2 ongoing, to produce boards for the upcoming Halloween party, the Creatives Group have agreed to help decorate the boards, when ready. If you are interested in getting involved or finding out more about us, contact *Graham Harrison* 07920 040129



Cutthorpe Calendar 2022

Because of the potential difficulty of distribution and the cost of printing we are asking people to pre-order calendars this year. We do need a minimum order quantity of 50 to make it viable for a print run but if we can achieve this level the price will be the same as last year at £6. If you would like a calendar - can you email your requirement to calendarcutthorpe@hotmail.com by 30th September.

Also, in the anticipation that the calendar will go ahead, please also send in any pictures you want considered to the same email address. Please remember that ideally they should be landscape (wider than they are high).

Tom Johnstone 07984 647109.

Environment

Although this year we have not been able to litter pick the efforts of individuals has kept the village looking tidy, however another problem has come to my attention and that is the increased amount of dog mess left around, particularly on Green Lane, I know most of you are responsible owners but for those that aren't aware dog faeces is not only unpleasant but is a health risk to all, the Giardia parasite can cause illness in dogs and humans so please pick up whether it be road, track, park or field. Also be aware that compostable pick up bags are available to avoid any need to hang them in trees etc.

On a more pleasant note we are pleased with the results of the wild flowers and would encourage anyone to plant a wild flower area to help pollinators - we planted a mixture of annuals and perennials and will add to them each year - see Wild flower project update.

Gardening Club

A few people have shown an interest in forming a gardening club, if you are interested please email or message me to see if it's something to take forward. It would be just a friendly group to swap ideas, plants, cuttings seeds etc.

Garden tips for September

- Divide herbaceous perennials
- Collect and sow seeds from perennials and hardy annuals
- Cover leafy vegetable crops with netting to protect from birds
- Plant spring flowering bulbs

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Grow Don't Mow

You may be interested to look at the Grow Don't Mow campaign from the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, who also have plenty of advice on encouraging wildlife in your garden including, bees, birds, butterflies, bats and much more - see online derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/wildlife/wildlife-gardening.

Wild Flower Project Update

The Wildflower Patch created by members of The Men's Shed Group and other volunteers earlier on in the year appears to have been a success bringing colour into the village and increased wildlife activity. Hopefully the plants will self set this autumn and provide us again with another show next year. Thanks must go to whoever has maintained the grass verge around the wildflower patch this has certainly enhanced that whole focal point in the village.

On an added note there have been some comments about others being interested in turning some of their garden or frontage onto the road into a wildflower patch. Here are just a few tips to get started.

- Remove any grass, which grows too strongly for the seeds to compete and control weeds by digging or rotavating, burying any vegetation to a depth of 15-20cm. This also brings less fertile soil to the surface.
- Firm and rake the surface to make a seed bed
- Don't be tempted to use fertiliser or manure
- Ideally sow in autumn giving the seed time to settle over winter. If you are on heavy clay its better to wait till spring
- Ensure the seed is scattered evenly mix the seed with silver sand makes the process easier (2g seed with 5g silver sand per sq metre). Rake in lightly and water thoroughly
- Supplies of seeds can be found in Garden centres or online

