



A Note from Linacre - Spring 2015

Linacre looked lovely with lying snow but, for regular visitors, it was difficult to access the site easily due to ice, snow and slush. We tried our best to grit the most difficult areas but admit to discouraging visitors from taking the challenge of the lower car park even with a four-wheel drive vehicle! Thank you for behaving very responsibly.

Our older trees have also seen the challenge of heavy snow build up on branches along with some high winds and we lost a few to windthrow. This is entirely normal for a woodland and wherever possible we leave the trees to lie where they fall so that they can decompose and provide a haven for invertebrates and a vital food source for our woodland birds. Also, the gaps in the canopy allow light into the woodland floor encouraging new saplings to grow and waking up the dormant seed bank of woodland flowers in the soil.

With the help of our volunteers we have patrolled regularly looking for dangerous hung up branches and we have managed to remove most of them ourselves. We apologise for taping off the main track due to one branch that refused to come down (it was just too high) but lay dangerously over the track! We leave anything that is not over a path for nature to take its course and so it is not a good time to wander off into the woods.

The birds have been very hungry and have

provided a great deal of pleasure to those watching them on the feeder. RSPB Chesterfield supply us with the seed and we try to keep the feeder and the stump at the picnic site filled up whenever we are on site.

The birds pairing off for the breeding season. We urge dog walkers to keep their dogs under close control at this very important time of year when the birds are finding their territories and nest sites, especially around the top reservoir where the ground nesting migrants will soon arrive. Here you must keep your dog on a lead and also out of the water for the sake of our nesting wildfowl.

TCV no longer work on site which is a great loss to us and to the wildlife. They did very important maintenance work and conservation projects. We do, however, have a growing team of enthusiastic and skilled volunteers who are working hard on site in all weathers. Thank you to them.

Finally, keep your eyes open for signs of spring. The bluebells are beginning to shoot through the soil, early violets won't be long in coming and the snow drops below the middle car park were wonderful as usual.

Happy New Year to all our visitors from the DCC Countryside Service and Severn Trent Visitor team at Linacre!

Jackie and Gill, Linacre Rangers

(The Linacre Valley Project is a Partnership between Severn Trent Water and Derbyshire County Council.)

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Deadline for next newsletter is 15th May 2015. Information about all aspects of the village, including arrivals and departures from the Village Contact Hilary Sinclair cutthorpeinfo@gmail.com

Forthcoming events:

Litter Picking

The next village litter pick will be on the 28th March, meeting at the Three Merry Lads at 10.00 am and regathering there after our exertions! 20 Litter picks, black bags, gloves and high viz. vests are to be provided by the council. They will collect full bags, vests and picks need to be returned to the council.

Cutthorpe Summer Supper evening

Following the success of the Christmas village supper at the Three Merry Lads there will be an early summer version which will be an evening of fine food and good company. "Salmon (alternative available) and Strawberries" with live music will be held on **Friday 5th June**. Book early with a deposit at the Three Merry Lads to make sure of your seat.

Cutthorpe Carnival 2015

The Cutthorpe Village Festival is back for the second weekend in July and there are plans afoot for a children's fancy dress competition, our own village bake-off

competition and the much loved dogs' show. If you would like to enter into any or all of these events, keep your eyes peeled for details nearer the time, and get your creative thinking caps on for entries to the fancy dress competition and the bake-off.

"OLDIES" Lunches

Cutthorpe 2000 are arranging for the 'oldies' to enjoy special lunches at The Three Merry Lads beginning on Wednesday 1st April at 12 o'clock. Sue and her team are willing to offer a Lunch with a choice of three main dishes for £4.50, plus a choice of three sweets for a further £2.

Anyone wishing to join in with the first lunch is invited to come and meet other oldies and enjoy a meal together. Should you wish to join us and/or require transport please telephone to book, if no one answers, please leave a message and we will call you back: Christine Gaskin on 01246 231660 or John Robinson on 01246 232230

We look forward to hearing from **you**.

Pub News

Peacock:

Carnival fund DVD Bring and Buy - refresh your DVD collection - take your old DVD's to the Peacock and buy from the selection already donated - prices from £2-£4.00, all contributions go to the Carnival fund

Sunday 15th March Mother's Day lunch - 2 courses £22.95

Sunday 5th April Easter Egg Hunt and fun

Steak Night every Monday from 5.00 pm excluding Bank Holidays

Three Merry Lads:

Saturday 14th March - Pirates Day (and Justin's birthday)

Due to popular demand **Open Mic nights** now held every 2nd and last Friday of the month

News from the Parish Council

Recreation Ground playground : funds have been put in place and work will begin in May to rearrange the play area and add a new Climbing Wheel. This has been financed by local subscriptions together with grants from DCC Community Leadership, Viridor Credits and the Big Lottery Fund. We now hope to raise further monies to provide a picnic bench and surrounding fencing.

Deep concern had been expressed about the Cricket Club cutting down trees in the Recreation Ground - see apology below.

It's not just the General Election on 7 May; it's also a chance to vote for parish councillors. If you'd like to have your say on community matters, this could be your chance to become a Parish Councillor. Keep an eye on the Cutthorpe Institute notice board for more details. Election packs will be available via North East Derbyshire District Council on 01246 231111 - see their website at

www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/council-democracy/councillors-democracy-elections/becoming-a-councillor/ or contact our Parish Clerk, Mrs Liz Boswell at bramptonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01246 201825

Cricket Club Apology for recent tree clearances

Mark Barlow writes "I'm sorry that the ground clearance work undertaken in the Recreation Ground caused upset to some in the village community. It was never the intention to damage the area just tidy up and make the stile and bench seats usable. Members of the club and I have spent many hours and hundreds of pounds of our own money maintaining and improving the area. The Cricket club intends to replant the area with suitable bushes and trees to encourage birds and other wildlife to return as quickly as possible."

Environment

Gardening tip for March: Prune back winter shrubs and generally tidy the garden in anticipation of the spring bulbs appearing.

Bulb Mapping - spring bulbs planted by the village make it look beautiful in the Spring. In order to make sure we know where the empty spots are Peter Harrison is mapping the spots to fill for the future

Calling all dog owners: can we please all try to remember to pick up after our dogs when out walking, some of the lanes and pathways after the winter snow are now in an unpleasant state. We are lucky to have red dog waste bins in the village to make it easy to dispose of all waste so please make use of them. It is also recommended that we pick up from agricultural land as dog waste fouls the land, this is a common courtesy to our local farmers.

It would be great to have a clean and tidy village after the litter pick on 28th March.

Anne Harrison, Environment Committee
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Toddler Group

The Toddler Group at the school runs on Thursday afternoons from 1.30-3pm, £1.50 per family, includes tea, juice and biscuits- all are welcome. For information contact nicolacunnane@hotmail.com

Cricket Club Annual Dinner

Friday 10th April 7.00 for 7.30 pm.
Proact Stadium, Chesterfield. Lounge Suits.
Special Guest: Chris Cowdrey, former Kent CC and England Captain Tickets £35 contact cutthorpecricket@gmail.com

Next meeting of the Cutthorpe Committee

Thursday 19th March, 7.30 Three Merry Lads. everyone welcome

Cutthorpe Institute:

Stretch and Tone

Get ready for summer and tone up those muscles. Now meeting on Tuesdays in Cutthorpe Institute. If you'd like to try a session, please call Helen on 07840528703 to book your place.

WI 2.00 - 4.00 1st Thursday of the month

- **March** – Cheese tasting
- **April** – craft afternoon with tutor
- **May** – resolution meeting – discussion on resolutions to be put forward at the national meeting

For more information contact Joyce Cratchley 236845

Cutthorpe Primary School News

A very successful Grounds Day was held in the Autumn Term when children and their families tidied up the school garden and grounds. We are now starting to think, as the weather improves, about organising a similar day for the Summer Term. If anyone in the village would like to get involved in some way that would be very much appreciated.

We would be grateful for any spare vegetable plants to grow and then eat as part of our 'Healthy School' and 'Let's Get Cooking' initiatives.

We would also be grateful for volunteers on the day to help trim, weed, chop, dig or plant.

If you are interested in getting involved please email the school on: info@cutthorpe.derbyshire.sch.uk. Once a date has been fixed we will then contact you with further details in order to check your availability.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Mobile Library

The mobile library stops at Riggotts Way at 9.45 - 10.15 every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Flower Club

Complete novice or dab hand? If you'd like to learn more about flower arranging or practice your skills, this is your invitation to join the group at Cutthorpe Institute on Wednesdays from 2 – 4pm (previously Thursdays). New members welcome. For more information contact Chris on 01246 231660.

In August it will be 150 years since first stone was laid. Ways to celebrate this are being considered.

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

Temporary Road Closure

TOP LANE AND UNNAMED ROAD, EASTMOOR - Water main renewal. From 23 March 2015 to 02 April 2015.

Unnamed road, Wigley between its junctions with B6050 and Pudding Pie Hill; and Top Lane, between its junctions with Pudding Pie Hill and Baslow Road and between Baslow Road and Hallcliff Lane.

REASON: Local diversions will be in place for each phase of the works.

Access will be maintained, whenever reasonably possible, on the affected length of road, which will re-open as soon as the work is finished. This may be earlier than advertised. Derbyshire County Council apologises for any inconvenience caused

Keeping in Contact

If you would be like to receive occasional news updates on the Village via email please let Hilary have your email address - cutthorpeinfo@gmail.com. The information will not be used for any other purpose (no junk mail) and will not be passed on to anyone else.