



## Cutthorpe Institute Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who helped, baked and supported the village Christmas Fayre, it was well attended and there was lots of chatter. We raised £355.20, now making a total of £1448.74 so far for the Derbyshire Stroke Unit at Holmewood, our chosen charity until July.

## VE Day

We are going to be opening the Institute on Friday 8th May in the afternoon to serve cream teas as part of the village celebration of VE day. We will be looking for scone and cake bakers for the event and help serving the cream teas. We are also hoping to be able to display any photos, memorabilia or stories of that time so if anyone has any of these items, could they please contact wendy.lawrie@btinternet.com

## Booking the Institute

Jane Johnstone has now taken over the management of bookings for the Institute from Barbara Stringer. You can contact her on jane.johnstone@hotmail.co.uk, 01246 234945 or 07984 647109 if you want to book the institute or amend an existing booking. As a reminder, the main room is 12.5m by 5.5m and can seat 60 people comfortably and has a maximum capacity of 100. Its the perfect venue for parties, clubs, and social gatherings of all sorts.

## Tombola

Thanks to everyone for once again generously donating to the raffle & the tombola which raised £118 on the afternoon of the Christmas fair. Although there are items left I will be bugging, er asking, you all again with a leaflet drop & collection in June /July ready for the village festival. Thanks again to you all.  
Maureen Tropman - email: metropman@gmail.com

## Cutthorpe School News

Here at Cutthorpe Primary we continue to link with other Chesterfield primary schools to participate in a range of sports activities. We are very proud of our Sainsbury's Platinum Award for School Games which we received at the start of the school year.

Over the next few weeks all our junior children will be performing at the Dance Festival at the Winding Wheel.

During April our active PSFA will be distributing 'Bags for School' through the letterboxes in the area. Please consider donating unwanted items which will raise money for our school fund. The collection will be on 23rd April. Many thanks for your support.

*S Johnston, Headteacher*

## Comings and Goings RIP

We are sorry to report the recent passing of Joyce Cratchley. Joyce and her family moved to Cutthorpe in the mid seventies. By 1977 she had joined the committee that organised the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations in the village. She served on the Parish Council and also as a Governor of Cutthorpe School.

However it is the time she devoted to the W.I. that is the most significant. For forty years she was not only a member, but served many of those years as the President of Cutthorpe W.I and also on the County Executive. The active part she played in the life of Cutthorpe Village has helped to shape the community it is today.

The funeral will take place at Barlow Church, Tuesday 10th March at 11.30, followed by a wake at the Proact Stadium.

## Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Lee and Claire who moved into The Poplars in December and are already getting involved in village life.

## Cutthorpe Matters

The eagle eyed among you may have noticed that the heading of this newsletter has changed to the working name of the Cutthorpe Village Charity. The charity funds this newsletter and the website, along with supporting many other village activities but all the other news and events from the village will continue to be covered as usual.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who has ideas for the village that the charity can aid and facilitate, all thoughts are welcome. John Thurstan has taken on the role of Membership secretary and we are always pleased to attract new members, it costs nothing, there's no obligation to do anything apart from join but the more members we have the stronger our voice will be when applying for funding, so please get in touch with John or download the membership form and find more information about Cutthorpe Matters from the website, [www.cutthorpe.org.uk/charity.htm](http://www.cutthorpe.org.uk/charity.htm)

## Cutthorpe Festival

We've already made a start planning this year's festival, due to take place as usual on the 2nd weekend of July - Friday 10th and Saturday 11th.

**HELP NEEDED** - We are very fortunate this year to have John Wray joining the team, among other things he runs the Britannia Pub in Brampton, and has offered to provide and erect the marquee and the bar so relieving Festival helpers of those duties. Help is still needed, particularly for the car park - the more we have the shorter time each will need to be there.

As ever we'd like to make this even more successful and we are also fortunate to have Natalie and James, from Crush Design who are happy to be involved in the publicity side of things, so keep an eye on the Facebook page.

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

## The Three Merry Lads

### View from a Regular

"Admiral Taverns bought The Three Merry Lads from Marstons last November. BJ and Dawn recently signed a one-year deal, much to the relief of us regulars, who are delighted with the atmosphere, beer and value-for-money home-cooking. It's not just me saying this: people who've popped in from time to time over the years and seen many different faces behind the bar say the old place has really come to life at last. We regulars are friendly too, so call in, smile and say "Hello", just like we do. It's your pub too! We won't bite, and we hope your well-behaved dogs won't either!"  
*Pete Stott*

BJ and Dawn would like to express their thanks to everyone who has been so supportive. The very popular Frankie Heart, Motown and Northern Soul singer, will be making a return visit on **Friday 22nd May**.

There will also be a separate Festival website with up to date information. **The Festival will open at 1.00 pm** - note the earlier start time - with the usual entertainments and hopefully new ones too. There will be more and different food stalls this year and, if the weather allows, you could always bring along a picnic.

If you'd like to take or help with a stall, know of anyone else who would be interested or would like to help elsewhere get in touch with Ken or Wendy Lawrie.

The next planning meeting will be on 22nd March, 7.00 in the Three Merry Lads. Do come along. For more information contact: Ken Lawrie: ken.lawrie@btinternet.com or Wendy Lawrie: wendy.lawrie@btinternet.com

## Recent Events supported by Cutthorpe Matters Childrens Village Party

On Saturday 14th December, the newly formed Cutthorpe Kids Committee held a party for the children of the village. 32 children came along to join in games, including the limbo (which the grown ups joined in with), a disco, singing and visits from two very special guests. One of the Minions from Despicable Me and the big man, Father Christmas himself!

Thanks to all the ladies in the village who contributed a fantastic spread enjoyed by all. It was a huge success and the organisers would like to thank everyone who helped with setting up, cleaning away, contributing food and especially the trustees of the village charity, Cutthorpe Matters, for funding and supporting the event.

Special thanks to Natalie and James Burkinshaw at Crush Design for their beautiful marketing and stationary. A shout out to Mini Me entertainment for a job well done and a wink to Peter Friend - master of disguise!

We're sure it was the first of many family community events to be organised by Cutthorpe Kids. We can't wait to see you all again soon.

*Sarah Bell*

## Village Christmas Party

2018's successful Village Christmas party, at Overholme farm was repeated in 2019 and once again proved popular and once again we want to thank John and Paddy Robinson for their generosity in inviting us into their house.

## Burns Night Celebrations

This 'well established tradition' of the past 3 years proved as successful as ever and was again a sell out. Some photos of the festivities are on the 2019 Gallery page of the website. Thanks to everyone who came and helped to make this such a fun event including David Shipstone, who again did his bit piping in the haggis - we look forward to seeing you next year.

## Environment

**Annual litter pick:** Every year we hold a litter pick in the village to clear the roadside detritus from the top to the bottom of Cutthorpe. This is held in March before the brambles take a hold and allow us to make a fresh start to the year. Everyone is welcome to come along and help. There are hi-vis vests, pickers, protective gloves and rubbish bags for all. This year it will be held on **Saturday 28th March**, meeting in Three Merry Lads car park at 10.00 am come rain or shine, if you can spare an hour to help it will be much appreciated.

I am also looking to plant some snowdrops if you have any when dividing up existing clumps please let me know and we can plant them in the hedgerows for extra colour.

### Garden tips for March

- 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*

## Cutthorpe Kids - Easter

The Cutthorpe Kids Committee are in the process of sorting out an Easter Egg Hunt so keep an eye on Facebook and any posters in the village. More information when available from Sarah Bell ,slbell11@icloud.com

## Well Dressing 2020

We'll be holding a meeting soon to decide on the subject for this year and organise a group of us who are happy to turn up during the week before the Festival, 6th - 10th July, to help put petal to clay. You don't have to be available all or every day and no experience is needed so if you'd be interested in getting involved, finding out more about the traditional craft of well dressing or just have any ideas for a theme this year, please get in touch with Hilary. hilaryasinclair@gmail.com, 297749, 07973 429974



## VE Day 75

As included in the last Newsletter, Cutthorpe Matters (in conjunction with the Parish Council) will be organizing events to celebrate VE75 Day on Friday 8th May 2020, which for any one that does not know will be a bank holiday! Events will start at 2.45 pm on the Recreation Ground with a playing of the Last Post, followed by a nations toast to coincide with a toast to take place simultaneously at 3pm throughout the country. An afternoon of games and an open picnic will then take place followed by further simultaneous speeches at around 6.15pm. Drinks and cakes will be available in the Village Institute throughout the afternoon, and it is intended that there will be a 40's evening in the Three Merry Lads in the evening. Further information will be provided via posters etc nearer the time.

If anyone local has any particular memories/memorabilia of the announcement of the end of hostilities in Europe please contact Ken Lawrie - ken.lawrie@btinternet.com.

## Neighbourhood Plan

The Steering Group met on 2nd March and agreed on a number of revisions to the draft plan. It is intended that a final draft will be available for approval at the next Steering Group meeting on 30th March (7pm at Wadshelf - all welcome to attend). The plan is then to seek Parish Council approval on 6th April following which the plan will be published for an 8 week public consultation period prior to finalisation and eventual submission to a referendum of all residents in Brampton Parish. *David Catton d.j.catton@virginmedia.com*

## Cutthorpe 2000

Cutthorpe 2000, which funded this newsletter and so many activities in the village over the years, has now passed over its activities and funds to Cutthorpe Matters. If anyone would be interested in a session to reminisce about its efforts contact David Catton d.j.catton@virginmedia.com



## Cutthorpe and Climate change

Climate change affects us all, John Robinson's Discussion Group had this as the topic for January and is also getting others in the village involved. The following article has been written by John with the aim of getting more action in our community.



"After a small initial meeting comprising of farmers, school teachers and interested persons, followed by it being the topic of January's Discussion Group meeting, we would like to keep you informed of some of the ideas of what we can do in Cutthorpe to help improve the environment and our planet.

Our initial idea is to plant more trees to reduce CO2. The Woodland Trust will happily give us lots of native varieties including a variety of hedging and are currently taking applications for packs of up to 420 tree saplings (20-60cm tall, which can reach an adult's head height in around eight years) to be delivered in November. What we now need, of course, is suitable locations and volunteers to plant and take care of them. The Woodland Trust asks for details of where they are to be planted, which needs to be fully accessible to the public.

Other ideas, which are being followed up, include ways individuals could save energy, generating energy from water flowing from Linacre reservoirs and use of solar panels. Also we would like to find alternative ways to reduce waste or use waste to produce energy. Cutthorpe Primary School is keen to get involved perhaps with a wild area to encourage wildlife. Also maybe a scheme for schools to hatch eggs of native birds that have declined in the area.

If you would like to get involved, have other suggestions, or have even a small area with public access for planting please contact John Robinson 232230 or Anne Harrison 07484 814487."

*John Robinson, applewoods@talktalk.net*