

## Cutthorpe School News

**Thanks go** to one of the Cutthorpe School pupils, Isla, who has been in school during lockdown and has written the following: "Throughout lockdown we have been doing a lot of activities in school as our parents have been key workers. We have been doing arts & crafts, sporty challenges, computer work, PE with Joe Wicks online, work packs and many more activities to keep us busy!

We have also been sending things to people in the village to help them to stay positive and feel happier during these tricky times. We have sent rainbows to display in their windows, poems, letters and even bunting for VE day. We hope those people in the village that have received a pack of things have stayed well during these times and have enjoyed them as much as we have enjoyed putting the packs together."

*Isla*

## Environment

### Garden tips for July

Hope everyone is keeping well and enjoying their gardens, we were fortunate with the weather in May and everything is growing well.



We are still hoping to plant more trees around the village but obviously that will be next year now. However, in the meantime, here are a few tips for your own garden:

- Thin out fruit on trees and bushes.
- Hoe borders regularly
- Pinch out side shoots on tomatoes
- Prune spring flowering shrubs
- Stake tall or floppy plants.

Happy gardening, stay safe.

**Anne Harrison** - peter7anne@btinternet.com, 07484 814487

**Deadline for next newsletter** is 25th August 2020.  
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## Neighbourhood Plan

**The latest draft** of the Neighbourhood Plan is now accessible via a link from the Brampton Parish Council website - [bramptonparishcouncil.org](http://bramptonparishcouncil.org).

Everyone is encouraged to read the plan and send comments by email to [steeringgroupbrampton@gmail.com](mailto:steeringgroupbrampton@gmail.com) or in writing to Steering Group Brampton, Old Hall Farm, Main Road, Cutthorpe, Chesterfield, S42 7AJ.

In more normal times, the process of approving the Plan would be by holding a referendum in the whole Parish. The Government has decided, however, that because of the Coronavirus Pandemic no referendums of this type may be held before May 2021. Instead, plans that are approved and adopted by the Parish Council will have legal force so it is important that, before the Parish Council considers the plan in final detail, as many views as possible are obtained to ensure the Steering Group has accurately captured the views of residents.

Please do take the time to read the Plan and record your comments. It is the work of a small group of people but we really hope that it is truly a "Neighbourhood" Plan for the whole Brampton Parish from now until 2034.

**David Catton**

## Comings & Goings

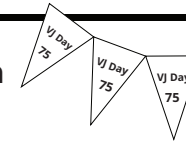
### RIP:

**Edna McGuinness** - Sadly, the family of Edna McGuinness would like to thank everyone in Cutthorpe Village who gave beautiful flowers and expressed their heartfelt sympathy to the family on the death of a very dear sister on 18th April 2020. Edna was a resident of Cutthorpe for 43 years.

### June Ross

*If you know of anyone that this section applies to (including new arrivals or those just moving away) please let Hilary know.*

## VJ DAY Saturday 15th August 2020



As you will know the events that were planned for the village to celebrate and remember VE Day on 8th May had to be cancelled, as were most major events within the country. Many of us did however manage to celebrate VE Day on our doorsteps in the sun! (you can see some photos on the 2020 Cutthorpe website gallery)

Saturday 15th August 2020 does however give us another opportunity to pay tribute to and remember the enormous sacrifices made at home and abroad to bring peace to our country, which culminated with the end of hostilities with Japan on the 15th August 1945. Once again the government intends to arrange simultaneous events throughout the country on this day, so

## Pub News

**Some good news** for those of you who have sorely missed the ability to see and chat to friends over a friendly pint (or two). These are very hard times for the hospitality trade and pubs will depend on your support to remain open so please bear with them as they and we adjust to the 'new normal'. Government guidelines and distancing rules apply throughout.

### Three Merry Lads

BJ and Dawn are re-opening the pub at 2.00 pm on Saturday 4th July. The kitchen will be closed to start with until they get official guidelines from the brewery. Opening times are Saturday, 2.00 pm, Sunday 12.00, Monday - Thursday 4.00 pm, Friday 3.00 pm. Closing times will obviously be dependent on customer uptake. The rules are still being worked out but regular customers may book a table (maximum 6 per table) inside and out - 01246 390140. No sitting or standing at

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as long as by then we are able to have gatherings managed within government guidelines, we intend to plan some activities within the village. These will hopefully focus around the playing of the last post and a 'Cry for Peace Around the World' by our village 'cryer' at 11am on the recreation ground.

Given that we don't currently know what the position in respect of coronavirus and social distancing will be by then, it is difficult to confirm any further arrangements at this stage, so please keep checking on the village website for further information, and we will update via Facebook too once we can confirm details. For any further information please contact [ken.lawrie@btinternet.com](mailto:ken.lawrie@btinternet.com)

the bar, all dogs on leads and children sat at tables. There may be a designated area for drinks and snacks to be ordered and collected.

### The Peacock

Charlotte will also be re-opening on the 4th of July. There will be a few changes around the building with a one way system in place and signage to make things as easy as they can. Opening times are as near normal as possible. Customers are encouraged to book tables in advance for both indoor and outdoor areas. The seating area within the building is reduced so please try and use the outdoor area in fair weather. There is a smaller menu and no Sunday roast will be available until further notice. Table service is in operation for the inside and outdoor areas and you will be greeted and seated by a member of the team. You can book your table through Messenger or ring on 01246 563669

## Village Festivities

**Regrettably**, as most of you probably already know or will have assumed, with heavy hearts the Trustees of Cutthorpe Matters had to cancel the annual Well Dressing Scarecrow competition and Cutthorpe Festival as clearly the current Covid 19 regulations would not allow us the close quarter interactions that make the celebrations so successful.

We hope we'll have the chance to use VJ day to make up for this in a small way.

Along with the still flexible arrangements for the day it has been suggested that we make the most of the celebrations by making our own small versions of the Well Dressing, which can be displayed either throughout the village outside our houses, or possibly gathered as a 'gallery' somewhere, to be decided. Given that the normal use of wet clay in a frame will not be available to many it is suggested that anyone interested can make use of other materials they may have to hand or can easily acquire, e.g. fabric, buttons, ribbons, wool, etc.

## Cutthorpe Kids

**Despite the lockdown**, Cutthorpe Kids still managed to celebrate Easter in style!

Our Easter Bonnet competition went digital and many of the children in the village worked hard to create some amazing bonnets. It was wonderful to see how imaginative and resourceful so many of our youngest village residents are! It was a very tough decision for the judges, BJ and Dawn from the Three Merry Lads, who had to pick the winner but in the end the prize egg was awarded to Millie. Well done to Millie for being picked, your bonnet was beautiful!

Children in the village also received Easter Eggs on Easter Sunday which we hope they all enjoyed. Thank you to the ladies of the craft club who very kindly wrapped the eggs to

If you do want to use flowers, leaves etc, remember they will need to be able to be supported in some way and kept moist - Oasis (used by flower arrangers) could be used with flower heads, not petals, which wouldn't stick, or if you do want some clay to put in a small frame it may be possible to use some of the clay that is taken off and stored after the well dressing is taken down each year. Clay needs to be 'puddled' - soaked for a week in water and stirred every day to make it the right consistency to stick in a frame and allow flowers and petals etc to be pressed into it. Ask Hilary (07973 429974) if clay is available.

We are also planning to have a display of scarecrows so get your thinking hats on and give some consideration to what you could make. It would be great for as many of us as possible to brighten up the village and give everyone something to smile about.



Check our website and the Facebook page for more information as it becomes available.

make them extra special and who helped to deliver them.

As well as a lovely Easter, we were happy to receive some very welcome news, Cutthorpe Kids has been awarded a grant from Derbyshire Voluntary Action! After applying for the Well Being Grant, we were delighted to be awarded £600 to contribute to activities and equipment over the next year.

Due to everything being in lockdown, these activities are all currently postponed but we'll be ready and raring to go once it's safe to do so.

If you would like further information on Cutthorpe Kids or would like to get involved, you can contact Sarah on 07790 333830 or join the group "Cutthorpe Kids" on the Cutthorpe Village Facebook Page.

**Sarah Bell**

## Men's Shed

**It has been suggested that a 'Men's Shed'** could be set up in the village, based on the Men's Sheds Association format. It would provide a community space for men of all ages to connect, converse and create. Apart from the social aspect it would bring together a fantastic core of collective knowledge for repairing and making items and of course for men to enjoy themselves!

Currently the idea is in it's infancy, with no formal organisation or premises, so the first steps are to set up a steering group and organise a meeting (safely distanced, probably in a garden) to discuss the way forward.

Graham Harrison has set up a Cutthorpe Shed Club WhatsApp group that you can join to keep informed. So if you are interested in getting involved or just finding out more contact Graham on 07920 040129.



## "Cutthorpe Matters"

**A welcome contribution** from one of Cutthorpe's long term residents, written before most of the relaxation of lockdown rules.

**It is Thursday evening** a few weeks ago. It was very quiet on Main Road, I had crossed it to post a couple of letters and to my surprise and pleasure I joined a group of close neighbours and friends standing around the "Coronation Tree" (the tree that was saved from removal by the Well Dressing team and village inhabitants during 2008). I opened the conversation by asking light heartedly if anyone thought, although we were spaced the prescribed two metres apart, if this situation was in order, they replied that they thought that it was. Anyway, questions and answers were exchanged about individuals



## Cutthorpe reflections

**These have been very strange** and often stressful times for all of us but fortunately we live in a beautiful and supportive village with many people offering to help others and doing their best to keep our spirits up. So many thanks to all of those who have kept us going with messages, phone calls, deliveries, and so much more.

This newsletter is published a little later than usual as we wanted to include as much information as possible about planned forthcoming events, pub openings, etc together with looking back over the last few months.

We want to send out best wishes to all Cutthorpe residents and hope to see you all soon for the sort of village get together that so many of us are very much missing.

**Cutthorpe Matters Trustees**

who were not present, and an enjoyable thirty minutes was quickly passed.

This brings me to return to "Cutthorpe Matters" where the care and concern of individuals is most important. I and people I have spoken with in the last few weeks have expressed thanks and gratitude for the care and assistance offered by the community that we joined many years past. One item that many of us have missed is the sight and sound of happy and joyful children on their way to and from their lovely school, but they too, along with staff and parents, have posted notes and messages through doors to inform of their activities and wishing us well during this period.

Thanks to you all. I and many of us believe .... "Cutthorpe Matters"

**Eric Harding**