

Village Activities

Plenty goes on in Cutthorpe, that anyone is welcome to join in with. This is a list of some of the regular events, showing venue, day/time and contact: (more information about some of these can be found in this newsletter).

Art Club: Institute each Tuesday 10.00-12.00 am, Wendy Else, 01246 725883, 07305 461604

Baby Group: Institute, every Wednesday 9.30-11.00 during term time, Sarah slbell11@icloud.com.

Book Group: Institute 1st Wednesday of the month 7.00-9.00 pm, Jane Johnstone 07984 647109 jane.johnstone@hotmail.co.uk

Choir: Friday 7.30 at the Institute, starting back on 3rd of February, John Thurstan 07821 725200, j_w_thurstan@hotmail.com

Community Cinema: Institute 6.45 pm First Saturday of the month Autumn and Winter months only, Ken Lawrie, 07841 097217 ken.lawrie@btinternet.com

Creatives Group Fortnightly, the Institute, starting on Tuesday 9th May, Hilary 07973 429974 or Arlene 07877 863433.

Discussion Group: Last Tuesday of the month The Peacock, 7.00-9.00 pm, Tom Johnstone johnstonetom@hotmail.co.uk

Gardening Club: Monthly on a Wednesday, next meeting Wednesday 14th June in the Institute, Anne Harrison, peter7anne@icloud.com, 07484 814487

Golf Society: weekly on a Wednesday Ken Lawrie, ken.lawrie@btinternet.com, 07841 097217

Men's Shed: for more information contact Graham Harrison 07920 040129

Knit & Natter Craft Group: Institute 1.00-3.00 Every Friday, Barbara 07980 510591

Tea & Toast: 9.30-11.30 First Saturday of the month, Arlene 07877 863433.

If you know of any other activities that could be added to this list please let Hilary know 07973 429974 hilaryasinclair@gmail.com,

Dunston Grange building development

Proposed 500 additional new houses

It's been over a year since this subject was featured in Cutthorpe Matters but the developer remains fully committed to gaining planning approval. During this time, the members of Dunston Grange Action Group have been very active in challenging the proposals in great detail, not least with regard to the destruction of green fields and farmland, loss of wildlife habitat, road safety and potential flooding.

We have also gathered support from local residents around the area and you may recall receiving a leaflet through your door. This has resulted in over 600 objection letters being handed in to Chesterfield Town Hall which you can see by going to the Chesterfield Borough Council website in Planning Applications and typing in the reference CHE/21/00549/OUT.

No date has been set yet for a decision by the Planning Committee but it is long overdue and could well be within the next few weeks. As soon as the date is known, we will let you know by putting a note through your letterbox and asking if you would consider attending the meeting at Chesterfield Town Hall as a show of public feeling against the scheme.

If you haven't already written in and objected, there is still time to do so, either by email to helen.frith@chesterfield.gov.uk quoting the above reference or by letter to the Town Hall.

Tony Darwent

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Community Speed Watch



More volunteers are always needed for this local group to help educate drivers to reduce their speed when driving through Cutthorpe. contact David Catton on 07816 504439 d.j.catton@virginmedia.com



Coronation Breakfast special



Saturday 6th May
9.30-11.00 am

May's Tea and Toast coincides with the King's Coronation so we are taking the opportunity to celebrate with all our usual breakfast treats - bacon rolls, croissants, and other goodies, together with a range of scones and cakes that you can take away for a donation and enjoy later. We will also be holding a Coronation Raffle of commemorative items and more (we do take credit cards if you don't have any cash). We are finishing at 11.00 so residents can get home to watch the Coronation.

After this regular get togethers on the first Monday of the month will revert to the 11.30 finish time and we would love to see you! It is a lovely opportunity to come out for a walk around the village and meet up in a friendly space to have breakfast. If you need assistance to get to the hall please let us know as we have a couple of great volunteers only too willing to assist.

All welcome. If you need a lift or want more information get in touch with Claire on 07516 610544 or Arlene 07877 863433.

Cutthorpe Choir Coronation celebrations The Institute, Friday 5th May at 7.30



Everyone is invited to enjoy and join in with the choir who will be singing in the Institute to celebrate the upcoming Coronation. There will be a mix of songs to sing along and listen to; tea and coffee will be served and you are welcome to bring your own refreshments.

The Choir meet in the Institute on Friday evenings at 7.30, if you're interested in joining contact John Thurstan

j_w_thurstan@hotmail.com, 07821 725200

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

Cutthorpe Play Park



Residents will have noticed that the new play park is now open and being enjoyed by local children who seem to like the equipment that has been included. This project took around 2 years to complete from first thoughts to completion and it is hoped that it will provide enjoyment to children for many years to come.

The park has been planned taking into account the significant support received by the local community without which this would never have happened, so a big thank you to you all and we would also thank the cricket club for their cooperation in getting this completed. The park was funded in the main by the Valencia Communities Fund (Landfill Communities Fund) to whom we are extremely grateful and further details about their work can be found at www.valenciacommunitiesfund.co.uk.

In addition, a big thank you to Cutthorpe Matters for their great efforts in raising around 10% of the total cost through local fund raising, and to North East Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire County Council for grants that supported the seating and wooden fence around the park.

We will be monitoring use of the park over the next few months and if you should wish to comment on its suitability etc, please forward any comments to Councillor Ken Lawrie (ken.lawrie@btinternet.com)

Please let Hilary have items for the next newsletter by 9th July 2023
hilaryasinclair@gmail.com, 07973 429974

Village Hall News

Along with our regular user groups, the hall continues to host one off parties and events. There is always room in the calendar for more activities so anyone planning to start up a new group or host a party, please contact us to see how we can help accommodate your requirements.

The outdoor space project: as part of the development of this space we now have a secure side gate which should provide that extra level of reassurance to parents that children can't stray around to the road side of the hall. Further developments will hopefully include a new shed, a covered pergola and some picnic tables

Working group members: we would like to welcome Jenny Hudson to the working group. Jenny is a well-known and respected resident of the village and her input will be a great asset to the group.

Contact us - The village hall has its own dedicated website giving details of the facilities, hire charges and conditions. You will find us at cutthorpevillagehall.com. Alternatively, if anyone has any general queries or suggestions regarding the Institute, please feel free to contact me at mike.robatham@hotmail.co.uk, or on 07802243265.

For bookings, please contact Jane Johnstone at jane.johnstone@hotmail.co.uk

Mike Robotham

Neighbourhood Plan

After several years of hard work by those involved an important stage has been reached as it is now under formal examination. For more details contact David Catton on 07816 504439 d.j.catton@virginmedia.com

Plans for a Carbon Neutral Cutthorpe

If you are interested in attending a meeting to discuss ideas for moving Cutthorpe towards a carbon neutral future get in touch with David Catton 07816 504439 d.j.catton@virginmedia.com.

Comings and Goings

"Au revoir" to our well known and sociable neighbours, Stuart and Billie Fulwood, who lived on the corner of Common Lane and have now moved to Old Whittington. Stu has been a good friend to the village in so many ways - his practical support for our Annual Festival and Well Dressing was outstanding, even before his appearances in the crazy spectacle of "BADASS" (Barlow And District Amateur Synchronised Swimmers). Billie is a loyal Spireite, often seen walking to or from town and always wearing the blue-and-white. They are both missed - we send them our best wishes and hope soon to see them back amongst us.

Welcome to any new Cutthorpe residents, we look forward to meeting you around the village and joining us in any activities.

Discussion Group

A quick reminder following the more comprehensive coverage in the last newsletter that the Discussion group meets on the last Tuesday of most months at The Peacock between 7.00 and 9.00 pm to discuss a variety of topics chosen by the attendees, being more serious one month and then lighter the following and we have had the occasional guest speaker.

At the March meeting Jude Ashmore (currently a Commander in the National Crime Agency) spoke about her journey as a female officer in South Yorkshire Police and her rise to become Detective Superintendent, which was very interesting.

Please feel welcome to join us as the more and varied members we have can only improve the discussions.

If you want to join please email Tom Johnstone on johnstonetom@hotmail.co.uk

Cutthorpe Calendar

Contributions (preferably landscape - wider than they are high) are always welcome. For enquiries about the calendar or contributions please email calendarcutthorpe@hotmail.com

Tom Johnstone

Environment

LITTER PICK

First of all we would like to thank the few who turned up to help with the annual litter pick, there was a huge amount collected which really helps to keep the village looking good. Thanks also to Mick Lane for collecting it all up ready for the council to dispose of.



GARDEN CLUB

We had a speaker arranged for all garden lovers which was very well attended and proved to be successful, I will make sure any future similar events are publicised. The garden club will now resume with meetings through till autumn, if any new members would like to join please contact me on the email below and you can be added to our WhatsApp group.

The bulbs through the village are looking splendid again this year, the wildflower meadow will hopefully follow with some lovely summer colours, thanks to Wendy for purchasing and spreading some more seed to enhance the show. If you have an excess of native plants we can add to the area i.e. Primulas, snowdrops etc they would be a welcome addition.

SEASONAL TASKS

Spring is a very busy time of year in the garden so I have chosen a few of the most important jobs for the month ahead.

- To get the best from fruit trees/bushes protect from late frosts
- Sow hardy annuals for a good summer show
- Feed hungry shrubs and roses
- Keep weeds under control
- Repair areas of lawn that have worn
- Sow seeds like beetroot, carrots onions etc.

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07484 814487

Cutthorpe Creatives

This group was originally formed several years ago and had a successful period where the members got together in the Institute and produced an amazing array of craft items, including origami flowers, air dried clay items, jewellery, felted pictures, glass etching and much more including the Remembrance Day poppies that decorated the tree opposite the institute for the past 2 years.

This sociable group had a mixed range of talents to bring to the sessions, which were sadly cut short by the pandemic. Thankfully we're now reviving this enjoyable way to spend an evening and the first session will be held in the Institute on Tuesday 9th May, 7.00 - 9.00 pm, it is planned that these will take place fortnightly.

Why not come along and join them? No equipment or specific skills are needed, everyone is welcome to get involved and bring any ideas and suggestions for future meetings. For more information contact Hilary 07973 429974 or Arlene 07877 863433.

Mens Shed Club

We have produced our first prototype plant obelisk from metal rod, which hopefully we can supply to any keen gardeners looking for a sturdy frame for their climbers. If you are interested in getting one, please contact the Mens Shed group through Graham and let us know. They are custom built to meet individuals requirements in terms of size (and Doug's welding skills!)

Natalie Burkinshaw has asked if we would assist children in the village to produce hedgehog houses, from pallets, poor weather conditions and time pressure has meant we have been unable to make a start, hopefully we will be able to make progress soon.

We are still seeking premises, where we can get together on a regular basis and progress more items, for sale or to assist the village with projects such as the Hedgehog houses.

Graham Harrison 07920 040129

