

Village Activities

Plenty goes on in Cutthorpe, that anyone is welcome to join in with. Some you may have forgotten or not know about them so this is a list of some of the regular events, showing venue, day/time and contact: (more information about some can be found in this newsletter)

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

Baby Group Wednesday: Institute, 9.30-11.00 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 or

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

Discussion Group

The discussion group has now been running for a number of years and apart from a break due to Covid has met on the last Tuesday of most months at The Peacock between 7 and 9 to discuss a variety of topics. These are chosen by the attendees, tend to be serious one month and then lighter the following and we have had the occasional guest speaker. We aim to steer away from politics and religion. For the serious topics we have had some interesting debates with one recently on what it means to think. A lighter discussion has been on poetry where favourite poems were shared and our local poet was able to share his own writings. We have also recently persuaded Lee Rowley and Martin Thacker to share an evening with us which have both been very entertaining.

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

Tom Johnstone

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

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, Anne Harrison, peter7anne@icloud.com, 07484 814487

Golf Society: weekly (2023 day to be decided) Ken Lawrie, 07841 097217 ken.lawrie@btinternet.com

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.

Cutthorpe Calendar

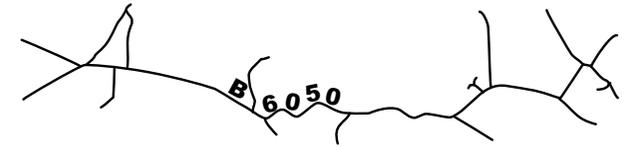
The 2023 Cutthorpe calendar has been printed and sold. The process of taking orders upfront has kept the cost in line with the demand so we have been able to make a surplus of about £200, which contributes to the general funds for Cutthorpe Matters.

Once again we had a good selection of pictures to choose from, so thank you to those who contributed, and the general consensus is that we have ended up with a calendar that anybody would be proud to hang on their wall. Please continue to send your photos as the calendar is only as good as its contributions (as always send them landscape if possible).

Please don't be downhearted if your contribution isn't accepted as the selection panel do try to share it around as much as possible.

We still have a handful of calendars left if for some reason you missed the opportunity to buy one. For enquiries about the calendar or contributions please email calendarcutthorpe@hotmail.com

Tom Johnstone



Tea and toast

9.30-11.30 am

first Saturday of the month

PLEASE NOTE the change of time.

Tea and toast runs on the first Saturday of each month. We are changing the times from February, by popular demand. They will be 9.30am until 11.30am.

We were delighted to receive a grant from NEDDC to get us started enabling us to buy Toasters, coffee jugs etc - essential kit.

The sessions have proved very popular and we think the lure of bacon butties along with a range of breakfast goodies and drinks have helped immensely, together with the chance to meet up and chat with other residents, young and old.

We are raising funds (suggested donation £2.00) to keep going into 2024 by the kindness of participants and supporters donations. We thank you all.

The team of volunteers ranges from young villagers still at primary school to grandparents proudly watching all the generations chatting and flourishing.

Do come and join us. We have some lovely volunteer drivers for those who might struggle to walk to the Institute.

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



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

New Play Park for Cutthorpe



It's great to be able to announce in this newsletter the exciting news just confirmed that the application by the Parish Council (supported by Cutthorpe Matters) for a large grant to fund a new play park has been successful! This grant, together with 2 smaller grants obtained by the Parish council and the funding raised by the Cutthorpe Community, means that that final planning can now continue with the expectation that work will start on site in the Spring.

A big thank you to all local residents who have been either directly involved in fundraising, attending fund raising events, making donations or in planning discussions, without all of you this would never have happened.

Further updates will be provided in future newsletters, although for any queries in the meantime please contact ken.lawrie@btinternet.com

Farewell to Eric Harding

Eric arrived in Chesterfield in the mid-eighties working at Chesterfield College as a lecturer on motor vehicle technology. He stayed at Overholme Farm where Paddy was his landlady until he and his wife Mary bought their house by the Institute. They loved living in Cutthorpe, both contributing to village activities, including well dressing

and especially their garden and allotment. He served on the Institute working committee and also Brampton Parish council. He was a keen walker and paid great attention to every car he owned. He also enjoyed returning to the area of his childhood home in the Fenlands. He passed away on 3rd January, at Woodlands Nursing Care Home, aged 86.

Village Hall News

2022 was a busy year for the village hall. The outdoor space project has progressed with the ground clearance along the boundary being completed and access steps installed. This is now part of the facility offered to people and groups wishing to hire the hall.

Website – The village hall now has its own dedicated website giving details of the facilities, hire charges and conditions. You will find us at cutthorpevillagehall.com
Regular events – These now include the monthly tea and toast morning that is run by the Cutthorpe Charity and a film night also held monthly through the winter season. Both are great opportunities for locals to get together.

Working group members – Jane Martlew is stepping down from her role in the working group after many years of involvement. On behalf of the village hall trustees, I would like to offer our thanks for her support and advice and wish her well for the future.

Covid – While Covid and Flu remain with us there are no plans to re-introduce any restrictions on the use of the hall
As always, if anyone has any general queries or suggestions 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

Knit & Natter

Friday afternoon 1-3.00 pm in the Institute. Regardless of your skill level do join us to enjoy the crafts you take pleasure in or would like to learn, including knitting, crochet, tapestry, cross stitch and more, plus good company as well as a cuppa and a chat.

Enquiries to Barbara 07980 510591, or just call in.



Community Cinema

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the Cutthorpe Institute obtained a licence to show films via a 'film club' and two successful trial nights have now been held using hired equipment, with around 30 people (currently the maximum) attending each film.

A further film night will be held in February after which there will be a pause until the Autumn during which time a decision will be made whether to install the necessary equipment in the Institute. There is currently a mailing list of around 40 people interested in attending film nights and if you should wish to be added to the list please e-mail ken.lawrie@btinternet.com
Ken Lawrie

Cutthorpe Choir

The Choir meet in the Institute on Friday evenings at 7.30 and will be recommencing on Friday 3rd February,

They will be looking at music to sing at a possible Spring/Easter concert. It's a small, relaxed group who are always delighted to welcome new members who'd like to join in enjoy the friendly atmosphere and the piano playing of our newly recruited pianist Philip Hanwell

John Thurstan j_w_thurstan@hotmail.com, 07821 725200

Phone Swap Box

A big thank you to Mike Robotham for his hard work replacing the Village Reader Swap Box sign. This is a great homage to Tony Currell, who painted the original from a design produced by Billie Fullwood following a village competition.

Karen Lane



Environment

LITTER PICK

This year's village Litter Pick is planned for Saturday 25th March meeting at 10.00am in the car park of the Three Merry Lads, if you can spare an hour to help clean up the village all help would be gratefully received. High-vis tabards, pickers and bags are provided but please bring a pair of gloves.

TO ALL GARDENING ENTHUSIASTS

We have a speaker joining us on Wednesday 12th April 7.00 pm in the Institute, the subject is 'Designing with Plants' and we are hoping for a good turnout to kick start the gardening year. The evening is open to ALL and the charge is £2 on the door.

Anne Harrison - peter7anne@icloud.com, 07484 814487

Cutthorpe Band

The band made its second appearance this year in the 3ML on 18/12 following playing a few songs over the summer at the summer picnic. This was the first time that the band had arranged its own 'gig' so there was a fair degree of trepidation as to how we would go down.

With the session split into two halves with the likes of Meet Me on the Corner and an excellent rendition of Fire and Rain by Andy Ravey in the first half and some popular singalong tunes (Country Roads in particular) which got most the pub joining in the second half meant that evening went off well.

A real highlight was a few songs played by Tom Robotham who had made the trip from Germany to make a guest appearance and showed us all how a guitar can be played by doing a few songs on his own with a notable offering of You Can Call Me Al.

Tom Johnstone



Community Speed Watch

There are now almost 100 CSW groups throughout Derbyshire trying to encourage and educate drivers to observe the speed limits. Given the many speeding drivers our local group would like to organise more sessions. To do so we need more volunteers so if you are concerned at the speed of vehicles driving through Cutthorpe, please join us.

It should be stressed that the objective is NOT prosecution but education of the need to drive safely, i.e. below the speed limit!

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Brampton Parish

Neighbourhood Plan

The Submission Draft of the Plan was sent to North East Derbyshire District Council and the Peak District National Park Authority in October. NEDDC has confirmed that all statutory requirements have been met and that the plan will be circulated to all potentially interested parties for comments. The appointment of the formal examiner will now commence. These are important steps towards establishing the legally binding status of the plan which will give our community significant powers over the future of Brampton Parish in the years ahead. The plan documents may be accessed at www.bramptonparishcouncil.org/neighbourhood-plan.

Refuse Bin Collections

If you'd like to keep informed about what colour and when your refuse bin will be collected especially after Bank Holidays, you can sign up for an email reminder of which bin(s) will be emptied each week at www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/bin-collection-dates

