

Comings and Goings

Farewell

Bernard Sinclair



It was with extreme sadness that we said goodbye to Bernard Sinclair, who died on 6th April. Despite only having lived in Cutthorpe for 8 years he was a familiar figure to many. He got involved in anything and everything where he could be useful, including organizing and delivering this newsletter, as well as thoroughly enjoying walking around this beautiful area especially with the Chumps on Sundays, playing dominoes and quizzing in the pub and much more besides.

He is much missed by friends and family. The tributes to him were many and heartfelt with the common theme being that he was a good friend and a true gentleman and has left a huge hole in the lives of those who knew him that cannot be filled.

Thanks to all who extended their sympathy and support.

Hilary Sinclair

Bernard was a stalwart in the village when it came to helping to get things done. Whether it was putting up bunting, erecting a marquee, setting up equipment etc in the Institute or generally helping people, Bernard was always there. In his own quiet way, he could always be relied upon to help when volunteers were needed, often having done half the job before anyone else arrived! Never one to want to be in the spotlight or wanting thanks or recognition, he was always busy in the background supporting activities in the village he loved. He will be sadly missed by all his fellow volunteers in the village, both as a friend and as someone who you always knew would be there when needed.

Thank you Bernard, RIP

Ken Lawrie

Comings and goings continued...

Goodbye to Betty Purdy who has now moved to Spring bank Care Home, Ashgate Road, tel: 01246 237 396 Visitors welcome

Welcome to all new residents who have moved into Cutthorpe. We hope you will enjoy your time here and we'd love you to get involved whenever you want to join in. You'll find various activities throughout this newsletter.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Community Jubilee Picnic

Unfortunately the weather was once again not on our side but we were grateful to have The Institute available at short notice, to welcome those that braved the rain. The hall was packed with residents who donated all sorts of delicious cakes to share, and plenty who brought their picnics too. Thanks to Sarah, James and Helen who served guests with teas and coffees, to John Robinson for giving a heartfelt speech in honour of Her Majesty and an especially big thank you to everyone who donated both money for the playground fund and prizes for the summer activities - we raised £202.10. It really was an enjoyable get-together and lovely to see so many people sharing in the celebrations. Thank you also to those that helped put up the bunting in the run up the Jubilee weekend - your help was much appreciated.

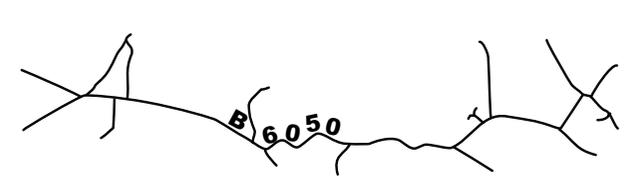
Natalie Burkinshaw

NB. Thanks must also go to Natalie herself and her family, who got everything organised and set up at very short notice - her work is greatly appreciated.

Mens Shed

Having completed several projects the Mens shed has had a quiet time of late but is looking forward to getting back into gear as soon as we can.

If you are interested in getting involved, contact Graham Harrison 07920 040129



Cutthorpe Kids

We've had a wonderful spring and early summer at Cutthorpe Kids.

The children's Easter party was a huge success and enjoyed by all. There was plenty of party games, dancing and a brilliant magic show that kept everyone on the edge of their seats. All the children enjoyed the burgers and hotdogs on offer followed by cakes and some special Easter sweets.

Competitions and games on the day raised some much needed funds for the new park, so thank you to everyone who came and joined in.

The Cutthorpe Kids Baby Group is still proving popular and has now moved from the Three Merry Lads to the Village Institute.

The change in venue means that we can now accommodate older children and so toddlers are very welcome to come and join in the fun. It runs every Wednesday, 9.30-11.00 during term time. It's a friendly group with lots of toys, singing and chatting, so do come along. We ask for a donation of £2 which goes towards the cost of the hall and hot drinks for the grown ups.

After the success of last years "Play in the Park", there will be a number of sessions organised again this summer holidays for local families to come and enjoy a range of games, toys and activities in the park. All ages are welcome, there will be a designated baby area and competitive games for older kids. These sessions will be weather dependent with dates announced soon.

If you would like to know more about anything to do with Cutthorpe Kids, please get in touch with Sarah at slbell11@icloud.com.

Sarah Bell



up-to-date information can be found on www.cutthorpe.org.uk and [Facebook/Cutthorpe Village](https://www.facebook.com/CutthorpeVillage)

Community Picnic

On 23 July 2.00-6.00 pm we will be holding a Community Picnic to have a good time and to raise money for the new village playground - see the separate insert for more details.



Village Hall Cream Teas

As in previous years, the Village Hall will be serving cream teas and cake during the Village Picnic from 2.00-4.00pm and the Art Group will be putting on a display. We would be very grateful for donations of scones and cake on the day. The Hall will be open from 12 midday for dropping them off. We would also be grateful for bottle donations for a raffle - all proceeds will be going towards the Playground fund. For any enquiries contact wendy.lawrie@btinternet.com

Scarecrow Making & BBQ

Saturday 16th July 4.00 pm

Three Merry Lads car park

After missing this village tradition for the last two years it's great news that you can once again join in making your own scarecrow. Paint, straw, masks and other scarecrow making paraphernalia will be available so you just need to bring along your own clothes to dress your scarecrow, some will also be available on the day. There'll be a BBQ to enjoy - all donations going to the Playground fund so come along and join in the fun.

Please leave any clothes you would like to donate for scarecrows with Karen Lane, Woodview, Main Road, Cutthorpe.

Karen Lane



Village Hall

Village Hall Update – June 2022

Some of the more observant residents will have noticed we now have a fenced off area for our outside space project. Further work is now required to gain access to the space and also to do some ground clearance along the exiting boundary. The Damson trees are a popular source of fruit with locals and we will endeavour to keep these if possible.

We are also looking to develop a dedicated website to help promote the village hall, hopefully we will have something later this year. It was a great celebration of the Queen's platinum jubilee and it was good to see the hall used as a "plan B" for our own picnic celebrations which were somewhat rain affected. Welcome to the baby group who have booked the hall on Wednesday mornings going forward. As always, if anyone has any general queries regarding the Institute, please feel free to contact me at mike.robotham@hotmail.co.uk, or on 07802 243265. For bookings, please contact Jane Johnstone at jane.johnstone@hotmail.co.uk
Mike Robotham

Tuesday Art Group would welcome new members - any ability - contact Wendy Else, 01246 725883, 07305 461604

Knit & Natter - After being secluded for so long it's good to get out and have a chat and a cup of tea. You're welcome to join us and enjoy your hobby of knitting/cross-stitch/crochet/tapestry etc. We meet on Friday afternoons 1.00 - 3.00 pm in the Cutthorpe Institute, enquiries to Barbara 07980 510 591

Cutthorpe Village Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Institute. We'd love to welcome new members. If anyone is interested in joining us, or just coming along to one of our meetings to see how it works, please contact Jane Johnstone – jane.johnstone@hotmail.co.uk or 07984 647109

Environment

As summer is upon us everything is growing with great flourish so our gardens will need extra attention so a few tips to help keep them looking at their best.

1. Hoe borders regularly to keep down weeds
2. Stake tall floppy plants
3. Prune spring flowering shrubs
4. Weed and feed lawns

Pinch out side shoots on tomato plants.

The garden club is proving to be very popular and we now have a good number of members, if you wish to join us the next meeting is on Wednesday 10th August, 38 Cutthorpe Road at 6.30pm

If you need further details please contact me, details below.

Anne Harrison - peter7anne@icloud.com, 07484 814487

Burns Night 2023

It might seem a bit early to be talking about events in January next year but our extremely popular Burns Night celebration is planned to return to the Village Hall on Friday 27th January 2023. So put the date in your diary and keep a look out for information about when the tickets will be available.

Arlene Honeyman

Cutthorpe Choir

We are planning to start up our choir again at the beginning of September and would welcome anyone interested in joining. We meet on Friday evening 7.30 - 9.00 pm in the Village Hall. We are looking for a pianist prepared to play for us on a Friday evening so if you or some you know can help contact John.

John Thurstan j_w_thurstan@hotmail.com, 07821 725200

Please let Hilary have items for the next newsletter by 5th September 2022, hilaryasinclair@gmail.com, 01246 297749



Playground Update

Work is progressing well with the plans to install a new playground on the recreation ground, to be funded in the main via a grant application. We are now at the design stage and using the drawings/ideas put forward by local children we intend to have a final plan to recommend to the Parish Council before the end of July. Local fund raising needs to raise around 10% of the overall cost and this is making good progress via fundraising initiatives, with more things planned in the near future to help meet the target of raising a minimum of £6500. We have also received a number of donations from village residents which have been greatly appreciated, and to make donating easier a Just Giving page has now been set up at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/cutthorpe-village-playground>. It is hoped that a final decision on whether the grant application has been successful will be known before the end of the year, for further information please contact ken.lawrie@btinternet.com.



Cutthorpe calendar 2023

Following on from the success of last year where we only ordered enough calendars to fulfil firm orders we have decided to do the same again this year. If you would like a calendar can you send your requests to: calendarcutthorpe@hotmail.com. We will be looking to finalise the order around September time so please register your interest prior to then.

We also need contributions for the calendar. Landscape pictures stand the best chance of getting in. We can accept portrait but they will need to be cropped to landscape so may lose some content. All contributions welcome and please email them to the address above.

Tom Johnstone

Stepping Stones

When I was a little lad
And streets were traffic-free
We played football, we played cricket
'til we got called in for our tea

A dustbin cart, the ambulance
Were all that stopped our games...
(Excuse my reminiscing-
I know things aren't the same)

No cars or vans, no motorbikes
Those years seem long gone by
The days we learned to spread our wings...
...across Main Road we'd fly...

...into the woods! Down to the stream!
Up to the moors and crags!
Returning tired and hungry
Out clothing torn to rags

Dirty hair and hands and knees
Cheeks glowing from the cold
Grandparents smiling, thinking back...
(They hadn't been born old!)

Our local streets were stepping-stones
As playgrounds all should be
We girls and boys moved quickly through
To seek our destiny

This playground's yours, so treat it well
Make this shared space your own
Imagine where you'll travel on
From this, your stepping-stone

Go forth, discover what's out there
Believe this world is ours to share
Pete Stott

House Names & Numbers

Delivery drivers can get confused in Cutthorpe as most of the houses in Main Road have names and very few have numbers. Pete Stott stepped up to map the relevant area and copies of this can be found in the Phone Box and on an online link on the About page of our website.