



# Village Voice

Cumberworth Community Association

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Winter 2010

## Happy New Year

What a start to the new year, snowbound in Cumberworth. Was it the worst snowfall we have ever had or can anybody remember any different?

**AGM** - to bring you up to date, first the AGM held in October last year – there were a few changes, so we said both goodbyes and hellos. Graham Biddington stood down as Treasurer; Jim Reid was elected a new committee member and also took the vacant Treasurer post. Terry Rimmer and Julie Barber were re-elected as Chairperson and Secretary. We also welcomed Maureen Reid, Jim's wife as a new committee member. Sad to say, we lost 4 members - Jack Atkinson passed away, Joanne Neil and Gill Watson resigned due to other commitments, and later Graham Biddington also resigned. They will all be missed and their contributions to the CCA over the years are much appreciated. Overall, we have 2 fewer committee members.

This is not a good situation to be in and we would welcome new members to keep the CCA alive. Please volunteer if you can – your community needs you!

**New website** - [www.cumberworthcommunity.co.uk](http://www.cumberworthcommunity.co.uk) Lorraine Lockwood has set to work modernizing our website and is doing a great job. It is our intention to publicise everything we do, and lots more besides. If you are interested in contributing or advertising then please contact Lorraine via the website.

**Charity / community donations** - the CCA made donations of £650 in 2009; £250 to Cumberworth School for books, £100 to Kirkwood Hospice, £100 to Holme Valley mountain rescue and £100 to Xylosound, a music charity who help young people with learning difficulties. If you want to make any suggestions for next year's donations then please make your case for the AGM in October 2010.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Listed below is our program of events. Tickets can be reserved via the CCA website or from committee members.

**30<sup>th</sup> April – Boogie Nights**, on stage at the Lamproom Theatre, Barnsley. A great night with price to include transport. Adults and children £12

**May 14<sup>th</sup> – Vocal Expressions**; Local Ladies Choir performing at Upper Cumberworth Church. Varied light music such as John Rutter. Refreshments included. £8 adults / children £4.

3<sup>rd</sup> July – **Cumberworth Carnival**; the main event of the calendar. Admission to day event is free, evening marquee event with local band ‘Thunderbridge’, £5 adults / children £2.

Other events for the remainder of the year will come later. If you are organizing a local event and want to include it in the Village Voice then please make contact with a member of the committee.

## **CUMBERWORTH CE (A) FIRST SCHOOL NEWS**

The Christmas Fayre was a great success this year thanks to the wonderful team effort. We are extremely grateful to staff and parents for all their hard work in getting ready and clearing away afterwards. Many thanks to Santa for giving up his precious time, to the two wonderful elves, to Jenni for all her organisation and of course all of you who set up stalls, made things to sell and worked so hard to ensure it was successful.

Thanks to all your efforts we raised just over £1,100! This brings the grand total to £1,500 (including the wine tasting). We hope everyone has enjoyed both events - even more important than raising the money is that we can get together as a community and enjoy ourselves! The Helping Hands team at Cumberworth School warmly invite all in our community to these events and hope to see many of you at events in the future.

### **Recent Achievements**

- A big well done to the athletics team who managed 1st place yet again! Their performance was outstanding and several of the children have been identified as being gifted and talented in sport.
- Our recent Christmas production ‘Scrooge’ was a great success. Ninety children aged 4 – 10 took part, remembering their lines, all the songs and giving the performance of their lives. Many thanks to Denby Dale Methodist church for providing us with such a great venue.
- Cumberworth First School has been featured in the Examiner quite a lot this term. From the opening of our ‘Sunshine Club’ and raising money for the ‘Seeds for Africa’ charity, to coming first in the ‘Examiner Cash for Schools’ competition. We are delighted that our school and community took centre stage thanks to the team effort and hard work of the whole community, whose support is very much appreciated. School council members attended a special ceremony to receive the £3000 winning cheque.
- Congratulations to all in year 4 and 5 for producing a fantastic DVD as part of the community police project looking at crime in our localities.
- The children chose to look at the issue of dog fouling, researching, writing and then performing a special news programme.

## DENBY DALE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Lower Cumberworth Red Telephone Box;** these days they are becoming a rare sight as BT is decommissioning them. Local parish councils can apply to retain them (at a cost). DDPC would very much like your views - please contact them direct on 222963 or [denbydaleparishcouncil@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:denbydaleparishcouncil@kirklees.gov.uk)

**Walkers are Welcome;** grant funding of £37,000 has been gained via the East Peak Innovation Partnership to upgrade footpaths in the area and publicise walking routes.

**Allotments;** the DDPC is actively supporting the drive to create local allotments in the Cumberworth Community. If you are interested in joining the Allotment Society then please do contact Terry Rimmer on 609626.

**Pride in our Villages,** dog fouling – like the school pupils, many residents are very upset by the health hazards of inconsiderate owners who fail to clean up after their dogs. This would seem to be a matter of a small minority who do not yet routinely bag and bin their dog waste but leave it on pavements and footpaths. Please, please, please dogowners - can we appeal to your better natures? We respectfully ask you to be prepared, take a bag with you and *always* clean up after your dog. Bag it and bin it. You can reuse a carrier bag or get free bags from DDPC – there's a £400 budget for bags this year – ask for them at the council offices in Skelmanthorpe on 222963.

**Hanging baskets** – DDPC is preparing to hang flower baskets again in both villages. If you would like to sponsor one, please ring Hazel on 222963.

**Cycling study** – a study to expand and improve cycle routes conducted via EPIP is now complete and the results are awaited – watch this space.

**Faster broadband** – DDPC and ward councillors continue to work together to secure faster broadband for our rural area. Kirklees has given full backing to achieve improvements. You can register your interest with the Rutland Telecom solution via <http://www.rutlandtelecom.co.uk/denbydale/>

## CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

This will be my second year as Chairperson of the CCA and I can say that my **first year** has been an enjoyable experience in trying to make a difference in the local community. It is amazing what is going on and what potential there is for further improving village life. We do, however, find ourselves with a dwindling committee membership. There are now only 15 members with an average age that is perhaps not in the youngest of bandwidths.

The **bonfire** was very wet this year and last minute doubts were raised over whether we should cancel it. In the end, we decided to go ahead and although the weather tried hard to beat us, it turned out to be a great night. It had taken a great effort to build the bonfire and get everything

ready. Many thanks to the local lads, Ben, George and Ryan who helped out, brilliant effort.

The snow has gone but our **permanent Christmas trees** remain! They are smaller than the usual temporary trees but they will grow and be a permanent feature within the villages. We had a good turnout at the Lower Cumberworth tree for the carol service, a fitting start for the young trees. The **village oak tree** has been planted on the common land and will bloom over time. The CCA has accepted feedback and decided not to put a bench around the base. It looks good as it is, though is awaiting straightening. One final word on **support for CCA** - we will require help this year for the carnival and the bonfire. If you able to lend a hand then please let us know by contacting myself or any member of the committee.

**Dates for our committee meetings** are as below, please free to attend, 7.30pm start.

8<sup>th</sup> March at The Star

10<sup>th</sup> April at The Foresters

8<sup>th</sup> May at The Star

8<sup>th</sup> June at The Forrester

10<sup>th</sup> July at The Star

8<sup>th</sup> August, no meeting

#### Key Contacts

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**Carr Hill Road – Footpath.** Have you ever wondered why the pavement suddenly ends at the lower stretch of Carr Hill Road? No-one knows why. The result is that pedestrians including our school children must use the grass verges or the road itself to walk to and from the top end of the village. This is a real safety hazard and there have been some near misses with local people. The CCA has previously tried to tackle this one but sadly without success. Now, local resident David Elliot is campaigning to extend the pavement to the end of the village. DDPC has put the matter to Kirklees Council who have asked our local ward councillors (Jim Dodds, Elaine Ward and John Cook) if they would prioritise funding. We await the support of our ward councillors. If you would like to support David then please contact him directly on 600416 or email at [astonchap@btinternet.com](mailto:astonchap@btinternet.com)

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