

Cornhill Community Action Ltd Status report, October 2020

School site

The results of the PC's CAT application to NCC are not yet known so no further action on this development can be taken.

Oliver Wright is working on a website for the project but he will need a name for the old school building.

The following names, with reasons, have been suggested by various locals:

- Cuthbert Centre (after Vice Admiral Cuthbert Collingwood, 1748 - 1810 and also the local St Cuthbert connections)
- Hillers Hub (Cornhill people were called 'hillers')
- The Green ('green' building and the Village Green)
- Cornhill Crucible (melting pot)

It has been suggested that villagers should be invited to suggest more and then to vote but how to do this? A poster in the village shop is not a good idea at the moment. Fliers to every household? Notices on the Cornhill Social History and Village Shop Facebook pages? Some members of CCAL think we should wait until the outcome of the CAT application is known. PC views please

Also, we should like a cartoon-like image of the school building and the Village Green in the future - - Lowrie-type? It should show a thriving, busy centre with flower beds, trees and walkways and lots of people enjoying them. So far, I have failed to find anyone who can do it.

Festive Lights

- It is hoped that the motifs on the lamp posts will be erected in the last week of November, Advent Sunday being 29th. Hitherto Paul Smith, David Waite and Thomas Todd have volunteered to fix the motifs. Thomas used a farm machine (fork-lift/cherry-picker?) so the others could reach the fixing points. However, he cannot do it this year as his machine is not insured when off the farm. The same problem applies to Rickerby's machines. David and Paul are still happy to fix the motifs and we assume Paul will connect them. NCC require £392 ex VAT to connect them once they are installed but there is a query over whether they will bring the machine or not. Options are being investigated.
- This has raised the question of insurance against an accident for volunteers doing things in the village. We should like to raise this point in AOB please.
- The lights on the trees will be switched on in that week - they were checked this morning - - they work but someone has removed the ones from the tree in the churchyard. Two of the other larger trees need some reattachments.

There is money left for more decorations (about £975).

Cornhill Social History Project

Apart from not holding group meetings, progress has continued on the website and on Facebook. Very interesting information has been discovered about the Bath House in Bathing Well Woods. It flourished for about 100 years when Cornhill became a spa centre!

Churchyard Project

No work has been carried out in the old churchyard but some progress has been made on the chain-saw sculpture, 'Angler of the North' idea. The final design is being drawn by Tom Fiddes. Once the group is happy with it, it will be circulated around the village for comments. If it is agreed by the majority, the long process of trying to get permission to erect it and fund it will begin.

Summer Fair, Summer Teas and Christmas Lunch

All of these were or have been cancelled for this year.

Specialist talks

Sadly, our schedule of talks for the year has been postponed.

Elizabeth Devon is willing to give talks via zoom, e.g. Cornhill in the Ice Age. However, this has not been organised as not many people in the village are happy to use zoom.

Monthly Village Diary of events

This have not been produced since March. For the future, its value is not clear. The only people who contribute to it are Lynda at the shop and Kathy for the Village Hall. Does anyone use it?

Community Walks

Postponed this year but it is hoped that Mick will be willing to continue these in the future.