



NOVEMBER 2024 Newsletter



Dear Residents please find below a summary of recent events & planned activities.

BBC Radio Somerset Quiz – A CVA team took part in the Clash of the Professionals quiz in September achieving a joint highest score and winning a BBC Radio Somerset Mug which was auctioned at the Macmillan coffee morning for the princely sum of £5.

CVA Macmillan Coffee Morning - 28th September - This was held at Buck Furlong Farm, and raised over £400.

Mexican Evening – 19th October at the Village Hall Edington - A great time was had by all who attended with Mexican food and a Mariachi Band which all added up to a fun filled Mexican night Ole Ole Ole.

Refurbishment of the Bus Shelter – With the permission of the Parish Council this has now been undertaken. It is now the intention to place a cabinet inside the shelter to facilitate a book exchange for the village.

School Notice Board – The school now has a brand-new notice board situated by the school gates, half the cost of which was covered by the CVA.

Future Events

The St Peters Church Catcott with CVA assistance is organising the Salvation Army - “Spirit of Christmas - Be a Star” appeal again this year. Information and bags are being delivered to households with this newsletter. Pick up/Drop off date is the **30th November**.

Carols Round the Tree - Monday the 16th December - (If wet, will be held in the school hall). This year we hope to have not only the Burtle Band but the Catcott Primary School Choir as well. A collection will be made for charity. Refreshments will be available.

Advent Windows & Gate Dressing in December - The CVA with the cooperation from the village residents, would again like to request windows be decorated around the village for the festive period on similar lines to an advent calendar and for those residents whose windows are far from the road we would like to encourage gate dressings. We would like at least 25 households to join in and would like windows/gates to be numbered (numbers allocated by the CVA) and on display during the period 1st – 25th of December. We will draw up a map of locations and post around the village and on the website. If you are interested in joining in and for more information, please contact any of the undermentioned committee members or use the email address.

Village Lunch - Will again be held at the Crown Inn on **Saturday 11th January** the cost of which will be **£22** which covers a 2-course meal consisting of a carvery and dessert. If you would like to attend, please contact any of the undermentioned. The closing date for attendance is **Saturday 28th December**.

AGM - **To be held on Monday 10th February in the school hall at 7.30 PM followed by cheese and wine refreshments. All residents are invited to attend but please indicate your attendance (through details as below) so we can gauge the catering needs. We would especially encourage and welcome younger members of the community in joining the committee.**

Future Events - The CVA would like residents' views on how they would like the village to benefit from the CVA funds raised, and that are available. Some suggestions have been Village Static Gates, CCTV/ANPR cameras and a Defibrillator. Also, any ideas about future entertainment activities, such as dinner/dance, themed evenings, village fete etc. Please come along to the AGM to voice your suggestions/ideas or pass them to the committee, details as shown below.

Open Gardens 2025 - It has been agreed to hold this event on **Sunday 22nd June**. If you should wish to have your Garden Open, please make contact as below. More details of this event will be made available in the new year.

Village Tubs & Planters - There are numerous tubs and planters located around the village and maintained by the CVA. A number of residents have expressed an interest in sponsoring/maintaining them. The CVA would like to ask other residents to come forward and help with this task. Plants and compost would be provided by the CVA.

The Village WhatsApp Group - Called **Catcott News** has now grown to **71** members, this enables the CVA to disseminate information such as CVA forthcoming events, special notices, and other useful information etc. This is NOT a discussion group, and messages cannot be responded to directly. All members information will be kept private. If you wish to join this group, please scan the above QR code with a smart phone, it may be useful for you in the future.

If residents should have any queries or require further information, please contact any of the following: - **Janet** 01278 722556 - **Jill** 01278 722419 - **Ian** 01278 723568 or by email at info@catcottvillage.co.uk