

Lutterworth and Villages Foodbank

Coronavirus is placing additional demands on the Foodbank, as benefit interviews and health assessments are being postponed. The Foodbank urgently needs the following items: Tinned Fray Bentos style meat pies, tins of ham, meat/fish paste in small jars, tinned spaghetti, bin bags, dish cloths, washing up liquid, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, children's toothbrushes (4 for £1 at Factory Shop), toilet paper and paper tissues. We also need laundry powder or liquid (Morrisons small white boxes of Bio powder at 80p are ideal).

There are green donation containers at:

Bitteswell - St Mary's Primary School,
Lutterworth - Morrisons, Waitrose, Sports Centre, Age Concern Charity Shop (Town Square), Linden Drive Co-op, St Marys' Church, Chapel Street Christian Fellowship, Catholic Church, United Reform Church and Bartrams Estate Agency on Church Street.

For information call 01455 558797 or email

info@lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk

Want to donate money?

www.lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money

Many of the **Foodbank's volunteers** are self-isolating, so opening times are reduced and the process to obtain support has changed. If you need a food parcel either telephone **07821 802793**, or send an email to info@lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk to find out about the temporary procedure.

The Jim & Amy Deacon Charity Taxi Service

United Charities runs a taxi service for village residents funded by an endowment from **Jim & Amy Deacon**, a couple who lived in Bitteswell in 1970s/80s. Their thoughtful generosity provides this useful service for residents who need help to travel to medical appointments and other emergencies when they do not have access to their own transport within their family or friends. This month, the telephone contacts are **Mrs S. Carlton** (552077) and **Mrs M. Osborne** (07858154233).

Bitteswell Isolation Support

A group has been formed and a notice circulated:

"At this uncertain and difficult time when many are having to isolate we really hope that the Village will pull together and help each other out – have you checked on your neighbours?"

Make sure you keep up to date with all the new initiatives local businesses are starting to keep us all stocked up.

*If you really do not have anyone nearby who can help and you **URGENTLY** need something, please contact us and we will see what we can do.*

Shan Cook – 01455 554493

Becky Taylor – 01455 557515

Faye Winterton – 01455 558977

Rev. Tom Brown – 07818 404287

If you are also able to offer support, please let us know and we will call on you.

Stay in and stay safe – together we will beat this!

Many villagers have already responded with offers of support, for which the group are grateful.

Corner Shop Shopping

The **Man at Arms**, with Kerry and the team in residence, is offering **doorstep collection** and **home delivery** of frozen meals, meat and vegetables, and a wide range of other products for sale Monday to Saturday. See their website: <https://king-henrys-taverns.co.uk/our-pubs/the-man-at-arms> for an up to date shopping list.

Email your order to: manle174sb@aol.com

From the Wycliffe Medical Practice

Please do not visit the Practice if you have any of the following symptoms: **Fever, Cough, Shortness of breath or any flu-like symptoms** –

If you do have symptoms, please use **NHS111 Online** or phone NHS111 to get advice.

<https://111.nhs.uk/service/covid-19>

A Letter from the practice can be viewed at:

<https://wycliffemedicalpractice.secure-gpsite.nhs.uk/guidance>

Note that, because of possible staff shortages, prescriptions can take up to **5 days to be processed.**

Recycling in Bitteswell

Councils across Leicestershire have standardised what can be recycled in your **Blue Bin**.

Highlights (can recycling have highlights?):

No metal tubes, such as tomato puree, No paint tins, No cooking oil tins. No WD40, spray paint or fly killer aerosols. **No black plastic** of any kind, black plastic cannot be recycled.

How to present your recycling

- Empty, rinse and dry all bottles, jars and containers
- Place lids back on all bottles, jars, food and drinks cartons
- All packaging should be empty
- Items should go in loose (all items separate)
- Flatten cardboard* and cartons – keep it dry

For full details look up:

<http://www.lesswaste.org.uk/recycle/items-accepted-for-recycling-at-casepak/>

All recycling centres (Tips) are closed.

Dog Fouling on Village Green

Residents are reporting dog fouling on the Village Green verges at the back of Powell Row along West End. Lots of dog walkers are using these patches of grass on their way through or around the village and are reminded that the same rules apply as elsewhere.

Website https://www.harborough.gov.uk/info/20023/nuisance_and_anti-social_behaviour/89/dogs provides full details of the law and up to £1,000 fines for those who are found guilty of flouting the rules and end up in the Magistrate's Court.

Bitteswell W. I.

We have obviously had to suspend all W I activity. Should members need any help please contact any of the committee. Keep safe everyone, Dawn

Church News

Margaret Foster reports:

No church Services until further notice.

We are facing a very difficult time at present with so much unknown leading to a great deal of anxiety. You are all aware that for the time being there are no church Services taking place. However, **Rev Charlie, Rev Tom and the team**, using the wonders of modern technology, are hopefully producing a live Service on a Sunday morning. Please search the **Lutterworth Church website** for further details. We are most fortunate to have **Rev Tom** living with us in the village and his compassionate and caring nature will be a source of great comfort to many. Do contact **Tom** or **Charlie** via the Lutterworth Church office if they can be of any help. The telephone number is **01455 558797** and I'm sure that if no-one is there a message will give details. As a community we will keep in contact with one another and as a church be assured of our prayers and support however and wherever we can give it.

Wycliffe Drama Group

Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens.
Postponed, darlings.

Swift Flash

Serving the communities for 39 years.

Issue 1946 was due to be delivered from 15th April.

Because of the current situation, deliveries will not take place until further notice. It will be available on line at:

<https://www.swiftflash.co.uk/>

The latest edition of **Lutterworth & District Journal, Page 5**, has a list of Community Volunteers and companies that are offering services and **home deliveries**.
<http://lutterworthanddistrictjournal.co.uk/imagespdfs/Apr20grey.pdf>

Bitteswell Village Newsletter

The Village newsletter will not be hand-delivered to houses due to the ongoing situation.

The **April** edition has been emailed out to those on the current email, list plus those the Interim Editor (and the Interim Editor in Chief) can copy from their personal list.

Please forward to other residents in the village that you have on your own email lists.

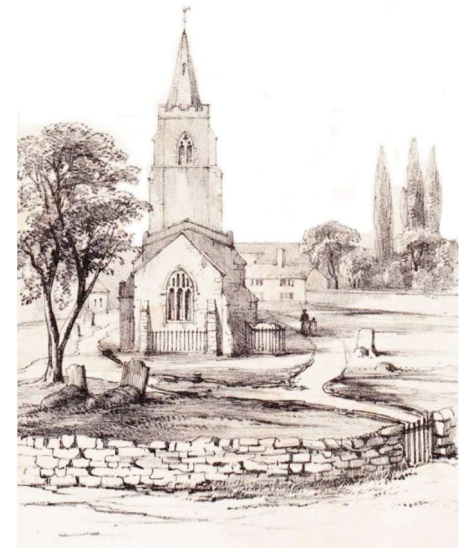
Please advise them that, should they wish to be added to the email circulation list, to contact the IE at the email address below.

All emails sent to addresses on the Newsletter circulation list are sent out under **Bcc**. The circulation list is hidden and thus conforms to **GDP Regulations**

Village Newsletter Next Issue

In the anticipation of a May Newsletter, if you have any items for inclusion in the May edition, please contact David Carlton, Town Yard Cottages, Lutterworth Rd, (Tel: 552077 or email: sndcarlton@sedace.co.uk.) before **Friday 27th April 2020..... if we are spared.**

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