

The Powell and Welch Almshouse Charity. Bitteswell Almshouse Vacancy.

No. 6 Powell Row

The Trustees of the Powell and Welch Almshouse Charity seek applications to occupy No. 6 Powell Row. Residents of Bitteswell or people who have a connection to the village or local area will have first priority. Suitable for a single person or couple, all ages, no dogs allowed and applicants must be non-smoking. The property has **two bedrooms**, is maintained to a high standard and has a well-kept garden which will need tending.

Weekly amount payable:

£106 for one person, £144 for a couple.

Occupation date: March/April 2020.

For an application form, contact the Clerk to the Trustees on 01455 557821 or visit our website:

www.powellandwelch.wordpress.com/vacancies

The closing date for applications is 28 February 2020.

Bitteswell United Charities

After **36 years** of serving as a trustee of **United Charities**, **Peter Osborn has retired**. At the recent trustees meeting, there was a small celebration and a gift was presented to Peter to mark the occasion. Peter's role of booking the **village taxi** has been taken over by **Margaret Osborne**. Peter's place as a trustee has been taken by **Gary Paterson**.

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).

Planning Applications:

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Part demolition and erection of single storey rear extension and roof configuration Bitteswell Farm, Ashby Lane, Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4LS.

Comments to HDC by 5th February 2020.

Litter Picking

Marion Ried writes:

On **Sunday 5th January** the village was visited by the **Blaby & South Wigston Wombles** a self-motivated litter collecting group. The short time they were working in the village yielded a huge amount of debris from the ditches and verges. Anything from car tyres (4) and a van bumper to a suitcase of clothes and crisp packets. The evidence of casual littering and fly tipping is totally disheartening in our attractive village. **Let us publicly applaud their efforts** and if anyone would like to join the group please get in touch via **Facebook**. They have made contact with local MPs and councillors who will back the work to improve Leicestershire, there still is masses to be done.

Women's Institute

Dawn Reynolds advises that the Bitteswell W.I. will have 2 meetings in February.

Tuesday February 11th, when there will be a demonstration of **Japanese Cookery by Yuko Dixon**.

On Tuesday 25th February, there will be a craft class on **Red Work**. Both events will be in the Village Hall.

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on **Thursday 19th March at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall**.

All members of the public and press are welcome to attend. If you would like to bring any important issues or concerns to the attention of the Council, please contact the clerk, before the meeting by email

parishclerk@bitteswell.org.uk or telephone 07561 810375. Minutes of past meetings are available on the Parish website: <https://www.bitteswell.org.uk/agenda-and-minutes1.html>

Helipads for Helicopters

In a talk to **Lutterworth Rotary Club**, **John Nowell** on behalf of the charity "**Helipads for Helicopters**" explained that helipads were not provided by the NHS. Like the Air Ambulance Service, they have to be self-financing and are installed at hospitals by fundraising. The charity also collects aluminium cans which can be smelted into ingots and used to make helipads. Rotary agreed to collect cans and store them until they could be collected for processing.

Graham Johnson kindly agreed to host collection in his driveway on behalf of the Club, at his address "Field House", Ashby Lane, Bitteswell, LE17 4SQ.

Rotary was also instrumental in involving staff at **Magna Park** in the scheme and there is now an official collection point there, organised by **ASDA**.

A commercial skip is now needed to deal with the large number of cans now being donated. Thanks to publicity by Rotary the message has spread. There is now a new collection point in **Rugby** at the **United Reformed Church on Hillmorton Road**.

As new volunteers continually come forward, the scheme continues to grow and needs all the cans you can collect. Cans will be picked up from the various collection points around Rugby and Lutterworth, as required.

Bitteswell landowners – a polite reminder

Alison Chapman advises:

The Bitteswell Neighbourhood Plan Environment Theme Group members will be contacting you shortly with regard to completing the environmental inventory which forms part of the village Neighbourhood Plan. We are looking for your support in helping us to complete an accurate descriptive inventory of the **181 parcels of land** in the Parish. This will enable us to formulate the **Neighbourhood Plan** and thus guide development and planning in the area to **2030**.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Church News

Many thanks to **Claire** and **Megan** for producing the **Christingle** kits for the Service in the middle of January. It's a time consuming task but greatly appreciated by those attending the Service.

A donation to **The Children's Society** supports the work of this excellent charity.

It's a quieter time of the church year but there is always something happening in the Benefice. A course entitled **Exploring Christianity** is taking place on a weekly basis and this term within our Services we are studying the **Gospel of Matthew** with a particular focus on the Sermon on the Mount. The termly focus is really enlightening both from a historical point of view as well as a biblical view. Even sections of the Bible which are familiar/well known take on additional meaning because of the knowledge/research of our dedicated church Service leaders. **Confirmation classes** will be starting soon. Please contact the **Church Office** on **01455 558797** for any further details.

We would love to see you at our Services so please come along.

Church Services

February 2nd 4pm

Evensong with Holy Communion
Sidesperson: Mrs M. Foster

Flowers: Mrs P. Tipple

February 9th 11am

Morning Service
Sidesperson: Mrs A Hayes

Flowers: Mrs P. Tipple

February 16th 11am

Morning Service
Sidesperson: Mrs B. Clare

Flowers: Mrs N. Stephenson

February 23rd 11am

Holy Communion & Junior Church
Sidesperson; Mrs S. Woodhead

Flowers: Mrs N. Stephenson

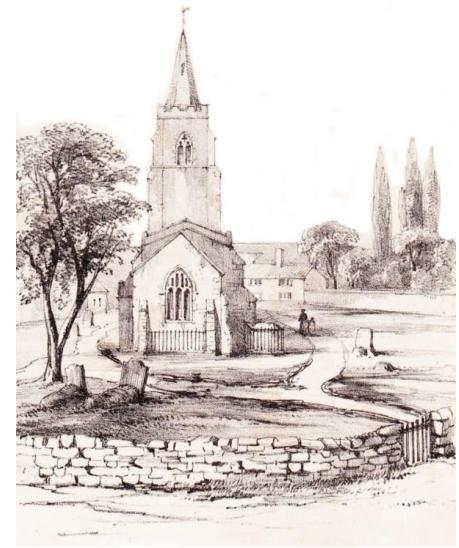
Village Newsletter

Next Issue

If you have any items for inclusion in the February edition, please contact David Carlton, Town Yard Cottages, Lutterworth Rd, (Tel: 552077 or email: sndcarlton@sedace.co.uk), before

Friday 28th February 2020.

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