

## Lutterworth and Villages Foodbank

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Foodbank's Christmas Appeal, both for food and for donations. The Foodbank is well stocked with food, despite record demand during December for food parcels. We are always short of bin bags, dish cloths, washing up liquid, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and laundry powder or liquid (Morrisons sell small white boxes of Bio powder for just 80p and these are ideal), so donations would be welcomed. 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](mailto:info@lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk)

Want to donate money? Check our website:

[www.lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money](http://www.lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money)

## Powell and Welch Almshouse Charity Christmas Lights

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Christmas lights. We raised £158. Thanks are due to **Julie and Clive Pinnick** of Valley Lane, whose business donated staff time to help put the lights up. One of their commercial suppliers kindly donated the timers. We hope everyone enjoyed the display and hope to continue with this in future years.

## Christmas Tree Recycling

The Lutterworth Young Farmers Club are collecting and recycling Christmas trees from Lutterworth and surrounding villages for just **£5 per tree**. To arrange collection, Email - [Lutterworthyfc@gmail.com](mailto:Lutterworthyfc@gmail.com)

## Road to Magna Park – A4303

VolkerFitzpatrick is planning on starting works on the A4303 for the construction of a new roundabout, they anticipate closing the road **overnight for 3 weeks** from **12<sup>th</sup> January** in order to build in the crossover sections in

the central reservation, and then they will be putting the road into contraflow for approx. 48 weeks.

## 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 Mr P. Osborn (553178).

## Women's Institute

Dawn Reynolds advises that Bitteswell WI will meet on **January 14th 7.30** in the Village Hall. Our very own **Sue Wormleighton** will give a talk entitled “**My Travels**”. The competition this month is: A holiday souvenir. Visitors or new members always welcome

## Village Hall

Glenys Peverley writes: Thank you to everyone who supported the two fund raising events for the Village Hall. The quiz, with the delicious pie and pea supper, raised **£171** and the coffee morning raised **£110**. Thank you to everyone who contributed towards making these events a success, especially **Linda and Ken** for the quiz and **Mike and Pat Coates** who provided prizes on both occasions. The next major improvements to be made to the hall will be to install double glazing. This will hopefully ensure that the room heats up more quickly and stays warmer. It should also reduce the energy costs. We have applied for a grant to help towards the cost of this future work.

## Royal British Legion

Ian Read reports that the 2019 collection amounted to **£760.48p** which is an excellent village effort. It is also a tribute to Ian and his ilk who turn out to do the door to door collection.

## Annabelle Hickman 1940 – 2019

Sadly, Annabelle Hickman died on Monday 23 December, in Nightingales Nursing Home in Wigston, where she had been resident since early 2019, after becoming seriously ill. Having grown up in Claybrooke, she went to school locally, before getting her first job as live-in nanny for a family in Rutland, where she stayed for some time. She returned to Claybrooke to look after her mother and disabled brother, and also went to work for Lady Clare in Lutterworth. Annabelle met John Hickman and they married in 1973, when Annabelle moved into Church Cottage with John. His grandparents had been tenants since 1914, and had raised John there from his early childhood. After John died in 2005, Annabelle continued to live in Church Cottage until Christmas 2018 – so the Hickman family were tenants there for the unusually long period of **105 years!** She always loved her home in Bitteswell, amongst friendly neighbours.

Special thanks are due to Helen and Peter Daffern and Diana and Peter Osborn, who supported her with frequent visits and unstinting care, and also to Nightingales, where excellent care was provided by sympathetic and companionable staff and residents.

## Planning Applications:

### 19/01962/FUL

Demolish part of existing garage to Grange House. Erect new 3 Bed Dormer Bungalow. Mr & Mrs I Jones Grange House Valley Lane Bitteswell Leics. LE17 4SA  
**Comments to HDC by January 13<sup>th</sup> 2020**

## Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on **16<sup>th</sup> January** at **7 p.m.** in the Village Hall. All members of the public and press are welcome to attend. If you would like to raise any issues or concerns, please contact the clerk, before the meeting, [parishclerk@bitteswell.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@bitteswell.org.uk). Minutes of past meetings are available on the Parish website: <https://www.bitteswell.org.uk/agenda-and-minutes-20181.html>

## Inconsiderate Parking

The Parish Council would like to ask that people be mindful of how and where they park in the village, being aware not to block driveways and pathways, nor park on the Green or any of the other grass verges in the village. Penalties notices can be issued by the police. For more information on this, please see the **March 2019** edition of this Newsletter.

## Church News

Margaret Foster writes: A beautifully decorated church greeted worshippers to Christmas Services which were well attended and a celebration of the true meaning of the season. Once the trees, tinsel and cards are taken down, St. Mary's Church will still be there for everyone in the village and wider community.

The work on the church roof was completed just before the Carol Service and it's a relief to know that we are watertight once more. The cost of the work was understandably high so we will have to address fundraising in the New Year.

I am sorry to have to report that **Rev. Mervyn Coussens** died shortly after Christmas after a very long illness. Mervyn was Rector in Lutterworth and subsequently had the parishes of Bitteswell and Cotesbach added to his ministry. A gentle, thoughtful man of great faith, Mervyn ministered in the area for 21 years and will be sadly missed. We send our sincere condolences to his family. The **Funeral is 10<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30 p.m. in Lutterworth St Mary's Church.**

As the year draws to a close and we look forward to the new decade we give thanks for all the many blessings which we receive. Particular thanks to Rev Charlie and Rev Tom who work incredibly hard, with Sunday Services just being 'the tip of the iceberg'. They are there for us in times of happiness, sadness and everything in between and are frequently required to share our burdens. The extended team of lay readers support us too and we are thankful for their ministry.

In addition, St Mary's has a strong team of volunteers who carry out the necessary tasks with goodwill and efficiency. It would be impossible to name you all. However you contribute, we are most grateful and hope that we can count on your support during the coming year.

In conclusion the members of the Parochial Church Council look forward to welcoming you to Services and wish you all a very happy and peaceful 2020.

## Church Services

**January 5th 10.30am**

**United Benefice Service in Lutterworth**

**January 12th 11am Christingle Service**

Sidespeople: Children

**January 19<sup>th</sup> 11am. TBC**

Sidesperson: Mr C Tipple

**January 26<sup>th</sup> 11am. TBC**

Sidesperson: Mrs C. Millington

## January Flowers

January 5<sup>th</sup>: No Service

January 12<sup>th</sup>: Mrs A Hayes

January 19<sup>th</sup>: Mrs A Hayes

January 26<sup>th</sup>: Mrs P Tipple

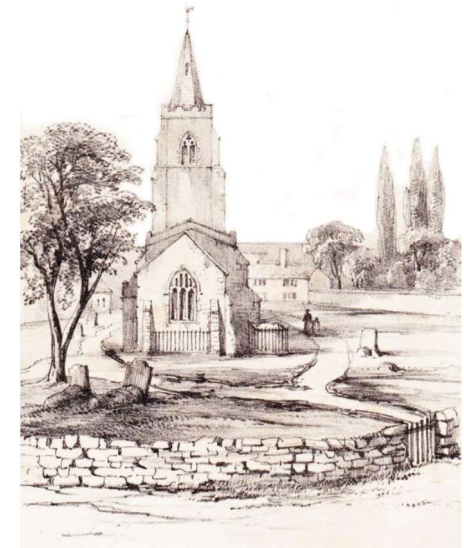
## Village Newsletter

Do you have a burning ambition to be a newshound? If so, you could be the new editor of Bitteswell's Newsletter, a valuable and much appreciated contribution to our local community since the 1960s. If you are interested and want to know more, please contact both David Carlton ([sndcarlton@sedace.co.uk](mailto:sndcarlton@sedace.co.uk)) and John Booth ([John7319@gmail.com](mailto:John7319@gmail.com)) by **31 January 2020**.

## 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](mailto:sndcarlton@sedace.co.uk)), before **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020**.

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**The Newsletter Team wish you a  
Happy and Peaceful New Year**