

Bitteswell Village Hall Committee would like to invite you to try a new kind of Coffee Morning.

'Friends and Neighbours' Coffee Morning

Friday 6th May and Friday 20th May 2022

The Village Hall 8.45am until 11.30am

Serving complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits. Why not call in for a cuppa and a chat with friends after you have dropped off at school; pop in to catch up with your neighbours; or meet up with your friends and let us put the kettle on for you. We are aiming to create a relaxed, friendly atmosphere where everyone is welcome. You are welcome to come on your own, or with a group of friends. If the 'Friends and Neighbours' coffee mornings prove a success, we would be looking to make this a regular fortnightly or monthly event. We look forward to seeing you there! All



Village Hall Booking enquires to: [Tiffany Row \(Bookings Secretary\)](#) on 01455 699357

'HAPPY AND GLORIOUS' FLOWER FESTIVAL

Anna Smith writes: Dates for your Diary

September 10th and 11th 2022

ST MARYS CHURCH BITTESWELL

Although linked to the Platinum festivities this event will be held to raise funds for the church. There will also be some stalls and small attractions. We will hold a meeting in church on **Thursday May 5th at 7.30pm**

If you would like to be involved, arranging flowers, helping with refreshments, stewarding, organising a stall please come along.

Your help in any way will be much appreciated.

Bitteswell WI meet in the Village Hall second

Tuesday in the month

Dawn Reynolds writes

The next meeting will be **Tuesday 10th May** at 7.30pm to vote for this year's resolutions, followed by a Bring n' Buy. Date for your diary **Tuesday 14th June** at 7.30pm. Julia Wallis will give a demonstration on sheep wool spinning

Visitors and new members always welcome

Current Planning Applications

1. 22/00601/FUL | Erection of a single storey side and rear extension and conversion of garage to habitable accommodation | Woodby Lodge Woodby Lane Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4LP
2. 22/00585/FUL | Removal of existing conservatory entrance to front and replacement with brick built entrance lobby | The Hunting Box The Nook Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4RY
3. 22/00308/FUL | Erection of a dwelling | Land Rear Of Ashby Lane Bitteswell Leicestershire
4. 21/00654/REM | Erection of eight dwellings and associated infrastructure (all reserved matters of 17/02152/OUT including revised access) | Land At Ashby Lane Bitteswell Leicestershire

Taxi Service 01455 554368

In order to simplify the process of arranging a taxi the Charity has decided to allow individuals from the village to contact the taxi provider (Pinnacle Taxi) directly. The fare will be covered by United Charities.

Funded by the Jim & Amy Deacon section of the Charity for travel to medical appointments and other emergencies where the individual has no access to private transport.

Bitteswell and Bittesby Parish Council

Next Parish Council Meeting 7pm 4th May 2022

Venue : Village Hall 7pm All welcome to attend www.bitteswell.org

Remember to send your photos, special events, news items etc. to:

Bitteswellnewsletter@gmail.com

Sharee Editor on 07834 689828

BITTESWELL NEWSLETTER

May 2022



Bitteswell Jubilee Celebrations
Friday 3rd June—Sunday 5th June

Exhibition of Village Memorabilia, to be held in the Church & Village Hall

Tea, Coffee, Cakes & Plant Stall

Fri 3rd June 2pm—5pm

Sat 4th June 10am—2pm

Village Barn Dance Marquee on The Green

Pop Up Bar, Burgers, Pulled Pork and Hot dogs

Saturday 4th June 7.30pm—10.30pm

Village Green Jubilee Picnic

Bring your Gazebo. Games & Competitions

The Village Green Sunday 5th June

12noon - 5pm

See inside more details

Fun for all the Family!

Funded by United Charities of Bitteswell

Jubilee Celebrations *Jane Edwards writes:*

A small committee has been meeting in The Royal Oak to arrange a fabulous programme to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee, an opportunity to bring family and friends of the village together, including a Scarecrow competition (themed 'Any Queen will do', Tug 'o war, Cake fit for a Queen! Plus a photographic record, memorabilia exhibition and a commemorative mug! We hope to see as many of you as possible for what promises to be a really joyous occasion.

Barn Dance Tickets now on Sale

Sat 4th June 7.30pm—10.30pm

£10 each and £5 per child (5-12 years, under 5 free) and can be reserved by sending an email to:-

Bitteswelljubilee@gmail.com

Stating your name, address and how many required, by Friday 27th May 2022 latest.

Tickets are limited so are available on a first come, first served basis, initially to Bitteswell residents and their families. Bank details for payment will be provided with confirmation of ticket availability.

If you are unable to email and would like Barn Dance tickets or doorstep photos please add your name to the contact list at The Royal Oak and we will contact you – thank you

Photos of Bitteswell *Rosie Underwood writes:*

For this year's Jubilee, we would like to take photos of families outside their front doors to have a lasting memory of who lived in the village in 2022. Rosie & Peter Underhill will be visiting each house during the next few weeks covering the following areas:

w/c 2 May: **Valley Lane, Manor Road, Lutterworth Rd**

w/c 9 May: **Ashby Lane, Ullesthorpe Road, Hall Lane**

w/c 16 May: **The Green, The Nook, West End**

Times will typically be: **Mon-Thu 5-8pm; Fri/Sat/Sun all day. Mon 2 May will also be all day**

If you would not like your photo to be taken, or wish to take your own, could you please email

Rosie.underhill@yahoo.co.uk with your name and address. Please note that the photos will be on public display over the Jubilee weekend and therefore having a photo taken confirms your permission to have them on display.

You are invited to display your village Memorabilia

Margaret Foster writes If you would like to share your own village memorabilia for the Jubilee celebrations, to be displayed under the watchful eyes of stewards or be present yourself to give a personal insight, we would love to hear from you. They will be displayed in the Village Hall and Church. Please contact me if you would like more details on 01455 553258. Its a great opportunity to rekindle memories of times past in this very special village. More memories will certainly be created during the course of the weekend!

Bitteswell Primary School *Faye Winterton writes*

St Mary's were greeted with an amazing array of costumes of book characters for World Book Day where the children and parents made a huge effort to find and make dressing up costumes of their favourite characters which were very impressive. In addition to this the teaching staff joined together to create multiple characters from the Wizard of Oz, Macbeth and Alice in Wonderland, even giving the children a Mad Hatters tea party treat. It was a day enjoyed by children and staff alike. *Photo shows Evie, Harry and Sophie Johnson as Where's Walley*



Commemorative Mug

Pippa Clarkson writes: A Bitteswell themed, fine bone China mug has been designed and commissioned to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. Printed in Stoke on Trent, with lilac on white, it depicts the church and neighbouring cottages. It is trimmed on the rim and handle in a platinum shade and carries the official jubilee logo. A limited number are being produced and are available for £8.00 each or 2 for £15. If you would like to order this memento for your family or relatives email Pippa at pclarkson@dmu.ac.uk before the 28th May, stating how many you would like.



Dedicated to the Memory of

Judith Smith

Alastair Smith writes:

Judith was born in Gosforth, Newcastle -Upon-Tyne on 9th April 1944 and moved to Bitteswell in 1974 when Becca was just 6 months old, Louise followed in 1976 to complete our

family. During Judith's life in the village, she was chair of the board of Governors at Bitteswell Primary School for many years. She offered her time to Bitteswell and other schools in the area teaching sewing and making costumes for various performances. She was always here to help villagers with their sewing troubles, whether that be mending a zip, making curtains or a wedding dress! She loved walking in the hills and mountains around the UK and canal holidays. Judith loved her garden and flowers and would always support open gardens run by the village. She would always help with anything for village life. We are all comforted that she is at rest and in no more pain from Motor Neurone Disease that took her from us too soon. It was her wish that she raised money for Loros. The care and support Loros gave Judith was just incredible. She will be loved and always remembered by so many people. If anyone would like to donate to Loros in Judith's memory here is the link www.judith-smith1@muchloved.com

With Fond Memories of Anne Thomasson

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Anne Thomasson on the 18th February 2022. Anne came to the village 35 years ago from her home town of Bolton together with her husband Geoff and children Victoria and Andrew. They lived in "The Nook" originally, before downsizing to "Manor Cottage" on Lutterworth Road. Anne was active in various events in Bitteswell and surrounding villages and was a keen supporter of local events. She and her husband started their own company (Husky Refrigerators Ltd) which ultimately built a factory in China and operated in numerous countries around the world. Anne's latter life after early retirement was spent much of the time abroad although she loved the seasons in England and they frequently returned for Christmas or Spring. She had many friends in the village who have since been of enormous support to the family.