

Village Hall Update

Joanne Holyland writes



The Village Hall began the new year with a 'Friends and Neighbours' coffee morning on January 6th. It was lovely to catch up with friends over a cuppa. New puppy Theo enjoyed his first coffee morning.



The next dates for 'Friends and Neighbours' coffee mornings are: Friday 3rd February, Friday 3rd March and Friday 31st March. Come along for a chat with your neighbours and a complimentary drink.

We are also having a fundraising 'Tea and Cake' afternoon on Saturday 11th March 2 - 4 pm. Come along for a drink and a slice of homemade cake. We look forward to seeing you and greatly appreciate your support of your Village Hall. We would like to thank Claire and Paul Dobbins for recently taking on the role of Bookings Secretary for the hall. If you would like to make a booking, please contact us via

bitteswellvillagehall@gmail.com or telephone
Claire and Paul on 01455 559597

Just to remind you that the hall is a great space for children's parties and family get-togethers, business meetings or a quiet workspace, individual or group activities. The hall provides great value at a hire rate of £6 per hour.

If you are interested in finding out more about The Village Hall Committee, please contact Joanne Holyland on 01455 559643.

The King Charles III Coronation Celebrations for Bitteswell Village entitled:

"A Right Royal Do"

Next Meeting 28th February 7.30pm
Royal Oak

Jane Edwards writes

Please come along to a meeting to discuss how we can come together as a village to celebrate the Kings coronation. Already booked: a marquee and Band on the Green for the evening of Saturday 6th May. Other ideas include: Valley Lane Vs Ashby Lane Tug O War, which we are sure will be fiercely contested, Open Gardens, Royal Photo booth, Art Show and so much more.

We are a friendly bunch. **All welcome.**

Bitteswell and Bittesby Parish Council

Next Parish Council Meeting 7pm 23rd March 2022

The Parish Council is interested in hearing from residents. If you have a query and would like the Parish Council to discuss an issue, then you can contact the Clerk who will be able to look at your query, and if necessary, add it to the agenda for the next meeting
Venue : Village Hall 7pm

All welcome to attend

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

Bitteswellnewsletter@gmail.com

Share Editor on 07834 689828

BITTESWELL NEWSLETTER

Bitteswell School FOB writes:

Thank you to everyone in our village community who supported The Friends of Bitteswell School Christmas Raffle - a fantastic £1599 was raised which will make a massive difference to our school.

We are now looking forward to the school Ban Dance on Saturday 11th February at The Wycliffe Rooms see advert below:

February 2023

Funded by United Charities of Bitteswell



Bitteswell WI meet in the Village Hall second Tuesday in the month

Dawn Reynolds writes

The next meeting will be **Tuesday 14th February** at 7.30pm Guest Speaker Adrian Walker on LOROS Fundraising Walks.

Come and join us and keep celebrating the next 100 years!

New members always welcome.

Welcome to the Rev. Nigel Byard and a Sad Farewell to Margaret Foster

written by Charlotte Cowie with the kind permission of Margaret Fosters' daughters

This month has seen the arrival of the new benefice vicar, Rev Nigel Byard and his wife Rosemary. Unfortunately, this also means that Tom Brown's time with us is coming to an end and he will be moving to a new position in Hinckley. We wish him well and are extremely grateful for all the hard work and commitment he has shown us during his time here.

These changes are profoundly overshadowed by the news that Margaret Foster, our church warden, whose kindness and dedication over many years extended not just to the church but to the school and so many aspects of our village life sadly passed away peacefully on 2nd February.

Margaret's funeral will take place at 1pm on Wednesday 15th February at St Mary's Church, Bitteswell (family flowers only please).

She will have touched so many of the lives of people reading this newsletter that I'm sure further tributes will follow, but in the meantime we send our sincerest condolences to her daughters Katherine and Hannah who were with her at the end, and to their wider family.



Revised Taxi Service

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 on **01455 554368** giving as much notice as possible, the fare will be covered by United Charities. Very occasionally, Pinnacle taxis will contact the Charity before confirming a journey .

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..