

St.Mary's C of E Primary School

Dawn Paterson writes

The Summer term is always a busy one for teachers and children with sports day, maypole dancing, end of year show and residents plus lots more to plan and prepare for.

Our PTA committee **Friends of Bitteswell School** are also hard at work raising money for the much needed renovation of the school playground.

Our Summer Fete takes place on Saturday 15th June between 1pm and 4pm. It would be great if you can come along and support. We have lots of stalls, games, refreshments etc. so there will be something to suit the whole family.

One of the features of the summer fair will be the raffle. Tickets are on sale now from the school office for £1 each. We have some fantastic prizes up for grabs including a day at the races, a spa day, family activity vouchers, dining out vouchers plus lots more

We're also running a gift amnesty - if you have any unwanted gifts suitable for adults or children or bottle of wine/spirits that you would be happy to donate for future events and prizes they will be gratefully received. There is a box in the school reception if you would like to drop them off or we're happy to arrange collection if you ring the school office on 01455 552818 or email FOBS.SMB@ipat.uk

Looking forward to the new academic year we already have a couple of exciting events planned:

Friday 27th September - Music Quiz at The Wycliffe Rooms, if you are interested in entering a team please email lutterworthpopquiz@gmail.com for further information.

Friday 8th November - Fashion Show at Hall Park Theatre

Watch this space for further details about these events

Bell Ringing

The Bitteswell Bell Ringers are seeking new ringers. If you fancy the challenge of learning to ring, or returning to a skill you learned previously, please do get in touch at Bitteswellbells@gmail.com - bell practise (as you will probably have heard!) is on a Wednesday evening 7.45pm - 9pm. Alternatively, if you think you might be interested, do call in to see us on a Wednesday evening!

Bitteswell Village Diary

6th June THURS 5-6pm Drop in with ideas for village activities and suggestions at Village Hall

7th June FRI D-Day Themed Coffee Morning , Village Hall 10am -noon

15th June SAT Bitteswell School Summer Fair 1pm - 4pm lots of fun for all the family

18th June TUES WI Speaker top author Margaret Dickenson, Village Hall 2-4pm

23rd June SUN Bitteswell Olympics, The Green from 12 noon including Tug of War!

4th July THURS Election Voting, Village Hall 7am-10pm

14th July SUN NGS Gardens at Green Wicket Farm

17th July WEDS NGS Gardens at Green Wicket Farm

16th July TUES WI Social afternoon, Coffee & Cake. Village Hall, 2-4pm

7th Sept SAT Bitteswell Produce Show

27th Sept FRI Music Quiz, Bitteswell School Fundraiser, Wycliffe Rooms

Bitteswell Village Hall Coffee Morning

Coffee Mornings are:

First Friday of the Month

the next one being 7th June and will commemorate the **D-Day Landings** with themed cakes and decorations

All welcome

Bitteswell WI

Bitteswell WI continues to attract new members and in May voted to support the National Resolution to campaign for the improvement of the current state of Dental Health in the UK.

18th June meeting - **Margaret Dickenson** joins us to discuss her life as an author, Margaret has written many books and is a Sunday Times top ten best seller.

16th July meeting - will be a Social afternoon with the opportunity to chat and enjoy cake and coffee.

Federation Long Ally skittles competition is being arranged from September, so team members will be required! New members and visitors always welcome.

Meetings are held on 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall from 2pm - 4pm

Bitteswell Newsletter Summer 2024



ST MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
BITTESWELL
SUMMER FAIR
SATURDAY 15TH JUNE 2024
1PM - 4PM
LOTS OF FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

GAMES
BBQ
TOMBOLA

MUSIC
RAFFLE
FACE PAINTING

REFRESHMENTS
PLUS LOTS MORE

£1 FOR ADULTS (ENTERED INTO A PRIZE DRAW) FREE FOR CHILDREN
BRING YOUR PICNIC RUGS / DECK CHAIRS AND ENJOY THE AFTERNOON

WE ARE ALSO PLEASED TO BE JOINED BY

MY LIVING RETAIL	CREATIVE SUBLIME	THE BARN BEAUTY FROLESWORTH
LUTTERWORTH LEISURE CENTRE	BRAIDS AND GLITTER BY POPPY	CONNECT TO CALM
MEGAN MAKES	VALLEYWELL HANDMADE	CALM SPACE WITH JEMMA
LOUISE SLATER COSMETICS	MARIAS HANDMADE BITS AND BOBS	PENCILS BY CARLA
PAPER BUNNY DESIGNS	SWEET LITTLE MOMENTS	SERENDIPITY WAX MELTS
USBORNE BOOKS	BELL TENTS BY GARDEN GETAWAYS	LUBBY ROOS
LANES PLANTS		CALYPSO CANAL CRAFTS

Bitteswell Defibrillator

Pippa Clarkson writes

Stephen Clarkson has been responsible for the maintenance checks on the Village defibrillator since it was placed in the phone booth several years ago. He now wishes to pass this responsibility on to another willing volunteer. The role requires carrying out a monthly check.



Can anyone who is interested, please contact Stephen or Pippa for more information at:

pippaclarkson@outlook.com

National Garden Scheme

Anna Smith writes

I'm really pleased to start with the wonderful news that during 2023 the scheme raised more funds than any other year in the history of NGS.

Nationally, some 3500 gardens opened and raised more than £4 million for the very first time. Achieving this meant that more funds were available for donation to our beneficiaries. To find out more visit:

ngs.org.uk/beneficiaries

We have a wealth of gardens in Leicestershire whose owners support the scheme please visit one if you are able.

You will receive a warm welcome, be able to purchase light refreshments and maybe buy some home grown plants to take home. Locally

GREEN WICKET FARM

Just behind the Cricket Ground
Ullesthorpe Road

OPEN Sunday 14th July 2pm - 5pm

..and again **Wednesday 17th July 2pm-5pm**

Admission £5, Children Free

Please send all your news items to
Bitteswellnewsletter@gmail.com

Bitteswell Village Hall Committee News

Joanne Holyland writes

I would like to let you know about some recent changes to the Bitteswell Village Hall Committee. I would like to welcome **Jane Edwards** as Chair, **Gill Masters** as Treasurer and **Rosie Underhill** as Secretary of the new Committee. In addition to Jane, Gill and Rosie, **Paul and Claire Dobbins** continue to do a fantastic job as Booking Secretaries. **Lucinda Nimmo, Sue Sharpe, Claire Milligan and I** remain as Committee Members and we welcome **Anna Smith, Sharee Jones and Pippa Clarkson** as new Committee Members.

Graham Holyland and I, are standing down as Treasurer and Chair respectively. **Glenys Peverley**, who has been a wonderful Committee Member and active supporter of the Village Hall for many years, has also recently stood down due to other commitments. I would like to thank all those who have supported us and the Village Hall events in that time. The roles have given us the chance to meet lots of new people and it has been a pleasure to be involved in village life.

The new Committee are full of ideas, enthusiasm and energy and are looking to combine the running of the Village Hall with organising events and opportunities to bring the community together.

If you would like to book the Village Hall or contact us, please get in touch: bitteswellvillagehall@gmail.com

Message from the new Committee

We have lots of plans, but would welcome your thoughts and ideas on what you would like to see and do. We are having an open meeting on Thursday 6th June 5-6pm if you would like to drop in and make some suggestions. We are doing this for the benefit of everyone in the village young, older and those of us in between and are open to discussing all sorts of ideas, or you can contact us on

bitteswellvillagehall@gmail.com

We would be delighted in hearing from you

Bitteswell Parish Council

Vacancy

You are invited to find out more about becoming a Parish Councillor contact Clerk **Cathy Walsh** 07651 810375 or email parishclerk@bitteswell.org.uk

On behalf of The Village Hall Committee

Lucinda Nimmo writes

Exciting news we have a group of volunteers giving their time to organise events for the village, some free, some money raising, some for the sheer fun of it!

The first date for your diary shall be the anniversary of

**'D-Day Landings' Coffee Morning on Friday 7th June
10am-12pm. Village Hall. All Welcome**

Then later in June **'Bitteswell Olympics' on Sunday 23rd
June 2pm - 5pm**

Bring your own picnic to the Village Green with our fun version of Olympic games, and most importantly the Tug of War, will Valley Lane keep their title?

**The Bitteswell Produce Show
Saturday 7th September**

The Produce Show shall be on again after last year's success, so get growing, nurturing your shoots, perfecting your bakes and honing your crafts. A schedule will be making it's way through your letterbox imminently.



**PARTY ON THE GREEN
THE BITTESWELL OLYMPICS
Sunday 23rd June 2pm – 5pm**

This is your invitation to join the fun on Sunday 23rd June, your chance to dress up as your favourite sporting hero, a prize for the best dressed child, young or old.

Gazebo set up from 12pm.

This will be a bring your own seating, picnic, cold drinks and suitable footwear for some fun Olympic style games and most importantly the annual TUG of WAR which will be held at 4pm.

Will Valley Lane hold onto their title!!!