

Church News

Margaret Foster writes:

As life becomes marginally more normal, discussions are taking place with regard to churches. St. Mary's, Bitteswell has been deep cleaned and a risk assessment will be carried out in the next few days. You may well have heard/read that churches will be open for private prayer but you will also appreciate that this cannot happen on a full time basis in small villages such as ours. We hope that Bitteswell church can open for a couple of hours one day in the week and a similar length of time on a Saturday. The date that this will commence hasn't been finalised yet. For further details please go to the Lutterworth Church (Benefice) website where confirmation of days and times will be posted once everything is in place. Services as we know them are unlikely to take place for some time yet but the online version and 'Thought for the Day' are still greatly appreciated, with considerable numbers tuning in. In the meantime please be assured that you are all in the thoughts and prayers of church members.

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If you have any items and photos for inclusion in the August issue, please contact Sharee Jones before 22nd July at Bitteswellnewsletter@gmail.com Tel: 07834 689828

The Foodbank urgently needs the following items: Hot chocolate, cheese crackers, meat/fish paste in small jars, bin bags, dish cloths, washing up liquid, soap, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, and paper tissues. There are green donation containers at Morrisons, Waitrose, Linden Drive Co-op and Lutterworth Churches. Prefer to donate money? Check our website

www.lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money. If you need a food parcel either telephone 07821 802793, or send an email to

info@lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk to find out about the procedure during Coronavirus.

Bitteswell with Bittesby Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council meeting will be **Wednesday 8th July at 7pm**. Style of meeting to be confirmed. If you wish 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
For agenda details, past minutes go to: www.bitteswell.org

Bitteswell Isolation Support The Parish Council would like to recognise and pay tribute to the volunteers in Bitteswell who have been helping deliver food parcels, collecting prescriptions, contacting people who may be feeling vulnerable or lonely, or who have provided help in some other way, where it was desperately needed, during the current crisis.

Shan Cook—01455 554493
Becky Taylor—01455 557515
Faye Winterton—01455 558977
Rev. Tom Brown—07818 404287

1. Planning Applications

2. **20/00865/REM** | Erection of a storage building (Reserved matters of 20/00240/OUT) | Lutterworth Rugby Football Club Ashby Lane Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4LW
3. **20/00689/FUL** | Change of use of equestrian buildings from personal to commercial use for the purpose of equestrian/mental health therapy | The Elms Lodge Ullesthorpe Road Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4LR
4. **20/00708/FUL** | Erection of a two storey front extension, erection of a two storey rear extension and erection of a detached garage | Laurels Ashby Lane Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SQ

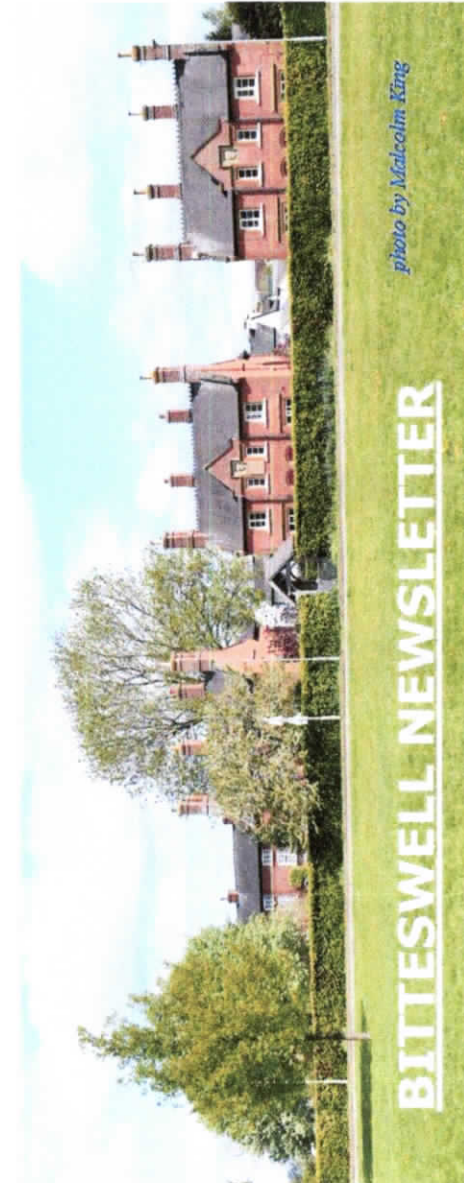


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Fond Farewell to Mrs Maher

Faye Winterton writes:

On 10th July 2020, Mrs Maher is retiring as Head Teacher at St Mary's Bitteswell School to enjoy the next chapter of her life.



Mrs Maher joined the school in August 2009 and for the past 11 years has led it to many successes and has made it an enjoyable place of education for the many children and families that have come through the doors over the years.

Under her tenure the school has been rated as outstanding by OFSTED and has been awarded many gold awards for music, the environment and sport.

When talking to a former student teacher recently he summed the school up perfectly, saying it is like a family. Mrs Maher has brought together the children, their parents, the village, the church and the wider community to lead a school which at the heart of it lives and breathes it's motto of "love, learn and believe".

She has woven into the school her passion for education, music, theatre and, critically, a community spirit which helps children meet and exceed their potential both academically and socially.

I am sure everyone involved with the school, past and present, would want to join me in saying a sincere thank you to Mrs Maher for her hard work and commitment and we wish her a very happy and enjoyable retirement. She will be greatly missed.

Jim & Amy Charity Taxi Service

Funded by United Charities for village residents to help travel to medical appointments and other emergencies. Contact Mrs S Carlton (552077) and Mrs M Osborne (078581 54233)

The Pubs of Bitteswell welcome you back

After weeks of preparation the pubs in Bitteswell are all set to open safely, with measures in place to ensure a warm welcome back.

Chris from The Olde Royal Oak and Tony and Kerry from The Man at Arms will be opening their doors on Saturday 4th July at 11.30am with food available. Government guidelines will be in place including asking for names and contact details.



Not to be defeated by the weather and to help with social distancing both pubs have erected marquees should the British weather cast a spell.

The Green on Saturday will see the return of the Saxman at 2pm, so if you missed him last time bring a chair or picnic rug, and perhaps a pint or glass of wine from the pub and enjoy the moment.



Please remember to social distance.

The new Village Hall committee had its first meeting via video link after several weeks of inactivity. Joanne Holyland, the new chairman welcomed Gill Eales as the new treasurer and introduced us to each other if we didn't already know people.

The new doors and windows will be fitted within the next month now that the company doing the job is out of lockdown. We can't say when the hall will be available for hire. We have to wait for government guidelines. However we hope that it will be epic and span when that time comes.

Recycle your used aluminium cans

Graham Johnson writes on behalf of Lutterworth Rotary Club:

There are now more than forty ultra-modern helicopters of the Association of Air Ambulances covering the UK, however there are not enough helipads, but you can help build them!

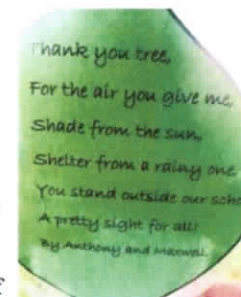
We can all work together by collecting empty aluminium cans which will be crushed and smelted to form sections of a helipad for a NHS hospital, how amazing is that!

Collections point in Bitteswell is: G H Johnson, Field House, Ashby Lane, in green bins on your left hand side of drive

Under the Beech Tree

Faye Winterton writes:

You may have noticed the wonderful leaf decorations hanging from the copper beech tree outside of St Mary's school recently. The school took part in a tree dressing celebration which recognises the importance of trees in our lives and the environment. Tree dressing is celebrated in different cultures all over the world and it's a great way to thank trees for all the benefits they provide.



The school joined in the festival as a contribution towards gaining a Gold Tree Award and I am sure you will agree it definitely gave some additional interest to the village green. Well done to all those children who got involved and produced such a eye catching display.

