

### Church News

*Margaret Foster writes:*

People from far and wide are accessing the 'live' Service each Sunday morning with numbers growing week on week. Bitteswell Church members have taken part by reading the lesson and prayers. Clergy members were permitted to enter the church buildings last week and it was great to see Rev.Charlie both outside and inside Bitteswell Church as he moved around the Benefice for the pre recorded service. A recording of the bells also featured. To find the Service and to listen to it live, or any time, just google [Lutterworth Church Live](#) there is also a thought for the day. At the present time there are no services planned, but the Rev. Charlie and Rev. Tom are here to support you. Be assured you are held in our thoughts and prayers.

### Bitteswell Isolation Support

The group is working well. To repeat: If you really do not have anyone nearby who can help and you URGENTLY need something, please contact us and we will see what we can do.

**Shan Cook**—01455 554493

**Becky Taylor**—01455 557515

**Faye Winterton**—01455 558977

**Rev. Tom Brown**—07818 404287

Again, if you are also able to offer support, please let the team know and they will call on you.

**Stay Alert, Control the Virus, Save Lives**

### Wanted Distributors for the Newsletter

Trica and George Buxton who have delivered the newsletter for many years are self isolating, so to spread the load it would be great if we could recruit volunteer distributors for the following areas: [Valley Lane](#), [The Nook](#), [Ashby Lane](#) and [The Green](#) Please contact the Editor

### Bitteswell Village Newsletter

#### - Next Issue

If you have any items and photos for inclusion in the July issue, please contact Sharee Jones before 24th June at [Bitteswellnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Bitteswellnewsletter@gmail.com) Tel: 07834 689828

### 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](mailto:parishclerk@bitteswell.org.uk)

For agenda details, past minutes go to:

[www.bitteswell.org](http://www.bitteswell.org)

### Bitteswell W.I

*Dawn Reynolds writes:*

Some of our members have been knitting hearts for nurses to share with the families of patients admitted with COVID 19 and others have been making headbands and laundry bags for NHS staff

### Lutterworth and Villages Foodbank

The Foodbank has seen a 100% increase in demand since the Coronavirus Lockdown. 379 food parcels were distributed in April. The Foodbank urgently needs the following items: Tinned Fray Bentos style meat pies, tinned meat, meat/fish paste in small jars, tinned custard, tinned potatoes, bin bags, dish cloths, washing up liquid, soap, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet roll and paper tissues. We also need laundry powder or liquid (Morrisons' small white boxes of Bio powder at 80p are ideal). There are green donation containers at: Lutterworth – Morrisons, Waitrose, Linden Drive Co-op, St Marys' Church, Chapel Street Christian Fellowship, Catholic Church and the United Reform Church. 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). Many of the Foodbank's volunteers are self-isolating, so the food distribution centres are closed and the process to obtain support has changed. If you need a food parcel either telephone 07821 802793, or send an email to [info@lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk) to find out about the temporary procedure.



**Families enjoying VE Day Celebrations**

**BITTESWELL NEWSLETTER**

## Welcome

*From the editor Sharee Jones*  
The Bitteswell Newsletter is delighted to be back in print in full glorious colour!

As the newly appointed editor I wish to thank David and Shiela Carlton for caretaking the newsletter brilliantly these past few months, and ensuring continuity with an online only version during lockdown, whilst helping me to ensure a smooth transition.



Thank you so much to those that have so willingly contributed to this first colour issue with photos, and those that have volunteered to write articles. Together we are a lovely community, that has shown its true spirit in caring for one another during this pandemic, with help from the Isolation team, raising funds for NHS and good causes, coming together for VE day and showing our appreciation by clapping for key workers.

With your help I look forward to continuing this long established newsletter and wish to encourage villagers to make contributions with their news and photos of celebrations, special birthdays, events and anything that relates to village life. *Thank you*

## Mobile COVID 19 Testing Unit

*Rosita Page writes*

### Lutterworth Sports Centre 6-8 June

Local testing unit for people who have symptoms to get tested straightaway rather than delay testing so that they can go to a site near to where they live. For guidance on testing, go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) covid testing. Appointments have to be pre-booked, you cannot just turn up. Birstall Park & Ride Site is a permanent site.

**If you are self isolating and need help now or in the future please note the Bitteswell Isolation Support Team contact numbers on reverse.**

## School News

*Faye Winterton writes:*

### Distance Teaching

As a parent of a child at St Mary's Primary School, I would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Maher and her teaching and support staff for their brilliance since lockdown. The children were sent home on a Friday with a pencil case and white board and began online schooling on the Monday. The process was seamless and Mr Evans, Mrs Cupit, Miss Ward and Mrs Owen have continued to teach the children with their usual passion and commitment through online live video streams and the children have embraced their new way of learning. All the parents have been so impressed and thankful of the support as no one knew how it was going to work. It would be lovely to see our children being together and socialising with their friends at school but whilst this can't happen they are in regular face to face contact with their teacher and friends online. It is amazing!

### St. Marys Enterprise Project

On your regular walks around the village you might have noticed a few craft stalls pop up. The children in years 5/6 at St.Marys have been doing an enterprise project to learn about business and see how much money they could raise for charity. With the generosity of villagers and those in the surrounding areas coming through the village on their walks the children have raised an astonishing amount of just over £4000 for the NHS and Nevett Fund, which helps children in India go to school. To everyone who has donated to these stalls over the last few weeks, **the children would like to say a massive thank you for your support and incredible generosity.**



Alex with his Pebble Pets

## VE Day Bunting

*Becky Taylor writes*

As the children were unable to prepare for VE Day and celebrate in school in the way they usually would, each child was asked to create their own piece of bunting to brighten up the school fence, to mark the day and to help the pupils of the school feel part of the local community, even when they are distancing. The children really enjoyed making their contributions and hopefully it made the residents of the village smile as they walked by.



## Girl Power!

Rebekah and Emily of Ashby Lane have been raising money for the NHS by selling tomato and sunflower plants they grew from seed and raised £45, but they wanted to raise more, so they decided on a bike ride and are aiming for 100 miles each, and so far have raised £410. They have also been playing cheerful tunes on their comets on Thursday nights.



## Bitteswell in the 20th Century

*Marion Gumbrell* has advised that she has some 30 photos of the Royal Oak in the 1950s. They feature the interior rooms, publicans Jack and Ella Timson, and various locals. If anybody wants the photos, maybe to start local history group, contact Marion on [K.gumbrell@btinternet.com](mailto:K.gumbrell@btinternet.com)

We have also had some emails and phone calls about the Newsletter itself and its history. At least one person has copies of all Newsletter since the first issue