

## Women's Institute

The next Meeting Of Bitteswell Women's Institute will be held on **Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>**. **Peter Woodroffe** will give a talk "Children in Literature" The competition will be for " A Favourite Children's Book". Visitors, as usual, are very welcome.

## Church News

Margaret Foster writes: "As we move into March it marks the beginning of Lent and a time of reflection. Spring brings signs of new life in our gardens, the countryside and the fields and we should marvel at creation and give thanks that we live in such a beautiful place. It is a time of uncertainty in our country but there is certainty in Christ and the changing Seasons.

This year we need to completely revise our Church Electoral Roll which gives us, in effect, membership of the church community. Irrespective of how often, or how infrequently, you are able to join us at Services we would like you to be part of our church family. People who are on the existing roll will have been given a form to complete but if you would like to come on to the roll please ask for a form. It is possible to be on more than one Church Electoral Roll. We look forward to you being with us."

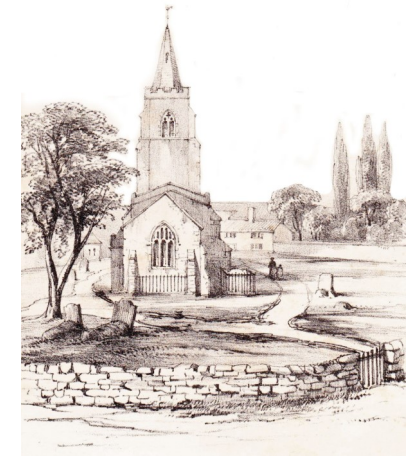
## Next Issue

Please contact David Percival, Cedar Cottage, Manor Road, (tel:553213 or e-mail: [davidwpercival66@gmail.com](mailto:davidwpercival66@gmail.com)) if you have any items for inclusion in the April edition before

**Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

# BITTESWELL NEWSLETTER

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## CHURCH SERVICES

			SIDESPERSION	FLOWERS
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30	United Benefice Service in <b>Lutterworth</b>		Mrs S Elliott
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	Morning Service	Mrs S Woodhead	No Flowers in Lent
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	Morning Service	Mrs C Millington	No Flowers in Lent
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	Holy Communion & Junior Church	Mrs M Foster	No Flowers in Lent
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	11.00	Mothering Sunday	Children	

## Village Hall Exercise Classes

Men's only Yoga Sundays 10.00a.m.-11.00a.m., Yoga for all Sundays 11.00a.m.-12.00 noon, Yoga for all Mondays 12.15p.m.-1.45p.m.

Booking is required as spaces are limited. For more information 07751 770 203 or info@yogawithhannah.com

Tai Chi Qigong—gentle exercise for all abilities. Friday mornings, 10.00a.m. from March 1<sup>st</sup>. For further information contact Karen Humphrey 07803 236795 or karen.y.humphrey@icloud.com

## Inconsiderate Parking

In response to complaints from residents about parked vehicles obstructing pavements, accesses and turning areas in the Lutterworth area, Leicestershire Police has published this advice: "We're able to take action if a vehicle is parked on the pavement, preventing a pedestrian from passing using the footpath and the person who has been obstructed contacts us by calling 101. Officers will then attend the location and are able to issue a Non-Endorsable Fixed Penalty Notice should the vehicle still be parked in a manner that is causing an obstruction." This also applies to turning heads or turning circles at the end of cul-de-sacs where parked vehicles are causing an obstruction and preventing others from using the turning facility.

## Village Hall

The village hall has recently been improved by having the floor sanded, new matching chairs to replace old ones and the hall being redecorated.

There are new groups using the hall including astronomy, Tai Chi for the elderly, puppy training, belly dancing and yoga. It is proving a popular venue for children's parties too. Well established groups continue to use the hall, valuing its pleasant, clean facilities. If you wish to book it, please contact Tiffany Row on 01455 699357.

Another coffee morning has been arranged for **Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** from 10:30-12noon and a quiz night with ploughman's supper on **Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00pm onwards. Please book your team with Linda on 01455 556996. Another reminder will be in the newsletter nearer the time.

## Planning Applications

**19/00071/FUL**—Change of use of temporary mobile home to permanent restroom facilities for farm staff, Elms Farm. Ullesthorpe Road. (Mr S Johnson).

Comments to Harborough District Council before February 27<sup>th</sup>.

**19/00221/FUL**—Erection of a substation to serve 15/00919/FUL and associated landscaping, Unit G, Argosy Way, Magna Park (IDI Gazeley Ltd)

Comments to Harborough District Council before March 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Magna Park is Big Enough and Gazeley's Appeal

The MPisBE campaign won refusal of Gazeley's planning application 15/01531, by the full Council in January 2018. This huge application, along with the two earlier permissions amounting to 320,000 sq m already granted, would almost double the present size of Magna Park, expanding it by another 400,000 sq m approximately. Gazeley has already appealed against the refusal and the appeal hearing will be held from 10.00 am. on 26 March. It may take up to 8 days.

But HDC as Planning Authority may have given in before the appeal is heard, if their proposed modifications to the draft Local Plan 2011 – 2031 have been accepted by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government. In the re-draft of the Local Plan, policy BE2 allowed up to 700,000 sq m of road-based storage and distribution space at the Magna Park site, coincidentally just matching the balance of Gazeley's remaining application.

It's not clear yet how local voices will be heard at the appeal hearing, but if you made representations at earlier stages of the planning process, HDC should let you know about this. The MPisBE campaign is keeping an eye on it all!

## Powell and Welch Almshouse Charity

This village charity held its Annual General Meeting in January. The meeting heard that the modernisation of the Powell Row houses that were built in 1847 is now complete. The charity raised £71,950 in grants during 2018 and all the money was spent locally, supporting local tradesmen and suppliers. The grants came from the Homes and Communities Agency, The National Lottery Awards for All scheme, Harborough District Council, the Magna Park Community Fund and six charitable trusts. Bob Manning retired as a trustee and was presented with a picture of the Almshouses with the thanks of the current trustees for his service over many years. Pippa Beason was appointed as a new trustee and the existing trustees, Marion Reid, Julie Pinnick, Ken Patton and Peter Hurst were re-appointed for a further year. The trustees and residents thank everyone for the extremely positive feedback received about the Christmas lights.

## RHS Malvern Flower Show

Lutterworth Rotary Club have a few seats and tickets available for the RHS Malvern Spring Flower Show on **Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>**. The coach will leave Bitteswell at 8.45.

Please contact Elaine Turner on 01455553425 if interested.

## The Jim & Amy Deacon Taxi Service

United Charities runs a taxi service for village residents, funded by an endowment from Jim & Amy Deacon, a couple who lived in Bitteswell in 1970s/80s. Their thoughtful generosity provides this useful service for residents who need help to travel to medical appointments and other emergencies, when they do not have access to their own transport, within their family or friends. This month, the telephone contacts are Mrs S Carlton (552077) and Mr P Osborn (553178).

## Parish Council

The minutes of the Bitteswell with Bittesby Parish Council meeting held in January show that amongst items discussed were: Community Concerns, Bulb Planting by the Church Wall, Village Green Damage, Salt & Grit Bin, LED Lighting, White Cottage, Planning Enforcement, Grass Cutting, Harborough Local Plan, Neighbourhood Plan, Financial and Planning matters.

**The next meeting will be on Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.00p.m. in the Village Hall.**

At each meeting there is an opportunity for residents to ask questions or make comments on any subject that concerns them. Everyone is welcome to come along and find out what is happening in the village and Harborough District.

## Lutterworth Road Footpath

The Parish Council is pleased to let you know that Leicestershire County Council Highways have acceded to the Parish Council's request for repairing the Lutterworth Road path from the Manor House to the boundary. The works are expected to be carried out at the end of April.

## Mere Lane

As those who have tried will know Mere Lane is now closed for its entire length. This is to facilitate the Magna Park development and is expected to last for 6 months.

## Lutterworth and Villages Foodbank

The Foodbank is appealing for the following items: UHT Milk - All types, UHT Fruit Juice/Squash, Meat/Fish paste in jars, Tinned Spaghetti, Instant mashed potato, Custard, Sponge Puddings and Rice Pudding. There are green donation containers at: Bitteswell - St Mary's Primary School. Lutterworth - Waitrose, Age Concern Charity Shop (Town Square), Linden Drive Co-op, St Marys' Church, Chapel Street Christian Fellowship, Catholic Church, United Reform Church and Bartrams Estate Agency on Church St.

For information call 01455 558797 or email [info@lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk)

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