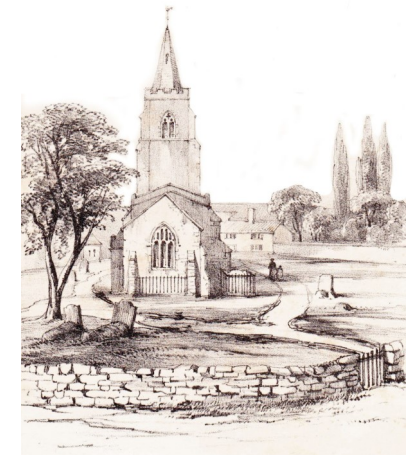


BITTESWELL NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH SERVICES

			SIDEPERSON	FLOWERS
April 7 th	10.30a.m.	United Benefice Service at Lutterworth		
April 14 th	10.00a.m.	Palm Sunday walk from Bitteswell to Lutterworth Recreation Ground for a United Service at 10.45		
April 15 th to 18 th incl GOOD FRIDAY	9.00p.m.	Service of Compline Preparation of the Easter Garden by Children followed by Good Friday Holy Communion at 11.30		
April 19 th GOOD FRIDAY	10.30a.m.	Preparation of the Easter Garden by Children followed by Good Friday Holy Communion at 11.30		
April 21 st EASTER SUNDAY	11.00a.m.	Communion by Extension	Mrs A Hayes	Easter Flowers
April 28 th	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	Mrs S Woodhead	Easter Flowers

Church News

Margaret Foster writes: "As we approach Easter we have many opportunities to gather together, in a variety of ways, to remember the sacrifice that Christ made, on the cross, for all of us. The Palm Sunday walk, starting in Bitteswell and gathering other people as we walk, is symbolic and culminates in joint worship with other churches on the Recreation Ground in Lutterworth. You will notice that during Holy Week, from Monday to Thursday inclusive, we are hosting the Service of Compline. This is a traditional quiet Service lasting about half an hour which includes time for reflection. The preparation of the Easter Garden, on Good Friday, is always enjoyed by the children spurred on by hot cross buns and chocolate biscuits. Do join us and if you can bring a few flowers along to add to the display that would be appreciated. Following on from that, at 11.30am, there will be a short said Service of Holy Communion. Although Christmas gives us the chance to celebrate the birth of Christ many Christians believe that Easter is the most important festival in the church calendar. Do celebrate with us!

On **April 28th**, following the Holy Communion Service we are holding the Church Annual Meeting when churchwardens are appointed and members of the PCC are elected. You are all invited to attend. The church electoral roll is in the process of being revised. If you haven't yet returned your form please do so as soon as possible and if you would like to be added do ask us for a form."

Next Issue

Please contact Faye Winterton, Bitteswell House, Valley Lane, (Tel: {01455} 558977 or fwinterton@outlook.com) if you have any items for inclusion in the May edition before

Saturday April 27th

New Editor

Faye Winterton, Bitteswell House, Valley Lane has volunteered (been cajoled into!) to take over the editorship of the Bitteswell Newsletter. Faye's contact details are at the end of the Newsletter. She is sure to make a great success of producing the Newsletter and hopefully will enjoy the same support from the village that I have had for the past eighteen years.

Village Hall

Another coffee morning has been arranged for **Saturday, May 11th** from 10:30-12noon and a quiz night with ploughman's supper on **Monday, May 20th** from 7:00pm onwards. Please book your team with Linda on 01455 556996.

Local Elections

District, and Parish Council elections are due to be held on **Thursday May 2nd**. Anyone interested in becoming a District or Parish Councillor should obtain a 'Nomination Pack' either from the Clerk to the Parish Council, Cathy Walsh, or from the Elections Office at Harborough District Council. Close of nominations will be **4.00p.m. April 3rd 2019**. Completed nomination papers must be delivered by hand to the Returning Officer, The Symington Building, Adam and Eve Street, Market Harborough, LE16 7AG or at one of the three Check/Hand-in events to be held across the district during the nomination period. There is a Check/Hand-in event in Lutterworth, at the Town Council Offices, between 4.00p.m. and 6.30p.m. on **April 1st**.

Easter Lilies

Anyone who would care to donate money for a lily in memory of a loved one as an Easter gift to the Church please contact Anne Hayes at The Gate House, The Nook.

Planning Applications

19/00351/TCA—Works to trees, Oak House, 2, Yeomans Keep, Valley Lane. (Mr P Burley)
Comments to Harborough District Council before April^{1st}.

19/00250/OUT—Hybrid planning application comprising: Outline application for development (including demolition) of up to 2,750 dwellings; business, general industrial and storage and distribution uses; two primary schools; neighbourhood centre; public open space; greenspace; drainage features; acoustic barrier; and other associated infrastructure (some matters reserved); and full application for the development of a spine road and associated junctions with the A426 north of Lutterworth, Gilmorton Road, Chapel Lane, and the A4304 east of M1 Junction 20; comprising carriage-way, footway, cycleway and associated infrastructure to include earthworks, bridge structures, services, drainage, landscaping, lighting and signage. Land East Of Lutterworth, Gilmorton Road, Lutterworth. (Leicestershire County Council)

This is the official notice for the development that has become known as 'Lutterworth East'. Whilst it is not within the parish boundary the proposal, if passed, would have a dramatic affect on the whole village and the surrounding areas. Any comments should be made to Harborough District Council at the earliest opportunity and, according to HDC's website, initially, no later than April 5th.

Women's Institute

Dawn Reynolds writes: "Our March meeting brought back childhood memories, through poem and prose read by Peter Woodroffe and two members. The next meeting of Bitteswell WI will be on **Tuesday April 9th**. Ian Retson will give us a talk on The Woodland Trust. The competition will be a jar of spring flowers. Visitors as always will be welcome. 7.30 pm Bitteswell village hall."

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 agenda for the Bitteswell with Bittesby Parish Council meeting held on March 21st show that amongst items to be discussed were: The White Cottage, Community Concerns, Lutterworth Road Footpath, Tree Preservation Orders, Neighbourhood Plan, Draft Contract for Neighbourhood Plan Clerk, Planning Enforcement, Financial and Planning matters.

The Annual Meeting of Bitteswell with Bittesby Parish Council will be held on Thursday May 16th at 7.00p.m. in the Village Hall. At this meeting the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year will be elected. This will be followed by the regular Parish Council Meeting.

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.