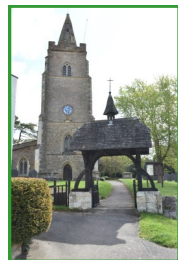


## Church News

Margaret Foster writes

Although, as we are only too aware, the situation is constantly changing across the the country, we are currently still 'open' and holding two services a month here in Bitteswell with others taking place elsewhere across the benefice on other Sundays. It is good to be together although we do miss not being able to sing hymns, such an important part of our worship.



The church AGM took place in mid October, delayed from April and the accounts and report for 2019 were duly presented. Roger Rose and Margaret Foster were re appointed as churchwardens until next April. Rev Charlie, Rev Tom and all the team were thanked for the work they do. At the present time we are unable to plan any fundraising /community events, which is sad, but we must hope for better things next year. Thoughts are already turning to Christmas and how best to serve the community at this special time.

## Church Services:

1st Nov 10.30am Benefice Service at St. Mary's, Lutt.

8th Nov 10.50am for 11am Remembrance Service

(see front cover)

22nd Nov 11am Holy Communion

## Lutterworth and Villages Foodbank

Since March, we have supplied over 1,600 3-day emergency food parcels to those in need, some 20 tonnes of food; double the amount supplied in the same period last year. We are overwhelmed by the response to the needs of those less fortunate, with generous donations of food, money and time. By partnering with Lutterworth Community Transport, the Lutterworth Crisis team, and Harborough and Blaby District Councils, we have ensured that those in financial distress have received the food and supplies that they needed.

### The Foodbank urgently needs:

Sponge puddings, tinned spaghetti, sandwich paste, snack bars, cheese biscuits, noodle snacks, washing up liquid., hand sanitiser, toothpaste, and laundry detergent. There are donation containers at Morrisons, Waitrose, Linden Drive Co-op, Age Concern and Lutterworth Churches. If you prefer to donate money go to [www.lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money](http://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](mailto:info@lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk) to find out about the procedure during Coronavirus.

## Bitteswell and Bittesby Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **19th November** by zoom. 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 and present go to [www.bitteswell.org](http://www.bitteswell.org)

## Current Planning Applications

- 20/01589/TCA | Works to trees (including fell T9, T19 and T20) | Turnpike Lodge The Green Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SB
- 20/01491/FUL | Demolition of existing outbuildings and roof, erection single storey rear extension, external and internal alterations and erection of 1.8m fence | Belshields Lutterworth Road Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4RX
- 20/01419/OUT | Outline application for the erection of dwelling (all matters reserved) | Fir Tree Lodge Ashby Lane Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4LS
- 20/01112/FUL | Demolition of existing garage and the erection of a new dwelling with creation of a new access | Sussex House Ashby Lane Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SQ
- 20/01055/REM | Erection of 4 dwellings with associated garages and access road (reserved matters of 18/01280/OUT, including details of appearance, layout and scale) | West End Farm West End Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SE

## December Newsletter

The deadline for December newsletter is Wednesday **18th November** Contact Editor Sharee Jones email [Bitteswellnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Bitteswellnewsletter@gmail.com) or phone 07834 689828

# BITTESWELL NEWSLETTER

Lest we forget



## Bitteswell Remembrance Service

10.50am followed by Church Service  
at 11am 8th November  
St. Mary's Bitteswell

Please arrive a little earlier in the Churchyard so we can hold a short act of remembrance at the War Memorial then proceed to Church immediately afterwards.

We would ask that a face covering be worn at all times



## November 2020

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## Nearly half a Century of Village News Delivered! *Sharee Jones writes*

I was delighted to catch up with Tricia Buxton who has delivered the Bitteswell newsletter up until recently for over 40 years with back up from her husband George and I wondered how it all began. Tricia said that it was started in the 1960s by local historian



Kath Bray (the sister of Arthur Sharpe who once owned Payne & Bond in Lutterworth) all copies produced on her typewriter. I love history myself and it became clear that Tricia has a wealth of knowledge on the history of Bitteswell and so she kindly agreed to let me tell a little of hers. Tricia's parents Margaret and Reg Johnson met whilst working at Cotesbach Hall, Margaret in Service and Reg looked after the hounds for the Atherstone Hunt. When they married they moved to Bitteswell where they lived in Manor Cottage whilst working for Mr & Mrs Clarke at The Manor as Housekeeper, Gardener and Chauffeur. Mr Clarke was the chairman of Sketchley Dye Works, and his Belgian wife was a co-driver in the Monte Carlo Rally with Sheila Van Dam the then owner of The Windmill Theatre in London, how very glamorous for village residents of Bitteswell.

During their time at Manor Cottage Tricia was born at The Cottage Hospital in Lutterworth and became known as 'The Wonder Baby', because she was born prematurely weighing in at just 2lb, this was a time before incubators and Tricia says she was literally wrapped in cotton wool and put in a jar, thankfully she thrived under their care and went on to school in Bitteswell.

Some years later a holiday in Spain spelt romance when she met her future husband George Buxton. But George lived in Yorkshire and worked on the railways, however they were able to continue their courtship as George could travel for free and they were able to see each other often, and then in 1969 they married at Bitteswell Church, the same church Tricia was Christened. Soon David and Richard came along and when Kath said she could no longer continue with the newsletter, Tricia volunteered to do the delivery and George who owned a printing company did the printing up until his retirement 10 years ago. Tricia and George lived at the Moors and then the bungalow they had built before moving just outside the village to continue their retirement and now from the delivery of the newsletter.

**I'm sure you will all join with me to thank them for their long and stalwart service. Thank you**

## How can I donate?

Due to Covid restrictions there will be no house to house collections this year in Bitteswell, but you can still donate over the internet or by phone as detailed below:



To donate, please visit  
[rbl.org.uk/poppyp appeal](http://rbl.org.uk/poppyp appeal)  
or scan to donate



Every Poppy Counts!

*Note from the Editor. You may have noticed that there is no war memorial relating to the Second World War in Bitteswell as all those that served thankfully came back, some with serious injuries, but no deaths recorded.*

## Wanted Walking Buddies!

Who would like to set up a 'Walk and Talk' for those of us that would like to increase our exercise and at the same time enjoy the company of others from the village.



It could just be a walk around the village or a longer walk into Lutterworth, perhaps to collect the paper or have a coffee!

## Parking and Driving on the Village Green

*Polite Notice from Bitteswell Parish Council*

Recently there have been reports of vehicles and contractors who are working in the village driving on the Village Green. The Village Green is owned by the Parish Council and protected by bylaws which prohibit the driving or parking of vehicles on The Green. The Council respectfully request that residents, visitors and contractors do not drive over or park on the Village Green.

## Jim & Amy Charity Taxi Service

Funded by United Charities it has been an invaluable service especially during lockdown for village residents to help travel to medical appointments and other emergencies. Contact Mrs S Carlton (552077) and Mrs M Osborne (07858154233)

## Shining Examples

*Faye Winterton writes*

It has been lovely to see so many of the morals and values which are so important to our school on display this month by the children both in school and within the community.

The reception children are showing their increased confidence at the school gates, eager to get into their classroom to begin their learning.

Also friendships are forming amongst both the children and the parents which is a key value to our school family and a great way to support each other and the school.



Kindness and thoughtfulness has also been shining through and a fantastic example of this outside of school has been seen by Archie Paterson who has been spending some of his own time 'wombing' in the village, collecting litter to help make a difference to our community and to give something back.

St. Mary's are very proud of you Archie and you are an excellent role model for our school values and your friends. Very well done!

## Help someone to Smile

*Peter Hurst writes*

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