

## Church News

*Margaret Foster writes:*

As lockdown is eased, and we are able to do more, plans are moving forward with a view to opening the church for more Services again. It is the intention to proceed cautiously, but as more people have their injections we all feel more confident and hopeful. Please look at the church website for updates. Services in Holy Week, commencing March 28th, will be shown on the website, with some likely to be online.



**Sunday 4th April  
11am  
Easter Day Holy  
Communion Service**



## Botteswell and Bottesby Parish Council

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is 18th May 2021 held by zoom TBC

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@botteswell.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@botteswell.org.uk) For agenda details past and present go to [www.botteswell.org.uk](http://www.botteswell.org.uk)

## 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 \(552077\)](tel:552077) and [Mrs M Osborne \(07858154233\)](tel:07858154233)

## Next Newsletter

Please send your news items to the Editor Sharee Jones by email: [botteswellnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:botteswellnewsletter@gmail.com) or phone 07834 689828

## Current Planning Applications

- 21/00443/REM | Application for approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline application ref. 15/01531/OUT APP/F2415/W/18/3206289, primary infrastructure, including estate road and associated landscaping, drainage, utilities and open space | Land At Mere Lane Bittesby Leicestershire
- 21/00412/PCD | Discharge of condition 9 (landscape and biodiversity management plan (LBMP)) of 15/01531/OUT | Land At Mere Lane Bittesby Leicestershire
- 21/00410/PCD | Discharge of condition 6 (construction environmental management plan (CEMP)) of 15/01531/OUT | Land At Mere Lane Bittesby Leicestershire
- 00120/LBC | Conversion of existing outbuildings to annexe | West End Farm West End Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SE
- 21/00353/TCA | Works to trees (fell) | West End Barn Ashby Lane Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SQ
- 21/00209/FUL | Erection of single storey extension to accommodate additional changing rooms to the existing rugby club | Lutterworth Rugby Football Club Ashby Lane Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4LW
- 21/00239/FUL | Erection of an annexe building | 3 Yeomans Keep Valley Lane Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SW
- 21/00166/LBC | Demolition of existing garage and summerhouse, and erection of detached dwelling with garages and associated landscaping (revised scheme of 18/01482/LBC) | Turnpike Lodge The Green Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SB
- 21/00165/FUL | Demolition of existing garage and summerhouse, and erection of detached dwelling with garages and associated landscaping (revised scheme of 18/01481/FUL) | Turnpike Lodge The Green Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SB
- 21/00119/FUL | Conversion of existing outbuildings to annexe | West End Farm West End Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SE
- 20/02075/OUT | Outline application for biomethane refuelling station; petrol filling station with ancillary retail, drive through restaurants (Class E/sui generis), MOT station, ancillary car parking and associated works (all matters reserved) | Land East Of Bittesby Way Magna Park Bittesby Leicestershire
- 20/01846/FUL | Erection of 2 dwellings including highways improvements, accommodation works and part demolition of existing garage | Newstead The Green Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SG



Funded by  
The United Charities of Bitteswell



### **United Charities for the benefit of the Village - Shiela Carlton writes**

**Bitteswell is fortunate to have its very own grant-giving charity.** The main United Charities scheme was drawn up in 1977 by the Charity Commission to amalgamate three old endowments (from John Harrison, 1782; Jane Crisp, 1790; John Day, 1800) plus a more substantial trust left in 1538 by then vicar Robert Dowse. The 3 smaller funds are largely exhausted, but the latter was based on land gifted in 1492 in the reign of Henry VII and the rents were originally dedicated to mending the roads, providing a Man-at-Arms to serve the king, and to the general benefit of Bitteswell residents.

In addition, there is a separate small Crane's Piece fund derived from the old allotments site near the Ullesthorpe Road, currently rented out as grazing, and also a more recent endowment under the names of Jim & Amy Deacon, who in 1988 left the proceeds of their house sale for investment, generating an income flow.

The funds help support social, educational and welfare activities, including the church, village hall, the WI, local school projects, people going on to further, higher and adult education, the village newsletter and a regular taxi service for those needing help to travel to medical and emergency facilities. United Charities also contributes to activities and events such as celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 and occasional concerts.

All the charities are administered by nine Trustees:  
\* four appointed by Bitteswell Parish Council, currently John Booth (Chair, as well as Secretary & Treasurer), Charlotte Cowie, Gary Paterson, Julia Pearson  
\* four co-opted by the trustees as a group, currently Graham Johnson, Margaret Osborne, Sue Sharp and Elaine Turner;  
\* one ex-officio trustee, the vicar of St Mary's church, Bitteswell, Charlie Styles.

**If any Bitteswell resident wishes to suggest a project for the benefit of the village as a whole, please contact any of the trustees.**

Shiela Carlton,  
recently retired Trustee, for United Charities,

### **Lutterworth Litter Womblers clear verges**

*Bitteswell Parish Council writes:*

**You may have noticed a number of red bags lined up at the side of roads in the area.**

These contain rubbish collected by the Lutterworth Litter Womblers. Once the Womblers have finished picking the litter, it is bagged up and collected by either Harborough or Blaby District Council for disposal. Glass and aluminium cans are recycled by the Womblers.



Lutterworth Litter Womblers, in association with South Leicestershire Litter Womblers is a great way to volunteer and support your local community. Creating a cleaner environment for everyone to enjoy.

Aluminium cans are being recycled to raise funds for a new helipad for Derbyshire, Leicestershire & Rutland Air Ambulance. Helen Denton-Stacey is co-ordinating the collection of cans and residents can drop these off to *Helen by contacting her on 07734 793986.*

### **BITTESWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN NOTICE OF PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION**

Comments are invited on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan for Bitteswell between 5th April & 23rd May 2021

A copy of the draft plan along with details of how to make comments can be found online at <http://www.bitteswell.org.uk>

A hard copy of the draft plan will also be available to view and to make comment on by contacting the Neighbourhood Plan Clerk at [hdenton-stacey@outlook.com](mailto:hdenton-stacey@outlook.com)

### **Village Pubs prepare to welcome you back**

The Olde Royal Oak and Man at Arms look forward to welcoming you back From Monday 12th April, for seated drinks/meals outside, 17th May inside as per Government guidelines.

### **Happy Return to School with balloons and smiling faces!**



**It was welcome back with balloons and bunting for the children of St Mary's as they were greeted on 8th March by a happy headteacher with a huge welcoming smile.** It felt like a carnival atmosphere! Thank you to Mrs Cupit for making such an effort which was greatly appreciated by all arriving at school, and ensured any nerves about returning were quickly forgotten.

The children have settled easily into their school routines after another fantastic experience of homeschooling, where the teaching and support staff have again gone over and above to ensure all the children have had the opportunity to continue with their learning exactly as if they would have done if they had been in school. Despite this, nothing beats the face to face teaching in the classroom and for the children the chance to be back with their friends.

Easter is an important time for St Mary's where the children get the opportunity to enjoy all the fun activities associated with this time of year as well remembering and learning about the important messages that this time in the Christian calendar can teach us. Unfortunately as parents we will not be able to attend the usual Easter Church Service again this year. These events are greatly missed but the school continue to come up with many creative ways to keep the parents in touch with the school and their efforts are very much appreciated.

Thank you again to all the staff for your hard work and support during lockdown, which highlights again the resilience and determination of our school community.

### **BABY CONGRATULATIONS!**

Anne and Trevor Robinson of Bitteswell Cottage, Valley Lane, are delighted to announce the arrival of Edward Stanley Robert Bolstridge (to be known as Teddy). A third son for Hester and Mark and a brother for Bertie and Wilf. All is well apart from the lack of cuddles for Nan because of Covid!