

## Perfect for small groups!

*Joanne Holyland writes*

Bitteswell Village Hall is once again keen to welcome you back. Current government guidelines now allow people to mix indoors in a socially distanced way, and we are really looking forward to seeing the start of our village groups, activities and meetings again.

The village hall lends itself as a perfect place for small groups to meet and restrictions (at the time of writing) permit up to 10 people in the village hall. We aim to provide a COVID-safe environment for you to use. The village hall is being professionally cleaned on a regular basis. Social distancing markers and hand sanitizer are in place. Windows and doors can be opened to maximise ventilation.

So, if you are a group who previously used the hall, or a group that might be interested in booking the hall, please do get in touch. The hall is also a great place for family or friends to meet up.

The hire of the hall is £5 per hour (with a minimum charge of £10). However, if groups/meetings need access to the hall for longer time periods than normal in order to comply with current restrictions on numbers gathering together, this can be arranged at no extra cost. Please get in touch with

*Tiffany Row (Bookings Secretary)*  
on 01455 699357 to discuss

## 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)*

## Bitteswell and Bittesby Parish Council

Next Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm 8th July 2021

The Parish Council is interested in hearing from residents. If you have a query and would like the Parish Council to discuss an issue, then you can contact the Clerk who will be able to look at your query, and if necessary, add it to the agenda for the next meeting

Venue : Village Hall

All welcome to attend

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

## Current Planning Applications

1. 21/00985/TCA | Works to trees (fell) | Roseberry Valley Lane Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SA
2. 21/00820/FUL | Erection of replacement fencing with 2.4m high weld mesh fencing including an inspection access gates | Land Adjacent To Bittesby Stables Watling Street Ullesthorpe Leicestershire
3. 21/00891/FUL | Erection of a single storey side and rear extension (revised scheme of 20/01801/FUL) | Lingfield 6 Valley Lane Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SA
4. 21/00859/FUL | Conversion of hay barn to a C3 dwellinghouse, restricted to accommodation for holiday purposes only | Fir Tree Equestrian Centre Ashby Lane Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4LS
5. 21/00848/FUL | Erection of a first floor side/rear extension and with dormer Juliet window and alterations to an existing first floor window in the rear elevation | Pound House West End Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SE
6. 21/00843/OUT | Outline application for the erection of one dwelling with garage (all matters reserved) | Land Rear Of Ashby Lane Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4GG
7. LE17 4GG
8. 21/00654/REM | Erection of eight dwellings and associated infrastructure (all reserved matters of 17/02152/OUT including revised access) | Land At Ashby Lane Bitteswell Leicestershire
9. 21/00120/LBC | Conversion of existing outbuildings to annexe | West End Farm West End Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SE
10. 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
11. 21/00119/FUL | Conversion of existing outbuildings to annexe | West End Farm West End Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SE

## BITTESWELL NEWSLETTER

**June 2021**



### The Churchyard a place of peace and tranquillity

*Margaret Foster writes*

Church Services continue at 11am each Sunday, other than the first Sunday of the month, when a Benefice Service happens at 10.30am, St.Mary's Lutterworth\*. All Welcome

The Churchyard extension, owned by the church, has been the final resting place of village residents, and those with strong connections to the village since about 1900. We are most grateful that Mark carries out the mammoth task of strimming and mowing the grass as a true labour of love. For the past two or three years one area, which is currently vacant, has been left uncut to encourage wild flowers and wildlife. This is encouraged by the Diocese and the results have been remarkable. At the end of the day it is of course a rural churchyard, a place of peace and tranquillity.

*\*Services maybe different during school holidays, please check website and notice board.*



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## Connecting to Village Life

*Editor Sharee Jones writes*

The Bitteswell newsletter has been connecting its residents for nearly forty years and I hope to bring you stories of past news articles with the help of fellow villagers and past editor(s) of this newsletter for future issues.

For now, following the theme of connecting, I am pleased to introduce a new page to the newsletter that connects us to village life and the people who live here. I was delighted to be 'In Conversation with' local resident Rhona Ash who kindly agreed to be my first guest.

If you would like to share your memories and interests or any news, perhaps a special birthday, anniversary etc or join in the 'Conversation' please contact me on 07834 689828 or email [bitteswellnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:bitteswellnewsletter@gmail.com)  
Next issue July, deadline date is 30th June.

## At last The Bothy has a new tither!

*Giles Hill writes*

The front octagonal room was built about the time of The Hall, 1820-30. The second back room was added sometime before 1900.

All modern additions were built after the Hill family bought it in the late 1940s after WWII, when the local army transit camp was dismantled.

The new thatch should last at least 30 years, long enough for Nick and Judy!!



## D– Day Surprise

On 5th June Anne Hayes of The Nook, Bitteswell had just returned from a family break at Newmarket when early on the Sunday morning, Gabriel phoned to tell me of the birth of his son Jude Benedict at 8.30am, a grandson for Anne. Congratulations to Gabriel and Ava and welcome little Jude.

## Diamond Wedding Congratulations

Stephen and Patricia Haynes of Valley Farm celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, 60 years, on 15th May. The Service at Bitteswell Church was followed by a reception at Lutterworth Club catered for by Johnsons. Congratulations!

## School Update

Busy and happy times for children of St.Mary's School

*Faye Winterton writes:*

As we enter the final half term, St Mary's Primary School is a hive of activity. Following the successful maypole dancing on The Green where the children in all of the years danced spectacularly with their families present, it was lovely for parents old and new to the school to see the children perform again.



Furthermore, it is super exciting to announce that in true St Mary's "all singing, all dancing style" the children in years 5 and 6 will be doing an end of year production. This year the children will be performing "Bugsy Malone" and rehearsals are already in full swing.

The children are so excited about having the chance to do this fantastic end of school tradition and given the effort that is going into learning the lines, dances, costumes and splurge guns it is going to rival any West End production!



School trips, Sports Day, Leavers Disco and Leavers Service are also on the agenda, with the school ensuring that these special times are not missed for those children who will be departing the school for pastures new in a few weeks. Credit must be given to the staff and leaders of St Mary's who continue to ensure that these experiences are not missed for the children whilst also ensuring they are done in a safe and compliant way.

Although it has been a different year for the children those moving to Secondary School this year are doing so having had an excellent year of education, whether this has been in the classroom or via live lessons whilst home schooling. The children are very well prepared for their next stage of their educational journey and as a parent of one of these children I know the parents would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Evans for ensuring our children are ready for this move. You really are a star!

## IN CONVERSATION WITH

Rhona Ash

### Where were you born?

I was born in New Mills, Derbyshire

### What career did you have?

I started as an Office Junior for sweet manufacturer Swizzels Matlow who had moved to New Mills from London. My career progressed and I became the Sales Support Manager looking after a team of 40 people until I retired after 43 years of service.



### Why did you come to Bitteswell to live?

I took early retirement in 1994 and moved to the area with my husband to be near our son. Sadly before our bungalow was completed Tom died. The village folk took me to their hearts and their kindness was overwhelming and their friendship now spans more than 27 years.

### How have you found lockdown?

As then, friends of the village have been invaluable, keeping in touch by phone, doorstep and garden visits.

### What is your favourite flower?

I love roses. On my retirement I was given a 'Peace' rose bush, and its still going strong.



### What things have you been involved in the village?

I'm an active member of the WI. For many years I helped at the Village school with reading and sewing. My own grandchildren also attended the school.

### What holidays have you enjoyed?

Touring Europe in our caravan. Russia was a very fascinating country to visit.

### Have you played any sports?

I played golf just up until a few years ago.

### Describe how you feel about living in Bitteswell.

Its very friendly and I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. I love it here.

Thank you Rhona for sharing your memories and I would like to invite other village members to join the conversation, just give me a ring 07834 689828. or email [Bitteswellnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Bitteswellnewsletter@gmail.com) Sharee.