

Lutterworth and Villagers Foodbank

The Foodbank currently needs: tinned potatoes, UHT milk (Not Skimmed), sponge puddings, savoury biscuits, tinned meat, rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned custard, coffee and laundry detergent (non bio). No baked beans please. There are donation containers at Morrison's, Waitrose, Linden Drive Co-op, Age Concern and Lutterworth Churches.

If you need a food parcel either telephone 07821 802793 or send an email to info@lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk to find out about the procedure during Coronavirus. For financial donations please visit <https://lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

Village Hall

Joanne Holyland writes

At a recent meeting of the Village Committee it was noted that more bookings had been received and the Village Hall is pleased to confirm a Coffee Morning to raise funds will be held on Saturday 20th November. All Village Hall Booking enquires to: *Tiffany Row (Bookings Secretary) on 01455 699357*

Jim & Amy Charity Taxi Service—New Contact Numbers

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 Sharp 01455 556255](tel:01455556255) and [Mr G H Johnson 01455 552991](tel:01455552991)

Bitteswell and Bittesby Parish Council

Next Parish Council Meeting 7pm 18th November 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

Current Planning Applications

- 21/01646/FUL | Erection of an open sided oak framed canopy | The Hunting Box The Nook Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4RY
- 21/01438/FUL | Erection of a single storey side extension to annex and change of use from agricultural to residential use | Sunnyside Ashby Lane Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SQ
- At Mere Lane Magna Park Bittesby Leicestershire
- 21/01388/FUL | Erection of a two storey front extension, two storey rear extension and single storey side extension | Manor House Lutterworth Road Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4RX
- 21/01175/FUL | Erection of a rear extension, addition of a first floor to the main dwelling section and addition of a roof terrace and car port | Woodby Lodge Woodby Lane Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4LP
- 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
- 21/00120/LBC | Conversion of existing outbuildings to annexe | West End Farm West End Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SE
- 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
- 21/00119/FUL | Conversion of existing outbuildings to annexe | West End Farm West End Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SE
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BITTESWELL NEWSLETTER

September/October 2021

During the Summer months many of you may have followed the Olympics in Tokyo, Japan, but in the very same city 57 years earlier in 1964, Tokyo saw our very own John Cooper compete and Ann Packer came to live in Bitteswell after marrying Robbie Brightwell. *Elaine Turner tells the story.*

Olympic Medals for Bitteswell

Robbie Brightwell led the mens 400m relay team to a Silver medal. In the same team was our very own John Cooper, who also won Silver in 400m hurdles. He attended Bitteswell Primary School, where his mum taught athletics. Her coaching was so good the school won many sporting championships. Tragically John died in the 1974 plane crash just outside Paris aged 33, giving up his original ticket to a young lady desperate to get home to her fiancé.



Ann Packer won Silver in the 400m sprint event, a little disappointed she nearly didn't enter the 800m, supposedly she had an offer to go shopping, however she ran a thrilling race and took Gold! Ann and John were awarded the MBE later in the same year.



Ann retired at the age of 22 and went on to marry her fiancé Robbie Brightwell and settled in Ashby Lane. They now live in Cheshire to be near their sons

I shared many happy times with Ann and Rob, we packed our picnics, kiddies and a little white highland terrier into a tiny Fiat 500. No health and safety regulations in those days, not a seatbelt in sight.

Next Newsletter

Will be November/December.

Contact Editor [Sharee Jones 07834 689828](mailto:Sharee.Jones@bt.com) or email Bitteswellnewsletter@gmail.com

Church News

Margret Foster writes

Over a number of months, surveys and joint meetings with church members across the benefice have taken place with regard to Service patterns moving forward. After much prayer and consideration we have come up with a plan. There has always been a desire to work closer together as three churches so, across the benefice, every Sunday and during the week, there are services to suit all preferences. **Here in Bitteswell we will have a Service, usually Holy Communion, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month starting at 9.30am.** On the first and third Sundays of the month there will be a Service at Cotesbach Church and we intend to be mutually supportive and worship together. There will be a Lively Service on a Sunday morning and a Reflective Service on Sunday evening at Lutterworth Church. Services in Lutterworth are still being live streamed so that people who may still be feeling anxious can be part of worship from the comfort of their home. Please check the church website and notice-board for confirmation details.

Harvest Festival Sunday 10th October 9.30am
Do join us and enjoy singing some traditional Harvest hymns. Yes, we can now sing!

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2nd—5th June 2022

As you may already know it is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year. After 2 very difficult years I am sure many of you would like to celebrate.

Please could anyone who would like to help with either ideas or help. Let me know and then we can go from there

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Laughter, Fun and Chatter!

Welcome back to the children of St.Mary's School

Faye Winterton writes:

It was lovely for the village Green to be back fun of laughter, chatter and friendship as the teaching staff at St Mary's welcomed back the children and their families to what should hopefully be a much more normal year ahead. It would be lovely for the new children and parents joining the school this year and last year to be able to get fully involved in the school and the playground to see what wonderful opportunities the school has on offer for their children over the next few years. I hope all of the parents will get involved in supporting the school as it is this community that makes St Mary's such a unique and wonderful place to be part of. I am really looking forward to reporting on what should be a busy year ahead.

A Special Thank You to Faye for her cheerful updates of school life and how well the children and teachers have adapted during the pandemic to ensure the school remains a happy and safe place. The Editor

Last Term In true St Mary's Bitteswell style the children lifted the roof at the end of the school year to perform the most spectacular performance of Buggy Malone. Thinking outside of the box, the teachers and staff came up with the most amazing idea to enable the parents to see the show by staging an outdoor theatre production. The sun shone for the evening, camping chairs were in place and the show could have easily rivalled Kilworth House. Thank you to Mrs Maher who sought the loan of a vintage 1950's car to enhance the already amazing backdrop painted by Damien Cowie. Many thanks to both of you for helping to create a magical set! The performances, singing and dancing was mesmerising given the children had limited rehearsal time and only one run through before the outdoor show went live. It was a wonderful end to a topsy-turvy year, with the children having the chance to do a performance that so many schools missed out on again this year. Mrs Cupit, Mr Evans, Miss Hollis, Simon, Mark and everyone else who made the performance happen - thank you from the bottom of our hearts for letting us see our children perform. They were a-ma-zing!!! I think the success of the outdoor theatre could have some legs for future productions - watch this space!!!



WI News

After a long wait, some members of Bitteswell WI met again in the village hall for a very informative and excellent talk by Mr Zakkar, Associate Professor and Consultant Cardiologist from Glenfield Hospital. He stressed the importance of looking after your cholesterol and blood pressure, with a varied diet, to help your heart. Mr Zakkar also discussed how heart surgery research has improved over the past 5 years and continues to do so. He also explained the different types of heart surgery he carries out. A very enjoyable evening shared with friends.

October speaker is Chris Watkins talking about Embroidery in Prison. We meet on 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

Visitors are most welcome. For more information Email: BitteswellWI@outlook.com or call Dawn on 01455 641094

Remember to send your news items to:
Bitteswellnewsletter@gmail.com

Funding Available

The United Charities Bitteswell is continuing to award grants in the village in particular to students who are attending university for the first time. It is not too late to apply for such an educational grant and you can do so by emailing John Booth at john7319@gmail.com

The grants are not solely for University students as other applications will be considered for individuals doing certified vocational studies. In addition grant funding will be considered for projects within the village that benefit the Bitteswell community. In 2020 United Charities gave a total of £5,458 of which £3,550 were educational grants. So far in 2021 grants totalling £4,610 have been given of which £2,900 were educational. It's never too late to apply as grants are awarded throughout the year.