

Village Hall Update

Joanne Holyland writes

The Village Hall Committee are pleased to report that bookings are beginning to increase again. The hall has hosted some meetings, birthday parties and is booked for a forthcoming baby shower. The book club, history club, wine tasting group and WI are amongst our regular bookings.

The committee would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the Village Hall coffee morning on November 20th. We were very pleased to see you and there was a lovely relaxed atmosphere, lots of laughter and a real sense of community. A special mention to Tiffany, Amelia, Glenys, Megan and Claire who worked so hard on the day. The event raised £316.03 which will go towards the up-keep of the hall.



The event was also attended by County Councillor Rosita Page and Alison McDaid from Harborough District Council. Alison helped us to secure some grant funding towards new windows. This alongside some financial support from Bitteswell UnitedCharities, made the new window project possible. Thank you to United Charities, Harborough District Council, Alison and Rosita.

If anybody is interested in joining the Village Hall committee then please join us at the next meeting on Monday 28th February at 5.30 at the Village Hall. Alternatively, you can contact [Joanne Holyland on 01455 559643](mailto:Joanne.Holyland@bitteswell.org). All Village Hall Booking enquires to: [Tiffany Row \(Bookings Secretary\) on 01455 699357](mailto:Tiffany.Row@bitteswell.org)

Bitteswell WI meet in the Village Hall second Tuesday in the month

Dawn Reynolds writes

The next meeting will be **Tuesday 8th March** at 7.30pm Guest Speaker Jane Issac (Author) Murder & Mayhem. Competition: Favourite crime book. Guests and new members always welcome.

Diary Date WI Coffee Morning Saturday 26th March, 9.30 am—12.30pm

Current Planning Applications

1. 22/00106/TCA | Works to tree (fell) | 21 Valley Lane Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SA
2. 21/02242/FUL | Erection of a dwelling with adjoining garage, plus associated car parking, landscaping and access road | West End Farm West End Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SE
3. 21/02233/VAC | Adjustment to road and site layout, alterations to design of Plots 2 and 3 (proposed non-material amendment to 20/01055/REM) variation of condition 1 (justification) of 21/00155/ NMA to make alterations to plot 2 | West End Farm West End Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SE
4. 21/01118/PCD | Discharge of conditions 4 (contamination), 5 (remediation), 11 (arboricultural method statement) and 12 (construction environmental management plan) of 20/01846/FUL (partial approval) | Newstead The Green Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SG
5. 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
6. 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

Bitteswell and Bittesby Parish Council

Next Parish Council Meeting 7pm 17th March 2022

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 7pm

All welcome to attend

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BITTESWELL NEWSLETTER



Photos by Evie Johnson aged 10

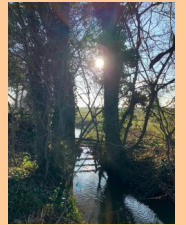


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Farewell to Rev Charlie Styles

Margret Foster writes:

On Sunday 16th January we said farewell to Rev. Charlie Styles and his family at a joint Service in Lutterworth Church. He



joined us just over eight years ago and has implemented and encouraged a number of initiatives to encourage local residents to come to faith, as well as sustaining those whose faith was already established. Many children have enjoyed Little Acorns and school acts of worship, house groups have flourished. Charlie has presided over Baptism, Marriage and Funeral Services making families feel special and valued. He will be missed for his enthusiastic approach and 'can do' attitude. Charlie, Sophie and the children will still be around living in the Lutterworth Rectory for the next few months as the children complete the school academic year. Charlie has been appointed CEO of a charitable organisation called the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics which seeks to encourage people to live Christian lives.

We wish the whole family well and thank them for their ministry amongst us.

Church Services

Church Service patterns are now established with (usually) a Service of Holy Communion taking place in Bitteswell at 9.30am on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

On the first and third Sundays of the month a 9.30am Service takes place in Cotesbach and Services in Lutterworth are at 11am and 7pm. Please look at the Church Noticeboard, or respective websites, for confirmation/further details about Services.

A group meets in church on a **Thursday** morning, from **10.30am until 11.45am** to discuss Bible passages. We are currently looking at the parables in Mathews Gospel, many familiar to us. Discussion takes place, opinions are shared and a time of fellowship together, with everyone's view valued and respected. Rev Tom leads us in this very relaxed gathering. Do come along and join us whether you attend church or not.
All Welcome

A Joyful Place

St.Mary's School, Bitteswell
Faye Winterton writes:

It's February already!..... time flies at St Mary's as the children get back into their everyday routines of school after the New Year celebrations. St Mary's began this new academic year with a new vision for the school focusing on creating an learning environment "where everyone achieves and is able to Develop their own unique character, Nurture a deep spirituality and Appreciate the individuality of others" - our very own DNA for our school so we can

*"encourage one another and build one another up"
(1 Thessalonians 5:11)*

The children at school are embracing this vision and are busy learning and showing respect to each other this term within the school environment. It is wonderful seeing the children's confidence grow in school, watching them establishing conversations with each other and their teachers and showing respect to one another.

These great life lessons that can be taken into the outside world and, for the older years, into their secondary school education. It is a pleasure to be asked how you are in the morning when you arrive at school - what a joyful place to work!

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations Meeting 16th February 7.30pm Royal Oak

Jane Edwards writes

Please come along to a meeting to discuss how we can come together as a village to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. **All welcome.**

Revised Taxi Service

In order to simplify the process of arranging a taxi the Charity has decided to allow individuals from the village to contact the taxi provider (Pinnacle Taxi) directly on **01455 554368** giving as much notice as possible, the fare will be covered by United Charities. Very occasionally, Pinnacle taxis will contact the Charity before confirming a journey .

Funded by the Jim & Amy Deacon section of the Charity for travel to medical appointments and other emergencies where the individual has no access to private transport.



Life long friends Anne Hayes and Jill Smith

Celebrate 90 years
Anna Smith writes

We all like to celebrate our birthdays with friends and relatives but two ladies in the village have celebrated quite a milestone.

Anne Hayes and Jill Smith both enjoyed celebrating their 90th birthdays during 2021, Jill in July and Anne in December. If you look at the photos you will see that this is a friendship that has spanned their whole lives.



Both born in the village, attending the village school and continuing education in Lutterworth. Married in the parish church and bringing up their families they've both seen many changes during those 90 years.

Together a friendship that many would envy.

Seems a long time ago!

Margret Foster writes:

The Carol Service held on the Village Green was a great success and we were blessed with good weather. Children from St. Mary's School played an active part in proceedings and talented local musicians accompanied the carols. As ever we were indebted to Mark and Maggie for much of the preparations on the green with staging, lights, gazebos etc. What would we do without them! The Christmas lights at the Almshouses shone, house lights twinkled and a good time was had by all. We hope to make this an annual event drawing the community together.

Photo by Alex Taylor

