

'Friends and Neighbours' Coffee Morning



Bitteswell Village Hall Committee would like to thank all those who have come along to one of our recent Friends and Neighbours Coffee Mornings. It was lovely to see you, and we hope that you enjoyed chatting to friends and meeting some new people too.

We would like to continue with this event on the first Friday of each month (starting on July 1st 2022). The Village Hall will be open from 10 am until noon serving complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits. Why not call in for a cuppa and a relaxed chat with friends and neighbours. Everyone is welcome.

The dates for the Friends and Neighbours coffee mornings for the rest of 2022 are as follows:

Friday July 1st
Friday August 5th
Friday September 2nd
Friday October 7th
Friday November 4th
Friday December 2nd

We look forward to seeing you there.

Bitteswell WI meet in the Village Hall second

Tuesday in the month *Dawn Reynolds writes*

The next meeting will be **Tuesday 14th June** at 7.30pm .
Julia Wallis will give a demonstration on sheep wool

Remember to send your Jubilee photo memories, special events, news items etc. to:
Bitteswellnewsletter@gmail.com
Sharee Editor on 07834 689828

Current Planning Applications

- 22/01077/LBC | Erection of a single storey rear extension and a first floor pitched roof rear extension, insertion of a rooflight to rear and new opening created at first floor to access first floor ensuite extension (revised scheme of 17/02124/LBC) | Vine House The Green Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SB
- 22/01076/FUL | Erection of a single storey rear extension and a first floor pitched roof rear extension, insertion of a rooflight to rear and new opening created at first floor to access first floor ensuite extension (revised scheme of 17/02123/FUL) | Vine House The Green Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SB
- 22/00993/FUL | Erection of a dwelling and outbuilding/garage with associated landscaping works | Newstead The Green Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SG
- 22/00904/FUL | Conversion of outbuildings and erection of a single storey side extension | Rose Cottage Manor Road Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4RZ
- 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
- 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

Bitteswell and Bittesby Parish Council

Next Parish Council Meeting 7pm 16th June 2022
Venue : Village Hall 7pm All welcome to attend
www.bitteswell.org

BITTESWELL NEWSLETTER

June 2022

Here comes the Sun! GARDENS OPEN FOR CHARITY

Anna Smith writes:

In March 2020 the national lockdown, caused by the Coronavirus pandemic forced the National Garden Scheme to close all 3,700 gardens for the first time in its 93 year history. The impact on the charity, which exists to raise money for nursing and health charities was, as for so many, a major crisis.

We have many gardens in Leicestershire hoping to open this summer, lovingly tended by their owners and there's often delicious cake too!



Our gardens include Victorian terraces that make the most of small spaces and

large country houses with historic vistas. We have an arboretum with four champion trees and a city allotment with over 100 plots. We offer something for everyone, from the serious plants person to the casual visitor. You will receive a warm welcome at every garden gate! Visit ngs.org.uk for more details

BUT LOCALLY ... Celebrating 10 years of opening for charity you are invited to:

GREEN WICKET FARM

Ullesthorpe Road, Bitteswell
(Behind the Cricket Club)

Sunday 17th July
Wednesday 20th July
2pm—4.30pm

£5 per person, children free
Plants and light refreshments for sale
All proceeds given to the NGS Charities

Funded by United Charities of Bitteswell

Jubilee Celebrations *Jane Edwards writes:*

Thank you to everyone involved in the Jubilee Celebrations, we hope you have a really enjoyable weekend as we come together to celebrate the Queen's 70 year reign, her Platinum Jubilee. Be sure to enter our cake competition and have your scarecrow ready! Here is a reminder of the events taking place:



Exhibition of Village Memorabilia, to be held in the Church & Village Hall

Tea, Coffee, Cakes & Plant Stall

Fri 3rd June 2pm—5pm
Sat 4th June 10am—2pm

Village Barn Dance SOLD OUT Marquee on The Green

Pop Up Bar, Burgers, Pulled Pork and Hot dogs
Saturday 4th June 7.30pm—10.30pm

Village Green Jubilee Picnic Bring your Gazebo. Games & Competitions

The Village Green Sunday 5th June 12noon - 5pm
4.30pm Grand Finale—Tug O War

Cake Fit for a Queen Competition

To be Judged 2pm at the Picnic on the Green
Sunday 5th June
Enter on the day

Children's Royal Fancy Dress Picnic on the Green

To be Judged 1pm
Sunday 5th June
Enter on the day

Scarecrow Competition ANY QUEEN WILL DO!

Bring out your creative skills and have fun in making a Scarecrow to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee, to the theme Any Queen will do!
Display in your front garden, judging will take place from 2pm Friday 3rd June
To enter email your name and address to
Bitteswelljubilee@gmail.com

Tributes to Reg Flint

Margaret Foster writes:

It is with a degree of sadness that we record the death of Reg Flint, a councillor who faithfully served on Bitteswell with Bittesby Parish Council for upwards of 25 years. I say with a degree of sadness, as he attained the age of 92, and, although physically rather frail towards the end of his life, his brain remained as active as ever.

His Funeral Service took place at St. Mary's Church, and the wake afterwards at the Grey Goose, went like clockwork as we would expect from someone who knew precisely what he wanted.



Reg was tenacious and determined with a brilliant command of the English language, and high expectations. Many a Secretary of State, Member of Parliament, Council Officer or Business Director must have quaked in their boots on receiving one of Reg's missives. A simple acknowledgement would not suffice!

Not many of us would wade through hundreds of pages of planning regulations, but Reg would. His understanding of such matters was astonishing. The decimation of trees in the village was also something which Reg felt strongly about, somewhat perversely as he always requested hardcopies of every document. Under it all, Reg was a devoted family man, very kind hearted and a true gentleman.

We will miss you Reg and extend our sympathy to Pauline and all the family.

David Percival writes:

Reg and I joined the then Bitteswell Parish Council at the same time in the mid 1990's. From the outset Reg had two priorities and they were the preservation of trees within the village and Magna Park.

It is thanks to him that many of the trees within the village are still flourishing and have not been chopped down or pruned to within an inch of their lives.

When we joined the Parish Council, Magna Park was in its infancy having been created in 1988 in a joint venture between Asda and the Church of England. Reg worked tirelessly to try to reduce the impact of the ever-growing Magna Park on Bitteswell and the surrounding area.

A very private man who kept himself in the background and many residents would not appreciate how much he had done for the village in the 25/30 years.

In Memory of Ethel Carmel Hayes

Richard Hayes writes:

On 30th October 2021 Bitteswell lost its oldest resident, at 93 years of age.

Ethel, born in Northern Ireland on 13th June 1928, moved to Ashby Lane Bitteswell in 1961. With Husband Eric, and Children Richard, Caroline and Elizabeth it was to be her home for the next 60 years.

She had a long, happy and active life in Bitteswell, being a member of the WI and arranging flowers in the church, while participating fully in village activities.

Church News *Margaret Foster writes:*

We are looking forward to hosting the Jubilee Memorabilia Exhibition on Friday the 3rd and Saturday the 4th of June.

A number of people and organisations have come forward to exhibit and it's surprising what we have tucked away, relating to the village, which will be of interest. A special Jubilee Service is taking place on Sunday the 5th of June at 9.30am.



The Wycliffe Fellowship is now well established and we are delighted that there is movement between the three churches, enabling us to get to know one another better and enjoy uniting in worship. Service patterns are working well, with a more traditional Service, usually Holy Communion, taking place at Cotesbach on the first and third Sundays of the month at 9.30am and here in Bitteswell on the second and fourth Sundays at 9.30am. A more contemporary Service takes place at Lutterworth Church at 11am with additional Services at other times, and during the week too. Do look at our noticeboard, and the three websites, for further details. When there are special festivals Service patterns may be adjusted.

A friendly group meets in church on a Thursday morning, at 10.30am, for about an hour, where we discuss the Bible passage which has been used in church the previous Sunday. You would be most welcome to join us! Meetings and initial preparations are taking place regarding the interregnum (always a lengthy process), following the departure of Rev. Charlie, and we will update you in due course.

In the meantime we are in the very capable hands of Rev. Tom and the team, who are doing a superb job in ensuring that normal service is maintained.