

Village Hall News

Joanne Holyland writes:

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who attended and supported our fundraising tea and cake afternoon on March 11th. The hall was full of laughter and chatter, and it was lovely to see everyone having a good time. The 'Bitteswell Bakers' excelled themselves with an absolutely delicious array of cakes. We could only hold this event with the support of this fabulous group of people, and would like to thank them again for their time, trouble and support. The raffle was full of some fabulous, quality prizes, thanks to generous donations from villagers and from Marks and Spencer, Fosse Park. Our next fundraising event will be a pop-up art and craft sale on Sunday 4th June. Further details to follow.

The Village Hall Friends and Neighbours coffee mornings continue to be held on the first Friday of each month 10am -12pm. Everyone is welcome, so please pop in for a chat with your neighbours over a complimentary cuppa. The next few dates are: May 5th, June 2nd, July 7th and August 4th 2023.

Finally, as we all know, parking can be an issue in the village. Just to let you know that The Royal Oak have very kindly said that users of The VillageHall can now park in their car park, as long as they park down at the bottom, away from the pub itself. Hopefully this will make life a little easier for those driving to the village hall and for those who live nearby.



For all enquires and bookings: contact Claire or Paul bitteswellvillagehall@gmail.com or phone

Bitteswell WI

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th May at 7.30pm. The meeting will be WI Resolutions followed by a Bring n' Buy Plant Sale. Everyone Welcome

Bitteswell and Bittesby Parish Council

Next Parish Council Meeting 7pm 23rd May 2023

Venue : Village Hall 7pm All welcome to attend www.bitteswell.org

There are currently vacancies available on the parish council, for more information contact the Clerk on email Parishclerk@bitteswell.org.uk

Get growing for The Produce Show

If you are a keen Gardner or never put a seed in the ground before, you could really surprise yourself. The Produce Show is in September at St. Mary's Church Bitteswell, for you to display the fruits of your labour.

So have a go and see what grows in your garden, tubs or window sills!!

Categories are: Fruits: 3 Cooking Apples, 3 Eating Apples, 4 Salad Tomatoes, 6 Cherry Tomatoes, 2 Peppers/Chills, Plate of Berries, **Vegetables:** Runner beans, 3 carrots, 2 Courgettes, 3 Onions, 3 Parsnips.

Longest Runner Bean, Biggest Marrow/Squash, Most misshapen vegetable, Rudest Vegetable, Bunch of Herbs.

Flowers: Single Rose, Single Bloom, 3 Dahlias, Pot grown Plant 9"

Plus lots of other categories: Cakes, Jams, Crafts, Garden in a Tray. More details to follow in next newsletter

Remember to send your Coronation photo memories, special events, news items etc. to:

Bitteswellnewsletter@gmail.com
Sharee Editor on 07834 689828

BITTESWELL NEWSLETTER

April 2023

As part of the **Produce Show** being held in September at St.Marys's Church, there will be a:

Sunflower Festival

Villagers are invited to grow sunflowers,tallest or largest head, and bring to the church to display them in pots or cut. A fun way to get the whole family involved and a real talking point!

Seeds attached to this newsletter (see how to get started inside)
Good Luck and Enjoy!



'A Right Royal Do'
Bitteswell

Coronation Celebration of
KING CHARLES III

6th and 7th May

See inside

Funded by United Charities of Bitteswell



Coronation Barn Dance

limited tickets available

Saturday 6th May 7.30pm—10.30pm, Village Green

£10 each and £5 per child (5-12 years, under 5 free) and can be reserved by sending an email to: Bitteswelljubilee@gmail.com

Stating your name, address and how many required by Friday 28th April

BBQ Food available

Reminder to bring your own chairs and small side table as space is limited

Coronation Afternoon Tea

Village Green

Sunday 7th May 12noon 5pm

Bring your Gazebo or use the Marquee

Games & Dog and Pet Show

4.30pm Grand Finale—Tug O War
Valley Lane vs. Ashby Lane

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

Deck up your front door. Just for Fun!

Make a **Coronation wreath** to hang on your front door for everyone to admire



Order your Souvenir Coronation

Mug

Pippa Clarkson writes:

To celebrate the coronation a bespoke bone china mug has been commissioned. Printed in Stoke on Trent, and featuring the official coronation logo, it also includes the statement **Bitteswell Celebrates**, making it unique to our village. The rim and handle are trimmed in gold giving it a regal touch. A limited number are available. Priced at £10.00 per single mug, £19.00 for 2 and £36.00 for 4.



To pre-order, please register your interest ASAP by emailing Pippa on pippaclarkson@outlook.com stating how many mugs you wish to reserve.

Sunflower Growing Instructions

Lets see who can grow the tallest Sunflower or the largest head by circumference.



Seeds are Giant Yellow Single, grows to 200-300 cm high!

Growing instructions: Sow under cover March—April, 0.5cm deep, in separate pots if possible. Plant out in late May. Outdoors: In situ or larger pots, in May. Thin or transplant to 30-45cm. Grows in most soils, in full Sun. Flowers July to September

Judging will take place at The Produce Show in September at St.Mary's Church, Bitteswell. More details about the Produce Show in the next Newsletter.

Thank you!

Clive and Julie Pinnick would like to say a 'Big Thank You' to Chris and the team at The Royal Oak for putting up with the scaffolding and building works at Peveril, Valley Lane. Indeed they would like to thank all neighbours for their understanding over the past year

Good neighbours are priceless, so important to value exactly what we have in this lovely village.

Bitteswell Coronation Dog and Pet Show The Green, Sunday 7th May Register 12 noon



Lucinda Nimmo writes:

It has been years since Bitteswell shined a light on its smaller residents! So this year with the Coronation of the King our furry, (or not so) friends are invited to join in the fun.

So pamper those pooches, cuddle the cat, glamorise your Guinea Pigs and indulge your Iguana in preparation for their big day!!

There are a variety of fun classes, as detailed below:

Dog Show

Golden Oldie 7 years and above
Best Puppy under 1
Gorgeous Girl/Handsome Fella
Best Sausage Catcher / Dog with Waggiest tail
Dog with best trick / Best Rescue
Most Obedient dog, young handler 6-10yr/10-15yr

Pets

Best Male/Female Cat
Grumpiest Cat
Noisiest Cat



Pet Fancy Dress

Small Pets: rabbits, mice, guinea pigs, gerbils, rats, chickens and any manor of pet you wish to show

TO ENTER OR ENQUIRIES please contact Lucinda on:

Bitteswellpetshow@gmail.com

All entries by 1st May