



## Friends and Neighbours Coffee Morning Village Hall

3rd December 10am—12pm

For all enquiries and bookings for the Village Hall contact Claire or Paul [bitteswellvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:bitteswellvillagehall@gmail.com) or phone 01455 559597

## At the entrance of Bitteswell Church



Sunflower Festival

**Macmillian Coffee Morning** Carmel and her family wish to thank all those that attended a coffee morning in September and entered and contributed to the raffle and delicious cakes, raising over £1500! An amazing amount going towards this charity.

## Bitteswell and Bittesby Parish Council— Next Meeting Are held in the Village Hall

To find out about next meeting visit [www.bitteswell.org.uk](http://www.bitteswell.org.uk)  
All welcome to attend

Remember to send photos,  
memories, special events, news items  
[Bitteswellnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Bitteswellnewsletter@gmail.com)  
Sharee on 07834 689828

## Another well attended Pumpkin Trail

*Phil Chambers writes:*

Many thanks to all who attended, and created displays for the Bitteswell Pumpkin Trail. This year we had 13 entrants and around 200 people took part in the trail itself. The Votes were cast and the 2023 winners were 'Hubwarts' with their excellent Harry Potter inspired display, incorporation beautifully calved pumpkins, hidden potions, and excellent photo opportunities. They will receive their prize (family ticket to Cattows Halloween Farm) next year.



The event raised in excess of £500 for Rainbows Children's Hospice and provided a great opportunity for families to enjoy Halloween in a safe and creative environment.



Special thanks to Lauren Davis, The Green, for providing us with the graphics for the event and voting system enabling everyone to choose their favourite display



## Bitteswell School Christmas Raffle

*Dawn Reynolds writes*

Our PTA Committee—Friends of Bitteswell School have organised a Christmas Prize Draw to raise money for much needed new books and towards the renovation of the playground.

There are some fantastic prizes up for grabs including....

- 1st Prize £150 Amazon Voucher**
- 2nd Prize £100 John Lewis/Waitrose Voucher**
- 3rd Prize £100 Amazon Voucher**

Plus lots more wonderful prizes to be won. Tickets are only £1 each and can be purchased at the school office. The draw takes place on **Monday 18th December**. Any support you can give to our fundraising would be much appreciated. Thank you

## BITTESWELL NEWSLETTER

Tickets for film event  
Friday 8th December at  
11am and 7pm are just  
£2.50

see advert opposite

November 2023

Funded by United Charities

## Film Screening

Come and support an award-winning local film!



Friday 8th December  
BITTESWELL VILLAGE HALL

TWO SCREENINGS  
11am and 7pm  
£2.50

YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING ALONG REFRESHMENTS  
TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE

EITHER TURN UP OR RESERVE SEATS ON 01971 588249

Set in the heart of rural Warwickshire, Rudy finds her relationship with her dad being tested and while dealing with a recent loss, she feels increasingly pushed out when her home gets opened up to a paying guest. Through a newfound friendship with a boy from Coventry, she discovers fun, freedom and autonomy.

RUDY is a poignant insight into love, loss and moving on.

### CAST

Esther McCormick, Darren Day  
Kanune Morrissey  
Rustie Lee, Sylvia Lorden

Directed by BAFTA nominated  
Director Shona Auerbach  
(12A mins)

## Bitteswell Produce and Sunflower Festival

*Anna Smith writes*

With 167 entries and visitors all through the afternoon of the 23<sup>rd</sup> September the produce show proved to be very popular. With the church decorated ready for the Harvest festival the following day, the weekend was a really super community event.

The refreshments served enabled visitors to sit over tea and cake and have a general catch up and chat. The raffle was well supported and friends were generous in donating the prizes.



The sunflowers grew, some went to seed but we had an overall winner with Sian and Nick Cook's plant growing to a height of 3.69m

The largest flower head was won by Trevor Middleton with the circumference of 146cms. The winners were given a pair of sunflower decorated drinking glasses.



A special extra award was given to Lottie Paterson who presented a pictorial diary of her sunflower growing, which was also awarded second place for its height.

Within the produce section the classes were varied and popular. The judges commented on the quality of the exhibits and complimented the overall set up and organisation.

Overall winner with the most points was Lucinda Nimmo and we were delighted to award her the Margaret Foster Trophy along with a pair of sunflower wine glasses.



The overall points within the children's section were gained by Mia Dand, Emily Dand and Hannah Cross. They all received Hobbycraft Vouchers.

The whole event received financial support from the Village United Charities, the organisers were grateful for this.

## How did this event evolve?,

Early in 2022 an appeal was made in the newsletter for any interested parties to gather together to help organise a Platinum event.

Those attending organised the Barn Dance, The Sunday picnic, the Tug of War and The Memorial Display in church over the Platinum Weekend, and although a sad event The Flower Festival in September due to the timing, proved to be a wonderful tribute to the late Queen Elizabeth and was featured on the BBC news.

Following this, we then realised that the subsequent Coronation would be another event, so another Barn Dance was organised along with the Sunday picnic, Dog show and Tug of War competition. Because a second event later in the year was popular in 2022, a Sunflower Festival and Produce Show was suggested for 2023. This was a new project for most of us, so we circulated nearly 2000 sunflower seeds and a varied schedule of classes and waited!!



The encouraging comments and the promises to enter if we have another show next year, have made us think, if we are able, to organise a second.

We are all willing volunteers, not a formal committee and everyone brings their own slant and skills to the planned events. We generally meet at the Oak, so watch out for notices in the newsletter.



All help and any new ideas would be welcomed



The lovely Village **Carol Service** moves back into the church this year and will be at 6pm on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December**.

The **Christmas Eve** service will be at 9pm on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**. Please join us at these two traditional village events for carols and a chance to get into the spirit of Christmas.

## Village Hall Wreath Making Event

*Joanne Holyland writes:*

**Monday 27th November  
and Tuesday 28th November  
At 7pm cost £40**

There are a few tickets left for wreath making in The Village Hall. Price includes all materials and refreshments. Just bring along your gardening gloves and secateurs. Send us an email on [bitteswellvillage-hall@gmail.com](mailto:bitteswellvillage-hall@gmail.com) if you would like to buy a ticket.



## Bitteswell WI Diary

**Monday 27th November Christmas Crafts £5** Open Event at No.12 High Street, Lutterworth  
All Welcome, to book a place 07913795117

**Tuesday 5th December 7pm Christmas Party** 2.30pm till 4.30pm Village Hall

**Friday 8th December Christmas Carol Concert** at St. Mary's Bitteswell 7pm. All welcome

**NEW YEAR, NEW TIME!** We are moving our meetings to the **3rd Tuesday in the month 2pm until 4pm**, visitors always welcome, come along and see what we do.

**Tuesday 16th January 2024!** Guest Speaker Andrea Bridges **'Being a Magistrate'** Visitors always welcome

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