

Women's Institute

There is no meeting in August as it is the Annual Garden Party. The next meeting will be on 10th September 2019. As always visitors are warmly welcome,

Church News

We were shocked and saddened, about a month ago to discover that the lead had been stolen from the church roof. We tended to hope that as the church is surrounded by houses we might escape the growing problem, but it was not to be. Nobody heard or saw anything! Fortunately the problem was discovered quickly and during a dry spell, so there was no damage to the inside of the church for which we must give thanks. We are very grateful to Tom Newton from Cotesbach and Rev. Charlie who have covered the area as a temporary measure and we are pleased to report that not a drop of rain has entered the church during the deluges which have occurred since. Estimates for replacement have been gathered (not lead!) and the Faculty for the work will be applied for shortly. Unfortunately there a number of hoops to jump through! You will appreciate that this replacement work will cost a considerable amount of money. We should get some insurance payment as the lead was marked with 'Smartwater', but the insurance company greatly limits the payout now. Some churches have had £200,000 of lead stolen and the problem has become very common. In order to raise some funds we are holding a Cream Teas event on Sunday the 1st of September, in the church grounds (inside if wet), from 2.30pm to 5pm. We intend to have a raffle, and tombola for adults and children, so if you are able to provide a prize we would be grateful. Also homemade cakes and scones would be much appreciated. Any other suggestions of fundraising ideas would be helpful. Please put the date in your diary

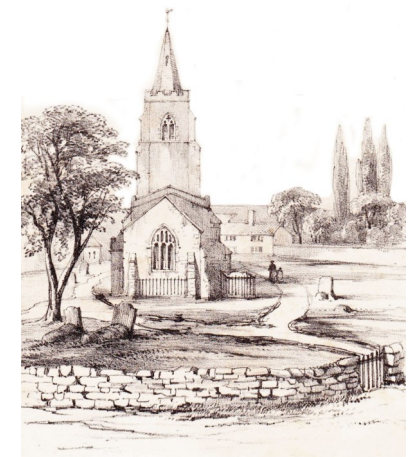
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Please contact Faye Winterton, Bitteswell House, Valley Lane (Tel: (01455) 558977 or fwinterton@outlook.com) if you have any items for inclusion in the September edition before

Friday 23rd August 2019

			SIDESPERSION	FLOWERS
August 4th	10.30	Benefice Service in Lutterworth		No Flowers
August 11th	11.00	Morning Service	Mrs A. Haynes	Jean Jesson
August 18th	11.00	Morning Service	Mr C. Tipple	Jean Jesson
August 25th	11.00	Communion by Extension & Junior Church	Mr G. Buxton	Sue Lamont

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CHURCH SERVICES

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United Charities Education Grants

Do you want to learn something new? Or are you planning to sign up for a course at an adult education centre, FE college or University? At any age or stage, whatever subject you are interested in whether arts and crafts, maths or science, history or geography United Charities could help you with a small grant funded by the Jim and Amy Deacon bequest. Apply in writing stating which course you want to take, where, and what you want to achieve, to the Treasurer, John Booth at The Brambles, Ashby Lane, Bitteswell or by email to john7319@googlemail.com by 31st August 2019.

United Trust Cottage-Manor Road

Sheila Carlton Chairman of the Bitteswell United Trust writes "The Trustees of Bitteswell United Charities (charity registration no. 218278) are considering selling Church Cottage in Manor Road. At present we are consulting the Charity Commission about its disposal. If local residents wish to express their views, please communicate directly with the Charity Commission by 11th September 2019 via the enquiry form accessible on the home page of the website www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission and also email to United Charity Secretary/Treasurer John Booth at john7319@gmail.com"

Open Gardens for Charity at Green Wicket Farm

Anna Smith writes "...Well, were to start? Mainly with lots of thanks!... To the loyal band of helpers who make these afternoons so successful. The refreshment helpers, the cake makers, the ticket team, We had a steady stream of lovely visitors and we were blessed with the perfect weather. We all worked really hard and raised an amazing £1600. ALL money raised goes directly into the scheme which in turn supports nursing charities nationally" Well done to Green Wicket Farm and to all those involved in the Open Gardens. This is a fantastic achievement and could not have been done without all those who supported the event and those who visited.

Aluminium can collection for helipads

The Rotary Club of Lutterworth and St Marys Before and After School Club are involved in the collection of aluminium cans in order to help build new Helipads for NHS Hospitals. The Association of Air Ambulance now has more than forty ultra modern helicopters, but many NHS A&E do not have an approved helicopter landing pad. Therefore, the collected aluminium cans are crushed and smelted to form sections of a helipad for a NHS hospital. Graham Johnson of Field House, Ashby Lane is collecting these empty cans and they can be deposited in the green bins on his driveway. Please support this very worthwhile charity and save your cans. Many Thanks

Foodbank

The Foodbank is appealing for items where stocks are exhausted: Laundry powder or liquid (Morrisons sell small white boxes of Bio Powder for just 80p and these are ideal) washing up liquid (34p at Morrisons), toothpaste, children's toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, deodorant, dishcloths, bin bags, tinned Fray Bentos type meat pies and sponge puddings. The Foodbank do not need any more baked beans or soup as stocks are plentiful. There are green donation containers at: Bitteswell - St Mary's Primary School, Lutterworth - Waitrose, Age Concern Charity Shop (Town Square), Linden Drive Co-op, St Marys' Church, Chapel Street Christian Fellowship, Catholic Church, United Reform Church and Bartrams Estate Agency on Church St. For information call (01455) 558797or email info@lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk

Want to donate money? Check our website www.lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money

St Marys School

The children of St Marys School ended the school year in spectacular style putting on an end of year performance of Oliver, worthy of the West End! Not only did the children have to learn the lines and act their parts and learn all of the songs they also were given the opportunities to organise their own stage and lighting cues, and be responsible for the sound production and props too! They did three magnificent performances enjoyed by family, friends and residents of the village. The children have now earned a well deserve break for the summer and St Marys looks forward to welcoming a new class of reception children when they start back on 29th August 2019 for another year of fantastic learning opportunities to all of the children in school. Enjoy the summer holidays everyone!

Planning Applications

19/01070/FUL— Remodelling of house and erection of two garden pavilions, Manor House (Mr and Mrs Sumra) Comments to Harborough District Council (HDC) by 1st Aug 2019

19/01061/FUL—Demolition of garage, erection of two storey/one storey side extension, conversion of first floor storey with addition of a dormer, Roseberry Valley Lane (Mr and Mrs Allsop) Comments to HDC by 1st Aug 2019

19/01133/TCA—work to tress, 8 Valley Lane (Mr P McHugh) Comments to HDC by 8th Aug 2019

19/01120/TCA—work to trees, 23 Valley Lane (Mr K Webb) Comments to HDC by 8th Aug 2019

19/01190/NMA—Change of roof material, increase of cladding, change of fenestration, addition of solar panels and air source heat pump (non material amendments to **18/01481/FUL**, Turnpike Cottage (Mr and Mrs Kenton) Comment date is not available

19/01153/TCA—work to trees (fell) Twinning The Nook (Mr and Mrs Quick) Comments to HDC by 15th Aug 2019

19/01213/PCD—Discharge of condition of landscaping and condition 13 (contamination) of **19/00648/VAC** Lane off Ashby Lane (Mr and Mrs Hall) Comments to HDC by 21st Aug 2019

The Jim & Amy Deacon Taxi Service

United Charities runs a taxi service for village residents funded by an endowment from Jim & Amy Deacon, a couple who lived in Bitteswell in 1970s/80s. Their thoughtful generosity provides this useful service for residents who need help to travel to medical appointments and other emergencies when they do not have access to their own transport within their family or friends. This month, the telephone contacts are Mrs S. Carlton (552077) and Mr P. Osborn (553178).

Parish Council

The last meeting of the Bitteswell with Bittesby Parish Council was held on 11th July 2019. The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Thursday 19th September 2019**. Minutes and Agenda to follow.

Parish councillor vacancies

There are still 2 vacancies on the Parish Council. If anyone is interested in joining the Parish Council or would like any further information about the role please contact the Clerk, Cathy Walsh, at parishclerk@bitteswell.org.uk