

Women's Institute

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 7.30pm** at the Village Hall where there will be a Farmhouse Cookery demonstration by Brenda Featherstone. The competition is the most useful cooking utensil. As always visitors are most welcome.

Church News

The Cream Teas afternoon provided a happy interlude for a large number of people at the start of September. Although a dry day it was a bit blustery so many folk took advantage of tables and chairs set up indoors and enjoyed a chat with friends whilst enjoying delicious cakes and scones and the chance to win some great prizes. Very many thanks to everyone who supported this fundraising event either by attending, providing cakes, scones, prizes or by helping in some way. There is a lot of work involved in making an event a success so whatever your contribution we are very grateful. We are delighted to report that £982 was raised towards the roof fund. We are hopeful that work will start very soon as we are anxious to make the roof completely watertight before the winter. Another fundraising event will take place on Saturday 2nd November from 10am until 12 noon. If you are able to help or have a bright idea for raising extra funds please make contact. We do need to raise much more for the roof.

The Service of Celebration for the Life of Jean Hurd will take place in church on Tuesday 8th October at 11am.

Next Issue

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

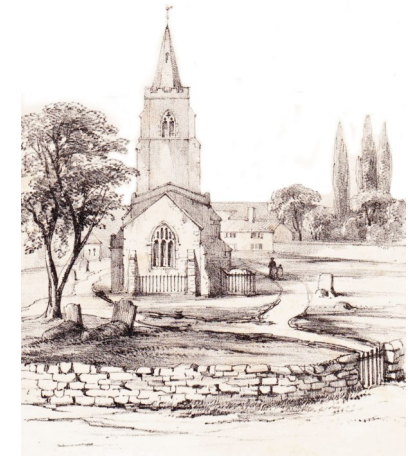
Friday 25th October 2019

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October 6th	10.30	Benefice Service in Lutterworth		Harvest Flowers
October 13th	11.00	Holy Communion	Mr G. Buxton	Church Flowers
October 20th	11.00	Morning Service	Mrs A. Haynes	Church Flowers
October 27th	11.00	Holy Communion and Junior Church	Mrs C. Tiple	Church Flowers

CHURCH SERVICES

BITTESWELL NEWSLETTER

October 2019



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Pinfold WW1 Bench

Sheila Carlton, Chairman of United Trust writes "Have you seen the new spruced up Pinfold recently? United Charities Trust thought that we would commemorate WW1 ending in 1918 and also celebrate the introduction of the women's vote that year. In consultation with the Parish Council and with a grant from the HDC, a new bench was commissioned. With the help of Graeme Pearson, who renovated the paving slabs as his contribution to the joint project, the bench was installed this month. The trustees hope that it will prompt more use of the Pinfold as an area for sitting and chatting. We hope you like it!"

Well Done

It has been lovely to hear the good news stories of the young people in the village who received their exam results last month. Well done to all of you and we wish you lots of luck in whatever you have chosen to do next.

Work Live Leicestershire Project

This multi agency project which is running until June 2020 helps anyone over 18 years old looking for employment, training or voluntary work. They have a pop up careers club held every Tuesday from 2-4pm at the Lutterworth library until 29th October 2019. For further information about the scheme visit www.ruralcc.org.uk/will or contact Tori Haines at thaines@ruralcc.org.uk or on (01455) 856330.

Dog Fouling

People in the village have mentioned that dog fouling on the pavements and on the green is currently a problem. Please can all dog walkers be mindful of clearing up after their dogs, and thank you to all of you who already do. As a parent of a child who walks to school it is a miserable start to the morning having to clean children's shoes before going into school. The walkers, dog walkers and children playing on the green is what makes this village a wonderful place to live so please help us to keep the village a clean place to enjoy.

Village Hall Yoga Classes

There are places available in the yoga classes that are held at the village hall each Sunday at 11-12pm and on a Monday from 12.15pm-1.45pm. For further information contact Hannah on 07751770203 or info@yogawithhannah.com

Foodbank

Harvest Festival donations of food from churches has helped to replenish stocks. Thank you to everyone who contributed. We are now preparing for the Christmas period when demands on the Foodbank rise. We try to provide a few festive extras at Christmas such as mince pies, Christmas puddings, some chocolate, a tin of ham, or some biscuits. We start distributing these from early in December so if you are able to donate these items during October and November that gives the volunteers plenty of time to pack the festive bags. At the moment the Foodbank is short of tinned fish, tinned Fray Bentos style meat pies, tinned meat of any kind, laundry powder or liquid (Morrisons sell small 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, and binbags. There are green donation containers at:

Bitteswell - St Mary's Primary School, Lutterworth - Morrisons, 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. **There is a new donation point at Lutterworth Leisure Centre.** For information call (01455) 558797 or 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—Aldi Kit for School

St Marys are currently collecting Aldi "Kit for School" stickers. Every time you spend £30 in Aldi you'll receive a Team GB sticker to help a school complete a poster, that enables them to receive free sports kits and a chance to win £20,000. If you do shop at Aldi please can collect these stickers for the school. You can hand them in to reception or put them in the post box at the front entrance of school. It is a great chance to help promote sport in school. Many thanks.

St Marys School

The children filled St Marys church with songs, poems, paintings and thoughtful words to celebrate Harvest Festival. They had been learning at school about homelessness and those less fortunate than ourselves. It was lovely to see so many of the parents and families of the Reception Class who came to see the first performance of their children who did a spectacular job! We are so fortunate at St Marys that the children get so many opportunities to perform, which has an enormous positive impact on their confidence and their learning.

Children's Society Annual Box

The Children's Society is a charity that does lots of work with disadvantaged children in the UK and has a scheme whereby you keep a money box for a year and put your loose change in it. It is then all collected up at the end of the year. This has been done in Bitteswell for many years and so far has raised over £900. The handing over of the boxes will take place this year on **Saturday 5th October 2019 at St Marys Church between 10-12pm.** If there is anyone who is willing to count money on that day or make tea and coffee to support the counting, it would be really appreciated. Please can you contact Charlotte Cowie on 07775704315 if you can help. If you would be interested in joining the scheme for next year, and keeping a money box, Charlotte would be pleased to hear from you.

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).

Planning Application

19/01465/FUL—Land at Glebe Farm, Coventry Road, Lutterworth. Erection of 70,218 sqm logistic centre (Gazeley UK Ltd). Comments to HDC by 8th October 2019.

19/01400/TCA—work to trees, The Orchard, Valley Lane (Mr Biggins). Comments to HDC by 3rd October 2019.

Parish Council

The next meeting of the Bitteswell with Bittesby Parish Council will take place on **Thursday 21st November 2019.** At each meeting there is an opportunity for residents to ask questions or make comments on any subject that concerns them. Everyone is welcome to come along and find out what is happening in the village and Harborough District.

Parking and Grass Verges

The Parish Council have asked that people be mindful of how and where they park in the village, being aware not to block driveways and pathways nor park on the Green or any of the other grass verges in the village. Many thanks.