

Women's Institute

The next meeting will be on 10th September 2019.
As always visitors are warmly welcome.

Church News

We very much hope that you will be able to join us on Sunday 1st of September between 2.30pm and 5pm for our Cream Teas event in the church grounds (hopefully!) or inside if the weather is against us. There will also be a raffle and tombola for which we would be grateful for any contributions. As you are aware we need to raise upwards of £20,000 to replace the stolen roof which we hope to do as soon as possible as you will appreciate. If you are able to make a cake or scones or have items suitable for the raffle or tombola please contact Margaret on 01455553258 (a message can be left) and I can arrange collection. Residents who visit the churchyard extension on Ullesthorpe Road will have noted that one of the areas currently unused has been left uncut this Summer. We are all becoming increasingly aware that wildlife and wild flowers are slowly disappearing and we are encouraged to save them. This section of the churchyard was a mass of grasses, wild flowers, butterflies, moths, dragonflies and ladybirds to name but a few so we were happy to preserve the habitat. On Sunday 29th September we will celebrate our Harvest Festival with a Service for all the family. We hope that those attending will provide items or monetary contributions for the Foodbank which does wonderful work supporting local families. Do join us as we give thanks for the work which the farming community does for us all.

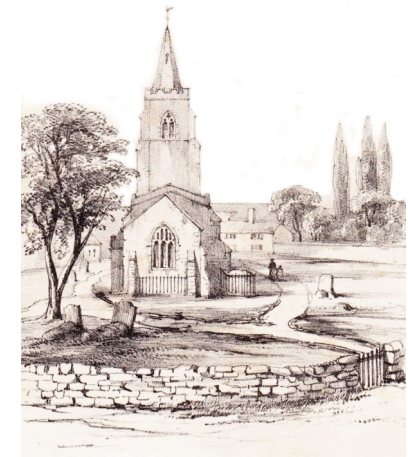
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Please contact Faye Winterton, Bitteswell House, Valley Lane (Tel: (01455) 558977 or fwinterton@outlook.com) if you have any items for inclusion in the October edition before

Friday 27th September 2019

			SIDEPERSON	FLOWERS
September 1st	10.30	Benefice Service in Lutterworth		No Flowers
September 8th	11.00	Morning Service	Mrs M. Foster	Church Flowers
September 15th		Morning Service	Mrs B. Clare	Wedding Flowers
September 22nd	11.00	Holy Communion	Mrs C. Millington	Wedding Flowers
September 29th	11.00	Harvest Festival	Mrs S. Woodhead	Festival Flowers

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CHURCH SERVICES

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.

Cream Teas at St Marys Church

Imagine spending Sunday afternoon basking in glorious sunshine, enjoying homemade freshly baked scones and cakes with a nice cup of tea?! We have just the place to make this reality. Come and join our Cream Teas event on **Sunday 1st September 2019 from 2.30pm– 5.00pm**. Rain or shine please help raise much needed funds for the church roof. Donations for the tombola and raffle would be greatly received as would any cakes or scones that can be baked for the event. Please contact Margaret Foster on (01455) 553258 who will be happy to arrange to collect any items you have. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Macmillan Coffee Morning St Marys Church

Please come and join us and support the Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on **Friday 27th September 9.00 am - 12.00pm** at St Marys Church. As usual we will be offering Tea and Coffee served with biscuits. There will also be a raffle, a cake stall and a bookstall. Please call in for a short while or stay all morning! It is a lovely way to catch up with people in the village and friends whilst raising money to help people living with cancer. You are all most welcome.

St Marys School

The summer seems to go so quickly and it is back to school for the children on 29th August 2019. There are school trips planned this term including the Space Centre to enhance the learning of the new topics being taught this year. The reception children will have their first trip to St Marys Church to enjoy a drink and biscuit to support the Macmillan Coffee Morning. It is always so lovely to see the children at this event.

Work Live Leicestershire Project

The Rural Community Council (RCC) and Work Live Leicestershire Project visited Bitteswell in August to let residents know about the project which runs until June 2020 and can help anyone over 18 years old looking for employment, training or voluntary work. It is a multi-partner project offering a range of benefits helping individuals every step of the way to reach their goals. There will be a “pop up” careers club held in Lutterworth Library for 8 weeks every Tuesday 2-4 pm starting on September 10th 2019. Come along for a chat about your future career possibilities. You can check eligibility at www.ruralcc.org.uk/will or you can email Tori Haines thaines@ruralcc.org.uk or call (01455)856330. This project is funded by the European Social Fund and The National Lottery Community Fund.

Foodbank

Thank you for all of your donations during the school summer holidays which have really helped those families who get free school meals and find it hard to provide lunches for their children. The Foodbank is short of nearly everything at the moment as over the summer more food has been distributed than has been donated. We only have stocks of baked beans, soup, cereal, pasta and tea bags. We have no stocks of jam, rice pudding, sponge pudding, tinned snack meals (ravioli, beans with sausages etc), rice, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauces, tinned fish, Fray Bentos meat style pies, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, laundry powder or liquid (Morrisons sell small white boxes of Bio Powder for just 80p and these are ideal), washing up liquid (34p Morrisons), toothpaste, children’s toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant, dish clothes and binbags. There are green donation containers at: Bitteswell - St Mary’s Primary School, **Lutterworth - Morrisons (a new Donation Point)**, 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) 558797 or email info@lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk

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

Powell and Welch Almshouse Charity

Thank you to all those who registered with the Amazon Smile fundraising scheme to help raise funds towards the Christmas lights that are put up in the hedges and trees surrounding Powell There is still time to support this scheme by logging into your Amazon Account using www.smile.amazon.co.uk and selecting Powell and Welch Almshouse Charity. It literally takes a couple of minutes and will help light up the village this year.

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. Included in the minutes of this meeting was the community concern and the response and actions of the Leicestershire Police in relation to the theft from the roof at St Marys Church. The other matters that were discussed included Financial Matters, Planning Matters, White Cottage, The Neighbourhood Plan and Grass Cutting. The repairs to the Lutterworth Road Footpath commenced on 21st August 2019 and have been completed. The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Thursday 19th September 2019 at 7pm at the Village Hall**. 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 in Harborough District.

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