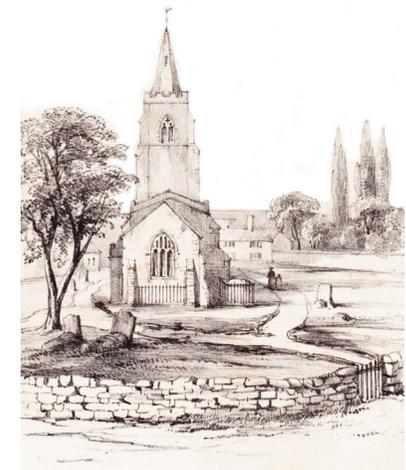


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*A Happy and Healthy 2019 to all
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CHURCH SERVICES

			SIDEPERSON		FLOWERS
January 6 th	10.30	Benefice Service in Luttermworth			
January 13 th	11.00	Christingle Service	Children		Mrs A Hayes
<i>This Service supports the work of The Children's Society and is always enjoyed by children of all ages!</i>					
January 20 th	11.00	Morning Service	Mrs B Clare		Mrs P Tipple
January 27 th	11.00	All Age Service & Baptism	Mrs S Woodhead		Mrs P Tipple

Church News

Margaret Foster writes: "As a new year dawns, and we prepare to clear away the decorations, it is good to reflect on Christmas Services which have offered something for everyone. The Carol Service, always well received, is traditional and charming, with enthusiastic carol singing and familiar readings which acted as a lovely start to the festivities. Christmas Eve Holy Communion and the Christmas Day Service were enjoyed by our church family and visitors who celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ.

On January the 13th the Christingle Service will take place for children of all ages! St. Mary's Church, and the residents of Bitteswell and the wider community have, for a considerable number of years, had strong links with The Children's Society, a charity which does tremendous work with children going through difficult times. When we hear some of their stories it acts as a stark reminder about just how privileged we are. Do come along!

There is a very strong team at St. Mary's who carry out the considerable number of tasks with good grace and commitment and the Parochial Church Council is most grateful. We would like to thank Charlie, Tom, and the team who lead Services, for all their hard work during the course of the year. To everyone who contributes to the life of St. Mary's Church, in whatever way, you are very much appreciated and we couldn't exist without you. Many thanks!

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council may I wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful 2019!"

Next Issue

Please contact David Percival, Cedar Cottage, Manor Road, Bitteswell (tel: (01455) 553213 or e-mail: davidwpercival66@gmail.com) if you have any items for inclusion in the February edition before

Saturday January 26th

Christmas Lights.

Once again the Christmas Lights by the Almhouses looked wonderful, very much in keeping with the village. Thanks must go to Bob Manning and his helpers for such a sterling job.

Village Hall Yoga Classes

Men's only Yoga Sundays 10.00a.m.-11.00a.m., Yoga for all Sundays 11.00a.m.-12.00 noon ,Yoga for all Mondays 12.15p.m.-1.45p.m.

Booking is required as spaces are limited.

For more information 07751 770 203 or info@yogawithhannah.com

Women's Institute

Gloria Spaul writes: "The Bitteswell W.I. have had a good year with many interesting speakers. Our craft days held one evening a month have proved to be popular with us all learning something new and producing articles such as pebble pictures and painted glass. Our Christmas craft evening gave us several items for gifts and ornaments. We have also had trips to the theatres in Hinckley and Leicester. Several members have been on three day courses at the WI's Denman College. We are a lively mixed age group and would love to see more villagers joining us. Have a Happy New Year from all WI members."

The next Meeting Of Bitteswell Women's Institute will be held on **Tuesday January 8th** . **Dr John Sutton** will give a talk "The History of the National Census" The competition will be for " A Clock or Watch". Visitors, as usual, are very welcome.

Petra Maderkova

Jane Edwards writes: " It is with great sadness that we have to announce the death of Petra Maderkova. She died peacefully in Nitra nr Bratislava after spending the last year with her family. She lived with us at Ashgrove for 14 years. First coming to join us as an au pair and after a very short time becoming very much part of our family. Petra worked at Bitteswell school which she loved, especially the children who remember her with great fondness. many of you will remember her walking up and down Ashby Lane on her way to and from school. She always came home and chatted about who she had seen . Petra loved crafts ,embroidery ,painting and cooking. She loved helping Rhiannon with her school and brownie art and cookery projects. However her favourite was always helping me in the garden, I shall always miss her beside me.

She was with our family though all the turbulent years of teenagers and exams, and would calmly try to diffuse situations whilst I was tearing my hair out. Sarah, Jack and Rhiannon miss her terribly as do our extended family as she knew them all.

When she left to go home I asked if she had been happy here she replied 'it's been my life'. May she rest in peace."

Planning Applications

18/02148/REM— Reserved matters application pursuant to outline application 15/00865/OUT, primary infrastructure, including estate road and associated landscaping, drainage and utilities and open space, Land adjacent to Glebe Farm, Coventry Road , Lutterworth (Frampton Town Planning Ltd)

Comments to Harborough District Council before January 18th.

(Whilst this application is not in Bitteswell Parish it may be of interest to residents in view of the potential increase in traffic, etc.)

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

Items on the Agenda for the December meeting of Bitteswell with Bittesby Parish Council included: Community Matters— an update from Police Officers, The White Cottage, LED Street Lighting, Grant funding for Citizens Advice Leicestershire, purchase of a Grit Bin, Tree Preservation Orders, Enforcement, Neighbourhood Plan, Appointment of Clerical Support in preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, Planning and Financial Matters.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday January 17th** at 7.00p.m. in 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 Harborough District.

Neighbourhood Plan

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Group will be on **Wednesday January 16th** at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall