

Church News

Margaret Foster writes: "This term we have started to look at the Gospel of Luke during Services. For many of us this is probably one of the more familiar books of the Bible but it is interesting to look in greater depth at the life of Christ through Luke's eyes. Running alongside this is a course called Encounters. It is lovely that the Vicarage in Bitteswell is being used for two groups to meet and that a number of village residents are participating in this course."

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

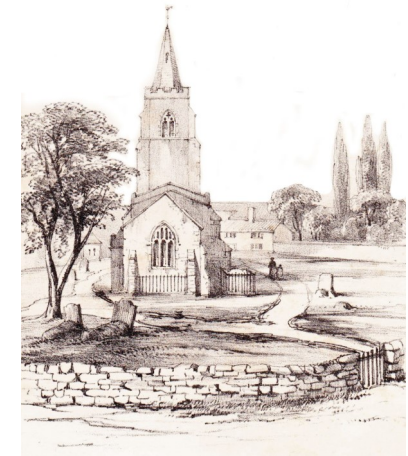
Saturday February 23rd

February 3 rd	10.30	United Benefice Service at Lutterworth		
February 10 th	11.00	Communion by Extension	SIDESPERSION	FLOWERS
February 17 th	11.00	Morning Service	Mr C Tipple	Mrs N Stephenson
February 24 th	11.00	Holy Communion and Junior Church	Mrs A Hayes	Mrs N Stephenson
			Mr G Buxton	Mrs S Elliott

CHURCH SERVICES

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Mobile Library

A reminder that the Mobile Library visits the village every month. It parks near the School from 9.45—10.30a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. The next visit will be on **February 20th**.

Mobile Post Office

A reminder that the Mobile Post Office operates from The Man at Arms Car Park every Wednesday from 9.00a.m.—10.00a.m.

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

Planning Applications

18/02102/FUL—Installation of perimeter fencing, Wellington Parkway Plot 2400 Magna Park Watling Street Magna Park. (U K Property Finance Ltd)

Comments to Harborough District Council before January 30th

19/00064/TCA—Work to trees, Westfield, Ullesthorpe Road, Bitteswell. (Mr C Bench)

Comments to Harborough District Council before February 7th.

19/00073/PDN—Installation of roof mounted solar panels, Solar House, Hunter Boulevard, Magna Park. (Engenera Renewables Ltd)

Comments to Harborough District Council before February 13th.

Women's Institute

Dawn Reynolds writes: "Our speaker for this January meeting was Dr John Sutton. 'History of the National Census'. It was interesting to learn that the first Census was introduced to ensure the population was not out growing food production, the census has then continued every 10yrs. The questions have changed over the years with the 2011 widely regarded as the most intrusive.

The next meeting of Bitteswell WI will be held on **Tuesday Feb 12th** at 7.30. Sue Drage will give a talk on 'Recycling with a Difference'. The competition will be a heart from recycled materials. Visitors are always welcome."

Parish Owned Street Lights:

Opportunity to Convert to LED lights

Leicestershire County Council (LCC) is offering the Parish Council the opportunity to convert its current street light lamps to LED lanterns and spread the capital cost of the conversion over a five year period. This offer, along with the savings in maintenance and energy costs, makes changing to LED lanterns an affordable option. New LED lanterns procured through this arrangement also offer the following benefits:-

- Competitively priced lanterns – with an estimated lifespan of 20 years
- Significant reductions in energy costs
- Use of LCC's Central Management System to control and monitor the lanterns remotely .

The Parish Council has made a decision in favour of the conversion and would be pleased to receive any comments or questions from residents.

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 minutes of the Bitteswell with Bittesby Parish Council meeting held in December show that amongst items discussed were: Bulb Planting, Community Concerns, White Cottage, Citizen's Advice Grant Funding, Purchase of a Salt Grit Bin, Renaming of new road at Magna Park, Works to Trees, Neighbourhood Plan, Clerical Support, Budget & Precept Requirement for 2019/2020 (There is an increase of 20.8% - £10.09 for a Band D Property), Christmas Lights, Village Green Damage, Parish Councillor Vacancies, Financial and Planning matters.

The next meeting will be on Thursday March 21st 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.

Parish Council Meetings

In the interests of efficiency the Parish Council will, from now on, meet bi-monthly. Therefore, in future, the meetings will be held in: January, March, May (for the Annual Meeting), July, September and November.