

Women's Institute

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 9th July 2019 at 7.30pm** at the Village Hall and will include a talk on Family History by Nicola Hallam. The competition is A Family Treasure. As always, visitors are warmly welcome. There is no meeting in August as it is the Annual Garden Party.

Church News

On Monday 1st July, Tom Brown, our Curate is being ordained at Leicester Cathedral. A number of people from the village and Benefice will be attending to support Tom as he becomes a Vicar. This means that Tom can take Wedding, Baptism and Holy Communion Services in addition to the many roles which he already carries out with great enthusiasm and sensitivity. We wish Tom every success for the future as he carries out the work which God has called him to do. A special Choral Concert is taking place in church on Thursday 11th July at 9.30pm. Colin Millington is conducting the choir and playing the organ along with Dave Millers and Bill Tomkins. The concert will be lit by candlelight and last for just under an hour. Refreshments will be served from 8.45pm. Do come along! We have a couple of fund raising events planned during the next few months. On Sunday 1st September, in the grounds of the church (or inside if wet!), we are having a Cream Teas Event from 2.30pm to 5pm. This has proved to be very popular and is a lovely community event. Our Autumn Bring and Buy Sale and Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 2nd November from 10am until 12 noon. If you have any unwanted books, bric a brac or toys (a Summer holiday sort out perhaps!) please hang on to them or bring them to church for us to sell. More details to follow but please put the dates in your diary.

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 August edition before

Wednesday 31st July 2019

July 7th	10.30	Benefice Service in Lutterworth	SIDESPERSION
July 14th	11.00	Morning Service	Flowers
July 21st	11.00	Morning Service	Angela Williams
July 28th	11.00	Communion by Extension & Junior Church	Elaine Turner

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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.

Open Gardens for Charity

The gardens at Green Wicket Farm, Ullesthorpe Road, Bitteswell (behind the cricket club) will be open for the National Garden Scheme on **Sunday 14th July 2019 and Wednesday 17th July 2019 between 2.00pm and 5.00pm.** Admission £3.50 and children are free. As usual, there will be delicious tea and cakes and plenty of plants to buy. Last year, nationally, this scheme donated a record £3.1 million to nursing and health charities. Your support as always is really appreciated.

Christmas Lights Fundraising

The Powell and Welch Almhouse Charity is raising money to pay for the village Christmas lights. It has registered with the **Amazon Smile Fundraising scheme.** Anyone purchasing from Amazon can now nominate the charity to receive a donation of 0.5% of the net cost of the order funded by Amazon from their profits. You just have to log into your personal Amazon account using www.smile.amazon.co.uk and select Powell and Welch Almhouse charity from the list. Any funds raised will help pay for the Christmas lights that are put up in the hedges and trees surrounding Powell Row which makes the village look spectacular at this festive time of year. If you use Amazon for purchases please support this initiative - it literally takes a couple of minutes to do! It would be a shame if the lights had to be reduced due to lack of funds and Amazon Smiles cost you nothing extra. Many thanks.

Planning Applications

19/00991/FUL—Change of use of poultry building, Bitteswell Farm. (A&R Higgins)

19/00986/ FUL—Change of use and conversion of equestrian buildings to 2 holiday accommodation units. Fir Tree Equestrian Centre. (Mr. M Jones)
Comments to HDC for both by 18th July 2019.

Annabelle Hickman Update

Sheila Carlton writes “Annabelle is now long term ill and has moved to residential care in Nightingale’s Nursing Home, Aylestone Road, Wigston. She is still very cheery despite her treatment regime. The home is lovely: very light & bright, with pleasant and supportive staff. She has a room with a view over a pretty garden. Annabelle has resigned her tenancy of The Cottage in Manor Road after living there since her marriage to John Hickman in 1973, and although John died in 2005, she has many happy memories of living in Bitteswell. Helen Daffern and Diana Osbourn have been tremendously helpful at this difficult time, especially carrying out Annabelle’s wishes in disposing of her belongings, so grateful thanks are due to both of them.”

Foodbank

The Foodbank was exceptionally busy in May and June so it is appealing for the following items where stocks are low: UHT milk, meat/fish sandwich paste in jars, tinned spaghetti, instant mash potato, tinned carrots, peas, mushrooms or tinned fruit, custard, sponge puddings and rice pudding. We have run out of laundry powder or liquid (Morrisons sell small boxes of Bio Powder for just 80p and these are ideal) and washing up liquid. We are very low on toothpaste and shampoo. We do not need any more baked beans or soup currently as stocks will last 6 months. 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) 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

Tradition continued for the children of St Marys School last month with Maypole dancing on the green in the sunshine. The event causes traffic in the village to stop with the wonderful sight of children dancing on a perfectly manicured green! The Reception children did a brilliant dance around the small maypole with the older years doing some complicated twists and county dancing. The event was enjoyed by young and old alike. Rehearsals for the end of term performance of ‘Oliver’ are continuing and excitement is mounting with the final productions taking place on 4th & 5th July. Break a leg!

The Neighbourhood Plan

Despite the weather we had an excellent turnout of 56 residents to our Open Day Event on 8th June. The event gave us the opportunity to show local residents what has been done to date, what still needs to take place and have a chance to ask questions and find out a little bit more about what is involved in the process. Residents also had an opportunity to view entries for the Logo competition and voted for their favourite. Congratulations to Amelia Rowe who collected the most votes and won a £20 gift voucher. Amelia’s logo will be on the front cover of the completed Neighbourhood Plan. Thank you to all the children for entering the competition and, if possible, we hope to be able to use some more of the designs in the plan. The next step is to set up Theme Groups to prepare evidence and develop policies to build the detail to be contained within the Neighbourhood Plan. There will be Themed Groups involved in Housing, Environment, Sustainability and Community. If you would like to find out a little bit more about the Theme Groups we are hosting an Open Event on **Tuesday 9th July 2019 at 7.00pm at St Marys Church.** All welcome!

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 next meeting of the Bitteswell with Bittesby Parish Council is to be held on **11th July 2019 at 7.00pm 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 Harborough District.

Parish councillor vacancies

There are still 3 vacancies on the Parish Council. John Allsopp, Reg Flint and Margaret Foster are currently on the Parish Council. If anyone would be interested in joining them or would like any further information about the role please contact the Clerk, Cathy Walsh, at parishclerk@bitteswell.org.uk