

Women's Institute

Bitteswell WI last month had a sale including a Bring and Buy and a Plant sale. The next meeting is on **11th June 2019** at the village hall where Julie Ede will give a talk on Coco Chanel and the competition will be a scent bottle. As always visitors are warmly welcome.

St Marys SIAMS inspection

St Marys School had a Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) and were delighted to receive the honour of being judged 'good' which the Diocese would like all schools to achieve. Within the feedback received the school were extremely pleased that in many areas the standard of 'excellence' was met including areas such as Community and Living Well Together and Dignity and Respect. The inspectors who met with parents, staff, church, governors and the children were complimentary of the school. A very pleasing report for all those involved in the inspection and St Marys School.

Church News

We are currently part way through a series of sermons about the book of Acts. Studying a particular book of the Bible in depth is proving to be very interesting and enlightening. Do join us! Over the next few months we have three weddings and it is always a pleasure to host such joyous occasions. The church always looks beautiful both internally and externally thanks to the band of volunteers who clean and to Mark Osborne who looks after the grounds leaving them immaculate. Very many thanks to you all for your commitment and the time that you so freely give.

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

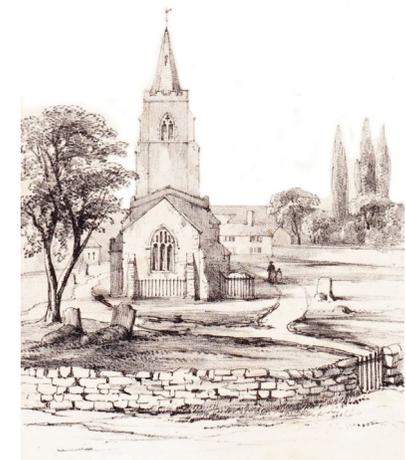
Friday 28th June 2019

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June 2 nd	10.30	Benefice Service in Lutterworth		No Flowers
June 9 th	11.00	Communion by Extension	Mr. G Buxton	Beverley Clare
June 16 th	11.00	Morning Service	Mrs B. Clare	Beverley Clare
June 23 rd	11.00	Holy Communion & Junior Church	Mrs S. Woodhead	Church Flowers
June 30 th	11.00	Morning Service	Mrs M. Foster	Wedding Flowers

CHURCH SERVICES

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Thank you

Thank you so much to everyone who has stopped me in the street or contacted me to say they enjoyed the newsletter last month. It was with great relief that it was received so well! I just want to reiterate that the Bitteswell Newsletter is about our village - so if you have anything you wish to contribute please do not hesitate to get in touch and I will be happy to include it.

Farewell

It is 'bittersweet' as we move from Bitteswell Village to Guildford to be near family. We first came to Lutterworth in 1984 when Clive was appointed Principal of Lutterworth Grammar School. In 1995 we moved to Docklands but when in 2000 we decided it was time to put down our roots the decision was to return to Leicestershire. This is when we bought Dowell House. The 19 years we have lived in Bitteswell have been very special. We have enjoyed being part of this lovely village with its friendliness and its many activities. Dowell House has an interesting history. It was built in 1780 by a long established Bitteswell yeoman farming family, the Dowells. The longevity of the family's residence in the village can be gauged by the number of Dowell (earlier Duell) Swithland slate gravestones in the churchyard which pre-date the house. Members of the Dowell family were in continuous occupation of this house into the first part of the twentieth century. By this time, as well as the farming interest, they had diversified into the professions including London law. It has been a privilege in the house.

With best wishes to everyone - Clive and Penny Grimwood

David and Liz Percival have also moved on to pastures new joining family in Yorkshire. As a village we would like to thank them all for their friendship and involvement in the village over many years, especially David's role in the Newsletter, Penny's significant input as head of Governors for St Marys School and Clive's contribution as a Parish Councillor and sharing his musical talents with us at village events. You will all be greatly missed. (David- your pint glass will always be behind the bar!)

Planning Applications

19/00648/VAC—Variation of condition 12 (permitted plans) of **16/01793/FUL** to include alterations to the design, Land off Ashby Lane. (Mr and Mrs Hall) Comments to Harborough District Council by Tues 21st May 2019.

19/00670/TCA— Work to trees, Delamere, Valley Lane. (Mrs R. Taylor) Comments to Harborough District Council before Tuesday 28th May 2019.

19/00740/TCA –Work to trees, Meadow House, Ullesthorpe Road. (Mr P Dobbing) Comments to HDC by Fri 21st June 2019.

19/00646/FUL Although outside of the village it may be of interest that a planning application has been received from Aldi for the erection of a Class A1 Food Retail Store, with associated parking, servicing and landscaping on land adjacent A4303 Rugby Road, Lutterworth. Comments to Harborough District Council by Friday 24th May 2019.

Powell and Welch Almshouse Charity

This village charity has registered with the **Amazon Smile fundraising scheme**. Anyone purchasing items 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 Almshouse charity from the list of charities. Any funds raised will help pay for the Christmas lights that are put in the hedges and trees surrounding Powell Row, which make the village look spectacular at this festive time of the year. If you use Amazon for purchases please support the initiative, it literally takes a couple of minutes to do!

St Marys School

Growing up has definitely been the theme at school this month. The children were given the pleasure of seeing chickens hatch following a generous donation of eggs and the necessary equipment from a family of a child in school. The children (and some adults!) loved handling the chicks as well as naming them—they came up with some very inventive names! Year 6 are beginning their final half term at St Marys before their move to secondary school, which includes the much anticipated end of school performance which will be 'OLIVER'. Auditions and rehearsal are underway!

The Neighbourhood Plan Open Day

The Bitteswell Neighbourhood Plan Committee invite all Parishioners to a public exhibition on **Saturday 8th June from 10am to 12:30pm at the Village Hall**. This is an open drop-in event where the residents of Bitteswell will have an opportunity to view and comment on the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. There will be presentations and reading material available. The feedback collated at this event will help to shape the Neighbourhood Plan policies. The Neighbourhood Plan committee hope to have as many attendees and as much feedback as possible. This is a vital point in the process for the residents of our Parish to see the extent of work carried out to date, to have their say on the future plan, and provide further vital feedback to assist with the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Village Hall

Two recent fund raisers, a coffee morning and a quiz, attracted a good turn out and a worthy amount of money was raised to maintain the village hall. Thank you to all those who supported these events and Linda for organising them. Also thank you to Pat and Mike Coates for donating the raffle prizes for both events.

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. Telephone contacts are Mrs S. Carlton (552077) and Mr P. Osborn (553178).

Parish Council

The Parish Council meeting was held on 22nd May 2019 where the Chair and the Vice Chair were appointed. **The next meeting has been provisionally booked for 11th July 2019 (date TBC)**. The parish council would like to remind residents that any work to trees in the conservation area is subject to planning regulations and should be applied through HDC. Also they would like to ask residents to cut back overhanging vegetation from their property which encroaches on footpaths, the Village Green and other grassed areas or on dropped kerbs. Furthermore, the Council would like to ask residents to please park responsibly in the village being mindful of footpaths or in places that may obstruct visibility for road user and pedestrians. Thank you.