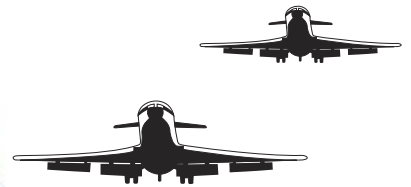


FREE
to the residents
of Snitterfield



ISSUE TWO

WINTER 2002

WE ARE BACK, with issue No 2! Your response to the first edition of SNIPE was terrific, your letters of support spoke volumes, so here we are again!

The articles covering planning and building in the launch edition, produced the greatest reaction from you, so we have printed two letters representing the tone of your feelings on this sensitive subject.

In this issue you will find such items as The Proposed Airport, Village Industries, Fly Tipping and The Oldest Resident, as well as regular features, like Village Sport, Village Profile, Parish Council, and Wildlife.

Snipers Corner is always waiting for a 'blistering attack' from you on some issue.

If you are one of the young people in the village, how about writing something giving your angle on the Village life, no matter how young!

Can you produce a piece on the road you live in for the Village Profile, or tell us about your cottage industry.

Remember, this newsletter is about you, the villagers. Snipe is here to air your thoughts and views, *SO PLEASE USE US* and let us have your stories.

We hope you find No 2 edition equally informative and interesting, if not, then let us know what you *would* like to see in edition No 3.

Ring me on 01789 730223

Editor, Diane Hoe



CHICAGO STYLE AIRPORT ON OUR DOORSTEP?

The proposed new airport at Rugby will be the second largest in the world, what would that mean for Snitterfield?

The five options for the midlands are:-

Scenario 1 Maximum Use of the existing Birmingham International

(BIA) and East Midlands(EMA) Airports and use of Coventry Airport by a low cost operator.

Scenario 2 Provision of an additional 'wide spaced' runway at BIA

Scenario 3 Provision of an additional 'close space' runway at BIA

Scenario 4 Provision of an additional 'wide spaced' runway at EMA

Scenario 5 Provision of a new airport between Rugby and Coventry and closure of BIA and Coventry Airports.

To cater for the development of any of these options, traffic in south Warwickshire would come to a stand still without major road improvements. An extra 21,000 houses would need to be built, and more significantly if Coventry Airport closed, there would be substantial expansion of Wellesbourne Airport in order to cater for the low-cost passenger and cargo operators.

Consider this:- what effect would any of these options have on your daily living in the village of Snitterfield:

● More houses ● More traffic ● More noise ● More pollution

All this to cater for passengers living in the south-east of the country.

None of this need happen, there are alternative proposals, including expansion of Stansted and Heathrow!

Above you have the basic facts. IF YOU NEED TO KNOW MORE - then visit the website www.airconsult.gov.uk or phone - 0845-100-554

You should have received through your letterbox, a Warwickshire View. On page 19 the County Council is asking for your views, please return the questionnaire ASAP. The Council for the Protection of Rural England recommends you do not use the Government's complex and biased questionnaire, but respond in your own words to your MP, John Maples or the Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, at the House of Commons, London, SW1A OAA.

It is vital that you act now, the Government consultation ends on the 30 November 2002

RICHARD HOBBS, District and County Councillor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Snipe,

I don't really know what to entitle this little letter... Storm clouds over Snitterfield? Raining scaffold poles?



The changing view from my back door?

I agreed with the developers of Belmont Grange to have my garden boundary fence removed and it to be replaced by a six foot brick wall. I also dismantled my garden shed (above right) to allow this wall to be built.

I was not told that part of this wall would be the gable end of a car-port which is now approx twelve feet high and still has the pitched part of the gable to be built on top (above right).

When we bought this property 12 years ago we were told any development behind us would be of a similar nature to this (ie bungalows). Some of these houses on Belmont Grange are now three storey's high!

Still, who are we, a couple of 70 years plus residents, to complain to Stratford District Council? Call it progress!

Harry Sowden 16 Woodward Court, Snitterfield

P.S. Please note: all three photo's were taken from my back door step!

Dear Editor

My wife and I are so pleased to see attention being focused not only by yourselves but also the Parish Council on the future of building development on the village.

We know only too well what happens when the developers move in.

We came to this beautiful green and pleasant place last September after our home in Solihull was overtaken and in a short period of 16 years we found ourselves in what can only be described as a concrete jungle!

It is so easy to accept the odd 4/5 houses here and there, at first it does not seem to make any difference. Then the developers slot in a few more and in no time at all the countryside has gone.

There are people who will say 'well what can we do about it?' Which is why we are so pleased to see your newsletter going to every house in the village. People power does matter and we urge everyone to support the Parish Council and this newsletter in their efforts to protect the village.

Since coming to this village we have heard so many complaints about the traffic and parking, what will it be like in a few years time when the larger houses have 3 or 4 cars per household, and most of the others a possible 2. Keep up the good work!

Audrey and Bernard Mason

6 Woodward Court, Snitterfield

VILLAGE PROFILE - The pleasures of Park Lane

For us, the pleasure of living in a village, is to enjoy the peaceful and simple lifestyle, respecting our fellow villagers and being neighbourly to those around us. Many people move into the country because it is 'the thing to do', but the overall needs of the countryside must come first, as it is here that the land supports a living for the farmers and associated activities. The foot and mouth crisis was a major problem to the farming industry, and having been walkers ourselves, we appreciate other interests must take second place.

Park Lane, has been a result of spasmodic development over a number of years, with a wide variety of modern housing for the most part, but nearing the junction with the Norton Lindsey road is a terrace of traditional cottages known as 'Shakespeare Cottages'. Towards the centre of Park Lane, the owners of the previous council houses, have transformed these houses and their gardens have become a

prominent feature, with a profusion of dahlias and chrysanthemums. The residents all keep the grass verges neatly trimmed giving the whole lane a cared for appearance.

The views across the countryside in all directions are picturesque. To the front – across the old racecourse - we enjoy the various seasons of planting, cutting and ploughing, whilst to the rear there are stunning uninterrupted views across the fields and hills; on clear days the church tower in Warwick is visible two and half miles away. We enjoy many species of birds nesting in our garden each year, including a beautiful spotted flycatcher, which built a nest in a new wall mounted flower pot before we had chance to plant it; I guess you might call that gazumping!

There have been down sides in the past year, as the new building developments have very much disrupted our peaceful area, and whilst building has now ceased, the houses dominate rather than compliment the



area. This appears to be a problem in most villages as obviously, more profit is made by size, (despite this, we trust the new residents will settle happily). The traffic speed is a national problem and Park Lane, whilst being a back road, still accommodates traffic to the by-pass and motorist flout the speed limit. It is of concern when children play, but I would not like to see 'traffic calming measures' which are unsightly.

We very much enjoy living in Snitterfield and in particular, Park Lane!
Ron Grant

SNITTERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Good news for Snitterfield, no increase in the Parish precept for the next financial year.

The Parish Council has been able to hold the precept for 2003/4 at the level set by the previous Parish Council of £20,000. This will enable us to meet our commitments but in doing so we have been forced to cut back on all non-essential items.

Estimated expenditure (£) 2003/4



Public Works Loan 11696
Street Lighting 1000
Clerk's Salary/Expenses 2500
Subscriptions 300
Cemetery 1300
Parks/Open Spaces 1000
Insurance 1500 Administration/
Training 150 Grants/Donations 1400
Contingency 1154

The Parish Council is now fully established with a new member joining in July, Mr John Jacobs is a well-known member of our Parish who brings to the Council a strong commercial and business background. He and his family have lived in the Village for over fifteen years. John is the Managing Director of an International Manufacturing and Marketing Company based in Nuneaton, a member of the

Shakespeare Lions and the Norton Lindsey Stilton Sniffers, two prominent fund raising organisations, in our area. His talents, include music and singing, you may have seen him performing in the Bowling club and Village hall, giving a fine rendition of Frank Sinatra.

The local policies set out in the Stratford District Local plan will have an impact on our Parish in the years to come. The Council needs your input at our meetings so that we can keep you up to date with issues that are going to affect us. We need to improve our Parish in line with the identified needs set out in our Parish Appraisal and those that effect us in the Stratford Local Plan.

A Parish Plan is a new project for the council and will detail the future of the Parish; it uses the Parish Appraisal and Design Statement as the basic documents to plot the growth of the services, facilities and amenities and general development within the Parish during a given period. The Stratford District Local Plan covering the period up to 2011 is currently undergoing a review to bring it in line with the Warwickshire Structure Plan and national policies which impact upon our local community. The Local plan will be reviewed again in about five years and our Parish Plan will also be reviewed along similar lines, the period will be five years or sooner based upon the situation in the Parish.

Members of the Parish Council will receive training and guidance from both District and County Council with the production and implementation of the Plan.

Since the initial Snipe Newsletter the Parish has seen the start of several community lead projects, the newsletter, a junior football club, a footpaths group, a conservation group, all as a result of your Parish Appraisal. The Parish Council has adopted the finding of the Parish Appraisal and will endeavour to support these groups and any other new groups in whatever way possible.

For your diaries, the Parish Council meets on the second Monday of each month; these are the dates for the rest of the Council's year.

14	October
11	November
9	December
13	January
10	February
10	March

All the meetings start at 7.30pm with a 15-minute open session for you to put questions to the Parish Council, along with your District and County Councillor Mr Richard Hobbs. At the end of the meeting a further 15 minutes is available for any other questions.

Gerry Stammers,
Chairman of the Parish Council.

Nature notes

As a local resident you will know all about the fantastic wealth of natural beauty around the village of Snitterfield. This has certainly not gone unnoticed by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, who run two Nature Reserves in the area, Snitterfield Bushes and Hampton Wood and manage a third, Welcombe Hills and Clopton Park LNR. These Nature Reserves are wonderful havens of wildlife and peace, and are open to the public throughout the year to enjoy.

The closest one to our village is Snitterfield Bushes, which is a large woodland (50hectares/123acres) but was once much larger and stretched as far as

WARWICKSHIRE'S WONDERFUL WILDLIFE



Bearley. However part of the wood was felled during the 1940's and was the location of a wartime airfield, whose concrete tracks are still present. Now, the woodland is again a refuge for many animals and plants, including three species of orchid and some majestic butterflies.

All of this amazing diversity doesn't come easily. As with all of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust's nature Reserves, they cannot keep their stunning wildlife and beauty without volunteer help.

Snitterfield Bushes, Hampton Wood, The Welcombe Hills and Clopton Park LNR are all sustained by people giving up their spare time to come out and make difference to their local environment and protect them as oasis's of life for future generations to enjoy.

If you would like to become involved and make a difference please contact Alan Preece on 024 7630 8993.



THE SNITTERFIELD MILLENIUM WALLHANGING



Early in 1999 I had an idea to create a hanging depicting our village at the start of the new millennium. I was joined by June Thorne, Chris Chatland, Audrey Parnham and Sheilaugh Lucas. The five of us worked out what we thought we wanted to include on a hanging, which we hoped would become an heirloom for future generations.

Subsequently Sheilaugh had to leave the project because of business commitments but her initial input was invaluable.

We then had to think how we were going to finance the project and with the help and guidance from Fiona Clayton a Rural Arts Fieldworker with Stratford District Council we were lucky to obtain grants from Snitterfield Parish Council, Snitterfield Village Hall Committee, Stratford-on-Avon District Council and a grant from the Lottery funded 'Awards for All'. We also raised some of the money by serving teas at 3, the Gables one Sunday afternoon. We now had about £2,000, which was the sum estimated by Fiona that we would need to produce a worthwhile object.

We also put out a plea to the village for any unwanted items of material, and embroidery silks and wools. We were overwhelmed but the response and if people look very carefully they will recognise their own contributions in the structure of the buildings and the colours of the trees and flowers etc.

We now had our ideas and money but we needed the help of a professional to show us how to proceed and this is where Anne Brown came on the scene recommended by Fiona Clayton.

In November 1999 we recalled our first working party and with Anne Brown's guidance we were on our way.

Our list of names shows that 30 ladies have contributed in some form to our wallhanging amounting to many hours of love, sweat, toil but I hope not too many tears! The basic work has been appliqué on calico with many different embroidery stitches in silks and wools.

In the latter stages June, Chris and myself have had to put in many more hours of love, sweat toil and if not tears then swear words. But this has been necessary to put the finishing touches to complete what we know is a beautiful work of art. At this stage I would like to include a special word of thanks to June's husband Rupert and my husband Tim. They have always been there with encouragement and ideas as well as physical labour when necessary but also keeping out of the way when not required.

It was always intended that the wallhanging would be displayed in the Village Hall but as the hall is due for redecoration we have agreed with the Village Hall Committee, and with the approval of the PCC that its temporary home will be in St James. It will be displayed on a movable stand to enable easy removal whenever necessary.

The unveiling took place in the Village Hall on Saturday 2 November at 11am and was on view on that day until 4pm. It can now be seen in the church at any time.

Jean Dronsfield

A Small Plot...

If you look at an old map of Snitterfield you will see at least five sites entitled Allotment Gardens. Only one allotment still exists but it is only a small part of one of the original plots. It is situated off The Green and consists of seven small plots, which are rented out by the Parish Council, and for the first time in many years all the plots are occupied and are in various states of cultivation.

One of the drawbacks is there is no water on the site so you have a choice of lugging water from home or leaving things to chance and hoping it rains! Over the years I have cultivated (with a lot of help) the main part of the plot by digging and shifting a lot of manure! This has resulted in varying success with vegetables and apart from the usual potatoes, beans, and leeks I have grown sweet corn, outdoor tomatoes, Jerusalem artichokes and salsify. I have not tried to grow soft fruit as I already provide the slugs with gourmet meals. The problem with vegetables is that they all seem to mature at once, so apart from the usual freezing and eating (you do get sick of runner beans) friends and neighbours usually end up with the surplus whether they want them or not. Hopefully not too many people turn the other way when they see me approach with a carrier bag!

When I started working on the allotment over ten years ago I was lucky enough to have the help and encouragement of the late Bob Gardner and whenever I need help or advise about when to sow, dig or just the best way to lean on your fork, Bob would be available. Those of us who live on The Green will always remember Bob and his squeaky wheelbarrow with great affection.

Snitterfield's oldest resident

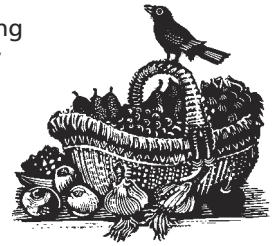
Florence Hewett (known as Margie) is Snitterfield's oldest resident. Born in 1897, the year of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, she has lived in three centuries and seen four Monarchs reign. Born in Birmingham, she was the oldest of three sisters. Her father, a cane and willow merchant carried on her grandfather's business, making furniture, hampers, baskets, invalid carriages, and during the First World War, wicker cases for transporting the shells to the front line. They employed blind people to make the baskets, and she still has a 'yardstick', a heavily embossed rod with studs, used to measure their work.

The four-year-old Margie was impatient to start school, and her very first memory, is escaping from the garden, to be found looking longingly through the school railings. She did well at school, enjoying the school play in particular, and can still recite the first lines of Portia's speech from *The Merchant of Venice*. 'Children had respect for the teachers then, and were so much better behaved' she says.

Leaving school at 16 she went to secretarial college, this led to a shorthand typist job at 12/6 (65p) per week. When the company was taken over by Unilever, the staff were each offered 100 shares in the company. Her father didn't agree with stocks and shares but was eventually persuaded to let her buy them. They would pay interest each year, but could not be cashed in until the year 2001. A few years ago, believing that there was no way she would live to be 105, she cashed them in for much less than their face value. There's a moral there somewhere!

After the war in 1922 the family went into farming, until their father's ill health led to their next, and last move. In September

So the next time you are speeding along The Green (please don't, it does annoy us) and see someone with a garden implement and a bag of veg, you will know where I've been... *up on the allotment!* **Marilyn Follis**



Square Tomatoes...



One of our pet hates is the weekly supermarket shop! We walk along the aisles wondering how long the apples in our trolley have been in suspended animation or if our tomatoes are square so that they are more convenient to pack into rectangular containers.

We are terrified by the thought of the broccolli on the shelves suddenly turning purple and tasting of chocolate, so that our nations kids will eat it!

We decided to become Tom and Barbara Good by eating lots of locally grown fresh produce, homemade crusty bread and pies, and meat from cattle bought in the Midland area and butchered here in Snitterfield. Our children have become expert at baking cookies and cakes. We have eaten like lords on busman's wages!

But how did they do it I hear you ask? It was simple, we shopped at the Village Store and Medlars Farm Shop. At the end of the first month we had saved a staggering 20% on our food allowance. We did this by only buying the food we needed for each day. Our dustbin was also 3 carrier bags of wasted out-of-date food, lighter! Try it for yourselves and

1946 they moved into The Green. Some villagers thought that

outsiders shouldn't be allowed to buy a house in the village, and there was a certain amount of resentment. Despite this, after living here only six months, the vicar, Reverend Pelham Burton, asked Margie to run the Sunday School, which she did for 15 years until her Mother died.

Their first winter here was the worst of the century, with long periods of extreme cold and snow that led to the village being cut off. There were four shops in the village, Ledbrooks the butcher, a Co-op, a store at the end of The Green run by Mrs Edkins, and another by the Church called Jennings, a blacksmith in School Road, and a visiting butcher from Claverdon. For more exotic things you took the bus to Stratford for 7d return!

The Jumble Sale always caused great excitement, people would queue and almost fight over the items, but the real highlight of the year was the Summer Fete, which included the Flower Show. All the men of the village would enter the Flower Show, with fierce competition between them. It was held in a large marquee in the grounds of Park House, and Margie would organise a variety of children's games such as the three legged race, with a top prize of 3/6(17.5p)! The men would have bowling for the pig, and the ladies, bowling for a tea set. One memorable year the pig escaped, and everyone gave chase around the village.

Margie has spent most of her life helping and caring for her family, in particular, her sister who was born deaf, and died at the age of 93. Margie now has carers and kind neighbours who care for her, as she is confined to the house most of the time, but when she is lucky enough to have a trip 'down The Green', she hardly recognises it... She says 'every house has an extension and there are far too many cars!'

Despite her 105 years, she is still as bright as a button, with wonderful recall about much of her life. As to her long levity, she



Cricket Update

After a meeting on Sunday 29 September, we officially formed the Snitterfield Cricket Club. The Committee decided to continue playing away fixtures next season, whilst pursuing our aim of laying a pitch on the playing field.

We will be applying for funding for this project via the lottery, Sports Council etc. As this will take some time to organise, we have set ourselves a short-term target of constructing a cricket practice net. This hopefully will attract a few more people to become involved in the club next season and coaching could be organised.

To construct this net we need to raise approximately £1000. In the past few weeks we have made a good start with some generous donations from villagers, to whom we say thank you. We would like to ask any businesses in the area if they wish to help sponsor the net. For donations of £50 - £100 we shall advertise your firm on the side of the net and in our literature, fixture cards etc as a founder sponsor.

We hope the people of Snitterfield will support us in this project, as it has been over 30 years since cricket has been played in the village (on the Bowling Club site).

The village has been without a football or Cricket team for too long. A junior football team has already begun to use the playing fields over the last few months and we'd like to have a cricket net ready for use by spring of next year. We meet on the last Sunday of every month in the Foxhunter pub. Please come along!

If you are interested in helping to sponsor the net, contact Lee on: Shop 01789 730007 or Home 01789 730372

Tennis 2000

The club has come a long way since the initial meeting in 1999 called by John Parnham. We have two hard courts, situated behind the Bowling Club, with magnificent views of the church and surrounding land, which were first played on in July 2000.

The club now has 85 adult and 80 junior members and benefits from the shared use of the Bowling club facilities. Very recently we have been granted charitable status, This supports our foundation as a non-profit making organisation, aiming to promote the playing of tennis with the locality. Non-members are welcome to use the courts and can make bookings through the village shop. This year we have run a major programme of coaching, made possible by matched sponsorship from Harris Allday and Sportsmatch. We have run Junior coaching for 4 year olds to teens regularly on Tuesday evenings as well as 3 day courses in the holidays. For adults there has been coaching for beginners, intermediates and clinics to look at specific problems. This coaching has attracted people from Snitterfield, Stratford, Bearley, Warwick and beyond.

This season the men have been promoted in the Winter League and made a good start by winning their first match. The ladies have joined the Winter League for the first time this year and played well to gain a draw in their first match. The club continues to grow and we are keen to facilitate use of the courts all year round. We are actively pursuing funding for floodlights through Sport England as well as via our own fund raising events – a Quiz night is planned for Friday 29 November 2002.

For further information about the club or if you would be willing to act as a sponsor in any way, please contact:

Chris Gallimor 731071, Mary Kinoulty 730365 - secretary,



IS SNITTERFIELD A TIP?

The village appears to be suffering from a great increase in fly-tipping.

As well as the recently dumped items shown in the photographs, Gospel Lane has had car engines, kitchen units and a cooker dumped into the entry ways to adjacent fields. And not shown, are the mountains of garden trimmings, cuttings and waste which appear on an almost daily basis.

Burton Farm waste tip does not accept commercial waste or allow vans and pick-ups to enter the site, these are charged to leave waste at such sites as Leamington.

If you pay someone to clear your garden or remove rubbish, please try to ensure that they are reputable traders who will dispose of these items in a legal and responsible way.

Even abandoned vehicles also appear in the lanes and it may seem to be a long time before they are removed, but the reason is that the owners have to be traced first, and then by law a certain amount of time has to lapse prior to any removal action being taken.



Oak



SNITTERFIELD SKILLS

Walk down any road in the village at any time of the day and it appears quiet and peaceful - yet within the village there is a hive of activity and an amazing amount of people with professional skills and talent.

Many of our residents have businesses which benefit our, and adjacent communities - ranging from doctors, solicitors, architects, IT and design consultants, printers, builders etc through to artists, carers, shopkeepers, cooks, gardeners, beekeepers and hedgelayers - the list is endless!

Several people have started their own enterprises, some working within



the village, and others in nearby towns - they help underpin our countryside, provide the opportunity of employment for people locally, and make an essential contribution to our rural economy.

We can support all these people and each other by ensuring we utilise their skills, especially the rural enterprises which find it so hard to compete. We should make efforts to employ these sooner than companies based further afield.

With this in mind, in this and each future issue, we will focus on an area of rural expertise - so if you have a skill or a business which benefits the community then please contact the editor.

Note - we do not publish advertisements but we are very interested to feature

FOCUS - The Sport Horse

One local business fast gaining an international reputation in the world of horses is **The Sport Horse** on The Green. Founded only five years ago, their principle activity is to promote and train talented riders and horses for the professional dressage circuit. Working with animals, as in farming, they utilise every hour of daylight, all year round, whatever the weather. And having added facilities like the indoor school and exercise rings allows training to continue through the worst of weather conditions. Talented riders are attracted from all over the country to train in Snitterfield. This success then resulting in the added benefit to the village by creating employment for staff and tradesmen locally.

About to set off to research new horses, Jilly and Rhett Bird took time out to describe the following:

"We were in rented accommodation in 1997, looking for a property to purchase, and came across Snitterfield. The stables were in a good position on the edge of the village, being quiet and peaceful for the horses and with close access to the motorway network. The yard had no facilities but we thought it had tremendous potential and when a cottage came up for sale close by we knew it was the right decision. But with eighteen horses to house and facilities for only

twelve, it proved to be a difficult time at first.

We have been most fortunate in our first year, we went to the Pony European Dressage Team in France with one of our clients. She won a Bronze medal for Great Britain, and then the following year she won the Silver. Other clients have since won Gold medals in Ireland and this year a Bronze medal in Haagen, Germany.

Both of us ride and compete to Grand Prix and are at present bringing on a team of young horses in our village yard.

Our vision is that within this community we will become one of the leading yards in the county with top class facilities for our dressage horses. But in achieving this, it is important to us that the yard and premises retain the village atmosphere we so love, and we are working hard to develop and landscape with care, ensuring it is sympathetic to the village, the Warwickshire countryside and its wildlife."



VILLAGE HALL - News

Our Village Hall is in its seventieth year, having first opened in February 1932. It must have a fund of stories to tell over the changing years of the village.

It would be good to feature some of these in our next edition. If anyone has any photographs or stories about the Hall, then please forward them to the editor.

If you have attended an event at the hall recently, you may have noticed that further improvement work has been completed in respect of lighting and refurbished toilets. Next on the list will be redecoration.

The Hall is shortly to operate under new arrangements whereby the Parish Council are custodian trustees (basically owning the property and title), and members of the Management Committee will become management trustees with more authority to develop the facility and its operation. One immediate initiative will be the creation of the Users Consultative Group

where representatives of the main organisations using the hall will be able to contribute their views directly at meetings with the new management trustees.

Hall booking rates have remained unchanged for several years. If you are interested in using the hall for your private party or another village event please contact our Booking Clerk, Renate Stephens, on 731426, who will provide details on availability and charges, you can also book the hall on a regular bases for meetings, clubs etc. If you are new to the village do take the opportunity to come to an event there and see for yourself. It is a good facility available for all the community.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the management of the Hall.

If anyone is interested, please contact me - Andy Skinner, Secretary, 01789 731057.



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW SNITTERFIELD?

Use your powers of observation to identify this object situated somewhere within the parish and...

...win a meal for two!

at The Foxhunter



WHAT IS THIS?

WHERE IS IT LOCATED?

NAME:

TEL NO:

All correct answers will be entered into a draw. The winner will receive a voucher for a meal for two. Send your entry in before 10 Dec 2002 to: SNIPE, 14 The Green, Snitterfield, CV37 0JG

ISSUE 1 WINNER -

The first 'How well' was correctly identified by nine people. Marilyn Follis of The Knob was the lucky winner drawn out of the hat by Lee, at Snitterfield Stores.

The correct answer was:
What is it - Detail on a lamp post.
Where is it - Corner of The Knob and The Green.



Sniper's Corner

SNITTERFIELD'S SHODDY SIDEWALKS

The sidewalks (they can't be called pavements) in this village are really very dilapidated, in particular in Smiths lane and School Road. Everywhere the tarmac is cracked or eroded, and in some places it has been repaired in such a way as to create more hazards.

They are inconvenient for even the most strong-legged among us, but for the lame people, who need the help of a stick it is really difficult, whilst for disabled persons who need wheel chairs or invalid scooters, they are down right dangerous.

It would be good if the Parish Council could bring some pressure to bear on the County Council which is (or should be) responsible for maintaining roads and footways.

Disabled Resident

PLAYGROUNDS NEED USING

I am writing in the hope of publicising in your column the existence of the state-of-the art children's playgrounds, which were erected at vast expense, by the previous Parish Council. The end product of this enormous outlay is certainly admirable, but the sad fact is they are hardly ever used! I know this from personal observation, as I walk my dog around the village twice a day every day of the week, and it is very rare that I see children playing there, even in the long summer holidays.

I do not know the reason for this; can it be that many parents simply do not know of their existence? One is tucked away behind the Green, and the other is at the top of Wolverton Hill. It would be interesting to know why Mums and Dads do not take their children to play.

In any event, can we do something to promote their use, so that at least one section of the community can benefit from the heavy outlay of our money?

Lesley Fall