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Snitterfield's got talent!



The Village Hall Committee put on a wonderful concert in March, including a medley of war songs sung by local celebrity Marjorie Yates, complete with tin helmet! A total of £914 was raised for the Village Hall. More photos page 3.

RAF flypast at the village fete

The village fete will have some very special visitors on Sunday 22 June with two vintage aircraft from The Royal Air Force Battle of Britain Memorial Flight performing a fly-past (weather permitting). A Spitfire and a Hurricane will be part of an afternoon of 'Wartime Memories', commemorating both the centenary of the start of the First World War and the 70th anniversary of D-Day.

Among the extra attractions at this year's fete will be an exhibition of wartime memorabilia, uniforms, local history and photographs (if you have anything you could contribute they would be welcomed). Kitty and Richard von Mew will be providing 1940s musical entertainment and you will have a chance to learn some dance steps and have a sing-song! The usual delicious tea tent, pig roast and barbecue will be on offer, together with a huge range of stalls and attractions, including the ever-popular dog agility. Children's games will have a vintage theme as will the outfits: fancy dress is not obligatory but it does add to the fun!

The new website is up and running with the latest information and contact details.

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News from our District Councillor

Housing

Core Strategy: The council's consultation on new housing numbers and possible large scale development completed on 14

March. The Core Strategy now runs from 2011 to 2031. It is hoped that the document will be adopted by mid 2015. However, actual housing allocations for Snitterfield are not expected to be determined until mid 2016.

Spatial Strategy: Where the houses will go. One consultation suggestion is to confirm the allocation of housing to the Local Service Villages, LSVs. It could be at the high end of the range, giving Snitterfield between 50 and 75 houses. However, this will depend on the analysis of the major sites under consideration right across the District and their sustainability analysis, the new roads required and the schools needed. Sites under consideration are at Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath, Long Marston Airfield and SE Stratford near Tiddington.

The motorised aircraft planning application

This is to be reconsidered. The Gliding Club at Snitterfield Airfield was granted planning permission in 2011/2012 to operate motorised aircraft, thus superceding the longstanding prohibition on the use of such aircraft. There was widespread opposition to this application across the parishes of Snitterfield and Bearley and many were bewildered by the planning process, which appeared flawed in many respects. As a result of this, one of our residents, acting at his own risk but for the benefit of the whole community, undertook a legal challenge to the grant of planning permission through a Judicial Review. This was successful and as a result the permission has recently been quashed; this means that the application will need to be reconsidered.

I do not yet know what process is to be followed or what the precise timing of this will be. However, I will be working as hard as I can to ensure that local considerations are duly recognised in the process and the environmental impact of noisy aircraft is properly assessed and restricted. From the previous process, it is clear that the planning

issues involved in this application are many and complex. At the heart of it, however, is the importance of safeguarding the remaining tranquillity of this part of the countryside; this is so precious and easy to lose – remember that planning permission is for ever. There are many residents in Snitterfield and in Bearley, all of whom could be blighted by unwelcome noisy aircraft operated by a small number of privileged club members who do not live in the locality.

Many of us are happy to marvel at the gliders that soar silently over Snitterfield, but this is a different matter with motorised aircraft which have a persistent and intrusive noise footprint. In the period before the planning permission was quashed recently, the Gliding Club operated a limited number of motorised flights and I know there have been a number of objections expressed to me. When the Gliding Club came to Snitterfield it was on the explicit promise of a 'silent gliding facility'. It will be important for all of us to do what we can to ensure that this promise is honoured and the peace and tranquillity that remains is preserved for generations to come.

Both John Horner, District Councillor Bearley, and I have made contact with the Gliding Club recently and it has open days to show the local residents the powered glider they intend to use. Whilst this is a good start to understanding their proposals we do need to ensure that if any future use is permitted, it is subject to fair and workable conditions and effectively managed. A major problem is enforceability – the council had a legal agreement in their previous attempt at giving the Gliding Club planning permission for motorised gliders, much of which was, in reality, unenforceable. Therefore, I hope you understand my reluctance to support an application that puts the future of the tranquillity of Snitterfield and Bearley at risk.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support and help over the last four years in my role as District Councillor. My term finishes in May and I have greatly enjoyed the responsibility, the work and meeting so many people across the district. I wish my successor all the best in helping to look after this wonderful village and the district of Stratford on Avon.

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The view from the Gliding Club

This year Stratford on Avon Gliding Club celebrates its 40th anniversary. The club was formed in April 1974: it was initially based at Long Marston but moved to its present home at Snitterfield Airfield in 1987. Over the past 25 years many of you have visited our club and enjoyed flying with us.

There have been many changes over the last 40 years and our hope is that the club will continue to develop and bring safe, affordable flying within the reach of everyone. To enable the club to develop against a backdrop of new legislation, aircraft technology and the ever increasing demands of modern life, we need to have gliders capable of achieving our training and development needs.

The club has been operating a touring motor glider from the airfield since early last summer, but unfortunately the planning permission which allowed us to do so has

recently been withdrawn by the High Court – a direct result of a procedural issue by Stratford District Council. The club and the council are preparing to resubmit the application.

Our neighbours are always very welcome to visit the club at any time. Perhaps some of you might wish to avail yourselves of a flight with us, seeing what the village and your house looks like from above. We have a range of concessionary prices for local residents.

If getting airborne isn't for you, please still come along and visit. Have a cup of tea or a snack or bring along a picnic. Witness at first hand what a joy gliding is. When the gliders are operating we can be contacted on 01789 731095.

Richard Maksymowicz
Chairman



Eric Noble, left, who organised the event, Val Hobbs in a sketch about Snitterfield Literary Festival and the Snitterfield Spontaneous Singers



News from our County Councillor

Unitary authority

Evidence from other councils indicates that there are significant funds that would be released if Warwickshire formed a unitary authority. This would mean rationalising the county council and the six district and borough councils into one administration. A debate on the subject took place at the council meeting at the end of February. Members of the public were invited to speak as well as councillors. There was good representation from parish councils, who tend to support the idea of a unitary authority in the belief that it would increase their role. The district councils boycotted the debate, although the leader of Stratford was present in his role as a county councillor. Labour voted against carrying out further investigation until all the districts had agreed, but the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats achieved a majority to carry out more work. On the preliminary review a unitary would save around £75 million over four years.

Budget

I was surprised that the county's four year financial plan (2014-2018) and budget for 2014 was agreed in early February after a nine hour meeting. I had fully expected the debate to continue on to the next council meeting. The minority Conservative administration published its draft budget in December, identifying £92 million in savings by the end of the four year period and an increase in council tax of 1.99% in each of the

four years, with a review in year three. The other parties revealed their budgets over the first weekend of February.

In the end the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats achieved a budget acceptable to both parties. Roads maintenance has been maintained and road flooding has received additional funding. The adult social care budget has been largely protected. To shield some costs and invest in road safety measures around schools the county's reserves will be drawn down by around £5 million.

Transport projects

The 14 Stratford Area county councillors met to allocate some £400,000 to road safety and maintenance. There was unwillingness by councillors to extend speed limits. £25,000 was allocated for maintaining and installing dropped curbs and £75,000 was allocated to alleviate road flooding with the remainder being spent on specific projects. Snitterfield will have speed and school warning signs and road markings at the junction of Bell Lane, Wolverton Road and School Lane. The willingness of the parish council to make a contribution to the project was a factor in the decision. The location will also be added to the list of sites to receive a tarmacked area and dropped curbs to assist pedestrians waiting to cross the road.

Starting a new business

Warwickshire County Council and Stratford District, with Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce, are sponsoring free half-day business start-up workshops. They are designed to help budding

entrepreneurs convert their ideas into reality and are relevant to anybody wanting to start their own business, whatever its type or size.

The workshops begin in April and run throughout the year. Further details are at: www.stratford.gov.uk/news/news.cfm/current/1/item/135370

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EYE SPY

How well do you know your village? The featured object is visible from the road for those with keen eyes. No prizes - it's just for fun. We will be featuring another item next issue. Answer at the bottom of page 8.

Jon Cooksey



A sporting chance

This year will be the tenth anniversary of the formation of Snitterfield Sports Club. Lee Hillier looks at its history and the many opportunities it offers to villagers.

The original site of the Sports Club and surrounding land was donated by landowner/farmer Randolph Pearson in the 1930s for his workers to use as a cricket pitch. Cricket was played at the site until the mid 1970s when the club disbanded. The Bowls Club, which at the time was located behind the village hall, relocated to the site and laid a superb green (see article right). Over the next few years the facilities were improved, extending the bar and the clubhouse as it stands to this day.

The Bowls Club was the sole occupant for the next 25 years until Snitterfield Tennis Club formed. The Tennis Club secured enough funding to lay two tarmac courts and started playing there in 2000. This was a big boost for the club as it attracted many new members. Not long after that, in 2003, Snitterfield Cricket Club and Snitterfield Junior Football Club were formed, both clubs playing over the road in the village playing field. The two clubs managed to refurbish the prefab building (formerly the Youth Club) providing also changing rooms and shower facilities.

All the various clubs at the time operated independently, each one having their own committee and finances. After discussions by the four clubs' committee members, the idea was put forward to amalgamate the four clubs into one club. The main driving force behind forming the Sports Club as it is known today was the late Chris Gallimore. Chris at the time was the chairman of the Tennis Club and due to his hard work and dedication the Sports Club was formed in the spring of 2004. The Club managed to achieve charitable status having four sporting sections, Bowls, Cricket, Tennis and Junior Football. The four sections of the Club operate independently, having their own committees and bank accounts, but all come under the umbrella of the Sports Club, to which they all pay a subscription. The aim is to form a committee that includes a representative from each section of the sports as well as someone representing the social membership of the Club.

In recent years there have been a number of improvements to the sporting facilities. This includes the addition of a new tarmac court that can be used for tennis or netball. The

Bowling Club has spent a substantial amount on well as installing a wooden pavilion on all three courts and has recently replaced the old astro/tiger turf. The Junior Football Club has been able to field six junior teams. Drainage has been improved on the courts allowing the youngest members to play.

It is now ten years since the Cricket Club started playing on the new steady progress. The Club has the use of the clubhouse between January and March, as well as the



screen TV providing Sky Sports coverage. For many years the Club provides a social membership for its members.

Snitterfield Sports Club will host a social event until 2pm. Do come and see what an opportunity to meet representatives from around the club. Refreshments & drinks will be available.



Pigeon fancying

Pigeons are common and easy to observe and they have some unique behaviours. For instance they do not have to raise their heads to swallow when they drink: differently from most birds, they suck up the water. When a pigeon walks it bobs its head: research has shown that this is to stabilize the vision. Pigeons feed their chicks (squabs) a crop milk instead of regurgitating food like most other birds.

There are four species in Snitterfield. The Woodpigeon is the large pigeon and Warwickshire's most common bird. I found a winter roost site outside Snitterfield where I counted more than 1,000 birds. The Collared Dove is a smaller sand-coloured dove: it has expanded its range worldwide in an amazing way but was not found in Britain before 1953. At the beginning of the 20th century there were Collared Doves in Turkey at the edge of Europe. The species expanded quickly at an average speed of 45 km/year and by the end of the century they covered all of Europe. In the USA it was even faster with some birds introduced in the Bahamas in the 1970s; it appeared in Florida 1982 and now it is in every state. The Stock Dove is similar to the Woodpigeon but does not have the white wing markings. It has increased in numbers in the last few years and nests by the village ponds.

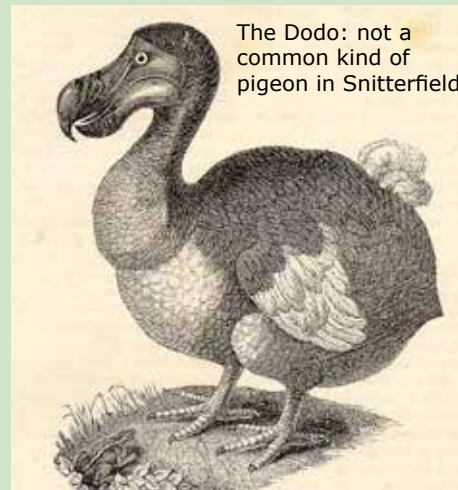
The City Pigeon is seen sometimes in the village and is a feral form of Rock Doves. I doubt that it breeds here. Pigeon or dove? It is

really the same thing. We have to go back to the Doves, the fifth British species. This is the

The famous Dodo was a kind of pigeon that man has managed to remove from the world. The Passenger Pigeon, an American bird, was once very common. A scientist estimated one flying flock of 3 billion was killed for food and sport and the

Man has kept pigeons as domestic animals and they were kept for food and for racing. Crows are also kept by who the winners are. A man in Surrey was killed by his chimney in 2001. It was strapped to its feet and decapitated. In both cases the winners were medals. Pigeons do not deserve to be

The Dodo: not a common kind of pigeon in Snitterfield



Doves are important to see if the flood water about the symbols have no gall bladder (four humours) and is that they are not other in fictions.

sum upgrading and improving their bowling green as on site. The Tennis Club has now installed floodlights completed the resurfacing of courts 1 & 2 with new Club has grown considerably, currently being able as also been installed in the field behind the tennis ers of the team to play there.

Club was formed and since then there has been use of indoor nets at Stratford High School for practise as organising various outdoor training sessions for



juniors and adults during the summer months. Cricket is played every Sunday throughout the season (40-over friendly matches) and on Wednesday evening 20-over matches are played. Last year the Club secured funds to lay a full length artificial wicket, which helps with coaching juniors and catching up on matches lost due to bad weather.

In addition to the four sports section, the club has also a number of leisure activities on offer. These include table tennis, snooker, a pool table, darts and a skittle alley. A large function room is available for hire and in the bar there is a large

age. For all those in the twilight of their sporting membership.

an open day on Sunday 11 May, from 10am at the Club has to offer and you will have the views of the various sports sections and look BBQ will also be available.

a few kilometres west of Snitterfield to find Turtle beautiful bird has reduced in numbers dramatically.

on and has come to represent all animals and birds from the planet. A lesser known extinct species is the that was once the most numerous bird in the world. to have more than two billion birds. However, it last Passenger Pigeon died in 1914.

animals for thousands of years. Traditionally they food and as carrier pigeons, but today mainly as pets Carrier pigeons were used to spread the news of were in the very first Olympic Games, in 776 BC. found a dead carrier pigeon when he renovated 012. The pigeon had a WW2 message in a cylinder pot. The cryptic message was not possible to n World Wars, many pigeons were honoured with do only rarely transmit disease to humans and do e called 'flying rats'.

stant in several religions. Noah released a dove to waters had receded to expose any land. So what ol for peace? In antiquity, people realised that doves dder so they believed there was no bile (one of the nd therefore doves must be peaceful. The truth relatively aggressive birds that can even kill each

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A history of the village bowling club

The first bowling green was laid by voluntary help on the site by the old Trevelyan Institute (*now The Gables*) in Smith's Lane in the mid 1920s. In 1926 a local celebrity, Mrs Edith Dickens, presented a cup for the singles winner (this is still played for today).

In 1929 after the death of Lady Trevelyan, it was decided that the site was to be converted into three houses. However, Mr R C Trevelyan offered £500 towards a new village hall with provision for a bowling green and tennis court. During the time this was being built a local resident in Frogmore Road converted his front lawn into a bowling green, again laid entirely by volunteers, and many games were played until the green at the village hall was completed. By 1935 a three rink green had been prepared and a very keen bowls club came once again into existence.

When Mr Griffin, the voluntary groundsman left the district, with no one to take over, the green fell into disrepair and the club closed. In 1964/5 a few keen bowlers restarted the task of bringing the green to playing standard and the bowling club was reformed. In 1965 the club became a member of Warwickshire County Bowls Association.

In 1973, the old cricket field became available for a new bowling green to be laid in one corner, and the old cricket pavilion was used as the club house. The slope at the corner, towards Wolverton Road, was 1 in 6 and in order to get a full size green a lot of infilling and building up of soil had to be done before a green could be laid. This took up to six months to build up and settle. The final mole draining and surface was completed in time for the 1974 season.

Since then many improvements to both the green and the club house have been made to achieve a fine green and attractive clubhouse, attracting visiting teams from across the country.

If you are interested in taking up the sport or would just like to have a go, the club will be holding an open day on Sunday 18 May from midday. Refreshments will be available, along with all the equipment and coaching you will require. All we ask is for you to wear flat shoes (no heels please).

John Wyllie



More from Mongolia

Rosemary Logan, who lives in one of the Saucy Six cottages on The Green, spent last summer in Mongolia. This is the second instalment of her blog, highlighting the huge differences between life in Snitterfield and that in a country where the majority of the rural population is nomadic.

So much here is so different. The main influences I am aware of are the nomadic lifestyle and the still obvious communist legacy. There is also an unusual mix of traditional and modern. When we camped I stayed in one of the round, portable, felt homes called gers and it was slightly strange to find one with a 40-inch tv!

The construction is the same around the country. The size and contents vary however and some have electricity. The



whole family often live in a single ger but sometimes there are two: a sleeping ger and a living/cooking/eating ger. They are usually partially open to the elements unless it is

raining. In the centre of the ceiling there is a circle which has three main purposes: for the stove chimney to go outside, for ventilation and for light (see photo right). Sometimes there is only one bed, which funnily enough the Dad sleeps in. Everyone else will sleep on the floor unless they are allowed to squeeze in. There is no plumbing in them. The last one I stayed in had a sink unit with a plastic

water container above that acts like a tap. The toilet is a long drop in a separate building. In the country this is usually a long walk away from the ger: a bit disconcerting at night if you see a flock of beady sheep eyes staring back at you in the light of your torch.

Not even houses are guaranteed to have toilets. In some towns the toilet huts seem to be shared, rather like how my row of cottages in Snitterfield would once have shared an outhouse. Towns are a mix of gers, standard looking small houses, a few shops, schools, a Buddhist temple and apartment blocks, some of which act as dormitories for nomadic children to stay in for school.

One morning I was taken to visit a family in their ger. We were presented with what I can best describe as a washing up bowl filled with warm offal. Bits of liver, kidney, white stuff, intestine stuffed with animal cuts and something green were sliced off and shared out. I managed to eat a bit of everything. The liver was actually quite tasty. All of this was washed down with a bowl of salty, milky tea which tasted alright, though possibly because it tasted different from everything else! Later the sheep's stomach was fished out of a pan of boiling water and placed in the bowl. I dread to think what it was stuffed with. 24 hours later I had a new motto: don't eat everything that's offered to you in a ger!



Firstly, thanks to all of you who've signed up at www.ourwatch.org.uk. We now have a modest, but promising 25 households who receive crime updates in our area automatically, plus the occasional email update from me.

To those who've promised to sign up but haven't yet, I'm going to be nagging you about it sooner or later...

Why bother? I put this question to the county co-ordinator recently. His response, paraphrased, was: 'If you were a criminal, would you prefer to operate in a village with a visible scheme that prosecutes crime by default or in a village that doesn't?' Enough said, methinks. Our scheme has just been ratified by the police and so we're visibly active on national neighbourhood watch web maps. This may be a kind of mild deterrent in itself.

Vigorous head-scratching to dredge up other motivational reasons why you might want to sign up returned:

1. It will make me happy. You have the power to cheer someone up (me) during these grey, rainy days.

2. It could boost property values (err, possibly).
3. It all helps to foster a wonderful sense of community spirit!

You may have noticed extra signage in the village; reminders to lock car doors and keep valuables out of sight etc. This was a bit of a temporary step, as by the time you read this we should have three new steel NW signs put up. I was going to ask for suggestions as to where I should put them, but then realised this was tempting those among us with a coarser wit perhaps too far. The tactic is to try to deflect crime away from the village and this means signage goes at ingress routes where a driver can still turn away. I noted three such areas whilst out jogging, so will cover these first.

If you want to listen to crime alerts on the phone (but please sign up via the web too, it's easier and cheaper) then you can dial 0845 6092824 and choose mailbox 9009. Neato! In the meantime, if you notice anything weird/odd in the village let me know and I'll spread the word ASAP using my funky Ourwatch email messaging system (but you have to be signed up to receive these, and in this case, ignorance is certainly not bliss). Graver matters can be reported to the local police on 01926 415000 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111, where you can spill the beans anonymously.

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Welcome pale primrose! Starting up between
Dead mattered leaves of ash and oak that strew
The sunny lawns, the wood and coppice through
Mid creeping moss and ivy's darker green. (John Clare)

After the very wet and dreary winter weather this year, the pale yellow primroses are a welcome sight glistening in the dappled sunlight in our woodland garden, peeping through the crimped leaves as they nestle amongst the undergrowth.

Primroses are one of my favourite flowers, bringing back so many memories of my childhood in the Essex countryside just after the war. We would 'primrose' in the nearby woods just before Easter, taking a large basket to pick the delicate blooms sprinkled with purple and white sweet violets. Arriving home, we

made Easter posies, tying them with unraveled wool to give to elderly neighbours and some to decorate the church.

I wondered whether this was a tradition and asked Gwen Smith (formerly Bloxham, born and bred in Snitterfield) and she did! With her sisters, she gathered them from Bearley Bushes. Apparently, people travelled on the train from Birmingham to Bearley and walked with their baskets to pick the primroses in the woods. In the 'olden days' they were given as a protection against evil spirits.

The primrose is the 'prima' rose, the first rose of the year. They were particularly important to the people who owned cows as the flower was rubbed on the cows' udders in order to produce lots of milk for butter in May. They were also spread on the thresholds of houses before dawn on May Day to protect the butter from fairies. The root and flowers had medicinal properties,



particularly as a remedy for muscular rheumatism and paralysis. It was also used to treat malaria and as an infusion for a hysterical disorder.

Primroses usually have five petals; representing birth, initiation, consummation, repose and death. If a primrose has six petals it was said to bring luck in love and marriage.

It is a joy to walk in Bearley Bushes to see the primrose banks, to breathe in the sweet woody fragrance, to sense the peace and remember the past simple pleasures. But please do not pick the primroses, leave them for your grandchildren to enjoy.

Margaret Tweed

Snitterfield to go superfast

You may have seen BT Openreach vans prowling the village. A few of us chatted to the guys during their work (with growing excitement) as they blew fibre bundles through our old, occasionally blocked GPO ducting. They leapfrogged from manhole cover to cover as they connected the four cabinets in Snitterfield to our exchange. This is the infrastructure necessary to enable 'Superfast Broadband' in our village.

Unlike major cities where fibre can be terminated in each home, we're getting a Fibre To The Cabinet solution. This is slower, but still broadly an order of magnitude improvement over our present broadband speed (7.5Mbps at best). These chaps were harbingers then not of doom, but of boom! For us homeworkers this upgrade has real value. I'm frequently chunking large database files around our cloud servers and home - and this takes a depressingly long time (that's when I go and walk the dog, normally). Business use aside, we'll all be pleased to see less of the dreaded iPlayer spinning wheel, as video streams are downloaded at a crawl.

You'll probably see two flavours of fibre offering from internet service providers (ISPs) - 80/20 and 40/10 (these are downlink/uplink speeds given in Megabits per second). Speeds are reduced a little in practice, as distance to the cabinet is still a degrading factor. But, for most people, the lower speed solution will be absolutely more than adequate, so don't buy more than you need. Even my daughter's voracious appetite for Barbie films would be satiated. Wonder if it'll have a short-term effect on property prices?

It is not known exactly when the services will start to be offered via ISPs but it is scheduled to be 'from Spring 2014'. Find out more here: www.cswbroadband.org.uk.

Greg Bull

Literary tea and cakes with local author

Snitterfield author Jon Cooksey made an appearance on BBC4's *Hidden Histories* programme on 13 March, talking about *World War One's Forgotten Photographs*.

Jon will also be appearing with another author at the Stratford Literary Festival at 5.15pm on Sunday 27 April in the Guildhall at KES. He will be discussing *Harry's War - The Great War Diary of Harry Drinkwater*, the book he co-edited which featured in the last issue of *Snipe*. It has been called 'one of the best diaries of the First World War' by the Imperial War Museum.

Tickets are £8, including tea and cake. Call 01789 207100 to book. www.stratfordliteraryfestival.co.uk

What's On

Snitterfield WI

Meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Snitterfield Garden Club

6 May Garden visit to Kiftsgate garden 6.30pm.

3 June An evening garden tour at Bretforton Manor 6.30pm.

17 June Trip to RHS Wisley 8.30am.

1 July Members evening at Claverdon Fields 6.45pm. A member's contemporary garden in the making. Members to bring plate of canapes. Wine provided.

4-7 July A jolly jaunt to Norfolk enjoying gardens and landscapes.

Parish Council Meetings

On the second Monday in the month, unless changed by the Council. See noticeboard on Smith's Lane.

Snitterfield Actioning Climate Change

SACC meetings first Thursday each month in Village Hall, 8.00pm. Check www.snitterfieldacc.org for changes.

An inspiring evening with a free curry and first drink!

Following recent extreme weather conditions here and around the globe, can we humans be responsible for this? And if so, can we really do anything about it? Dr Laurence Matthews gives considered and realistic answers to the Climate Change question and provides answers to thorny questions such as ... Why should I do my bit, unless everyone else does too? And what about China?

Come to Snitterfield Sports club for an engaging evening followed by an open question-and-answer session on Friday 6 June at 7.30pm. To secure your place and prevent over-booking a £2 REFUNDABLE deposit is required. Tickets available from the shop, sports club or ring Vikki on 01789 731348, www.snitterfieldacc.org

Get to the bottom of the most important issue of our time



The World Health Organisation attributes an annual death toll of 150,000 to our changing climate

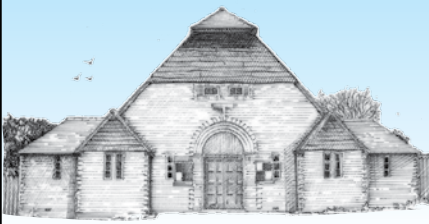
Three-quarters of 11 to 16-year-olds in the UK are worried about how climate change will affect their future

Available for hire SNITTERFIELD Village Hall

Situated in the heart of the village, the hall is the ideal place to hold meetings, events, parties and family gatherings.

The facilities include: main hall, meeting room, kitchen, toilets, electric piano, stage and microphone.

For information, rates and booking please telephone 07501416221/ 01789 730514 email smcoombes@btinternet.com



As part of our Eco Schools programme and to raise funds, Snitterfield School now has a clothes recycling bin. It will take clean, wearable clothing and shoes (attached in pairs), handbags and belts, sheets, curtains and towels. Please place items in supermarket type bags with the handles tied in the bin at school. The school also has a scheme to recycle printer cartridges, DVDs and computer games in original boxes.

Snitterfield Nursery

presents



LADIES PAMPER EVENING

SNITTERFIELD VILLAGE HALL
WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY

7:00 TO 9:30PM

Beauty Treatments

Luxury Shopping

Licensed Bar

Nice Snacks & Naughty Puds

Tickets £2 on door

All profits to Snitterfield Nursery School

RAG-TAG TODDLER GROUP

Monday morning in the Village Hall 10.00-11.45am. Open to all parents and carers with children 0-4 years. Wide range of toys and a friendly welcome. Do come along and meet us or, for more information, please contact Hilary Schmidt-Hansen. Tel: 731246

Eye Spy: The round brick pillar with worked metalwork is on The Green, almost directly opposite the turn to The Knob. Does anybody know what is was used for?

Moving Pictures

Cinema in the Village Hall

If you would like more information or to join our email circulation list to suggest films you would like to see, please contact Hilary and Ole Schmidt-Hansen, Tel: 731246. email: hilary@thegables.spacomputers.com

Next cinema dates: 27 April Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (U) & Saving Mr Banks (PG), 18 May, 29 June, 20 July, 21 September