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of Snitterfield

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL!

## Village Directory

Vikki Parker has done a wonderful job putting together a directory of clubs and organisations within the village. Thank you Vikki!

It has been inserted into this issue of *Snipe* as a reference to keep and will be on the village website. If you wish to make additions or amendments for the future please contact Vikki on parkers@letia.co.uk. Her other brilliant idea regarding a volunteer helpline can be found on page 2. Please do join up - it will really make a difference!



*Katie's uphill challenge*



*John and Katie*

## What Katie did

**On 3rd October, Katie Ginder from The Snitterfield Arms and villager John Berry embarked on the journey of a lifetime: 'The Malawi Bike Challenge'.**

Over six days a group of 19 crazy people covered 240 miles from Salima to Mzuzu. The temperature reached more than 40 degrees on some days making it almost impossible to cycle and causing a few of us to suffer from heat exhaustion! On one day we climbed 1,000 metres in just 30km ... only nine out of 21 made it to the top (John being one of them!). My fundraising target was £3,000 but due to the overwhelming generosity of the village we reached £6,000! As a group we have raised more than £65,000 for Myton Hospice and money is still rolling in, so a massive thank you to everyone who has donated money to this great cause!

**Katie Ginder**

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Saturday 13th December**  
Snitterfield Village Hall  
7.30pm (doors open 7pm)

**Presenting an evening with  
local talent, good humour,  
singing, musicians,  
raconteurs and choir**

Information and tickets  
Liz & Eric: 01789 731732  
Hilary: 01789 731246  
Also tickets at the village shop

**In aid of the Village Hall Fund**

**The Barn Owl in flight. See  
Real Twitter on page 3**

*Photo: Paul Cross*



## News from your District Councillor

You will no doubt have read the recent articles in the *Stratford Herald* about an investigation into our Council's leader Chris Saint, specifically in relation to the development at Gaydon Lighthouse (GLH) which forms part of our Core Strategy. My understanding of the situation is that five options were presented for consideration to the Core Strategy. GLH was the first to the table and Cllr Saint met with the developers to explore the details of their proposal. When the Long Marston site emerged as a serious contender, Cllr Saint quite rightly met with the developers of that site, again with a view to explore the details.



This is to be expected. We would not envisage the leader of the council to meet with all developers of every single site but certainly with the two main contenders. It is not uncommon for politicians to be investigated. I am fortunate not to have been subject to scrutiny but close colleagues of mine have been on a number of occasions, mostly through unsubstantiated claims. In all cases the monitoring officer will give full consideration to all the facts and report his findings.

Nevertheless, the final draft of the Core Strategy was submitted to the planning inspectorate at the end of September and was acknowledged by the examining officer on 14 October. A timetable has been drawn up with the public examination of the submitted Core Strategy taking place from

6 January 2015. A full programme of the examination hearing is available on the district council website.

There has been a pause for breath while more work is being done on the intricacies of the GLH proposal. Meanwhile the developers of the Long Marston site (Cala Homes) have submitted an application for 400 homes. Given the council has had the five year housing supply successfully challenged, it is likely that this will be approved but without the added infrastructure that would have otherwise come about.

At our most recent full council meeting we discussed the state of the district. Generally speaking the message was a very positive one with low levels of unemployment, average earnings above the national average and crime rates below the national average. The report also shows that residents of the district are living longer, healthier lives. The satisfaction survey also showed the district in a very good light although clearly there are areas that need to improve. Planning is one area identified as in need of improvement, as was car parking and general transport. All things that the council has begun to address both internally and externally through its work with the Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership.

The council continues to make savings where necessary and has maintained income levels by freezing council tax to support a strong financial position.

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## News from your County Councillor

This year's community grants scheme is currently being reviewed by county officers and I am pleased to report that the projects put forward by Snitterfield residents won high scores for community benefit. The projects proposed were tree restoration and landscaping in Park Lane, new chairs for the village hall and a new floor cover for the Nursery. A confirmation of funding will be made by the Portfolio Holder later this month.



I was glad to be able to persuade the Highways Agency that opening up the view across the Avon valley from the War Memorial would have a community benefit that outweighed the environmental damage caused by lopping the self-seeded saplings. I have had confirmation that this view will now be maintained into the future and I was pleased that we managed to get it done before Remembrance Sunday.

The County recently had an inspection from the Local Government Association. This group, made up of officers from other counties and politicians from different political groups, spent four days at the council's headquarters in Warwick and spoke to a wide range of staff, councillors, partners and stakeholders. They found that there is good political leadership and there are positive working relationships between elected members across the political groups. It was noted that service users are generally positive about their engagement with the council and feel able to influence council policies.

We are currently reviewing progress on achieving the savings we have to make if we are to keep the Council Tax rises to 2 per cent for the next three years in light of the new responsibilities we have to take on due to the Care Act, Public Health transfer from the NHS and Safeguarding. There is concern that Government grant funding may not be sufficient to support these new responsibilities and could require us to make savings in other areas if we are to avoid tax increases.

The County is always looking for families to come forward to offer foster care for young people. I would urge anyone who thinks they might be able to help a young person to consider fostering.

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## Join the village volunteers

Having been more heavily involved in November's bonfire night this year since being on the Sports Club committee, I have seen first-hand how much so few do for so many. It was very hard to see Lee Hillier, the Lamb family and others struggling with marquees, building the bonfire (in the pouring rain) manning the car park etc - all for the good of the village. This really made me think that folk just don't realise how much work goes into these events (the fete included). With just a little more help it would become far less stressful for the few.

I know there are folk who shy away from committees because of time pressures and fear of commitment, but by having a village occasional volunteer email list villagers who don't or can't commit to regular help could be contacted via a group email when extra hands are needed. Just a few volunteers willing to offer half an hour once or twice a year could make all the difference.

There are all sorts of roles from pulling pints, serving food, car park marshalling, litter picking to sorting the recycling at the end of the event. It is a great way to meet people, build community spirit and will help to ensure that the village events we all enjoy don't fall on the shoulders of a handful of people. After the fantastic fireworks evening and this summer's village fete I really feel moved to make sure these events continue as we are so lucky to have them.

Can you spare as little as 30 minutes a year to help with village events? Your details will be logged and you will be contacted if help is needed. No obligation required, just a willingness to help when possible for you.

If you can help email your name and preferred method of contact (email or phone) to [snitterfieldvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:snitterfieldvolunteers@gmail.com) or call 01789 731348.

**Vikki Parker**



## Surviving winter

The first taste of winter - how do animals cope? To build up body reserves all animals have to eat a lot more during the warmer seasons. Then they employ different strategies to deal with the cold and wet with less food around.

One strategy is to migrate to warmer places with more food. Many birds, butterflies, mammals and fish migrate. Other animals move very small distances to deeper, warmer soil or the bottom of a lake. Britain's climate is relatively mild so some birds migrate here for winter, such as Redwings and Fieldfares which arrive here in October from Scandinavia. Many individuals do not survive the dangerous trips, crossing open sea or desert, but the strategy is successful for the population overall.

Some animals sleep through the winter. They have to eat a lot to survive long periods without food. For example, a hedgehog needs to weigh at least 600g to survive winter. Among Britain's mammals only bats, hedgehogs and dormice hibernate; a deep sleep with the metabolism reduced by 99 per cent. The body's thermostat wakes the animal if the body temperature falls too low and it burns special brown fat to increase its metabolism. It shivers to raise the temperature, relieves itself, may eat and catch up on some normal sleep, before it falls back to the hibernation state. Some frogs and invertebrates produce anti-freeze in the blood and can survive very low temperatures.

The third strategy is to stay and adapt to weather and scarcity of food. Many mammals grow thicker furs for insulation. Some birds will lower their body temperature by five degrees centigrade during the long nights but small birds can still lose as much as 10 per cent of body weight overnight, weight that has to be regained during the short day. Roe Deer adapt by delaying the implantation of the foetus from the summer mating to avoid giving birth in the middle of winter. Birds like the Barn Owl (*see page one*) have to be active for more of the daylight hours than during the warmer part of the year.

Behaviour is adapted in many different ways. Jays, squirrels, mice and beavers stash food for the winter. Other animals are forced to change diet, switching from insects to seeds or from leaf to twigs. It is helpful to feed the birds during the winter: if you see birds at the feeder with a bent tail you can assume that it spent the night in a nest box, and probably with a lot of other birds. One nest box in Norfolk housed 61 wrens! Many birds and mammals will team up in large flocks during the cold months and benefit from finding food more easily, increased warmth due to numbers and less chance of predation.

Many animals merely stay put during days of bad weather. You may come across invertebrates in your garden wintering as adults, eggs, larvae or pupae. Check under rocks and logs and in bark crevices. Last winter was particularly mild so we had a very good year for insects and birds. But there are some negative consequences too. A cold winter will kill off pests and weaker individuals which benefits the populations in the long run.

**Claes Martenson**  
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## Badger vaccination in Snitterfield Bushes

As part of a wider programme to tackle bovine TB in the badger population - reducing risk of transfer of the disease and building herd immunity in the badger population - Warwickshire Wildlife Trust's programme of trapping and vaccinating badgers against bovine TB in Snitterfield Bushes has provided some surprises.

It all started in 2012 with training on a four-day intensive course in the heart of rural Gloucestershire. Classroom-based learning covered the principles, methods and legislation and was then followed by the very physical practical work of baiting the traps with peanuts and setting cage traps. Going out early next morning to vaccinate the caught badgers and being that close to so many of them really did cement the need to protect such enigmatic creatures. It also confirmed that vaccination is a credible tool in tackling a disease that is having a huge impact on farmers, their herds and their livelihoods.

What we learnt has now been employed over the past three years across four sites in Warwickshire, three of which are our own nature reserves including Snitterfield

Bushes. The trapping and vaccination is in fact very straightforward, where law and legislation dictates a very smooth operation. The real skill lies in the surveying and pre-baiting of the setts, which if done correctly will lead to high returns in the traps.

When it came to our Snitterfield operation for 2014, knowing we caught seven badgers in 2013, we wondered how many we would catch this year. However, when we



surveyed for this year's programme the activity and locations of the setts had changed significantly. Technology is a wonderful thing and the deployment of remote camera traps give you a good estimate of numbers, but you can only be moderately accurate if they all appear in one shot, so positioning is key. Knowing what we knew from the previous year, we anticipated around half a dozen badgers and,

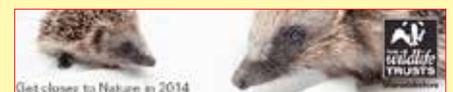
on reviewing the footage after starting the pre-baiting, we were not disappointed with five badgers appearing in one shot - two adults and three cubs.

When it finally came to trapping, we caught two more that were not in shot on a different sett that proved that our deployment and trap placement was effective. It's quite a feeling being so close to such a secretive creature that many people have not seen alive. So knowing that we are building immunity to a disease that provides wider benefit to each generation of badgers makes the very early starts of 4am worth it.

**Karl Curtis**

*If you are interested in being involved or would like to know more about the programme, please contact Karl Curtis, Reserves and Community Engagement Manager, on 02476 302912 or via email on: [karl.curtis@wkwt.org.uk](mailto:karl.curtis@wkwt.org.uk)*

*If you would like to contribute to their appeal and support the ongoing programme please find appeal information at [www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk)*



## Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red

*In reverent silence, masses stand and stare  
At all the poppies planted there  
Stiffened stalks of quivering wire  
Sprout from the trodden mud and mire  
Crowned with petals each shining red  
A tribute to our courageous dead,  
Every one, a son or brother killed  
With thirty five heroes from Snitterfield.*



I recently visited *Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red*, the incredible emotional evolving art installation created by ceramic artist Paul Cummins at the Tower of London to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War.



Each poppy is unique, representing every British and Empire soldier, all 888,246 of them who lost their lives in battle. Sixteen acres around the moat represent the battlefields. Local company Whichford Pottery, near Shipston, produced 90,000 of the total figure.

The poppy became a symbol of remembrance following the First World War. The devastation of war churned up the landscape around Flanders and seeds from the annual poppies, which had lain dormant until the soil was disturbed, germinated in the warmth of spring and summer months. Clumps of poppies were a sight of hope to many of our soldiers who often mentioned them in their letters sent home.

**Margaret Tweed**



## Remembrance and re

The Remembrance Service, led by Norman Warren, was held on Sunday 9 November by the War Memorial in Snitterfield. It was a beautiful autumn day and the service was very well attended. The 1st Bearley and Snitterfield Explorers, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers marched to the War Memorial and, as in previous years, played an important role in the service. Thank you, in particular, to the standard bearers. Morten Schmidt-Hansen's trumpet playing added greatly to the poignancy of the service.

Major Michael Neville addressed those present, reiterating the enormous debt of gratitude owed to those who had fallen in battle to assure our freedom. He read the names of 42 residents of Snitterfield comprising the Roll of Honour of servicemen who had died in both World Wars. At the age of only 19 Major Neville served as a Tank Commander in the Second World War during the Battle of Normandy.

All those attending were delighted to see the excellent refurbishment work on the War Memorial, which remains, for future generations, a fitting tribute to the servicemen of Snitterfield. The project was jointly funded by profits from this year's Wartime Memories Village Fete and Snitterfield Parish Council. Thanks to architect Steve Matthews and Paul Blanchard of the Parish Council, both village residents, who coordinated the project. In addition, the Highways Agency have recently cut the trees back behind the memorial, opening up the beautiful view across the Avon Valley.

In this year, the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War, the service was especially significant in remembering all those in the armed services who had given their lives for their country in conflicts both old and recent.

**Guy Norris**



*Raising the standards in front of the open view*

# novation



*Crowds gather in front of the refurbished memorial*



## Village Hall wins lottery grant

**LOTTERY FUNDED**

Snitterfield Village Hall has recently been successful in its application for a lottery grant from The Big Lottery Awards for All scheme. The grant fund of £8,500 will be used to install audio visual equipment into the hall together with black-out blinds and curtaining to the windows and door to help reduce heat loss during cold weather.

These improvements to our facilities will benefit many of the groups and clubs that meet at the hall including the WI, Garden Club, speakers and dance clubs and the rural cinema, as well as making the hall more attractive to outside organisations who may wish to use the hall as a conference facility.

It is hoped that the new facilities will be installed in time for the Christmas Variety Show on 13 December (see page 1).

*The Big Lottery Fund is responsible for giving out 40 per cent of the money raised for good causes by the National Lottery. The Fund is committed to bringing real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need and has been rolling out grants to health, education, environment and charitable causes across the UK. Since its inception in 2004 close to £6bn has been awarded. The Fund was formally established by Parliament on 1 December 2006.*

### YOUR VILLAGE SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Snitterfield School has a vacancy for a school governor from January. The school is part of the Stratford Rural Schools Federation which also contains Loxley and Wilmcote Primary Schools. All three schools are overseen by one governing body.

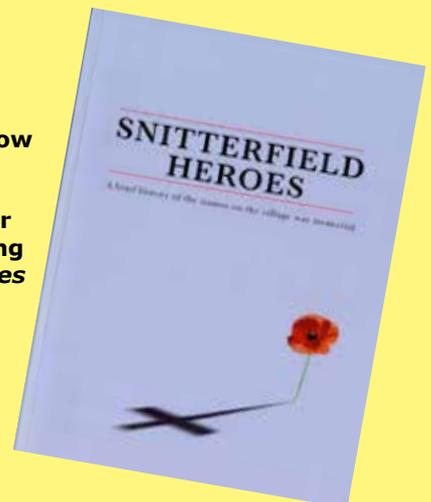
This is a voluntary position. You will need to be able to attend at least two evening meetings per term, and also offer support as required. Experience or an interest in education, business, personnel or health and safety would be ideal, but the main requirement is enthusiasm and a willingness to become involved in supporting the school.

It is an interesting and rewarding opportunity and training on the role will be given, so please don't be put off if you have no previous experience. There may be a requirement to attend meetings during the day from time to time, therefore the post would ideally suit someone who either doesn't work or works part time. If anyone would like more information about what is involved, please call Sue Yendall on 730269.

### Snitterfield Heroes

**If you would like to know more about the war memorial and the men named on it, Bob Foster has written a fascinating book: *Snitterfield Heroes - A brief history of the names on the village war memorial.***

**The book costs £8 and Bob can be contacted on 01789 731118.**



# Talking turkey

Traditionally, turkey is at the centre of the table on Christmas Day but this has not always been so. Before turkeys were introduced into this country geese, peacocks and boar's head were eaten. Turkeys originated from Mexico and it is thought that in 1526 Yorkshireman William Strickland imported six turkeys from American Indian traders and sold them on. The birds were considered extremely tasty and a more practical alternative to rearing livestock such as cows and chickens.

Henry VIII was reputed to be the first English monarch to enjoy turkey on Christmas Day although it was King Edward VII who made eating turkey fashionable. In Victorian Britain, initially it was only the wealthy who could afford this exotic bird. But by mid 20th century the turkey, being the perfect size for a family gathering, became more popular than goose on Christmas Day. Today, approximately 10 million are eaten in Britain every Christmas!

## Traditional Roast Christmas Turkey Recipe

12-14lb (5.4-6.3kg) oven ready turkey  
6oz (175g) butter  
8oz (225g) Streaky bacon  
salt and pepper freshly ground  
1 quantity pork sausagemeat (2lb/900g), mixed with sage and onion stuffing or chestnut and apple stuffing.



On the morning of cooking, stuff the turkey. If included, remove giblets from the body cavity. Loosen the skin with your hands and pack stuffing into neck end - not too tightly as it will expand. Tuck in the neck skin flap and secure with a scower. Put the rest of stuffing in the

body cavity. Arrange two sheets of large foil across your baking tin, like a cross (widthways and lengthways). Lay the turkey on its back in the centre. Rub butter into breast and thighs particularly, then salt and pepper. Lay bacon pieces over the turkey breast, overlapping to protect it from drying out. Now make a loose fitting parcel with the foil, sealing all ends but allowing air to circulate. Bring in either end of one piece of foil and fold over to make a pleat. Then repeat with other piece.

Place the parcel on the low shelf of the oven for 40mins on gas mark 7, 425F, (220C). After that reduce temperature to gas mark 3, 325F, (170C) and cook for a further:

3 hours for 12lb (5.4kg) bird  
3.5 hours for 14lb (6.3kg) bird  
4 hours for 16lb (7.2kg) bird

Tear away the foil and remove the bacon, (save for later) allowing the skin to brown by increasing temperature to gas mark 6, 400F (200C) for 40mins, including frequently basting with the juices in the tin. To test bird is cooked thoroughly push a thin scower into the thickest part of leg and juices should run golden/clear. Transfer the turkey onto a carving tray and allow it to rest for 30-60 mins before carving.

**Gaye Hillier**

*Gaye and Lee Hillier, previously owners of Snitterfield Stores, run Hilliers Butchers, offering a range of quality Christmas produce including Turkeys, Cockerels and Geese. All products are free range and raised locally. [www.hilliersbutchers.co.uk](http://www.hilliersbutchers.co.uk), tel: 01789 263668*

# Oh we do like to be beside the seaside ...

It was a glorious September day when Snitterfield Thursday Club travelled to Weston super Mare for their annual day trip away. This is all possible because of the very kind generosity of the Fete Committee who contribute towards the cost of the coach.

Our group (pictured below) made the most of the sun and some of us even participated in some paddling along the shore! A very happy occasion, and one we hope will continue along with our meetings, on the first Thursday afternoon of the month (see *Link Magazine*, or phone me for details). This friendly club has been running in the village for over 40 years, so we hope if you know anyone who would welcome the chance to meet new friends, hear talks from local people and have tea and cake with some delightful chatting, then please join us.

Transport for residents of Snitterfield to the Village Hall can be arranged.

**Helen Hayter**

**Tel: 01789 731388, 07876 442726**



# Ready, Steady, Book!

What a brilliant week of book reading we had at the school back in May! The children were treated to an array of storytellers, from former teachers and governors to military historians and local history experts. Even Waterstones Bookshop sent in their children's specialist.

Thanks to those in the village who took time out of their busy lives to sit down with a quiet book and a lively lot of children to share their favourite tales. The roadside second-hand bookstall raised more than £180, despite the weather and (perhaps because of) the local elections. Combined with the sponsored read and matched funding



from Friends of Snitterfield School (FOSS), the funds raised by this brilliant event has transformed the school library and the range of books the children can get their hands on. Key Stage 2 groups can now enjoy guided reading sessions with notes and activities linked to the National Curriculum. The library also has some fantastic new fiction and non-fiction. The best schools in the country have these Oxford University Press materials and now, so does Snitterfield! Many thanks to those who supported this and other events, including the former FOSS Committee and the school staff.

**Claudine Pearson**



## Top tips for a planet friendly Christmas

**Cards** Send e cards, or cards made from recycled card. Marks and Spencer will plant a tree for every 1000 cards recycled at their stores between 2nd and 31st Jan

**Presents** Buy local and buy less. Each Christmas, 4,000 tonnes of products arrive from

China. Support small suppliers and the local community by shopping locally, while minimising your carbon footprint. Alternatively charity shops and online auction sites have many used items that are as good as new.

**Wrapping** The Department for Environment estimates that last year's wasted paper would be enough to wrap up the island of Guernsey. If we all recycled just half of the 8,000 tonnes produced we'd save 25,000 trees. Try wrapping your presents in brown or recycled paper, recycled foil or newspaper or vintage fabric and using

string or raffia (made from bark which regenerates) to tie it up.

**Food** By the time the ingredients that make up the average British Christmas dinner arrive on our plates, they have travelled a combined distance of 49,000 miles. [www.foodcarbon.co.uk](http://www.foodcarbon.co.uk) (link to a carbon footprint calculator of food). Ten million turkeys are eaten every Christmas, so try to make sure it is locally sourced and has been reared in humane conditions. Shop at Stratford's farmers market on the first and third Saturday of the month from 9am to 3pm and buy your fruit and vegetables loose. Pack all your goods into a re-usable shopping bag or re-use old plastic bags. Try to avoid serving people with paper or plastic plates and cups if you are entertaining. And don't forget that ALL your food peelings, bones etc can be put in your green bin for composting.

**Vikki Parker**

[www.snitterfieldacc.org](http://www.snitterfieldacc.org)

## Award-winning SACC welcomes Green Party Leader

At a presentation held in Oxford, Duncan Parker, Chair of Snitterfield Actioning Climate Change received the award of Energy Purchase Project of the Year 2014 at the UK Community Energy Awards. The award recognises the work undertaken by SACC as part of the solar panel installation scheme which has been running in Snitterfield for some time and has enabled many of the community buildings to be fitted with panels. This is the second award for the group, having won the West Midlands Low Carbon Community Award in 2010.

Following SACC's award-winning ways it was delighted to welcome Natalie Bennett, leader of the Green Party, to come and see some of the work being undertaken. She said 'It's always heart-warming to see the issue of climate change being addressed so vigorously at a community level'. SACC is an apolitical organisation but welcomes support from any organisations who support or can assist with the decarbonisation of Snitterfield.



*Natalie Bennett at the village school*

This year saw a record number of requests for money to support carbon-reducing initiatives in the village. Each year, the money generated by the electric solar panels on the sports club and village hall is distributed at the September AGM. A total of £3,265 was available this year, a little higher than previously as the previous year's funding was not fully spent. This year, all applicants received some or all of the

requested funding including three residential applications totalling £534 for low energy lighting and a smart device to divert excess electricity, produced by solar panels, to hot water tanks.

The following community grants were also awarded:

- St James Church - £500 toward the proposed replacement low energy lighting.
- Sports Club - £271 contribution towards carbon reducing initiatives including PIR sensors and LED bulbs.
- SPLART - £400 for a bench made from recycled materials and a £100 contribution towards a willow tunnel.
- Nursery - £170 for insulating underlay and a further £330 for insulating initiatives.
- Rag Tag Toddler Group - Up to £50 for a sensor lighting unit.
- Telephone Box Action Group - Up to £50 for a solar powered light
- School Eco Group - £15 for rechargeable batteries

**Duncan Parker**



Have a spare five minutes? SPLART (Snitterfield Playground Renovation) is gathering opinions about the village's play equipment – how it's used and what's missing. They'd love to hear your views, so type the link below into your web browser and let them know. Leave them to their own devices and you've only yourself to blame if extra-large neon lit purple dino-slides start to appear everywhere ... [bit.ly/splartsurvey](http://bit.ly/splartsurvey)

## EYE SPY



How well do you know your village? This lamppost 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**

# What's On

## Snitterfield Garden Club

**2 December**, 7pm, Tom Hart Dyke, 'The Modern Plant Hunter/Explorer'. Christmas jolly with seasonal buffet and mulled wine.

**6 January**, 8pm, Diane Jones, 'The History of Warwickshire Gardens'.

**3 February**, 8pm, Timothy Walker, 'Two for the Price of One'.

**3 March**, 8pm, Marcel Floyd, 'Climbers and Clematis'.

**7 April**, 8pm, Helen Picton, 'A New Way with Alpines'.

## 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, 8pm. Check [www.snitterfieldacc.org](http://www.snitterfieldacc.org) for changes.

## Snitterfield WI

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

## Sportsclub broadband

Free internet access is available at Snitterfield Sports Club, except for a 50p fee for temporary guest status for non members. Opening times of the Club for weekdays are 7pm to 11pm; Saturdays 12 noon to 11pm; Sundays 12.00 noon to 10.30pm.

## Meditation and Relaxation Classes for Women who Lead Busy Lives

Classes on alternate Wednesdays, Village Hall, starting 21st January 7.30pm to 8.30pm Contact Sue 07581183458.

## Classical Ballet Classes for Adults

Thursdays (term time) Beginners: 9.20am in the Village Hall. Contact Rosie Parker, R.A.D, R.T.S. Email: [rosieparker@outlook.com](mailto:rosieparker@outlook.com)

## CHRISTMAS FAIRE

at St. James Church, Snitterfield

Saturday, December 6th, 2014

2 til 4pm

Come in for teas, coffee, cakes and mince pies in our beautiful village church then stay to browse books, gifts and cards.

Fun for the children with games, toy tombola, lucky dip and pick-a-cup, and visit our special guest, Father Christmas.

All proceeds to St. James Church & Friends of Snitterfield 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

## Smith's Lane Phone Box

Work is slowly starting on the rejuvenation of the telephone box in Smith's Lane. The idea is to create an information point and book exchange such as that shown in the photo below of the Bramshaw phone box in the New Forest.

We hope to incorporate as many ideas from residents as is feasible within the small space and if anyone would like to be involved please let us know.

Hilary & Ole Schmidt-Hansen.  
Tel: 731246 Email: [Hilary@thegables.spacomputers.com](mailto:Hilary@thegables.spacomputers.com)



## Eye Spy: The Victorian lampost is outside 3 The Gables on Smith's Lane



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.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN OPEN DAY

Sunday 7 December  
10am to 4pm at  
Snitterfield Village Hall

Come along to find out about our Neighbourhood Plan, the progress made since July and make your views known

ALL WELCOME  
Refreshments available  
For more information contact  
Ole Schmidt-Hansen  
Tel: 731246

## 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](mailto:smcoombes@btinternet.com)



## Moving Pictures

### Cinema in the Village Hall

If you would like 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](mailto:hilary@thegables.spacomputers.com)

Next screening. 21 December:  
How to Train your Dragon 2 at 3pm and Belle (15) at 8pm. N.B. later time than usual due to village carol service.