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# A brief history of village benefactors

**'If you don't know history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree'**  
Michael Crichton

Members of Garden Club [see *Over the Garden Wall* page 7] were enjoying a social evening at The Hill Cottage on King's Lane and could not help admiring the evening sun shining on the obelisk, a focal point on the Welcombe Hills.

It is prominent for miles around and for the residents of King's Lane is an amazing feature. It was raised in 1876 by Robert Needham Philips in honour of his brother Mark Philips and also his father Robert, wealthy industrialists from Manchester who expanded their business

interests into other areas including Warwickshire. Both men in their time worked tirelessly with philanthropic deeds in our village; buying and improving village properties, providing land and building the school as well as building their own estates (Park House, and Welcombe Lodge) as featured in issue 9 of *Snipe*.

Mark lived at Park House, moving later to Welcombe when the house was rebuilt. Mark never married but Caroline his niece, (daughter of Robert Needham Philips) often stayed at Park House. Caroline married George Otto Trevelyan in 1869. He was a Liberal MP, and Caroline fell in love with him while George was helping her father in

his election campaign (also a Liberal MP, for Bury). Mark (who held the purse strings of the family) objected to this relationship, as he thought him rather pompous with few prospects. Little did he know that George was to inherit enormous wealth and estates in Northumberland. They, however, enjoyed a loving marriage and had a family of three sons, Charles, Robert and George). Thus, the families Philips and Trevelyan were united.

Mark Philips on his death bequeathed a great portion of his wealth and the

**Both men worked tirelessly with philanthropic deeds**

Welcombe estate to his brother Robert Needham Philips. On his death in 1890 Welcombe was left to Caroline. Mark had built several houses in Snitterfield,

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## News from your District Councillor

It seems like a long time ago now but in May we experienced one of the biggest elections in recent memory with all seats at national, district and parish councils up for grabs. Even the polls couldn't predict the outcome and I think it came as a welcome surprise to the Conservative Party, who managed to take full control at national level by gaining 24 seats and similarly locally taking 31 of the 36 seats available. It was a resounding majority that demonstrates a real confidence in the party. With that comes great responsibility and already locally we are taking steps to ensure the district is developed in the right way for its residents.

### Core Strategy

The biggest and most important document being developed at the moment is the Core Strategy which sets out policies and plans for development in the district between now and 2031. In January this year the full document was presented to a planning inspector who, after a month of public examination, presented a report to us in March with further work to do.

That work has now largely been undertaken and implemented and at our most recent full council meeting on 22 June we collectively voted on and approved the interim adoption of the majority of our Core Strategy which included amendments suggested by the planning inspector.

Having now adopted these policies they do hold weight in our decision making process and it now leaves just the housing supply numbers open for debate, including the strategic sites which will likely consist of GLH and Long Marston Airfield. We anticipate these to be voted on and approved at the July council meeting allowing a second round of consultation through August and September before the final document is submitted to the inspector in October. These are all very positive steps and we hope to have the plan fully adopted early next year.

Between now and then, if you have any questions or concerns on development that may affect you in the ward, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am happy to help.

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## News from your County Councillor

A new budget was presented by the Chancellor in July and it had much lower public sector savings targets than had been expected. However, the County still has to deliver 60 per cent of the 2014-2018 target of £92 million in the next two years. A major impact on costs will be the new living wage requirement. Although the Council has few staff on the current minimum wage, suppliers, particularly in social care provision, will see a significant increase in costs and these will need to be covered by the Council if a reasonable standard of care is to be provided and bankruptcies be avoided.

Another item is the Regionalism agenda and the idea of Combined Authorities (CA). As things stand, councils can combine but only bring those powers they currently enjoy to the table. The Government then seems to offer more powers but not in any consistent way judging by the combinations that have been announced so far. There is a lot of public pressure from Coventry for Warwickshire to join the Greater Birmingham CA, but it is not clear that Warwickshire would gain anything. It is possible for a District Council to join Birmingham in its own right but it could only surrender things like town and county planning and environmental health. Stratford DC joining Birmingham would not mean that Warwickshire gives up its duties for education, highways, trading standards and fire and rescue for the Stratford area to Birmingham, but Stratford could surrender its planning duties to the combined authority. Although the Birmingham CA group has issued a prospectus it only covers governance and does not say what the CA would actually do. It is likely that Warwickshire will have to hold a special Council meeting in August to approve a response to the Birmingham consultation.

Other combinations involving Warwickshire other than with Birmingham that could occur are the County and the Districts in Warwickshire merging and forming a unitary: the Districts staying independent and Warwickshire joining with adjacent Counties or combinations of either. One issue would appear to be the requirement for a directly elected regional leader rather than a constituency-based model as we are used to in the UK. It is reasonable for an urban area like Greater Birmingham to have an elected mayor, but for larger areas such as combinations of counties this might not be appropriate.

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including the property now known as The Gables on Smith's Lane, and one of her first benevolent deeds was to turn it into an Institute for the use of the people in Snitterfield, to be used as a News and Reading Room, Library, Billiards Room and a larger room for whist drives, concerts, chess and even a non-alcoholic bar.

The Trevelyans were very generous patrons, giving land for the cemetery, the war memorial and Wesleyan church. Lady Caroline took a great deal of interest in the school, buying books and awarding scholarships to pupils. She died in January 1928 followed by Sir George in the following August. Sir George bequeathed to his eldest son Robert the village of Snitterfield.

Robert offered the Institute to the Parish Council but it was decided that, as a village hall was needed, they could not warrant the expense of the upkeep. So it was sold, with the furniture, and from the proceeds £500 was given to the building funds of the Village Hall with proviso of £50 to be 'devoted to the provision of a bowling green and tennis court'. On 21 January 1932, the Village Hall was formally opened by Mrs Robert

Trevelyan, attended by villagers and dignitaries, who were entertained with the production of 'The Butterfly Queen', performed by school children.

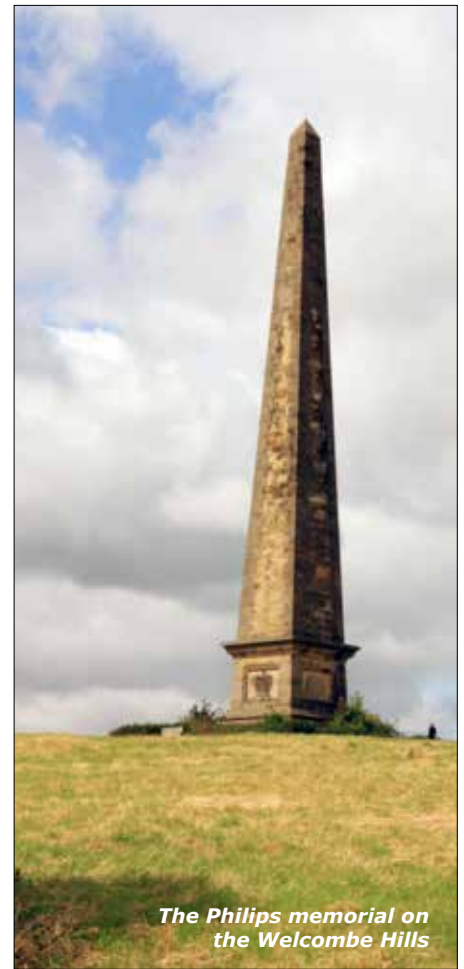
The Village Hall has served us well, situated in the hub of the village. It has staged cinema shows from early days to this present day. During the War, Home Guards practised their drill and made camouflage nets suspended from the beams. The WI made jam and had first aid lectures. It was an emergency rest centre, with a cooking trench built on the waste ground and was also used as a refuge centre for homeless refugees from Birmingham.

Over the years it has been the venue for Coronation parties, Royal Weddings, Jubilee parties, Harvest suppers, Christmas concerts, the Poppy Parties, not counting family events and numerous village clubs. It is a real village hall and if walls could talk would tell of many memories which would fill a book.

**Margaret Tweed**

**Related articles on the village**

**website:** Snipe issue 11 *Love beyond the tomb*; Snipe issue 12 *Grave matters*; Snipe issue 14 *Potted history of The Gables*.



*The Philips memorial on the Welcombe Hills*

**Then and now at the Village Hall: Coronation celebrations in 1937; royal wedding festivities in the same spot in 2011.**



## Updating the Village Hall

In 1931 the Parish Council was gifted the money to purchase the plot of land, on which the hall now stands, and to build a Village Hall for the 'advantage or benefit' of the inhabitants of the Parish of Snitterfield (see above). The Parish Council are the trustees of the Village Hall and the management and control of the premises is delegated to a Management Committee.

The main hall has been well maintained and is structurally sound. However, those parts of the building which have been added on over the years require urgent attention.

- The toilet block is in dire need of refurbishment and there is a requirement to provide a disabled toilet.
- The chair store on the other side of the building to the toilet block is letting in water and needs replacing.

- The room at the rear of the hall is no longer fit for purpose and needs to be knocked down and rebuilt.

The Management Committee are keen to bring the building up to date and are suggesting that a new toilet block be built on the site of the existing chair store. The existing toilet block could then be refurbished as a store room. The room at the back would be demolished and replaced with a bigger room with glass doors overlooking the grassed area at the rear and with separate access to the toilet block.

On Saturday 19 September there will be an Open Day in the hall between 10am and 2pm when we will present our plans and listen to your comments. Please come along for a coffee and have a look at what we have in mind.

**Eric Noble**  
**Chairman Management Committee**

*See Snitterfield Village Hall Variety Show poster page 8*

# Pulling together for a proper village fete

June saw another successful and sunny village fete with an 'Animal Crackers' theme, hosted by 'David Bellamy' aka Adrian Newall of Warneford Radio (see photo bottom centre). Amongst some of the lovely visitor comments on the day was that Snitterfield put on 'proper village fetes with a good mix of traditional and new attractions'. Amongst these was Joe Inglis, who is resident vet on *The One Show* and *Daybreak*. He was part of a question and answer session on pets and domestic fowl with Alister Jones from the Domestic Fowl Trust in Snitterfield, who brought with him an assortment of feathered friends. Other highlights included the Stratford Strummers Ukulele Band, vintage cars, a hugely successful dog show, (not quite like Crufts but great fun!), miniature horses and alpacas, a selection of creepy crawlies from Wild Creature Features and the lovely Daisy the donkey – not to mention the All Things Wild Dinosaur!

We had some great stalls, more than ever before, and two fantastic birds of prey displays from Arden Falconry. The weather also helped to create another memorable day for all.

If you live in Snitterfield and have a local project which needs funding or have an idea which would benefit the village and would like the Fete Committee to allocate some funds this year, please email us at [Snitterfieldfete@gmail.com](mailto:Snitterfieldfete@gmail.com) by 31 October 2015. Also, if you are interested in joining the Fete Committee, we would love to hear from you.

**Nicola Matthews**  
[www.snitterfieldfete.com](http://www.snitterfieldfete.com)



Photos: Vincent McKenna - Warneford Radio/Andy Hopkinson



## Village flooding – the saga continues

As reported in the last issue of *Snipe*, the long-awaited solution to flooding in the village was unveiled by the Environment Agency at a 'drop in' session held in the Village Hall at the end of March. As anticipated they proposed a diversion of Bell Brook into a larger open channel behind the houses on The Green.

However, detailed work subsequently showed the proposal to be more complex than expected and quotations were significantly higher than the available budget. Regrettably, their forecast start date of spring 2015 was missed. The Parish Council Flood Group has therefore held a number of further meetings with both the Environment Agency and Warwickshire County Council in a continuing quest to find an affordable solution.

Initially the Environment Agency proposed to go ahead with only part of the scheme. This we forcefully rejected. Subsequently they came up with an alternative, which both reinstated the bypass and decommissioned the existing culvert, though with a smaller scheme than the one originally planned.

We believe this is acceptable. With support from John Horner, our County Councillor, we have been able to get further help from Warwickshire. They have allocated additional funding to the project and are working with the Environment Agency to obtain lower quotes for the work. The Council has also budgeted to repair or renew that part of the culvert that runs under Smith's Lane, though this will not be until next year.

At this stage it is unclear whether there will still be a shortfall in funding. We suspect that, in spite of everyone's best endeavours, this is likely to be the case. Once any gap has been identified, the Flood Group will renew their work to find additional funds.

We are also concerned that the delay may jeopardise some of the funding already promised and are working to avoid this. The Environment Agency anticipates that it will be in a position to hold a further meeting in the autumn to give villagers the up-to-date position. This set back has been a great disappointment to all those involved. However, the Environment Agency and Warwickshire continue to work hard on the scheme. Despite the problems we believe that they are still committed to finding a solution.

**Peter Morlidge**



## Great event - what a load of rubbish!



SACC had a stall at the village fete in June and was responsible for the waste management. Recycling and composting facilities were provided and the use of compostable drinks cups encouraged. SACC is committed to reducing the waste sent to landfill and were delighted that, of the many bins full of waste produced at the fete, only a small carrier bag full was sent to landfill. This did mean hand sorting through the waste bins and separating incorrectly placed items, which was an unpleasant task! SACC has tried to make depositing waste in the correct bin at the fete as easy as possible by using clear signs and pictures. On behalf of those who sort through the rubbish we would like to remind everyone to please think carefully before using the bins. Items which we repeatedly found in the wrong bin are food leftovers, blue plastic gloves and plastic sweet and crisp wrappers.

At home plastic gloves and sweet wrappers are not currently recyclable so should be placed in your black bin. All waste food, including raw and cooked food, peelings and bones should go in your green bin. If you don't like the idea of putting food straight into your green bin it can be put in compostable corn-starch bags available from Lakeland/eBay etc or from SACC at 99p for a roll of 20. Every penny spent on landfilling rubbish is a waste of public money. You can now recycle the following items through your kerbside collection service: small electrical and electronic equipment (calculators, toasters, smoke detectors, watches, phones etc.); textiles (clothes, rags, sheets, towels, curtains) and household batteries (phone, power tool, household but NOT car batteries). Simply put the items in separate carrier bags (e.g. one for textiles, one for batteries and one for electrical/electronic items), tie them up and place them alongside (not in) either your refuse bin or blue-lidded recycling bin on your collection day. The items must be small enough to fit in a standard-sized carrier bag. For more information visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/azrecycling](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/azrecycling).

Once again SACC is looking forward to receiving applications for funding for projects of any kind that reduce the carbon footprint of Snitterfield. Last year SACC distributed over £3,000 to a variety of initiatives within the community. The money comes from the income generated through the community solar panels on the Village Hall and Sports Club. The application form can be found on our website ([www.snitterfieldacc.org](http://www.snitterfieldacc.org)) or if you have any questions please use the link on the website to contact us. SACC will be holding its AGM on 8 October at 8pm in the Village Hall to which all are welcome. Part of the AGM will be spent reviewing and considering the grant applications.



**SACC's Debbie Robinson and Mary Bessey sort fete rubbish**

**Duncan Parker**

## SPLART update

Earlier this year Snitterfield Playground Area Renovation Team (SPLART) delivered a survey to each house in Snitterfield asking for thoughts about the usage of the village playgrounds, the current facilities and what might be good for the future. We got about 50 responses – thank you!

### In summary:

- The majority of respondents (happily!) felt that playgrounds were either 'Important' or 'Very Important' to the village and were supportive of the plans to improve things.
- Three quarters of respondents either had children living at home or had children visiting regularly and just under half used the playgrounds at least once per week.
- Of the two sites in the village, most people who responded to the survey felt that the playground on the sports field should be the one that we concentrate on.
- Respondents generally thought that the current equipment provided mainly for the younger age ranges, but that any new equipment should cater for all age groups up to around 16 years old, with some support for those older.

Also, a quarter of the respondents thought they would use outside adult equipment at least once per week too, if it were fitted. Whilst not a priority, it shows there is an interest in the village and it might be worth pursuing in the future.

### What next?

The next stage is to decide what we want and exactly where we want it. The land is owned by the Parish Council so, naturally, any decisions need to be approved by them. The exact area available for new equipment is also dependent on the sports club redevelopment plans, which have not yet been finalised.

With that in mind, our plan will be to get some rough, generic plans drawn up using the suggestions in the surveys. These plans will then allow us to get an idea of the cost involved, and start the grant application process.

*If you would like to become involved or comment on the project, please get in touch: [snitterfieldplayarea@yahoo.com](mailto:snitterfieldplayarea@yahoo.com)*

**Andy Osmotherley**



# Hare raising

The Brown Hare is fairly common around Snitterfield. It is quite different from the rabbit:

- The hare (*below left*) is larger and with longer ears and legs: up to 75cm long and 7kg in weight.
- It does not dig burrows, but has its nest in a shallow depression called a form.
- It runs away from carnivores and birds of prey. Rabbits (*below right*) run into their burrows.



The hare is built for speed with long powerful hind legs. It is Britain's fastest animal on land reaching speeds of 70kmh and it can jump five metres in length and 1.5 metres high. Its large eyes are positioned so it can see in all directions without turning its head. The ears regulate the body

temperature, so hare species in warmer climates (eg deserts) have much larger ears and species in colder climates (eg the Mountain Hare in Scotland) have smaller ears.

The hare is mainly nocturnal and spends the day in a form. It is very common that it stays still and doesn't run until you are about to step on the animal. Unfortunately this behaviour leads to many hares being killed by farming equipment.

Hares are common in folklore and have been associated with fertility and witchcraft. A famous Aesop fable is 'The Tortoise and the Hare'. The original Easter animal was a hare and not a rabbit. Then there is of course the March Hare in Alice in Wonderland. The expression 'mad as a March hare' is from the behaviour of hares chasing each other and boxing. This happens throughout the year but is easier to witness in spring

when the field crops are lower. Most commonly it is a doe (female) fighting off a buck (male).

Zoologists are not sure whether the Brown Hare is native to Britain. It may have been introduced by the Romans 2,000 years ago.

Hares can have as many as four litters per year and the does born early in the year can have their own leverets later the same year. The leverets are born in a form fully developed with fur and open eyes (called precocial). Rabbits are born blind and naked (called altricial).

The Brown Hare population in Britain is believed to have shrunk by 80 per cent in the past 100 years. One study identifies it as one of the species in Britain most likely to be extinct by 2050. The decline is due to hunting (legal and illegal), dogs and intense farming. To help hares, farmers can leave wild flower margins around fields. Another idea is to ban hunting for most of the year.

So, take the opportunity to see this interesting animal. In my opinion, the easiest place to see hares around Snitterfield is in the fields east of the village.

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## EYE SPY

How well do you know your village? This wind vane is visible from the road for those with keen eyes. No prizes – it's just for fun. Answer on page 8.

**Jon Cooksey**



## News from Friends of Snitterfield School

Have you heard of Friends of Snitterfield School (FOSS)? We are the official fundraising group for Snitterfield school and the monies we raise support the school and the children to enhance their school experience.

In the past few months the funds have paid for new staging for the school performances, a sound system and visits from theatre companies and authors giving the children thought-provoking and memorable experiences.

If you've attended the Boys' Games Night or will be enjoying a delicious meal at the Ladies' Supper Club you will already be aware of some of the activities that we run to raise funds. Wherever possible we try and involve the wider Snitterfield community: watch the village noticeboards for upcoming events this autumn, including an exclusive ladies' fashion evening and our traditional village Christmas Fayre.

We are always looking for extra support, so whether or not you are directly involved with the school we would welcome your input at our monthly meetings.

See our FOSS facebook page for more details or email: rozwisdom@hotmail.com

# A lasting legacy

Bob Foster, who sadly died in April, took on the mantle of village historian after moving to the village with his family in 1990 and becoming intrigued by the stories behind the names on the War Memorial.

His lavishly illustrated and fascinating book, *Snitterfield Heroes*, published in 2005, explained who these men were



and the impact the outbreak of war had on their lives in this corner of Warwickshire. As Bob said: 'The key element was not just to find out about what happened

to them in the wars but, more importantly, to link them to the village. This meant looking for their homes, where they went to school and what work they did before joining up.'

Bob was also well known for the wonderful collection of photographs he researched, collected and catalogued over the years. This grew into a unique archive of village life and remains a lasting legacy to him. He staged several well-attended exhibitions in the Village Hall and the sonnet published here, written by village poet Harry Marlow, who sadly also died earlier this year, pays tribute to his work. Bob's collection is now under the guardianship of Ken Chatland, who runs the village website and aims to publish photographs on it from time to time.

Bob was born in 1944 and worked for Lloyds Bank for 30 years before becoming a lecturer on financial subjects at local colleges. Retirement in 2001 enabled him to spend more time on village history. He was involved with a number of village organisations, including being treasurer of *Snipe*, and will be much missed by his many friends in the village.

## **Sonnet for Bob Foster** **2012**

*Bob has done a marvellous job  
On show for all to see.*

*Photos, letters from the past  
There for you and me.*

*Can we recognise the names  
From Victorian times?*

*All displayed so beautifully  
And looking back in time.*

*What a fascinating show  
In the Village Hall!*

*Long lost local history  
There for one and all.*

*Thank you Bob, with great delight  
From the 'field of the Snipe'*

**Harry Marlow**



*Bob, in trademark red  
cords, at a recent exhibition*



Garden Club has enjoyed a summer of gardens, wine and roses. Garden visits included evening trips to Mill Dene in the Cotswolds and Pettifer's, an inspirational plantsman's garden set in spectacular meadows

and rolling countryside. We also holidayed at the comfortable Carlyon Bay, situated on the Cornish cliffs overlooking the sea, exploring the spectacular, contrasting gardens at their very best.

We chose a perfect day to visit David Austin's Roses, blooming to perfection followed by an afternoon enjoying John Massey's perfectly planted private gardens with a backdrop of a rippling canal. It was a fitting end to the year, socialising with our gardening friends, wining and dining on the terrace at The Hill Cottage, Kings Lane, overlooking our beautiful Welcombe Hills. So ends a busy but successful year.

New members are welcome at the AGM in the Village Hall on Tuesday 1 September at 7.30pm, followed by the Produce Show (see show schedule right). You do not have to be a gardener to join, just enjoy being part of a village club.

**Margaret Tweed**  
[www.snitterfieldgardenclub.org.uk](http://www.snitterfieldgardenclub.org.uk)



*In bloom at  
David Austin Roses*

## **Garden Club Produce Show Schedule: 1 September**

Entries received 6.30-7.30pm. 50p per entry (children free). Judging from 7.30pm, AGM at 7.30 pm. Prize giving at 8.00pm. One entry per class, per member and open to members only (children's classes excepted). Non-Members' entries welcome in 'Open' Classes. Removal of entries only at the end of the evening please.

### **Class No. Exhibit**

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| 1  | Single Rose (Jan Rawlings Cup awarded for Gold)                                |
| 2  | 5 single stems of mixed garden flowers   |
| 3  | 3 dahlias (Dahlia Cup awarded for Gold)  |
| 4  | 6 runner beans   |
| 4a   | Posy of four herbs (Open class)  |
| 5  | 5 tomatoes larger than cherry  |
| 6  | 6 cherry tomatoes  |
| 7  | 3 eating apples  |
| 7a   | 3 cooking apples   |
| 8  | 3 beetroot   |
| 9  | 3 carrots  |
| 10   | 3 courgette  |
| 11   | Collection of five different vegetables (Richard Bloxham cup awarded for Gold) |
| 12   | 5 potatoes   |
| 14   | Courgette Cake (Open class - see Garden Club website for recipe)               |
| 15   | 1lb Jar of Fruit Jam with wax disc, cellophane cover, label.                   |
| Children's classes for all ages (Chairman's Trowel awarded)  |  |
| 16   | 'The Sunflower' - a piece of artwork using any medium.                         |
| Photography classes (Photography Cup awarded for overall winner).<br>Max size: 6"x4" or 7"x5" unmounted/unframed |  |
| 18   | 'Spring Awakening'   |
| 19   | 'Out of the Blue'  |
| 20   | 'Garden Statuary'  |
| 21   | 'Abstract from Nature'   |

Prizes awarded for Gold (3pts) and Silver (2pts) in each category.  
Challenge Cup awarded for overall winner.  
Gilmour Cup awarded for Best Entry in Show.  
Trowel awarded by the Chairman to the most innovative entry in the children's section.

# What's On

## Snitterfield Garden Club

1 September: Snitterfield Garden Club AGM, 7.30pm, Village Hall, followed by Produce Show: Entries 6.30pm-7.30pm. 6 October: Andy Vernon (TV presenter and author) presentation on Dahlias, 8pm, Village Hall. 3 November: Jake Hobson, Cloud Pruning, 8pm, Village Hall.

## 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. AGM 8 October 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 (50p fee for temporary guest status for non members). Opening times 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, 7.30pm to 8.30pm Contact Sue 07581183458.

## Classical Ballet Classes for Adults

Thursdays (term time) Beginners: 9.20am, Intermediates: 10.05am in the Village Hall. Contact Rosie Parker, R.A.D, R.T.S. Email: [rosieparker@outlook.com](mailto:rosieparker@outlook.com)

## Village Bonfire

Saturday 7 November at the Sports Club. Gates open at 5.00pm. Bonfire lit at 6.30pm, fireworks at 7.00pm. Contact Pat Elliott, Tel: 01789 730768.

## Village Hall Open Day

Presentation of modernisation plans for the village hall. 19 September 10am-2pm.

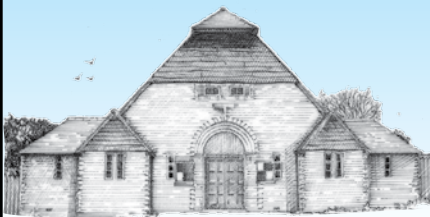
Available for hire

## 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)



# SNITTERFIELD VILLAGE HALL VARIETY SHOW

## Saturday 12th December

Would YOU like to perform in our Charity Event? We are seeking the talent of Snitterfield. Any Singers in the community, Magicians, Comedians, Musicians, Raconteurs? All welcome

For further information call: Eric 01789 731732, email: [emmjohnston@hotmail.com](mailto:emmjohnston@hotmail.com); Hilary 01789 731246, email: [Hilary@thegables.spacomputers.com](mailto:Hilary@thegables.spacomputers.com)

**APPLICATIONS TO REACH US BY 1 DECEMBER  
IN AID OF THE VILLAGE HALL FUND**

Dear Snipe

*I always look forward to and enjoy Snipe, as I have done with the latest [Spring] issue. Of particular interest was the report on the felling of Jean Dunstan's Cedar tree, a sad event for many of us to see the iconic giant depart. I had a ringside seat throughout the long process.*

*In the interests of historical accuracy, I need to let you know that the partner tree survived the 1987 hurricane but in fact went down in the later great storm of January 1990. This I know because it stood in my garden at No. 3 Park Cottages. It was not as attractive a specimen as Jean's, having been poorly pruned at some point, but was nevertheless imposing, especially when back-lit by a full moon. My then neighbour Netta Chapman at No 4 witnessed the demise, reporting that the whole tree lifted vertically up out of the ground and crashed onto the Park. Long term residents of the village may recall that we had "gallops" round the Park in those days, which the tree was then blocking. There was then a rushed scramble to clear a path for on-coming horses!*

*Thank you for our local magazine!*

Penny Feldon

**Eye Spy: The wind vane can be seen on top of The Old Forge on School Road.**

## Rag-Tag Toddler Group

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



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.

## 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:

23 August: Testament of Youth (12A) at 7pm. Future dates:  
20 September, 18 October,  
22 November, 20 December