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Free to the residents of Snitterfield

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Snitterfield launches Covid-19 community volunteer group

Snitterfield Community Volunteers is a new group set up to support our community, in particular vulnerable and isolated people, during the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic.

It, and many other groups, were inspired by the Community Action Response campaign by Eden Project Communities in partnership with The National Lottery Community Fund, Nextdoor, Neighbourhood Watch, Campaign to End Loneliness and Eco Attractions. This initiative was created in response to the unprecedented challenge that the coronavirus presents for people in every neighbourhood in the UK.

Snitterfield Community Volunteers is a group made up of our village residents, who are freely offering their time to those in the parish who are self-isolating. You will have received a flyer from them (*see right*) through your postbox recently. Claudine Pearson, one of the founders of the group, said: 'Being kind, offering support and thinking of one another makes neighbourhoods and communities stronger together.'

Snitterfield Community Volunteers can offer help with:

- **Collecting shopping or medications.**
- **Running small errands like posting mail or delivering newspapers.**
- **Making time for a friendly phone call.**

A volunteer coordinator is in place and a community phone number has been set up, offering a secure line to a single point of contact. They will, in turn, contact local residents who have volunteered to help out. Claudine added: 'We are in touch with our neighbouring parishes of Wilmcote and Norton Lindsey, sharing good practice and ideas, from foodbank collection and distribution, to links with pharmacies to deliver medications, minimising contact for our key pharmacy staff and also for our community. Our priority is to provide a friendly face and a wave through the window.'

'We'd love to connect people to their neighbours. Maybe we could mow lawns or chat from a safe distance with a cup of tea over your garden wall. Future ideas include a library where we can share household items, safely cleaned, or entertainment such as games and jigsaws. We'd love to hear suggestions from people in the village. We are talking

to Snitterfield Village Stores, Snitterfield Arms and The Farm. We're also happy to be working with the Domestic Fowl Trust, who can help our furred and feathered friends with animal feed and limited supplies of pet foods.'

TO GET IN TOUCH:

Community phonenumber: 07718 279039

Email: snitterfieldvolunteers@gmail.com

Facebook: @snitterfieldcommunityvolunteers

www.snitterfieldcommunityvolunteers.org.uk

The group is supported by Snitterfield Parish Council and the Snitterfield Village Community Fund, liaising with Snitterfield Primary School and Warwickshire County Council's Connecting Communities. It will be open every day from 9am to 5pm.

Hello, neighbour. Can we help?

Snitterfield Community Volunteers is a group of local residents who are freely offering their time to those in the parish self-isolating due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Give us a ring on 07718 279039 and we'll help with:

- Collecting shopping or medications
- Running small errands like posting mail or delivering newspapers
- Making time for a friendly phone call

Community phone line: 07718 279039 (Open 7 days/week: 9am - 5pm)

Email: snitterfieldvolunteers@gmail.com

Facebook: @SnitterfieldCommunityVolunteers

Supported by Snitterfield Parish Council



The Snitterfield Community Volunteers flyer

COMMUNITY ACTION RESPONSE: COVID-19

5 things you can do to make a positive difference in your community



Think of others, consider your actions & be kind

People in every community will face the challenges of Covid-19 in some way – from needing basic provisions to help while they are unwell.



Connect and reach out to your neighbours

As self-isolation increases, we need to find new ways to stay connected and check in on one another for our physical and mental wellbeing. Share phone numbers and stay in touch.



Make the most of local online groups

Keep up to date, share information and be a positive part of your local community conversations.



Support vulnerable or isolated people

Different groups in our communities are at increased risk and social isolation and loneliness are key concerns for all ages. There are things you can do like volunteering for local support services or donating to food banks to help.



Share accurate information and advice

Support anyone who may be anxious about Covid-19. Sign post them to the correct advice from Public Health England and encourage people to follow the correct hygiene practices.



Message from your County Councillor



These last few weeks have been the most challenging that the country has faced during peacetime, with the situation changing minute by minute in the wake of coronavirus.

I therefore wish to reassure you that both Warwickshire County Council (WCC) and Stratford on Avon District Council (SDC) are doing everything they can to keep you safe, whilst keeping frontline services running. The safety and wellbeing of residents across the county is the top priority in response to the coronavirus outbreak and WCC and its Public Health Warwickshire team are working round the clock, but in a calm, strategic and proactive way, in close liaison with Public Health England. Staffing resources have also been prioritised to focus on safeguarding children, child-care, vulnerable adults and home care services.

Warwickshire is also working closely with Coventry and Solihull; their multi-agency partners are better prepared than other regions to respond to Covid-19 having completed a combined extensive flu epidemic training exercise back in December.

In addition, both WCC and SDC are very aware that a number of residents may become in need of financial support in areas such as Council Tax payment. Any applications for such support will be actioned as soon as practically possible to avoid any further hardship and anxiety. Whilst it has not been possible from a legislative perspective to delay the process of

the Council Tax bills being sent out, anyone who is in need is advised to make a Council Tax Reduction Scheme application.

As a district and county we are particularly aware of the very challenging environment which businesses are operating in at the moment, and specifically those in the hospitality sector. As soon as government provides the necessary guidance, SDC is ready to start processing the business grants, reliefs and hardship reliefs as a key priority.

Our other key area of action relates to support in coordinating community and voluntary groups in their assistance to our most vulnerable residents during this crisis. There are daily discussions with partners on this issue and both the county and district councils are redeploying resources to support this important initiative. I know that Snitterfield has formed its own community-led support group and the hard work, enthusiasm and diligence has just been brilliant.

In relation to planning for this emergency as you will imagine we are fully participating in a number of strategic and tactical groups under auspices of the West Midlands and Warwickshire Local Resilience Forum. This is ensuring that we are maximising our resources and providing a joined-up approach in responding to the outbreak. We are lobbying government today to include a large number of our staff within the definition of key workers.

Please keep up to date with the news bulletins posted on both the county and district websites and most importantly stay healthy and keep safe.

Anne Parry
anneparry@warwickshire.gov.uk
Mobile: 07917 117737

Let the library come to you

Warwickshire Libraries Home Delivery Service is a FREE service to those who are unable to visit their local library or mobile library due to ill health or infirmity and will be running during the ongoing coronavirus outbreak.

Once you have explained what you like

to read they will make up a collection of books for you. Volunteers will visit your home once every four weeks to deliver a selection of books based on customer preference and collect the books you have borrowed.

Books with large print and audio books

on CDs are also available. Customers can reserve books free of charge and there are no fines.

If you feel that you may benefit from receiving this service, please contact the Mobile Library Service on (01926) 851031 or email the team at mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Parish Council Update

Playing Field. The Parish Council has a working group set up to invigorate the playing field facilities. The objectives of the group are to rebuild the pavilion, upgrade the play facilities and equipment and improve facilities for outdoor exercise.

As well as providing better facilities for those who make use of the pavilion it is hoped that this building can be jointly used to provide a new home for the current pre-school nursery.

Volunteers to work on fundraising and project management for play equipment and facilities are needed – if you feel that you can help please contact the Parish Council Clerk, Nicola Everall, on 01564 785145, snitterfieldpc@outlook.com

Speed Watch. The Parish Council is concerned about traffic issues in the village and would like to develop a team to carry out speed checks on key roads within the village. This would involve a degree of training and the purchase of equipment, but ultimately needs a dedicated group of volunteers – minimum numbers are six but ideally we would need ten to allow for individual absences. If you feel that you can help please contact the Parish Council Clerk, Nicola Everall as above.

Flood Issues. The Snitterfield Flood Group has formally become a working sub-group of the Parish Council and will continue with its work addressing flooding matters and engaging with such bodies as the Environment Agency, Severn Trent Water and Warwickshire County Council.

Emergency Plan. Snitterfield Parish Council has been working with Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Resilience Team to prepare a Community Emergency Plan. This will enable us to provide effective support to our local community and emergency response agencies during a major incident. The most obvious and frequent environmental risk to the parish has been flooding, but other risks identified include fallen trees and power cuts.

Every community has access to a range of local skills, knowledge, physical resources and support organisations that can be mobilised in the event of an emergency. The key to acting promptly and effectively is having identified these in advance, alongside a communications plan. An informal group has been set up to coordinate actions, identify key people, resources and places that may be needed.

The Parish Council is looking to harness local voluntary support for this and the Snitterfield Community Volunteers, who are offering help during the COVID-19 crisis. See front page.

Annual Parish Meeting This is planned for Monday 27 April in the village hall, but will be dependent on the latest coronavirus advice. The Parish Council is legally obliged to hold this meeting which allows all the many diverse bodies and groups in the Parish to report on their activities for the past year and discuss future plans. Under normal circumstances all are welcome, with drinks and nibbles available at the end of the meeting. However, we will need to follow guidelines nearer the time.

Paul Blanchard

News from The Farm

National award

The Farm on King's Lane has won 'Rising Star 2020' in a national award ceremony organised by the Farm Retail Association, which celebrates the cream of the crop in the farm retail industry. The Farm Retail Awards are the only awards to be judged by fellow farm retailers and celebrate the best farm shops, farm cafés, restaurants, farmers' markets and trade suppliers in the country. One of The Farm's founders, Charlie Wells, said 'I'm beyond excited about this award! Being recognised by such a well-known organisation so early on is an honour. I feel so lucky to be part of such a positive industry. Everyone wants to help and support each another, which is how all independent businesses should be.'

Home deliveries and priority shopping

The Farm is very much open for business until the government says differently, although it has had to temporarily pause operations in the cafe. Among the new innovations to make life a bit easier during these difficult times are:

- Prioritising a one-hour shopping slot for customers most at risk; the elderly, vulnerable and pregnant women. This will be between 9am and 10am Monday to Friday.
- After enjoying some fresh air with a walk down Monarch's Way behind The Farm enjoy a takeaway coffee and cake.



Snitterfield's roe deer

Roe deer are common in our village, but in the early 19th century they were hunted to extinction in both England and Wales. After reintroduction they have now spread

to almost all of Great Britain although there are a few areas in the Midlands where they are still not established.

The roe deer is the only deer species to have delayed implantation. The eggs are fertilised during the summer rut (mating season), but there is not much growth until the eggs attach to the uterus wall in January. This is a good strategy for the doe, who can survive harsher winters without carrying growing young. The kids are born ten months after mating takes place.

The doe has to leave her newborn young to feed and occasionally people find what they think are abandoned kids. Please resist the temptation to touch or 'rescue' these, since the mother will return. Roe deer do not do well in captivity or when released after having been reared by people.

They are mostly solitary animals but do form small groups in winter and sometimes while feeding in open fields. In the



Roe deer with triplets, taken in a Snitterfield field

- Free home deliveries and a 'call & collect' service to customers within a five mile radius. The bundles available:
 - * Small Seasonal Vegetable Box (seven veggies) £7.95
 - * Small Fruit Box (seven fruits) £14.50
 - * Small Seasonal Veg & Fruit Box (seven mixed) £14.50
 - * Large Seasonal Vegetable Box £29.95
 - * The Farm at Home Care Package, which includes a vegetable box, litre of freshly squeezed orange juice, litre of Cotteswold whole milk, A Di Maria dried pasta, two Mutti tins of chopped tomatoes, loaf of fresh wholemeal bread, six Cotteswold eggs, pack of four toilet rolls, FILL fig hand wash (refillable), laundry liquid (refillable) £35.00.
- The Farm is also offering a 'call & collect' service for sourdough pizzas. Orders can be placed between 10am and 3pm. Collection from the car park at a given time from 12pm.
- A new comprehensive takeaway menu will be available soon.

Call 01789 731807 between 9am and 5pm to place your order, payments are made over the phone. A two-hour time slot for your delivery or collection will then be arranged. Deliveries Monday to Friday. The phonedlines are very busy at present but we will pick up as soon as we can!

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/thefarmstratford/>
Website: www.thefarmstratford.com
Social media: @thefarmstratford
Telephone: 01789 731807

middle of March, I came across ten roe deer in a field in the village. Roe deer feed throughout 24 hours but they are most active at dawn and dusk. They don't have top incisors, so the food has to be torn off and they have a varied diet of

A year in the life of a roe deer

July to August

The rut (mating season).

can lead to injuries and sometimes death. Several females may be defended by one buck.

November to December

The bucks cast their antlers. Older animals cast their antlers first.

April

When antler growth is complete the bucks rub the velvet off.

January

Late egg implantation.

May to June

Last year's kids leave, are left, or chased away by the mother. Birth of usually two kids. Rarely, there are triplets, as seen in the photo left.

January to March

The bucks' antlers are growing and in velvet (covered in furry skin). They start to aggressively defend territories and fights

highly nutritious plants. A lot of time is spent lying down and ruminating.

A roe deer is the same height as the largest dogs. It's larger than a Muntjac and smaller than a fallow deer. The fur is slate grey in winter and rusty red in summer, with a white rump patch which is used to warn other roe deer of danger. The buck has an oval patch, while the doe's is shaped like an upside-down heart. The buck has small straight antlers with usually not more than three points. If a doe was injected with testosterone, she would also grow antlers.

Both sexes have barking calls. The doe has also a high-pitch piping call to attract bucks during the rut.

If you see roe deer in our parish you can usually get quite close to them. On the same walk in mid-March I came across a buck that was scent-marking his territory along a hedgerow, with urine!

Claes Martenson

The Sports Club sets out new proposals

The existing Snitterfield Sports Club building on Wolverton Road has exceeded its expected lifespan and is in a very poor condition. It is expensive to maintain and not at all energy efficient.

The cost of repair would be disproportionate to its value and the sum involved would take several years to raise, by which time the building would have been closed down. After consulting Sports Club members and villagers it was agreed by the Sports Club Committee that the long-term future of the club would be best secured by the construction of a new clubhouse, aimed at providing functional and flexible accommodation with an energy efficient and robust structure.

Over the past two years the Sports Club has gone through a process whereby Avon Homes, a developer based in Knowle, was selected to design and build the new club house in exchange for the land the current building stands on and part of the existing car park. Once the new clubhouse is operational this land will be handed over to Avon Homes. The existing sports club building will then be demolished and the site cleared. Nine two-bedroom and three-bedroom homes will be built, offering good-quality family accommodation with private gardens and dedicated parking spaces, *see plan below*. Avon Homes and the Sports Club have

submitted a joint planning application for the new sports club and new homes on the site.

The new club house is designed as a modern, functional but elegant building, *see visuals below*. Its roof line is a simple, low-rise mono-pitch aimed at minimising its visual impact but also to provide a low-maintenance, robust solution. The elevations have been designed to maximise views over the adjoining sports facilities. As such they are mainly glazed on the north, east and west facing elevations. The unglazed elements will be wrapped with high levels of insulation and overlaid with self-finished high-performance render and encapsulated timber cladding. The roof will have a matt finish, most likely using a standing seam cladding system which will be overlaid with photovoltaic panels.

The design and appearance of the new dwellings makes reference to typical historic homes and cottages within the village. The use of arched windows, brick arch detailing, patterned 'plain' clay roof tiles and dormer windows generally will be in keeping with the local area. *See elevations below right*.

The proposed redevelopment is in the hands of the planners now and we would ask you for your positive support for the planning application. The application is online at the Stratford on Avon District Council's website.

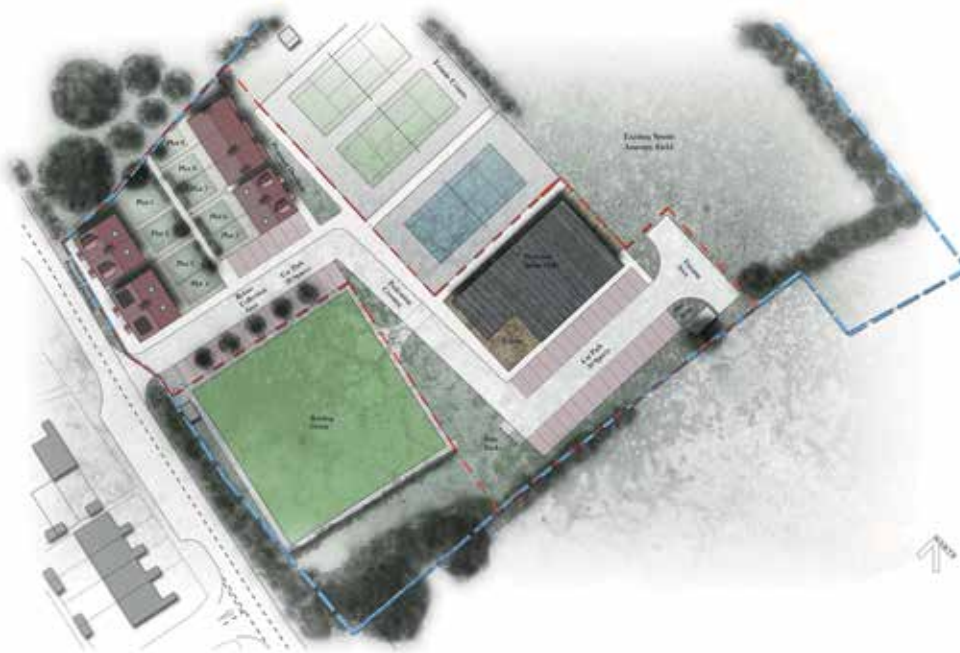
You can see details of the application by following the link <https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/> and entering the planning application number 20/00131/FUL. The consultation period runs until the end of March but comments can be submitted up until 11 April 2020.

Club members and local residents are now able to provide expressions of support either directly to the Case Officer or as a comment on the online portal.

With your support we hope to get a positive outcome to our planning application and then work can commence to provide the new clubhouse as soon as possible.

Further information on the entire development project and Avon Homes can be found at www.ssc-development.co.uk.

The Sports Club Committee



Church bells on the move

Snitterfield's St James the Great church bells were loaded onto a lorry at the end of February to begin their journey for refurbishment at a specialist foundry. Experts from John Taylor and Co Bell Foundry in Loughborough, where three of the six bells were originally cast in 1887, together with church and

diocese officers and volunteers, spent the previous few days lowering the six bells from the belfry at the start of their journey for retuning, in what was a delicate and time-consuming operation.

You can imagine why as the largest bell weighs in at 16 cwt and even the smallest at around 5 cwt (that's hundredweight, for those of you brought up in the decimal era – so about 1,800 lbs/800 kg to about 560 lbs/250 kg).

It was the first time in more than 130 years, since the days of Queen Victoria, that the bells have been removed from the church. Despite being well cared for over this time the ravages of time have left their mark and about £50,000 worth of work is required to get them ringing sweetly again. As well as retuning the bells, new headstocks – the part from which the bell hangs – will replace the old oak ones, which are showing signs of cracking.

Most of the money for the refurbishment has already been raised by villagers and through grants from the Coventry



Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers, the Garfield Weston Foundation and other funding bodies, but the fund is still a few thousand short. If anyone would like to donate you can do so here - <https://www.justgiving.com/snitterfieldpcc>

They should be back in the belfry between May and July. Hopefully sooner rather than

later, in time to ring a peal to mark the end of the coronavirus outbreak and the return to more normal village life!



Elevation Towards Tennis Courts



Elevation Towards Road





Mr Fox, little medics and koala cakes!

In early March, Snitterfield School celebrated World Book Day and this year we focused on books by Roald Dahl. The children loved dressing up as his characters and we had fantastic Mr Fox's and Matilda's and many more characters filling the school corridors.

Each class enjoyed a day of activities around one particular book: Reception class enjoyed *Revolting Rhymes*, Years 1 and 2 have read a number of Roald Dahl books recently so learnt all about the illustrator Quentin Blake, Years 3 and 4 explored *George's*



Marvellous Medicine and Years 5 and 6 *Danny the Champion of the World*.

We enjoyed a fun, informative and life-skills-focused time during our recent 'Health & Safety' week. We welcomed many visitors into the school to educate and train the children on topics including fire safety, mindfulness, online safety, road safety, healthy eating and water safety. Our Key Stage 2 children also completed and passed a 'Little Medics First Aid' course.



In February, Snitterfield School Council, which is made up of a pupil representative from each school year, held a fundraiser in the playground after school. They sold koala-shaped biscuits, cakes, hot chocolates and a variety of hair scrunchies and scrunchy-making kits to raise money in the hope of adopting an Australian koala bear.

They managed to raise £120 which has helped fund the adoption of not only a koala bear but also a kangaroo and will go towards getting their homes rebuilt following the devastating recent Australian bush fires and floods. Noah, from Class 2, baked some Great British Bake Off-standard Koala cupcakes (see above) – Pru would be proud!

Anna Carless



A village focus on tree planting

The national effort to combat the impact of climate change and to mitigate flooding through tree planting is now underway with some urgency.

Some facts:

- Trees absorb significant quantities of greenhouse gases.
- Trees reduce flooding, absorbing about 60 per cent of run-off water from rainfall.
- Trees absorb dangerous gases and trap damaging particulates. A simple row of trees in front of a home or school has been shown in research to reduce pollution inside homes by up to 60 per cent. Adults and children are seven times less likely to develop asthma if they live in a tree-lined road.
- Trees reduce speeding and criminal behaviour.

Snitterfield is starting a group, with assistance from the Parish Council, focused on getting trees planted in order to take on the challenges of climate change and flooding but to also improve our immediate environment and encourage wildlife and biodiversity.

We need volunteers to make a difference. Over the next ten years we plan to plant an area of more than one square mile.

If you would like to get involved then please email Claudine Pearson: claudine.pearson@snitterfieldpc.org.uk.

Snipe's tree-mendous photography competition

Come on Snitterfield! We mentioned in the last issue that we would like to invite you to enter the *Snipe* Photography Competition 2020. Entries to date have been, to be polite, thin on the ground. We all are going to be spending more time in our village over the next few weeks and, for those of us who are still able to get out into the fresh air, it is an ideal time to get snapping.

The theme for the competition is *Tree-mendous*. We would like to see tree-related images photographed in the village area through the seasons. These can be landscapes, detail close-ups, abstracts, black and white or colour – whatever takes your fancy. You can submit a maximum of three photographs at any time during the year and it would be lovely to receive images taken through the seasons.

There are two categories, Adults and Under 18. Entrants under 18 must gain the permission of a parent or guardian to enter the competition. The photographs should be sent as high-resolution jpgs (preferably over 1mb, but images over 500kb are okay). The competition will be judged by professional photographer Ed Tyler and the winning entries in each category will be announced and displayed in the Winter 2020 edition of *Snipe*. There are prizes too! The two winners will each be awarded a lovely book about, guess what, trees!

So please do join in and take a wander around the village to inspire you. Email your entries (including your name, phone number, the age category you are entering under and where your subject matter is in the village) to info@sallyhopkinson.co.uk at any point, but at the latest by 1 November 2020.

News from the Village Hall

House of Commons reception

The Annual Village Halls Week was launched at a reception hosted by Defra (the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs), with speakers Lord John Gardiner of Kimble, Defra's Rural Minister, and David Emerson CBE, Chair of ACRE (Action for Communities in Rural England) who both spoke about the importance of village halls in communities.

There are more than 10,000 village halls in England and, with a total asset value of more than £3 billion, they are the largest network of community-owned facilities in rural England.

It is estimated that there are 80,000 volunteers running them. ACRE recognises their importance, stating that they are the cornerstone of rural communities.



Hilary Schmidt-Hansen with Kim Slater, Chief Executive of Warwickshire Rural Community Council and Maurice Daw from Lowsonford Village Hall at the House of Commons

In April ACRE was asked by the government to launch The Village Hall Improvement Grant Fund and Snitterfield Village Hall was one of the first village halls to be granted funding. We received a grant of £23,520 towards the provision of a disabled/easy access toilet in the hall. Representatives from ours and other village halls receiving the grant, were invited to a reception at the House of Commons on 20 January and we were all thanked for the volunteering hours we put in.

Many of us face the same challenges of refurbishing our halls and it was very interesting to hear how other halls have raised their funds to be able to start their work. Snitterfield is, like all halls, well used, loved and at the centre of the community. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful meeting place in Snitterfield and wish to thank our community for their support with the refurbishment and help with our fundraising events.

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What a hoot at Hogmanay!

The Burns Night supper in the village hall at the end of January was thoroughly enjoyed by all and raised £1,375 towards the next phase of refurbishments – the creation of an easy-access toilet. Village halls provide an essential space for people to meet, bringing them together and playing a huge part in tackling loneliness. It is with this in mind that the village hall committee would like to see the relaunch of the weekly Whist Drive that

has, until recently, taken place each Monday in the hall. If anyone would be interested in starting the group up again, we would very much like to hear from you and if there are other groups that you would like to consider setting up please let us know (contact details below).



Burns Night in the village hall

The Village Hall Committee is planning various fundraising events for the year but please bear in mind that due to the current situation with coronavirus (COVID-19) our plans may be subject to change, so keep an eye on the village notice boards, websites and Facebook page: Friday 8 May: 75th Anniversary of VE Day, afternoon teas and entertainment from 2.30pm; Saturday 12 September: Quiz Night; Saturday 21 November: Stratford Festival Orchestra and Choir.

The Committee continues to work hard raising funds and any help or donations towards the work are very welcome. We are also seeking new committee members, so if you are interested in helping us as we move forward please contact: Tony Moon (Chairman) Tel: 730098, Email: a.g.moon@btinternet.com; Sylvia Morlidge Tel: 01789 731279, Email: sylviamorlidge@hotmail.com; Hilary Schmidt-Hansen Tel: 731246, Email: Hilary@thegables.spacomputers.com or visit our new website: www.snitterfieldvillagehall.com.

If you would like to hire the hall for family events and functions please contact Sharon Aust: Email: saust1@btinternet.com, Tel: 01789 730514 or 07501416221. Phone calls Monday to Saturday 9am to 6pm.

Hilary Schmidt-Hansen

Reasons to be cheerful

Yes, this is a frightening time; it is undeniably serious and very worrying for many of us but among the doom and gloom there are silver linings and reasons to smile ...

Venice is enjoying crystal clear waters in its world-famous canals due to a lack of debris from tourists and near-zero boat traffic under Italy's ongoing coronavirus lockdown. Large fish and swans are reclaiming them.

With social distancing and schools closing, children are connecting with each other by painting colourful rainbows and putting them in their windows for others to see as they walk past. It's thought this started in Italy, but has rapidly caught on in other countries including the US, Spain and now the UK.

In Sardinia, ferries have deserted the port and have been replaced by a very curious dolphin that now swims freely where boats once stood.

The Sofa Singers: a free, weekly online singing event set up by a musician in North Wales, is bringing people across the world together, especially those self isolating. www.thesofasingers.net

Among the young animals at The Farm there is a lamb with a particularly naughty face who enjoys riding on his mother's back.



Snippets

What's On Where

SUBJECT TO CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS.

Snitterfield Garden Club

First Tuesday of the month, Village Hall 7.30pm.

Parish Council Meetings

On the second Monday in the month, 7.30pm Village Hall. See noticeboard on Smith's Lane.

Snitterfield Actioning Climate Change

SACC meetings first Thursday each month in Village Hall, 8pm. Check www.snitterfieldacc.org for changes.

SACC Community Cafe

First Sunday of the month, 2pm-4pm, Village Hall.

Snitterfield Crafters' Club

Wednesdays 9.30-12.30 Graham Simons Room. £3 including refreshments. www.snitterfieldcrafters.wordpress.com

Snitterfield WI

Meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

Sports Club 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.

Pilates

Snitterfield Sports Club, Tuesdays 9.30am, Wednesdays 11am. Seated class, Tuesdays 10.45-11.30. Contact Helen Tudge 01926 259293.

Bellringing practice

Every Wednesday 5.30-6.30, not at St James (as the bells are being returned) but at other local towers when possible.

Thursday Club

First Thursday each month, 2.30pm, Snitterfield Village Hall

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: saut1@btinternet.com



COMMUNITY CAFE

Tea & Cake
2-4pm
Every First
Sunday Monthly Snitterfield Village Hall

ITEMS FOR SALE
Honey, Eggs, Bread, Veg-Boxes
Lots of Cake, Fair-Trade, Cards
Artwork, Pottery, Jewellery
Craftwork

SALES TABLE SPACE AVAILABLE
only donate 10% of your sales
07818 447705
SACCGroup1@gmail.com
www.snitterfieldacc.org
ALL proceeds to Snitterfield
Carbon Footprint reduction



JOIN THE CELEBRATION!



Look for information nearer the time as we will be following government advice regarding coronavirus

Join us for afternoon tea and entertainment in Snitterfield Village Hall Friday 8 May from 2.30pm

VE DAY

75TH ANNIVERSARY

Contact: Hilary Tel: 731246;
Tony Tel: 730098; Sylvia Tel: 731279

Fun creative learning

Fully qualified, experienced and caring staff
Excellent indoor and outside play facilities
Forest school
Government funded places
Open term time Mon-Fri 9am-3pm

For a visit, prospectus or more information please contact Sarah Clark, Manager, 01789 731974, info@snitterfieldnursery.co.uk or online at www.snitterfieldnursery.com

We're a not-for-profit organisation! OFSTED Registration: EY450987 Company Number: 07672389



Rag-Tag Toddler Group

Monday morning in the Village Hall 9.45-11.45am 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

Moving Pictures

- If you would like to join the Village Cinema 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 screenings:**
- Due to the cancellation of all events by Live & Local, the rural cinema will be postponed until at least the beginning of May. We hope to be able to screen our April films on 17 May.
- We look forward to welcoming you back then. Thank you for your support and keep well.



Eco-Schools

As part of our Eco Schools programme and to help raise funds, Snitterfield School has a clothes recycling bin at the entrance to the school carpark. 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.

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