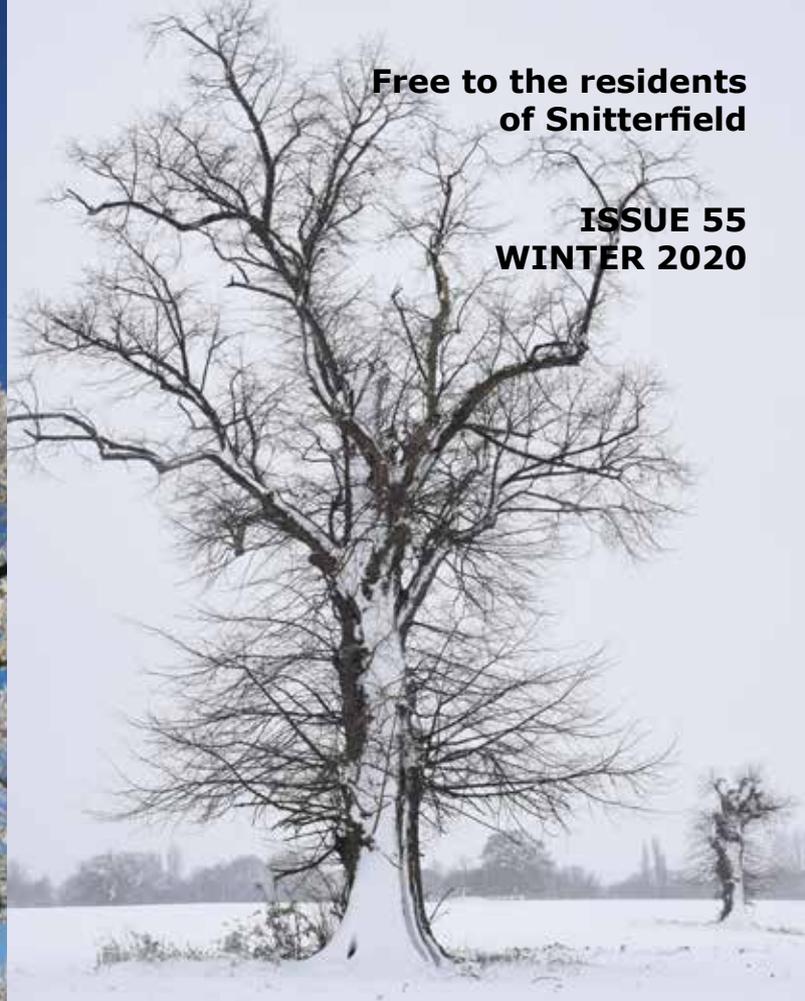




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**Merry Christmas
to one and all!**

**Who is the winner of *Snipe's*
Tree-mendous photography
competition? See pages 4-5**



Message from your County Councillor



Greetings from your County Councillor. The second lockdown means that Christmas is going to look very different in 2020 and, as I extend my good wishes to you all from my home office in late November, it's just too early to know what restrictions will be in place and how beneficial Lockdown 2 has been.

However, I can advise that Public Health Warwickshire (PHW) has been working extremely hard, together with Stratford's Environmental Health team, and I know they are doing absolutely everything they can to keep us safe and bring some cheer to us all. One thing is clear to see and that is that Stratford on Avon district has the lowest rate of infection across the county and there is a united force of lobbying activity to prevent the district being included in a county-wide tier system, as the other districts and boroughs have more than double the rate of infection as ourselves.

On a brighter note I am delighted to report that I was able to award county council community grants of £200 to the Rag Tag Toddler Group to purchase new bean bags and play mats and £400 to Snitterfield Village Hall refurbishment project, which follows a series of awards in respect of this major project over the last few years.

As we approach winter, bringing the dangers of black ice and possibly snow to our roads and signalling the start of WCC's gritting programme throughout the villages, please take care by driving more slowly through Snitterfield and across the county. May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

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Thank you from all at *Snipe!*

Snipe would like to send out some big thank yous. Firstly to the Parish Council for continuing to support the cost of printing the newsletter for the next year and to Snitterfield Village Community Projects (see below) for stepping in to cover additional essential production costs. Many thanks also to those generous souls who send private donations.

All writing, editing, designing pages and deliveries are done completely free of charge on a voluntary basis. We would like to send huge thanks to our marvellous team of delivery folk and to Liz Foster who coordinates the deliveries. An additional thank you to Meryl Rice, who has retired after many years of delivering one of the largest rounds in the village.

Finally, having thought we would be unable to continue to deliver to the doorsteps of outlying residents outside the village boundary, we are now able to cover the whole of the Parish again. We are extremely grateful to Ole Schmidt-Hansen for taking this on.



Snitterfield Village Community Projects, originally set up to fund the defibrillator outside the Village Hall, continues to support the community.

As well as supporting *Snipe* with a grant of £480, we funded 250 face masks at a cost of £546 when there was a shortage at the start of the pandemic.

As the pandemic is still with us, we have covered the cost of Snitterfield Community Volunteer's emergency mobile phone

News from your District Councillor



The word unprecedented tends to be overused in today's world, but it is fair to say that 2020 has been like no other. At the time of writing the Council's offices remain closed until 2 December, however services remain with officers continuing to work from home.

The District Council will maintain as many services as possible during lockdowns and all will be reinstated when the lockdown is lifted. Our contact centre remains open for residents to continue to speak by telephone to staff at our office on 01789 267575 and customers will still be able to access many services online at www.stratford.gov.uk

Covid Business Support

For those businesses forced to close as a result of the latest national lockdown, Stratford-on-Avon District Council will once again be administering business support grants. Businesses that meet the criteria will now be able to receive grants worth up to £3,000 a month. To be eligible, the business would need to have been open as usual and providing in-person services to customers but has been required to close due to the second national lockdown. Eligible businesses must have been closed for the entirety of the lockdown period. Full details and an application form can be found here: www.stratford.gov.uk/coronavirus/local-restrictions-support-grant-national-lockdown.cfm

Joint Waste Contract

On 9 November Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Cabinet approved proposals for a joint waste and recycling contract with Warwick District Council. Part of the new contract proposals includes the introduction of a joint 123+ services – moving to a three-weekly collection of residual waste to encourage further recycling. The recommendation, subject to Warwick District Council adopting the same recommendation at their Executive meeting on 18 November, will go to Full Council for approval. Both Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon District Councils are committed to improving their services for the residents of South Warwickshire and are investigating joint working and shared services.

Some management roles are already being shared across the two councils, as is the prospect of a joint Local Plan for our communities, to secure long-term benefits. Combining waste collection under one contract is the next service to be proposed for joint working by both councils. The contracts for both councils finish around the same time, which presents an opportunity to review procuring a combined service across the whole of South Warwickshire, serving 126,000 households.

A new contract would focus on environmental and financial benefits; encouraging residents to increase their household recycling, reduce residual waste and reduce the cost of treating and disposing of rubbish. In addition, it will support the ambition of both councils to achieve carbon-neutral status for their districts by 2030.

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for a further six months. Finally, with the second lockdown, we continued the provision for the fund, via a loan, to aid shopping at the village shop for the vulnerable who have to shield during this time.

However, as we are not able to fundraise during the pandemic we need donations in order to support the village. If you feel you can make a donation, however small, please contact me or make a contribution using the village shop collection box.

John Baldwin
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A gathering of scarecrows

In October the village was invaded by scarecrows of all shapes and sizes. The event was beautifully organised by Vanessa Simpson, with the help of Lillibee Harris. A trail map guided villagers to scarecrows on almost all the roads, lanes and cul-de-sacs throughout Snitterfield.

It was a beautiful day and lovely to see so many villagers out and about, enjoying the fun. Slightly embarrassingly and much to our surprise (and delight) the editors of *Snipe* won a lovely hamper for the 'surviving furlough' scarecrow. We did distribute all the chocolate to local youngsters but devoured the champagne ourselves – thank you Vanessa!



Window Wonderland!

The Window Wonderland will hopefully be a much-needed way of bringing us all a bit of extra festive cheer and something positive to focus on! Festive lights and snowy scenes, sparkly stars and Christmas elves ... use your

creativity and imagination to decorate a festive window in your home and together we can create a magical Window Wonderland in our village!



On the weekend of the 19 and 20 December, children and their families can take

part in The Window Wonderland Trail – a safe and fun festive activity that everyone can enjoy, whilst so many of the traditional Christmas events and activities can't take place this year.

It's free to join in but we'd love it if, when you do take part either by putting up your festive window display or following the trail in December, you would either make a donation to the Trussell Trust, the food redistribution charity aiming to end hunger in the UK: www.trusselltrust.org/make-a-donation/ or make a donation to our local food bank collection point at the village shop. Together we can create a brighter Christmas for families most in need.

If you would like to create a window please let me know so that I can add you to the trail: t. Rachael 07944 985 433, e. rachael.osmotherley@hotmail.co.uk 

Please also include a robin somewhere in your window display so that the children in the village can take part in the Where's Robin Challenge!

Rachael Osmotherley

And the Tree-mendous winners are ...



Winner of under 18 category is Snitterfield gravestones by Archie Stuart (aged 9). Ed says: 'This photograph is notable among all the entries – both in the adult and under 18 categories – with its creative approach to the composition. Framing the scene with the branches is a clever technique and by shooting into the light, strong shadows are prominent. Dark leaves are balanced by the silhouette of the tombstones and there is also fantastic contrast in the grass.'

We had more than 40 entries in *Snipe's* photography competition and the standard was extraordinarily high. Our judge, professional photographer Ed Tyler, had a very difficult job but, after much agonising, the winners were decided.

Winner of the under 18 category was nine-year-old Archie Stuart with his wonderfully composed photograph (left). He and his two brothers, whose photographs were highly commended, won a day of adventure with Flourish at The Farm.

The winner of the adult category was Helen Hayter, with her gorgeous sunrise behind the majestic oak at Bramley Orchard Farm on King's Lane. Helen won Thomas Pakenham's book *The Company of Trees* (see winning image and photographer right).



There were five photographers in the adult group who were highly commended: Chris Forse, Margaret Tweed, Chris Chatland, Maxine Tait and Andy Osmotherley. Ed's comments on each of the photographs are as follows.



Highly commended under 18 category: Park Lane sunset by Harry Stuart (aged 7). Ed says: 'This late evening sunset is full of drama. It is framed wonderfully and is extremely atmospheric, with the deep purple sky set against the soaring trees.'



Highly commended under 18 category: Church Road by Callum Stuart (aged 11). Ed says: 'Even though there are no landmarks on view, this is immediately recognisable as Snitterfield, which is a great achievement. And a great use of perspective.'



Highly commended adult category: below the war memorial by Chris Forse. Ed says: 'A soothing image, capturing the colour of the autumn leaves, the green of the grass and the diverse form of trees and framed shot.'



STAG
Snitterfield Tree Action Group

STAG, Snitterfield's tree planting group, is now up and running and already tackling its first project: to put a hedge around the playground just off The Green.

We have set ourselves the challenge to plant appropriate species of trees as widely as possible across the parish of Snitterfield to reduce carbon dioxide levels, mitigate flood risk, increase biodiversity and improve village life by enhancing our surroundings. We cannot do this without the community and we would love to get your ideas on areas suitable to plant trees. We will need volunteers to do this and we would be delighted to hear from you if you would like to join the steering group. We have a lot of work ahead of us and are looking forward to the challenge.

Please get in touch using email (stag.secretary@gmail.com) or on Facebook (www.facebook.com/Snitterfieldtreeaction).



Children plant a Remembrance oak

As part of our Remembrance Day commemorations, children at Snitterfield Primary School planted an oak sapling that has an incredible heritage. The sapling was grown from an acorn that came from an oak, nearly 100 years old, that grows in Delville Wood, near the village of Longueval in northern France.

The Battle of Delville Wood was a series of engagements in the Battle of the Somme in the First World War. In mid July 1916, Battalions of the South African Brigade, serving with the British 9th Division, attempted to capture and then defend the wood.

They identified the grassy lanes through the wood by street names from London, Edinburgh and Glasgow (such as Bond Street, Regent Street and Buchanan Street) as these were more memorable than French names. They soon came under devastating German attack but defied all attempts to drive them



Winner of the adult category: Sunrise oak by Helen Hayter. Ed says: 'Capturing a sunrise whilst keeping the tree the focus and retaining so much detail takes a lot of skill. There's plenty to like in this photo – the subtle definition of the clouds, the light penetrating the negative space, the complementary blue and orange colours and, not least, the solitary dignity of the tree itself – a worthy winner.'



Highly commended adult category: Frosted trees by Margaret Tweed. Ed says: 'A striking image reminiscent of Japanese cherry blossom. The piercing blue of the sky contrasts with the stark blackness of the trunk. This image really draws the eye.'



Highly commended adult category: Frosty oak leaves by Chris Chatland. Ed says: 'A beautifully observed composition with exquisite textural detail – the leaves look like they have been dipped in icing sugar.'



Highly commended adult category: Autumn view by Chris Forse. Ed says: 'A wonderful range of Autumn colours. A well composed image.'



Highly commended adult category: Bark by Andy Osmotherley. Ed says: 'This photo has movement, contrast and flow – it looks so tactile despite being abstract. Excellent use of sepia tones to enhance the texture.'



Highly commended adult category: Silhouette on King's Lane by Maxine Tait. Ed says: 'A striking, almost skeletal silhouette, symbolic of the bleakness of winter. Compositionally dead centre: a powerful, almost savage image.'

... out and fought continuously for six days. A report at the time said: 'It rained every day, and we had neither blankets nor greatcoats ... some of our boys stood sound asleep with their rifles at the shoulder.' On 15 July, slightly more than 3,000 South African troops advanced into the wood. On 20 July, 143 men came out.

As for Delville Wood it no longer existed. A soldier described it as a 'wasteland of shattered trees, craters thick with mud and blood, and corpses, corpses everywhere.' In 1920 The South African government bought the desolate area to create a memorial to the South African fallen and the wood was replanted. From an acorn of one of these trees the Snitterfield sapling has been grown.

We would like to thank Chris Thorndale, who originally brought the acorn back from France and planted it (and provided the account of its wonderful history) and Hilary Schmidt-Hansen, who has grown it on and helped our Reception Class plant it at the side of our Forest School Area. We hope it will grow to be a beautiful tribute to the fallen of the First World War.

Wayne Berry



Children from Reception class with teaching assistant Tina Varley, teacher Melanie Findlay and Hilary Schmidt-Hansen



We hope everyone is keeping well in these challenging times. At nursery we have been able to welcome children back since September, which has helped restore some sense of normality. We have split children into two groups, preschoolers and age two to three, which is working well.

The children have loved being back and we have loved having them back. We are enjoying lots of outdoor play and being in our groups helps us keep everyone as safe as possible.

You can now support us while you shop – at no extra cost to you! Using Amazon Smile all you need to do is select us (Snitterfield Nursery School) as your supported charity at smile.amazon.co.uk or through the Amazon app, then every time you buy something, Amazon will automatically donate.

For Easy Fundraising visit easyfundraising.co.uk or download the app. Search for a cause – Snitterfield Nursery School – and click to support us. Then every time you purchase online, go through the easyfundraising website or app to the retailer and we will receive a free donation after a successful purchase.

Any support will be greatly appreciated!

Marie Conroy

News from the Village Hall

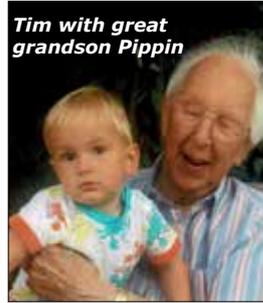
It was with great relief that we managed to get all of the paperwork ready, the hall cleaned and Covid-19 secure, ready for opening in September with new bookings of yoga and dance classes, only to be open for two months before the second lockdown. However, we look forward to welcoming everyone back when we hope to have the rural cinema up and running on 20 December, screening *Blinded by the Light* (12A). We will be limited to 20 at each screening due to social distancing but with the help and support of Live & Local (who run the cinema scheme) may be able to run two screenings if there is demand. Tickets need to be purchased/booked in advance. Please keep an eye out on the village hall website (www.snitterfieldvillagehall.com) and noticeboards for further information.

The building work is progressing on the new Easy Access toilet and annex and we hope to be able to finish the work and decorate the hall before Christmas. Thank you to everyone who has helped us raise funds and especially to Anne Parry for her support towards our application to the Warwickshire County Councillors Grant Fund. Thanks also to the Friends of Snitterfield Village Hall for their continued support through the monthly prize winning draw. If you would like to join the scheme please get in touch with Ken and Chris Chatland (kenchatland@yahoo.co.uk) or Jim Pullen (cgpullen@btinternet.com) It is just £12 per year with a chance to win either £18 or £12 each month.

Our next part of the refurbishments will be to replace the back room at the village hall to create a much nicer and useable space for small gatherings/meetings. The plans are drawn up and our next challenge will be to raise the funds. Please look out for any future fundraising events for the village hall.

Rag Tag Toddler group re-opened on Monday mornings in September and it was wonderful to see everyone back and to meet all the new families who have come along. When the hall reopens in December, we will be starting a second session on Thursday mornings until the restriction on numbers is lifted and we can run our group as normal. We would like to thank Councillor Anne Parry for her support of our grant application towards new wipeable beanbags and play mats. If you would like to join us or for more details see the advert on page 8.

Hilary Schmidt-Hansen



Tim with great grandson Pippin

Tim Dronsfield

A service to celebrate the long life of fondly-remembered villager Tim Dronsfield was held at the Church of St James the Great on 19 October. Tim sadly died on 27 September, shortly after his 99th birthday, after bravely bearing a long illness.

Covid restrictions prevented many friends and neighbours from attending the service but they paid tribute by lining Smith's Lane as the funeral cortege left Tim's house.

Tim, christened Cyril but universally known as Tim, was born in Oldham, Lancashire in 1921 and remained proud of his Lancashire roots throughout his life. He served in the Navy during the Second World War, surviving a sinking when his ship was bombed off Dieppe and having to be rescued from the sea. Following the war he returned to his job with the Prudential, this time in London, where he met his wife Jean, who was also working there.

They moved to Snitterfield in 1979 when Tim's work took him to Birmingham, and lived happily in the village ever since. Both have played a full part in village life, in particular serving on the village hall committee and taking a leading role in bellringing at the parish church. In retirement Tim pursued his hobby of furniture making, which he excelled at, and he remained a keen golfer at Stratford until well into his 80s.

Tim is survived by his wife Jean, three children Anne, Jan and Neill, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren, with a fourth on the way. He is buried in the village churchyard. Donations in his memory can be made to Bowel Cancer UK.



Hello Neighbour – Snitterfield Community Volunteers are still here to help. During the first lockdown, as you know, Snitterfield Community Volunteers ran a helpline to support local residents who were unable to get out to access provisions, newspapers and medications. We were also able to be a friendly voice at the end of the line for people who were feeling anxious or lonely. We just want to remind you we are STILL HERE! We're still offering all the same services and have volunteers ready to help throughout whatever the coming months may bring. Please feel free to use us if you have to self-isolate, are shielding or just feel unable to get out. Our phone line is 07719 279039.



Sheep's wool loft insulation

Over £25,000 has been generated by the solar panels on the village hall and sports club since they were installed by SACC in 2012.

This money is distributed annually to parishioners for energy saving projects, via the SACC grant scheme.

Unsurprisingly this has been a quiet year for grant applications and SACC still has some grant funding available for loft insulation to help you save money and stay warm this winter. If your loft has less than 250mm (10inches) of insulation (or you are unsure) please complete the simple application form on the SACC website: www.snitterfieldacc.org

A castle, a prince and a vanished village

Warwickshire's history echoes to the ghosts of its lost and abandoned villages. John Rous, a local clergyman writing in the 1480s, regarded rural depopulation as a social scourge, which had removed more than 60 communities in the vicinity of Warwick. One of those he writes about is our neighbour Fulbrook, just across the A46 from Snitterfield. Fulbrook once boasted 'a pretty castle of stone and brick', a moated manor house, a church and at least one watermill. But by 1436 it had all but gone completely, as the owner, the Duke of Bedford, transformed the landscape to create a deer park.

Modern-day Warwickshire poet Mark Bullock, in his poem Fulbrook, picks up on the same theme ...

*In quires sing the lists of loss
Of Ascote, Billesley
Bickmarsh and Baddesley
Of Comptons, Murdock and Scorpion
Foxcote, Fulbrook, and Goldicote
Hodnell, Hornburn and Huncote
All gone where the river ran
And took the land away.*

Today a walk around Fulbrook – see *Snipe Walk 9*, the Vanished Village Walk, on the Snitterfield website at www.snitterfield.com – offers tantalising glimpses into the history here. Although the castle, church, cottages and manor house are long gone you can still pick out the moats, signs of ridge



and furrow and the remains of a dam and a possible sluice on the site of a watermill (see photo left).

Records for the parish in 1332 show nine tax payers. One was the lord of the manor, so the other eight were villagers, each with a

holding of land and a family to support. The village probably contained more than eight households, as usually smallholders were exempted from tax-paying because of their limited wealth. The Fulbrook villagers attended the parish church, and their corn was ground in a watermill, which paid its rent to Pinley Priory, a small nunnery near Rowington.

It's likely that Fulbrook was seriously depopulated by the Black Death of 1349 but villagers were doubly unfortunate in that remaining tenants were later forcibly evicted by the Duke of Bedford, so that he could enclose the land as a park for hunting. Certainly by 1392 the village was in serious trouble, as the number of tenants was reduced to four. By 1428, Fulbrook was reported to be one of the least populous villages in Warwickshire, and the failure by 1436 to mention rents of any kind implies that the villagers had by then gone completely. There are no subsequent references to a village or villagers.

The village of Fulbrook had been acquired by John Duke of Bedford a few years before 1421. At that time it comprised a conventional manor from the 13th century, belonging to a widow of noble birth, and a somewhat decayed village. In the 1420s the manor house lay close to the parish church and the shrunken village, near the site of the present-day Court Farm House, with the river nearby. The site of the manor is now marked by two adjacent moats, easily visible still on the Vanished Village Walk.

Rous describes the Fulbrook residence that Bedford built, on the site today known as Castle

Hill, as a 'noble tower equivalent to a castle'. For John Leland, the famous antiquary who conducted a great tour of England, writing in the 1540s and depending on memories as its ruin by then was almost complete, it had been 'a pretty castle of stone and brick'. There's no surface evidence remaining but aerial photographs of cropmarks show a ground plan of a rectangular structure measuring about 35m by 40m around a central courtyard, with at least a dozen rooms (see below). Cropmarks relate to the differences in the soil below caused by underground features such as walls. For example, parched lines of grass or crops indicate structures beneath as there is less moisture in the shallow soil.



There is no hint that the building had a fortified perimeter, so it was perhaps more a house than a castle, though it had at least one tower – hence contemporaries noting its similarity to a castle. Even in those days location location location was all important. The new house took the duke and his companions away from the workaday world, on to the top of a small hill, from which the park (extending to some 400 acres, more than half the parish and including land which had in earlier centuries been under the plough) could be viewed.

The Duke of Bedford was also making a move which would become commonplace in the 15th century, by transplanting his residence from its old established site near a village or town into the middle of a park. Bedford could also take pleasure from the way that his 'pretty' castle could be seen from a distance, and advertised his presence. He visited only occasionally, as his duties in France kept him out of the country for much of each year. He stayed at Fulbrook in 1421, and it was perhaps then that the project was planned and begun. The building was probably complete, or at least far advanced, when he visited twice in 1426. Certainly by then the park had been fenced and stocked: the parker John Hont and his wife joined the Stratford fraternity in 1425-6 and promised to provide a deer each year for the guild feast.

After Bedford's death the Fulbrook estate came into the hands of the crown, and Henry VI stayed at the castle in 1438. The building soon fell into ruin but had a curious afterlife. Salvaged materials, including a huge bay window full of heraldic glass, were carried to nearby Compton Wynyates and used in the construction of this lovely fortified house. We'll leave the last words to Mark Bullock:

*... of the village all is gone
but the ghost of its memory,
the dressed stones stolen,
re-used unlike the people,
who scattered to the four winds
haunt the lanes in hope of delivery from hunger
and destitution ...*

(See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bKtT9FuYTgc>)

Andy Hopkinson

Who was John, Duke of Bedford?

John of Lancaster, 1st Duke of Bedford, was a medieval English prince, general and statesman, who commanded England's armies in France during the Hundred Years' War. He was the third son of King Henry IV, brother to King Henry V and acted as regent of France for his young nephew, Henry VI. He was born in 1389 in Kenilworth and died in Rouen in Northern France in 1435. Bedford is often named as the man who burned Joan of Arc, his most famous foe. This is erroneous, as Joan was condemned by a largely French ecclesiastical court, but Bedford would have agreed with their decision. He appears in Shakespeare's plays *Henry IV, Part 1* and *Henry IV, Part 2* as John of Lancaster, and in *Henry V* and *Henry VI, Part 1* as the Duke of Bedford.



Snippets

What's On Where

ALL SUBJECT TO CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS

Snitterfield Garden Club

First Tuesday of the month, Village Hall 7.30pm. Gillie Waldron 01789 731830.

Parish Council Meetings

Planning meetings on the first Monday of the month, 7.30pm Village Hall: see <https://www.snitterfieldpc.org.uk/planning/> for details. Regular meetings on the second Monday in the month, 7.30pm Village Hall. Email: snitterfieldpc@outlook.com www.snitterfieldpc.org.uk. 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. Ian Spiers 07818 447705

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.

www.snitterfield.com/WI

Rag Tag Toddler Group

See advert right for information.

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. www.snitterfieldsportsclub.co.uk

Bellingring practice

Every Wednesday 5.30-6.30. St James the Great Church

Thursday Club

First Thursday each month. Email: [helen.hayter@icloud.com](mailto:hayter@icloud.com), Tel: 07876 442726

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: saust1@btinternet.com www.snitterfieldvillagehall.com



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Langley & Wolverton
in The Arden Valley Benefice

Supporting The Children's Society
Make children's voices heard



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE on Zoom

Join us to share the light & celebrate Christmas
together on Sunday December 13th at 3pm

Collect your Christingles pack, including instructions to make at home,
from the Graham Simons Meeting Room, St James Church, Church Road,
Snitterfield on Saturday December 12th between 10am - 12pm and 2pm - 4pm

On-line joining link for the service is in the Christingles pack and also available
from: Hilary: hilary@thegables.spacomputers.com or Celia: celia@spiers.net

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:

- Provisional dates as follows:
- 20 December, *Blinded by the Light*
- (12A): 17 January, 21 February,
- 21 March, 18 April. Please check
- on village noticeboards and www.snitterfieldvillagehall.com. Thank you
- for your support and keep well.

The Parish Council now has a Planning Committee, which meets on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, or by Zoom when necessary. This is subject to there being applications to consider, and there usually are. Details are on the PC website: <https://www.snitterfieldpc.org.uk/planning/>

All parishioners are welcome to attend and there is a period set aside for public participation before the formal agenda.

www.snitterfieldpc.org.uk

Rag-Tag Toddler Group

Monday morning in Snitterfield Village Hall 9.45-11.45am during term time. During Covid-19 restrictions we also meet Thursday mornings. We welcome all parents, guardians and carers of children from birth to pre-school age. Wide range of

toys, craft for the older children, plus songs and story time! £2.00 for one child, 50p for each additional child.

Please book a place each week via the Facebook page or by contacting Hilary Schmidt-Hansen. Tel: 731246. Email: Hilary@thegables.spacomputers.com



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