

Village Voice

The newsletter of the villages of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton November 2003 . Issue No.8

They Think It's All Over – Not Here It's Not!



Bottesford Under 8's

Back row: James Brand, Joseph Pritchett, Matthew Airey, Freddie Watchorn, Harry Geach

Front Row: Joseph Hornigold, Christopher Avison, Charles Thomson, Charlie Morgan, Harvey Swaby



Bottesford Under 10's

Back row: Euan Coulthard, Zachery Morton, Ryan Hutchinson, Christopher Chappell, Timothy Nock, Jack Mellor

Front row: Joe Sewell, Tom Waterfall, Jamie Morgan, George Swaby, Alex Thomson

Of late there has been much press over the lack of facilities and encouragement of youngsters in keeping fit and adopting a healthy lifestyle. Well none of that in Bottesford thanks to single-minded, focused and enthusiastic children and parents. In particular Sean Austin (contact no. 844006), has managed the Bottesford under 12s football team and, in doing so, has, and still does, organise regular morning training sessions every Saturday from 9.45 a.m. to 11a.m in the grounds of Belvoir High School. All abilities are welcome and a small subscription of 50p from each player contributes to the costs of those who go on to play representative football for the Village in all three teams, kindly sponsored by

'Motorpoint, Grantham', at under 8, under 10 and under 12.

It is not unusual to have up to 70 children turn up and they, in turn, are divided into age categories to undertake skills training, develop positive and healthy attitudes and, finally, of course, an opportunity to play a game - that's what it's all about!

Both the under 8s and under 10 teams play in the Grantham and District Junior League and play their home matches on the Bottesford Primary School pitch. They are managed, respectively by two devoted aficionados of the game namely David Airey(842729) and Dave Sewell (844072). At the time of going to Press

the U8s were undefeated with 3 wins whilst the fortunes of the U10s under-scored a credible start of 2 wins and 2 defeats. The under 12 team, in addition to training on Saturdays, also train on a Thursday from 6p.m during the light nights at the Village hall and, thereafter, at the Belvoir High School during the winter months. They play in the Grantham & District Youth League under 12s Division A and, like the U8s, remain undefeated so far. It is early days yet but for all those taking part - it's that what counts and having fun doing it makes it all worthwhile. For more information turn up at training on Saturday or contact one of the managers above.

Save Our Land (For our Scouts and Guides)

The area of grass next to the Scout Hut on Albert Street has been used by generations of our Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies, Beavers and Rainbows for camping, barbeques and basically having some safe fun. However, they are being challenged

for the "Title" to the land and, if the challenger is successful, the Scout and Guide Groups will lose the use of the land - and it is likely to become a building plot. If anyone has any documents that would help them defend their use of

the land, such as old photographs from the 60's or 70's, showing Cubs Scouts, Brownies or Guides using the land next to the Scout Hut, please contact Berni Carey on 843309 as soon as possible.

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Bottesford Scout Group— Help Please!

Bottesford Scout Group celebrates its 60th anniversary in 2004. The Group takes boys from 6 to 14 across 3 Sections, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. All the sections are thriving but Adult help is desperately needed in the Beaver Section. The Beavers presently exist on 1 qualified leader, some dedicated Explorer Scout Young Leaders and a rota of parent helpers. Male or female, if you are over 18 and can spare a few hours on a Tuesday evening, you could take up the rewarding challenge of helping 6 to 8 year olds. Full training will be given in all relevant skills and believe, it or not, it can actually be enjoyable!

Explorers in the Scouts

The new District Explorer Unit caters for boys and girls (14-18) and meets at the Bottesford Scout Hut every other Monday. Explorer Scouting is part of the exciting new programme launched in 2002 and is District organised. If you would like any further information on helping with the Beaver Scouts, or any other aspect of Scouting in the village, please contact the Group Scout Leader, Berni Carey on 843309.

Photos from the Past

The recent Local History Week at Bottesford Library encouraged people to bring in old photographs of the area so they could be scanned for historical records and the enjoyment of others. This was a great success and scanned copies are now on display in the library.

We're On Line!

Thanks to the sterling efforts of Dave Slater, Village Voice is now on the Bottesford Today website. So, if you

Community Centre News

New classes starting in November

There are several new classes starting after half term. For more details ring the community centre on 844199.

They include:

French for beginners at Barkestone (eve)

Textiles inc. garment design (eve)

Practical ways to help your child (day)

Internet (day and eve)

The creche has just received a glowing report from Ofsted which was great news for the staff and parents. The creche provides a safe environment for children of those attending courses or for those who 'just wish to have a couple of hours to themselves' says Katie.

The A52 Cycle Bridge -An Update

Government Office for East Midlands have made the following information available to us:

"We have just issued the decision letter in respect of the non-statutory objections to the Compulsory Purchase Order for this scheme. The Secretaries of State have decided that the CPO should not be made because of legal problems associated with the fact that the Highways Agency omitted to publish a Side Roads Order with the CPO. Basically, the CPO would not have authorised the Highways Agency to build the 'footbridge' so they need to start again by publishing a new set of Orders that will provide all the powers they require. If you want any information about how the Agency intends to proceed you should email Graham Broome at the Agency. His email address is:

graham.broome@highways.gsi.gov.uk

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Hedgerows - New for Old

BECV, the Bottesford Environmental Conservation Volunteers will hold their next open meeting at the VC Hall meeting room at 7.30pm on Thursday November 13th. Jane Neachell of Stratford-upon-Avon Environmental Department will give an illustrated talk, Hedgerows – New for Old, on hedgerow conservation and craft. Jane, who used to be with Leicester City Council, also shares the BECV's interest in bats and badgers. The talk is free and open to non-members who share the group's interest in caring for local wildlife and the countryside. Seats are limited, so please contact Neil Fortey on 843320 to be sure of enough places.

Citizens' Advice Bureau

CAB will be in Bottesford Library on 3rd Nov, 9.30-12.30am then every Monday till March. Ring 842696 for more information.

Gardens show a great success

'I am pleased to report that the show this year surpassed all others' said Harold Derry, secretary of the Bottesford and District Gardens Association that organised the annual show in the village hall. He said that on Saturday morning 'we had a queue of intending exhibitors waiting to get their entries recorded'.

One entrant came up from Bristol, and won 3 prizes. Carol Woodthorpe is the daughter of Jack who supported the work of the Association for many many years and made the long journey with her prize winning vegetables.

Jim Glover won the Everard cup for most points in show, Mrs Minkley won the home-craft trophy against some very stiff opposition this year. There were many entries from children and the Jubilee cups were won by Lucy Hackett and Alex Slipper.

And 'BATS' in the Village Hall

Bottesford Amateur Theatrical Society (BATS) will be holding their first production in the new Village Hall on Thursday 27th to Saturday 29th November. For details of ticket prices and outlets look out for posters, which will be displayed around the village, nearer the time.

BATS also celebrates 30 years as a local group this year. Formerly known as Belvoir Amateur Theatrical Society—it has thrived as a valuable village club and BATS can even boast having some of the original cast back in the production

Family Days Out in Winter (Keeping dry!)

Twin lakes – Melton A607 – 25 minutes drive. (previously Tumbledown Farm site)

This is a great place for children of all ages. It has an adventure playground, assault course and lots of out door activities - enough to keep them occupied for hours. BUT it also has a lot of indoor activity areas such as Blaster Ball (a big hit with grown men as well as the children), pirate ship railway and ball pits. There is a large fort that doubles as a maze, which children play in for hours. A great day out. Cost £5.50 pp, under 3yrs old are free.

Fun Farm – Dysart Road, Grantham – 20 Minutes drive

This is an indoor adventure playground on two levels. It has slides, ball pits, scramble nets and ride-on tractors. Price is about £3 a child off peak and adults are free.

Nottingham Castle – a 10-minute walk from Nottingham City centre.

If you have to take the children shopping with you and want to give them a cheap treat, try Nottingham Castle. It only costs £1 (£2 for adults) to get in and they have a range of exhibitions. They also have a children's gallery, play area and interactive display features with special events throughout the year. Don't miss the hidden passageways that the children can explore (like Harry Potter).



Bats in the Belfry

With Halloween upon us you may be watching for bats around the church. BECV members are encouraging bats by providing 2 new bat boxes, designed and made by John Richardson. If you look carefully in the trees near the churchyard – on a Willow and an Oak by the river - you will find them and will be amazed to know they will house up to 50 bats each!



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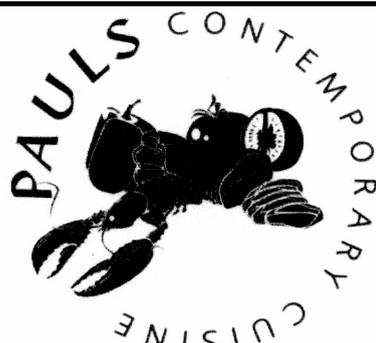
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Bottesford's Links to Eastern Europe

Our dreams come true

This is an extract from a letter from Valentina and the children of Chernobyl – written during their second visit to Bottesford in September/October 2003.

"Our wish to come back to Bottesford again has come true. 11 children came this time, together with 2 teachers, all of whom are staying with various families in the Vale.

It is wonderful to see how the old are cared for in your community with care homes and general care. In Gomel the elderly are scared to go out by themselves because of street crime everywhere. They just prefer to stay in their own homes.

Probably not all people here in the Belvoir Vale appreciate the quality of their domestic tap water. In Belarus we have heavily chlorinated water and it has to be boiled before it is drunk. Also the air we breathe in our home surroundings is not clean. The economic conditions there prevent the unpleasant contaminants in the air being filtered away. It costs money to clean the atmosphere.

Ancient –and Modern

St Mary's Church is a wonderful building in the centre of our village, protected as an "ancient monument". But did you realise that many of the ancient tombstones in the churchyard are also protected? However, with this acknowledgment comes responsibility and many of the stones are leaning dangerously and could topple over with potentially fatal consequences.

St Mary's is in need of your financial help to start the costly exercise of re-setting the tombstones.

Would you like to help them with a modern solution - by "sponsoring" a tombstone? Acknowledgements for your help will be displayed both in the church and discreetly in the churchyard itself. Please contact Reverent Charles Bradshaw on 842335 if you would like further details.

The children also notice the quality of school meals available. They have no choice at home and the meals are of a very poor quality. The parents of these children realize how lucky they are to come here for 4 unforgettable weeks full of excitement, great experiences and meetings with friends.

We can't stop admiring your wonderful country, beautiful scenery, nice houses and lovely gardens and we also love your warm hearts and smiling faces."

Musical moments.

On Saturday 29th November at 7.30pm the Cranmer Company of Singers & Chamber Orchestra will be performing the MOZART 'REQUIEM' at Bottesford Parish Church, in aid of the British Red Cross Iraq Crisis Appeal with many of the singers and instrumentalists coming from our local area.

In addition to the 'Requiem', they will be performing an organ solo, and the choir will be singing the Kyrie and Agnus Dei from the Byrd 'Mass for Four Voices'.

Tickets at £8.00 or £6.00 (concession) will be available at the door, or in advance from Ann Beeby on 851046

Belvoir High School

This year Belvoir High School is lucky to have a European/Comenius Assistant placed with them - Miss Ela Gawronska, who arrived from Lipno in Poland at the beginning of October. Ela will continue the excellent work begun by Miss Baccarelli our Italian assistant 2 years ago.

Each year a small number of Comenius assistants are placed in schools in the UK to raise awareness of European cultures and languages and to offer classes in their own native language. Ela, as well as offering classes in Polish language and culture, will also be involved in various "European" projects throughout the school. We welcome her and hope she enjoys her time in Bottesford.

What's On...

November

13th Thurs.	Jane Neadlell to give a talk on Hedgerows - "New for Old". See article on Page 3
13th Thurs.	History Society. 7.30pm at Fuller Room - "46 years of Newark Operatic Society" Speaker Mr C Grant.
15th Sat	Mens cookery Community Centre tel. 844199
18th Tues	WI – talk by Cindy Wilson of Thorntons
19th Wed	Wood carving and lace making Community Centre tel. 844199
22nd Sat.	Bottesford Playgroup Table top sale, VC Hall, 1-4pm
22nd Sat.	Barn Dance. Village Hall. 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.
27- 29th Th/Sat	Bottesford Amateur Theatrical Society, production of 'Harvey' VC Hall
29th Sat	Xmas cake decorating , Wood carving and lace making. Community Centre tel. 844199
30th	Christmas Fayre at VC Hall

Christmas events in December

6th Sat	11am to 1pm, St Mary's Church, Christmas Food, Toys, Gifts, Cakes, Chutneys, Preserves, Tombola & Raffle Plus , see the Christmas Trees depicting community groups of Bottesford
6th Sat.	Dance at VC Hall starts 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.
7th Sun	10.30am Toy Service and 4pm Advent Carols, St Mary's Church
10th Wed	"Community Carols" at the VC Hall, 4pm, followed by tea/ coffee & mince pies.
11th Thurs	2.30pm Christmas afternoon with the Women's Fellowship at Bottesford Methodist Chapel. Refreshments served
11th Thurs	History Society. 7.30pm at Fuller Room. Christmas Party & "Music Hall & Variety 1900 to 1950." Speaker Mr A W Reed.
13th Sat	9.30am -12 noon - 'Holiday Club' activity morning, Bottesford Baptist Church, Queen Street. Information from Rev. Richard Lane: 01949 844311 revrichardlane@9vaughan.freeserve.co.uk

14th Sun	11.00 am, BBC Nativity, Bottesford Baptist Church
21st Sun	21 st 6.00 pm - Carols by candle-light. A mixture of old and new carols at Bottesford Baptist Church
21st Sun	Christmas Celebration for all ages followed by lunch 11 am at Bottesford Methodist Chapel.
24th Wed	6pm. Traditional Family Caro Service and 11.30p.m Midnight Mass, St Marys Church, Bottesford
24th Wed	Candlelight Carol Service at Bottesford Methodist Chapel at 11.30pm
24th Wed	8.00 pm - Christmas eve communion, Bottesford Baptist Church
24th Wed.	6pm Childrens' Mass 11.30 till Midnight Carols 12.00pm Midnight Mass – Vigil St Mary's the Immaculate RC Church Grantham*
25th Thurs	10.30am Family Service with communion St Mary's Bottesford
25th Thurs	8.00am & 10.00am Mass St Mary's the Immaculate RC Church Grantham*
25th Thurs	Christmas Day Celebration at 10.00am, Bottesford Baptist Church
25th Thurs	Christmas Day Celebration at Orston Chapel at 10am
26th Fri	10am Mass - St Stephen's Day St Mary's the Immaculate RC Church Grantham*
28th Sun	10.30am Nine lessons and Carols, St Mary's Bottesford

*Please confirm times for St Mary's the Immaculate RC Church Grantham with Father Tony on Tel: 01476 563935

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Parish Council News

4th August 2003

The ongoing issue of parking on Devon Lane was discussed. The Parish Council agreed on kerbing around the Green subject to the agreement of the County Council Conservation Officer.

The Council agreed to fund repairs to the roof of the School Rooms.

8th September 2003

Concern expressed about the use of Bowbridge Lane by lorries with skips going to

the new site on Orston Lane.

Presentation about the planning and building in the Borough was given by Cllr Wilkinson. 40 incidents have been reported to the police including 2 thefts from vehicles and assaults on Walford Close and Belvoir Road

Extra dog mess bins to be erected. The existing ones are well used.

An access limit of 7.50 tonnes for vehicles entering the village has been proposed.

Football club may be able to get grants from the County football Association



And they flocked in.....

August Bank Holiday Monday saw the grand opening of the new Victory Commemoration Hall. Hundreds of people took the opportunity to see the new rooms and facilities. Well done to the Village Hall committee for their hard work over many years and on seeing their dream come to fulfillment.

Letters



On Sunday last I took my elderly parents (Frank & Ingrid Sellers) to visit the family graves in Bottesford Churchyard. By arrangement we also called to visit a family friend, Mrs Ada Bond.

Ada gave us a copy of 'Village Voice' (July Issue - No.6) because on the front was a photograph headed 'Bottesford Primary School Pupils reach their 60th Birthdays'. At the end of the front line (on the far right) is a picture of my brother, Richard Sellers, and, of course, there is also a picture of Ada's son, Richard Bond.

My brother and I spent most of our childhood in Bottesford and have lots of happy memories. I attended Bottesford Primary from around 1946 until 1952 and I remember Miss Walker vividly! There are lots of other faces in the picture who I recognise but unfortunately I cannot remember their names. We have a copy of the first Bottesford Book, and I have seen a copy of the latest book. Lots of people I remember in those books and there are pictures of my Uncle Edgar (Culpin).

Brenda Turier (Mrs)

I presume you, the same as I, have received your two new 'sorting bins' for some of your household rubbish. The bins are already heavy, especially if you have a bad back. Does one put them on the floor to fill them up and then struggle to put them out for the dustman or have we got to build or erect a table to put them on so that they are higher off the ground to lift?

One suggestion that was mentioned to me was that we should still fill up the polythene

bags with the relevant rubbish, carry out the empty boxes on dustbin day and then fill the boxes up out on the street.

Apart from our backs, has a thought been given to the poor dustbin men, or are they called Refuse Collectors. By the time the day has finished their backs will be playing them up. Are the Council going to give out free Chiropractor sessions for both the dustmen and ourselves?

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Sports News



Crime Scene



Successes at Bottesford Bowls Club

You will have noted with interest, we hope, the 'Spotlight on the Bottesford Bowls Club' article in this edition of the Village Voice. As the season closes it appears the sales of polish have, once again, increased dramatically with further club success. The club have recently been crowned Champions of the 1st Division League of Country Bowls in addition to being Runners up in the 1st Division Newark League.

Other club and individual successes are as follows: Club singles, men

(Rayville Cup) Mick Wakefield; Club singles, ladies (P & K Green Cup) Sharon Yates; 2 wood singles (Stuart Martin trophy) Roger Turnbull; Club pairs (Arthur Bradshaw trophy) Mick Wakefield and Matt Hamer; Dan Daybell pairs - Bruce Rawlings and Mick Harris; veterans singles (Dr Young Shield) Mick Growcock; triples (Lance Keel trophy) Jack Emerson, Ken Greasley and Mick Emerson; Harmony competition for a husband and wife team (Reg Greg Cup) Maureen and Jim Parsons; Cup Winners Cup - Matt Hamer.

Football Club

The season has started and the club now has 7 teams for both adults and children. The new changing rooms have been installed at the bottom of the football pitch and the committee would like to thank all those who helped to transfer the porta cabin to its new site – special thanks go to Rob Griffiths.

For more information about the club and the teams ring Bud Hart on 842519 or Danny Gribby on 843858, or visit the club's web site on www.bottesfordfc.co.uk. The web site includes details of fixtures, teams and results.

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New Managers for Football Teams

There are 3 new managers for junior football teams. Please get in touch if you are interested in playing for the team, or can help them in any way – Under 8's – David Airey 842729
Under 10's – Dave Sewell 844072
Sean Austin – 844006

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Latest Crime Trends

Crime figures over the last 6 weeks are down – 2 house burglaries, 2 thefts from cars and one car theft. Don't be complacent, the nights are drawing in extending the criminal's ideal working conditions.

Surrounding villages have been less fortunate with a number of valuable vehicles stolen and thefts from sheds.

Advice

Use timer switches on lights if you're out at night.
Secure sheds – alarms are available at the police station.
Put valuables out of sight in cars or take them with you

Neighbourhood Watch

These schemes help to keep crime figures down and take up little of your time for a worthwhile cause. Interested – 'phone PW Charlie Maider on 0116 248 5675 or Gwild Holmes on 01664 2484571

Volunteers

They are at the police station on Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm and Saturday mornings 9am to 11am. At any other time to check if the station is open 'phone 01949 842311

Contact Numbers

General Enquiries

0116 222 2222 Leicestershire Police Headquarters.

999-Emergencies. Dial 999 when a crime is in progress or an immediate response is needed.

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