

Village Voice

The newsletter of the villages of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton June 2004 . Issue No. 12

What A Great Place To Live!



This selection of photos was taken in Bottesford during May 2004 and includes the May Day Gala, The Bottesford Fun Run, The Scarecrow Festival, and successes for our junior footballers and Youth Club. Congratulations to those who organised these great events for the benefit of our villages – and our thanks for making May such a fun month! Details of the events pictured are inside.

Bottesford Bandits Win Five Star Challenge

Eight members of the Friday Youth Club were recently presented with a shield for winning the Five Star challenge, held at Belton Woods in March. The Bandits – Ryan, Jack, Thomas, Rachel, Aimee, Samantha, Alex and Charnie won 4 of the 5 challenges despite being the youngest team at the event. The Bandits competed against 6 other teams from youth clubs from the Vale and Melton in five challenges – archery, egg flinging, human size football, night line and a treasure hunt. Team leader Ryan Gregory said "I liked archery the best", Rachel liked the human football "because that was the muddiest challenge" and Charnie enjoyed the whole day - especially the egg flinging because "ours went the highest". The Bandits hope that this will be an annual event.



Broadband Latest

Well at long last we have a date – service from 18th August 2004. Early indications are all Bottesford exchange areas will be covered but we will only really know when you try to connect. You are now able to pre order a service. The market is confusing to say the least. For advice and guidance see www.adslguide.org.uk and pay particular attention to the comments in the user forums. If you check the BT site <http://www.bt.com/broadband/> this will tell you if you should get a service. If it indicates no service please email dave_slater@yahoo.com to advise VBBC. If we can identify a suitable cluster of non service users we will pursue a wireless relay to this group.

May Day Gala

This year's Gala could have been a wash-out due to early torrential rain resulting in the cancellation of the Maypole Dancing - but luckily the weather cleared shortly after 10.30am and the Gala this year was a very successful, family event. Emma, Duchess of Rutland, opened the Gala and was very impressed with the new village hall. She said "It is amenities such as this that help to keep village communities together".

The Duchess crowned Emma Gomez as our May Queen. Emma was chosen from 11 hopefuls from Bottesford Primary and Belvoir High Schools. Emma's attendants were Hannah Cussans and Jessica Palmer.

By early afternoon, the sun, and the crowds, came out and enjoyed a variety of attractions on the field and in the hall, including live music from the Soap Bar Blues Band. Thanks to Ian Smith for acting as Continuity Man and for arranging the live music, to Vale of Belvoir Lions for manning the BBQ, and to Friends of Chernobyl's children for organising the Fun Run.

Thanks to the Village Hall committee for their hard work in organising yet another grand day out.

Fun Run Results

The Fun Run at the May Day Gala, raised £450 from entrance fees. Well done to all the 157 competitors for completing the 3.5-mile course.

The winning time was 14 minutes 55 seconds, run by Jim Anderson in the 18+ category.

Mr Graham Storrie presented The Rosie May trophy to Faith Anderson, winner of the 10-13 category. Winners in each category –

Age	Males	Females
Under 10	Callum Jones	Emily Bennett
10-13	Josh Norman	Faith Anderson
14-17	Liam Jones	Emma Dewey
18+	Jim Anderson	Andrea Feasby
40+	Graham Henderson	Kim Doleman

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"A fine old mess you got me into"

The Nottingham branch of the Laurel & Hardy Appreciation Society are screening Laurel & Hardy films at the Bull Inn on Saturday July 17th 1pm-7pm. This will include a selection from their best talkie shorts and feature films. All are welcome to join in the fun. Dave Tomlinson of the Society says "It's a very informal and friendly affair where people can come and go as they please. We would, particularly, like to meet anyone who may have seen Laurel and Hardy during their visits to the village during the 1950s".



There will be a small charge on the door of just £1 to help cover costs and any profits made will be going to charity. Dave adds "There is a wonderful photo on exhibit in the Bottesford library, of Stan & Ollie behind the bar serving drinks at the Bull Inn. Sadly it's copyrighted and no-one seems to know who it belongs to. If you know anything about it or know someone that may know, please contact Dave Tomlinson at DTomlinson@Tinyworld.co.uk or 01332 673685.

Football Juniors Presentation Evening a Great Success



In a packed Cricket Club on 7th May, over 60 awards were given out to all the junior squad of Bottesford Football Club. Each member of the 4 teams (under 8, 10, 12 and 14) received a memento of the season and, in

addition, individual silver boots were given to –

Age	Supporters' Player of the Year	Players' Player of the Year	Managers' Player of the Year
Under 8s	H Swaby	F Watchorn	J Pritchard and M Airey
Under 10s	J Sewell	J Mellor	J Morgan
Under 12s	A Foster	T Richardson	H Shelford
Under 14s	D Spencer	L Man	C Shelton

The Golden Boot Award for the person scoring most goals in competitive matches went to Jacob Wall, who scored a total of 43 goals.

An Award of Merit for Jill

Jill Bagnall has recently been awarded the prestigious 'Award of Merit' by the Mayor of Melton Mowbray in recognition of her contribution and commitment to life in our community over many years.



This includes her work with Guides that started with a request for help at a weekend camp way back in 1977 when the guider who should have attended was unwell. Jill went along just for the weekend – and the rest is history!

When her children were at the village Playgroup, Jill was asked to stand in for 6 weeks whilst another helper recuperated after an operation. She enjoyed helping and was asked to stay on - that was 30 years ago.

Jill has also given her time to the After School Club and to local fund raising events. Jill generously says that the wonderful teams she has worked with over the years have made her involvement with these organisations a really enjoyable experience.

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The Teenage Cancer Trust

Local lady Jo Brompton is to hike over 150 miles through the mountains of North Vietnam later this year as part of 'The Sapa Challenge' in order to raise funds for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

This little known charity raises funds to enable teenagers to be treated in special units that meet the needs of their particular age group. This approach has been shown to improve recovery rates in teenagers by a remarkable 15%. The Trust also provides invaluable advice and support to both families and medical professionals.

With only 8 units around the country – with Sheffield being our nearest centre - the organisation has to raise up to a million pounds for each new unit. Jo hopes to raise an impressive £2,500 with the challenge she is undertaking and, having covered all personal expenses for the trip herself, she will ensure that ALL money raised from donations and sponsorship go direct to the charity. Anyone wishing to support Jo on this challenge can contact her on 07906 985 492 or by visiting her at 33, High Street, Bottesford.

We wish you a successful expedition, Jo.

Female Cricketers Wanted

Caroline Lowthian is hoping to form a women's cricket team based at Bingham Cricket Club. She would love to hear from anyone of any age or any ability on 01949 875530 or email carolinelowthian@yahoo.co.uk.

If any girls are interested in playing for Bottesford Colts they should contact team manager Dick Willis on 842831.

Does your community project need free manpower?

The Volunteer Bureau in Melton works with local employers to offer team challenges to staff. Past projects have included decorating, environment work and organising outings. The Youth Offending Team also seeks to find placements for young offenders.

If you have a project that needs manpower rather than funding and the activity can take place at the weekend contact Pam Dixon on 01664 568555. Pam can also provide information on volunteering opportunities in this area.

Ambassadors for Learning

If you are interested in starting a new course in the autumn and don't know what is available, then a local Learning Ambassador can provide you with the information you need. For advice on courses, qualifications, colleges and adults' education centres ring 01949 844199 and speak to Alison Faulkner, Learning Ambassador Project Co-ordinator.

Want to help a Reading Initiative?

Bottesford Primary School is looking for adult volunteers to join its **Better Reading Partnership**.

Volunteers, after a short course and Criminal Records Bureau check, would partner a child for 15 mins, 3 times a week, over 10 weeks, to help "a good reader become better."

Want to know more? You can contact the school on 01949 842224 or school@bottesford.leics.sch.uk or just call in.

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4 th Sun	Notts. County Councils Guided Walks: 10am at Canal Lane, nr Stathern Bridge 1m NE of Harby SK755323
13 th Tues	U3A Garden Party New members welcome. Contact Bobbie Bradnum 842605
17 th Sat	Laurel and Hardy films at The Bull, 1pm – 7pm
20 th Tues	WI – Talk "The Vikings", by Mr Chris Robinson. VC Hall at 7.30pm
25 th Sun	2.30pm for Bottesford Village Walks, starting from The Red Lion Public House

August	
1 st Sun	2.30pm for Muston Village Walks, starting from the car park at Muston Gap Public House
17 th Tues	WI – An outing to The Crown Derby Pottery – day trip. Contact Angela Kapellar 842043
26 th -30 th Mon – Fri	Summer Playscheme at Belvoir High School. Contact Rachael Garside on 845342

Please contact Village Voice (see details on back page) with all your "What's On" dates for September / October by 20th August.

Top Tip

I expect you, like many of us, have always got rubbish to discard. Having a 'Recycling Centre' in the Parish is very useful - there is no excuse not to 'spring clean'! The Bottesford Community Site - run by George and Dave - is open from 8 am. until 8 pm, 7 days a week, until October. Specific bins take: general household waste, cardboard, paper, glass, plastic, garden waste, waste oil and hardcore. You can also leave old electrical goods such as fridges, kettles, etc which are recycled for use in the Third World. The site is always neat and tidy and George and Dave are willing to lend a hand. You can even purchase your compost there! We are lucky to have this facility – let's make sure we use it.



New Doctors Out-of-hours Emergency Service.

Did you know there have been changes to the GP's out-of-hours service? From 1st April GP's are no longer required to cover emergency services. If you are ill you should still call your surgery and you will be automatically transferred, via the Lincolnshire Ambulance Service Control Centre, through to the "Primary Care Centre" at Grantham Hospital. Your details will be taken and a trained medical practitioner will call you back shortly. The medical practitioner may ask further questions and will then decide if you need a home visit and will tell you how long you will have to wait to be attended by a GP, paramedic or a qualified nurse. If a home visit is not required they will give you an appointment to attend the local Emergency Care Centre, probably in Grantham. You cannot attend the Emergency Care Centre without an appointment. If you have any queries or concerns about this new service please ring your local surgery or pick up a leaflet on your next visit. Alternatively, health enquiries outside

Parish Council Notes



13th April 2004

During the open session Mr Roberts expressed his concern about the posts on the Green.

PC Longdon is the new policeman assigned to the Parish.

The Council is concerned about flyposting around the village and is investigating the use of notice boards to advertise local events.

New litter bins have been ordered.

The Council has decided to register all the land it owns.

The refuse tip is to be extended.

A new amended application for an access road to the Nottingham Road Industrial Site off the A52 has been received.

Monday 10th May, 2004.

Open House included concerns about speeding cars in Bottesford. The police have been asked about use of mobile speed cameras.

The Police reported there had been 8 crimes in the last 28 days.

4 domestic, 2 bungalows, a factory and the Muston Gap.

There are now 5 police officers in the village and there have been several recent arrests.

Roger Turnbull is the new Parish Councillor following the bye-election.

Queens Street: repairs to the road are planned for the future.

Village Hall security will be discussed at next meeting.

All village allotments looked neat, tidy and productive.

Concern was raised about the effect of traffic should an application for flats be agreed on the High Street.

Summer Playscheme 2004



CROP have organised the Summer Playscheme which will be taking place from 26th – 30th July at Belvoir

High School and the Community Centre. Open for children aged 5 to 12 years of age and will run from 10am to 2pm.

The week involves lots of fun – including sports, arts and crafts, music, drama and games.

For more information contact Rachael Garside on 845342



Letters

Letter from D A Newton:

Is it not time for our 'hum drum' Parish Council to consider our Senior Citizens, some of whom are disabled and have to stand out in the cold and pouring rain waiting for buses to Grantham and Nottingham? It is no joke sitting in wet clothes for hours until returning home.

I have been a resident in the village for 16 years plus and am appalled that no bus shelter/s have been erected. So come on Bottesford Parish Council, time has run out for talking, ACTION NOW is what is needed. Remember, we don't all have nice cars to keep us dry. So think of our Senior Citizens who I'm sure have done monumental work for the village and I'm sure still do, they now deserve something in return.

D A Newton

PS Congratulations on your publication "Village Voice"

Footnote: Bus shelters are scheduled for discussion at the next Parish Council Meeting. Come along and make your feelings known.

Letter from Mark Pugh:

The government should be making new legislation law this summer to allow the creation of 'Community Radio Stations'. I used to be a presenter at Trent FM in Nottingham, and I was wondering whether there is a demand for a community radio station in the Bottesford/Vale of Belvoir area. Perhaps you could mention this in the next edition of the Village Voice so I can gauge opinion? I'd be happy to take the lead if there is interest. People can feed back to me via my website: www.markpugh.com ...then click on 'Forum'. There is more information by the regulator, OFCOM here: http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consultations/current/com_radio

Thanks

Alan Pizey has been the Treasurer of the Village Voice since we began. He has now decided to leave the group, thank you for all your hard work Alan.

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Sports News



Trophies Presented to Bottesford Colts

Bottesford Cricket Colts played well last season with the Kwik Cricket team, winning the league. Trophies were presented at the 16th annual event on 15th May at the Cricket Club.

Winners were:

Fielder of the year - N Gladding	U15 batting - R Copley.
Clubman of the year D Spencer	U13 Bowling - L Mann
Chairman's award N Silverwood	U13 managers player - S Perry
U15 Bowling - R Finnis	U13 batting - D Spencer
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Managers Needed for Bottesford Colts

Team manager Dick Willis would like ex-cricketers to help with the training and fixtures of the three Bottesford Colts teams, so they can play more matches and re-join the Nottingham League. Colts matches are on midweek evenings with training on Saturday or Sunday mornings. Ring Dick on 842831 or email: lorrainewillis@hotmail.com.

Under 14s football team wins Trophy and Shield

The Bottesford Under 14s football team had a great season, winning both the Grantham under 14 League Championship Trophy and the Grantham Youth Football League Challenge Shield. The team's manager, Geoff Spencer, said "We had some fantastic games and I am proud of every member of the team".

Exciting Times for Junior Footballers

The junior section of Bottesford Football Club scored over 260 goals this season. The standard of play was very high and the under-12's league play-off game was, according to its manager Sean Austin, "The most exciting match I have seen in my life". Sean added that "The players are a credit to the club and a credit to the village". "We hope to have 160 kids involved in football next season," said the club's chairman, Bud Hart, "the club now caters for players from ages five to fifty". For information about Bottesford Football Club ring Chris Hart on 842519.

New Boots for Old

If you wish to buy some nearly new football boots, you may like to know about a new fundraising venture for the junior football club. Ring Ros on 01949 843633. Alternatively, you can see her at the Saturday football club at Belvoir High School.

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Luke Scores Debut Century

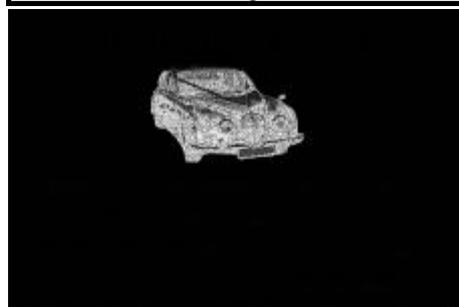
Bottesford cricketer Luke Wright scored 100 runs in his debut match with county team Sussex.

Big Thank You' from the Football Club

A substantial amount of money was raised at the 80's disco at the village hall on 17th May. Dan Gribby, on behalf of the football club, would like to thank all those who attended and all those who helped to make the evening a great success. Look out for another event at Christmas.

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