

Village Voice

The newsletter of the villages of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton July 2005 Issue No. 18

Bottesford in May

Bottesford was a terrific place to be this May.

Hard working volunteers organised the May Day celebrations - including the Maypole dancing and the Fun Run - and also Bottesford by the Sea and the Scarecrow Festival later in May.

If you didn't manage to get to these, find out what you missed by turning the page.....



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May Day Gala - A good day was had by all!

The sun shone and around 1,500 people attended this traditional village event. The primary school children treated us to a wonderful display of Maypole dancing and there were also local bands, Replay and Astro Pirates, a barbecue, beer tent, balloon race, bouncy castle, jumbo slide, quad bikes, trampolines, and lots of stalls. Also attending were the May Queen and her attendants.

Well done to the Village Hall Committee for organising such a great day out - and for raising over a £1,000 towards new tarmac for outside the hall.

Scarecrows by the sea

There were blue skies and children were playing happily in the sand; a seaside resort? No, Bottesford-by-the-sea was happening! The 22nd May saw not only a splendid seaside treat by the VC Hall with a brass band, barbecue, beer tent and many other attractions, but also the 3rd Annual Scarecrow Trail.

Leicestershire County Council teamed up with the Primary School to make this a really special day, with residents from across the Parish working hard to entertain us all by decorating scarecrows and placing them in their gardens around the villages. A detailed leaflet allowed you to choose your route and it was great to see families cycling around looking out for the next scarecrow, many of whom had a seaside theme - such as 'Jaws' on the roof of the Rutland Arms, the Mermaid Fortune Teller in Lime Grove and the Fisherman with his Octopus in Albert St. We also had Bob the Bottesford Builder and Bill and Ben, to name just a few from the 56 fantastic exhibits. Best Overall Winner was Desert Island Discs.

Thanks to everyone involved, for not only making this an enjoyable day but also for raising over £2,000 for the Primary School.

Hedgerow Heritage

Bottesford Environment and Conservation Volunteers (BECV) completed their second hedgerow survey in June. In 2004 the BECV surveyed an area of hedgerow near Normanton that had been studied by a group from Leicestershire County Council over 20 years ago. This allowed the BECV to investigate if the plants in this specific stretch of hedgerow had changed over this time. This June they have surveyed the ancient bridleway to Beacon Hill and have compiled a comprehensive list of plants growing in this historic green road. If you are interested in seeing the results of these surveys why not get in touch with the group to find out more? Or check their website through the link from Bottesford Today on: www.bottesford.org.uk or contact Barbara Pizzey on 844026.

Wacky Sports Day

On Sunday 10th July, Belvoir High School hosts a Wacky Sports Day. Why not enter your team? Events will include big egg and spoon race, tug of war, volleyball, welly wanging plus many more, with a prize and trophy to the winning team. For further information contact Sam Evans, Youth Development Worker, on 844531.

Library opening hours extended

Monday 2-6	Wednesday CLOSED	Friday 9.30-12 & 5-8
Tuesday 5-8	Thursday 2-6	Saturday 9.30-1



We hope our readers either dressed smartly or kept on the move to avoid this kind of thing happening to them. Latest reports indicate that 237 scarecrows were spotted on Sun 22 May. The event was a success - No crows have been sighted in the four villages since then. WELL DONE!

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Bottesford's new Skatepark

A message from Leah:

We wish to thank Russ Symonds, Jackie Goode, Kieran Forsey and Steve Etherington for raising the money to build this fantastic skate park. As well



as providing this, they have also managed to bring many different age groups and cultures together. The skatepark provides a safe place for us all to have fun and meet new friends. We have also been able to try new activities and sports that we couldn't do before such as roller blading, bmx-ing, skating and scootering. In providing us with this skate park you have done extremely well as it has decreased the amount of people getting into trouble for skating on public pathways. Many thanks, from the Skatepark users.

Can you help the Skatepark continue its good work? If you use their Loyalty Card at the petrol station, funds go to the Skatepark. For more information on the Skatepark, look at their website: <http://www.bottesfordskate.cjb.net/>

The long hot (?) summer

Are you aged 11 – 19 and wondering how to fill time in the summer holidays? Sam Evans – the Youth Development Worker – and her team have organised a number of exciting summer activities for people of this age. A residential in Cornwall, surfing and camping in Derbyshire, day trips to Alton Towers, water ski-ing, kayaking and climbing. Interested? Contact Sam on 844531.

The Reading Voyage - Summer 2005

This summer Bottesford Library will be taking part in **The Reading Voyage**, the national summer reading challenge for children.

The Reading Voyage invites children on a voyage of discovery into the world of books and is a wonderful way of encouraging children to continue and develop their reading. It is free and aimed at children aged 4 - 11, launched on July 9th and will last until September 10th. Children begin their voyage by collecting their free collector folder and can gain other goodies such as bookmarks, medals and certificates; providing lots of reasons to continue reading and visiting the library over the summer.

For more information look on the Leicestershire Libraries' website: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/libraries.

Jean and Ian retire from "Jeans Bakery"

On 11th June Jean and Ian Markham celebrated with customers on their last day at Jean's Bakery after many years of excellent service to our community. Children loved selecting their sweets, workers their lunchtime rolls, others their bread and deli items. They have always gone out of their way to help both customers and the whole village by their willingness to sell tickets and promote good causes. We will miss you both. The Bakery continues under new owners Nicky and Caroline.



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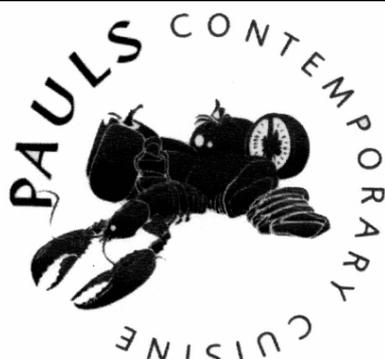
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A Minister in the making



Emma and John Davies are leaving Bottesford after 12 years, so that Emma can follow her calling to join the ministry of the Church of England.

Since moving to Bottesford they have become valued members of St Mary's Church, with Tim (6) and Ben (4) being members of the Sunday School and their parents being regulars of both the Bell Ringers and the Choir. Emma made this decision to change their lives after several years deliberation and discussions with friends within the diocese. She finally realised her dream to start training for the priesthood following a national selection exercise. She will now be moving with her family, to a college near Oxford, for 2

years, to gain her Certificate in Theology. Emma will then be ordained as a deacon and the family will move with her to her first parish. A big step for a family but certainly one that Emma, John and the boys are looking forward to taking – our best wishes go with them.

St Mary's choir

St Mary's Church Choir recently sang Evensong at Southwell Minster. This was the first time the choir had sung at the Minster and they were a great success – receiving many compliments from the congregation. Representatives of all nine parishes in the Vale attended the service. Afterwards, the Dean invited the choir back to his house for tea and cakes – a wonderful day for all involved.



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Our Literary Competition

Rachel Wilkins was the impressive winner of the first ever Village Voice Junior Literary prize. Bottesford Primary School Year 5 pupils wrote about their school trip to Norfolk - and an exciting time was clearly had by all, including class teacher Miss Caroline Stevenson. Our photos show Rachel (left) and runner-up Sarah Roberts (below), receiving her award from Village Voice's Carol Hulse.



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Sat 2 nd 10.30 - 11am	Parish Council Surgery. Fuller Room
Sat 2 nd from 2pm	Grand Opening of Skate Park. BBQ etc. Live bands Wagstaffe, Astro Pirates, Dirty Little Chavs and 'H'. Skateboard and BMX competitions plus licensed bar, BBQ and raffle for a top spec Mountain bike. Contact Russ Simons on 842096
Thurs 7 th	Internet Taster Sessions at Bottesford Library. Call in or telephone 842696 to book a place.
Fri 8 th and Sat 9 th	New BATS comedy, by Andy McDonald, at the Grantham comedy festival. Contact the Guildhall Theatre box office on 01476 406158.
Sat 9 th 6.30pm onwards	Garden Party and Family BBQ at Underacre, Easthorpe. Admission £5 in advance, £6 on the night, includes a free drink, children under 16 free. Proceeds in aid of Bottesford Conservative Association. Tickets from Norman Robinson 844289.
Sun 10 th 12-3pm	Wacky Sports Day, Belvoir High School. Sam Evans, Youth Development Worker, 844531
Mon 11 th 7.15pm	Parish Council meeting. Fuller Rooms. Parish residents are welcome as observers. 15 minutes public participation period.
Tues 12 th 2pm	U3A 'Garden Party'.
Sat 16 th 7.30pm	Cranmer Company of Singers and Chamber Orchestra in St Mary's Church. Works by Handel, Mozart, Gluck etc. Tickets £8.00 (£6.00 concessions) with proceeds shared between St.Mary's Church, Bottesford and Cancer Research UK Fund. Tickets at the door or booked in advance by phoning 851046.
Tues 19 th 7.30pm	W.I. "My Life & Times with British Airways." Speaker: Mrs Cassie Cole. VC Hall.
Sun 24 th	Grantham House Open Gardens for GIFTS Hospice. For details & other events phone 01476 513540

And in August..

Thursday 4 th	Internet Taster Sessions at Bottesford Library. Call in or telephone 842696 to book a place.
Sat 6 th 10.30 - 11am	Parish Council Surgery. Fuller Room
Mon 8 th 7.15pm	Parish Council meeting. Fuller Rooms, Bottesford. Parish residents are welcome as observers. 15 minutes public participation period
Tues 9 th	U3A Summer Outing to Cambridge & Duxford.

New BATS at the Bull Inn

Bottesford Amateur Dramatic Society (BATS) meets on the 1st Sunday in every month at The Bull Public House at 8pm. We are a very friendly group, and always happy to meet new members, whether you wish to tread the boards, or just paint them! Why not pop down for a cheeky pint and a chat?
For information contact: Andy MacDonald Tel. 01949 843531 or e-mail: andrew@vikart.demon.co.uk

Important: To publicise your event in the 'What's On' column for Sept/Oct, please ring 844823 or email d.taffs@btinternet.com by 20th July.

Letters

Rosie May

Fifty children had their names drawn to ride to the ball in style in a Daimler Landau Elat kindly driven by Stuart Pear of Stathern. 132 children arrived at the ball dressed for the special occasion, boys in their suits and pink bow ties and girls in their ball gowns and sparkling tiaras. Everyone had a great time, we could choose fruit juice cocktails from the bar which were perfectly named e.g. Tiara Tipple, Prince Charming etc. Miss Nickie, Rosie May's dance teacher performed a dance routine over the course of the evening with the idea for everyone to join in and we did. It was really good!! We could write a message to Rosie May on a purple helium balloon we let off our balloons to remember our best friend Rosie May. We cannot thank everyone enough for making our children's ball happen. We raised £1,260. We would like this money to go towards a made-to-order bench in memory of our best friend Rosie May to be situated by the ford in Bottesford Village, any monies left over will go towards the orphanage in Bangalore.

Alice Wells and Roanna Doleman

Posties

When is someone going to do something about the postal deliveries in the village? Everyone used to get a decent delivery service but not now that the posties have to go to Bingham first and sort their post. This puts the deliveries behind, sometimes by several hours. I hear that all the postal workers have had a £1,000 bonus because of excessive profits by the Post Office. Why didn't they put the money towards employing more people to get the post delivered at a decent hour? But the posties do a fine job under difficult circumstances.

Name and address supplied.

Dog bins

On behalf of all dog walkers in Bottesford I would like to express my thanks for all the dog bins that the Parish Council has erected all around the village, together with a lot of rubbish bins. These are all very much appreciated.

Name and address supplied.

Parish Council Notes

11th April

Mr Brighton from the Post Office discussed the changes to the sorting office. Plans are to be considered by the Council to slow traffic in the village. The Council is looking at restoring the clock face on the Old School.

9th May

David Wright was re-elected as council chairman with Vice-chairman Fred Stott. Roger Turnbull is the new village hall representative.

Martin Hall (Community Police Officer) said there are now 5 full-time plus 2 part-time police officers covering the Vale. He reported that neighbourhood Watch is working well; a break-in occurred at the primary school portacabin; a number of car number plates have been stolen.

Public meetings are being organised to discuss the new planning arrangements, which will affect everyone in the Borough of Melton (the Local Development Framework).

The police identified there had been a rise in vehicle-related crime in The Muston Gap car park. The police have contacted The Muston Gap for assistance with this problem.

HGV weight restriction in place in Muston

The weight restriction for lorries passing through Muston came into operation on 23rd May. A decision about the Bottesford and Normanton restrictions is still under discussion between the Notts, Lincs and Leics County Councils. If you see HGVs violating the new rules in Muston you can call Leics Trading Standards on 0116 2657979. Any other problems with the scheme, or any specific signage problems, call Mike Bradford, Leicestershire County Council, on 0116 2657222.

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Sports News



Vernon Spick Memorial Trophy

A 6-a-side cricket competition was held in Bottesford on Bank Holiday Monday, 30th May in aid of the Vernon Spick Memorial Cup. Bottesford B team won the trophy this year against teams from Woolsthorpe, Sproxtton and Long Clawson. The photo below shows the winning team.



Bottesford B Team: left to right Nick Silverwood, Pete Morgan, Sam Cliff (Capt) Tom Simpson, Matt Irvine, Dave Allen. Missing from picture Matt Walker

Football teams reach the cup final

Both the Under 9s and Under 12s Teams made it to the final of their respective knock-out cups, unfortunately both came runners-up. The Under 12s played their final at Grantham Town Football Club and lost 4:2 to Cranwell JFC. The Under 9s lost to Cranwell Hawks 3:0.

Runners raise £300 for the football club

A number of youth members, Jack Mellor, Toby Mellor, Joe Sewell, Ryan Hutchinson, Alex Hampson, Ben Mason, Sam Carter, Ryan Carter, Ryan Swallow, Michael Marsh, Peter Mumford and Joe Smith ran in the May Day Fun Gala and raised over £300 for the club.

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Eleven football teams in 2005/06 season

The Club is still growing and next season is hoping to field 8 youth teams and 3 adult teams. We need additional players in the Under 11, 12 and 14 age groups. We are also hoping to field our first ever girls' team. Anyone interested in playing please contact Sean Austin on 01949 844006. We are also looking for more adult assistance with running the teams, again please contact Sean.

Club presentation evening

The annual football club presentation evening was held recently at Belvoir High School and was well attended by players, supporters and parents. The full list of prize winners is available on the football club web site (www.bottesfordfc.co.uk).

Young Player of the Year was James Cossins.

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