

Village Voice

The newsletter of the villages of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton September 2005 Issue No. 19

“It’s Belvoir Road But Not As We Know It”

This extraordinary photo shows a very different Belvoir Road from the one in Bottesford. This road is a track off the highway which runs between Calgary and Saskatoon. John and Helen Howitt took the photo while on holiday in Canada. John said, “Belvoir Road is at a point on Highway 7 just out of the Rockies and onto the prairies. This road goes on for miles and miles with no houses or villages, just the occasional grain store and hayrick”. If anyone knows of any other Belvoir Roads overseas please let us have your photos.



Nancy returns



Well done to Nancy Forster for completing her expedition along the Great Wall of China – and raising £4,500 for Cancer Research UK. Nancy enjoyed the fantastic scenery and the lovely people she walked with and comments “we talked about things that only good friends share – mainly toilets and feet!” Highlights included eating a scorpion, going on a zipwire over a reservoir, and visiting Tiananmen Square and The Forbidden City, not to mention the night in a Chinese brothel! She says the Trek was brilliant but hard work and is keen to recommend it to anyone! Or perhaps up Kilimanjaro or Machu Picchu?

Interested? See www.cancerresearchuk/challenges/.

In touch again thanks to Village Voice

About 18 months ago a letter arrived for Mr Bill Roberts from a cousin in Canada. They had never met but having seen a photo and article about Mr Roberts in Village Voice, the cousin decided to get in touch with his family in Bottesford, and they have been corresponding ever since. It remains a mystery as to how the Village Voice got to them in Canada! Internet again?

Canadian readers of Village Voice



This photo shows the Buck family, who lived in Bottesford some years ago and are all keen readers of Village Voice on the internet. Phil Buck is a retired mining expert who moved to Canada in 1966 and was joined by his wife and children in 1976. During his time in Bottesford, Phil was known as ‘the biggest poacher in the Vale’, and particularly enjoyed pheasants.

Phil and Edie were regular visitors to Bottesford until the early 1990s when ill health prevented them from making the long journey. If you would like to get in touch with them their email address is philbuck@telus.net.

From left to right you can see Jane Buck (now married), Phil Buck, Edie Buck, Jane’s son Taylor and John Howitt.

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Rainbows eat healthily



On Friday 8th July 2nd Bottesford Rainbows enjoyed the Big Healthy Eat programme at ASDA in Grantham. The programme is aimed at children aged 5 to 12 and includes a behind-the-scenes tour of the store, sampling healthy foods and a workshop on healthy eating.

The girls (shown left) enjoyed eating the healthy food, filling in their booklets and they

especially enjoyed their walk through the big fridges. For more details on the programme call Anji Farrow-Tempest on 01476 581500.

Belvoir Bash 2005

The Belvoir Bash event is back for another fun packed day! Young people aged 8 to 18 can come along for a day of fun, games and information about what's out there.

Sunday 25th September 2005, 12 'til 4pm at Belvoir High School the Belvoir Bash event offers great activities. There will be steel drums, dance, DJ-ing, Battle of the Bands, free goodie bags and tons of information, plus human size table football, sports and face painting.

So to all you parents out there, call your kids over, sit them down and tell them they are going to the Belvoir Bash, and it will be awesome! But also, reassure them that they will have so much fun that they won't want to leave.

For further information and to enter your band in the Battle of the Bands competition, contact Sam Evans, Youth Development Worker, on 844531.

Scouts and Guides in need of funds

Most people associated with the Scout & Guide movement in Bottesford will be aware that they have lost the fight over ownership of the land next to the Scout hut. The Scouts committee is currently looking at future options and may have to upgrade the existing Scout hut. The Scout and Guide movement has contributed hugely to the development of young people in and around Bottesford and Group leaders give an enormous amount of their time.

So, the Scouts need to raise substantial funds and now they need your help.

Please support them as much as you can by making a donation, fund raising or supporting some of the upcoming events, which will be advertised locally.

For more information please contact Tony Slipper on 844136

Mrs. Sue Carr retires



Bottesford Primary School has said farewell to its Deputy Head Mrs Sue Carr, (formerly Mrs Mottram). Sue has been teaching for 36 years and for the past 19 years at Bottesford. She was appointed when the 4+ unit was built and has taught this age group ever since. Sue says she has really enjoyed teaching at this lovely school and knows she will really miss everyone - children, staff, and parents. They will miss her too, as she is a highly respected and well-regarded teacher.

After finishing at school, Sue is looking forward to having time to travel, do more hill-walking, gardening and reading, and also continue as a volunteer at Belton House.

Flower power day



On the seventh of July the children of Lara House day nursery in Bottesford enjoyed a day of flower based activities and even dressed up in something flowery, in order to raise money for charity. £45 will be donated to the Lincolnshire Wildlife trust after this fun filled day.

For enquires about Lara House ring Sandy Palmer on 843401.

Bogus door to door traders

At the Parish Council meeting in July PC Longdon said that Leicestershire Police never issue door to door traders with licences. So if anyone appears at your door with a licence that they claim has been issued by the police – do not buy anything from them.

Apparently if you do decide to purchase anything they will pass your address onto others who would also call on you.

Mermaid Group

On Monday 25th July the Mermaid Group met with the Mayor of Melton, Cllr Mrs Pat Cumbers to receive a cheque for £150.

The group is based in Bottesford and grew out of the 'Shakespeare's Vale' course, which runs at Bottesford Community Centre every Tuesday evening. The Mermaid Group is exploring local Shakespeare connections and the literary significance of the 5th Earl of Rutland. On-going re-

search reveals the impact of the Vale of Belvoir on Jacobean literature, art and architecture. New members are welcome - ring the Community Centre on 844199.

Conservation Area Character Appraisals

Melton Borough Council has recently embarked on an exercise to produce Conservation Area Character Appraisals for each of the borough's designated conservation areas.

The Bottesford Parish has an extensive conservation area. Bottesford itself was first designated a conservation area in 1975 with the boundaries being extended in 1981 and 1996.

All conservation areas have specific architectural or historic interest, which were identified when the areas were initially designated. Conservation Area Character Appraisal will seek to clarify and define those special qualities.

New Book Group

Due to the success of the first book group a second has now started - 'Bottesford Readers United'. They meet once a month and are looking for new members. If you enjoy a good read on just about anything give it a go! The library supplies the books so there is very little expense and topics are so varied that there is certain to be something you'll enjoy! Interested? Contact Ros Willis on 842641.

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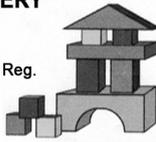
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Children from Chernobyl

A big thank you to everyone in the Vale of Belvoir who has made our fourth visit so enjoyable. We had beautiful weather all month and loved looking at



the colourful fields and flowers in your gardens. We were lucky enough to go to the seaside, sailing, swimming, bell ringing, and to Twin Lakes, to name but a few, and would like to thank everyone who arranged these trips and drove us around.

Next year will be our fifth and final year and we

hope that some other children might be able to take our places in the future and enjoy some respite care with your kind help. Photo of all of the children and helpers at the Sailing Club.

The Post Office - Facts and Changes

We are all aware of the alteration to postal deliveries in our area. Village Voice contacted Mr Brighton, delivery office manager, who has previously spoken at the Parish Council, to answer some of the queries.

Why was the sorting office moved to Bingham? The premises in Bottesford needed renovating and Bingham had a new office with spare capacity.

Was this cost effective considering the extra time to take posties to Bingham and the expense of van hire? In the long run, yes - one van would have had to be used, because of Health and Safety issues involving a postman/lady having to cycle to Muston along the A52. The rent, rates and maintenance on Bottesford sorting office would be eliminated.

Was he satisfied on delivery times? On the whole, yes. He appreciated that some areas, particularly Grantham Road and Easthorpe, were causing problems, but hoped that the alteration in rounds had addressed this. The Post Office has a contract to deliver before lunch-time and he felt this was being done.

Why was some post delivered to the wrong address? There are new sorting facilities at Bingham and this may be the reason.

Did he realise the problems in collecting undelivered parcels? The Bingham office is open 6am to 12.30pm but now has an answer-phone for out-of-hours. You can ask for a parcel to be delivered to another address or, for 50p, sent to Bottesford Post Office.

Any more questions? Contact Mr Brighton at Bingham on 837924 or Grantham on 01476 565411. His working hours are 5am to 1pm.

Welcome to our 4th year

Issue 19 is the start of another year of the Village Voice which we hope still gives you plenty of information about events that have or are about to happen. We try to cater for all age groups and give a variety of topics. We are always looking for fresh ideas and welcome information from other people. The Village Voice is run entirely by volunteers on the money from Adverts and is a non-profit making organisation. We think you will find that there is a great variety of Adverts ranging from personal care, decorating the house, looking after your garden, eating out, learning to play an instrument, etc. etc. When you are looking for someone to do something for you please check the Village Voice first to see if you can support local businesses.

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What's On in September...

Sat 3 rd 10.30 – 11.30am	Parish Council Surgery. Fuller Rooms
Thursday 8 th 7.30pm	Local History Society. AGM. Fuller Rooms. 'Development of Bottesford Since 1945', Peter Topps.
Saturday 10 th 2.30pm	Bottesford & District Gardens Association. VC Hall. 28 th Annual Horticultural Open Show.
Monday 12 th 7.15pm	Parish Council meeting. Muston Old School. Residents are welcome as observers. 15 minutes public participation period.
Tuesday 13 th 2pm	U3A 'Bargain Hunting & More', Colin Young, VC Hall
Friday 16 th 12-5 and Saturday 17 th 11am – 5pm	Exhibition '50 Years of Photography' by Ted Rayson. Methodist Chapel, Devon Lane. Yesteryear Bottesford To benefit local charities.
Saturday 17 th 10.30am	Litter Pick. Meet at the Fuller Rooms. Equipment provided.
Saturday 17 th 7.30pm	Quiz Night at the Scout Hut Teams of up to six, £5/ head. Cheese & biscuits at 1/2 time Bring your own drinks. Quiz master - Peter Lucas. For Tickets Call: Sue 844136, Amanda 843202, Nancy - 844083.
Tuesday 20 th 7.30pm	W.I. Cookery Demonstration, Mrs Jackie Hatfield. VC Hall.
Sunday 25 th 12 – 4pm	Belvoir Bash at Belvoir High School

And in October...

Sat 1 st 10.30 – 11.30am	Parish Council Surgery. Fuller Rooms
Sat 8 th and Sun 9 th Time tba	Photography Exhibition, Ted Rayson jointly with Sheila Marriott, at Barkstone-le-Vale Church.
Saturday 8 th 8pm	Race Evening at the Scout Hut. Entry £5 includes buffet supper. Bar available Tickets Tony 844136
Mon 10 th 7.15pm	Parish Council meeting. Fuller Rooms, Bottesford.
Tuesday 11 th 2pm	U3A 'Work Following a Disaster', R Holland. VC Hall
Thurs 13 th 7.30pm	Local History Society. Fuller Rooms. 'Dambusters Raid', Jim Shortland.
Sat 15 th 8pm	Live Music at the VC Hall with 'Stoney Road' plus disco, £5 entrance, Contact: Jackie Goode, 843062.
Sat 15 th 12 – 5pm Sun 16 th 11– 5pm	Photography Exhibition, Ted Rayson, at Eastwell Church of St Michael and All Angels. (See above)
Tues 18 th 7.30pm	W.I. 'Bess of Hardwick'. Mrs M Harrison. VC Hall.
Sun 30 th 1 pm	Autumn Fayre VC Hall

Important To publicise your event in the next 'What's On' please ring 844823 or email d.taffs@btinternet.com by **20th September**.

Letters

Park considerately

Would people who park half on and half off the pavements please think about those who would like to walk on them? They make it very difficult for people with pushchairs, users of mobility scooters, and couples who would like to walk side by side. We then have to use the road, whilst they use the pavement - something not quite right there! After all we would hate to inadvertently scratch their shiny cars as we pass, wouldn't we? Name and address supplied.

Prune and cut back

If you are a dog walker like me you will be well aware of the state of the overhanging branches and the bushes that have spread out across the pathways during the last few months. These branches all collect water and in some places you have to walk in the road to get past without getting drenched. Apart from that, some of the bushes have thorns on them and these are damaging to clothing and potentially hazardous. Name and address supplied.

Vale of Belvoir Lions Club

My name is Veronica Palmer and I have just completed my year as president of the above club. I would now like to thank everybody in the Belvoir Vale, who have helped in donating money for our charity during my year. You have helped us raise in excess of £7000 at the various activities we have organised, including the annual quiz, Guy Fawkes fireworks display, Christmas sleigh collections, Bottesford duck race, BBQs, and casino and race nights.

The money has been used for many good causes, such as the purchase of a mother-and-baby monitor for the City Hospital, and donations to charities like Dove Cottage Hospice and the Chernobyl children.

If you would like to join and become a member of the Vale of Belvoir Lions club give me a call on 843265 and I can give you details of meetings etc. Veronica Palmer (immediate past President)

Parish Council surgeries

The Parish Council is keen to hear the views and ideas of parishioners in order to improve the parish and create a village that we all want to live in and enjoy. It holds surgeries on the first Saturday of the month from 10.30 to 11.30am in the Fuller Room.

This is your opportunity to meet and talk through with a councillor, in private if necessary, matters of concern. Also to give your opinion on issues like planning, nature reserves, traffic calming, bus shelters etc.

Notes of Parish Council meetings

13th June

Drainage problems in Chapel Street are slowing down the installation of a small stretch of pavement. The clock face on the old school (opposite the stocks) is to be restored by Smiths of Derby.

11th July

PC Longdon reported 17 crimes in the Parish in the previous month including cars broken into, assaults, and theft from vehicles with open windows. The primary school was broken into again. A number of Parish Councillors are not attending meetings regularly.

The skate board park committee was praised for cleaning up the Jubilee Green after the last event. The clerk's hours are to be increased from 12 to 16 hours per week.

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Sports News



Cricket news – first and second teams

Bottesford Cricket club is enjoying a very satisfactory season with several teams at or near the top of the league. Saturday skipper Anthony Ablewhite is absolutely delighted with his team's achievement and hopes that they will be in the top division (of 15) in the South Notts next season. That's just one league away from the exalted Nottinghamshire Cricket Board Premier League - which contains an abundance of overseas players, and professionals (plus quite a sprinkling of former county performers). The Sunday side, captained by Mike Haskins, plays league leaders Attenborough at Bottesford in the final match of the season (Sunday September 18th). Fingers crossed for this important game. The second teams (which are captained by Keith Wright and Simon Silverwood) are also enjoying satisfactory results. The Saturday side plays just five divisions below the first team, whilst the Sunday XI are towards the top end of their league even though they are playing in the first division, and are currently fielding several (promising) youngsters.

Cricket colts urgently need helpers

The Colts section - which relies heavily on Richard Willis - could do with some adults to assist the youngsters. When the Colts section was founded, some 12 years ago, there were five managers, but this is no longer the case.

The club urgently needs people to help, so if this interests you (particularly parents of the Colts) do not hesitate to put your name forward. You do not have to be a first-class cricket coach, we are more than happy with enthusiasm and availability! Just pop along to the club and introduce yourself.

Help! Read On!

How often have we thought "I could do with a bit of help"? Or, maybe, you've got some time to spare to give a helping hand. The Village Voice will soon have a Volunteer Notice Board just inside the entrance of the Community Centre. Pin up your notice and let your community know what you can give or what help you would like. It may be something as simple as getting a newspaper, shopping or just a bit of company. Let's show what a friendly community we are!

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Local Photographer's Exhibitions

Ted Rayson has been recording the changing face of Bottesford and surrounding villages for some 50 years now. He started taking photographs when he found a box Brownie on the village dump, cleaned it up and has been taking pictures ever since. With the first camera he took



a photo of the church, and sold 50, an achievement of which he is very proud. Now of course his camera is digital. Anyone interested in the recent history of Bottesford should not miss this exhibition.

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