



# Village Voice

The newsletter of the villages of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton November 2005 Issue No. 20

## The Bottesford Colts

**A charity cricket match at Bottesford Cricket Club on 23rd September raised an impressive £619 for the Nottingham Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre.**

The £619 was raised from a tombola, raffle and players match subs on the day, with another £300 raised by subscriptions from local people. Raffle prizes had been kindly donated by Bottesford local retailers. The match was between the Chairman's XI scoring

88-4, and the Dennis Jackson ex-Colts XI scoring 86 all out. The Chairman's XI won by 4 wickets and was presented with a bottle of champagne by Dennis Jackson – the Colts president. A good day was had by all involved – with the rain failing to dampen spirits and resulting in a 2 hour tea interval. Special thanks to organiser Dennis Jackson, to Liz Irvine who came up with the idea for the day and ran the tombola, and Malcolm Miller who sold raffle tickets.



Back (L-R): Dick Willis, Richard Copley, Sam Cliff, Lee Fazackerley, Matt West, Daniel Fazackerley, Bill Sutton. Front (L-R): Stephen Miller, Matt Irvine, Denis Jackson, Phil Irvine, Robert D'Hooghe

### The Colts -12 years ago

The Colts were formed just over 12 years ago by Mr. Kirton and Mr. Stapleton (Mr. John, as the original 12 still fondly call him). The original Colts were: (back row) Timothy Fisher, Darren Woodhouse, Matthew Thornhill, Stephen Miller, John Gadsby, James (Stapes) Stapleton; (front row) Matthew Irvine, Andrew Kirton, Richard Robinson, Douglas Tweedie, Mathew Collins, Thomas Spencer. Other members were Tom Simpson, Richard Holmes, Nick Edwards and Paul Middleton. Their very popular umpire was Brian Jallands, and the scorer was Mrs John, (Stapleton). During the first and second



year they played in Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, and Derbyshire. In the 3rd season, Dennis Jackson became President, Keith Wright manager and Mr John the assistant. Soon 3 other managers came on board, Paul Gadsby, Geoff Spencer and Malcolm Baxter.

Many of the Colts received County honours: Matt Irvine represented Lincs. Ashley Wright Leics, Luke Wright Leics, Sussex and England U 19s, James Stapleton (Stapes) Notts U14, Leics U15 to U19. Richard Holmes went on to play football for Notts County, Tom Simpson played Badminton for England and James Stapleton will represent Great Britain at the World White Water rafting Championships in Ecuador in October.

What a successful group!

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### A special visitor to the Library

The library had a visit recently by the Dowager Duchess of Rutland who attended a "Read it Aloud" event where people gave readings to the entertainment of all. Ivy Backhouse read some Lincolnshire poems in dialect and an excerpt from Maureen Lipman which the Duchess found amusing. John Hammond read "Ode to the Book" a humorous piece extolling the virtues of books in the modern day and Kathy Fisher read a poem she had written especially for the occasion. A special afternoon enjoyed by all who attended.

### Bottesford playgroup

The Rosie May Memorial Fund has donated two picnic benches with parasols and an Activity Corner to Bottesford Pre-School Playgroup. Everyone enjoyed home made cakes before the gifts were officially presented on 21<sup>st</sup> September.



# News from St Mary's Church

## Journalist, racing driver, yachtsman, missionary - the new Rector of St Mary's

Team Rector Fr Stuart J Foster, Oblate OSB, recently took up his post at St Mary's church and moved into the village in November. He started his working life as a journalist and, whilst working in Northern Ireland, he considered the monastic life. Instead he married and entered the Anglican Church whilst working as a missionary on a Christian radio station in the Seychelles.

After his ordination, Stuart moved to a London commuter village in North Hampshire. Over the past decade Stuart has been involved in Chaplaincy works, first as Chaplain & Lecturer in a Lincoln based Church College of Higher Education and, latterly, as an Officiating Army Chaplain of a North Lincolnshire Army Barracks.

During his time in newspapers, Stuart was involved in motor racing as an amateur driver. Later his interests switched to yachting and, in recent times, he has crewed racing yachts during several Cowes Weeks. In his leisure time Stuart enjoys his appointment as Chaplain to the Duke of Rutland, photography, art, running, mountain walking & scrambling. He and his wife Penny have three daughters and two lively Springer Spaniels.



Father Stuart Foster

### Church repairs

Have you noticed the scaffolding around St Mary's? There are various repairs being carried out including work to some stonework and carved masonry and pinnacles, parts of the lead roof and renewal of the south porch roof, timber treatment and repair of the belfry floor and glazing repairs. The cost will be around £80,000 with the money coming from Trust funds and Friends of St Mary's. Coming soon will be the re-laying of the path from the South Porch to Fleming's Bridge.

### The Festival of Trees

Early December will see the Annual Christmas Tree Festival. St Mary's looks splendid decked out for Christmas – with the added attraction of over 20 Christmas trees decorated by many of the local groups in the Parish, including Playgroup, U3A, the Primary School and of course – Village Voice! A village event that should not be missed.

*Photo: Village Voice tree 2004*



### The Choir

The Choir of St Mary's, Bottesford have had a busy year since Dr Nigel Day took over as organist and choirmaster. They have sung Evensong at Southwell Minster, Leicester Cathedral Mini RSCM Choir Festival, Faure Requiem at Edwalton Church, as well as their usual Sunday morning duties. They lost three very talented singers (John and Emma Davies and Sarah Dolden, who have gone to pastures new) and are on the lookout for new recruits. Anyone interested should speak to Nigel Day on 0115 937 6836.

*For details of services in our other Churches call: Father Anthony Dolan (Catholic) on 01476 563935, Rev Richard Lane (Baptist) 844311 and Rev Christine Perry (Methodist) 837330.*

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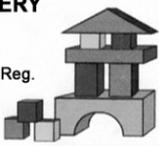
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**Mark Longden** has worked in Bottesford for 5 years. He recently came second in the Leicestershire Beat Officer of the Year Awards – narrowly beaten by a Leicester colleague. His nominators - Dr Brian Kelk of Neighbourhood Watch and David Wright, Chair of the Parish Council - wrote "he provides Bottesford with an excellent combination of modern policing, traditional community empathy and good PR."



PC Mark Longden

Another Bottesford policeman, Grant Hebblewhite received the Chief Constables commendation.

## Crime Corner Thieves Don't need directions

Satellite navigation systems are selling well, but also the theft of these systems is on the increase. The Police suggest keeping these systems out of sight when you leave your car. Apparently even a mobile phone holder can encourage thieves to break into your car – so take care.



### Don't be fooled

Elderly people in this area seem to be the target for people to try and con them out of their hard earned savings. The latest letter doing the rounds is one that tells you that there is money waiting for you in Singapore and they just need your details so they can send you the money. **DON'T GIVE THEM THE INFORMATION** – contact the police straight away instead.

### Tenants be warned

Recently, local tenants have reported that they have had callers telling them their Direct Debits have not gone through and they are asking for the rent in cash. **DON'T PAY THEM.** Rent collectors stopped calling earlier this year and your Landlord or Council would have notified you in writing.

## Now You See It.....Now You Don't

We hope you weren't relying on the Jubilee Clock above the library for the time of day at the end of August! This trusty relic had been removed for a few days to have its dial renovated. Although originally installed in 1897, the present day



movement is a radio-controlled synchronous motor and automatically adjusts for power cuts and the GMT/BST shifts, which is lucky considering the interruptions we get in stormy weather. Interestingly, the original remotely-mounted movement is still in place, a



clockwork unit controlled by a long pendulum and driven by a heavy weight that had to be wound up using a cranked handle. A long jointed shaft connects the movement to the clock face. Peter Topps of Bowbridge Lane repaired it in 1981 and undertook the winding until the new movement was fitted in 1996. Next time you're passing, glance up at the pristine face above you.



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## What's On in November..

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> 10.30 – 11.30am	Parish Council Surgery. Fuller Rooms
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Village Voice committee meeting, Community Ctre.
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	U3A "Christmas Edition" - Speaker Jill Collinge. VC Hall
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> 7.30	Vale of Belvoir Ramblers AGM Rutland Arms.
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Local History Society– Betty Elmer. Fuller Rooms.
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	Remembrance Service - St Mary's Church.
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> 7.15pm	Parish Council. Fuller Rooms. Public welcome as observers. 7.15-7.30 Question time.
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	W.I. Farendune Players. VC Hall.
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	Vale of Belvoir Ramblers: Grantham – Gt Ponton 9 miles easy walking. Contact Rose 01476 574987
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	East Mids Orchid Society. VC Hall. All welcome. Contact Mike Armstrong 842668
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm	Reverend Stuart Foster's Licensing Service St Mary's Church
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	Playgroup Social Evening – Contact as for Ceilidh
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> 8pm	Ceilidh, VC Hall. Hot food available. Tickets £10 Contact Playgroup or K Robinson on 843776

## And in December..

Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> 10.30 - 5.00pm	Vale of Belvoir Arts Society Exhibition Fuller Rooms. Contact Paul Hayward 01476 579359
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10.30 – 11.30am	Parish Council Surgery. Fuller Rooms
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10.30am – 12.30pm	Annual Christmas Fayre in St Mary's Church. Stalls, seasonal refreshments etc.
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec to 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Festival of Christmas Trees in St. Mary's Church.
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	Toy Service in St Mary's Church.
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> 4pm	Advent Carol Service. St Mary's Church.
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Village Voice AGM. Community Centre, all welcome.
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Bottesford & District Gardens Association AGM.
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Local History Society. Fuller Rooms
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> 10am – noon	Coffee served in St Mary's Church
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – midnight	Bottesford Football Club Disco Tickets £7.50 phone 845399
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> 7.15pm	Parish Council meeting. Fuller Rooms. As 14th Nov.
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	U3A Christmas Party with Melton U3A Choir VC Hall.
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	W.I. Christmas Party VC Hall
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> 10am – noon	Coffee served in St Mary's Church
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	VOB Ramblers Christmas Walk & Buffet. Tel 875769
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	East Mids Orchid Society. VC Hall. All welcome.

**Important: to publicise your event in What's On for January/February, please ring 844823 or e-mail d.taffs@btinternet.com by 20th Nov.**

## Proposed changes in the Village Envelope and Important Open Areas

Melton Borough Council (MBC) has recently proposed changes to the 'Village Envelope' and 'Important Open Areas'. A copy of the proposals and a comments form was delivered to all residents and any views on the proposed changes should be returned by 12th Nov to the Parish Council, at the Fuller Room letterbox (next to the library) on Grantham Road. For more information, contact Barbara Taylor, Clerk to the Parish Council on 843611 or [bottesfordpc@clara.co.uk](mailto:bottesfordpc@clara.co.uk).

***There is a Public Meeting to discuss the proposals on Friday 28th October at the VC Hall.***

## Letters



Please do not allow your dog to foul the Village Hall playing field or the Belvoir High School Sports Field. We frequently have to clean dog mess off the football pitches before we can allow the children to play football. This is totally unacceptable. If we see anyone allowing their dog to foul either facility we will ensure that the owner is 'named and shamed'!

*Bottesford Football Club*

In August our cat went missing. Unfortunately we have not found her yet but I would like to thank everyone who showed concern and have been "looking out" for her. She is blue/grey, with longish hair, no markings and a bushy tail. If she has adopted you – or you know of her whereabouts please contact Wendy on 843728.

Have those who park outside the scout hut, opposite the junction to Church View, realised they are breaking the law. The Highway Code clearly states: "Do not park at or near a junction". Why? Views from each direction are obstructed; it's an accident waiting to happen with children trying to cross the road. How about either walking or using the car parks?

*Name and address withheld*

## Parish Council Notes



### Parish Council News – 8<sup>th</sup> August

All councillors were in attendance

Parishioners are asked to report any litter or dog bins that are not emptied to the council. Hedges around the Skate Park are to be cut

Crimes reported – 3 burglaries, 5 petrol tanks drilled, 2 thefts of stone troughs and 2 distraction burglaries.

HGV weight restriction scheme is still to be agreed by Lincolnshire. Nottinghamshire has already agreed.

A school crossing is being considered in the High Street, possibly near Hands Walk  
Correspondence to and from the council may now optionally be by e-mail.

### Parish Council News - 12<sup>th</sup> September

#### Police Report

There are 4 officers in the village. There have been 2 thefts from vehicles, 2 from houses and 3 domestic assaults.

#### Bus shelters

The Council is looking at details of shelters and ramps and liaising with Utility companies. No decisions have been made.

### The Vale of Belvoir Lions Club

The 'Lions' would like to thank all those people in the Vale for their support over the last year. The club meets at The Vale of Belvoir Inn & Hotel at Whatton every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month - please contact Chloe Fairchild on 875790 or visit their web site [www.voblions.org.uk](http://www.voblions.org.uk).

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# Sports News



## Girls play football

This year the football club has established a girls' section for girls aged 5 – 16, who train on a Sunday morning, and there are already about 25 girls in the squad. If you want to try it, come along and give it a go, you'll be very welcome. We plan to arrange some games against other local girl teams in the near future so it would be great to have a few more girls to boost the squad.

Details: Belvoir High school Sports Field, time: 10.00 - 11.30am, contact: Chris Hart, 843391

## New Under 14s five a side football team

The Football Club has an under 14s team in the Nottingham Power League 5-a-side tournament. This is a new venture for us and the boys really enjoy it. They have made a great start - winning their first two games. (Manager U14s - Tony Richardson 01949 842894).

## 100 kids attend Saturday morning football coaching sessions

The football club runs a very popular Saturday morning coaching session which is open to boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 to 14 (Year R to Year 9). Most Saturdays there are up to a hundred kids, all having a great time. Please come along, you will be more than welcome.

Details: Belvoir High School Sports Field. Time: 9.45 - 11.00.

## Take Notice!

The Village Voice and Community Centre have jointly funded a new noticeboard sited on the right in the entrance foyer of the centre. What will it be used for? The CC will use half for courses and local information. Village Voice will have the remainder for Volunteers.

Now, you are thinking, what have we let ourselves in for? Our community has a range of people - able bodied and those less able. How about a sort of e-bay auction without the bother of bidding? An hour or two here and there can be an absolute life-line for those needing a bit of help. What might that involve? The list is endless shopping, lifts, reading, dog walking or sitting with someone for a chat.

We are lucky in the village that we have many amenities; fine if you can get to them. Let's give a hand where we can and give others a chance to grab it. It will be a "give and take" board. Advertise what you can give and, if you could do with

a helping hand, don't be too shy to ask, just pin your card on the board. Let's show that Bottesford cares! Many thanks to Norman Staples for making the board for us.

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