Village Voice

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A Marvellous Month!

May Queen Lauren Dixon with (l-r) Georgina Sheehan & Rhianna Ashworth

Jumping over fences isn't just for big dogs, y'know? © Carl Ebrey Photography

Scarecrow King George Skerrit and Queen Amy Hinsliff-Smith with 'Weather girl' Sara Blizzard

Mary Poppins drops in to win the

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Its all about having fun – Fundraising events on May Day Weekend

The May day gala

The Vale of Belvoir Lions organised a most successful Gala this year. The VC Hall committee – which had previously organised the Gala over many years – commented that 'the range of entertainments on offer was superb', and they were delighted with the success of the event. The committee made almost £800 for village hall funds with activities inside the hall, much of which was made on refreshments, which could not have been achieved without the help and support of Bottesford WI. Well done to everyone!

St Mary's Church

'Winnie the Pooh' and 'Luther' won the teddies' parachute jump competition and inside the church were books, cakes, and refreshments for sale. There was an organ recital, and Church and Tower tours, raising £400 for the Churches together Youth Group. On behalf of all who enjoyed the day, the rector would like to say a big 'Thank you' to everyone who helped.

The Fun Run

Over 120 runners took part and the first home was Josh Norman, the first woman home Louise Roberts, and first girl and boy were Emily Wells and Peter Mumford. Well done also to Phil Salathiel who – as President of the Lions – ran the course dressed in a lion's costume!

Over £300 was raised for Friends of Chernobyl's Children. Many thanks to the marshals and helpers.

The Living History Project Exhibition

Over 700 visitors found that there was a lot to look at for all ages, with contributions from the Primary School alongside historic maps, farm implements, the Friendly Society marching banner, and of course the old photographs, loads of them. Someone described it as rather like a living jigsaw, with people coming together and identifying friends and family from past schooldays and other events. Thanks go to the volunteers who made it happen, and to all those who gave such warm support and encouragement.

For more information go to www.bottesfordhistory.org.uk or call Neil Fortey on 843320.

Children's Summer Holiday Activities

Plans for organised activities during the school summer holidays are in place locally - including a week-long art course at Belvoir High School. For more information contact the local schools or Bottesford Library.

Bottesford Scouts and Cubs celebrate 100 years of scouting

In honour of the Scouting movement celebrating its centenary this year the 1st Bottesford troop attended a special event over the late May Bank Holiday weekend at Ancaster. The event was one of 150 centenary camps organised by the movement across the UK to celebrate the occasion and saw a total of 200,000 Scouts under canvas.

Scouting history dates back to at least 1912 in Bottesford and is a tradition that the current leaders would like to see continue. Both the Scout and Cub troops are well attended in the village but will always welcome new members. Scouting is not only an excellent way of making new friends but is also a great opportunity to learn a wide range of new skills, such as pitching a tent, indoor climbing and caring for yourself and other people. You may even get an opportunity to attend a UK-wide event!

Cubs accept members aged 8-10 and meet from 6.45pm on Mondays. Pop along to the scout hut in Albert Street or call Viv Money 842713 for more details. Scouts accept members aged 10-15, meet on Thursday nights from 7.15pm, and you're invited to call in and speak to Phil Thacker for more details.
Further information is also available by looking at www.scouts.org.uk

A New Youf Club Opens

May 18th saw the launch of a new youth club in the Methodist Church on Devon Lane. The club leaders plan to offer a safe place for young people (school years 6 to 10) to have fun and learn more about the Christian Faith. Club leader Glenda Gibson told Village Voice that they want to offer continuity from Sunday School into teenage years; a club with a Christian ethos.

There are six leaders, three men and three women, all with first aid skills, clearance from the Criminal Records Board, and dual child protection registration.

Activities on offer could include music nights, picnics, bike rides, sports and games, arts and crafts, dance and drama. A Fair Trade tuck shop is planned, and they welcome ideas from members.

This club is a 'Churches together in Bottesford' project. Initially the club will be open on the 1st and 3rd Fridays in the month from 7pm to 9 pm. It will also be open through the school holidays.

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Success with Spanish!

Members of the Year 2 Beginners' Spanish class at the Community Centre are some of the first in the area to take part in Asset Languages, a new way of motivating language learners and rewarding their language skills. Tutor Jessica Gibby says, "I am keen to encourage participation in the programme".

Bottesford Community Centre offers excellent language classes for all levels. If Spanish isn't your thing, why not try French, Italian, or even Greek?
For further information ring the Community Centre on 844199.

Trip to Honduras

Harriet Broome and Louise Eaton, aged 17, are setting off on a scientific expedition to Honduras on July 9th with other pupils from King Edward VII School, Melton Mowbray. They are travelling to Honduras with a charity called 'Operation Wallacea' - a research programme that supports conservation projects in remote locations across the world.

Both girls have had to raise £2000 in order to go. Louise has worked at Paul's restaurant and Harriet at the Muston Gap. They would like to thank all family and friends for their support. Also Maneline hairdressers, Red Lion (and quiz master Pete Harris), Peter Gribby Ltd and Jenny's Gym for their donations and support.

103 The Eye

The presenters in a hurry

The Eye is our local community radio station, which features music and local events. They were the compéres for the May Day Gala and their presenter Mark Pugh commented "We're always on the lookout for new presenters, so if you fancy yourself as the next Terry Wogan or Steve Wright, get in touch with our station manager Brian Coutts through our website".

103 The Eye transmits 24 hours a day, 365 days per year, on 103.00FM or via the internet at www.103theeye.co.uk

Enjoy yourself and raise money for Cancer Research UK

We are a group of people from across the Vale, who have been together for 28 years and have raised approximately £180,000 by holding fundraising events such as fashion shows, Olde Tyme music hall concerts, garden parties, etc. We have a lunch at the Rutland Arms every other month (the next one on Monday July 19th at 12.30) and a meeting every month.

We need more people with new ideas, so if you wish to join and help this good cause ring Marie Spalding of Scarrington Friends of Cancer Research UK on 843528.

Lara House

Lara House day nursery held a wonderful week of fundraising for the Friends of Chernobyl's children, resulting in an astounding £503. They did a lot of sponsored activities, including a Queen celebration tea where they all dressed up. They would like to say a big thank you to all the parents.

SPOTLIGHT ON…
Barbara Taylor
Clerk to the Parish Council

Barbara is a stalwart of the village. She has been Clerk to the Council since 1975 and despite being a young looking 72 years old has absolutely no plans to retire yet. Barbara has loved her 33 years in the job. She has seen many changes. The most obvious has been the vast increase in paper-work and the need to make extensive use of a computer, not just to produce minutes but also updating the Parish Council website. High spots of Barbara's time as Clerk include the celebrations for the Millennium and the Queen's Jubilee. Another major milestone was the council's acquisition of the Old School for the village.

As part of her duties Barbara has met Princess Anne but is still looking for that elusive invitation to a Royal Garden party.

All the experience Barbara has accrued needs to be passed on to her eventual successor. With this in mind the Parish Council will shortly be advertising for an assistant to work with Barbara, so if you are interested why not give her a call on 843611.

School 50th Anniversary (nearly)

Belvoir High School first opened its doors to pupils in the Spring of 1959, with work having started on the buildings in 1958, under the direction of local builder Bill Roberts. In a curious coincidence, building work will get under way for the new Belvoir 11-16 school precisely 50 years later.

The school has a number of ideas how to celebrate but would like to hear from former pupils and staff with their thoughts on how they might want to commemorate this occasion. They would also like to learn about your memories and to see old photos, exercise books, newsletters etc. If you think you can contribute in any way please contact Helen Pritchett at the school on 844920.

Trust Status Consultation

In order to gain funding for the building development at Belvoir High it is proposed that the school become a Foundation school, like Longfield in Melton. Although the school would still be part of the Local Authority it would have greater freedom and responsibility e.g. the governing body would own the land and premises.

Later this term, parents will receive details about what this would mean in practice and they will be formally consulted on their views by the governing body.

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What's On in...July

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Tues 3rd 10am-2pm	Charity Coffee Morning for the Cardiac Unit at Glenfield Hospital. Raffle, bric-a-brac, plants, jewellery, at 14 Easthorpe Road.
Sat 7th 10.30am	Garage Sale throughout Muston village.
Sat 7th & Sun 8th 10.30am - 6pm	"Church in Bloom" and History of Muston in Photographs plus artwork 'My Village' by members of the Youth Club. Refreshments at The Old Forge Tea Rooms. Fund-raising for St. John The Baptist Church Restoration Fund.
Mon 9th 7.15pm	Parish Council meeting. Fuller Rooms. Residents are welcome as observers and for 15 minutes at the start may address the council with concerns or questions.
Tues 10th 2pm	U3A 25th Anniversary and Annual Garden Party.
Friday 13th 10-10.30am	Wriggly Readers at Bottesford Library. Babes to young children; songs, rhymes, stories. 01949 842696
Sat 14th	Bowls Club Gala Knockout Competition. Visitors welcome.
Sun 15th 2.30pm	East Midlands Orchid Society. VC Hall. Contact: Mike Armstrong 842668
Tues 17th 7.30pm	W.I. "Girl Talk" Speaker Maggie Rampley. VC Hall.

And in ... August

Fri 3rd 6.30-9pm	BBQ, Dove Cottage, Stathern. Fabulous food served in our fabulous gardens, 2 course BBQ - buy your tickets in advance nearer the event - phone 860303 – children under 10 years FREE.
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Weds 15th 9.30am	U3A Summer Outing to Hardwick Hall
Sun 19th 2.30pm	East Midlands Orchid Society. VC Hall. Contact: Mike Armstrong 842668
Sat 25th – Mon 27th	Art Exhibition & Competition, St Mary's Church. Information & entry forms - 845106

For children 4-11 years, on Wednesdays during July and August holidays:
Art Classes with a qualified teacher in the Fuller Rooms (next to the library). Ages 4-7 at 10am and ages 8-11 12:30- 2:30pm.
Please contact Glenda Gibson for more information on 845106.

For details of the Roman Catholic Church, Grantham, telephone 01476 563935

For details of events, please use the phone number provided.
Important: To publicise your event in the 'What's On' column for September & October please ring 844823 or email d.taffs@btinternet.com by 20th July.

Letters

Hello from Australia

I wanted to congratulate you on a wonderful publication. My mother, Myra Bryce (nee Stanley) and her identical twin sister, Marjory, were born in Bottesford in 1924 and both married in St Mary's. I used to visit my grandmother Maria "Cissie" Stanley (nee Dent) in Bottesford. My mother has gained great pleasure from Village Voice revisiting old memories and chuckling over old photos.

I was interested to read about The Bakery. My Great Aunt Sarah owned 'Ye Olde Bakery' with her husband, Harry Phillips. Harry used to drive an old wagon for many miles every day delivering bread and cakes to customers.

My grandmother's husband, Walter Stanley, had the dubious honour of starting the very first 'chip shop' in Bottesford. The ambitious enterprise didn't last too long however, as he opened his small establishment early one morning, started the large chip fryer - realised he had left something behind at home, and thought he could run home while the fat was heating up. He returned to find the building in flames!

Regards from sunny Queensland, Australia

Myra Bryce and Barb Hafslund.

Thanks from The Vale of Belvoir Lions

May I, once again, on behalf of the Vale of Belvoir Lions take the opportunity to thank everyone involved for the tremendous turn out and support given to this year's May Day Gala. Notwithstanding our club's leading role, the event would not have been possible without the unstinting, selfless work and long hours planning the event by a very dedicated band of volunteers. These unsung heroes, namely the May Day Gala committee, must take due credit for a wonderful day despite the slightly unsettled weather.

There will be no time to rest on our laurels and we are already planning for next year's event which we hope to improve on even more. Anyone with ideas, or those just wishing to get involved before or during the event, please contact me on 843034.

Phil Salathiel
President VOB Lions

Parish Council Notes

16 April

At the open session concern was raised about the Skatepark: noise, people staying all night, lighting fires etc. The police asked for registration numbers of cars parked there.

We now have three police officers and two PCSOs.

The Council has agreed posters for village activities can displayed as long as they are removed straight after the events.

14 May

The police are concerned about people parking on verges and double yellow lines.

A new management committee is to be re-established for the youth club. Street lighting is to be installed from the station to the church. The flood working group is investigating the sewers and the Rundle. The village envelope will be redefined in 2008.

Following an uncontested election our Parish Councillors are:
Roger Turnbull, Ian Kitchener, Jackie Goode,
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Sports News

Skateboard park update

A new ramp was recently added to Bottesford Skate Park, thanks to funding from WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Limited). The ramp was designed by local riders, and the general consensus amongst all those involved is that the project has been a huge success.

Finally an appeal from the Skate Park committee to make all parents aware that a small number of young people have, on occasions, stayed at the park overnight, causing some disturbance and nuisance to the residents living nearby. Everyone is reminded that the skate park is a sports facility and should not be used after dark for boarding and/or camping. We appeal for support in ensuring that these facilities are not abused and to help foster a genuine sense of respect and responsibility towards local residents.

Handyman needed

The Skatepark is considered a great place to participate, socialise and enjoy these increasingly popular sports. However to keep this facility in good condition requires regular checks and, occasionally, small repairs. To that end a handy person is needed to help with this task. If you think you can help, please call Russ Symonds on 0779 6954055.

New under-12s girls team needs players for football season 2007/08

Bottesford Football Club will be running various youth football teams as well as entering an Under-12s girls team into the Nottinghamshire Girls' League. Any girl interested in playing football should come along to the girls' training sessions on Sundays during the new season.

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In short, no different to any other voluntary organisation, we need help to maintain and run our Club. If you can help, contact Chris Hart, Chairman on (01949) 843391

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