

Village Voice

The newsletter of the villages of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton January 2008 Issue No. 33

Looking for ideas for a New Year's Resolution?



Join the new look Library

Celebrate our Library's new look by calling in on Saturday 12th January for a day of local and family history events, including:

- A family history surgery. Drop in between 10.00am-4.00pm for help tracing your family tree (suitable for complete beginners and those just starting)
- Children's family history activities, 10.00am-11.30am.
- Storytelling and family history activities suitable for 5-12 year olds.
- Bottesford photo quiz and village trail, held in partnership with Bottesford Living History Project members who will be in the library on the day to demonstrate their work. Both quiz and trail will be available beforehand from the library with prizes given on the day for winning entries.

For further details please contact the Library on 842696.

Get Fit For The Fun Run

Now that you have eaten your Christmas Dinner and drunk the pubs dry celebrating New Year – it is time to start getting fit for the May Day Gala Fun Run on Monday 5th May, 2008. Everyone is welcome, young or old, fast or slow, with all proceeds going to the Friends of Chernobyl's Children.

Start a course in January

The Community Centre has classes available in the New Year to suit all levels and tastes. Some of the new exciting classes starting in January include Mandarin Chinese, Russian for Beginners, British Sign Language, Criminal Law, Family History and Stained Glass. There is also a range of art, computing and French/Spanish/Italian classes on offer. For further information, or to book your place, please call the Community Centre on 844199.

Dig an allotment

Whilst allotment gardening has always been popular in Bottesford, recent concerns about the environment and the mass production of food have increased the demand for allotments.

The Parish Council rents out allotments of various sizes on three sites in the village, and larger plots can be sub-divided to suit people's needs. Allotments are reasonably priced at 6p per square metre with annual rents varying between £5 and £20 per annum.

If you are interested please contact Mrs B. Taylor, the Parish Clerk (Email: bottesford@tiscali.co.uk or telephone: 843611) who can either let you know if any are currently available or add your name to the waiting list.



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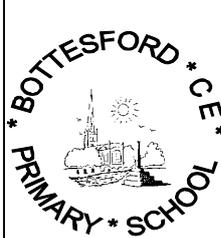
Some of the mums and their little helpers.

.. in Bottesford, Muston and Easthorpe in November. It was brilliant to see so many individuals, uniformed groups, community groups and the primary school working together to achieve this fantastic number. The boxes were checked at the Samaritans' Purse distribution centre in Nottingham, and then flown to needy children in Eastern Europe or African countries. The volunteer co-ordinator Kathryn Hinscliff-Smith would like to say a most sincere, "thank you" to everyone.

A date for your diary, the Bottesford Living History Drama Event, Sunday 4th May 2008.

The performance celebrates, and is inspired by, the treasured pictures and stories displayed in the May 2007 Exhibition. A team of local writers, performers and crew will present the performance on the Sunday afternoon.

The Project Committee invites everyone to come and get involved in this exciting and unique local event and a meeting is planned for early in the New Year to welcome the team. For more details please contact Neil Fortey on 843320 or Jules Tobin on 844323



Governor required

The Governing Body of Bottesford Primary School has a vacancy for a Community Governor. This is a voluntary position, entailing two meetings per term and 1 or 2 visits to the school per year.

A Community Governor is someone who lives or works in the locality served by the school, and who has an interest in education. For further information, please contact Helena Brooks, Clerk to the Governors, 842224, as soon as possible.

M.B.E. for Chernobyl

The national founder of the Friends of Chernobyl's Children, Olwyn Keogh, was awarded the M.B.E. by The Queen for all her hard work. Olwyn has visited Bottesford on several occasions and many will have heard her inspirational talk on the benefits of being involved with this worthwhile charity. For more information on Friends of Chernobyl Children visit <http://www.focc.org.uk/>



Bottesford's "Green" Grocers

The Culpin family proudly show off their new low-cost reusable shopping bags.

Bottesford Forget-me-nots



This photograph shows members of the Bottesford Forget-me-not Club at a meeting in the V.C. Hall and would have been taken around the late 1960s.

The ladies in the photograph include Mrs. Mumby, Mrs. Jallands, Mrs. Bateson (mother of Mrs. Ada Bond) and Mrs. Carr, who is holding the books. Mrs. Carr was the librarian for Belvoir High School and the Village Library.

Mrs. Bateson had a friend who was able to purchase pottery at discount prices in Stoke-on-Trent, and the photograph was taken to celebrate the arrival of the new tea service with a forget-me-not design.

The many members of The Forget-me-not Club enjoyed meetings, outings and holidays. Mrs. Ada Bond recalls that each member saved an amount towards a week's holiday at the seaside. Miss Mann, Dr. Woll's housekeeper, would always appear on the coach with a huge bag of sweets for the journey.

And.....

This photograph shows the cake being cut at the farewell buffet for members of the Forget-me-not Club, taken on 3rd December 2007 at the VC Hall.

"If I hadn't had this club to come to this afternoon I would have been spending my birthday at home", said Marjorie Fisher on her 91st birthday. Others said how sorry they were that it was closing. But, due to dwindling membership and the need for younger people to run the club, this was their last monthly meeting.



L-R, Elizabeth Allington, Win Claricoats, & Anne Norris



Sweet Melody

A presentation and vote of thanks on behalf of members was given by Margaret Orchard to Anne Norris who, with President Win Claricoats and many other people, has given her time over the years to keeping the Club running.

Pauline Taylor provided the buffet, 'Sweet Melody' the entertainment, and founder member Elizabeth Allington, Win Claricoats, and Anne Norris, cut the

cake. Everyone was given a small forget-me-not lapel badge as a keepsake.

The Village Voice or Bottesford Living History would be pleased to hear from anyone who has memories of members of the Forget-me-not Club, their meetings and excursions.

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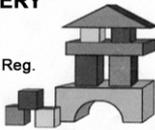
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The Parish of Bottesford has seen a number of seasonal fundraisers in recent months. These took place in the VC hall, St Mary's Church and the Old School in Muston.



The VC Hall Autumn Fair

Some quality stalls helped this event raise just under £900 for village hall funds. The VC Hall committee would like to thank Bottesford WI for their support – providing prizes, cakes, and preserves, and hands-on help with refreshments on the day.

Their support was much appreciated and the event could not have achieved what it did without them.

St Mary's Church Christmas Fayre

Held on 17th November, this proved a very popular event. Stalls included cakes, bric-a-brac, tombola, wine-and-water, raffle, toys, and art & craft. But new for this year was the Children's Corner, decorated by Collette, a posting box so that the children could post their letters to Santa, or take part in a children's quiz, and make Christmas decorations with Glenda and Kelly. There was also a variety of new stalls including Phoenix Cards, Rachel's Jewellery, Joy's Jewellery, Fair Trade and Usbourne books.



The organisers would like to thank all those who helped with preparations, manned the stalls, baked, made jams and chutneys etc and helped with refreshments. Most of all they would like to thank you for making this event the success that it was and raise a bumper £1,673.00 for Church funds. With the sale of Christmas trees still going on (these are available from Pym Mabbitt), the figure looks set to rise even further.



Muston Christmas Fayre

The fayre on Saturday 24th November was well supported by villagers, and raised just over £300. Jo and John Ives and the PCC wish to thank all involved for their efforts.





SPOTLIGHT ON...

Rev Lesley Taylor

Lesley and her husband Andy moved to Bottesford in August this year and they are very happy living in this 'lovely village'. She was brought up in Southwell and has lived in Nottinghamshire for most of her life. Lesley spent 20 years working in education prior to becoming a minister, mostly as a history teacher, and, latterly, as a manager of student services at South Notts College.



Whilst working in education, Lesley felt a 'strong call by God to the ministry'. Following a one year selection process and participation in the three year East Midlands ministry training programme, she succeeded in being selected as the minister for Kirby in Ashfield. She stayed there for 5 years before moving to Bottesford.

Lesley works for the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Methodist Circuit and is responsible for four churches – Bottesford, Knipton, Great Gonerby and Grantham Central. She is supported in her work by a number of volunteers, lay workers and lay preachers.

More details can be found on the circuit web site www.gvbcircuit.org.uk.

Lesley is enjoying working with the other churches in Bottesford as part of the 'churches together' programme of joint worship for harvest, Pentecost and Christmas.

Lesley can be contacted by phone on 842952 or via the web site.



Planning Applications

If you are notified that someone near to you has put in a planning application for some building or alteration works and you do not agree with them please contact your Parish Council first and then the Melton Council. Don't wait until something is built – it is too late to complain then.

Email: bottesford@tiscali.co.uk; Telephone: 843611

Centre Screen

Centre Screen, a project of Melton Borough Council, could offer cinema film shows in Bottesford. There could be films aimed at families preceded by related workshop activities, or films appealing to the older generation who no longer want to travel to the cinema. The project would be coordinated by Jane Davey, on 842453, who would welcome ideas and the help of volunteers.

Can anyone help, please?

- Village Voice is produced by a small group of volunteers, and would welcome someone who could give about an hour of their time each month to help us maintain the record of our costs and our advertising income. Anyone who would like to find out more, please call Susan Meech on 843402 or email: villagevoice@bottesford.org.uk
- In response to youth concern and to raise money towards a shelter for users of the skate park and its upkeep, informal relaxed music evenings have been proposed to be held in the youth club. Help to organise these events is sought from volunteers, especially parents, working a rota to avoid imposing too much onto individuals. Donations would also be most welcome. Please call Jane Davey on 842453.

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What's On in January..

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Sun 6 th 10am	VoB Ramblers - Waltham on the Wolds. 8.5miles Includes historical interest - Contact Derek 861578
Sun 6 th 10.30am	Epiphany Family Service. St. Mary's Church.
Sun 6 th 4pm	Epiphany Carol Service. St. Mary's Church.
Tues 8 th 1.30pm and at 2.15pm	U3A AGM, followed by: 'Healthy Eating' - Pauline Stephens. V C Hall
Thurs 10 th 7.30pm	Local History Society. 'Magic Lantern Show' - Dr Eric Foxley. Fuller Room
Sat 12 th All day	Bottesford Library Launch. See front page.
Mon 14 th 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 15 th 7.30pm	W.I. Members' Night. VC Hall.
Sat 19 th 10am - 1pm	Curling!! VC Hall. Friends of Bottesford Primary School. Tickets £7.50 - see more details below.
Sat 26 th 10am - 1pm	Jumble Sale 'Billy's Appeal' for Click Sergeant Children's Cancer Charity. In the Fuller Rooms. Details or donations please contact Sue Fisher, 842656.
Sat 26 th 7.00pm	Entertainment Night. 'Billy's Appeal' for Click Sergeant Children's Cancer Charity in Bowls Club. Tickets £5.
Sat 26 th 6.00pm	FOCC Family Barn Dance - VC Hall. For details contact Anne on 842259.
Sun 27 th 10am	VoB Ramblers - Oasby, Lincs. 6m. Contact Rod 842487 before 20 th .
Mon 28 th 7.00pm	'Orchids at Muston Meadow' Illustrated talk by Simon Cooter, Site Manager for Natural England. At The Fuller Rooms. All welcome.

And in February..

Mon 11 th 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 12 th 2pm	U3A 'A Night at the Empire' - Trevor Lee. VC Hall
Weds 13 th 12.45pm for 1.00pm start	Health Walk, Welby Practice, Walford Close. Takes 30 minutes to 1 hour.
Thurs 14 th 7.30pm	Local History Society. 'The Sibley Family Butchery Business in Newark' - David Sibley. Fuller Rooms.
Sat 16 th 1pm - 5pm	Gifts Hospice Table Top Sale - VC Hall
Sun 17 th 11am-4pm	Snowdrop Sunday at Staunton Hall in aid of the Organ Fund.
Tues 19 th 7pm	W.I. Annual Meeting and Supper. VC Hall
Weds 27 th 10am	VoB Ramblers - Beckingham (Newark) 8.5m Janet 850030

Friends of Bottesford Primary School. Fundraising event on Saturday 19th January, and they are Curling! Yes curling, with no ice, at Bottesford Village Hall. No sporting prowess required but a sense of humour. Individuals or groups welcomed. Tickets are £7.50 each from the school, 842224.

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

To publicise your event in the 'What's On' column for March & April, please ring 844823 or email d.taffs@btinternet.com by 30th January.

Parish Council Notes



9th October:

Brian Kelk has resigned from the Council.
The police reported an increase in crime especially burglaries.
The affordable housing survey has been completed.
The cost of replacing bins destroyed by vandals in the summer was £570.

12th November:

Lottery funding may provide a youth shelter near the skate park
Inspector Nigel Peter explained that there would be a regular police presence in the Parish.
The bus stop on the High Street has been moved and a sign erected.
The Highways Agency will come to a meeting in February to discuss Muston and the A52.
The issue of the gate at the end of Barketstone lane should be resolved shortly.
Two people have applied to be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Thefts

In the run up to, and after, Christmas thefts of Flat Screen Televisions, Laptops, X Boxes, Digital Cameras, and DVDs will have increased.
After you unwrap your presents, don't leave the boxes out for the dustman - anyone could be walking around and taking note of what you now have in your home. Take boxes directly to the Recycling Centre by the railway crossing or cut them up and put the pieces in the green recycling boxes.

Distraction

There are still a lot of distraction burglaries happening in and around our villages, often targeting elderly people. Tactics include trying to get money from you by telling you a hard luck story such as:

- "my car has run out of petrol and I have no money" or
- they are from the water board and need to get into your home to check the water pressure.

Don't believe them, don't give them any money, and DON'T let them into your home!

New Litter Man

Our new litter picker, Graham Bradshaw, has started work in the village. He works a couple of hours each week and we hope that this will help keep the village looking tidy.
But remember - the onus is on us all **not to drop litter in the first place.**

New to the village, and stuck for something to do?

Bottesford is a very lively village with a large number of clubs and societies to suit all ages. If you want to know more about them and how to contact the organisers you should look in the Village Guide.
The Village Voice team publishes the free Village Guide every other year. If you would like one, the library usually has spare copies. Or, if you have access to the internet, go to our village web site www.bottesfordtoday.org and follow the link to the Village Guide.

101 calls

After a short life the 101 'non-urgency' telephone number have been terminated. Now, all non-urgent calls to the police about anti-social behaviour and vandalism should be made to 0116 222 2222.
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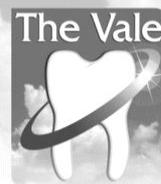


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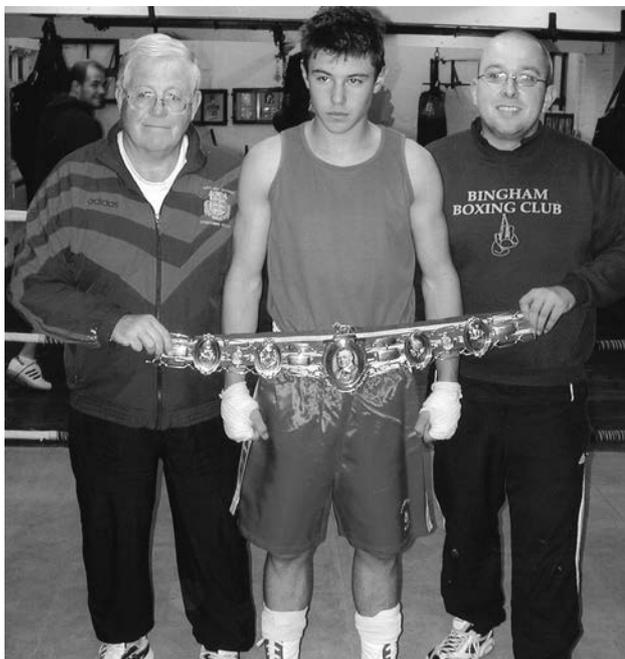


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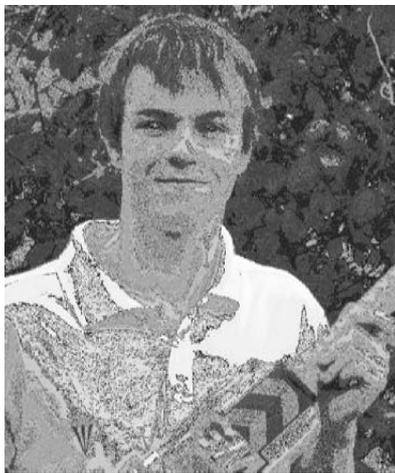
Local lad fights his way to the top.

Billy Binch of Walnut Road is now the Senior Amateur Boxing Association (ABA) Midlands Counties Champion. Billy joined the Bingham & District Amateur Boxing Club in 2000, and had his first contest just 2 years later.



Since he started boxing he has entered 16 contests and won an impressive 10. Coached by Mark and Derrick Groombridge, Billy has boxed in the Schoolboy Championships where he reached the quarter finals. He is now a Senior Boxer and recently won the Midlands Counties Cup at the senior novice championship. On 1st December he boxed at the national quarter finals of the ABA novice championship. Unfortunately he lost the match but is still determined to train for the 2012 Olympics.

Billy Binch (above) with his coaches and the Lonsdale Belt won outright in 1967 by retired British Middleweight Champion Johnny Pritchett, once the centre-forward for the Bottesford Youth B Team. Johnny retired from boxing in 1969, and returned last year to a football club reunion in Bottesford from his home in Spain.



Ben Baker – Bottesford's Young Cricketer of the Year

**Do you want to play cricket?
Young beginners and experienced players all welcome.**

Bottesford Cricket Club is keen to encourage more young people to play the sport and Kev Davies will be providing coaching sessions at Belvoir High School and some primary schools in the Vale. The club will also be setting up a number of new teams for boys and girls in 2008 - Kwik Cricket for 6 to 10 year olds and under 11, 13, 15 hard ball teams.

If you are interested in finding out more, or joining a team, please get in touch with Kevin Davies on 07982231577 or e-mail kevin.sfi@ntlworld.com

Cricket club news

The club is also working towards the Clubmark accreditation which will demonstrate its commitment to qualified ECB coaching and child protection and safety.

Indoor practice for all ages begins January 2008.

Please contact Simon Silverwood for more information on 842148 or email: simon.silverwood@btpopenworld.com

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