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Village Voice

The newsletter of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton

Senior Section Guiding trip to celebrate Guiding Centenary year

The Senior Section guides celebrated by joining an organised adventure called 'Ultimate London'. Eight guides and a leader went to London and met 100 guiding members from across the UK.

Day one of the adventure included the Centenary World Thinking Day service in Westminster Abbey followed by an evening at the theatre. From there they went to Crystal Palace Park maze, which was planted especially to celebrate the Guiding centenary, for a small ceremony in the centre.

Day two included visits to a number of attractions followed by a trip on the London Eye where two members of the unit made their promise. The guides would like to thank everyone who attended fundraising events to support the trip.



Senior Section Guides need equipment

This new unit is now fundraising for a laptop and printer, and activity and camping equipment using

Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers. If you wish to donate vouchers, they can be handed in at the Belvoir Vale Surgery, the scout hut, or given to any of our members. For more information about the section contact Teresa on 842173.

Bottesford has the best Parish Council website in Leicestershire in 2010

Parish Council Chairman Roger Turnbull, Assistant Clerk Teresa Patchett and website consultant Ben Stones attended the Leicestershire Annual Parish Website User Group Event and were awarded an 'Oscar' for the best new site: www.bottesfordpc.org.uk. The Parish Council would like to thank Ben Stones for all his hard work.

Left to right the photograph shows: County Councillor Lesley Pendleton, Assistant Parish Clerk Teresa Patchett and Ray Smith Development and Community ICT Programme Manager.



The 'Village Guide' is still available online through the Bottesford Today website: www.bottesford.org.uk, or on paper at the Bottesford Library.



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1914 – The Bottesford Road Works in September



Queen Street, Bottesford.

The Grantham Journal reported that Bottesford Parish Council would ask that Queen Street, Market Street and Church Street be steam-rolled and tarred. It was suggested that the sides of the roadways be left un-tarred for the convenience of horse traffic!

In Dec.1960, a farmer won his fight for life and a would-be killer in Bottesford died by the bullet.

The Grantham Journal wrote that a two-year old Friesian bull, weighing about 16 cwt, attacked Mr John Goodson. He saved himself by tearing the ring forcibly out of the bull's nose. The pain caused the maddened animal to lift its head allowing Mr Goodson to escape with just a bruised shoulder. Adding insult to injury was the admiring circle of heifers that had been attracted into the field by the bellowing of the bull.

On his escape, Mr Goodson went to the police station in Queen Street and Sgt. Wright contacted an army unit in Grantham. An officer and a sergeant marksman were sent and having used a heifer as bait, the bull came to within six feet of the gate and was shot, 'smack between the eyes'.

RAF Bottesford – 'One Last Look

Bottesford Local History Society and 20 non-members were treated to a captivating evening listening to Vincent Holyoak lecture on RAF Bottesford. The airfield, along with many others in the region, was constructed mostly by local labour and was home to American, Australian and British airmen and women. They flew bombers – some of which were questionably airworthy - making raids on German cities. He gave examples of the bravery and heroism of the young men who flew from Bottesford, many of whom never returned, and on the lighter side, tales of what they got up to in their recreational times. It was quite usual for the Americans, returning on the train from Nottingham, to pull the communication cord at Sedgebrook and decamp (or de-train) to where a waiting lorry would take them back to base.

The existence of Bottesford Airfield had been unknown to Vincent Holyoak even though he had had a life-long interest in British wartime airfields. He lived in South Leicestershire and like many from down there, was quite unaware of Bottesford and the RAF connection. Once discovered, and with some help from local historian Dr Michael Honeybone, he began his research. The talk, based on his book 'On the Wings of the Morning: RAF Bottesford 1941-1945', held his audience's interest, and even those who thought that it was mainly for the men were pleasantly surprised at how much they enjoyed it.

The BLHS has six copies of the book for purchase and it is also available online on the Bottesford Living History website <http://www.bottesfordhistory.org.uk>.

Bottesford mum visits Downing Street



Bottesford-based designer Lyndsey Young's innovative approach has resulted in a flourishing business and an invitation to an event at Downing Street to celebrate the success of Britain's small and medium sized businesses.

The event reviewed how the Government has assisted small businesses through the downturn and examined how business and Government can work together, moving forwards as the economy improves.

Lyndsey had the chance to share her views on business support services and explain how she has benefited from accessing support and advice through Business Link.

Children from Chernobyl arrive in June

On the 11th June twelve children and two interpreters will be coming to the Vale of Belvoir, from Chernobyl, for their month-long visit. These children are lucky because they are able to make a total of five visits, next year being their last.

2011 is the 25th anniversary of the disaster at Chernobyl and the Vale group has been hosting children for nine years. This is the second group of children they have looked after. They will once again have the use of the Primary School and will be out and about quite a bit.

If you think you would be interested in helping with this group:
Contact Anne on 842259 or anneablewhite@hotmail.com

Bottesford projects funded by Leicestershire County Council

At the Belvoir Community Forum, it was proposed that these projects should receive funding - Vale of Belvoir Youth transport (£3,000); Scouting in the Vale (£1,000); Community access defibrillation (£8,000).

For more information about these projects and the Community Forum go to:
www.leicestershireforums.org

Parish Councils attempt to save the No 26 evening bus service

Leicestershire County Council has decided to remove financial support for the number 26 bus service, which was started at the request of young people in the Vale as it enables them to get home from Melton in the evening.

As a result of this decision Cllr Weston of Clawson, Hose and Harby Parish Council contacted all the parish Councils in the Vale to see if they would provide £500 each to support the service. We wait to see if all the Parishes agree to providing financial support.

If you have any comments or concerns about the termination of this service please contact Bottesford Parish Council on 843611 or email:
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Bottesford Scarecrows are returning!

This year's Scarecrow Festival, organised by Friends of Bottesford Primary School, will be held over the weekend of 12th and 13th June with a traditional Fayre at the school from 12 noon until 4pm on Sunday. The theme, chosen by pupils, is 'World Cup Countries'. Entry to the fair is **free**.

Buying a Scarecrow trail for £1 enables visitors to view the talents of Bottesford, Muston, Normanton, and Easthorpe before the winners are announced on Sunday at the Fayre. There is a trail quiz and a chance to vote for your favourite Scarecrow. Trails can be purchased from The Spar store, Ye Olde Rutland Cafe and Little Jacks Farm.

The Fayre features hobby horse racing for children and adults, sports day games, trade and charity stalls, bouncy castles, Friends stalls, refreshments, a licensed bar and the Lions' famous BBQ - all raising funds for the school.

Louise McGrory, head teacher, said "This is a lovely family event well organised by our very supportive Friends. We will also be joined by our guest children from Chernobyl who will see first-hand what antics we get up to in a traditional English village."

The Bottesford Fun Run - Sunday 2 May

Friends of Chernobyl's Children are organising this years Fun Run to raise money to bring a group of children from Belarus to stay with families in and around Bottesford for one month over the summer. Runners of all ages and abilities are welcome and the 5K course is nice and flat! Registration is from 9am to 9.45am at the Village Hall with a 10am start. There will be refreshments available as well as the option of a post-race massage for those who need it! Entry fees are only £3 per adult, £1 per child or £5 for a family of 4.

Bottesford Gala on Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May

A great day out awaits you! As well as favourites, there are new attractions for older children and adults. You could try the human hamster wheel, the rifle range or a 50ft climbing wall? Why not enter the family dog into the dog show?

Timings: 10.30 May Queen procession along the High Street, accompanied by Eastwood Marching band and a cheerleading troupe. 11.15 Gala official opening. 11.30 Maypole dancing followed by Bottesford and District Playgroup Hobby Horse racing. 12.45 Ann Gibbons dance school, followed by a display by Bottesford, Allington and Sedgebrook Karate school.

From 2pm traditional games such as sack racing and egg and spoon racing will be followed by a Village Drama, Charlie's Angels Cheerleading Troupe and a Tug-of-War competition at 3.15. There will be trade and charity stalls, the Lions famous BBQ, village hall refreshments and a licensed bar. Full details on www.bottesford.org.uk

Proposal to set up a canoe trail from Woolsthorpe to Hickling.

BOWS (Belvoir Open Waterways Society) working with British Waterways and the Notts Wildlife Trust has been in discussion with Parish Councils in the Vale about the creation of a canoe trail from Woolsthorpe to Hickling.

BOWS is an environmental pressure group of volunteers based in Harby, Leicestershire, whose mission is to help protect and maintain the Grantham Canal between Hickling and Woolsthorpe for the benefit of walkers, wildlife, cyclists, anglers and users of small, non-motorised craft'.

It has three key aims: The control of the Norfolk Reed; improving the state of the towpath for walkers and cyclists in winter; enabling access to the water for canoeing and fishing.

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What's On in May...

Sat 1 st 10am – 5pm	Vale of Belvoir Art Society Annual Festival - Methodist Chapel. Art by local talent in variety of media. Refreshments, lunches, teas, stalls etc. Glenda 845106.
Sun 2 nd 2pm – 5pm	
Mon 3 rd 10am - 5pm	
Sat 1 st 5pm - 9pm	Friends of Bottesford Primary School, in conjunction with Bottesford F.C. Gala weekend family disco - VC Hall, provided by the funny team at JK Media, Kevin and Johnny (as seen at the Gala and Scarecrow festival, 2009)
Sun 2 nd 10am - 5pm	Dance for Rosie May 2010. Belvoir High School. Spectators welcome, £3. Family ticket, £10
Sun 2 nd 4pm	St Mary the Virgin Church. 'Songs of Praise' followed by afternoon tea.
Mon 3 rd from 10am	Church open for guided tours. Light refreshments. Teddy Bears jumping at 2pm. Details: Judith Wells, Benefice Office 842859
Every Weds 7.30pm	Bottesford Whist Drive. Fuller Rooms.
Fri 7 th 10 to 10.30am	Wriggly Readers at Bottesford Library. Babes to young children; songs, rhymes, stories. Enquiries 0116 3053550
Mon 10 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 11 th 2pm	U3A – 'My Dad was a Miner' – Josie Hennell. VC Hall
Weds 12 th 12.45pm	Health Walk, meet outside Welby Practice, Walford Close. Kilverton Lakes. All welcome.
Thurs 13 th 2.30pm	Bottesford Friendship Group, Methodist Church Schoolroom. Speakers from Grantham Deaf Children's Society.
Thurs 13 th 7.30pm	Local History Society. 'Most of the Vale – Up for Sale' – John Plumb. Fuller Room
Sun 16 th 1.30 – 4.30pm	Dove Cottage Annual Summer Fete. Canal Lane, Stathern. Live entertainment, stalls, refreshments. Admission free, car park £2.
Sun 16 th 2.30pm (Hall open 1.30pm)	East Midland Orchid Society. 'Home and Away' - Mrs Robin McDonald. Non-members welcome. TEL: 842668.
Sun 16 th 8.00pm	C & J Sound Social Dances. Ballroom, Latin and Sequence. VC Hall. Admission £4.00 - Refreshments available, plus bring your own. Supporting 'HELP THE HEROES' charity. Contact Colin 01664 850133
Tues 18 th 7.30pm	W.I. - Resolutions & Annual Supper - VC Hall.
Sat 22 nd 10am	VoB Ramblers. Cotgrave & Grantham Canal. 4 miles.
Sat 29 th 7.30pm	Cranmer Company of Singers & Chamber Orchestra. Spring Concert 'Serenata Italiano' at St Marys Church. Tickets £8/£5 adults/children including glass of wine. Contact 851046

And in June...

Fri 4 th 10 to 10.30am	Wriggly Readers at Bottesford Library. Babes to young children; songs, rhymes, stories. Enquiries 0116 305 3550
Tues 8 th 2pm	U3A – Peonies – Shirley Palmer. VC Hall
Weds 9 th 12.45pm	Health Walk, meet outside Welby Practice, Walford Close. Allington. All welcome.
Thurs 10 th 2.30pm	Bottesford Friendship Group, Methodist Church Schoolroom Speaker - David Wiltshire – 'Taxing Times'.
Thurs 10 th	Local History Society - Annual Summer Outing
Fri 11 th to 20 th	Stathern Festival see www.stathernfestival.co.uk
Sat 12 th & Sun 13 th	7 th Scarecrow Festival.
Sat 12 th 2pm	VoB Ramblers. Harlaxton Church. 4 miles. Info: 0115 9825600.
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 questions.
Tues 15 th 7.30pm	W.I. 'St Mary's Church', Speaker Mike Saunders. Venue: St Mary's Church
Sun 20 th 8.00pm	C & J Sound Social Dances as Sun 16 th May
Thurs 24 th 2.30pm	Bottesford Friendship Group, Methodist Church Schoolroom. Speaker from Framework - Charity for the Homeless.
Sun 27 th 2.30pm (Hall open 1.30pm)	East Midland Orchid Society VC Hall. 'A Trip to Peru' - Dr Henry Oakley. Non-members welcome.

Important: To publicise your event in the 'What's On' column for July & August, please ring 844823 or email d.taffs@btinternet.com by 30th May.

Village Notes

Lions Music Quiz

The Vale of Belvoir Lions Club held a very successful Music Quiz night and supper at the VC Hall to raise much needed funds for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal Fund. Fourteen teams battled hard and the team 'West End Ziggi', captained by Ian Kitchener, were declared eventual winners. The evening raised a princely sum of £776.85 which will go to providing much needed support to the survivors of the Haiti earthquake. Thanks to all the volunteers and 'quizzers' who supported the event.



The winning team West End Ziggi being presented with their prizes by LP Nigel Davies (pictured right)

Crime Prevention in Bottesford

If any group in the Parish wishes to have a meeting with the police then PCSO Robert Wood is willing to set up meetings and give a short presentation. He is a member of the team at the Police Station in Queen Street and can also give advice about home security and provide information packs. To contact him, ring 0116 222 2 222 ext. 2877. The Police Station will be open (excluding Bank Holidays) on Mondays: 2pm to 4pm; Wednesdays: 6pm to 8pm; Fridays: 10am to noon; and at other times when officers are in attendance. Contact the Police by 'phone', emergencies – 999; otherwise – 0116 222 2 222

A battery-powered mobility scooter was stolen from outside a property in Main Street, Muston, at about 11am on 15th March. A neighbour saw a white flat-bed truck in the area about that time. If anyone has any information which may be relevant (eg the reg. number of the truck), please contact the police on 0116 222 2 222, referring to Incident 509 of 15th March.

Summer opening hours of the Refuse Collection site, Normanton Lane Bottesford

From April until October the site will be open from 8 am until 8 pm. This will save you having to do all your recycling at the week-end.

Letters



This is a plea to all dog walkers. Please, please, please clean up after your dogs and pick up the poop. Walking through the village, on the way to school and taking the children out, I am constantly having to ask them to mind where they put their feet. We are having to walk with eyes fixed on the ground. It is especially bad on the paths around the village primary school. We all want to enjoy the fresh air in the village not be repelled by the smell of dog poop. Please respect other people's enjoyment of our village and clean up after your dog. Yours faithfully Tracy Gardiner

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Towards the business end of the football season...

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Under 11s – Thursday 22nd April - Lowdham 6.30 pm.

Under 15s -Thursday 22nd April - Meres Stadium 8.00 pm.

Under 16s - Tuesday 27th April - Meres Stadium 8.00 pm

(All dates/times are subject to change – so please speak to the respective Manager to confirm).

We wish all the teams the very best.

For more information, contact Theresa Buckley on 842820



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Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) - in Bottesford

The first of a series of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) is now installed outside the Fuller Rooms, part of a joint venture between Vale of Belvoir Lions, Bottesford Parish Council and the Community Heartbeat Trust.

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Information leaflets will be available in the Library and there will be free training sessions during May. In case of emergency, a code to gain access to the defibrillators can be obtained by dialling 999 and explaining the nature of the emergency.

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