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Rosie Redfern received the Mayor's Young Citizen Award

Rosie is 18, studying for her A levels and was nominated for this award by Bottesford Guide leaders. The judges were impressed by Rosie's involvement with Guiding in Bottesford since she has been a Rainbow, a Brownie, a Guide and is now a Young Leader, helping with younger Guides.

Rosie also set up a Senior Section Unit which now has 14 members and she is working towards completing her adult leadership scheme.



Celebrating 100 years of Guiding on 4th July

The 2nd Bottesford Guides are holding a Singathon on Sunday 4th July at Bottesford Village Hall. The Guides plan to sing 100 songs, starting at 1.30pm. Each song can be sponsored and all money raised will go to the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance funds.

Come and join the Guides' sing song. Have fun, enjoy the refreshments and contribute to a very worthwhile cause.

It's not all jam at the W.I.

Members of Bottesford and District WI entered the Group Competition at the Notts and Newark Show in May. This year's theme was 'A British Tradition' and WI members Helen Baker, Margaret Millington, Nicola Moxham and Pat Rollings created an Edwardian Tearoom.



Items to be judged were a wooden trolley (loaded with tiny knitted cakes), a character doll, dressed in the style of an Edwardian waitress, and a tea-loaf. Marks were also given for the staging and interpretation of the theme. The team were delighted because although they did not achieve top marks, their marks were higher than those of previous years.

If you would like to join or find out more about your local WI, please contact the secretary, Angela Kapellar on Bottesford 842043.

Dove Cottage Tea Room and Charity Shop

Since reopening last year, the Tea Rooms have flourished beyond all expectations. Situated on the banks of the canal (off Stathern Lane) it has a picnic area, a charity shop with loads of books and a recently added super children's play area. The cakes and light lunches are home made and the volunteer staff very friendly. Opening hours in Summer are, Monday to Friday 10.30 to 4pm and Saturday and Sunday 10.30 to 4.30pm

Our New Team Rector

Revd Dr. Mark Smith was ordained 20 years ago and has moved to Bottesford from the Diocese of Blackburn. Mark and his wife Lisa have 2 children, Aidan and Hannah, who will be attending Bottesford Primary School.

In addition to parish work, Mark has worked with Christian Aid helping to make Blackburn a 'Fair Trade Diocese'. Mark says "I enjoy travelling and I like watching sport. I have run the London Marathon on three occasions for Christian Aid. I have a broad taste in music and play the guitar for relaxation (with great mediocrity I might add). I enjoy the theatre and in times past have directed a number of plays. I enjoy food, drink and eating out - as evidenced by my expanding girth."

We welcome Mark and his family into our community.

Happy 100th Birthday to Mary Topps

Mary Topps celebrated her 100th birthday on April 17th and received many gifts and cards, including one from the Queen.

Born in Crossmichael, Scotland, Mary (nee Johnstone) moved to Muston in 1926, to become a nursemaid at Glebe House.

She married Frank Topps in 1934 and they had two daughters, Georgina and Wendy. Mary now has three granddaughters and three great grandchildren. Frank died in 1986 and until two years ago, Mary lived on Granby Drive.

Mary helped set up the first Guide unit in Bottesford and helped to run the Brownies. She was a member of Young Wives, Mother's Union, W.I., the Forget-Me-Not Club and Age Concern. Mary now lives at Gregory House, Grantham, where she spent her special day with family and friends.

Official visitors included the Mayor and Mayoress of Grantham and the Mayor of Melton. A Scottish piper entertained Mary and guests, Scottish songs were sung and Scottish dancing performed. Mary is proud of her Scottish ancestry and attributes her long life to being a tough Scot and loving life and all it has to offer.



Businesswoman wins national Extraordinary Women Award 2010

A Bottesford entrepreneur has won national recognition at the second annual Extraordinary Women Awards.

Lyndsey Young caught the judges' attention because of her determination to make her dream a reality. Fortune shone on her when she won £15,500 on 'Deal or No Deal' and used the money to launch her own business, creating her own brand of food labels.

Lyndsey said: "I am so surprised and I can't believe it. I set up my business a couple of years ago and I love it. It's everything I dream about. For someone to think that what I do is extraordinary and to give me an award is fantastic!"

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Winners of the Dance for Rosie May

The annual Dance For Rosie May 2010 was held on Sunday May 2nd at Belvoir High School, when a record £4,500 was raised for the Rosie May Home in Sri Lanka. "It was a very special day in memory of a very special little girl, an amazing tribute to Rosie May whose 17th birthday is next week. Rosie May's friends have been dancing in this competition for the last six years. Rosie May will be very proud of them," said her mum, Mary.



The four winners of the 13+ age group will be invited, along with fourteen other competitors to attend the Rosie May Academy in September. 13 plus Winners: Left to right Alice Wells, Emily Smith, Lydia Cooper-Smith and Chloe Barker.

32nd Gala a huge success

This year's Gala was the biggest yet with highlights including the human hamster balls and a performance by Belvoir High School Band 'Given half a chance', as well as our local troupe of cheerleaders. The committee made a profit of £600 over and above the £2,500 it costs to put on the Gala which will be used for next years attractions. Photos can be seen at www.bottesford.org.uk/

The Gala committee wants to say **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who gave so generously of their time and money!

Two OFSTED 'outstanding' results for Bottesford

Belvoir High School has been judged as outstanding in its first Ofsted inspection since changing its age range. The inspectors said: "There is a very strong sense of pride in the school, shared by staff and pupils. Behaviour is exemplary, both in lessons and around the school, contributing to an extremely positive school ethos." For more information go to www.belvoirhigh.leics.sch.uk/

Open morning, fun day and new equipment at Bottesford Pre school

Bottesford Pre-School also had a surprise inspection by OFSTED in May and they are thrilled to tell the village that they have been awarded a rating of OUTSTANDING! Only 10% of pre-schools in England are rated this highly so the award of outstanding means a lot to the staff, committee, parents and children and is public recognition of all the hard work that has been put into the Pre-School over the last 40 years.

The Pre-School was recently awarded a grant of over £7,000 from Leicestershire County Council, which has been used to construct a beautiful set of bespoke wooden play equipment, including a large water play area, a climbing wall, outdoor white boards and a wobbly bridge.

If you would like to come and see what the Pre-School does, drop in to the open morning from 10am till 12pm on Tuesday 13 July 2010. There will also be a Fun Day on 25th June 2010 from 3.30 till 6.00pm. Alternatively please call them on 01949 844489 or email them at

enquiries@bottesfordpreschool.org.uk

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What's On in July....

Fri 2 nd 10 to 10.30am	Wriggly Readers at Bottesford Library. Babes to young children; songs, rhymes, stories.
Sat 4 th 1.30pm	Guides Singathon (see page 2)
Mondays 6 th to 27 th and 3 rd August 8pm	Belvoir First Aid are running a First Aid at Work course at The Plough Inn Stathern. Apply to clinical@belvoirfirstaid.org.uk
Mon 12 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 13 th 10am - noon	Pre-School Open Morning (next to the High School).
Tues 13 th 2pm	U3A Annual Garden Party.
	No Orchid Soc meetings in July or August
Sun 18 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 organisation. Contact Colin 01664 850133
Tues 20 th 7.30pm	W.I. 'From Housekeeper to County Chairman' - speaker Vera Carter. VC Hall
Weds 21 st 7pm	VoB Ramblers Car Colston, Notts 5 miles. Fields and lanes through Scarrington and Screveton. Contact Jan 0115 9825600
Thurs 22 nd 2.30pm	Bottesford Methodist Friendship Group, Methodist Church Schoolroom, Speaker John Hammond - 'Growing up in the 1940's.' All welcome. Details 842893.
Wed 28 th 10am	VoB Ramblers, Denton, Lincs. 7 miles. Green lanes, Grantham canal and Denton reservoir

And in August...

Sun 1 st 10am	VoB Ramblers. Gunthorpe, Notts. 5½ miles. Flat walking on riverbanks and field paths. Contact Jan 0115 9825600
Thurs 5 th 2.30pm	Bottesford Methodist Friendship Group, Methodist Church Schoolroom. Speaker - Heather Brown, 'Mompesson, Mosaics & Macaroons.' All welcome. Details 842893
Fri 6 th 10 to 10.30am	Wriggly Readers at Bottesford Library. Babes to young children; songs, rhymes, stories.
Fri 6 th 6.30 - 9.00pm	Dove Cottage, BBQ and Open Gardens - 2-course supper £7.50, buy your tickets in advance - phone 860303
Sun 8 th 10am	VoB Ramblers. Bottesford and the Vale, 10 miles, Good level walk through Barkstone and Redmile. Jan 0115 9825600
Mon 9 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 10 th	U3A Summer Outing
Sun 15 th 8.00pm	C & J Sound Social Dances. See July 18 th above.
Thurs 19 th 2.30pm	Bottesford Methodist Friendship Group, Methodist Church Schoolroom 2.30pm. - Games Afternoon.
Sun 22 nd 10am	Air Ambulance Charity Bikers Run to Skegness. All bikes, trikes, etc welcome, £5 entry. Start Red Lion. Ring Albi 07762242309.

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

Village Notes

Get planting

The Bottesford Horticultural Show will take place on Saturday 11th September so get planting those seeds so you'll be able to enter *your* prize flowers and vegetables!

Tenors welcome

The Cranmer Company of Singers is a friendly group, who enjoy singing to the best of their ability. Future plans for the group include singing trips to Blackburn and Belfast Cathedrals.

They would like to recruit a few tenors to join their choir. You don't need experience of singing in a choir, just a voice that fits in with the choir, commitment and enthusiasm.

Interested? Please call Deborah on 851030 or 0775 909 1160

Belvoir First Aid (BFA)

Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland has agreed to become a patron of this Charity.

In 2009 BFA covered over 70 events as well as training over 100 people in first aid and first aid at work. BFA is manned by volunteers and relies totally on donations.

If you would like to join Belvoir First Aid as a volunteer first aider, or to Fundraise, please call 07967 699612 or go to www.belvoirfirstaid.org.uk

Reg Meuross and Bethany Porter

The audience had an enjoyable evening when these artists appeared at the Village Hall in April. Reg Meuross, a gifted songwriter and singer, sang of highwaymen, the Pilgrim Fathers as well as the First World War and his Dad. Bethany Porter complimented his performance with her very gentle harmonies and talented cello playing.

Reg Meuross mentioned he had a loose connection with Bottesford. In 1962, a neighbour had left Reg the copyright to all his publications. One of these was 'The Story of The Church of St. Mary the Virgin Bottesford and its Monuments'. Reg was thrilled to be given a copy of the pamphlet that had been acquired during research carried out by the Bottesford Living History Project.

The next musical event at the Village Hall will be a return visit by the successful Opera Dudes on Saturday 27th. November

Contact Sue Middleton on 01949 842215 for more information

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The Vale of Belvoir Probus Club is for retired, or semi-retired, professional business men and meets at the Vale of Belvoir Inn on Wednesdays twice a month for companionship, a drink, a chat, a speaker and an optional lunch. For more information contact David French on 875466 or e-mail dandjrench@btinternet.com

Downtown

As Village Voice goes to press Veolia Transport has introduced a bus service between Bottesford and the Downtown stores at Grantham each Thursday. Interested? For more information call 0115 957 8792

The Day the Scarecrows came to town

The theme of this years Scarecrow Festival was World Cup countries.

The 45 entries which can be seen at www.bottesford.org.uk/, were judged on Saturday with 5 Highly Commended, a People's Choice winner and the Overall winner.

Once again Friends of Bottesford Primary School provided a great family fun event, their 8th. The weather was perfect for the Fayre on Sunday attracting large crowds. To date the event has raised over £1,500. On behalf of the committee many thanks to those that made a Scarecrow and for attending the event.

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Sports News



Bottesford F.C. get that winning feeling....

The Under 11s have recently won trophies from both the Cup final and the league title.

The Under 16s also won a trophy by winning their final in a nail biting penalty shoot out.

Unfortunately, in their final match, the Under 15s didn't quite manage to pull off Cup success that their season had deserved..

Football club AGM

The Football Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday

4th July at the Bull Inn at 7pm - everyone is welcome so please come and join us.

Football players of all ages wanted for next season

All teams are keen to extend their squads and are looking for new players. Anyone interested should contact: Ros Morton on 01949 843633

Hard ball and Kwik cricket training/coaching sessions

The cricket club is running an under 13s hard ball team with training/coaching sessions on Tues. evenings at 6.30-7.30 at the cricket ground.



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Ring Ian Seymour for information (844094). The under 11s hard ball team has training/coaching sessions on Wednesday evenings at 6.30-7.45. Contacts are Dave Charlesworth (844639) or Andy Morley (842488). Both teams have midweek matches.

The Kwik cricket soft ball team has coaching sessions, for ages 5 -10, on Friday nights 6.30-7.45pm and matches on Sundays. On Friday nights 35 - 45 juniors participate so more helpers are needed. Contacts are Dave Charlesworth (844639) and Andy Morley (842488) and volunteers include Dave Bishop, Lee Fazackerley, Paul Jacobs, and Dr Charlesworth snr.

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