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Village Voice

The newsletter of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton

50th Issue of Village Voice

The first Village Voice was published in September 2002 with the aim of keeping people up to date with village events and in response to comments in the Village Appraisal, conducted in 2002. Issue 1 was funded by grants from Bottesford Parish Council, the Bottesford Village Appraisal Group, Melton Building Society, Masterfoods and Leicestershire Rural Projects Fund, but now relies entirely on income from advertisers to cover its costs. The newsletter is written, produced and delivered by volunteers and the committee would like to say a big 'thank you' to all those people who have helped us in the past and those who continue to do so. We are always happy to consider articles for publication, so please send them to vv@bottesford.org.uk.

Cover girl from issue 1 of Village Voice

The first issue of Village Voice included a photo of the two primary school students who came up with the name 'Village Voice' being presented with a book token by the acting editor Sam Fells. This issue is still available on the Bottesford Today website (www.bottesford.org.uk) by taking the link to Village Voice downloads. Rachel Avison was one of those shown. Unfortunately we were unable to get in touch with Rebecca and Sam who were also in the photo on the front page of issue 1. Following Bottesford Primary School, she went to Belvoir High School and then to King Edward VII School in Melton.

Rachel recently secured a place to study politics and international relations at the University of Kent in Canterbury. She is looking forward to living in this historic city and making lots of new friends. Her course involves spending a year abroad which can be anywhere from Russia to Japan or Europe. Village Voice wishes Rachel all the best with her studies.



Rachel Avison

Champion Karl makes waves

Karl Morgan, who lives in Bottesford, became a national swimming champion at the ASA National Youth Championships in Sheffield this summer.

Swimming in the 15 and 16 year old age group, Karl put in great performances in the 100m freestyle, qualifying through to the final. Not content with just that, in the 50m freestyle events he smashed his personal best times in the heats, again in the semi-final and in the final, winning every race and ending up with the gold medal.



He is currently ranked first in the country in his age group (15) for both 50m and 100m freestyle. Karl swims with Nova Centurion and Calverton & Bingham swimming clubs. He trains with the Nova Centurion squad based at Mansfield. That means early starts for sessions before school four days a week, returning in the evening for further coaching. Karl and his mum clocked up more than 20,000 miles over the last 12 months driving to and from training and swim meets at weekends.

Karl is now back in training after a short break and his next goal is the British Championships at the end of March 2011.



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Oddfellows

Karen Pye-Smith of Bottesford is Branch Secretary/Social Organiser for the Nottingham Trent District Oddfellows and is keen to see more involvement in the Oddfellows from people in the Bottesford area.

The Oddfellows is a Friendly Society with 100,000 members across Great Britain. They are a not-for-profit Society which provides a ready made social group in a safe environment. Regular meetings, events and outings are organised by Karen. The Oddfellows ethos is friendship and caring and they put great importance on caring for members especially when they are ill. They have an active Grantham and Sleaford Branch which meet at 10.30 am on the first Wednesday of every month at the Kings Hotel, Grantham.

Membership is open to people of all ages and members are aged from 1 to 101! Contact Karen on 843727 or karen.pye-smith@oddfellows.co.uk or look at www.oddfellows.co.uk for more information.

Bottesford Bowls Club

The club was formed in 1923 and matches were played on the Rectory lawn until the club moved to Belvoir Road in 1943. Bearing in mind that peace had just been declared, a report in the Grantham Journal (May 1945) was headlined 'Drake's game at Bottesford':

Last year Mrs Marsh had agreed that the Bowls Club could rent part of her field. Members had prepared the ground during the winter and six rinks were now ready for use.

Mrs Marsh and the Rector delivered the first woods.

Votes of thanks were given and matches played before heavy rain stopped play.

Mr Edgar Culpin won the competition for a half bottle of whisky and the competition raised £3.14s for club funds.

It was announced that matches would be arranged with neighbouring clubs and that in the future women would be able to play!



Harvest – Bring and Share

The church Harvest Festival on Sunday, 3rd October saw the pews full, with church families and invited guests representing local farmers and councillors. The friendly, informal service, with participation by the children, was followed by a 'Bring-and-Share' harvest lunch in the church social area. Over 60 people enjoyed refreshments and fellowship. Donations received enabled the church to send £300 to this year's chosen charities; Farm Crisis Network, supporting farmers in the UK, and Traidcraft Exchange, supporting food producers in the third world. The produce collected during the service was added to that generously donated by parents, children and staff of the primary school for their Harvest Celebration in church on Friday, 1st October. This was delivered to Emmanuel House drop-in centre in Nottingham, to feed the homeless and destitute who find a welcome there. *He's got the whole world in his hands* was certainly recognised in all our celebrations. Thanks to all who played a part.

- on behalf of St Mary's church

Vale Barn Owl Conservation

The barn owls in the area are doing well thanks to the boxes provided by the local group. There are now 18 pairs of barn owls in the project area and they breed on the outskirts of Normanton, Bottesford and Muston. Other birds such as tawny owls and kestrels are also finding the local boxes to their liking.



The photograph, taken by Keith Waterfall of Bottesford, is of young kestrels in a box near Bottesford. Anyone wanting to find out more about the barn owl and other conservation work by the Group or to get involved should contact 01949 844319 or email valebarnowls@hotmail.co.uk

The Royal British Legion

This November the country will come together for our most poignant national occasion: Remembrance Day. Today, there is a new generation of Service men and women to remember with pride. Over 300 courageous members of the Armed Forces have lost their lives in Afghanistan alone. While their families and friends remember them with love and affection, we too can pay tribute to these young people who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Volunteers around the village will be calling on everyone in the hope that they can donate something, however small, to go towards looking after our Service people and their families.

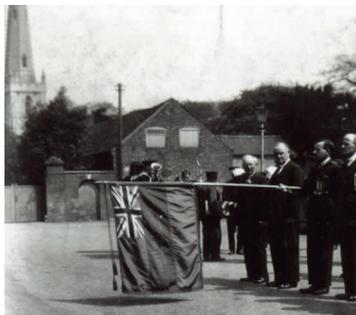


Photo courtesy of Mr G Waudby

Boisterous Nosey Barker Bounds into Bottesford

When I first became my mum's guide dog we had to work very hard together. We got to stay in a hotel for two weeks but it definitely wasn't a holiday. Every day we had to go out to work by going for walks, avoiding obstacles and generally getting used to each other.

Since I moved to Bottesford I have really started to find my feet; I'm getting used to all mum's usual jaunts and only occasionally get a little confused about my whereabouts. I like going out with my mum, especially when it's church day. I've made lots of friends there who all give me lots of fuss. I'm quite a nosey dog really, so if you see me and mum wandering up your driveway it's probably just me having a good look around.

Well that's it from me for now because I can hear mum getting dinner ready. If you see me about I'd like to say hello, but please wait until I'm not working. - from Karli



Pauline Taperell and Karli

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2010 Bottesford and District Gardens Association Show



Lucy Patchett

This year's show at the V.C. Hall attracted over 450 entries. Among the classes, flower, fruit and vegetables were well filled with good quality produce giving the judges plenty to ponder over, while the homecraft tables were loaded with mouth-watering cakes, tarts, scones and pies as well as a wide selection of jams and chutneys. Whilst entries in the photography class were down on last year, the quality was extremely good and the needlework class showed some lovely and detailed work.

We welcome children's entries; the entries received showed innovation, with the Village Voice award for the 8+ years going to Lucy Patchett.

The group welcome new entrants to the show. It is an amateur event and those who grow to eat, rather than specifically to show, can feature well in

the awards, as shown by this years list of winners. It's great fun and a very enjoyable social event so a call to all you gardeners and allotment holders to gear up for entry in 2011 - you never know, you might well surprise yourself!

Awards:

Garden News Top Tray Award: I. Clayton **Everard Cup:** Most points in flower, fruit and vegetable classes: G. Fowler **Bull Shield:** Most points in flower, fruit and vegetable classes not to have won Everard Cup or Bull Shield previously: D. Middleton **Caunt Cup:** Best vase of Dahlias or Chrysanthemums: G. Fowler **Margaret Wootton Cup:** Best exhibit in the flower, fruit and vegetable classes: E. Abrahams **Edward Auckland Award:** Best entry in Sweet Peas class: C. Woodthorpe **Ken and Eunice Greasley Rosebowl:** Best Rose in show: J. Kyle **John Storer Memorial Cup:** Best pot Fuchsia in show: J. Kyle **Molly Ford Award:** Most points in Photographic entries: D. Middleton **Red Lion Shield:** Heaviest Marrow in show: N. Carolan **Roberts Cup:** Most points in Homecraft classes: R. Moreton **Rutland Cup:** Most point in Arts and Craft classes: G. Fowler **Schoolhouse Trophy:** The Heaviest Pumpkin: H. Miller **Hazel Preston Cup:** Best entry in Needlework classes: B. Herd **Jos Hobbelen Trophy:** Longest Parsnip in show: P. Sutton **Childrens' Classes:** Jubilee Cup Infant: aged 7 years and under: James Dobyne; Village Voice Junior Award: aged 8 years and over: Lucy Patchett

Winners of the Best Bottesford Allotments, 2010

Large Allotment

Joint 1st: Mr. Sentence & Mrs. Buckley, 2nd: Mr. R Parker, 3rd: Mr. Keega

Small Allotment

1st: Mr. R Pritchett, 2nd: Mr. G Pearson, Joint 3rd: Mr. Gibbons, Mrs. Moxon, Mr. Wilkinson

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What's On in November..

Wednesdays through the winter	Bottesford Whist Drive, Fuller Rooms. £1.50 incl refreshments. Everyone welcome, including new players. Contact Ray Smart 07902 837498.
Fri 5 th 10 to 10.30am	Wriggly Readers, Bottesford Library. Young children, songs+ stories.
Fri 5 th Gates open 6.30	Vale of Belvoir Lions Bonfire/Firework display. Bill Robert's paddock.
Sun 7 th 10am	Vale of Belvoir Ramblers. Cropwell Bishop 6m. Info: 0115 9825600
Sun 7 th 4pm	All Souls Service, St Mary's Church
Sun 7 th 10.30 - 12noon	Belvoir Good as New Sale of childrens clothes at VC Hall. See page 7
Mon 8 th 7.15pm	Parish Council meeting. Fuller Rooms. Residents may question the council and make comments prior to the Parish Council meeting.
Tues 9 th 2pm	U3A, 'Christmas Memories' - Gerry Burrows - VC Hall.
Thurs 11 th 2.30pm	Methodist Friendship Group AGM, Chapel Schoolroom. Refreshments will be served. Contact Glenys Bradshaw, 842893.
Thurs 11 th 7.30pm	Local History Society. 'Five from Bottesford: Emigration and WW1 Service in the Canadian Expeditionary Force'. Speaker - David Middleton. Fuller Rooms.
Sun 14 th 10.30am	Remembrance Service - St Mary's Church.
Tues 16 th 7.30pm	W.I. 'Stars of Stage Screen & Radio' - Trevor Dempsey. VC Hall.
Sun 21 st 2.00 for 2.30pm	East Midland Orchid Society, VC Hall. Speaker: Laurence Hobbs, 'Pretty Orchids'. Complimentary tea/coffee and biscuits served before and after the meeting. All welcome. Mike Armstrong 842668.
Sun 21 st 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' Contact Colin 01664 850133.
Thurs 25 th 2.30pm	Methodist Friendship Group, Chapel Schoolroom. John and Norman Entertain. Refreshments will be served. Contact Glenys Bradshaw, 842893.
Sun 28 th 11am	The Bottesford Toy Run by Triumph Owners MCC at The Red Lion. All motorcyclists welcome. Bring a toy John Bartlett: 01780 762531/07790583082.
Sun 28 th 4.00pm	Advent Carol Service, St Mary's Church, followed by tea and cakes.

And in December..

Fri 3 rd 10 to 10.30am	Wriggly Readers. Bottesford Library. See 5th November.
Sat 4 th and Sun 5 th 10am to 4.0pm	Vale of Belvoir Art Society Christmas Exhibition at the Fuller Room, Grantham Road, Bottesford. Original paintings, prints and cards for sale.
Mon 6 th 7.15pm	Parish Council meeting. Fuller Rooms. Residents may question the council and make comments prior to the Parish Council meeting.
Tues 7 th 7.30pm	Gardens Association - AGM - VC Hall.
Thurs 9 th 7.30pm	Local History Society. Fuller Rooms. Christmas Party.
Sun 12 th 10.00am	Vale of Belvoir Ramblers. Allington, Lincs. 6m. Info: 0115 9825600.
Sun 12 th 8.00pm	C & J Sound Dances. Ballroom/Latin/Sequence @ VC Hall, see 21st Nov.
Tues 14 th 2pm	U3A. Vale of Belvoir U3A Choir. VC Hall.
Sat 18th 5pm, Mon 20th & Tues 21st 6pm	Father Christmas comes to Bottesford, escorted by the VoB Lions. See posters or www.voblions.org.uk nearer the time for details.
Sun 19 th 2 for 2.30pm	East Midland Orchid Society, VC Hall. Club Dinner plus plant Auction.
Tues 21 st 7.30pm	W.I. - Christmas Party. VC Hall.
Sun 26 th 11am	Boxing Day Duck Race. Mulled wine/mince pies available in St Mary's.

Church events in December

St Marys Church	
Sun 5 th	10.30am Christingle/Toy Service
Sun 19th	6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
Fri 24th	4pm Crib Service
Fri 24th	11.30pm Midnight Communion
Sat 25th	10.30am Parish Communion

Baptist Church	
Sun 19th	10.30am Nativity Service.
Sun 19 th	6.00pm Carols by candlelight.
Weds 22nd	10.30am Baptist Church Toddlers are hosting a Children's Christmas Celebration, bring a Sheep or Doll.
Fri 24th	8.00pm Christmas Eve Communion.
Sat 25th	10.00am Morning Celebration.

Methodist Chapel	
Thur 9th	2.30pm Methodist Friendship Group Carol Service, readings/ Carols. Refreshments afterwards.
Sun 19th	10.30am Carol Service
Sat 25th	10.00am Christmas Morning Worship

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



Village Notes

Police guidance on young people using Facebook

Leicestershire police have worked with Leics Constabulary's Child Protection Units to produce a guide to Chatroom safety. This can be found at: [www.leics.police.uk/advice/7 kids zone/55 chatroom safety](http://www.leics.police.uk/advice/7_kids_zone/55_chatroom_safety).

The Village Guide

Every 2 years Village Voice produces a Guide to the clubs and societies that operate in our villages. This is distributed to every household and is also on the Bottesford Today website www.bottesford.org.uk. We are now starting our research to update the Guide, so if you are in a group that is not mentioned in the 2009/10 Guide, or if your details have changed, please let us know – our contact details are on the back page.

The Reading Group

Do you enjoy reading in your spare time? Do you find it interesting to chat to other people who have read the same book, or perhaps another book by the same author? Book groups in Bottesford are supported by Leicestershire Libraries and provide an opportunity to meet informally with other keen readers and chat about books you've read, or would like to read - and the chance to try books you might otherwise not have considered reading! The newest of the Bottesford book groups has places available. If you'd like to join – or if you're interested in coming along to one of our meetings before joining - then call Dilys on 843505 for more information.

Local stars perform at concert in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund and Help for Heroes

The concert was held at St. Mary's Church on 18th September and performers included the South Notts Hussars Band and a range of young soloists from Belvoir High School, who were led by Pippa Stubbs, who is currently a student in her final year at Durham University. The concert (organised by Bottesford Conservatives) raised a total of £3,400, which will be divided between the Army Benevolent Fund and Help for Heroes.

The Opera Dudes return to the VC Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday 27th November. 'Codfather of Croon' promises a mix of opera, ballads and songs from West End Shows. Tickets, at £8, will be on sale from 8th November at the Deli and Spar or from Sue on 842215 or Gill on 842868. Doors open at 6.45pm, and seating is 'cabaret style', so you can bring your own drinks, nibbles and glasses. Refreshments will be available at the interval.

The Bottesford Youth Club is open 4 nights of the week with different evenings for different age groups. Activities include creative arts, sports, discussions, issue-based work, trips and residential work. There is more information on the Youth Club website www.thejitty.com/clubs/vale-of-belvoir-youth-clubs.html or contact Adam McGlone, the Youth Development Worker for the Vale of Belvoir on 844531, 07798613391 or by e-mail belvoiryouth@btconnect.com.

Friends of Bottesford Primary School - Race Night

30 novice race goers enjoyed an interactive and very competitive Race Night organised by the Lions for the Friends of Bottesford Primary School. 36 horses competed for the 6 prizes provided by our local Co-op, Sophie's Hair studio, Danny's Fish and Chip shop and Oddfellows. The overall owner, Gina Mullen won £50 in High Street vouchers. Friends provided a Ploughman's Supper and raised £302. Thanks to all those that either bought a horse or came along to cheer. The Friends next event is their annual Christmas Fayre on Friday 26th November 2.00 until 4.30, with refreshments and lots of stalls for Christmas goodies.

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Vale of Belvoir Lions

This year's Brains of Belvoir quiz night was attended by some 90 people, making 17 teams, and spirits were high! Ten quick-fire rounds with quiz-masters Phil and Nigel at the helm, were a test of brains with some very tough questions.

Quiz-master Phil took a round of booing and hissing on the 'Words' round, but all in good humour! At half-time, a ploughman's platter prepared by the Lions Partners was distributed and refreshments throughout the evening were provided by the Bull Inn. The winners were: 1st Bullies 78 pts, 2nd Village People 77 pts, 3rd The Original 76 pts. A good evening was had by all, and the event was a great success with just over £700.00 raised towards the Pakistan Flood Relief fund. A big thank you to the Lions, Lions Partners and the Bull for all their efforts!

Getting the wheels turning

During the summer Julie Langstaff (of Bingham) was in touch with Lion Chloe to ask if the Lions could help locate a large quantity of unwanted bikes, including those that needed some 'TLC' and repairs, to send out to Rwanda. The bikes would initially be renovated by a youth organisation in Newark, before being loaded into a 40ft steel container provided by the Notts Police Aid and taken to a care centre, Les Enfants de Dieu, which cares for boys that once lived on the streets of Rwanda. There, the bikes would be used by boys to fetch water and supplies from nearby towns and villages.

The lions gathered up 100 bikes and later provided assistance for loading the container. An official send off event, held on 19th September, included a local band, all those who helped with this project and, of course, the Vale of Belvoir Lions.

Increasing Numbers for Vale of Belvoir Lions

The Vale of Belvoir Lions welcomed four new recruits to its ranks during September. President Simon Ashworth conducted the ceremony and Tim, Colin, Debbie and Steve were sworn in, receiving their membership packs and Vale of Belvoir gold lapel pins from 1st Vice District Governor Ajit Singh Viridi.

After the induction, a presentation was given by Vicky, a Bottesford Guide, who went on a sailing team building event, partly funded by the Lions, who support youth endeavours and team building in the community. The sailing event lasted 10 days and involved long hours working in all areas of the ship, including taking the sails in force 7 winds!

A further presentation was made to The Grantham Stroke Unit, in recognition of the wheel chair and kitchen equipment recently purchased by The Lions. Lion Ken Palmer, who suffered a stroke this year, was treated at the Unit.

Pampering

An evening of pampering was held at Belvoir High School in September. Eight stalls sold a variety of health related products and six different therapies. Despite rain, high winds, thunder and lightning there was a good crowd who raised over £300 for the Lions charities.



If you would like to find out more about the Vale Of Belvoir Lions and the work they do, please visit:

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