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# Village Voice

The newsletter of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton

## Walk for Chernobyl

A big "thank you" to all those who supported the sponsored walk to raise funds for the 'Friends of Chernobyl's Children'. The weather was lovely and sunny as around 50 people, young and old, enjoyed their walk from Muston. Everyone enjoyed a well earned 'cuppa' (and some indulged in a piece of cake) as we were again supported by the Old Forge Tea Rooms at the finish. All the money raised will go towards providing for the children who come for their final visit in June. Anyone wishing to know more about the charity or interested in becoming a host family can contact Anne Ablewhite on 01949 842259.



## Bottesford Bookworms celebrate their tenth birthday

The first Bottesford book group was set up in May 2001, with the help of the Literary Officer from Leicestershire County Council and five of the original Bookworms are still members. Ten keen readers meet every month to discuss a book that is provided either by the Library Service or by group members. They read a range of titles and authors from the classics to plays and poetry, and occasionally find a book that everyone enjoys. The Bookworms would like to thank Ros Willis for all her hard work for the group. If you would like to join one of the three reading groups in the village please contact Ros on 842641 or email: [r\\_willis@madasafish.com](mailto:r_willis@madasafish.com)





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## WI news

WI members Margaret Millington, Nicola Moxham, Pat Rollings and Eileen Ross entered the WI's Competition at the Nottinghamshire County Show, creating their interpretation of Scotland for this year's theme "Countries of the World". Their entry included a knitted Scottish Piper, a model of Glamis Castle and a Dundee cake. Whilst they didn't win, they were very pleased with their result. If you would like information on the WI, please contact the Secretary Marian Orr on 843629.

## Bottesford celebrates the Festival of Britain in 1951

The Festival of Britain opened in May 1951 in London. Its aim was to give the British public a sense of recovery and progress and to promote better quality design in the rebuilding of the country after WW2. Margaret Waudby recently recalled details of Bottesford's celebrations:

Mr Heath and Mr Allsop coordinated a week of celebrations in Bottesford, helped by Mr Len Barnes and Mr Cyril Palmer. Dorothy Calcraft was the Festival Queen, attended by Margaret Waudby, Doreen Maskell and Doreen Guy.

The parade through the village, led by the Queen and her attendants in a white open top car, included members of village groups such as the WI, the Mother's Union, Guides and Brownies and the Youth Club. Others travelled on decorated floats to the VC Hall where Mrs Gale performed the crowning ceremony.



There was a service and church parade on Sunday and during the week a variety of activities included a special whist drive, competitive skittles matches to win a pig, a Festival dance and a variety concert in which the finale was a tableau featuring Britannia.

## Hell said the Duchess

Three very talented performers entertained an appreciative audience at the Village Hall on Friday 13th May. Karen Tweed, Becky Price and Hannah James played and sang a variety of folk songs and tunes from the UK, France and Scandinavia on their accordions in a gentle, friendly and easy-going style. This was interspersed with some very energetic and spectacular clog dancing which was fun to watch and listen to.



If you would like to receive information about future events please contact Susan Meech on 843402 or email: [s\\_meech@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:s_meech@yahoo.co.uk)

## Annual Blog Awards

Lyndsey Young has reached the finals of the Mum and Dad (MAD) Blog Awards, celebrating the best blogs written by British parents.

Lyndsey's blog, [www.queenofeasygreen.co.uk](http://www.queenofeasygreen.co.uk) has been shortlisted for the 'TalkTalk Best Business' category.

Lyndsey said: "I'm really thrilled to have reached the finals. It's fantastic to be in such great company with so many great blogs". The winners will be announced in September.

## Melton community Champions take a bow

UNSUNG heroes of the Melton Borough have been recognised for their community-spirited efforts after receiving Awards of Merit and a Young Citizen Award. The proud winners of the Award of Merit included Philip Thacker QGM, who has been involved in the Scouting movement for 31 years and currently runs a troop in Bottesford. Winners, from left:



Phillip Thacker, Robert Burt, Cedric Ginns, Lucy Sparling, David Ruddy & Rick Bowker. Photo by Tim Williams and courtesy of The Melton Times.

## Dove Cottage Day Hospice summer fete

The annual summer fete was a very successful event, with a huge turnout of supporters who enjoyed the activities on offer. The Defence Animal Centre organised a Fun Dog Show and there were cake, flower and produce competitions. There was lots of good food on offer including a BBQ, homemade cakes and scones and afternoon tea was enjoyed by all. The day finished with 'Songs of Praise'. An impressive £4,600 was raised for the hospice - and money is still coming in. Many thanks to all who supported this event.

Future events: Friday 5th August - BBQ and Open Gardens. 6.30-9.00. Saturday 17th September- Auction and Table top sale. 12 noon. Saturday 3rd December- Christmas Fayre.

## Do you have a few hours to spare to support Dove Cottage hospice?

Volunteer drivers are urgently needed in the morning and afternoon to drive guests to and from the hospice. Full training will be given and mileage expenses paid. For more information ring 860303.

## The 7th and FINAL Dance for Rosie-May Day on SUNDAY 10th JULY - 10 am - 5 pm.

This is, as usual, taking place at Belvoir High School with judges from the London's west end. This will be the last Dance for Rosie-May and it hopes to go out with a bang. There will be performances from the Rosie-May Academy, Emily Griffiths, a local dancer who has moved on from the academy to go to the famous Hammond school, and a singer. The competition will start at 10am with younger age groups first and there will also be a group category. It is a full day's entertainment and costs £3 for entry or a family ticket for £10.

## Vale of Belvoir Art Society May Show

An interesting and diverse exhibition took place at the Methodist Church on Devon Lane, with more than twenty paintings being sold.

The Society was delighted to welcome visitors from outside the Bottesford area this year.

The next show is on the first weekend in December 2011 at the Fuller Rooms, with wine and mince pies. If you have any enquiries about the Society contact Gill Thomson on 01400 281025.



## The Parish Council

After recent elections the membership of the Council is as follows:

Fred Seddon (Chairman) Ian Kitchener (Vice Chairman) Anne Ablewhite, Dermot Daly, Nigel Davies, Julia Tobin, Julia Jones, Heather Stokes and Alistair Raper.

The Parish Council was particularly pleased to see the keen interest taken in joining the Council this year and thanks the community for their interest.

Contact details for the Council are on:

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 The Scarecrow Festival took place on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June in Bottesford and Muston, and it was a right Royal event!  
 The entries gave a wide interpretation of the given theme of 'Royalty'. Congratulations to the Bottesford Pre-School whose entry 'After the Ball' was the overall winner of the competition.



Lewis and Sophie were crowned Scarecrow King and Queen and oversaw the second day of the Festival on the school's playing field. There were stalls a plenty and the visitors were entertained by the Oddfellows Brass Band.

The 'Peoples Choice' was 'A Royal Flush' from 21 Cox Drive and some of the other favourites are also pictured here. More photographs should be available on the Bottesford Today Website <http://www.bottesford.org.uk/>





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## What's On in July...

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> 10 to 10.30am	Wriggly Readers at Bottesford Library. Babes to young children; songs, rhymes, stories.
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> 11am to 5pm and Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> 11am to 5pm	The Vale of Belvoir Lions Open Gardens Event. Refreshments available. Prize of a country hamper for the winning garden. Trails on sale at Spar, Deli and Pizzini's in Bottesford. Programme and entry, £3.00 For more details check <a href="http://www.voblions.org.uk">www.voblions.org.uk</a>
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	VoB Ramblers Barrowby, Lincs. 6 miles. Evening stroll and good views including a 'surprise view'. Jan 0115 9825600
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	Bottesford Methodist Friendship Group. Afternoon at Marian's. Details: Glenys Bradshaw 01949 842893.
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	U3A Summer Tea Party. VC Hall.
1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month	Lite-Bite Lunch Group is held at the Methodist school room from 12noon to 1pm. Everyone is welcome.
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> 12.45pm	Health Walk. Meet outside Welby Practice, Walford Close. Circular walk from Dove Cafe via Plungar and canal. All welcome.
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> 7.30pm	W.I. 'Heather and Her Accordion' - Mrs Hawthorn. VC Hall
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> 2.30pm	Bottesford Methodist Friendship Group, Methodist Church Schoolroom. Speaker, Miss Lesley Baker - Living in Ethiopia and Uganda. All welcome. Refreshments. Details Glenys Bradshaw, 842893.
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	VoB Ramblers, Woolsthorpe by Belvoir, 5 miles. Leisurely walk with views towards Grantham & Belvoir Castle.
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> 11am - 4pm	Garden Party at 26 Devon Lane. Refreshments available. Stalls. All proceeds to National Police Aid Convoys and Rwandan Project 'Mamma Joyce'. For further information please contact Anne Daly 01949 842491.

## And in August...

Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	Bottesford Methodist Friendship Group, Methodist Church Schoolroom. 2.30pm. Speaker John Eagles - 'Reflections'. All Welcome, refreshments served. Contact Glenys Bradshaw 842893.
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> 10 to 10.30am	Wriggly Readers at Bottesford Library. Babes to young children; songs, rhymes, stories.
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> 6.30 - 9.00pm	Dove Cottage, BBQ and Open Gardens. To buy your tickets in advance - phone 860303
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> 10am	VoB Ramblers. Bleasby, Notts. Morning walk to Hazelford Ferry and along the Trent. Jan 0115 9825600
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> 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 9 <sup>th</sup>	U3A Summer Outing
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> 12.45pm	Health Walk. Meet outside Welby Practice, Walford Close. Denton Reservoir 3½ miles. All welcome.
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> 10am	VoB Ramblers. Waltham on the Wolds, Leics. 11 miles. Rural walking at its best to Croxton Kerrial and Branston
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	Bottesford Methodist Friendship Group. Chapel Schoolroom, Speaker Heather Brown - Making a Mosaic. All welcome, refreshments served. Contact Glenys Bradshaw 842893.
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> 10am	Air Ambulance Charity Biker's Run to Skegness. All bikes, trikes, etc welcome, £5 entry. Start Red Lion. Info ring Albi 07762242309 or John Bartlett 01780 762531.

A date for your diary - the Bottesford Horticultural Show will be held on 10th September at the VC Hall. Lots of classes for you to enter or to admire.

**Important:** To publicise your event in the 'What's On' column for September or October, please ring 844823 or email [d.taffs@btinternet.com](mailto:d.taffs@btinternet.com) by 30<sup>th</sup> July.

# Snippets:

## Bottesford Neighbourhood Watch to end? Urgent help needed.

The Neighbourhood Watch volunteers play a very valuable role throughout the Parish. They also send out e-alerts to provide early warning of crimes committed locally. Due to ill health Brian Kelk, the current Neighbourhood Watch coordinator, is unable to continue with his role, and if a successor cannot be found the service will end.

If you can help please ring him on 842241.

## BINDAY club needs more volunteers so that it can open for an extra night

The BINDAY Club is run by volunteers for children from age 10 to school year 7. They are open every Thursday including school holidays from 7pm to 9pm in The Old School on Grantham Road and have at least 30 children attending every week. They are looking at the possibility of opening the club for a 2nd night in the summer but to do this they will need more volunteers.

If you are interested in helping out please call in one Thursday to see what they do. All volunteers will need a CRB check which is provided at no cost to volunteers. Call Teresa Patchett 07815 712110 for more information

## Local planning applications

If you have been served with notification of a proposed building or alteration to a property that affects you and you are against it, you should always write to the Council in Melton to put your views forward. When doing this, would you also please let the Parish Council have a copy of your objection so that they are kept informed.

## Field footpaths

In Bottesford we are very lucky to have so many paths and footways to walk along with our animals and many of these run through farmers fields. The crops are the farmer's bread and butter so please refrain from letting your animals off the leash to run through them and also from soiling the footpaths

## Community Centre discounts

There are lots of new courses starting in September (see the enclosed leaflet for details). If you book before 31<sup>st</sup> July you can claim 20% discount off the advertised tuition fee.

To contact the Community Centre for more information or to book a place on a course, call 844199 or email: [julia.madgewick@leics.gov.uk](mailto:julia.madgewick@leics.gov.uk)

**The Village Voice** is always happy to receive stories from people living in Bottesford, Normanton, Muston and Easthorpe, so please get in touch if you want to publicise or celebrate an event, or a person.

We are also keen to recruit new correspondents from groups, organisations or schools in the parish, who may or may not want to join us on the committee. We also welcome anyone who would like to get involved in the running of the newsletter. Our contact details are on the back page of each issue so do get in touch for more information.

## Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July Friends Summer BBQ

The Friends of Bottesford School was formed in 1991 and has organised a number of events to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> birthday.

This BBQ is open to current and past pupils and their families. If you wish to attend or want more information about Friends, then please contact Katherine Hinscliff-Smith on [txh6@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:txh6@nottingham.ac.uk)

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### Bottesford Gala

If you think back to May Day 2011...there was something missing! That's right there was no Bottesford Gala. If you recall an earlier article published in the Village Voice, this was due to a number of reasons, a major one being the lack of support from members of the Bottesford, Muston and Normanton communities. Organising the Gala is a large undertaking and this year's Gala committee will be chaired by outgoing Vale of Belvoir Lions President, Simon Ashworth. The Gala **is not** a Lions event! The Gala belongs to your community. Anyone can step forward and be involved. The more help we get, the easier it becomes and the more ideas we have to make next years Gala better than ever. The committee meets about once a month, but then a little more frequently as the day approaches. The first meeting for this year will take place in the Village Hall meeting room at 8.00pm on Tuesday 11th October. This will be an open meeting, so if you want to have your say or simply be involved, then please turn up.

For more information or to register your interest then please e-mail me:

[nigeladavies@btinternet.com](mailto:nigeladavies@btinternet.com)

Remember, this is your Gala. Help us make Bottesford Gala 2012 one to remember.

### New Bridge Members Needed

Want to start bridge again? If you do there is a friendly club in Grantham that would welcome new members. We meet on a Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Conservative Club. If you are interested please ring Carol Hulse on 01949842027

### Lions at the Castle

The Vale of Belvoir Lions have been talking with the Duke and Duchess of Rutland in order to arrange a 'Fun Run' around Belvoir Castle grounds and are pleased to announce that this event will take place on 3rd September. With a 10km run for the enthusiasts and a 5km run for others, this is an opportunity to take in the breathtaking views over the private castle grounds not normally open to the public. Check the Vale of Belvoir Lions website [www.voblions.org.uk/](http://www.voblions.org.uk/) for more information.

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