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Village Voice

The newsletter of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton

The Friends of St Mary's, Bottesford

Over 130 villagers have become members of the 'Friends of St Mary's' since its launch in September.
The inaugural event, a Quiz Evening in Bottesford Bowls Club, was well supported, with 70 'quizzers' challenged by questions compiled by John Daybell, Chairman of the Friends. They enjoyed excellent refreshments and the evening raised over £400 towards the cost of refurbishing the exterior doors of St Mary's by 'Cob' George. This work is an amazing transformation and visible evidence of the first project to be funded by the Friends. Thanks to all who have joined 'Friends', those who supported the Quiz, and the Bowls Club for being excellent hosts.

From Russia, with Music

St. Petersberg Choir, photo © Ted Rayson

On 24th November, the St Petersburg Choir 'Voskresenije', which means 'Resurrection', gave a memorable concert in St Mary's church. Before arriving in Bottesford they had performed in many churches and cathedrals including St David's Cathedral in Wales, St Mary's Cathedral in Aberdeen and the Rosslyn Chapel in Edinburgh.
With just eight members under their conductor, Jurij Maruk, the choir filled the church with their sound. The first half of the programme featured Russian sacred music with the second half featuring Russian folk songs, ending with 'Kalinka'. The event attracted an audience of 130, raising over £400 for the Friends. The choir enjoyed performing at St Mary's and appreciated the enthusiasm of the audience. The Friends thanks its members and all who came to enjoy an inspiring musical experience.

St Mary's Christmas Fair

Traditional and familiar once again proved to be a successful formula for St. Mary's Fair in the first week of Advent. A beautiful, cold but sunny day encouraged people to turn out and the church looked and felt warm and welcoming. There were 20 different stalls and refreshments. Live, seasonal music on organ, flute and guitar added to the enjoyment and a healthy £2,000 was made for church funds. A big thank you to all who contributed in any way.

Protection against the theft of lead from St Mary's Church

In 2011 there have been 83 reports of lead stolen from Leicestershire churches. Five churches in the Vale have lost lead, some more than once. The cost of replacement and repairing damage has cost insurers, churches and communities millions of pounds. St Mary's has been forced to act urgently by installing a roof protection system. The cost of **over £7000** is unexpected and comes on top of already overstretched finances. Even then insurance cover is capped way below the actual value of lead on our roofs.
The Friends of St Mary's has generously agreed to cover the costs as its funds allow. Any donations from members and the community will be extremely welcome. If ***you*** are able to donate (by cheque to Friends of St Mary's, Bottesford at the Parish Office, Rectory Lane, Bottesford) your contribution will be very gratefully received.

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Autumn Fair

There was a good turnout for the Village Hall annual Fair in October. Some came to get early Christmas presents, others to try the tombola and plenty came for a cuppa, slice of cake and a good natter. The Fair raised over £760 which will help to maintain our glorious Village Hall.

Bottesford Community Heritage Project is continuing to tell stories of our villages and their people on the website www.bottesfordhistory.org.uk and to display a new theme each fortnight on the noticeboard outside the Co-op. We welcome feedback and new members to keep our local history investigations going and bring in new ideas (there is no charge). You can post comments on the website, where you can also add your own pages and pictures. No computer? No problem! Call Neil Fortey on 843320 or Sue Dunsmore on 843280 to add your memories and pictures, or for information. The project is developing an online gallery of pictures from its archive of village photographs. In 2012 we are planning a series of open meetings to view this gallery and invite contributors and others to add information about the people, places and events in them.

A Bottesford 'dame' school, ca.1900 - from the collection of Rosemary Frost

'The end of an era in Bottesford'

The Grantham Journal reported in 1991 that 3 business owners in Bottesford were going to retire. The George family had owned a butcher's shop on the High Street since 1951. Eric and Margaret George were selling the business and going on their first holiday in 33 years! Five years later, the shop became a sorting office for the Post Office and a house now occupies the site.

Mrs Nancy Moulsher's grocery shop on Market Street had been open for forty years. The shop is now the Rutland Studio.

Douglas and Jean Watchorn moved to Bottesford in 1955, first opening a haberdashery and wool shop in 1960. They moved to the late Rosie Dyer's grocery store on Chapel Street in 1973 when she retired and continued to sell groceries, wool, haberdashery and sweets. The building is now a house.

Mr William Samuel's store on Market Street

The old photograph of Samuel's Store in our last issue reminded readers of subsequent occupants.

Mrs. Irene Robinson's father Mr. A.E. Greaves repaired small electrical items such as irons although he did sell some large electrical goods too. The family stayed at the shop until 1953 when David Ball's family moved there. His father sold and repaired shoes. Mr. Denis Kirk of Plungar attended Bottesford School in 1931. He recalls sweets such as tiger and monkey nuts, and going in the shop with large groups of light-fingered children! He remembers Mr Samuel travelling the Vale with his horse and cart delivering groceries.

New Facilities for Our Schools

Belvoir High School has a new all-weather pitch, and in the New Year improvements to the school sports hall will be available for pupils.

A new classroom is nearing completion at the Primary School. It is an unusual shape, nothing like the traditional temporary class rooms used to be. It has a pitched roof and cedar cladding, and is self-contained with its own cloak-room and toilets. The classroom is needed to meet an expected demand for school places at our popular Primary School in the coming years.

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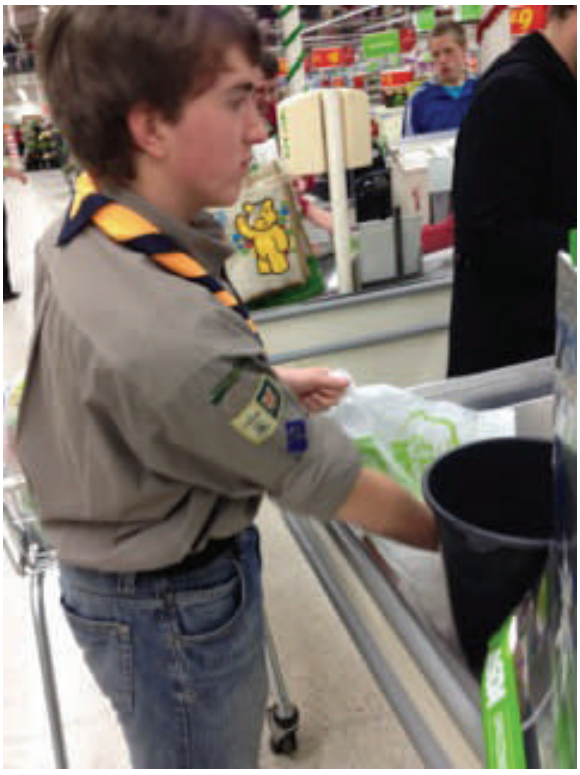
SATS results The Primary School SATS results for 2011 show that the school's results met the national standard but also exceeded it in many cases, making the school very successful academically.

Ben Anderson



Ben Anderson

"One of the most prestigious awards in scouting is the Explorer Belt."

In August 2012, nine other Explorer Scouts and myself, if we raise enough money, will be able to go to Croatia and undertake the main task, which is to find out about the culture and environment of the country compared to England. In previous Explorer Belt expeditions, scouts have been to Germany and the Czech Republic.

There are also other mini-tasks to complete, for example, "Get into a newspaper in the foreign country". These tasks will be given to us when we get to Croatia, therefore we will not be able to plan ahead.

After the 12 day expedition, we need to collect the information and present it to judges and see if we have done well enough to receive the Explorer Belt.

I have been a scout since I was six and am now 15. I will always be involved in scouting because I have made friends that I will keep for life. I have seen young children grow when I help with Cubs and Scouts (8-14) every week. Others in the group help with younger children in more sections.

The cost of this once-in-a-lifetime trip is £700 per person which we hope to raise ourselves, but we need a huge amount of help. Throughout the next few months we will be undertaking various fund-raising events. We will also be asking local companies for help, and the Vale of Belvoir Lions. If you could offer any help, little or large, please phone 01949 844837, or email me on benanderson96@btinternet.com"

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A new location for the police office

The Melton Rural North neighbourhood police team is now located in an office on the Belvoir High School site - at the top end of the main drive on the right hand side, opposite the Boiler Room.

The team, PC 210 Mark Longden, PC 4364 Sharon Roscoe and PCSO 6622 Robert Wood, hold Beat Surgeries in Muston from 11 - 1 pm. (2nd Tuesday of the month) and at Pizzini, Bottesford, at 11 - 1 pm. (3rd Tuesday of the month). The Police use the office as a base but are not there all the time. You can email your local beat officer via http://www.leics.police.uk or phone 101, and when prompted, type in the officer's number (as above) and leave a message. They will get back to you.

The police volunteers operate at the police office: Mondays 2 pm – 4 pm, Wednesdays 6 pm – 8 pm (currently under review) and Fridays 10 am - 12 pm. They help with queries or problems when the police are unavailable and can arrange for you to meet an officer on another date if you wish. Interested in becoming a volunteer? Call Malcolm Grant on 860928.

Call 101

In any emergency, always call 999. But…call 101 for less urgent matters and general enquiries. If you are deaf, or hearing impaired, use textphone 18001 101

Slow Down!

This was the message to everyone at the start of the Community Speed Watch. Over 350 written pledges of support were received locally and 20 volunteers trained to use the speed control equipment.

The team monitored 10 sites in our villages and recorded 488 cars driven over the speed limits. The highest speed through Bottesford was a shocking 65mph. Whilst there were a few drivers who disagreed with the project, there was massive support from most of our residents, who were delighted that the speeding problem is finally being addressed.

The monitoring will continue intermittently and there are to be three further phases planned throughout 2012.

Additional volunteers are needed, including representatives from Muston and Easthorpe. For more information call Mike Wilson, County Co-ordinator, on 0116 3057336.

News from Neighbourhood Watch

Distraction burglaries Elderly residents have been approached by women claiming to be from abroad, saying they are lost. Whilst talking they steal from the women's handbags. Please be vigilant and report any incidents to the police.

iPad security Leicestershire police reported that a stolen iPad was returned to its owner after free software ('Mobile Me') loaded onto the iPad, along with an application called 'Find my iPad', enabled him to locate the stolen item. He alerted the police who then recovered the goods. PC Jamie Hughes said, "I would urge all owners of ipads and the latest iphones to download the free software onto their equipment. In this case we were able to return the laptop to a very grateful man within a matter of days so it's got to be worth it."

Litter, loathsome litter

On a damp autumn morning, we were not exactly overwhelmed with volunteers for litter picking – maybe it was the fluorescent tabards that put you off?

Thanks to the stalwart band who turned out, 12 bags of grot – plus a few hub caps and other motor discards were collected.

It is intended to make litter picking a twice yearly treat so if you missed out this time, don't be disappointed, there will be another date soon.

Lets hope the litter droppers, especially bottle breakers, will have a lower profile during the winter – and that ALL pooch owners will take advantage of the poop-bags available free of charge from the Library.

Thank you to the Parish Council for organizing the black sacks, gloves etc.

SPOTLIGHT ON….
Revd Lesley Taylor, Methodist Minister

Since the summer of 2007, Lesley Taylor has been the Methodist Minister with pastoral charge of Bottesford, Great Gonerby, and Christ Church, Grantham, within the location of Grantham and the Vale of Belvoir circuit. In September 2010 she became Superintendent Minister of the Circuit, and also took pastoral charge of Barkston.

Being Superintendent means continuing to care for her four churches but also leading a team of two other full-time ministers, a full-time and three part-time lay workers. The team covers 15 churches stretching from East Bridgford to Grantham, and in the south, Colsterworth and Skillington. As Superintendent, Lesley is responsible for the day to day running of the Circuit.

She is also really interested in how churches can be enabled to change and meet the challenges of the world in which we live, believing that the church still has an important message for the world. That message is of love, hope and forgiveness, which find best expression in life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

And Spotlight on … Rosemary

After attending Belvoir High School and King Edward VIIth in Melton Mowbray, Rosemary undertook a three year apprenticeship at the County Salon in Melton. She then attended South Field College, Leicester, where she gained her City & Guilds and was awarded the annual Federation Shield for Proficiency in Practical Hairdressing.

In the early 80s she worked in Deacon's Salon, Market Street, Bottesford. When this salon closed she saw an opportunity and, in 1986, with the support of husband Bruce, she opened Mane Line Salon on the ground floor of their home on High Street.

In 1993 they purchased the Queen Street premises, which took a year to renovate, and opened their salon in 1994.

She has trained several apprentices, some going on to open their own salons, and seen quite a drastic change in hairdressing styles over the years. Ironically, 23 years to the day of opening she became ill with cancer, but with loving and loyal support from family, friends, clients and staff, she is now back working full-time and counts her blessings that she is able to celebrate 25 years in business.

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What's On in January...

Sun 1st 10am	VoB Ramblers – Langar, Notts, 5 mile. New Year's Day walk for Ramblers' Festival of Winter Walks. Contact Jan 0115 9825600.
Mon 9th 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 10th 1.30pm	U3A AGM, followed at 2pm by 'Sharing Interests'. VC Hall
Weds 11th 11.30am	Health Walk, meet in Walford Close. Then to Muston via Easthorpe. Lunch at The Gap. All welcome. Contact Sue 843280
Thurs 12th 7.30pm	Local History Society. The Origin of the Bramley Apple – Mr R Merryweather. Fuller Rooms
Sun 15th 2.30pm	East Midland Orchid Society VC Hall. Orchid hunting in South America, Phillip Seaton. Non-members welcome. Contact Mick Armstrong - 842668
Tues 17th 7.30pm	W.I. Murder Mystery Night! VC Hall.
Sun 29th 10am	VoB Ramblers – Wymondham, Leics, 9.5 miles. Explore the Leics Wolds in search of the source of the Witham.

And in February

Fri 3rd 10 to 10.30am	Wriggly Readers at Bottesford Library. Babes to young children; songs, rhymes, stories.
Mon 6th 8pm	Bottesford Gala Committee meeting in the Meeting Room of the Village Hall. New people welcome to join us.
Weds 8th 12.45pm	Health Walk (Start 1pm, takes 30 – 60 mins). Welby Practice. All welcome. Contact Sue 843280 for details.
Thurs 9th 7.30pm	Local History Society. Photography in Local History – Sue Clayton. Fuller Rooms.
Fri 10th 7pm for 7.30pm	Dove Cottage Quiz Night at Hose Village Hall. Tickets £7.50 incl two-course supper. Bar available. Tel: 01949 860303 or email lisa@dovecottage.org.
Mon 13th 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 14th 2pm	U3A - The Work of the P.D.S.A. by Shaun Beach - VC Hall
Sun 19th 2.30pm	East Midland Orchid Society VC Hall. One year of wildlife, Gian Ferrari. (expect superb photography). Non-members welcome.
Tues 21st 7pm	W.I. Annual Meeting. VC Hall.
Fri 24th 7.30pm for 8pm	Dove Cottage Sportsman's Dinner with Premiership Referee Howard Webb. Holwell Sports and Social Club, 41 Welby Road, Asfordby Hill. Tickets £25.00 incl 2-course dinner. Tel: Adrian Stannard 07980 620553 or Lisa on 01949 860303.
Sat 25th 7.30pm	Friends of the Primary School Annual Curling Challenge. Teams of four compete for The Challenge Cup. No experience needed, a guaranteed fun night. Tickets £7.50 including a hot meal and a licensed bar. Details from Kathryn on 842333, or school office.
Wed 29th 10am	VoB Ramblers. Calverton/Oxton, Notts. 9 miles day walk. Iron Age forts and historical villages. One short climb.

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

Parish Council News

Dermot Daly is the new Chair of the Parish Council and Gareth Broome has been co-opted onto the Council. If you are interested in joining the Parish Council please contact the Clerk, Mrs B M Taylor on 843611 or e-mail: bottesfordpc@tiscali.co.uk.

Wanted!

New singers. Interested in joining the Cranmer Singers? They will be singing at Chichester, St.David's, Gloucester and Durham Cathedrals as well as Bottesford. For more information on joining this friendly choir phone Deborah on 851030 or 0775 909 1160.

Bin Day Club helpers needed to help the existing team please. For more information contact Teresa Patchett on teresa@patch-corner-crafts2004.co.uk or 07815 712110.

HGVs in Bottesford

If you believe an HGV has breached the parish weight restricted zone call 101 or email **weight.restricted@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk**

The Vale of Belvoir Lions Annual Bonfire and Fireworks display was a roaring success. The crowds enjoyed the Lions famous burgers, and the Friends of Bottesford Primary School's hot chocolate and mulled wine were greatly enjoyed. The event made a profit of £2,856 for charity, a great result. Many thanks to all who supported this event.

Vale of Belvoir Probus Club welcomes retired and semi retired businessmen to join them. They meet twice a month on Wednesdays for friendship, chat, a speaker and an optional lunch. There is also a full social programme for members, family and friends. For more information contact David French on 875466 or e-mail dandjfrench@btinternet.com

Bring me sunshine ….. (with apologies to Morecambe & Wise)

40 high quality PV Solar Panels have been installed on the roof of the VC Hall with the help of grants from both Leicestershire County Council's Shire Grants scheme and the Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All. With a total system size of 7.6kWp, these panels should reduce the Hall's electricity bills by approximately £355 per year and give a regular income of approximately £2500 a year, guaranteed for 25 years, through the feed in tariff system. "It was an opportunity not to be missed", said Treasurer, Norman Robinson. "We had a huge expanse of roof facing almost due south. Reduced electricity bills and a regular income from the feed-in tariff will give the village hall sustainability for the future, as well as saving around 3.5tons of CO_2 a year."

British Legion

The annual collection in November for the British Legion, on their 90th anniversary, raised nearly £3,000 - an increase of £200 on last year! The Legion provide financial, social and emotional support to millions who have served, or are serving, in the Armed Forces. Thank you for your support of this worthy charity – and to the great team of collectors, new and old.

A fun start to the Christmas season

Shoo Shoo Baby's Christmas Party at the VC Hall on Sunday 4th December was a very enjoyable evening's entertainment provided by two talented singers and their keyboard player. Their repertoire included traditional Christmas songs, some with original adaptations and a humorous slant, a few opportunities for audience participation plus a variety of other well known songs. A good time was had by all!

The Vamos Theatre company return to the VC Hall to perform 'Much Ado About Wenlock', based on their 'Olympian Games' which were held in this small Shropshire village in 1850 when mayhem ensued. Tickets are available from Gill Chiswell on 842868 and from The Spar, The Deli and from www.wegottickets.com.

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Sport

Bottesford Cricket Club end of season awards

All the teams performed well this season and thanks go to the players for their commitment and enthusiasm, and to the coaches, officials and parents for making it all possible.

	Saturday Senior 1st Eleven	Saturday Senior 2nd Eleven	Sunday Eleven GMCA Division	Under 15s	Under 13s
Batting	Nick Silverwood	Simon Rickett	Jake Hutchinson	Danny Barratt	Aidon Brooks
Batting average	Jim Ward	Ian Seymour	Phil Irvine		
Bowling	Alistair Culpin	Simon Silverwood	Jake Hutchinson	Danny Copley	Ryan Charlesworth
Bowling average		Mike Haskins	Matt Irvine		

The Under 11 hardball cricket team also had a good season and the lads were a credit to the club.

Danny Barratt

Star of the night was Danny Barratt who in addition to winning the Under 15s Batting award was also presented with the Brian Jallands Trophy for Best Young Cricketer. He also won the Senior's Hat Trick Award by taking three wickets in three balls away to Bramcote Saturday 2nd Eleven.

Well done to Danny and to all the other award winners!

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