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# Village Voice

The newsletter of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton

## The Queen's Visit to Leicester

When the Queen, Prince Philip and the Duchess of Cambridge visited Leicester in March for the first of their Jubilee visits across the country, some pupils and staff from our Primary School were one of only 20 schools invited to attend in the grounds of Leicester Cathedral. They reported that it was quite a phenomenal experience.

Year 6 pupil, Oisin Castro, reported, "I was stunned. It's not everyday that you say, 'I met the Queen today!' If I dared [which I didn't], I could have reached out and touched her.

She looked animated whilst talking to my classmates Tia and Alice. Accepting their flowers, she carried on her short journey along the winding path. Ecstatic spectators screeched as the royal party made its way through the crowds, where all three of them were overwhelmed with gifts.

When the royal guests left for lunch after half an hour the mood changed dramatically as everyone moaned about how famished they were. Eventually we were led to the Cathedral where we tucked into our packed



lunches. Afterwards we said our farewells to the royal party. A large crowd of school children waited patiently in anticipation for one last glance of the Queen. An almighty cheer arose as the royal party appeared through some sliding doors. They climbed into the royal car, the engine burst into life, and they were off".

A wonderful day, one to remember forever.



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## "Sing Up" Award

Well done to Bottesford Primary School for receiving this award. The Assessor commented that the school provided "super evidence" and showed a wide variety of achievements and opportunities during the school day when pupils were engaged in singing activities. Under the direction of Mrs Mills, the awards' champion for the school, pupils set high standards in class, group and solo performance as well as developing good leadership. The Assessor also commented on the tuneful singing of staff at an INSET day.

## Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June, Bottesford village is holding a Celebration Party on the Jubilee Green opposite the Skateboard Park. With the theme of 'Picnic in the Park' the event will start mid afternoon and will include the Lions' famous burgers and, hopefully, bands playing later in the day. The event will finish at 9.30pm with fireworks! Keep an eye out for more news on [www.bottesford.org.uk](http://www.bottesford.org.uk)



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## Muston Parish merges with Bottesford

In March 1962, the Grantham Journal reported there was going to be a reorganisation of Leicestershire Parish boundaries. With a population of 195, Muston had been without a Rector since 1944 and services had been led by a number of preachers from other parishes. However by order of the Queen, the parishes of Bottesford and Muston were to be united. The Revd. Bill Metcalfe was to be inducted as Rector of the United Benefice and his first sermon as Rector of Muston was on Mothering Sunday 1962. The Journal article also reported the church organ was well nigh unplayable. Mrs Whiting, the schoolmistress, and Mrs Dewey coaxed tunes out of it and Mr Topps valiantly pumped the bellows. Mr Richard Donger, a local farmer, had initiated a memorial fund to his late mother that developed into an appeal to completely overhaul the organ and have electric bellows installed at a cost of £150. Muston village school with 15 pupils had managed to fight off closure plans for many years but was eventually closed in 1962.

## Bottesford's new Cricket pavilion opened in 1962

The Grantham Journal reported that Bottesford Cricket Club's new cricket pavilion would be ready for the coming season and would provide 'two dressing rooms and a large room for the serving of teas'.

## Former Paralympian guest of honour

Irene Hotchin, who represented GB at swimming and shot putt at the Paralympic Games of 1984 and 1988, brought her medals along to the performance of "Much Ado about Wenlock" at the VC Hall on Sunday 25th March. Irene gave a brief talk about her successes and this linked in with the Vamos Theatre production which had an Olympic theme.



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## Friends of Bottesford Primary School Curling Challenge

The annual Friend's Curling Challenge raised over £500, which was used to purchase much needed books for the school library.

The lucky winners of the Challenge are pictured below.



## St. Patrick's Day celebrations for Bottesford Primary School

Pupils from the primary school, who attend a local dance class for one hour a week, had pride of place in the annual parade. They performed in front of over 5,000 people in Nottingham Market Square. The girls will perform at the Gala (7<sup>th</sup> May) and Scarecrow Festival.



## Scarecrow Festival weekend of 23rd and 24th June

This year's theme for the annual Scarecrow Festival, organised by Friends of the Primary School, is "**The Alternative Olympics**" and will feature the Games that never quite made it, i.e. Skipping, Knitting, Roller Skating, Wheelbarrow Racing and even Tiddly-Winks.

Judging will take place from 10.00am on the Saturday and the Fair on the Primary School field is on Sunday from 12.00pm.

Entry forms will be available from local shops and the Primary School and all members of the community are encouraged to enter, including local shops and businesses. More information from Kathryn Hinscliff-Smith on 842333 or visit: <http://www.bottesford.org.uk>

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## 7th May 2012 - Bottesford Gala – Save the date!

The 2012 Bottesford Gala promises to be the biggest and best yet – so make sure it's in your diary. The fun starts at 10.30am with a traditional parade, arriving at the Village Hall field at 11am when the rest of the attractions start and the gala fun truly begins. Entry to the field is just £1, with accompanied children free.

The Main Arena attractions include Maypole Dancing, Dance School, Irish Dancing and a Tug o'War competition, with the Dog Show in a separate arena. Children's events include Punch and Judy, inflatables, glitter tattoos, a mini train and a pony attraction.

There will be over 30 stalls, including those within the Village Hall, and a range of refreshments including the Lions' Barbeque, a licensed bar outside, teas, cakes and plenty of seating inside (all wheelchair accessible).

The Gala wouldn't be possible without the huge effort from a team of volunteers from the village. Planning starts months beforehand and the Gala simply wouldn't happen without those people giving their time. The team organising the Gala look forward to seeing everybody at this great May Bank Holiday celebration!

### The Binday Club

The highly successful Bottesford Binday Club, which is held between 7 and 9pm in the Fuller Rooms every Thursday throughout the year, is looking to recruit volunteer helpers who will become part of a rota. If you are interested in helping please contact Karen Pye-Smith on 843727 or [Karen.pye-smith@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:Karen.pye-smith@oddfellows.co.uk)

### Senior Section

A group of Bottesford Senior Section Guides are currently fundraising to visit Busembatia in Uganda in July 2013 with a charity called Watering Roots. They hope to continue some of the work Teresa Patchett (Unit Leader) started on her visit last year. They are holding table top sales in the Scout Hut on the 3rd Saturday of every month as well as taking part in numerous bag packing events and coffee mornings. There will be stalls on Bingham market in the Easter and Summer holidays, at the May Day Gala and the Car Boot Sale. They are also planning a Casino Night at Belvoir High School. If you can donate any clothing, toys, bric-a-brac, games, books, raffle prizes etc which can be sold at their events, please contact Teresa on 07815 712110.

### Remember – "No Cold Calling" means don't open the door

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**What's On in May...**

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> 10am-5pm	'Art and Snacks' at Bottesford Methodist Church, Devon Lane.
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> 2pm-5pm	Vale of Belvoir Art Society Spring Art Show. Original art and prints for sale.
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> 10am-5pm	Enquiries: Gill Thomson - Hon Sec, 01400 281025 Ploughman's Lunches, Cream Teas and many more tempting goodies and drinks, Chapel Schoolroom. Also plants, cards, crafts and bric-a-brac. Available until 4pm. Details Glenys Bradshaw 01949 842893
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bottesford <b>Mayday Gala</b> and <b>VoB Lions BBQ</b>
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	U3A - 'Life and other problems' Speaker: Judy Theobald, who is a presenter on Radio Lincs. - VC Hall
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup> 12.45pm	Health Walk, meet at Welby Practice, Walford Close. Exploring Muston Nature Reserve. Refreshments at Muston Tea Rooms. All welcome.
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	Bottesford Methodist Friendship Group, 2.30pm, Church Schoolroom. Speaker Mary Owen 'Fair Trade'. Refreshments served. All are welcome. Further details Glenys Bradshaw, 842893.
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Bottesford Local History Society. Fuller Rooms. Speaker: John Daybell - 'Early Belvoir'.
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> 7pm for 7.30	Bingo in the Scout Hut, Albert Street in aid of funding Guides' Camping. Eyes down at 7.30 pm.
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> 1.30pm - 4.00pm	Dove Cottage, Canal Lane, Stathern. Annual Grand Summer Fete in the beautiful gardens at the Hospice. Music, stalls, refreshments. Entry free, car parking £2.50
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> 7.15pm	Parish Council meeting. Fuller Rooms. Residents welcome as observers and for 15 minutes at the start may address the council with questions or concerns .
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	W.I. - Resolutions & Annual Supper - VC Hall.
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm In Church	Hatfield Colliery Brass Band Concert (Friends of St. Mary's) Tickets £10 (£8 for Members) from Parish Office—Tel: 842859 or Co-op / Spar
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	East Midland Orchid Society. 'General terrestrial orchids'. Speaker: D. Denness of ABC Orchids. Non-members welcome.
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	Bottesford Methodist Friendship Group, 'A Day in the Life of a Lay Reader' by Judith Wells. Everyone welcome. Further details Glenys Bradshaw, 842893.
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> 10am	VoB Ramblers. Woolsthorpe, 6 miles. Easy walking on canal & field paths for Get Walking Weekend. Car Parking on road near Rutland Arms (Mucky Duck). Call 0115 9825600 for a free programme.

**And in June....**

Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bottesford Methodist Friendship Group - River Trip Outing. 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 - 'The Raising of the Mary Rose' Jean Townsend. VC Hall
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> 12.45pm	Health Walk, meet in Walford Close. Londonthorpe Woods. Refreshments at Belton Garden Centre. All welcome
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	VoB Ramblers. Granby, 4½ miles. Contact: 0115 9825600
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Bingo in the Scout Hut, Albert Street. See Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> May. Eyes down at 7.30 pm.
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Cranmer Singers' Jubilee Concert in St. Mary's Church.
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> . And Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> .	Open Gardens - Programmes from Spar, Zaro's or Parish Office Tel: 842859
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	East Midland Orchid Society VC Hall. The Writhlington School Project. Speaker: Dr. Lauren Gardiner of Kew. All are invited including non-members.
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	W.I. -Talk about the work of Barnardos by Mr. D. Carroll and Mr. A. Dearman at the VC Hall.
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> 2.30pm	Bottesford Methodist Friendship Group - Members/Games Afternoon. 2.30pm Chapel School room. Refreshments. Details Glenys Bradshaw 842893.
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Local History Society - Annual Summer Outing
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> . 10 am to 2 pm	Plant Sale & Summer Fair/ Bar-B-Q at Underacre, 13 Castleview Road, Easthorpe Proceeds to St. Mary's Church.
Sat / Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> Scarecrow Festival by Friends of Bottesford Primary School. Theme: 'The Alternative Olympic Games' plus many other events by and for the children at the school. <b>And on Sunday, VoB Lions BBQ</b>
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> . 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm	An evening of 'Wine and Roses' at Belvoir Lodge, the home of Frances, Duchess of Rutland. Tickets £12.50 (Concessions £ 7.50). Enquiries to Parish Office Tel: 842859

**Important:** To publicise your event in the 'What's On' column for July or August, please ring 844823 or email t.taffs@btinternet.com by **30<sup>th</sup> June**.

## LETTERS:

### Bottesford's Banksy

Bottesford has its own community-spirited graffiti 'artist'. Alert residents will have spotted unofficial orange spray painted signs requesting dog walkers to avoid fouling the pavement. And yes, the grammar is correct because the high level of dog excrement within the village is the responsibility of those who fail to clean up after their pets.

So well done 'Banksy'; the sentiment of your message must be shared by the vast majority of those who tread the streets of Bottesford in fear of bringing home more than pleasant memories of their walk.

*Name and address supplied*

### 'Do you know this bear?'

A big thanks to Mrs Collett and Village Voice for publishing 'Do you know this bear?' Since he got stuck in May 2010 we have regularly been visiting him 'camping with the squirrels', but now Teddy has safely returned home.

This photo shows my son reunited with Teddy taken close to the spot he was due to land in his parachute.

Many thanks again, Beverley



### New courses at the Community Centre

A two-session upholstery and soft furnishings workshop will be held in June and the new autumn programme will be available soon for courses starting in September 2012. For more details visit the Centre near Belvoir High School or phone: 844199 or email: [Julia.Madgwick@leics.gov.uk](mailto:Julia.Madgwick@leics.gov.uk)

### The "Downtown" Bus

Runs on Thursdays and leaves the High Street at 10.48 am and returns from Downtown at 2 pm.

### Improvements to Bottesford Bowls Club

Efforts to improve the Club's premises never stop and the latest project has been the replacement of the wooden conservatory with UPVC double glazed windows and doors. All the work was carried out by members of the Club who have given their time and expertise to keep costs to a minimum.

### Cash for your Community 2012

Leicestershire County Council has made £10,000 available for communities in the Vale to invest in local projects of their choice. Local people will vote for the favourite projects, and those which get the most votes will be funded. Key dates are: Project proposals submitted by 24<sup>th</sup> May;

proposals on the web site by 25<sup>th</sup> May; voting on 14<sup>th</sup> June in Melton.

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# Sports News



## Bowls Club

Bottesford has a facility that is the envy of many clubs in the area and it is there for you to enjoy. Lawn bowls is a sport that anyone can enjoy and inter-club games and the Monday Club Night provide the casual bowler with the opportunity to participate. The Club is hoping that a bowls coach will be there on Monday nights to teach the principles and the etiquette of the game.

For more information contact: [Paulinep775@aol.com](mailto:Paulinep775@aol.com)

## Young cricketers identified.

In Issue 58 of Village Voice a cricketing memories picture was included with a request for the identities of two boys who were watching the game. These have now been named as Michael Bradshaw and Brian Towsey.

## Junior teams at Bottesford Cricket Club

If you would like to play cricket for the club please get in touch with team managers. All teams play in the Newark District League.

Under 11s (School years 5/6), Andy Morley on 842488.

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## Kwik Cricket 2012

Due to the fantastic success of previous years we asked everyone to pre-register with the Club before training starts at the end of April. If you

## Football update

Bottesford Football Club continues to serve the community and the Under 8s Team Manager, Chris Millard says, "Whilst results are of secondary importance at this stage to the lads' enjoyment and seeing them participate in sport, results are now going our way and we look forward to competing in the NNYL for many seasons to come".



The team trains at the Nottingham Road ground and the Club is proud of their own facilities. Some of the parents used to play football for the Club themselves and one still does play for Bottesford Veterans!

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