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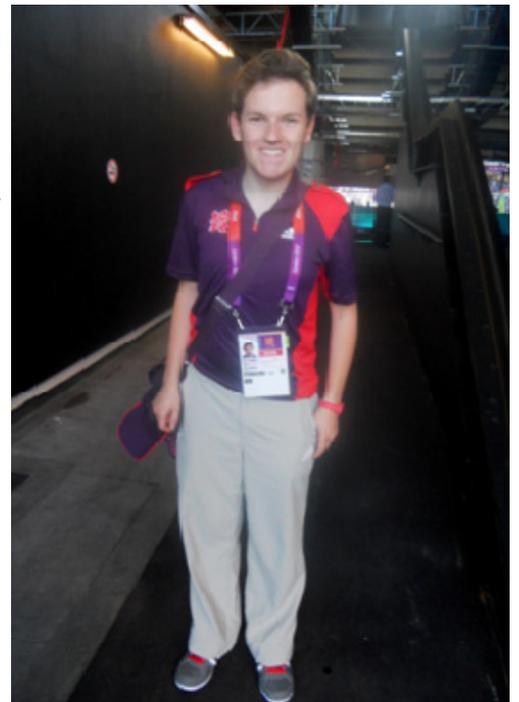
Four Olympic Gamesmakers from Bottesford

In the June/July issue of Village Voice we asked if anyone was volunteering at the Olympics (and Paralympics) and so far we have found four Gamesmakers, who all did very different jobs but all worked at the Olympic Park.

Hugh Clarke worked inside the main stadium. The Games were a good distraction for him as he was waiting for his A level results at the time. Hugh is shown in a separate photo as he is now at University.

Stuart Colledge also worked in the Olympic stadium leading a team of 10 Young Gamesmakers (aged 16 to 18) from Newark Athletics Club, where he is head coach. The young peoples' role was to stand behind each athlete with a basket, collect their unwanted clothes and take them to the collection point. He was working at two finals as well as several heats and semi finals. Oscar Pistorius shook the hand of the Newark teenager carrying his clothes, and Stuart saw many famous athletes including Jess Ennis, Bolt and Blake. Stuart said, 'I've been involved in athletics as competitor, coach and official for many years and always followed the Olympic Games on TV. It felt really surreal actually being at the Games'.

Ros Scherler and Susan Meech worked in the non-venue areas of the park. Ros was a 'last mile' volunteer and wore a pink bib and sometimes waved a big foam pink hand. Her job was to direct people into the ticket gates at the start of the day and out towards the buses, tubes and trains at the end.



Susan provided information to visitors, scanned tickets and took hundreds of photographs. Ros and Susan both worked at the opening ceremony and enjoyed watching the events unfold (and seeing David Beckham!).

All four Gamesmakers agree that this was one of the most exciting and memorable things that they have ever done.

Bowjangles' perform Bowlympics in the village hall

Once again the professional theatre company provided us with a night to remember. Bowjangles performed the extraordinary comedy feat of combining sporting prowess with excellent musicianship. One member of the audience said, 'Their performance of a boxing match whilst playing the theme tune to the film 'Rocky' had to be seen to be believed'. The performance was part of the Centre Stage scheme, funded by the Arts Council, Leicestershire County Council and Melton Borough Council. Half of any profits go to the village hall and the other half goes back into the scheme. To find out about future events go to <http://bottesford.org.uk/>



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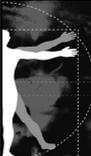


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Professional theatre in the village hall - Oscar Wilde's
'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime'

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Rocket Theatre's hilarious retelling of this classic story revels in the wit of Wilde, whilst borrowing from Wodehouse, to create a wicked black comedy that fizzles with fun. Join Lord Arthur and his valet for an evening of ludicrous indulgence. More information on: www.rocketteatre.co.uk.

The show is promoted by Centre Stage, is suitable for ages 14+ and is on Sunday 10th Feb at 7.30pm in the village hall. Tickets available from the Spar, Zaro's Deli, and <http://www.wegotickets.com/> or by calling 842868.

Power to the People!

In 1992 Bottesford villagers brought about two local victories. In March, the Grantham Journal reported that due to a budget overspend, there were plans to close Bottesford Tip. A meeting at the Village Hall attracted 200 residents. Plans were made for a village petition and for a group of villagers to attend the County Council meeting at Glenfield. In June the proposal was dismissed. The Tip was saved and has become the Household Waste Recycling Centre.

When the Pharmacy on Albert Street opened in 1990, Melton Borough Council allowed only pharmaceutical and medical goods to be sold as the building was not in an area designated for shops. Mrs Sue Miles, the pharmacist, was pleased that following a petition in October the restriction was lifted.

St Mary the Virgin Bottesford: a new nave altar

It is always a pleasure to return to Bottesford and to call in at St Mary's. We recently had the enjoyable experience of bringing a fellow historian to see the Church and we were all very impressed to see the new developments beneath the Chancel Arch.

Visitors are thrilled to see the nationally famous tombs but frequently remark on the manner in which the Chancel is overloaded. This was certainly not the intention of the first Earl when he established the position for his tomb immediately west of the Chancel High Altar. He could not have anticipated how his successors to the Earldom and later Dukedom would spend hugely on such a magnificent set of monuments.

The new altar is an excellent scheme. At a stroke St Mary's becomes adapted for today's worship, since it now has a splendid nave altar for everyday use and retains a high altar for special celebrations. The Rutland monuments continue to be sited as close to the High Altar as possible. The monuments retain their grandeur, St Mary's its uniqueness, and the Manners Family who established the national fame of St Mary the Virgin Church in Bottesford can continue to take credit for such splendour. The parishioners now have an uninterrupted view of the altar at which to receive communion or a blessing, and the church community can remain in contact with each other and the clergy as the service proceeds.

St Mary's has seen many changes over the centuries. Perhaps the people of Bottesford objected strongly when the First Earl's tomb was erected, so cutting off their view of the high altar? With these new developments, St Mary's now has its own Nave Altar and as such joins the ranks of those churches of England which follow the original pattern of the great city, cathedral and monastic churches. This development is a wonderful progression for St Mary's and its congregation and it will add immensely to the religious meaning of services.

Michael Honeybone (former Bottesford resident)

(A photo of the new Nave Altar and Chancel steps will appear in our next Issue)

Carol Hinds at the WI

Carol Hinds, a broadcast journalist who works on the East Midlands Today programme, was the guest speaker at the September meeting of the WI. Her talk was full of anecdotes and was most entertaining.



Carol started as a volunteer at a local hospital radio station in London. Then she worked in studios in the West Midlands and East Anglia before joining East Midlands Today. Carol told the audience that the highlight of her career was driving a steam train for a whole day. The lowlight was spending nearly 11 hours of a wet, cold, miserable June day outside Ken Clarke's house for what a multitude of journalists thought would be a scoop. At 7.30pm only Carol and her cameraman were left and then her producer said she could go home. And it was her birthday!

Carol spoke of how technology had improved the role of reporters. They no longer have to use notebooks and pens, payphones and phone cards. She recounted the misfortunes of handwritten reports being read on air. Answering questions, Carol said that if she were no longer a broadcaster, she would like to cook and combine searching out new recipes with foreign travel.

The Big Knit created over a thousand hats

Over the past 3 months, Bottesford Knitters have been busy making tiny hats, to support the local Age UK Charity. The hats will decorate Innocent Smoothie bottles and will be on sale at Sainsbury's and Boots. Knitters from the Bottesford Day Centre, Warwick Flats Friday Knitting Group, Vale of Belvoir U3A, and Bottesford Methodist Church have knitted 1,263 hats.



A great achievement!

For more info about the knitting groups call Sue Dunsmore on 843280
Photo: Sue Dunsmore and Angela Whitehouse

Christmas Carol Singing for CRISIS*

Why not join members of the village churches on Wednesday December 19th? Meet at 6pm by the Methodist Church on the Green. We plan to sing and collect house-to-house for CRISIS until about 8pm. (If you arrive late, our route will be left on the Chapel notice board).

Carol sheets will be provided so wrap up warmly and bring your own torch and children! In case of doubtful weather on the day, ring Mary Owen on 843113.

*Crisis is the national charity for single homeless people. It's dedicated to ending homelessness and alongside its campaigning work, provides vital services for homeless people.

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Luke Wright

In 2004 and 2007 the Village Voice suggested that the name of Luke Wright was a name to remember and one to watch for in the future.

This former Belvoir High School pupil played for Bottesford Cricket Club before playing for Leicestershire. He joined Sussex as an all-rounder and has played for England. He has recently been selected for the England squad and competed in the World Twenty20 Series being played in Sri Lanka.

In 2011 he went to Sweden for surgery on a knee tendon. He considers that this saved his career although he was unable to play cricket for 4 months.

Having had a very successful winter season in Australia, he was entrusted with the No. 3 position in England's Twenty20 team, formerly held by Kevin Pietersen, scoring an impressive 99 runs against Afghanistan in England's first match of the series.

BOTTESFORD rower Callum Jones

Callum Jones has hit a new high in his promising career with a superb World Championship bronze medal. Callum was part of the British rowing team's junior men's eight which won a hard-fought bronze medal in the final race of the World Junior Championships in Bulgaria in August. The 16-year-old was one of the youngest members of the crew which clinched a place on the podium in Plovdiv with their final strokes, crossing the finish line just a canvas behind Germany who took silver, with Romania close behind.

It was the second year running Callum had been selected to compete for the British Under 19s squad at the global event, but his first world championship medal. The former Belvoir High School pupil, currently based at St Edward's College in Oxford, also tackled a challenge of a completely different kind.

He undertook a gruelling 10-day cycle ride from Lands End to John O'Groats with schoolmate Sam Macdonald-Smith to raise money for Help for Heroes. So far they have raised over £5000 and anyone wishing to support them should visit:

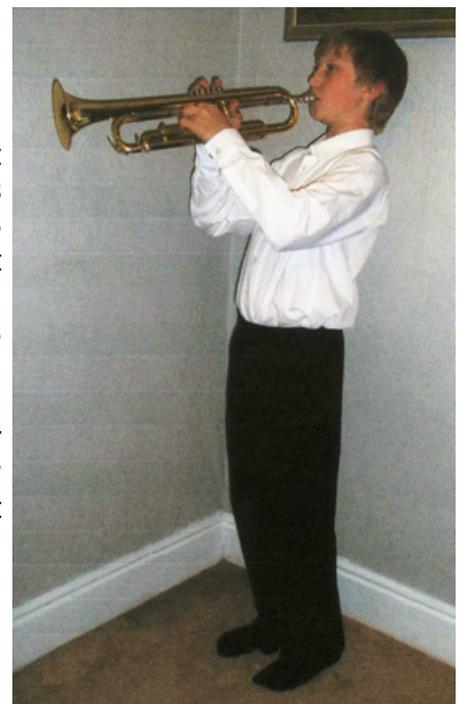
www.justgiving.com/SamMacdonald-SmithCallumJonesTip2Top

Well done Henry!

Congratulations to Henry Williams on passing his Grade 2 trumpet exam with merit.

Henry was introduced to the trumpet at Bottesford Primary School and his trumpet teacher was Julie Bassett MUS B (HONS). He completed his first trumpet solo after just 8 lessons when he was nine years of age and has played at the De Montfort Hall twice, in the Festival Wind Band at Guthlaxton College and with the Vale of Belvoir Junior Brass Ensemble. He is now working towards his grade 4 trumpet exam.

Henry would like to thank Julie Bassett, Liz Mills and Sue Cox (Piano Teacher) who accompanied him both at school and during his exam.



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What's On in November...

Fri 2 nd 6pm – 7.30pm	Police Beat Surgery at Zaro's, Queen Street. Discuss your concerns and have your say with our beat officer.
Fri 2 nd to Sat 10 th	VoB Art Society Exhibition at Elle-Je Photographic Studio, Devon Park, Normanton Lane, Bottesford.
Sat 3 rd -Gates open 6.15 Starts 7pm	Vale of Belvoir Lions Bonfire and Firework display. The late William Roberts's paddock, Devon Lane.
Sun 4 th 10am	VoB Ramblers, East Bridgford to Kneeton, return beside the Trent. 6 miles. Call 0115 9825600 for a free Vale of Belvoir Ramblers programme
Sun 4 th 1pm - 4pm	Village Hall Autumn Fair
Sun 4 th 4pm	St Mary's Church. Service for All Souls.
Weds 7 th and 21 st 12 noon to 1pm.	Lite-Bite lunch group, at the Methodist school room. Everyone is welcome on the first and third Wednesday every month . Contact - Irene Pacey 01949 843138
Thurs 8 th 2.30pm	Methodist Friendship Group AGM, Chapel Schoolroom. Refreshments served. Contact Glenys Bradshaw, 842893.
Thurs 8 th 7.30pm	Local History Society. 'Bottesford Men in W.W.1'. Speaker – David Middleton. Fuller Rooms.
Sun 11 th 10.30am	Remembrance Service - St Mary's Church.
Monday 12 th 7.15pm	Parish Council meeting. Fuller Rooms. Residents may question the council and make comments prior to the Parish Council meeting.
Tues 13 th 2pm	U3A, 'Belton House & The Brownlows' – Barrie Grice - VC Hall.
Sun 18 th 2.00 for 2.30pm	East Midland Orchid Society, VC Hall. 'General terrestrial orchids', by Daniel Denness of ABC Orchids. Complimentary tea/coffee and biscuits served before and after the meeting. All welcome. Mike Armstrong 842668
Tues 20 th 7.30pm	W.I. 'Queen Victoria' – Betty Elmer. VC Hall
Thurs 22 th 2.30pm	Methodist Friendship Group, Chapel Schoolroom. Nottinghamshire Landmarks, by Val Henstock. Refreshments. Contact Glenys Bradshaw, 842893.
Sun 25 th 11am	The Bottesford Toy Run by Triumph Owners MCC at The Red Lion, to Meres Leisure Centre Grantham, then Melton. All motorcyclists welcome – bring a toy (new or nearly new). John Bartlett: 01780 762531 - 07790583082

And in December....

Sat 1 st & Sun 2 nd 10am to 4pm	Vale of Belvoir Art Society present their Christmas Exhibition at the Fuller Room, Grantham Road, Bottesford. Original paintings, prints and cards for sale. Mulled wine and mince pies. Hon Sec: Gill Thomson 01400 281025
Sat 1 st 10.00am	St Mary's Church Christmas Fair.
Sat 1 st 11am – 3.00pm	Christmas Fayre at Dove Cottage Hospice. Lots of stalls, plus Father Christmas and refreshments. Entry by donation. To book a stall or for more information telephone 860303 or email office@dovecottage.org
Sun 2 nd 4pm	Carols for Advent in St Mary's
Mon 3 rd 7.15pm	Parish Council meeting. Fuller Rooms. Residents may question the council and make comments prior to the Parish Council meeting.
Tues 4 th 7.30pm	Gardens Association - AGM - VC Hall Committee Room
Thurs 6 th 2.30pm	Methodist Friendship Group Carol Service in the Methodist Church, Devon Lane, will be followed by refreshments in the school room. A warm welcome to everyone. Further details from Glenys Bradshaw, 01949 842893
Fri 7 th 6pm – 7.30pm	Police Beat Surgery at Zaro's, Queen Street. Discuss your concerns and have your say with our beat officer.
Sun 9 th 10.30am	Toy Service and Christmas Play at St Mary's.
Sun 9 th 7.30pm	Belvoir Wassailers Christmas Concert at St Mary Magdalene church, Waltham on the Wolds. Refreshments available. Entry is free with a retiring collection donated to Dove Cottage Hospice
Tues 11 th 2pm	U3A. V.O.B.. Christmas Party, with Rev Canon Alan Haydock. VC Hall.
Thurs 13 th 7.30pm	Local History Society. Fuller Rooms. Christmas Party
Sun 16 th 10.00am	V.O.B. Ramblers. Whatton to Aslockton and Orston along the River Smite, 5 miles. Info: 0115 9825600. Also see http://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/
Sun 16 th 2.00 for 2.30	East Midland Orchid Society. Club Dinner followed by a plant Auction.
Tues 18 th 7.30pm	W.I. - Christmas Party, with Moonlight & Rosie. VC Hall.
Weds 19 th	Carol Singing around Bottesford; 6pm from the Methodist Church.
Sun 23 rd 6.30pm	Christmas Carols by Candlelight in St Mary's Church
Weds 26 th 11am	Boxing Day - Duck Race - Mulled Wine and Mince Pies served in St Mary's

For details of Christmas services at the Baptist Church go to www.bottesfordbaptistchurch.org

Important: To publicise your event in the 'What's On' column for January or February, please ring 844823 or email t.taffs@btinternet.com by **25th November**.

The Methodist Quiz

Following the success of the last Quiz, the latest quiz sheets will be on sale (£1) from November, in the chapel schoolroom and around the village. Happy Quiz-ing over the Christmas holidays!

Rural Crime - Farming and Other Local Businesses

Our Neighbourhood Watch coordinator is clear that whilst crime levels locally are relatively low, thieves are increasingly targeting rural areas. The main targets are: power tools /quad bikes /oil/red diesel /tractors / metal /machinery /trailers /4x4 vehicles /livestock.

If you see any suspicious activity around farm and/or business premises, then try to make a note of the registration number and description of vehicle and people and contact your local police. If your call is urgent call 999, otherwise dial 101. For more detailed information on how to reduce thefts go to www.bottesfordtoday.org.uk where you will find a longer article on rural crime.



New courses starting soon at Bottesford Community Centre

There are many exciting courses at the Community Centre this autumn including those in IT: online shopping and first steps in computing, Languages: Spanish, French and Italian, Crafts: make memories, Textiles: alter, repair and renew, Jewellery Making, Exercise: pilates and yoga. Also First Aid for parents and child carers, Emergency first aid at work and Can't cook want to cook.

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Parish Council Corner

Neighbourhood Plan: A reminder to all of our residents who would like to get involved with the Neighbourhood Plan. The Council would like to have a representative community team organised by the end of the year. There are no special skills required. Anybody, young or old, who is interested in how our villages could develop over the next decade, can be part of this team.

Bottesford Parish Council Facebook Page: If you or your family have a Facebook page, keep up to date with Parish Council matters by 'Liking Bottesford Parish Council'.

Parish Councillor Vacancies: Bottesford Parish Council, which covers Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston and Normanton, is looking for two volunteers to join us. This is a very rewarding position with the opportunity to shape and challenge issues which affect us all.

If you are interested, in any aspect of the Parish Council contact Barbara Taylor on 843611 or email: clerk@bottesfordpc.org.uk

Second Vale of Belvoir Lions Fun run at Belvoir Castle

The second Belvoir Castle Fun Run has been as successful as last year's inaugural fun run, if not better! Altogether 474 runners registered, split into two separate runs, 10km and 5km. All the money from the registration fees and any sponsorship money raised will go to charity and The Lions expect this to be well over £4,000.

Full results can be found here <http://www.belvoircastlefunrun.org.uk>. The Lions wish to extend their gratitude to all the sponsors who have helped to make this event a success.

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Sports News



Bowling Bouquets

Bottesford had another good season and were winners of the League of Country Bowlers' and the Hospital Bowl (Grantham League). The Belvoir League 2-wood and 3-wood results were far better than in 2011. A fitting tribute to the 90 years that bowls has been played in the village.

The Monday Night Club has been well attended and Pauline Goodson took the trophy for the highest number of points over 6 matches. Finals weekend was busy for individual players who had to compete more than once. Jack Emmerson swept the board in all the Singles and the Pairs with either his father Mick or Len Hamer. League games in total 76, 53 wins, 2 draws and 21 losses.

A reminder to all social members and playing members - there is a programme of events during the 'closed season'.

Further details from Margaret Millington 01949 842257

Inspired Generation

Something of the Olympian spirit reached Bottesford Cricket Club this summer inspiring its young cricketers to their best season ever. All three junior teams; U11, U13 & U15, came second in their respective leagues. Cricket Club Chairman Simon Silverwood said, "The juniors have done fantastically well and are improving year on year. Much of the credit for this goes to Dave Charlesworth our senior coach and his team who have worked incredibly hard to raise the standard of coaching available."

Senior players clearly caught the fever as both first and second eleven Saturday teams, were promoted from their respective leagues. Captain Andy Norris led the first team to the South Nottinghamshire Cricket League Division D championship for the first time since 2005 while Dan Robinson led the second team to be runners-up in Division H.

The success was maintained off the pitch as the club secured Clubmark accreditation from the England and Wales Cricket Board. This award recognises the high quality of support that the club provides to its junior section and should strengthen the club's position in bidding for funds to improve its facilities.

The priority for the club is to enable more of the 70+ boys and girls attending 'Kwik Cricket' sessions for under 10s on a Friday night to continue playing the game as they get older. To do this we will need more qualified coaches. If you've been inspired by 2012's summer of sport and would like to be involved in a sporting organisation that's going from strength to strength, please contact Louise Seymour on 844094.

Girls Football

Girls Football in Bottesford is played every Sunday from 10am to 11am at the Bottesford FC football ground. All primary school age girls are welcome. As well as training, games and soccer skills, the squad will be looking to play regular games against girls from other clubs in this their second season. The cost is £2 per week. For further detail please contact Matt Burton (07540935478) or Steve Ryan (07809493835).

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