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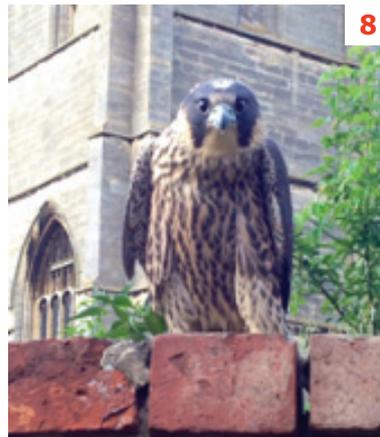
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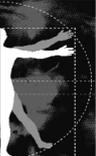


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Scarecrow Competition Raises Almost £2000

Gina Mullen, chairperson, Friends of Bottesford Primary School said 'I think it's great opening it up to surrounding villages, and that £1,700 has been raised so far'. The Friends work to raise funds for the Primary School and need new committee members, who must have a child at the School. The next committee meeting is on Monday 16th September in the Bull at 7.30 pm. And the A.G.M. will be Monday 14th October 7pm.

The competition's subject this year was children's books, which proved very popular. Winners were Cerys Brown with 'The Big Friendly Giant' (BFG), The Normantons 'The Gruffalo', and Team George 'Room On The Broom'.

Peregrines Nesting on St Mary's Church, Bottesford

The falcons have been regular visitors to the church for over three years, however this year they have nested and produced three chicks. Without any enticement or encouragement, the adults have created their nest at the base of the steeple on the tower walkway. There has been some concern over the birds nesting but overwhelmingly the response has been very positive, as nature has just taken its course. The Church Council is applying for permission for a nesting tray to be in place before the beginning of the next breeding season, and, as at St Wulfram's Church in Grantham, the introduction of a web cam is also being considered for the future.

Peregrines are protected birds and only licensed people can approach the nesting site. *Revd Mark Smith*

Bottesford's Anniversaries

In 1983 it was unfortunate that the Duke of Rutland and trustees of the Duke of Rutland's Hospital had not consulted the Planning Department at Melton about changes to the building in Normanton Lane. The Grantham Journal reported that they were named on the Court List at Melton as being in breach of the Town and Country Planning Act. Even Dukes are subject to the law!

In 1953 the Church News Sheet extended a warm welcome to the newly appointed police sergeant and his family. It was hoped that they would not find Bottesford folk too difficult and unruly, as villagers had a reputation as law-abiding and at heart 'good sportsmen'. Their only besetting sin was tittle-tattle.

In 2002 the National Lottery boosted the funds for rebuilding the VC Hall by £213,434 and the new hall was completed in 2003.

Easthorpe Extravaganza in Aid of St Mary's Church

In June the Mabbitt family opened their amazing, family-friendly garden Annual Plant Sale and Summer Fayre which raised over £1,200 for church funds.

This was followed by a Midsummer Bar-B-Q and Jazz Evening organised by the Friends of St Mary's. Around 80 enjoyed the jazz by Pete Wilde Quartet from Nottingham, which got couples dancing.

Literacy Competition

The Annual Literacy Competition for the primary school was won by Izzy Gardiner, second was Tess Welborne and Highly Commended were Niamh Thornhill and Rose Pompa. They were asked to write a descriptive report on the attractions of Skegness and what it has to offer



families. The awards were £15 first prize and £10 second and we gave the children a pen too. Well done girls and all the writers in Year 5.

The winning article is on the VV website under the Extras tab.

Wimbledon 2013

As a serving member of the RAF, Glen Sutton gets many opportunities and this year he volunteered for Service Steward duties at Wimbledon. He was selected to be on Centre Court with the Court Intrusion Team and worked every day of the Championships. He was on court for matches involving Serena Williams, Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer along with Andy Murray's semi-final, and best of all was on court for the Men's final – as the photo shows. Not surprisingly, Glen plans to reapply for duty at Wimbledon next year.



(Full report on the 'Extras' page on our website)

The Village Show for Everyone

With a cold wet winter blurring into spring it wasn't worth sowing or planting anything until May. Luckily through July everything caught up which was good for those who like to try their hand at exhibiting flowers, fruit and vegetables in the village show. This year it's on **Saturday 14th September** in the V.C. Hall. The show also has classes for Homecraft, Needlework, Arts and Crafts, and Photography, not forgetting the Children's classes which this year feature a new photography section for 5 – 15 year-olds and a "Design the 2014 Show Poster" for the juniors. It is a show for everyone, and an enjoyable social event.

Entries can be viewed from 2.30pm and trophies and prizes presented from around 4.00pm. Refreshments will be served in the afternoon and there will be a plant stall.

Brochures and entry forms from the Co-op and the Garden Shop on Grantham Road (just beyond the Skate Park, Sunday 9.30am-12.00 noon and Thursday 7.00-8.30pm).

Parisian Fundraiser

David Bates contacted us via our Facebook page to tell us he is taking his wife to Paris in September – but not for a romantic break. Instead David will be running the 35th La Grande Classique from Paris to Versailles for Macmillan Cancer Support.

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Parish Council Corner

Parish Council looks to the future

In a recent interview with Dermot Daly, chair of the Parish Council, he spoke about what it will be doing over the next few years. The Council is very keen to play a central role in parish life and is open to suggestions, and welcomes opportunities to discuss and debate issues with residents.

The Council is making great efforts to improve communication through a number of means both electronic and otherwise. For example – its web site: <http://bottesford.leicestershireparishcouncils.org/>, its Facebook page, news items in Village Voice, and a new Parish Council news board which will be erected soon.

The Council is in a good position to put plans in place now that all members and clerks have completed a nationally recognised training course.

It is also improving its financial systems and information will be provided at every meeting, and published in the minutes, of the Council's income and expenditure against budgets. It will also publish a set of accounts each year.

The Council is keen to invest in activities within the villages and is supporting a number of projects. Each project is lead by a Councillor and they include: the neighbourhood plan to guide development in future years, Destination Bottesford, to increase local purchasing, a Good Neighbour scheme to support vulnerable people, the development and improvement of play parks and the skatepark, the Youth Council, an adult outdoor gym, improvements to the old school to provide a Parish Office (which will be open to the public) and a heritage display space and improved street signage.

If you have any ideas for projects then you can let the Council know by contacting them through email or phone (all details are on their web site), or coming to the 15 minute public session before every meeting.

Two Goodbyes, a Welcome and a Vacancy on the Parish Council

Two councillors have recently resigned - Ian Kitchener was our longest serving councillor and Ian Smith, a more recent recruit. The Council now includes Karen May from the Spar.

There is another vacancy to fill. If you have the interests of our community at heart, can bring an objective approach to discussions, and can spare a few hours each month, then we would love to hear from you.

For more information, please either phone Barbara Taylor on 01949 843611, or write to The Clerk, Mrs B Taylor, Devon Farm, Bottesford, NG13 0BZ, or e-mail your details to clerk@bottesfordpc.org.uk or post a note to our Facebook page; www.facebook.com/bottesfordparishcouncil

Mobile Vehicle Activated Speed Sign

Good news. After three years of monitoring speeds through the Community Speedwatch scheme, we have now acquired a Mobile Vehicle Activated Speed sign (MVAS). The MVAS is permanent and will be randomly located at various points within the four villages.

The system will record all vehicle speeds and provide an audit of highest and average speeds which will allow the Council to agree an appropriate response with the local police authorities.

Stathern has a similar system and their highest recorded speed, within the 30 mph limit, was an eye-watering 82mph!



Youth Council Forum Success

In June two members of Bottesford Youth Council spent an exciting evening at the Belvoir Community Forum in Melton. In a nerve-racking two-minute presentation in front of a large crowd, Hannah Stokes and Jenny Pye-Smith explained that the Council had surveyed the children of the village to find out what type of playground was wanted.

They had put in a bid towards refurbishing the Grantham Road and Hoopers Close playgrounds and were really pleased when the voting on the night resulted in the Youth Council successfully gaining £3,906 toward their total.

They are now well on their way to raising enough money to install some really exciting play equipment in the village. - Hannah Stokes



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What's On in September...

Thurs 5th 2.30pm	Methodist Friendship Group, Chapel Schoolroom, Devon Lane. Talk by Belvoir First Aid. All welcome. Details, Glenys Bradshaw, 842893.
Fri 6 th 9pm start/finish @ PERA, LE13 0PB	Moonlight Sponsored Walk, 5 miles. Details and to register, phone Lisa 860303, or see www.dovecottage.org
Sat 7 th 7.30pm	Friends of St Mary's present The Hatfield Colliery Brass Band. Tickets £10 (Friends £8) from Co-op, Spar shop, Malcolm Owen (843113)
Sun 8 th 10am	VoB Ramblers. Sturton-le-Steeple, Notts. 6 Miles. Contact Jan 0115 9825600, or see www.ramblers.org.uk
Mon 9 th 7.15pm	Parish Council mtg. Old School, Muston. Residents welcome and may address council with concerns/questions for first 15 mins.
Tues 10 th 2pm	U3A. 'Lincolnshire, a Naturalist's Paradise', speaker – Stephen Lovell. VC Hall
Thurs 12 th 7.30pm	Bottesford Local History Society - AGM - Fuller Rooms - followed by discussion on WWI Commemoration Project. Speaker – Neil Fortey.
Sat 14 th 10.30am	Sponsored walk between St Mary's Bottesford and St John's Muston. Contact Laura on 842859 for more details.
Sat 14 th 2.30pm	Bottesford & District Gardens Assoc. 36 th Annual Horticultural Open Show. VC Hall. Contact Vic Martin, Secretary, 842683, or see page 3 for details.
Sun 15 th 10am in Lower Car Park	VoB Lions Third Belvoir Castle Fun Run. Spectators free in allocated areas. For more information see page 7.
Sun 15 th 2.30pm	East Midlands Orchid Society 37 th Annual General Meeting. VC Hall. Visitors & new members welcome. Phone Mike Armstrong, 842668.
Sun 15 th 6.30pm	Sunday Praise's 1st birthday service at St Mary's.
Mon 16 th 7.30pm	Friends of Bottesford Primary School. Committee meeting in The Bull.
Tues 17 th 7.30pm	W.I. Improve Your Health & Wellbeing. Speaker - Julie Bell. VC Hall.
Fri 20 th – Sun 22 nd	St Mary's Church Arts and Flowers Festival. £1 entry for adults.
Tues 24 th Doors open at 7 pm for 7.30 pm	Fashion Show & Sale in aid of the WI. at the V.C. Hall. Tickets £5 incl glass of wine or fruit punch. Tel: Margaret 842257 or Glenys 842137
Thurs 26 th 2.30pm	Methodist Friendship Group, 'Gardening With God', a talk by Lisa Smith. All welcome, refreshments served. Glenys Bradshaw 842893.
Sat 28 th Viewing 12pm, Bidding 1.30pm	Dove Cottage, Stathern. 2 nd Annual Auction & Tabletop Sale. Donation of goods to auction from 17 th Sept. Entrance free. Refreshments.
Sun 29th 10.30-11.30am	'Café Church' at the Baptist Church. Enjoy coffee, pain au chocolat, etc at a family based service. All welcome.

And in October....

Thurs 3 rd 2.30pm	Methodist Friendship Group, Chapel Schoolroom, Devon Lane. 'The Ranters' a talk by Sue Dunsmore. All welcome. See 5 th September.
Fri 4 th 7pm for 7.30 start	VoB Lions Club Annual Brains of Belvoir Quiz, VC Hall. Important; pre-register your team of 6, call Nigel Davis on 844486.
Fri 4 th 7pm for 7.30	Youth Praise at St Mary's. Phone Laura for details on 842859
Sun 6 th 10.30am	St Mary's Church Harvest Festival
Tues 8 th 2pm	U3A, 'Dirty and Smelly'. Speaker – Janice Moulds. VC Hall
Thurs 10 th 7.30pm	Local History Society – Abraham Flemming and Shakespeare's Witches. Speaker – Bob Sparham. Visitors welcome.
Sun 13 th	Belvoir Good as New Sale.
Mon 14 th 7pm	Friends of Bottesford Primary School. Annual General Meeting in The Bull. Parents, we need your help to support our school.
Mon 14 th 7.15pm	Parish Council meeting. Fuller Rooms. Residents welcome and may address council with concerns/questions for first 15 mins.
Tues 15 th 7.30pm	W.I. Group Meeting. VC Hall.
Sun 20 th 6.30pm	St Mary's Church. 'Creation Praise' Sunday Praise for October
Sat 26 th 7.30pm	Friends of St Mary's -Tommy Saville Big Band. See 7 th Sept.
Thurs 31 st 2.30pm	Methodist Friendship Group. 'A Clinic in Peru', a talk by Henry and Rose Reid. For details see 5 th Sept.

Important: To publicise your event in the 'What's On' column for November or December, please ring 844823 or email t.taffs@btinternet.com by **29th September.**

The Community Centre - What future?

The Community Centre started in 1992 as the Women's Access Project which was aimed at getting women in rural areas back into education and work, and has offered a wide variety of courses including Maths, English, Law, Taste of Shakespeare, garden design, cookery, and art. This year the courses have dwindled to just a handful and they increasingly cost more as funding is removed, such that they become almost unaffordable. We understand that Leicestershire County Council has taken over administration of the Centre. There will no longer be a friendly face at reception. So, we could ask what future is there for the Centre, and say it would be a sad loss if it was no longer there.

Flying high - Dove Cottage Charity Shop

The Bottesford shop has been open for 16 months and is already an important element of village life. The shop has a boutique feel, not like a regular charity shop. It is staffed by a job-share manager plus volunteers and everyone is welcoming and friendly. It is crammed with bargains and you can see why people call in for a chat and leave clutching a bargain. Children are keen to choose something from the 20 pence box of toys and books.

Shop manager Annie appreciates the quality and quantity of the goods brought in and thanks local residents for their support. She stresses that villagers should bring absolutely anything and everything to the shop, as nothing goes to waste.

The three Dove Cottage shops - in Stathern, Cotgrave and Bottesford - plus the Tea Rooms near Stathern consistently fund 30% of the running costs of the Day Hospice. Customers have the satisfaction of knowing that not only have they got a bargain, but it is environmentally friendly and the money is going to a very good cause.

The remaining 70% of funding comes from donations, a Christmas Fair, auctions, quizzes and an annual moonlight walk. Details of events can be found in the shop, open Monday-Saturday 9am - 4.30pm. Call in to find out more and you might well pick up a bargain too!

Methodist Quiz

The winners of the 'Bugs' quiz in May were C. Moody of Redmile and R. Pacey of Bottesford, both achieving 49 points. Thanks to everyone who participated in the quiz. £113 has been raised for Dove Cottage.

Belvoir Castle Fun Run 2013 - 10am, 15th September

This event is supported by the Vale of Belvoir Lions Club and is in aid of LIVES, Macmillan Cancer Support and Help for Heroes. There is a 10km or 5km circuit. Registration online at: www.belvoircastlefunrun.org.uk The Vale of Belvoir Lions is seeking corporate sponsorship and if you are interested they would be pleased to hear from you. Refreshments and professional photography available. Entry fee: £10.00 adult, £5.00 for child under 16, and family of 2+2 £25.00.

Grants available from Leicestershire County Council

You may know about Big Society grants from Leicestershire County Council but do you know about other available funds? There are 18 different pots of funding some for businesses, schools, sports clubs and groups. To find out more go to: www.leics.gov.uk/grants. Let us know if you have any success!

Harriet and Grandma's Fundraiser for MacMillan nurses

Harriet and her grandma raised more than £300 from their fundraiser in June. Thanks to all who supported them. (More than 900 people saw this on the 'Village Voice, Bottesford' Facebook page)

The Harmonettes at the VC Hall on 26th October

Starring the fantastic 1950s vocal harmony trio The Harmonettes www.theharmonettes.co.uk this will be an evening that will plunge audiences into the post war, end of rationing world of winkle picker shoes and bootlace ties, bobby socks and stick out skirts, beautiful ballads and rock and roll. Tickets will be available from early September from the SPAR and Zaro's and by ringing Gill on 842868.

Apiarists United

Sean Austin, Paul Forster and David McQuire are three new beekeepers. They are keen to contact other more experienced beekeepers in the area for advice and possibly starting a Bottesford Beekeepers Association.

If you can help please contact Sean by phoning 844006 or 07702 432549 or email sean.bottesford@btinternet.com

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Sports News



Cricket Club News

Lorraine Hutchinson, the new chairperson at Bottesford Cricket club, is pleased to report that attendance at the under-10s sessions on Friday evenings has increased to 80 and now there is a waiting list. Parents volunteer alongside the qualified coaches to offer as many places as possible and new volunteers are welcome. Children who participate receive an hour of skill building and fun, and often move on to play Kwik Cricket before representing the club in the junior and senior teams.

The club's new website gives match reports and information about fixtures and forthcoming social evenings such as quizzes and fund raising events. Go to: <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/bottesfordcricketclub/>

The end of season BBQ will take place on Friday 6th September at 6.30 and both members and non-members are very welcome.

Bowls Club News

Bottesford Bowls Club held a successful 11th Annual Gala with 24 teams from different clubs competing for the Russell Hibbert Trophy and prize money of £75. This was won by Barnstone after a closely fought final against Farndon

Attendance at Monday Club Night has increased and a variety of games including 'Aussie Pairs' and 'Triples' are enjoyed by the players. There is always room for a few more, though, so do come along if you are interested.

The club's position in all the Leagues is good and bowlers are competing in local and county competitions, so continues to keep up its reputation for bowling prowess.

Callum Jones

Local boy Callum Jones continues to be successful in both school and national rowing competitions. He won two gold medals with the British junior team at the Munich International Regatta and two silver medals at the British Schools National Regatta at Holme Pierrepont in May this year.

Callum went on to prepare for the British team trials in an attempt to secure a seat in the under-19s boat for the Junior World Championships in Lithuania in August. Watch out for a report in the next issue to see if he was successful.

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