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Village Voice

The newsletter of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton

Village Voice Photography Competition winners

In the last issue of Village Voice we featured the three prize winning photos from our recent photographic competition. Pictured below are the three winning photographers receiving their prizes.

From left to right Glenda Gibson (3rd), Ashley Waterfall (1st) and Ros Willis (2nd).

Village Voice is hoping to run another photo competition later in 2014 so keep taking pictures around the village, and at any local events you attend and keep them handy! More information will be published in our next Issue.



The Bottesford Peregrines

Following 'faculty' permission from the Diocese of Leicester, a nesting platform for peregrine falcons has been installed on the tower of St Mary's Church.

Through a camera-to-monitor link, visitors can watch the peregrines' activity from the room below the tower. There is obviously no guarantee that the peregrines will nest or that young ones will appear this year but watch out for future reports in Village Voice or come along to the church and see for yourself.





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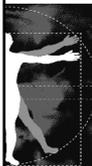
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Once again the Cranmer Company of Singers and Musical Director Deborah Davies are hosting a "Come & Sing". Money raised will go to the Tearfund Syria Crisis Appeal to provide food, shelter, clothing, stoves and hygiene goods. Last year £762 was raised for Tabora Village.

Good Friday: April 18th 2014 at Bottesford Parish Church. 7.30pm. Rehearsal at 5pm. All welcome - £5 to sing, donations on door from audience. Singers please book your place by contacting Kate on 01949 843386 or katfisch00@hotmail.com. Organ accompaniment will be in the hands of Philip Robinson. Music provided if required - please state. Sober dress required - Sunday best and suits and ties please. Bring a picnic supper to have in the Church Hall between rehearsal and performance.

Do please Come andSing, or Come and Listen, you will be made very welcome and we'd love to see you there.

Please contact Deborah on 01949 851030 or cranmercompany@googlemail.com if you are interested in joining our choir in 2014.

We will be singing in Winchester Cathedral, York Minster and in Avila in Spain this year.

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Anniversary Reports from The Grantham Journal in 1954

Bottesford School celebrated 100 years of education in the National School. It was built in 1854 on land that was donated by the then Duke of Rutland. The building now houses the Fuller Room, the youth club and the library.

On February 11th 1904, the church bells were rung to celebrate the addition of two new bells, making a total of eight in the church tower. On February 20th 1954, bell ringers rang a peal of 5,056 changes to celebrate the anniversary of that occasion.

Melton and Belvoir Rural Council built the houses on North Crescent, South Crescent, Silverwood Road and Keel Drive. In 1954, the roads were named and the latter two were named after parish councillors who served on the council in the forties and fifties.

It was recommended to MBRC that a sewerage scheme should be prepared for the full treatment of sewage from Bottesford and Muston. However, in 1962 it was reported that there were still 140 pail closets in parts of the community.

Concerns were voiced at the WI that there was no club for old people in the village. As a result, the inaugural meeting of the Forget-me-Not Club was held in the Village Hall in December and over 80 attended.



Vale of Belvoir Lions:

The traditional Lions Christmas fundraising, Santa and his sleigh and the Boxing Day duck race, were greatly enjoyed and we thank the Lions for their unstinting hard work.

Boxing Day also saw the Foresters Morris and the ladies clog dancers visit us. They generously donated the money they collected to the Lions, making the total raised an impressive £6,500.



Posada is a Christian custom for Advent originating in Mexico; dolls are used to represent Mary and Joseph being cared for overnight in different "host" homes, travelling on each day, symbolizing the journey to Bethlehem.



The welcome return of the Posada, Christmas 2013, was a blessing to homes in Bottesford. Anita and her son Daniel enjoyed the Posada figures for the first time and wrote in the diary that travelled with the figures, 'The Posada made the start of Advent very thought provoking for us.' Some of our regular family 'Inns' hosting the knitted figures of Mary, Joseph and a shepherd

added an extra sheep to the flock. The Holy Family were well cared for and loved as they moved from house to house around Bottesford representing the journey of Joseph and Mary pregnant with Jesus. Perhaps next year you might want to add a Posada visit to your home so you too can say, as one family shared, 'they really gave us the joy of Christmas.'

Church Support for CRISIS at Christmas

Whilst most of us enjoyed a warm and sheltered Christmas with family and friends, substantial numbers of homeless people in our major cities were not so fortunate. This is where the work of the charity **CRISIS** is directed ---- providing help for homeless people and at Christmas time, offering particular support, shelter, and good food. The generous giving of those who attended Christmas church services at St Mary's or supported the Carol Singers from 'Churches Together in Bottesford' meant we were able to send a cheque for £700 to CRISIS.

Thank you to all of you who gave and a particular thank you to the group of carol-singers at the Destination Bottesford event and the small, but hardy band who braved the very strong winds on a dark, December evening before seeking shelter at the Red Lion!

Women's World day of Prayer

St Mary's Church will be hosting this year's Women's World Day of Prayer Service on Friday 7th March at 7pm and women from all denominations are welcome to join us. The service has been written by the women of Egypt and the theme is 'Streams in the Desert'. Our speaker will be Revd Rowena Bass, rector of the High Framland parishes and refreshments will be served afterwards.

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Bottesford Good Neighbours Scheme, which offers help to all villagers in a variety of ways, is doing very well. Anne Daly would like to thank members for their hard work in establishing the group and the Parish Council for funding insurance and providing a small start-up fund. At a recent tea party at the Youth Club a request for a curtain rail to be fitted was made there and then – another satisfied customer. A leaflet drop will be made soon and another tea party is planned for March 24th. To use the service or volunteer call 07849 311740, Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.



Parish Council Corner

The Neighbourhood Plan is now starting to take shape. In December 2013, Melton Borough Council approved our request that Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston and Normanton should be the designated area. A Steering Group was formed in December under the Chairmanship of Richard Coombs. We still have space for four more members, especially from Muston, Easthorpe and Normanton, so if you are interested in getting involved at this level, please drop a line to alis-tair.raper@bottesfordpc.org.uk. A questionnaire is being drawn up to find out how people feel about their villages. Look out also for a new website, which will include 'talking-heads' audios and videos from a number of our residents.

Our Mobile Vehicle-Activated Speed Camera has finally been sited in response to many residents' concerns about speeding through our villages. The MVAS will now record the speed of all passing vehicles. It will be moved at regular intervals within the three most affected areas – Belvoir Road, Grantham Road and Normanton, as well as Easthorpe and Muston. The system will provide invaluable data, so the relevant authorities can undertake a more proactive approach to deal with offenders.

Farewell to Teresa and Nigel

We would like to say a big thank you to our assistant-clerk, Teresa Patchett, and our long-service councillor, Nigel Davies, who have recently resigned from the Parish Council and wish them the very best for the future. Both Teresa and Nigel have acquired new and more demanding roles outside the council.

The 2014/2015 Precept (The Parish Budget) will increase this year by £17,270 or £12.82 per household. We have been very careful to trim all expenditure and focus on preserving and enhancing our community. The money pays for the normal running expenses of the council together with a small number of projects. We are also slowly building up our reserves. Full details can be found on www.bottesford.leicestershireparishcouncils.org.

The Grizzled Skipper Project We are pleased to announce that we are now supporting the Butterfly Conservation's project to create, restore and reconnect habitat for the threatened Grizzled Skipper butterfly in the Vale of Belvoir. Keep a look out for further developments on this, as we will be looking for volunteers to work with us and bring important biodiversity benefits to the parish.



Please note the new contact details for the Parish Council:

The Old School, Grantham Road, Bottesford, Nottingham. NG13 0DF

Tel: 01949 222478 or email: clerk@bottesfordpc.org.uk

SPOTLIGHT ON... Rosanne Durham Rawson

In 1967 Rosanne came to live in Bottesford and her son Terence joined the Cubs. The meetings were fun, but one day he came home and said the pack might close. Both he and Rosanne were disappointed but soon Rosanne was heard to say "I could do that". She said it on the spur of the moment, with no idea what might be involved.

At that time the pack met in an old hut and she had to bring firewood and light the boiler before the Cubs arrived.

The scout movement quickly put her on to lots of courses and she became an established part of Cubs in Bottesford. With the help of the whole community she helped raise money for the present HQ.

Twelve years ago Rosanne stepped down from the role of Akela, but didn't leave the movement; she enjoyed it so much that she is now Group Scout Leader. Over the years there have been many more courses and she has attended many Lincolnshire International 'Poacher' camps with her pack.

Rosanne has now worked with the Bottesford Cubs and Scouts for over 45 years. She said, "Time goes so quickly and it's all so enjoyable". Some of the Cubs she has known over the years are now bringing their own children and grandchildren along to Cubs.

"It's lovely to be part of such a wonderful community and have the support of so many people in the village." In fact Rosanne feels that they wouldn't still be going without support from everyone; locals schools, parents and helpers. Her final words were "I want to thank them all".

Thank you Roseanne for your 45 years of service to the Cubs and to our community.



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Bottesford Gala – 5th May A message from the Gala committee:

"On this year's May Day Bank Holiday the Bottesford Gala is back and we'd love to see you there! New this year will be a stage with live bands. If you or anyone you know is in a band and would like to perform at the Gala please get in touch.

There will be stalls, arena events and traditional sports including the popular Tug-of-war competition. If you would like to enter a team of 8 for the tug-of-war, you have time to get in training to see if you can beat the current champions, the Vale of Belvoir Lions.

Entrance will be £2 per adult (children 0-16 go free when accompanied by an adult).

If you would like to make a suggestion, enter a tug-of-war team, want your band to perform or would like to help with the Gala please contact Teresa on 07858001952. More details in the next Village Voice.

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What's On in March....

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Sun 2 nd 2-5pm.	The Homestead, Normanton. Garden open for the National Gardens Scheme. Should still be Snowdrops and will certainly be Hellebores.
Mon 3 rd 7.30pm	Friends of St Mary's; Open Meeting & AGM. The Bowls Club. Talk by John Daybell on The Heraldry of St Mary's.
Fri 7 th 7pm	Women's World Day of Prayer Service in St Mary's. (Theme of Streams in the Desert written by the women of Egypt).
Sun 9 th 10am - 1pm	TABLE TOP SALE - VC HALL, Admission 50p (children free) Coffee/Tea & Bacon/Sausage Baps available. Proceeds in aid of St. Barnabas GRANTHAM Hospice.
Mon 10 th 7.15pm	Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council meeting. Fuller Rooms. Residents may question the council and make comments prior to the Parish Council meeting.
Tues 11 th 2pm	U3A - Trevor Gaunton, 'I Know an Island'. VC Hall.
Weds 12 th 2pm -4pm	Police Team Beat Surgery. Zaro's Coffee Shop, Queen Street. Come along and have a chat to your Local Police Beat Team about what matters in your community.
Thurs 13 th 7.30pm	Local History Society. Fuller Rooms. 'The History of Local History in the Vale' - Michael & Diana Honeybone.
Sun 17 th 2.30pm	East Midlands Orchid Society. VC Hall. 'Pests and Diseases', speaker Richard Evenden. Non-members very welcome, refreshments served.
Tues 18 th 7.30pm	W.I. 'Life & Other Problems' - Judy Theobald. VC Hall. Contact Marian Orr 843629.
Weds 19 th 10am	VoB Ramblers - Redmile - 6 miles. See www.ramblers.org.uk for more details of Ramblers local walks.
Thurs 20 th 2.30pm	Methodist Church Friendship Group meeting in the Chapel Schoolroom, Devon Lane. Talk by Rev. Lesley Taylor. Refreshments served. Everyone given a very warm welcome. Details, Glenys Bradshaw 01949 842893.
Thurs 20 th 7.30pm for 8pm	Ladies Night at Zaro's Cafe. Tickets £18 including Appetisers and Pottery Painting with Utterly Pottery. Limited spaces available so pre-booking is essential. Book in at Zaro's 843699 or call 07813 150636 (Lucy - Utterly Pottery) for more details.
Sat 22 nd View 12 noon Bidding from 1.30pm	In aid of Dove Cottage Hospice, GRAND AUCTION & TABLE-TOP SALE of household goods, soft furnishings, toys, small items of furniture etc. We would welcome donations of items to auction during w/c 17th March. Free entry. All welcome - Tel 860303.
Mon, 24 th 2pm - 4pm	Good Neighbour Scheme Afternoon Tea Party @ The Old School. Everyone welcome.
Mon 24 th	Bottesford Methodist Church. Praying the Streets letters will be delivered to homes on Nottingham Road, Pinfold Lane, High Street, Stable Court and Shepherds Court. Prayers for these areas to be said at Sunday Morning services throughout April.
Weds 26 th 7 for 7.30pm	VoB Lions 26th Annual Music Quiz at Bottesford Village Hall. More details to follow.
Sun 30 th 10.30am	St Mary's Church Mothering Sunday Family Service.

And in April....

Thurs 3 rd 2.30pm	Methodist Friendship Group. Chapel schoolroom, Devon Lane. Shirley Palmer will give a Seasonal Gardening talk. (Other information, see 20 th March)
Fri 4 th 7.30pm	Music for an April Evening at St. Lawrence's Church, Sedgebrook, by The Loveden Quartet. £6 on the door or contact 01400 281869.
Tues 8 th 2pm	U3A - 'Rainbow Hospice for Children' - Caroline Rossin. VC Hall.
Thurs 10 th 7.30pm	Local History Society. Fuller Rooms. 'Isaac Newton and Woolsthorpe Manor' - Janice Moulds.
Sun 13 th 11am	24 th Bottesford Egg Run - Red Lion (NG13 0ED) to Meres Leisure Centre Grantham, and then Melton - all motorcyclists welcome - John Bartlett 01780762531 / 07790583082.
Mon 14 th 2pm	Police Team Beat Surgery. Zaro's Coffee Shop, Queen Street. See 12 th March above.
Mon 14 th 7.15pm	Parish Council meeting. Old School, Muston.
Tues 15 th 7.30pm	W.I. 'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf' - Mrs Denise Taylor. VC Hall. Contact Marian Orr 843629.
Thurs 17 th 2.30pm	Methodist Friendship Group. Elaine Robinson will give a talk on The Methodist Homes. (Other information, see 20 th March)
Thurs 17 th 7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service, St Mary's Church.
Good Friday 18 th	9am Morning Prayer 10.00am Walk of Witness. Start at St Mary's finish at the Methodist chapel. 12noon Stations of the Cross 3pm Service for the Last Hour 7.30pm Come and Sing Charity Service for Good Friday led by the Cranmer Singers
Sat 19 th	9pm Easter Eve Vigil
Easter Sun 20 th	10.30am Easter Day Holy Communion 6.30pm Resurrection Praise - the Sunday Praise team lead a service of worship and celebration.
Sun 27 th 2.30pm	East Midlands Orchid Society. VC Hall. 'Orchids of New Zealand' - David Menzies. Non-members welcome, refreshments served.

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

Letters



"You will have noticed that our much valued village Post Office has lost two of its stalwarts, Mike Kearney and Mary Foster. Mike ran the Post Office with quiet efficiency and good humour. He was always courteous and friendly. His colleague Mary was invariably polite and helpful. She was unflappable even when on her own and dealing with a large queue of customers. Both Mike and Mary will be greatly missed. We wish them well as they move to pastures new. - John Hammond"

Mervyn Stutter comes to Bottesford

Mervyn has been performing his own blend of music and comedy for many years – often featuring on Radio 4. He is coming to Bottesford Village Hall on 9th May at 7.30 to perform his new show 'Easy Rider'. At the show he is like the host of a dinner party, and Merv treats his audience as welcome guests. He chats, tells a few jokes and makes pithy observations, with lots of comedy songs on his guitar. Tickets will be available from the end of March from the SPAR shop and ZARO's or by ringing Gill on 842868. For more information go to:

www.centrestagetouring.org.uk/show/easy_shop_rider

Mayors Award

Do you know someone who should be nominated for the Mayors Awards? The deadline for applications is 10th March. For more information:

http://www.melton.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/mayor/award_of_merit.aspx

Dove Cottage Charity Shop

The shop celebrated its 2nd birthday on 25th February. Takings continue to improve and now they can claim back Gift Aid, it will make quite a difference too. Dove Cottage has three shops, the Stathern Tea Shop, Bottesford and Cotgrave. The staff are pleased with the quality of donations, even some designer labels, but sorry, they have no room for books. They thank all donors for their continued support. Do call in and have a look, it is like a little Aladdin's cave, and open Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm.

Christmas

The winners of the Methodist Christmas Quiz quiz were G. Claricoats and M. Beeson. G Moxham and C.Moody also successfully completed the quiz. Many thanks to everyone who took part. The quiz answers can be viewed in the Chapel Schoolroom. £121 was raised for Dove Cottage Hospice.

...and in Muston: The Muston Christmas Fair raised £150 for St Johns Church and a 'Safari Supper' organised by John Ives also raised £150 for the church and was enthusiastically supported and enjoyed by all who participated!

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Sports News



Karate Successes

A number of members of the Belvoir Karate Group were successful at a recent grading session. The students were tested on basic punches, kicks and combinations, kata and padwork. The more experienced students were also tested through several bouts of continuous fighting.



The club leaders were very impressed with the practice and dedication shown by the students. This followed an earlier grading session in which the Belvoir Karate Group has 100% success. The clubs are very popular and another group may have to be set up soon, possibly in Grantham.

The students who were graded are: Mike Roberts, Gary Brown, Garry Brown, Lewis John, Hannah Stokes, Ian Simpson, Claire Lowes, Darcy Brown, Darci John, Georgie Burns, John Jeffrey, Ollie Thompson, Drew Brown, Daniel Welby-Everard, Jack King, Finn Bennett, Ben Millard and Archie Curtis.

Bottesford Cricket Club are pleased to announce that the Saturday 1st Eleven has been promoted to South Notts Gunn and Moore Division B and congratulations to captain Andy Norris and his team.

High Hopes for Callum

Bottesford rower Callum Jones recently took part in the GB squad altitude training in Spain. At 18 he was the youngest of those to be invited to join the established under-23 internationals and older rowers on the fringe of the GB senior team. This puts him one step nearer to gaining selection for Great Britain.



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