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# Village Voice

The newsletter of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton



thanks go to them all including Mr and Mrs Roberts, the Vale of Belvoir Lions, Bottesford Co-op, Danny at the Chip shop, Grantham Rotary, Grantham Lions and the Duke and Duchess of Rutland.

The final part of the event was to say "Thank you" and present Marion Roberts with a gift as she retired as Brown Owl with 2nd Bottesford Brownies after more than 30 years. A new leadership team is being sought to keep the unit open for girls to have many more opportunities like FUNTASTIC 2014. Contact Adelle on 01476 870548, or look on the Village Voice extras page on the Bottesford Today web site, for more information.



**Bottesford Brownies celebrate 100 years**

Bottesford Brownies, joined by Brownies from the Grantham area, celebrated the Brownie Big Birthday with 24 hours of fun and a giant sleepover called FUNTASTIC 2014 which was held in Mr and Mrs Roberts's paddock.

The event was declared open after lunch and the Brownies started activities from four sections: *adventure* including a 30ft inflatable lighthouse to climb, *creative* including making teddy bears, *skills* from the circus, and *have a go*, which saw Brownies making a raft from recycled materials to sail down the stream. Afterwards there was a science party, BBQ tea, traditional campfire, birthday cake and hot chocolate. After an early start on Sunday (not planned by the leaders!) the girls took part in a 'wide game' to gain clues to find the elusive Tootle Bird. They were also treated to a magic show. Reflection and thanks concluded the event, and they left after 24 hours of fun at FUNTASTIC 2014. Organiser Adelle Glossop said the event could not have gone any better and the objective of 24 hours of fun was certainly met.

The event was supported by volunteer leaders, family, friends plus other individuals and organisations and



*Photos show the climbing lighthouse and girls stuffing teddy bears.*

## Alice Redfern rewarded

Congratulations to Alice Redfern on gaining the highest award in the Guide Section – The Baden-Powell Challenge. This was presented to her by her eldest sister Rosie, who is a Rainbow Leader in Edinburgh. Alice is now a Young Leader with 2nd Bottesford Guides.



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## 1914

The First World War officially began on August 4<sup>th</sup> 1914. Frederick Shaw was the first casualty with connections in Bottesford. He worked at Church Farm for Philip Palmer and was enlisted into the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. He was killed on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1914 but has no known grave. His name is inscribed on the Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium.

### Launch Meeting of

## The Bottesford Parish 1st World War Centenary Project

Everyone is welcome to attend the launch at 4pm on Sunday 28th September at Bottesford VC Hall. At the event you can:

- Find out what will be happening to mark and commemorate the centenary of WW1 in our villages.
- Listen to music of the time.
- Tell us about family members who served in WW1.
- Bring along any family memorabilia from WW1.
- Meet volunteers working on the project.
- Learn about how your family can help.

Refreshments organised with the kind assistance of the WI.

### Royal British Legion visit St Mary's

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September the Harby and Hose Branch of the Royal British Legion will visit ten war memorials in the Vale of Belvoir including those at St Mary's, Bottesford (1.50 pm) and St John's, Muston (2.15 pm), to conduct a short commemorative ceremony marking the centenary of the WW1 which will include: a prayer; reading of the names on each memorial; laying a wreath, and sounding The Last Post. All welcome.

### WW1 Centenary Concert

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July, there was a 'full house' in St Mary's church for a concert by the Belvoir Wassailers Male Voice Choir and 'Enchanted' Ladies Choir from Loughborough.

All enjoyed the programme of folk songs, well-known wartime songs, readings from the war poets and letters home, and ending most poignantly with The Last Post and two-minutes silence, before the rousing finale of 'Jerusalem'.

The proceeds of over £1,200 from the evening were shared between the Royal British Legion and the Friends of St Mary's.

### Grantham Journal reports 1984:

- One year after a fire deprived Bottesford teenagers of their youth club, the Coffee House was fully restored. It was reopened by the Duke and Duchess of Rutland. Costing £26,000 the building had a new disco room, games rooms, lounges and toilets.
- The Bottesford Appeal for the Baby Unit at Grantham Hospital raised over £2,000. This funded the purchase of a heart trace monitor, equipment for treating infant jaundice and a Polaroid camera.

### The Village Show Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup>

The annual fruit, flower, vegetable and crafts show put on by the Bottesford and District Gardens Association attracted 570 entries from 98 exhibitors in 2013. This year they hope to break the 100 exhibitor mark. Will you help them?

The show has classes for gardeners, Arts and Crafts, and children. Entries can be viewed from 2.30pm on Saturday with trophies and prizes presented at 4.00pm.

Brochures/entry forms with full details are available from the Co-op and the Garden Shop on Grantham Road (Sunday 9.30-12.00 noon and Thursday evenings 7.00-8.30).

### WEA Long Bennington Village Hall (NG23 5DJ)

Thursday afternoons, 1.30 - 3pm, 9<sup>th</sup> October to 27<sup>th</sup> November

'Hidden Treasures' Tutor: Jean Townsend.

Fee: £52.00 (discounted £46.80) or Free.

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For further enrolment details or information please contact Miss P Bennett on 01636 671350. Online enrolment – go to <https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/online>

## More houses for Bottesford?

The number of new houses to be built in Bottesford is determined by the Government's planning system. They decide how many houses the country needs and this is divided up by District Council areas – a long detailed process. The document that decides how many houses should be built and where, is called the Local Plan. It remains in place for 25 years.

The Council's website says, 'the Melton Local Plan will guide development throughout the Borough over this period and will be the key tool that will guide decisions on planning applications and decide where the housing, retail and business needs of the community will be provided and how important countryside, ecological and heritage features will be protected.'

All residents can comment on the Local Plan. A new one is being prepared and you can comment by contacting our local Borough Councillors, Pru Chandler (842355/[pchandler@melton.gov.uk](mailto:pchandler@melton.gov.uk)) and David Wright (842610/[dwright@melton.gov.uk](mailto:dwright@melton.gov.uk)) or visit [www.meltonplan.co.uk/](http://www.meltonplan.co.uk/) or call [01664 502502](tel:01664502502) and speak to someone about the Local Plan.

## Village Voice Annual Literacy Prize

How brave are you? Do you have a head for heights? Those are the questions the Year 5s at the primary school had the chance to answer when a climbing wall visited the school. Some made it to the top and those who didn't said they were determined to try again when they had the chance. Everyone had a great time and learned a lot about themselves. Writing



L - R Sam, Sophie, Laila, and Amelia

about their experiences was the task they were set to enter the competition. The winners were: First prize, Sophie McDonnell; Second prize, Sam Hinton; Highly Commended, Laila Godwin and Amelia Burton.

## The Grantham Canal Society



On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 10am to 5pm a Discovery Day will be held at the Carpenter's Shop behind the Rutland Arms at Woolsthorpe-by-Belvoir ('Dirty Duck' NG32 1NY). Attractions include a Dirty Duck race, narrow boat rides, The Butty Boys, short talks and many interesting groups. Refreshments will be on offer and admission is free. It will be a great day out.

Grantham Canal was completed in 1797 at a cost of £75,000, to bring coal from Nottingham to Grantham. Over the years many authorities have had responsibility for its 33 miles and 18 locks. Now even

though parts are again navigable, much money and hard work is needed to restore other lengths of the canal. A new lock alone costs £30,000. It is a wonderful recreational resource for walking, cycling, seeing its wildlife, fishing, or taking a trip on the 12-seater narrow boat. And it is on our door step.

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## The WI Baton

Did you know that the WI Centenary Baton is touring the country? Centenary celebrations for the Women's Institute began on 1st January 2014 when the baton left Anglesey, the place that held the first WI meeting in 1915. Over the course of the year the baton relay will make its way through the 69 federations, celebrating the link of friendship and community that is developed through the WI, before finishing its journey at the Annual WI meeting in June 2015 at the Royal Albert Hall.

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June the baton arrived at Bottesford and District WI, delivered by members from Orston and Thoroton WI on a decorated tractor and trailer. Each WI transports the baton in a unique way and in Nottinghamshire it travelled by boat, wedding car, tractor and trailer, Harley Davison, open top bus, mobility scooter and horse! From Bottesford the baton travelled to Granby WI in a stunning blue Ronart Jaguar, kindly driven (and owned) by Mr Stuart Pear, neighbour of Bottesford and District President, Mrs Glenys Claricoats.

## Easthorpe Extravaganza

The weather was kind for the St Mary's Plant Sale and Summer Fair in the Easthorpe garden and grounds of Pim and Terry Mabbitt on 28<sup>th</sup> June. Stalls, children's activities, refreshments and the draw for the St Mary's Summer Raffle attracted a large number of visitors.

The day-time activities were followed by a BBQ and Swing Evening, organised by the Friends of St Mary's, when around 90 guests enjoyed music from the Tony Farrell Swing Convention and an excellent 'Sinatra-style' vocalist. The day raised over £1,500 for church funds.



## Chernobyl Children enjoy their month of fun

The sun shone in June to welcome 13 children and two interpreters from Belarus as part of the Vale of Belvoir Friends of Chernobyl's Children annual visit. Within one short month, the children squeezed in visits to Twin Lakes, Sutton-on-Sea, Kings School, Belvoir Castle, weekly swimming trips, reflexology and lots more! All the children and interpreters spend the month living with host families in Bottesford, Grantham and surrounding areas, enjoying fresh air, good food, and lots of fun. The visit provides a huge boost to their health and general well-being for years to come.

The FOCC are always looking for new host families. If you would like to learn more about the charity please contact Helen Sewell at [helen-34@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:helen-34@hotmail.co.uk)



## SPOTLIGHT ON.... Jane Willcock



After 24 years service Jane has retired from Bottesford Primary School. She began working there in 1992 and during the following years she wore many hats. She started as a crossing patrol person, then a Learning Support Assistant and finally in 1996 became Premises Officer, project managing the various building works that were done in the school, seeing the school got value for money and gaining the respect of the various workmen. She worked tirelessly to ensure the school was in superb condition, well maintained and provided a bright and clean environment to work in. Her knowledge of the school buildings and grounds have been an invaluable resource to all staff. Jane loves singing and she has produced many successful shows with the pupils.

A party was held for her at the end of the summer term where colleagues she had worked with over the years gathered to wish her well. Head Teacher Mrs McGroarty spoke of the high esteem in which Jane was held by all those she worked with.

Jane will be able to enjoy her retirement and may be even busier with her involvement in St Mary's church, where she is a prominent member of the choir as well as being a church warden and, of course, she will be enjoying time with her family and young grandchildren.

## Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Helpers



Following a public meeting the bringing together of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) has begun. The NP will be a guiding light for planning, development and land use for our parish for years to come and by law it must be considered by the planning authorities. The Steering Group and Helpers include: Bob Bayman (Chair) a marketing professional, David Wright (Deputy Chair) a Melton Borough councillor, and Richard Simon (Clerk) a retired Head of Estates for an NHS Trust. Other members include a teacher, a JP, a journalist, a school pupil, and an exhibition contractor, along with representatives from the Parish Council. Ages range from 10 to 70+. They are looking for more people to join the Group particularly young people, those from Bottesford-based businesses, and anyone with skills in Planning and Development legislation.

The next meeting is 17<sup>th</sup> September in the Old School. Everyone is welcome.

The NP is financed by the Parish Council with the support of Locality and The Big Society. The Steering Group reports to the Parish Council, who will ratify the final document before it goes to a referendum.

If you would like to add your skill, perspective and help then contact Bob Bayman on 07799 131981/bobbayman@googlemail.com, David Wright on david.wright8@me.com or Richard Simon on richard-simon@virgin.net.

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## What's On in September...

Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> ,	and first and third (& 5 <sup>th</sup> ) Wednesday every month. Lite-Bite lunch group, 12 noon to 1pm at the Methodist school room. Everyone is welcome. Contact - Irene Pacey 01949 843138
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	Methodist Friendship Group, Chapel Schoolroom, Devon Lane. Talk about Grantham Passage by Ruby Stukey. Donations of food requested. All are welcome - refreshments served. Details, Glenys Bradshaw, 842893. Also meeting on 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept.
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> 10am	VoB Ramblers. Colston Bassett, Notts, 6 mile Leisurely walk starting at 10:00. Check out website for details.
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	U3A. 'A Policeman's Lot', speaker – Alan Rogers. VC Hall
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> 10am	Good Neighbour Scheme coffee morning in The Old School.
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Bottesford Local History Society - AGM - Fuller Rooms - "Earl Shilton to Waterloo", speaker Paul Seaton.
Sat 13th 10.30am	'Ride and Stride' Walk between Bottesford and Muston Churches will begin at 10.30am from St Mary's with refreshments at Muston on arrival, before people walk/scoot/bike/toddle back to Bottesford. Help raise funds for your local church buildings! Sponsorship forms are on the website <a href="http://www.stmarysbottesford.co.uk">www.stmarysbottesford.co.uk</a> or contact Laura on 842859.
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	Gardens Association Village Show. We shall be taking entries on Friday evening. Tea and refreshments will be served during the afternoon and there will be a plant stall outside. All the entries can be viewed in the hall from 2.30pm
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	The Good Neighbour Scheme is holding a film event at the Old School and it is hoped this will be a regular monthly occasion. Admission is free, and refreshments provided at a small charge. The event is open to anyone.
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> 10.00am	VoB Ramblers. Kinoulton, Notts. 12 mile Moderate walk starting at 10:00. Contact phone: 07908 996 042 or check website.
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	Pets Service, St Mary's Church. 'All creatures great and small' welcome. Refreshments available afterwards.

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## And in October.....

Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Femmes Fatale - songs for scarlet women. This duo who will perform in the VC Hall. Singer Sarah Moule and pianist Jenny Carr will bring a visually sophisticated and stylish show conjuring up a 1950s New York nightclub. The show is a mixture of blues, jazz and pop songs that explore the concept of the femmes fatale. Tickets (£8) will be on sale at the SPAR and Zaro's and from Gill on <a href="mailto:perry_gill@hotmail.com">perry_gill@hotmail.com</a> or phone 842868.
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Bottesford Local History Society, Fuller Rooms. A talk by M.Owen and J.Daybell, on "Bottesford's Churchyard".
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> 10am - 5pm	Discovery Day. Grantham Canal Soc, Woolsthorpe by Belvoir, next to Dirty Duck pub, NG32 1NY. Narrow boat rides, The Butty Boys, stalls, Dirty Duck race. Attractions include, short talks and many interesting groups. Refreshments will be on offer and admission is free
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	U3A, 'Dirty and Smelly', speaker – Janice Moulds. VC Hall
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm	Concert St Mary's Church. 'Resurrection' Voskresenije Choir. Tickets £10 (£8) from co-op or SPAR shop.
Meeting dates: 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , & 30 <sup>th</sup> . 2.30pm	Methodist Friendship Group, Chapel Schoolroom, Devon Lane.

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## The future of Bottesford library

Leicestershire County Council is facing its biggest ever financial challenge. One option to save money is to close low priority libraries based on usage statistics. Bottesford is one of these. The final decision will be made by the council in early autumn. The library could be kept open if it is run by volunteers. The Parish Council will call a meeting to discuss this in the autumn. If you are interested in getting involved, giving your views or volunteering please contact the Clerk on 222478 or [clerk@bottesfordpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@bottesfordpc.org.uk).

## Help!

Bottesford Skate Park needs you! The Committee has recently been reduced in numbers and they urgently need some help. If you can help with just a few hours of your time per month please contact Ian Wright on 07737 738969 or [iwright@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:iwright@yahoo.co.uk)

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## Correction

Please note contact details for the U3A Choir featured in the last issue are: Val Lever on 01949 842538 or [val.lever@gmail.com](mailto:val.lever@gmail.com). Val also wishes to point out that you have to join U3A to become a member of the choir.



## Good Neighbour Scheme (GNS)

The GNS is extremely pleased to report that in the first six months it has carried out over 150 jobs.

They will be holding a film event on 24th September at 2pm at the Old School. Admission is free and GNS will be providing refreshments at a small charge. The event is open to anyone. The Parish Council has kindly provided the venue and facilities to hold this event.

Due to its success the GNS is urgently looking for new volunteers. Call the GNS on 07849 311740, or the Parish Council on 01949 222478, for more information on volunteering, or details for the film evening.

## Bottesford Village Hall is now a WiFi Hotspot

BT WiFi has been installed at the Village Hall and is now one of over five million hotspots throughout the UK. If you are a BT customer you will have free access to wifi when you are at the hall.

## Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions

The Department of Health has issued guidance which places a duty on governing bodies of maintained schools and proprietors of academies to make arrangements for supporting pupils at their school with medical conditions. For more information go to: [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/306952/Statutory\\_guidance\\_on\\_supporting\\_pupils\\_at\\_school\\_with\\_medical\\_conditions.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/306952/Statutory_guidance_on_supporting_pupils_at_school_with_medical_conditions.pdf)

## The Village Guide 2015/16

The team that brings you the Village Voice also produces The Village Guide which aims to provide information on all local clubs and groups. The Guide is produced and delivered to all households and businesses in Bottesford, Normanton, Muston, and Easthorpe, every two years, and loaded onto the website.

If your group would like to be included, or if you would like to help with the layout, please get in touch – contact details are on page 8.

## The Methodist Rivers Quiz Results

Many thanks to all who bought a quiz sheet. £95 was raised for Dove Cottage Hospice. Winners, Vic and Mu Martin. 2, The Bradshaws. 3, K Strickland. 4, Daphne Cassidy. The answers can be viewed on the Chapel Schoolroom notice board.

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# Sports News



## Bowling report

All the leagues are doing well with the Belvoir League 2-wood having a lot of success. Notts County competitions are increasing the number of games played by some members, with success in cup games increasing the demands on all players. The Gala in July filled very quickly with many of the players having supported the club since it was introduced 13 years ago.

New visitors to the club this season include Notts HVPs, Dilhorne BC, West Bridgford BC, and Notts Ladies. These friendly games help foster friendships throughout the county, one of the many benefits of bowling indoors and outdoors.

Monday nights are free to club members and visitors are welcome to come along either for a drink or for a trial run at the gentle art of bowling.

## Bottesford ladies meet the challenge

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June, four Bottesford ladies – Rachel Varela, Sarah Bates, Shereen Shimmin, and Louise Hodson, – took on and conquered the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge for MacMillan Cancer Support. They hiked 25.67 miles over the notorious Pen-Y-Ghent, Whernside and Ingelborough peaks in under twelve hours. It was a tough challenge at times, with a few blisters and sore knees along the way, but it was all worth it for the £4,700 they managed to raise between them so far.

The ladies did the hike in memory of their friend Charlotte Morris, née White, who grew up in Muston.



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