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# Village Voice

The newsletter of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton

## The Vale of Belvoir Out Of School Club

..... held its second Summer Club this August and again it was a huge success. On offer was a variety of activities, including a bouncy castle, wacky races, face painting and graffiti art (as shown in the photo), a visit from a bird of prey, and the children enjoyed a BBQ. (No, not the bird). The club ran for two weeks in the school holidays and was attended by children from all round the Vale. For details of the Out of School Club phone 01949 845006 or go to: [www.voboosc.co.uk](http://www.voboosc.co.uk) .



## Party in the Park

In September, members of Bottesford Youth Council joined Bottesford Parish Councillors for a Party in the Park to celebrate the completion of their playgrounds project. The celebration marked the end of more than 18 months of hard work, and The Youth Council was supported by Parish Councillors Anne Daly and Heather Stokes, who helped with the grant applications.

The total cost of the new equipment was just over £53,000. An application to WREN secured £45,000, County Councillor Byron Rhodes helped the project to obtain a £6,000 grant from Leicestershire County Council's SHIRE grant scheme and the remainder came from the Parish Council.

The Youth Council is a group of young people aged 11 – 18, supported by LCC youth workers and the Parish Council, who work on projects to help make the parish a better place for young people. They meet on Monday evenings at the Old School. If you would like to join the Youth Council, contact the Parish Council for more information on 222478.



## The future of Bottesford library

Leicestershire County Council's cabinet met in September to discuss the future of the county's Library Service. The council agreed to ask for more information about how particular libraries were selected for closure. They also asked for the amount of support to be provided for community partnerships to be reconsidered. Full details can be found here:

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=135&MIId=4190&Ver=4>.

The final decision will be made on 19th November. If you would like to discuss options for the future of the library come to a meeting in the Old School Room (next to the library) on Wednesday 26th November at 7.30pm.

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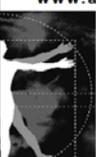


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## Primary school starters

Here they are, 38 children who have just started at Bottesford Primary School.



We wish them every success in the future.

## Preschool ipad

Bottesford Preschool came back from the summer holidays to find their new iPad had arrived. The staff had some quick training and the children didn't need any! The money to buy this equipment was kindly donated by the Belvoir Lions after their successful Casino Night.

It is hoped that the iPad will prove an important and successful means of both liaising with parents and providing material to support children's learning. Hopefully more iPads will be purchased, after fundraising, just for the staff.



## Junior Journalists

In 1994 Mrs Willis organised the production of 'The Junior Journal' at the Primary School. There were at least 14 junior journalists writing for the edition printed each term. They produced items of school news, short stories, poems and illustrations.

You know who you are – let us know if any of you went on to become journalists.

## The Vale of Belvoir Barn Owl Conservation Group

..... is presenting a conservation evening on Friday 12th December at Waltham on the Wolds Village Hall. Professor Ian Newton, Vice President of the RSPB, will be giving an illustrated talk on the Sparrowhawk. Other expert speakers will give talks on bat detectors, local peregrines and the Grantham canal. Tickets are £6.

Contact: [valebarnowls@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:valebarnowls@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 01949 844319.

## 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the refurbishment of the old school

The old primary school was refurbished in 1994 after a number of years of standing empty. The redevelopment of the building meant a new home for the library and a place for the Youth Club to meet. Alterations to the former infants' schoolroom, now known as the Fuller Room, provided a venue for parish meetings and other village activities.

## Commemorating the first casualties of the Great War – muffled bell ringing.

As part of the Bottesford Parish WW1 Centenary Project muffled bells will be rung on Saturday 1st November at 12 noon at St Mary's, Bottesford. This community commemoration will mark the centenary of a muffled peal rung in memory of the first casualties from the Parish in 1914.

Refreshments will be available in the Church from 11.30 – 1.00pm. Come and learn about bell ringing in Bottesford. The belfry will be open to the public and you will be able to have a go.

## Bottesford Parish WW1 project 'People, Community and Memory' launch event

The official launch of this project was held in the Village Hall in September. The project's volunteers were very pleased by the turnout and would like to thank the speakers and helpers as well as both choirs (U3A and the primary school) for their delightful singing, and the WI for the lovely refreshments.

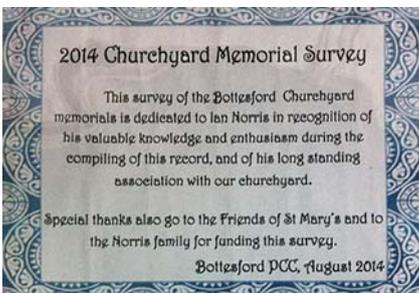


The group are keen to hear from anyone who has any family memories or memorabilia from WW1 that they would like to share with the project. For more information go to the web site: [www.bottesfordhistory.org.uk](http://www.bottesfordhistory.org.uk) or look at our Facebook page or Twitter feed (@BottesfordWW1). Or ring David Middleton on 842215.

## Poppies

The British Legion has requested knitted poppies, which will be on sale for £2 each, at the same time as the 'ordinary' poppies. Marian Johnson of the Methodist church coordinated the appeal locally and thanks everyone for their sterling efforts.

Eighty-one poppies have been knitted at the time of writing.



## St Mary's Churchyard Survey

Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers under the guidance of Laura Marsh and John Topps and the financial support of the Norris family and Friends of St Mary's, there is now an accurate and definitive record of the memorials and grave-spaces in our churchyard.

Starting from a detailed GPS map, the memorial inscriptions and details of known, unmarked graves have been added to create a computer-based file to assist genealogical research and for allocation of spaces for future burials.

A master copy, in a smart leather binder, was formally dedicated to Mr Ian Norris, due to his long-standing association with the churchyard, at a service at St Mary's. That same day, a couple visiting from Canada were able to locate the grave of an ancestor and the record is now readily available for all visitors to the church.

## Pilates

Thursdays at Bottesford VC Hall

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## Village Voice Photographic Competition 2014

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Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each of the three age categories: under 11s, 11 – 18, and over 18s. The following rules apply:

- All photos must be submitted as digital photographs **only**.
- Photos can be taken with cameras, ipads and mobile phones.
- The photographs will be judged on their own merit, and not on the kind of camera used.
- Entries limited to three photographs per person.
- Entries to be received no later than midnight 29<sup>th</sup> November 2014.
- Prize winners will receive a gift voucher.

Entries to be emailed to [vvphotocomp@markpugh.com](mailto:vvphotocomp@markpugh.com) and to [vv@bottesford.org.uk](mailto:vv@bottesford.org.uk) along with your name, age, contact telephone number, name of your photograph and a brief background about the photo.

Please note that Copyright remains with you, the photographer. However, all entries may be used by the Village Voice for promotional purposes. Entering the competition signifies your agreement to this.

Model Release Forms will need to be signed by the parents/guardians of any children featured in photographs that are published and VV will take the necessary steps to make arrangements for this where appropriate.

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## 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 every two years and is loaded onto the village web site - [http://bottesford.org.uk/resources/v-guide-2013\\_14.pdf](http://bottesford.org.uk/resources/v-guide-2013_14.pdf)

The next edition is due out in Spring 2015, so to make sure your group is included please get in touch – contact details are on page 8.

## Horticultural Show report 2014

We attracted 482 entries from 73 exhibitors, down on last year by about 100 entries in a year of exceptionally dry summer weather. Still the class of exhibits was good and the overall show busy with villagers and outside exhibitors keen to view the results of the judges deliberations. Several new faces this year give hope that we shall see a continuation of new exhibitors for our next show in September 2015.

The major trophies and awards were presented by Councillor Pru Chandler after she had thanked those involved for putting together an excellent show, and said she hoped that we would see more entries, especially in the children's classes, next time.



*Village Voice Horticultural Show prize winner –  
Sheena Colton*

## SPOTLIGHT ON....

### New Methodist Minister: The Reverend Ian Mason

Ian was born and grew up near Bury in Lancashire. He met his wife Irene when they were still teenagers and they married in 1961 whilst Ian was training for the ministry. They have three adult children, Robert, Susan and David (all married) and two grandchildren, Ben and Sarah.

After ordination in 1966, Ian has ministered in many places - North Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, West Yorkshire, Scotland, Cumbria, Staffordshire and Leicestershire. He retired in 2010 to Wollaton, Nottingham, but has been called out of retirement to serve here in Bottesford (with Great Gonerby and Skillington) for one year until a longer-term minister can be appointed.

Ian and Irene already feel very settled in Bottesford and say they have been made most welcome. They regard it is a privilege and a pleasure to minister in this beautiful part of England and in this lovely and friendly village.



### Kathy Fisher – local author

Kathy Fisher has been writing since she was a child and kept a diary for many years. She always hoped to have something published and with the support of members of the U3A writers group (which no longer meets) she submitted an article to a national magazine. She was thrilled when the article was published in 2006 and has had further success since then, with more than 18 pieces being accepted for publication. Kathy feels 'very satisfied with what she has done' and hopes to write more stories in the future.

Kathy's latest venture was to work with her family to publish a book 'A Sprinkling of Memories'. Sales of the book raised £700 for the Hospice and for Cancer Research UK.



**Callum Jones**, from Bottesford, recently won a gold medal at the Henley Royal Regatta. He and his crew members were representing Brookes University Oxford in the Temple Challenge Cup. Congratulations Callum.

**Junior cricket talent.** Lyndon Jones of Muston represented the English Cricket Board Midlands under-15 squad in the Bunbury Festival in the summer. Lyndon, a pupil at Oakham School, plays for Belvoir CC's first XI and has also captained his Nottinghamshire County Age Group squad for five years. Well done Lyndon.

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**What's On in November..**

Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3pm	St Mary's Church. All Souls' Service
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> 10am	VoB Ramblers, Long Clawson, Leics. 5 miles, easy walk in The Vale. Call 01949 836042 for a free Vale of Belvoir Ramblers programme.
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> Gates open 6.15pm for 7pm	Vale of Belvoir Lions Firework display. The late William Roberts's paddock, Devon Lane. Admission – see posters. Food and Drinks available.
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> 12 noon to 1pm.	Lite-Bite lunch group, at the Methodist school room. Everyone is welcome. And first and third Wednesday <b>Nov &amp; Dec</b> . Contact - Irene Pacey 01949 843138
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	Service of Remembrance - St Mary's Church.
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> 7.15pm	Parish Council meeting. Fuller Room.
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	U3A, 'The Great War/Shattered Illusions' – Danny Wells - VC Hall.
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	Methodist Friendship Group AGM, Chapel Schoolroom. Refreshments served.
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Local History Society. 'War & Family History'. Speaker – Bill Pinfold. Fuller Room.
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> 2.00 for 2.30pm	East Midland Orchid Society, VC Hall. Peter White - commercial orchid growing. Complimentary refreshments. All welcome. Mike Armstrong 842668
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> 7.15pm	Neighbourhood Plan meeting. Fuller Room
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	W.I. 'Ladies in Pigs (cooking)' – Mary Ibbotson. VC Hall
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> 2pm – 3.30pm	Police Beat Surgery at Zaro's, Queen Street. Discuss your concerns and have your say with our beat officer.
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> 7 - 9pm	Scout & Guide Centre, Albert Street. Re-union/remiscing night. Were you a Brownie or Guide in the village? Please come to a reunion with fellow grown-up Brownies and Guides plus the leaders for a glass of wine and nibbles. Please bring any memorabilia, plus a friend, especially if they didn't belong to Guiding, for a trip down memory lane. Contact Adelle Glossop 01476 870548 for any further details.
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> 10am - 2pm	Christmas Fayre, The Old School, MUSTON.
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> All day walk.	VoB Ramblers. Bardney, Lincs, 8.5 miles. Historic walk past 2 abbeys and ancient limewoods. Check out <a href="http://vbrambler01.blogspot.co.uk/">http://vbrambler01.blogspot.co.uk/</a> .
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	Methodist Friendship Group, Chapel Schoolroom. Speaker, John Eagles. Refreshments. Contact Glenys Bradshaw, 842893.
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> and Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> 10.00am to 4.00pm	Vale of Belvoir Art Society present their Christmas Exhibition in the Fuller Rooms. Christmas treats including Mulled Wine and Biscuits. Great variety of quality art available for people to buy. Treat someone.
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> 11am	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....**

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> 7.15pm	Parish Council meeting. Fuller Room.
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	Vale of Belvoir U3A.. Christmas Party. VC Hall.
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	Methodist Friendship Group Carol Service, Methodist Church, Devon Lane, will be decorated on a theme of 'Christmas Carols'. A very warm welcome to all. Refreshments will follow the service. Details from Glenys Bradshaw, 01949 842893.
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Local History Society. Fuller Room. Christmas Party
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Hatfield Colliery Brass Band Christmas Concert at St Mary's.
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> 10.00am	Vale of Belvoir Ramblers. Caythorpe. along the Lincs cliff edge to Normanton (Lincs) 5 miles. 01949 836042 for a free Ramblers programme, or see <a href="http://www.ramblers.org.uk">www.ramblers.org.uk</a> ,
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> 4pm	Carol service at St John The Baptist, MUSTON.
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	W.I. - Christmas Party, with the Farendune Players. VC Hall.
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> . 2 – 3.30pm	Police Beat Surgery at Zaro's, Queen Street.
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> 2.00 for 2.30pm	East Midland Orchid Society. Club Luncheon (pre-booking essential) followed by the Plant Auction. VC Hall
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> 6.30pm	Christmas Carols by Candlelight in St Mary's Church.
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> 4pm and at 11.30pm	Crib Service at St Mary's. Midnight Mass
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> 11am	Boxing Day - Duck Race - Mulled Wine and Mince Pies served in St Mary's

**Important:** To publicise your event in the 'What's On' column for January or February, please email [t.taffs@btinternet.com](mailto:t.taffs@btinternet.com), or ring 844823, by **20<sup>th</sup> November**.



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**Shire Grants** Leicestershire County Council has launched its new grant scheme, the Your SHIRE Community Grant for local groups. Further details about the scheme and who can apply were announced at a support workshop at Melton BC on 8 October, and at [www.leicestershireforums.org](http://www.leicestershireforums.org).

**Bottesford goes to the movies** The Parish Council and the Good Neighbour Scheme, are holding a free film event on 12<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm. The terms of the licence mean that we can only advertise the name of the film at the Old School itself, so look out for posters in the window!

**BABU** In our last issue we mentioned the fundraising group of local ladies - Bottesford Appeal for a Baby Unit. Here they are in action - and do you know the missing three names?



Left to right:  
Janet Staples, /?/, Sheila Jones, Sue Nickson, /?/, Chris Garden, Isobel Panter, /?/

**Neighbourhood Watch update** Residents may be aware that John Palmer recently stood down from his position as Area Co-ordinator for Normanton due to ill health. John was one of the original founders of our NHW scheme and has given us many years of committed service. I'm sure all residents in the Parish, not just in Normanton, will join me in thanking John for his considerable contribution to our cause. We will miss that greatly but I am pleased to inform you that Normanton resident Shirley Hennessy has volunteered to fill the vacancy left by John Palmer's retirement. I know that Shirley is looking forward to supporting the community in Normanton and the wider Parish. Shirley can be contacted on 01949 842055.

If you wish to receive the regular updates sent out by me, John Shilton, the Parish Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, contact me at [Johns@BottesfordParishNHW.org.uk](mailto:Johns@BottesfordParishNHW.org.uk), or tel: 07725636626.

**Brownie letter**

*Hooray. I have found a leader who saw the article in VV and an assistant through word of mouth and she was also a Brownie herself in Bottesford in the same unit. Lucy Smith will be the leader and Tracey Kirkby the assistant, once all the paperwork is in place and some initial training delivered 2nd Bottesford will be fired up again on October 1st. Thank you everyone for helping out with this and for such a great front page!!!*

Adelle

**Christmas Quiz** The Methodist Church Christmas Quiz will be on sale in the Chapel schoolroom and various outlets from December 1st. Each quiz sheet costs £1 and the proceeds will go to Dove Cottage hospice.

**The Leicestershire Advice Service for Social Care** The need to access social care services is often something very new to families and it can be a daunting prospect trying to find out what help, support, activities, etc., are available and how to access them. The Leicestershire Advice Service team can help by carrying out research for residents. Contact them on 0116 2229555.

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# Sports News



**Bottesford Juniors FC** With the new 2014/2015 football season underway, Bottesford Juniors FC is looking forward to another successful year as the club progresses both on and off the field. The club is thriving – with teams at most age groups up to under-17 – and plans to improve the facilities at the club's ground are well underway. Under-9s coach Leon Gustard said: "As their coach, I am immensely proud of them all. The emphasis is on team spirit and fun. The matches were always greeted with enthusiasm by the boys – regardless of the weather!"



**Bottesford CC under-15s side crowned winners of the Newark Colts Youth League 2014.** They won all seven matches this season and in their last game needed to beat Burton Joyce to be crowned champions. The group of Bottesford players have been together for five years and became champions in this their final year.

**Cricket Club Open Day** In August the Bottesford Cricket Club Open Day, held in conjunction with "Destination Bottesford", was a great success. On the cricket field, a Kwik Cricket tournament for juniors was followed by a competition for parents and supporters of the club who don't usually play cricket. Unfortunately, heavy evening rain later curtailed a planned senior 20-over game. The damp weather made particularly important the valiant efforts of Godfrey Sutton on the barbecue and Eileen Ross and her indefatigable team who provided refreshments and a wide range of delicious home-made cakes from the kitchen. With raffle proceeds and sponsorship from Waitrose, the day raised over £1000 for club funds. The Cricket Club also took the opportunity to launch a consultation exercise on its future development and plans to hold a similar Open Day next year.



## Bottesford Football Club enters the twitter age!

Bottesford Football club has acquired a new Twitter account – and the club wants you to follow it! So if you are a twitter user – please follow @bottesfordFC for all the latest news from your football club!

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