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Village Voice

The newsletter of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton

Bottesford Community Library Association



Some of the Trustees of the Bottesford Community Library Association discussing plans for the library.

Leicestershire County Council has accepted the outline proposal from the Bottesford Community Library Association to take over the running of the library. The Association is preparing a business plan to be submitted to LCC and expects to hear if this has been accepted in April/May. It is also preparing its constitution in order to apply to become a Registered Charity.

We are keen to extend the activities of the library, and want to know what people want to use the library for - over and above borrowing books. There have already been a number of suggestions from residents including a poetry group, toddler group, reading circle, writers group and orchestra, art exhibitions, and we want to know if you think they are good ideas, and what other suggestions you have. As a community library we can change, or extend the opening hours. We have come up with some alterations to the current hours and want to know what you think of our ideas, including the possibility of opening on Sunday. LCC will provide limited financial support to the library, but we will need to raise money to keep it going. We intend to set up a Friends of Bottesford Library and to run fundraising events.

We have designed a questionnaire so that you can comment on our suggestions and it can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MZRB5XT>. Paper copies are also available in the library, or you can email: bottesfordcommunitylibrary@outlook.com. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Bottesford photographic competition winners

Village Voice is grateful to Steve Shepherd for taking photos of the winners of our 2014 photographic competition. Also to Mark Pugh for judging and for presenting the prizes.

Left to right: Gordon Crook, Katy Francis, Mark Pugh, Phil Harding.



Village Guide 2015/16

The Village Guide is published every two years and provides details of all the clubs and societies in the village. The latest issue is now available to download from the Bottesford Today web site: www.bottesford.org.uk. Printed copies are also available to collect from the library. If you would like your own printed copy get in touch with us on 01949 843402.



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Good Friday Walk of Witness

Join us at 10 am, Good Friday (3rd April) for the annual village Walk of Witness. Starting this year at the Methodist Chapel, we will walk a short distance around the village, replicating Jesus's journey with the cross, concluding with hot cross buns and family friendly worship at St Mary's.

Sunday Praise

What is it? A modern band led worship service, then hot chocolate, cake and creative activity.

What's happening? Sunday Praise will be held twice a month from April.

Where? On the second Sunday at the Baptist Church, Bottesford, and fourth Sundays in St Mary's. Always at 6.30pm. Contact Laura by email on office@stmarysbottesford.co.uk for more information.

St Mary's is reaching out

St Mary's gave £730 to Crisis, helping homeless people through collections at our Christmas services and carol singing. We also supported Christian Aid, Homestart, the Children's Society and Cancer Research, as well as sending a bumper collection of food and presents to the Grantham Foodbank.

We are supporting Water Aid's 'Jars of Change' Lent appeal this year, and if anyone wants to join us by filling an empty jam jar with spare change, please leave these in church by Easter Day. Our support for Grantham Foodbank remains ongoing and the trolley is still in church during the building works.

A new Rector for Bottesford and Muston

We hope to see a new Rector at St Mary's, Bottesford and St John's, Muston later this year. Recruitment has begun - details in the next edition. Enquiries? Please email Laura - office@stmarysbottesford.co.uk

St Mary's Church 'Buy-a-Flagstone' Appeal

Since its launch in January, there has been wide support. The west end of the church is being re-floored in Ancaster stone, and the opportunity to have the donation of a flagstone recorded for posterity has caught the imagination of many. Stones have been donated in memory of loved ones, to mark a wedding, baptism or other special occasion, as a gift to children or other family members — or just as a gift to the church. Flagstones are still available: just complete a gift form available in the church and select your stone(s) from the displayed plan. The transformation of the area at the back of the church has been clear for all to see; making available (when finished!) a warm and welcoming community space in our lovely church building. The Church Council is most appreciative of the support received.



Boxing Day Morris and Clog Collection at the Duck Race

The Boxing Day performances of the Foresters Morris Dancers and Greenwood Clog raised £293.19 to add to the Belvoir Lions' Christmas Collection. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously.

Methodist Church Christmas Quiz

The winners were Mary Manning and Mavis Beeson. Vic and Mu Martin also successfully completed the quiz. A big thanks to all who took part. £100 was sent to Dove Cottage hospice. Many Thanks.

Grantham Canal - Boat Trips at Easter

Sunday & Monday April 5th & 6th, Grantham Canal Society Boat Trips from Woolsthorpe Wharf, Woolsthorpe-by-Belvoir (near the Dirty Duck pub). Enjoy a trip on our narrowboat *The Three Shires*. See the wildlife and relax while supporting the restoration and upkeep of the canal. Trips run from 10.00am - 4.00pm; £3 adults, £2 children. *No booking necessary.*

Grantham Canal restoration moves forward

The Grantham Canal, just over 200 years old, designed by William Jessop, was nearly filled in during the 1960s - what a waste if it had been! Thanks to the Grantham Canal Society and the Canal and River Trust, restoration is moving forward! An announcement on 18th December by the CRT was of £830,500 from the Heritage Lottery Fund for a volunteer-led project to restore locks 14 and 15, near Woolsthorpe. There will be training for volunteers to gain heritage and restoration skills, supported by the Waterway Recovery Group and Grantham College. The project also aims to raise awareness of the Canal's heritage. Recruiting is under way for anyone willing to take part. Your time, no matter how much you may have available, is precious to us and we will do our utmost to ensure that you find a task that satisfies you. If you can spare some time, skill, ability or brute force, or are seeking a work experience role ... contact us at www.granthamcanal.org



Cutting back undergrowth



Cub Scout presentation

Chief Scout's Silver Award, given to a Cub Scout, was made in December to (R-L) Henry Coombs, Lewis Hunt, Samuel Durham, Sean Cox, Lewis Pulizzi and George Russell. The route to this is completing challenges and many of the Cub Scouts' activities count towards this award this prestigious achievement.



Can you help Bottesford Youth Club?

The Youth Club is trying to increase the range of activities on offer, and would particularly like to have the following items: PS3 Controller, Xbox Controller, WII Controller, Electric Guitar. If you can help with these, or anything else you think would be useful, PLEASE call Dave on 07738 007515.

Pilates

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Vicky Oakes on 07971 404669

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Recent additions to the Bottesford Local History web site

Superb photographs of Victorian cyclists were added to the website in January, by kind permission of Nottingham Museums and Galleries. They are from a late 19th Century Nottingham Bicycle Club Album, and were taken in and around Bottesford and Belvoir Castle in the Vale of Belvoir. Barrie Whittamore is currently researching the details of the images: where they were taken, makes and types of bicycles, styles of dress, diversity of age, gender and ethnicity. Please look for *New Contributions* on - <http://www.bottesfordhistory.org.uk>

Bottesford Parish WW1 Centenary - Future Events



Rededicating the Chapel First World War Roll of Honour This will be at a service in the Methodist Chapel, Devon Lane, Bottesford at 10.30 am on Sunday 8th March, the centenary of its original installation in March 1915. The Roll of Honour lists members of the Chapel Sunday School and Congregation on active service in the Great War. The Heritage Lottery Fund supported the restoration and conservation. All are welcome.

First World War Heritage Weekend An exhibition illustrating the impact of the war on the Parish will be at St Mary's on the weekend of 17-19th April. There will also be a performance of music and readings '*Bottesford in the Great War*' in the Church, 7-9 pm, on Saturday 18th April. The Vale of Belvoir U3A and Bottesford Primary School choirs will perform songs from the period, with readings by Belvoir High School pupils, and music by Church Organist, Chris Coe. Tickets from Zaro's and the Spar, or contact 01949 842215 – adults £4.00, children free.



Richard and Sara Taylor volunteered for a shift at the Tower, during which 6,000 of the poppies were planted. **Val Lever** helped remove poppies after



the event. She said it was cold and muddy but a great experience. The 888,246 poppies represented lives lost in WW1.



Money need for new primary school (from the Grantham Journal 1975)

"Parish Councillors are calling as a matter of urgency for money for a new Primary School. Planning has been given for premises adjacent to Belvoir High School on Barkeston Lane. However the financial aspect has currently led to shelving the scheme. Michael Latham MP raised the problem in Parliament and the Under Secretary of State for Education said the onus is on the Local Authority to provide the financial allocation for the new school.

The Parish Council has asked Melton Borough Council for a financial contribution for the provision of public toilets in the Village"

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SPOTLIGHT ON....

Parish Councillors

The Parish Council election will be held on Thursday, May 7th, alongside the parliamentary and borough elections.

Your Parish Council needs you. What would it be like to be a Parish Councillor? Now might be the time to find out. Seats are up for election in May, and we would like to encourage people of different ages and backgrounds and from different parts of the Parish to stand.

So what is the Parish Council? The lowest tier of local government, governed by legislation and government policy. But don't worry! The Clerk is there to ensure that things are done properly, and there is training from the Association of Local Councils to help new Councillors. Parish Councils are non-political. Councillors do not receive any allowances – we are all volunteers. There are things a Parish Council has to do, such as providing allotments, and others that it can do, like providing street lighting and play parks, or leading the Neighbourhood Plan. Did you know, for example, that streetlights in Muston are provided by the Parish Council?

What does a Parish Councillor do? We don't simply turn up to a Parish Council meeting once a month! These meetings are when decisions are taken and we discuss planning applications that affect the parish, but a lot happens outside them. Parish Councillors have different skills and experience and share the work on different initiatives. Some deal with the running of the council and parish assets, others are developed from requests received from parishioners. These have included moving the parish finances on to an electronic system, putting an inside toilet in the Old School, helping set up the Good Neighbour Scheme, running film afternoons, and applying for grants for new playground equipment.

How do I become a Parish Councillor? It doesn't cost anything, but you will need to fill in a nomination paper, signed by a proposer and seconder who are registered electors in the parish, and send it to the Returning Officer at Melton Borough Council by noon, 19 working days before the polling day. To find out more, please contact the parish council, 01949 222478

New Parish Councillor - James Goodson

James lives in Easthorpe with his wife and two children and is involved with the family farm. He works for Fisher German, Chartered Surveyors and Business Consultants, advising on business structure, strategic direction, reviews and appraisals, as well as managing farms owned by clients. He supervises and runs contract farming and joint ventures. He enjoys all rural pursuits, still plays occasional cricket and watches rugby. Having hung up his rugby boots, he now enjoys watching his own children play sport, being that competitive parent on the touchline.

Lions Christmas collection

A big thank you to all the Lions, family and friends, that so swelled our Pride this Christmas. A record breaking £5,400 was collected, and will be donated to Rainbows, Dove Cottage Hospice, Grantham Food Bank and other local deserving causes. *Nigel Davies*

Bottesford "Tip" – use it or lose it

Whenever you use the recycling facility on Normanton Lane your visit is counted automatically. It is important that you exit over the ramp by the Office to be included. Visitor numbers are necessary in ensuring that the 'tip' remains open. Just imagine what the fly-tipping would be like if we lose it!

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BABU photo Message:

Dear Village Voice,

I am writing in relation to the picture on page 7 of Issue 74 (which includes my late wife Isobel). I recognised the lady next to her on the far right of the picture as Sue Lee who lived in Bottesford at the time.

Regards David

What's On in March...

Sun 1 st 10am	VoB Ramblers – Barnby in the Willows, Notts. Leisurely 6 miles / 9.7 km. Low level walk to Fenton and Sutton and return by River Witham.
Sun 1 st 2-5pm.	The Homestead, Normanton. Open for the National Gardens Scheme. Should still be Snowdrops and will certainly be Hellebores. £2.50
Tues 3 rd 7.30pm	Friends of St Mary's. Open Meeting & AGM. The Bowls Club. Talk by Neil Fortey on the new book 'Angels and Dragons'.
Sun 8 th 10am	VoB Ramblers – Barketstone-le-Vale, Leics. Moderate 9.5 miles / 15.3 km Easy walking across field and along canal through the Vale villages of Harby, Plungar, Granby.
Mon 9 th 7.15pm	Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council meeting. The Old School. Residents may question the council and make comments prior to the Parish Council meeting.
Tues 10 th 2pm	U3A – VC Hall. Our U3A Choir to entertain.
Thurs 12 th 7.30pm	Local History Society. Fuller Rooms. 'Anglo-Saxon Leicestershire' – Peter Liddle.
Sat 14 th 7.00pm	'Something Fishy'. See page 7.
Sun 15 th 10.30am	St Mary's Church Mothering Sunday Family Service.
Sun 15 th 2.30pm	East Midlands Orchid Society. VC Hall. Monthly Meeting. Non-members very welcome, refreshments served.
Sun 15 th 6.30pm	Sunday Praise service at Bottesford Baptist Church, followed by hot chocolate and cake.
Tues 17 th 7.30pm	W.I. 'Real Women of India (Photography)' – Leslie Saunders. VC Hall. Contact Marian Orr 843629.
Weds 18 th 2pm - 3pm	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 19 th 2.30pm	Methodist Church Friendship Group meeting in the Chapel Schoolroom, Devon Lane. Talk by Rev. Ian Mason. Refreshments served. Everyone given a very warm welcome. Details, Glenys Bradshaw 01949 842893
Sun 29 th 10.30am	Palm Sunday Service at St Mary's – meet 10.20 at Fleming Bridge for procession with palms.
Sun 29 th 11am	25 th Bottesford Egg Run - Red Lion (NG13 0ED) to Meres Leisure Centre Grantham, and then Melton – all motorcyclists welcome - John Bartlett 01780762531 / 07790583082

And in April....

Thurs 2 nd 2.30pm	Methodist Friendship Group. Chapel Schoolroom, Devon Lane. Elsham Singers will entertain.
Thurs 2 nd 7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service, St Mary's Church.
Good Friday 10am 3 rd 7.30pm	Walk of Witness. Start at Methodist Church, conclude at St Mary's. Charity Service for Good Friday led by the Cranmer Singers .
Sat 4 th 10am-12noon	St Mary's. Exploring Easter Children's Event. Contact Laura office@stmarysbottesford.co.uk
Sat 4 th 9pm	Easter Eve Vigil at St Mary's
Sun 5 th 10.30am	Easter Sunday Communion at St Mary's.
Easter Sunday 5 th & Mon 6 th 10am to 4pm	Grantham Canal Society Boat Trips; £3 adults, £2 children, from Woolsthorpe Wharf, near Mucky Duck Pub. See the wildlife, knowing you're supporting the restoration of the canal.
Thurs 9 th 7.30pm	Local History Society. Fuller Rooms. 'Battling the Beams', Speaker: Terry Shepherd.
Fri 10 th 7.30pm	Friends of St Mary's Quiz Evening at the Bowls Club, with supper. Entry forms from John Daybell 842780.
Sun 12 th 6.30pm	Sunday Praise at Bottesford Baptist Church. Band led.
Mon 13 th 7.15pm	Parish Council meeting. Old School, Muston. (Check venue.)
Tues 14 th 2pm	U3A – VC Hall. Barbara Mayer will talk about Big Cat Conservation.
Thurs 16 th 2.30pm	Methodist Friendship Group. Chapel schoolroom, Devon Lane. John Hammond will talk about H. G. Wells. (Other information, see 19 th Mar)
Sat 18 th 7pm	St Mary's. U3A Concert + Primary School Choir. Friends of St Mary's.
Sun 19 th 2.30pm	East Midlands Orchid Society. VC Hall. 'Trip to Ecuador and Peru', Speaker: Malcolm Moody. Non-mems welcome, refreshments served.
Tues 21 st 7.30pm	W.I. 'Flower Arranging' – Maureen Wright. VC Hall. Contact Marian Orr.
Sun 26 th 6.30pm	Sunday Praise at St Mary's Church
Thurs 30 th 2.30pm	Methodist Friendship Group. Speaker: Val Henstock. (See 19th March)

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 **20th March**.

Vale of Belvoir Out of School Club We will be running a club at Easter, 30th March to 2nd April, 8am-6pm. Booking forms available very soon. Also, our summer club will run for three weeks commencing 27th July to the 3rd August, 8am-6pm. Lots of new activities will be on offer. Tina Scott, Manager, 01949 845006, www.voboosc.co.uk

Something Fishy at the Village Hall, Saturday 14th March, 7.30pm Ginny Davis is performing her family saga. Never far from the chaos of family and friends, Ruth Rich relates a hilarious tale. Accompanying her son, his unruly friend and his friend's mother to Marrakesh, Ruth leaves her teenage daughter at home alone with the goldfish, whilst dotty Gran worries nearby. Tickets (£8) at the Spar, Zaro's and from Gill on 842868.

COME & SING, J S Bach, St Matthew Passion

The Cranmer Company of Singers, Director Deborah Davies, is hosting this charity event on Good Friday, April 3rd, at Bottesford Parish Church. All welcome, £6 to sing, donations at the door from audience. Money raised will go to the Middle East Appeal. We raised £1150 in 2014.

Singers: please book by contacting Kate on katfisch00@hotmail.com or 01949 843386, rehearsal 4.30pm, performance 7.30pm. Bring a picnic supper to have between rehearsal and performance. Singing in English, ideally using Novello Edition ed. Elgar/Atkins. Music provided if required – please state. Sober dress – Men: suit & tie, Ladies: Sunday best.

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The Singers will also celebrate their 20th anniversary with a special concert in Bottesford, Saturday July 25th – an early date for your diary!

Federation of Children's Book Groups Conference

Lincolnshire Children's Book Group meets at Marston, near Grantham, April 10th-12th, for talks, debates, seminars, workshops, exhibitions, authors and illustrators discussing their work. Meet others passionate about children's books and getting kids reading - <http://www.fcbg.org.uk/conference/>

Open Gardens, Vale of Belvoir Lions

Please get in touch if you would like to open your gardens this year, on the weekend of 4th - 5th July. We would hope to help local charities again this year. Please call us on 0785 8001952.

Grantham Running Club

This friendly running club (adults only) offers training 6 days a week. We organise two races. The "Grantham Cup" (part of Belton Horse Trails) is a 10k trail race on April 19th, start 11:30. The "Summer Solstice 10k Road Race," our flagship event on June 19th, start 19.30, includes a complimentary bottle of Pale Ale and a memento glass to drink it from. This UKA-licenced race attracted 510 entries last year, with a target of 700 this year. It is chip-timed, so you receive your personal race time.

Race Director, Gordon Geach, one of our lead coaches, is also overseeing two beginners courses starting on Monday 30th March: a 'couch to 5k' for the complete beginner and, for those that already jog, a 12 week course to 10k, hopefully culminating with you competing in the Summer Solstice event. Both cost only £10. Go to www.granthamrunningclub.co.uk or email event@granthamrunningclub.co.uk.

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Sports News



Bottesford Football Club

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The players, parents, coaches and committee celebrating.

We have secured nearly half a million pounds from the FA towards the clubhouse project at our Nottingham Road ground. Chairman Daniel Gribby said "We are now a priority club for the FA in 2015. Our target is to have the Clubhouse built for the 2016/17 season, with all teams playing at Nottingham Road. I would like to thank Nick Dobney (Club Fundraising Officer) and Gary

Johnson (LK2 Consultants) in making our application successful." However, as part of the funding we must receive as many letters of support from local businesses and parents as possible. Would you be kind enough to help support our project? Please contact Daniel or Bottesford FC for templates. You just need to fill in the missing gaps, and of course elaborate if you wish to, then email them back to Daniel (email address below). It's that simple!

New under-12s coach required Bottesford FC needs a new coach for the Under-12s, a fast improving team in Nottingham's Young Elizabethans Sunday League. We require minimum Level 1 coaching certificate, and an enthusiastic approach, to help us move forward. Bottesford FC has 13 teams, from under-7s right through to a senior team which has reached the semi-finals of the County Cup.

Record Breaking Disco! Bottesford FC's Christmas disco was a roaring success – a record breaker! It raised more than £3000 towards the general running of the club and the new clubhouse project. And the club wasn't the only winner! Well done to Jackie Tweedie, who won first prize in the raffle – a Kindle Fire! The 2nd prize (Eden Hall Voucher) went to Coral Musson, the 3rd prize (Dinner for Two at Paul's) to Emma Coombs. A huge thanks to Chris and Lynn Millard for organising the event. Disco email: Buckltr@aol.com

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