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Village Voice

The newsletter of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton

Eclipse Excitement Grips Bottesford Primary School

Children from Bottesford Primary School all experienced the partial solar eclipse in March and, in preparation, they also learnt about what an eclipse was.

Then they made their own pinhole projectors which allowed them to view the eclipse safely. The projectors were all different shapes and sizes and most of them worked really well.

'It was really exciting because you could see the sun even though you weren't looking directly at it,' enthused Erin Sharpe.

'It was an amazing experience because not many people had the chance to see it!' added Leona Pompa. Even the youngest children in the school enjoyed the experience. They watched by looking carefully at a reflection of the eclipse in water. 'The sky was clearer than it had been all week - we were really lucky to have been able to view the eclipse', Miss Stevenson said with relief. What a memorable day!



A star in the making

Daisy Barnes, a pupil at Belvoir High School and a former gymnast, made the jump to pole vault in May last year and found she was a natural. By the end of the summer she had won gold medals in the area, the county and the East Midland championships.

She jumped a personal best of 2m 70cm to become Midland U15 champion, an all-time record jump for that category, and she was ranked 15th in the UK U15s.

As a result Daisy was nominated for Leicestershire Junior Sportswoman of the Year. She was awarded the runner-up position at the ceremony at Leicester Tiger's Welford Road Stadium earlier this year.

Her immediate target is to clear 3m in competition but her future target is the Tokyo Olympics in 2020. Good Luck Daisy!





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Impossible show comes to the Village Hall on Sat. 9th May

'6 impossible things' is an extraordinary show which will come to the Village Hall on Saturday 9th May. It is a variety show which features a revolving stage, conjuring, acrobatics, live music, sound effects, animatronics and features a spectacular finale.

The show involves the Three Grimshaws, a variety act at the top of their game, just after their disastrous show in Grimsby. Whatever happened to Maureen in Grimsby and which version you choose to believe, the cat was never the same again. The truth is that both brothers needed Maureen, perhaps more than she needed them That's the thing about love triangles, they rarely end well. Both boys carry on, hiding their regrets, their secrets and their guilt, after all the show must go on!

Tickets (£8) at the Spar, Zaro's and from Gill on 842868. Also on line at wegottickets.com.

Note: this will be the last professional theatre event as part of the Centre Stage programme for some time as funding for the scheme has been withdrawn by both Leicestershire County Council and Melton Borough Council. If you love live theatre then you must come along to help fill the hall!

Bottesford Community Cinema

The cinema events, put on jointly by the Parish Council and the Good Neighbour Scheme, commenced in September. They are held at 2pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month month. They are free to enter with a small charge for refreshments. Recent films have included Philomena, Mamma Mia, and the Kings Speech. The newly formed community Library Association is hoping to show children's films in the future.

Community library update

The Community Library Association submitted its business plan to the county council in mid-March and the outcome was announced in early April. Go to their Facebook page for details of the County Council's decision.

The Library Association is now working towards taking over the library from later this year and is starting the process of recruiting and training volunteers and working up a programme of events and activities for the library. Consultation showed that residents were interested in starting a toddler group, holding art exhibitions, talks by authors, craft activities and possibly a poetry group.

For up to date information, or to volunteer LIKE us on Facebook or email bottesfordcommunitylibrary@outlook.com or ring 843402.

Grantham Journal Reports 1945 and 1975

70 years ago in 1945, 'Victory in Europe' was celebrated on May 8th and 'Victory in the Far East' on August 15th 1945. In Bottesford the Guides and Scouts raised a flag and constructed a huge bonfire on Beacon Hill. The Grantham Journal reported that "it flickered merrily until a late hour."

What changes?

According to the Minister of Housing, the national solution to a housing shortage was to build prefabricated buildings thus saving time. William Davis, already building on a site on Station Road, took up the challenge of building two homes in 15 days but they were completed in 9 days once essential services had been put in place. This race against time was national news.

1975 - A new School or not? Parents in the school action group were disappointed that ministers did not visit the houses. They were not able to present a petition for a new school. Other plans included nonstop crossing the High Street (the main A52 then), withdrawal of children from school and even parents funding and building a new school.

Suddenly the news was that LCC had placed a new school in their 1975-1976 building programme. Was it media publicity, people power, questions at government levels or re-allocation of budgets that created the funding for a new primary school?

Knitting and Spinning Yarns

The U3A Vale of Belvoir Knit and Natter group, coordinated by Denise Cave with assistance from Sue Wadsworth, has been working on recreating the garments sent to soldiers during the 1st World War.



Photo: Denise Cave, Ruth Wilkinson, Sue Nagy, Jane Roberts, Sue Dunsmore

The group researched WW1 patterns, worked out what they meant (the terms used 100 years ago are not used today) and knitted a variety of items. They spun their own yarn to produce the right colour of khaki for scarves, socks, balaclavas, rifleman's gloves, and wrist warmers. To knit the socks and wrist warmers they rose to the challenge of using 4 needles!

Over 300 hours of voluntary work as part of the Bottesford Parish 1st World War Centenary Project demonstrated how much effort was needed to make the home comforts families sent out to those on active service. When the project is over the items will be donated to charities working with homeless people.

Re-dedicating the restored Bottesford Methodist Chapel 1st World War Roll of Honour - Sunday March 8th 2015

On the centenary of its unveiling, the newly conserved Bottesford Methodist Chapel 1st World War Roll of Honour was displayed and re-dedicated.

The Reverend Ian Mason introduced a short ceremony as part of the Chapel Sunday Service on the 8th March. He then read out the names on the Roll of Honour before moments of quiet reflection. Afterwards a capacity congregation retired to the Meeting Room to view a display describing the programme of conservation and its part in the Bottesford Parish

1st World War Centenary Project. The ceremony and display provoked lively discussion, with many commenting on how much it had increased awareness of the contribution made by Bottesford Primitive Methodist Chapel worshippers who served in the 1st World War. The conservation was possible with the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and was carried out by Lorraine Finch (<http://www.lfcpc.co.uk/>). An excellent Facebook page provides details of her meticulous work (www.facebook.com/LFCandP).

Another article from this group is on our 'Extras' page:
<http://villagevoice.bottesford.org.uk/blog-2/Downloads.html>

Pilates

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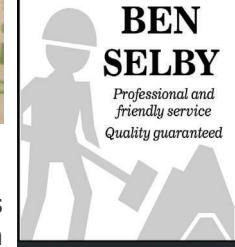
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Our Neighbourhood Plan Matters

Welcome to 'Neighbourhood Plan Matters', the first in a series of articles on the Bottesford Parish Neighbourhood Plan. We want to keep you fully informed as to the plan's progress and help you understand how you can shape the future of our parish.

Why is the Neighbourhood Plan so important to us all? In 2011 the government decided communities should have a much greater say in where new houses and other buildings are located. However, for us to have that say, we need a document called 'The Neighbourhood Plan'.

The plan is an assessment of what is good and bad about where we live. It includes our vision for Bottesford Parish over the next 25 years and, critically, it will state the best places for all new building developments.

Once the plan is written, we vote on its contents. If there is a majority in favour our local planners have to abide by our decisions on the locations of new developments.

We want to hear from you. Since June last year, a steering-group of volunteers has been working to ensure everyone is consulted. There have been two public meetings; we have a new web-site and Facebook page. Look out for articles in the local press, Radio and TV.

Our next article will review the work of the 9 project groups, and provide an insight into the best and worst aspects of our community.

Please like our new Facebook page - search for Bottesford Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan Communications Team
www.bottesfordparishneighbourhoodplan.wordpress.com/

Keep up to date with Bottesford on Facebook.

Why not sign up to Facebook and 'Like' our village groups. If you are already a Facebook user search for 'Bottesford' and you will find, for example: Village Voice, Gardens Association, Community Library, Bottesford Football Club under 12s, St Mary the Virgin, [Bottesford Parish WW1 Centenary](#), Pre-school, Bottesford Cricket Club, the Village Hall and many others.

If you run a group in the village and don't have a Facebook page you are missing a large audience, from all over the world. Some of the Village Voice posts have been seen by more than 1300 people.

Setting up a Facebook page is straightforward if you have an email address. You could even ask a friend or a younger member of the family to help you get started. It's easy when you know how.

MUSTON FEST will take place from 2pm on Saturday 27th June in the grounds of the beautiful Glebe House, thanks to the owners, Carol and Andrew. There will be stalls, dance displays, singing, games, an inflated Assault Course for children plus a variety of refreshments to keep you going. In the evening bring a picnic to the concert along with something to sit on. There will be a licensed bar. Gates open from 2pm to 6.30pm and then from 7pm for the concert.

Afternoon ticket is £4 for adults and £2 for children under 12. The All Day Adult Ticket (includes the concert) is £10. Proceeds to St. John the Baptist Church and Help for Heroes.

For further information see posters or call 842672 (Hugh) or 843179 (John).

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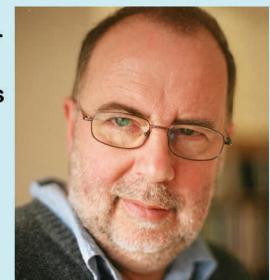
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Friends of St. Mary's Bottesford

At the centre of the village and visible for miles around, St Mary's church is a focal point for the local community and visitors from further afield. Everyone in the parish, of all faiths or none, has free access to the church and churchyard for milestone events in their lives; Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals and for quiet reflection at other times. As a lovely Grade 1-listed building, 900 years old, the church and churchyard need constant upkeep at a cost beyond the means of the worshipping community. In recognition of this and as the church 'belongs' to the whole community, the Friends of St Mary's was formed in 2011 with the object of raising funds for the repair and maintenance of the building and churchyard to ensure its presence for a further 900 years.

As an independent registered charity, the Friends have over 180 members drawn from across the community. The Friends committee has members from the Parish Council, Bottesford Local History Society, the Church Council with others elected or co-opted. Their concerts have a deserved reputation for quality and diversity and regular Quiz Evenings attract a loyal following. All money raised, approaching £10,000 each year, goes to projects in the church and churchyard, including installing a roof alarm system, providing new heating boilers, refurbishing church doors and churchyard gates and contributing to the cost of re-flooring.

A recent membership drive has attracted new members but more are always required to meet the increasing demands of maintaining our ancient building. If you are interested in playing a part contact the Chairman, John Daybell, on 842780.



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Sir Alan Duncan MP recently visited Normanton after hearing about the work being carried out by the newly formed Normanton Community Group. He was very interested in the speed-reduction project, and provided a great deal of advice, support and guidance.

He was impressed with the creative bin-stickers, which have created a 28% reduction in speeding drivers. Sir Alan said: "This is a great example of a community coming together, identifying a problem and setting out to solve it. I am happy to lend my support to any project the village wants to implement to achieve its aim."

The unique bin-stickers are available to individuals or community groups that have similar speeding problems. To purchase a set contact Britta on 07739 196859 or normantoncommunitygroup@gmail.com (There is a small fee to cover costs)

PC Mark Longden and colleagues from the local Police Beat also lent their support. They undertook speed-monitoring, stopping a number of motorists, one of whom was hurtling through Normanton at 50mph. Further police monitoring will take place in the future.

East Midlands Today sent a reporter to the village who filmed for over an hour, recording several interviews.

Bob Bayman, chair of the NCG said: "We are delighted with this response. It shows that a small community can work together to achieve excellent results. Thank you to all involved."

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What's On in May...

Mon 4 th & Sun 24 th & Mon 25 th 10am – 4pm	Grantham Canal Boat Trips, from Lock 18, Rutland Arms (Dirty Duck), NG32 1NY, £3 adults, £2 children. Support your local canal and the volunteers.
Mon 4 th 1pm onwards.	Muston Playing Fields Assoc. on Muston Park. Duck race, five-a-side football tournament and barbecue. Fundraising for new play equipment.
Weds 6 th 2.30pm	Mothers Union, St Mary's. "The Torch Trust" David Palmer. Contact Judith Wells, office@stmarysbottesford.co.uk .
Sat 9 th	Impossible Show comes to the VC Hall. See page 2.
Sun 10 th 6.30pm	Contemporary band led service at St Mary's. Praise Him in the Vale!
Tues 12 th 2pm	U3A: Speaker Roy Wood. 'How to have a Healthy Life in Retirement'. VC Hall.
Weds 13 th 2pm	Bottesford Community Cinema. Old School Room. See page 2.
Thurs 14 th 7.30pm	Local History Society. Fuller Rooms. 'Richard the Third's Leicester' – Alison Coates.
Thurs 14 th & 28 th 2.30pm	Methodist Friendship Group, Church Schoolroom. All are welcome. Contact Glenys Bradshaw on 842893
Sat 16 th 2pm	Bottesford FC Summer Presentation Day and BBQ, VC Hall. Disco and various footballing events, including children's training sessions, cross bar challenge and a 5-a-side mini-tournament for adult teams. Fun day for players of all ages and families and lasting into the evening. Well-stocked bar.
Sun 17 th 2.30pm	East Midland Orchid Society. VC Hall.
Tues 19 th 7.30pm	W.I. - Resolutions & Annual Supper - VC Hall. Contact Marion Orr 843629
Wed 20 th 10am	VoB Ramblers. Denton & the Grantham Canal. Meet ex-Welby Arms nr church. 6 miles. Details from Dave 07827728830 and ramblers.co.uk/walksfinder .
Sun 24 th 6.30pm	Pentecost Praise - Bottesford Baptist Church, Queen St. Praise Him in the Vale!

And in June....

Weds 3 rd 2.30pm	Mothers Union. Tea at Barkestone. For more details please contact Frances Stapleton on 843427
Sat 6 th 10am – 2pm & from 7pm	St Mary's Annual Summer Fair & Plant Sale at Underacre, Easthorpe. 'Bar-B-Q & Swing' with Tony Farrell Swing Quartet. Proceeds from evening event to Friends of St Mary's.
Tues 9 th 2pm	U3A – Alan Rogers - 'A Policeman's Lot'. Humorous anecdotes of 33 years in the police. VC Hall.
Thurs 11 th	Local History Society - Annual Summer Outing
Sun 14 th 6.30pm	Sunday Praise at St Mary's. Praise Him in the Vale!
Tues 16 th 7pm	VoB Ramblers. Bingham to Car Colston. Sue, 838619.
Tues 16 th 7.30pm	W.I. VC Hall.
Sat 20 th 7.30pm	Concert by Radcliffe-on-Trent Male Voice Choir in St Mary's Church. Proceeds to 'Friends of St Mary's'
Sun 21 st 2.30pm	East Midland Orchid Society. VC Hall.
Sat 27 th 2pm	Muston Fest. See page 4 or for more details.
Sun 28 th 6.30pm	Sunday Praise at Bottesford Baptist Church. Praise Him in the Vale!

Important: To publicise your event in the 'What's On' column for July or August, please email t.taffs@btinternet.com, or ring 844823, by **20th May**.

Good Neighbour Scheme

The scheme has now completed 600 hundred jobs in 14 months. The jobs, mainly transport related, include shopping, gardening and odd-jobs. A huge thank you to the volunteers without whom this would not be possible. The success of the scheme means new volunteers are urgently needed. If you could give a small amount of your time please call 07849 311740.



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A Rector for Bottesford and Muston –an update

An advert has been placed in the Church Times for a Rector and selected candidates should be interviewed in May, with a view to appointing a Rector in September. Please contact Laura on 842859 or office@stmarysbottesford.co.uk with enquiries regarding St Mary's.

The U3A Choir entertained the members at the monthly meeting with a mixed programme of well known songs. The U3A is an organisation for the over 55s, holding monthly meetings, with a speaker. It also has interest groups including photography, gardening, table tennis, whist. For more information contact Mary Noble 01476 566578.

Bottesford Preschool fundraiser

"Well, we did it! The numbers have been crunched.....we managed to raise a truly fantastic sum of £1,025 for Preschool. This was such a fab team effort. Huge thanks to The Lions, the Preschool staff, the Committee, all the friends and family who helped on the night and, obviously, all of YOU who bought tickets and came and got stuck in! You are all amazing people."

Why not open your garden and help raise money for deserving charities?

If you would like to open your gardens for charity this year, on the weekend of 4th and 5th July, please call The Vale of Belvoir Lions on 0785 8001952

Vale of Belvoir out Of School Club is running a two week summer club, w/c 27th July and 3rd August. If you like to volunteer please contact Mrs Tina Scott on 845006, 845016, or email osc@belvoirhigh.leics.sch.uk. Booking forms will be available from the beginning of June. Limited places so book early.

Vale of Belvoir Lions Club

Back in March the Lions held a social and presentation evening in support of many local charities. Donations totalling £6500 were made thanks to the enormous generosity of the public who had contributed at fund raising events organized by the club such as the bonfire, Santa & his display & the duck race profits (with thanks to the donation from the Foresters Morris).

Pictured (top) is Her Grace Emma the Duchess of Rutland, herself an Honorary Lion, presenting one of the cheques to Chris Gatfield, Registered Manager of Dove Cottage Hospice, Stathern.

Her Grace is also shown presenting a cheque to a representative from Rainbows Childrens' Hospice. Other cheque recipients were Nottingham Hospitals Charity, Stathern Recreation Association, Grantham Samaritans, St John Ambulance, Bottesford Pre-School and Harby Recreation Association.



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Sports News



Bottesford Football Club

The Club is holding a Summer Presentation Day and BBQ at Bottesford Village Hall from 2pm onwards on Saturday 16th May. There will also be a disco, various footballing events involving children's training sessions, cross bar challenge and a 5 a-side mini-tournament for adult teams. A fun day for players of all ages and families which will last well into the evening. There will of course be a well-stocked bar!



"Buy a brick"

The Club is offering the local community and businesses the chance to buy a small stake in the future of the club – in the shape of a brick! After securing substantial funding from the Football Foundation for their new clubhouse, Bottesford have been tasked to raise a £25,000 contribution before the end of the year.

Supporters can purchase a personally engraved brick for £50 and businesses a larger brick for £100. These will be mounted on the wall in the reception area of the new clubhouse for ever more, providing a long-term recognition of their commitment to the club.

Application forms can be obtained from any club official or downloaded from the club website www.bottesfordfc.co.uk.



Successful Bid

The Club has been successful in their bid for £2,052 to pay for three sets of new goal posts. These will be used on the field adjacent to the Nottingham Road site later this year once the land has been converted from farmland to football pitches. They thank everyone who took the time to add comments of support to the Your Shire website.

Leicestershire FA Saturday Trophy

Well done to the team in reaching the final of the County Cup by defeating the Leicester Three Lions 3-1. However, despite a hard fought match, Bottesford lost to Ravenstone 2-1 in the final.

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Bottesford FC is appealing for girls of all ages, particularly current school year 3-5, to join their thriving junior section and further develop girls' football next season. Training takes place on Sunday mornings.

To find out more contact Matt Burton on 07540935478 or Steve Ryan on 07809493478 or email news@bottesfordfc.co.uk.



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