



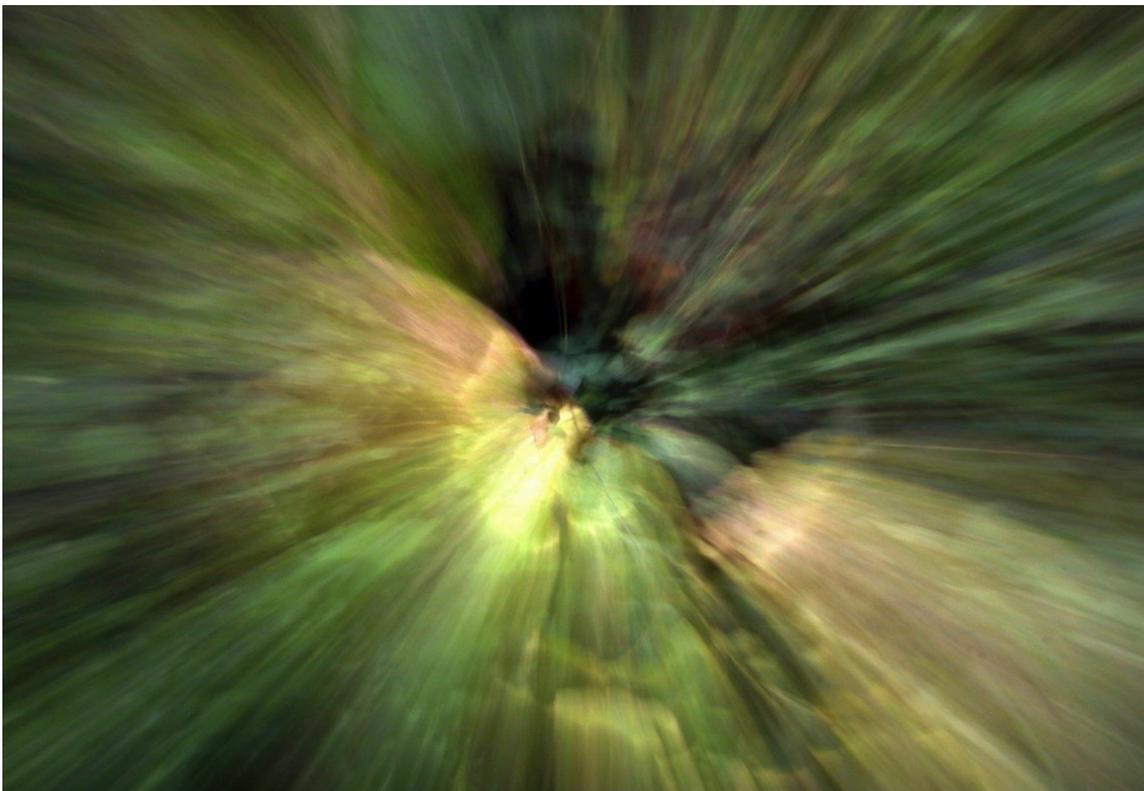
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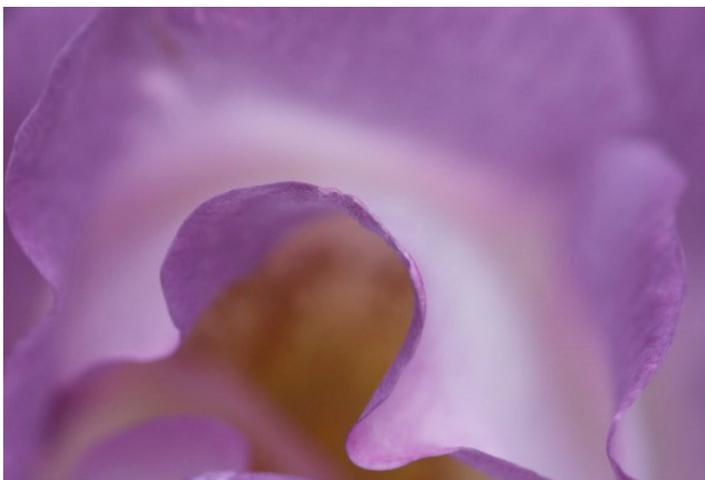
Village Voice Photographic Competition winners 2015

Abstract was the theme for the third annual photographic competition run by Village Voice and judged by local professional photographer Mark Pugh. The winner is Gordon Crook and he will receive one photography tuition session with Mark (www.markpugh.com, owner/Entrepreneur of www.mpmedia.co.uk). Gordon scored highly in his interpretation of the theme, composition and technique with his image 'Into the unknown'. Second place goes to Christopher Baines for 'Curve', and third was Dilys Shepherd for 'Galleries'.

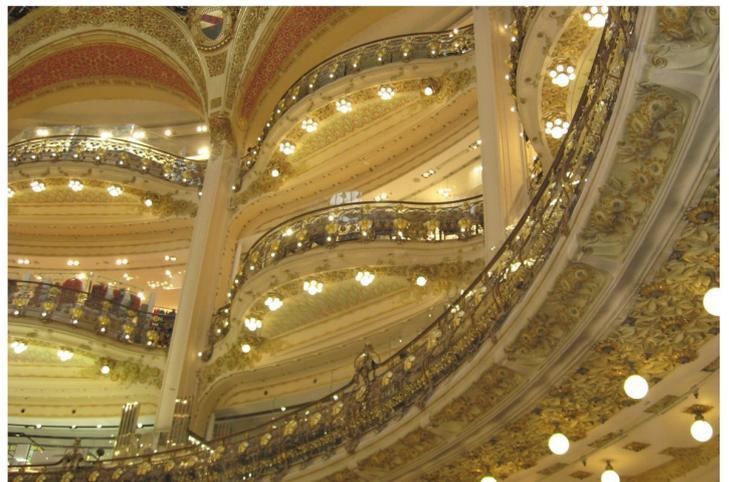


1st place - Gordon Crook 'Into the unknown'

Mark Pugh said that 'it is worth mentioning that without exception the other entries scored very highly as well this year. One photo in particular, captured by John Simpson of Bottesford, of St Mary's was stunning and the overall standard of photography submitted by all was excellent, so a genuine 'well done' to everyone who took the time to enter'.



2nd place - Christopher Baines 'Curve'



3rd place - Dilys Shepherd 'Galleries'

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Bottesford Community Library

We have been pleased by the number people commenting on the new library layout, especially the relaxed area where people can sit with a cup of coffee and read the paper, kindly donated daily by the Co-op, or just meet for a natter with friends. We are also receiving a lot of thanks from people. They are grateful that the volunteers are helping to keep the library open.

The library is also open on Sunday afternoon from 1 – 4pm when coffee and home-made cakes are on sale. So do call in to borrow a book and enjoy these super refreshments.

If you need any document reproducing, the photocopier in the library can do both colour and double sided copies. It will also scan and print off items from the public computers, for as little as 25p.

We need to fund raise to help pay the bills and so we have set up a 'Friends of Bottesford Library Scheme' for regular donations and a 'MyDonate' page for one offs. Please go to our web site www.bottesfordcommunitylibrary.org.uk for details. If you are a business and want to support us, we would love to show you around. Ring 07990 974799 or email: information@bottesfordcommunitylibrary.org.uk.

If you would like to volunteer in the library, please get in touch in the same way – or just call in. *BCLA trustees*



End of a Chapter!

After many happy years, Viv, Mary and Pam stamped their last books at Bottesford library on 24th October 2015. We would like to thank all our customers for their best wishes and wish the community group every success.

Parish Council update

At the November Parish Council meeting the Council was joined by Madam Mayor Jeanne-Marie Douglas of Melton and Chief Executive of Melton Borough Council Lynn Aisbett, who addressed the meeting.

Christmas tree. The Parish Christmas tree was very kindly donated by Karan & John from the Select Convenience Shop.

Speed Watch. The average speed during the recent Speed Watch campaign on Grantham Road was 39.5 mph (highest speed 56 mph) and on Belvoir Road was 36.9 mph (highest speed 49 mph).

Normanton Community Group First Year Anniversary

Originally set up to combat dangerous driving through, the group has successfully addressed a number of other issues, including flooding and the wind farm application.

Our efforts to reduce speeding have been very successful and the number of drivers who break the limit has reduced by almost 40% since 2014. The famous bin-stickers work particularly well – and if anyone would like them for their roads, email normantoncommunitygroup@gmail.com.

There have also been plenty of social activities. The children thoroughly enjoyed the Halloween 'Spookfest', and there was a very rosy-glow coming from Normanton as we held our own bonfire-night celebrations. In the future, look out for a brand new village sign, some raised beds and plants at the entrances to the village and, hopefully, a creative art project. *Alistair Raper*



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YPC (Young People's Parish Council)

Many thanks to Councillor Douglas, Madam Mayor of Melton, who kindly helped us launch the YPC. It was an exciting and inspirational evening with a fascinating Q&A. The YPC is open to all young people in the Parish aged 10-15 and meets on the same evening as the Parish Council, 5.30-6.30pm in the Old School next to the Library.

Parish Council



Bottesford Youth Club celebrates one year in new premises at Normanton Industrial Estate

Things are still very busy at Bottesford Youth Club. It offers many activities both inside and out including ball games, dodge ball, pool, air hockey, PS4, PS3, Wii U.X-box, darts, and arts & crafts. There is also a dance instructor for years 6, 7 and 8 on Thursday night. The club not only offers a fun environment, but for many young people the club offers the development of independence skills.

The club is open: Tuesday 7-9pm Year 9+, Thursday 7-8.30/9.00pm Year 7 & 8, Friday 6.30-8.30pm Year 6.

There is always a need for volunteers. For any young people or parents who are interested, please just turn up or phone Youth Worker David Bishop on 07798 613391.

Local 17-year-old qualifies as helicopter pilot

Toby Mellor, a 17-year-old student from Bottesford, has just passed his helicopter Private Pilot's Licence, having trained for 57 hours over a period of 15 months. This licence allows him to fly anywhere in the UK and Europe.



Belvoir High School news

We were delighted to discover that after re-marks we have an official figure of 75.8% A*-C including English and Mathematics. This figure not only places us in the top position of the Leicestershire school league table, but also among the top three non-selective schools in the entire East Midlands. These results are a credit to the hard work of pupils and staff alike.

Year 10 have benefitted from a series of opportunities to see live performances; including "Lord of the Flies" and a critically acclaimed National Theatre live performance of "Of Mice and Men". Our Year 9 pupils enjoyed an enrichment opportunity to see the film "Jurassic World". Our Year 7s will enjoy a well-earned treat when they go to the Playhouse in Nottingham to see "Dick Whittington".

Pupils have been busy fund raising and the Head Boy and Girl and school prefects raised £772 for Children in Need. Lucy Longdon and the Year 10/11 girls raised £105 for Breast Cancer Care.

Miss Gant – Acting Head of Belvoir High School

Bottesford Parish Good Neighbour Scheme celebrates its first anniversary by completing 1000 jobs

This scheme helped people with a variety of requests that included doctor and hospital visits, fetching shopping, changing light bulbs and taking dogs to the vet. Due to its success more volunteers, especially drivers, are needed. Expenses are reimbursed for travel out of the village.

The Scheme operates from Monday to Friday from 9 am until 5 pm. To find out more ring Linda on 07849 311 740.

Bottesford FC Clubhouse Project

The club has raised almost £20,000 towards the £25,000 target through their "Buy a Brick" scheme. To buy a brick, go to www.bottesfordfc.co.uk.

The end of 2016 is the expected completion date and the Club is working with LK2, the FA [Football Foundation] and funding partners to hit this date. The diagram illustrates the planned layout of the completed site and the initial plans will enable them to have at least 11 pitches of varying sizes.

In early 2016 the project build will be going out to tender. The club would like to save costs and ultimately benefit the football club. If any local tradespersons or building materials suppliers/manufacturers would like to donate their time or materials, or offer materials at cost price to the football club, their offers would be very gratefully accepted.

To contact the club, email news@bottesfordfc.co.uk.



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In 2005 the Grantham Journal reported the following items about Bottesford:

Wheelie bins arrived in April – one for general household rubbish and one for compostable garden waste plus recycling boxes for paper, plastic etc.

Mrs P. Chandler, Melton Borough Councillor, said that Bottesford would have to extend its boundaries to take more houses. Leicestershire County Council indicated that a total of 4200 homes were needed in Melton Borough by 2016. Melton Borough Council preferred the number to be 3300.

Parents in the Vale voted overwhelmingly for the re-organisation of the education system. 84% responded to a questionnaire on proposals to extend the age range in primary schools to 11 and extend to 16 at Belvoir High School.

1st World War Centenary Project creating a Commemorative Banner at the Primary School

Children in years 5 and 6 are producing a Commemorative Banner depicting the contribution of those who served.

KS2 teacher, Rachel Moore, organised the artwork based on the WW1 Activities Day and coordinated the community support for the children's needlework with the Project's volunteers and members of the U3A Sewing and Crafts group. Sue Rowland, a professional textile artist will produce the banner, which will be on permanent display at the School. The project is supported by HLF.

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SPOTLIGHT ON....

Judith Wells

On Sunday, 25th October, Judith Wells from Redmile was made an Honorary Canon of Leicester Cathedral in recognition of the work she has undertaken in the Diocese of Leicester.

Judith first became involved in the church when she moved to Melton Mowbray in 1975, and was asked to run a Sunday School at Swallowdale School. She then moved to Redmile and her ministry continued in the nine parishes of the Vale of Belvoir. She was licensed as a Lay Reader in 2008 and, in addition to parish work, she is Secretary to the Leicester Diocesan Readers Association, Chapel Steward at Belvoir Castle, Branch Leader of Bottesford Mothers Union and also Deanery Leader.

She said it was a great honour and privilege to be invited to become a Canon, and the Service of Installation, which was led by Acting Bishop the Right Reverend John Holbrook, had been a very special occasion. Judith was joined at the cathedral by members of her family, and a number of friends from Bottesford and the Vale parishes.

Photo courtesy of the Melton Times



Radio Belvoir

Radio Belvoir, a new village project, will bring you some great music, local news, a "What's On" guide, Neighbourhood Watch reports, sports results and reports, and will promote our local clubs, societies, businesses and events. Basically anything local and interesting.

As you can imagine this is going to need your support and help, so we are looking for volunteers to assist with this project. If you would like to be behind the microphone, produce a "What's On" guide, interview our local talents, collect the weekend results from our teams and individuals, run a Facebook page or assist with the programming please give me a ring on 07979808801.

If you are new to the village, what a great way to become involved in village life. Take a listen now. We are testing most days via the website www.radiobelvoir.com or via the "Tune in" radio app. on your Smart phone.

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What's On in January...

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| Sun 3 rd 10.30am | Epiphany Family Service, St Mary's. |
| Wed 6 th 2.30pm | Mothers Union AGM in St Mary's Church. |
| Sat 9 th 10am – 12 noon | Fair Trade coffee morning in St Mary's. Come and try Fair Trade coffee and chocolate. |
| Sun 10 th 6.30pm | Sunday Praise at St Mary's – informal band led service – all welcome. |
| Mon 11 th 7.15pm | Parish Council Meeting, The Old School, Bottesford. |
| Wed 13 th 2pm | Free Monthly Good Neighbour Scheme FILM SHOW in the Old School. Doors open at 1.30pm. Donations for refreshments only. |
| Thurs 14 th 7.30pm | Bottesford Local History Society, Fuller Room (Old School), "Development of Air Power in WW1". Speaker: Alan Pizzey. |
| Fri 15 th 10am to 12 noon | Come and have your morning coffee and cake for free in the Library with the Good Neighbour Scheme Team and find out more about us. |
| Tues 19 th 7.30 – 9.30pm | W.I. Members' Night, Bottesford Village Hall. |
| Sun 24 th 6.30pm | Service for week of prayer for Christian Unity at the Baptist Church (Sunday Praise). |

And in February...

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| Wed 3 rd 2.30pm | Mothers Union Members' annual lunch in St Mary's Church. |
| Tues 4 th | A night of spells' Harry Potter night at Bottesford Community Library. Tickets from the library (time still to be agreed). |
| Mon 8 th 7.15pm | Parish Council Meeting, The Old School, Bottesford. |
| Wed 10 th 2pm | Free Monthly Good Neighbour Scheme FILM SHOW in the Old School. Doors open at 1.30pm. Donations for refreshments only. |
| Wed 10 th 7.30pm | Service for Ash Wednesday at St Mary's. |
| Thurs 11 th 7.30pm | Bottesford Local History Society, Fuller Room (Old School), "A Medical History of Bottesford". Speaker Elaine Marlow. |
| Sun 14 th 6.30pm | Sunday praise at St Mary's – informal band led service – all welcome! |
| Tues 16 th 7.30 – 9.30pm | W.I. Annual Meeting, Bottesford Village Hall. |
| Wed 17 th 7.30pm | Beginning of Lent Course in Methodist Chapel. |
| Sun 28 th 6.30pm | Sunday Praise at the Baptist Church – all welcome! |

New Year's Resolution – return your overdue library books

If you have any library books lurking at home, bring them into the library in the first 3 weeks of January and you will not need to pay any fines. After this book amnesty we will charge fines on all overdue books.

Important: To publicise your event in the 'What's On' column for March or April, please email heather.stokes1@btinternet.com or ring 844009, by **27th January 2016.**

Churches together in Bottesford Lent Course 2016

The Methodist Church and St Mary's are once again running a joint Lent Course in 2016. Starting on Wednesday, 17th Feb, at 7.30pm in the Methodist Chapel, the course will continue on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent. Please contact Revd David Payne on 01949 843348 or Revd Ian Mason on 01949 842952 for more details.

'A night of spells' Harry Potter night Bottesford Community Library, 4th February 2016

If you love all things Harry Potter, then this evening is a must for you. We will have activities, readings and competitions all based on the Harry Potter books. Tickets will be available in January. Look at our web site and Facebook page or call into the library for more details.

The Community Library Association will be running this event jointly with the Lincolnshire Federation of Children's Book Groups.

BCLA trustees

New Village Voice volunteer

We are very grateful to Heather Stokes who has joined the team and is helping us with both the layout and the "What's on" page.

Barkestone Lane congestion

We are a small group of like-minded people who would prefer to see all traffic for the schools, be they buses, cars, police vehicles, or parents being able to use the A52 to enter and exit Barkestone Lane.

We would like to get a proper run off/on from the main road with passing bays made, the same as for Belvoir Fruit Farms, so that all the congestion of vehicles at different times of the day is eliminated from the High Street.

If you have strong feelings, the same as us, do please get in touch on either 842259 or anneablewhite@hotmail.com.

Can you help solve this mystery?

Some years ago an autograph book was bought at a Guides jumble sale and the present owner would like to trace its origins. The book belonged to Evelyn Riley who lived in Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow E17. 'Fred' gave Evelyn the book with Best Wishes in November 1922 and the book contains skilful pen and ink drawings and some signatures. Does anyone in the village know of the history of this book? Contact Village Voice.

Bottesford generosity

Since September people in the village have been very generous in donating over £1600 at fund raising events. Macmillan Coffee Mornings raised £401 at the Rutland Arms, £335 at the Methodist Chapel and a further £200 at the Primary School. The Primary School coffee morning was held during the WW1 Activities Day on 25th September and was supported by staff and WW1 Project volunteers. A Coffee Morning in support of Parkinsons UK and the Alzheimers Society at the Baptist Chapel raised £350. For Children in Need, a non-uniform day at the Primary School raised £267 and a coffee morning at the new Community Library raised £120.

A big "Thank You" to all those who supported these events.

British Legion Poppy Appeal 2015

raised the magnificent sum of £3,123.34 to send to this most worthwhile charity. Many thanks to you all and especially to all the volunteers who took the poppies around to every house and business. *Anne Ablewhite*

1st World War Casualties

Montagu Vincent-Jackson, born in 1892, the only son of the Reverend Canon Vincent-Jackson, Rector of Bottesford, and Mrs Jackson, served with the 11th Battalion, Sherwood Foresters. He was killed leading a night patrol on the 4th February 1916, aged 24.



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Sports News



Belvoir Karate Group

The 'Belvoir Karate Group' had another fantastic result at their recent grading with a one hundred percent pass rate. The Grading was presided over by Chief Instructor Sensei Graeme Walden and Senior Instructor Claire Lowes. Graeme said how impressed he had been by all the students who had practised so hard. Their dedication has really paid off.

Success also for Simone Thomas and Darren Pike who both passed their first Dan grading on the 14th November, 2015. After many years of dedication and hard work, they take their place in the ever growing ranks of Black Belts at Belvoir Karate. Simone is BKG's first lady student to go from white belt to black belt.

The Group has students of all ages, from complete beginners to others very close to their Black Belts. Details of the group and its clubs can be found on its website www.belvoirkarate.co.uk.

If you would like more information, please call Graeme Walden on telephone 07834 097042.

Those pictured in the group photo are:

Left Back-Oisín Castro, Les Arthur, Richie Marshall, Alex Imray Cassidy Adey, Charlie Adey, Sensei Claire Lowes.

Left Front - Jack Burn, Stefan Huddart, Liam Lowes, Cerys Browne, Becky Lowes, Harry Morley, Daniel Welby Everard, Owen Fitzgerald, Hannah Smith, Reece Stevenson, Austin Imray, Dylan Hutchinson and Jake Jeffreys.



Belvoir Bottesford Badminton club

Just to let you know that the Club has now changed premises. Instead of being held in Bottesford it has now moved to Orston Village Hall on Tuesday evenings from 6.30 to 8 pm.

New members are always welcome.

For further information, please email Ross Ryan on rossryan@btinternet.com or call him on 07787 341529.

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