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Village Voice

The newsletter of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton

Clean for The Queen Team Tidy the Skate Park and Allotments

In March, members of Bottesford Parish Council and a team of enthusiastic volunteers carried out a litter pick of Bottesford Skate Park and Allotments.

Pictured (L-R): Poppy Bayman, Cllr Alan Gough, Mrs Karen Gough, Cllr Heather Shephard, Cllr Roger Pacey, Cllr Bob Bayman, Daisy Bayman, Cllr David Wright (Chairman of Bottesford Parish Council), Cllr Yvette Smith.



Swifts

Early in May, swifts will arrive from their annual migration to Africa. These remarkable birds will have flown 100,000 miles in a year and they are with us for only three months. Swifts nest in buildings, usually under the eaves or under the roof tiles, but in the last 20 years we have lost 30-40% of the population due to lack of nest sites. Nest boxes can be fitted to any building, so think about swifts if you are changing your roof.

For information go to www.swift-conservation.org or <http://actionforswifts.blogspot.co.uk/>

Unveiling the WW1 Commemorative Banner

In February, pupils, staff and community volunteers gathered with eager anticipation at Bottesford Primary School to see the 1st World War Banner unveiled. During a special assembly the school orchestra accompanied children singing a peace poem before the reading of a passage from a letter written home by a former Bottesford School pupil Charles Pacey, who was killed in the war. Heather Broughton representing the Heritage Lottery Fund congratulated everyone for their dedicated work in making the banner such an impressive reminder of the community's wartime sacrifice and service. The Primary School and the Bottesford Parish WW1 Centenary project will be arranging public displays of the banner in the near future. A full-scale photographic reproduction will also be on display in the VC Hall at the Bottesford Gala on the 2nd May 2016.



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Library volunteer swims for Sport Relief (and the library)

Dee Gladden, her family and
friends, took part in a sponsored
swim in March, swimming 200
lengths, with Dee's 5-year-old
grandson Leo Price swimming the
first 2 lengths.

Thanks to Dee and her team for
their support for the library.

Library trustees



Bottesford Community Library

Almost 6 months after opening the Community library we feel that it is working
pretty well. We are very encouraged by the visitors who thank the volunteers.
When we hear someone say what a lovely atmosphere there is - it really keeps
us going.

We have a dedicated team but could always do with more. If you are interested,
call in any time, you are always welcome, or ring 843402, or

email: information@bottesfordcommunitylibrary@outlook.com

We work hard to fundraise by organising events so do look out for our posters
or follow us on Facebook. We also raise money by selling books and DVDs and
are happy to receive donations.

Library trustees

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's Women's World Day of Prayer Service took place in St Mary's Church.
The service was written by the Christian women of Cuba, and involved members



of several local
churches. Cuban-
style refreshments
were served, which
raised £124.58 for
Women's World
Day of Prayer
charities.

Special thanks go
to Irene Mason,
Judith Wells and Jo
Payne for
organising.

2016 Walk of Witness

Nearly fifty people joined the Churches Together Walk of Witness through
Bottesford on Good Friday. The walk began at St Mary's and stopped at various
points around the village for hymns and bible readings. The event concluded
with a short service at the Methodist Chapel, where there was a delightful
abundance of hot cross buns!

Second annual St Mary's safari supper

45 adults took part and enjoyed a three course meal at homes around the
village. Participants enjoyed getting to know different people at each course,
and many compliments were received on the delicious food on offer. £445 was
made for church funds. Thank you to everyone who opened up their homes for
the event.

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Bottesford C of E Primary School Admission Places

From September 2016 the planned admission number has increased from 30 pupils to 45 pupils per year group, due to the building of two new classrooms. Currently the school has places available in all year groups.

For more information, contact the school office 01949 842224 or the Admissions Department at Leicestershire County Council on 0116 305 6684.

Bottesford Irish Dancers win the Regional Heat of the Great Big Dance Off.

Thirty Irish dancers aged between 5 and 11, who attend Bottesford Primary School, have just celebrated winning the Primary School category in the regional final of the Great Big Dance off. The group took home the East Midlands' Primary Trophy. The Bottesford dancers will now take part in the national final, which will be held on July 11 in Birmingham.



Dance teacher Caroline Hunt, who runs the Caroline McManus School of Irish Dancing, said: "I am so proud of them, I am absolutely delighted; they danced amazingly well."

Vale Choral Carnival

Bottesford Primary Year 3 children took part in a Vale collaborative choral choir event at Belvoir High School. Nine of the Vale schools joined together, led by a professional singing teacher Gillian Ramshaw, accompanied by the pianist Philip Robinson.

All songs had a carnival theme to celebrate the forthcoming Olympics in Rio. The brightly coloured lively performance wowed parents.



New singers welcomed by the Cranmer Company of Singers

The reformed Cranmer Company will be starting up in May/ June this year. They rehearse on Wednesday evenings in Whatton-in-the-Vale. Contact Deborah on 01949 851030 or email cranmercompany@googlemail.com.

Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club - Junior School Art Competition.

This new competition was open to the Junior Schools feeding into Toot Hill School and *South Nottinghamshire Academy*. Prize presentations were made at the winning Schools in their assemblies.

Creative Space meets on a mix of Friday mornings and evenings and for crafts and creative writing, in St Mary's church. For more information, go to www.stmarysbottesford.co.uk

Bottesford Parish Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Steering Group and Parish Council have responded to the Melton Local Plan Emerging Options document. They are now writing the Neighbourhood Plan, basing it on the information gathered from residents and planners. This will be delivered to all households in the Parish and meetings will be held during the consultation period to answer questions and to gather comments. The Steering Group would like to thank residents for their ongoing support. For information, ring the Secretary on 01949 42779, or Email: richardsimon2311@gmail.com

Royal British Legion Centenary Ceremony – Pte. Ernest Wakefield



In March at St John the Baptist's Church, Muston, family members, Muston residents, representatives from the Hose and Harby Branch of the Royal British Legion and the Bottesford Parish WW1 Centenary Project gathered to mark the centenary of the loss of Pte. Ernest Wakefield. After details of his

life and service were read out, Mrs. Linda Cragg, Ernest Wakefield's great niece, laid a Memorial Cross followed by the Royal British Legion member, Trevor Coy, reading "They shall not grow old." Details of the Hose and Harby Branch WW1 Centenary Ceremonies for all those named on local war memorials can be found on the Bottesford Living History website (www.bottesfordhistory.org.uk).

Film show of the Battle of the Somme, Friday 1st July at 7.30 pm at Belvoir High School. Free admission and refreshments.

To mark the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme, the Bottesford WW1 Centenary Project will show this feature length documentary, which the Imperial War Museum has restored and made available. Filmed between 25 June and 9 July, 1916, it was the first film to record battle zone action and was immensely popular. By October, 1916, the film had received around 20 million admissions (the UK population at the time was 43 million).

The project is grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund, the WW1 Centenary Partnership Programme led by the Imperial War Museum and to Belvoir High School for the free use of the School Hall and film projection facilities www.bottesfordhistory.org.uk

Grantham Journal Reports in 1956

Sedgebrook Station was due to close in early July, 1956.

In May it was announced that Bottesford Scouts were to have their own premises. When Harry Lane reformed the Bottesford Boy Scouts in 1944 the group met in the Methodist Chapel schoolroom and continued meeting there until November, 1956, when the former British Legion Club in Albert Street became their new 'Scout Centre'.

In July it was reported that 45 cases of dysentery had occurred in the Melton and Belvoir area.

Leicestershire County Council recommended the building of a new secondary school in Bottesford, to be built on Barkestone Lane. Construction was to start in April, 1957 and be completed in Autumn, 1958. The new school was first projected in 1937, but postponed because of the war.

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Parish News

Last year's **Muston Fest** was a great success and so, thanks again to Carole & Andrew's continued generosity, we are happy to report that there will be Muston Fest 2 on Saturday 25th June from 2pm till late at the Glebe House, Church Lane, Muston. There will be music and dancing and a wide variety of stalls plus - the children will be delighted to learn - the Inflated Assault Course will return! The fun will continue with an open air concert in the evening.

There will be refreshments (& bar) available all day, including our very popular barbecue. Tickets are £10 for the concert (which includes day-long entrance fee) £2 for adult's daytime tickets and only £1 for children. If anyone would like a stall, contact Donya at donyadonger@hotmail.co.uk. All money raised goes to Muston church and Old School.

Jo Ives

Repairs following lead theft at Muston Church

Muston church has recently been subject to lead theft from its roof and is currently undergoing extensive repairs. As a result of the theft the church has had a roof alarm fitted.

A reminder to everyone, if you see any suspicious behaviour at the church, please contact the police and advise the Neighbourhood Watch Team: John Shilton, Principal NHW Co-ordinator on JohnS@BottesfordParishNHW.org.uk or phone 07725636626.

Muston Playing-field Committee Easter-egg hunt

The Muston Playing Field Committee had an Easter egg hunt on Easter Saturday. The local children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and monies raised went to improve the Muston park.

Normanton Roadworks Complete

After extensive road-works, the new drains, flood defences and pumping station have now been completed. The road is now open to traffic.

Over this period, we have had several lorries getting stuck, including one recent jack-knife, that managed to block the southern approach to Normanton just hours after the road was finally opened. The police managed to extract the lorry which had then to reverse all the way down over the crossings and turn in the industrial estate.

However, now that the road is open, please take care driving through the village. Speeding continues to be a problem, and whilst most drivers are sensible and keep to the limit, there is a minority who drive dangerously. The highest recorded speed recently was 79 mph. It is a 30 mph zone!

Jack-knifed lorry causes chaos in Normanton



New Village Sign Planned for Normanton

Normanton Community Group continue to meet regularly. Now that the roadworks are complete, the committee will focus on creating and erecting a new village sign and series of flower-beds at the village threshold. Designs are being sourced for the new sign, and these will be distributed around all of the Normanton residents so they can choose the most popular.

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What's On in May...

Sun 1st 2–4pm, Mon 2nd 10am–4pm Art Festival at the Methodist Church. Stalls and refreshments.

Mon 2nd 11am–4pm May Day Gala, VC Hall and field. Barbecue, beer tent, WW1 exhibition, dog show, inflatables, stalls etc. Entrance: Adults £2 children free

Wed 4th 2.30pm Mothers' Union: *India* by Judith Wells in St Mary's Church (visitors welcome).

Thurs 5th 7.30pm Service for Ascension Day at St. Mary's.

Sun 8th 9.15–10.15am Christian Aid Big Brekkie in St Mary's Church Bottesford.

Sun 8th 6.30pm Sunday Praise. Contemporary Church Service in St Mary's.

Tues 10th 2pm Vale of Belvoir U3A at the VC Hall. *The Last Naval Hero* by Ray Smart.

Wed 11th 2pm FREE monthly Good Neighbour Scheme FILM SHOW in the Old School. Doors open 1.30 pm. Donations only for refreshments.

Thurs 12th 2.30pm Bottesford Methodist Friendship Group, Devon Lane Schoolroom. Rev. David Payne. All Welcome. Contact 842952 for more details.

Thurs 12th 7.30pm Bottesford Local History Society, Fuller Room. Talk *St Pancras* by Nigel Lowey. Non-members £2.

Fri 13th 10am–12 Coffee Morning in the Library. Proceeds to the Community Library.

Sun 15th 10.30am Service at St. Mary's celebrating Pentecost.

Tues 17th 7.30pm W.I. Resolutions meeting and Annual Supper. Bottesford VC Hall.

Thurs 19th Friends of St Mary's visit to Harrogate and the famous Harlow Carr Gardens. Contact Frances (tel. 843427) for more details.

Thurs 19th 2pm Police Beat Surgery at Pizzini's, Bottesford.

Thurs 19th 7pm Local history walk around the village. Tickets £3. Meet in the Library 6.30 pm. Free refreshments. Look out for posters.

Sat 21st 10am–12 Fair Trade Coffee Morning at St. Mary's.

Sun 22nd 6.30pm Sunday Praise. Contemporary Church Service at the Baptist Church.

Thurs 26th 2.30pm Bottesford Methodist Friendship Group, Devon Lane Schoolroom. *Curiosities of Leicester and Rutland* by David Gerrard.

Tues 31st Knitting for Adults and Children in the Library. Wool and needles provided. £1 per session.

June

Wed 1st 2pm Mothers' Union visit to St Peter and St Paul's, Barkestone le Vale.

Sat 4th 10am–2pm St. Mary's Summer Fair at Underacre, Easthorpe. Lots of stalls and children's activities, plant sales plus refreshments. FREE ENTRY!

Sun 5th 1.15–2.15pm Children's first aid workshop (8 – 11 years) in the Library. £2 per head. All participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

Tues 7th 2.30pm Police Beat Surgery, Old School, Muston.

Tues 7th 3.30pm Fathers' Day children's craft session in the Library.

Wed 8th 2pm FREE monthly Good Neighbour Scheme FILM SHOW in the Old School. Doors open 1.30 pm. Donations only for refreshments.

Thurs 9th 2.30pm Bottesford Methodist Friendship Group – afternoon at Marian's. All Welcome. Contact 842952 for more details.

Thurs 9th Local History Society Summer Outing to Grimsthorpe Castle. Contact Neil Fortey, tel. 843320.

Sat 11th & Sun 12th Bottesford Primary School Scarecrow Festival. 'Pink and Powerful'.

Sun 12th Bottesford Primary School Race for Life for Cancer Research.

Sun 12th 6.30pm Sunday Praise for the Queen's 90th Birthday. Contemporary Service at St Mary's, 'street party' in the churchyard.

Tues 14th 2pm Vale of Belvoir U3A at the VC Hall. *The Rise of the House of Windsor, George V and Queen Mary* by Jean Townsend.

Sat 18th 1–6pm East Midlands branch of the Laurel & Hardy Appreciation Society, a FREE Laurel & Hardy Film Show at the Bull Inn. Contact Dave Tomlinson: DTomlinson@Tinyworld.co.uk, telephone 01332 673685.

Tues 21st 7.30pm W.I. meeting. *Homeopathy* – Wendy Jackson. Bottesford VC Hall.

Thurs 23rd 11am Mothers' Union – some members will lead the midday service at Leicester Cathedral.

Thurs 23rd 2.30pm Bottesford Methodist Friendship Group, Devon Lane Schoolroom. *Normanton* by Neil Fortey. Contact 842952.

Sat 25th 2pm till late Muston Fest 2, at the Glebe House, Muston. Tickets £10 for the concert (Inc. day-long entrance fee) £2 for adult's daytime and £1 for children.

Sun 26th Library Summer Fair. Look out for posters.

Sun 26th 6.30pm Sunday Praise. Contemporary Church Service at the Baptist Church.

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Sense of Perspective

When the editor kindly asked me to reflect on my first impressions of Bottesford, it felt like casting my mind back a long way, which I suppose is revealing in itself. The memories that came to mind were of passing Hands Walk and thinking 'no, feet do,' or watching hundreds of plastic ducks vie for supremacy on the River Devon.

I hope that Bottesford will long have churches which help us all to respond to life's challenges and play their part in the life of the community, and I hope that the residents of Hand's Walk will enjoy seeing me smiling to myself as I walk through from time to time.

Revd. David Payne

Vale Policing

The Vale Beat Team are currently receiving complaints of vehicle related anti-social behaviour (ASB) on roads, car parks, bridle ways and footpaths. As a result of these complaints we will be using the power set out in Section 59 of the Police Reform Act of 2002 to directly tackle these issues.

So please make sure that you report any incidents of this nature to us by calling 101.

Anyone who is suffering with ASB should call the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency. Further information is also available on www.leics.police.uk, Facebook (Melton Police) or Twitter (@MeltonPolice).

PCSO 6016 Liam Palmer

How Accessible is the Village Voice for those with Dyslexia or Visual Impairment?

Village Voice is considering a number of options to make it easier for people with dyslexia or visual impairments to access each edition. We would love your ideas or suggestions. Please email vv@bottesford.org.uk or give Alistair a call on 07711254441.

Mobile Speed Camera on the Move

The mobile speed camera is moving to a number of sites round the parish - Muston, the Eastern approach to Bottesford on Grantham Road, Belvoir Road and Normanton.

A summary of the results will be published in future editions of the Village Voice.

Peregrines at St Marys church

Thanks to some generous donations, the church has purchased the equipment needed to show live footage of the nesting tray on a screen in the church kitchen.

St. Mary's 100 Club

You could win £50 a month and raise money for the church, by buying a 100 club number. The club is open to residents of the Parish and surrounding villages, together with their family and friends and each entry is £30 for 12 months. Application forms from Dian (dian@midlandmaintenance.com) or Laura on 01949 842859 or (office@st.marysbottesford.co.uk)

Open Gardens – Sat. 2nd and Sun. 3rd July.

There will be something for everyone – traditional gardens with veg. plots and flowers, impressive borders, hard landscaping transformed with pots and hanging baskets together with gardens selling refreshments and one where children can have fun!

In St. Mary's Church itself will be art and floral displays on this year's theme of 'Flowers Take the Stage'. Entry to all of the Open Gardens on both days is by programme which can be purchased from The Co-op, Select Stores or the Bottesford Community Library.

Contact: Jo Payne 843348 or Lucy Lee 729070.

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

Sports News



Bowls club

If you have ever thought you would like to try bowls then do please come along on a Monday evening at 6.30 pm., or a Thursday afternoon at 2 pm. for a 'free taster session'. You don't need any experience or special clothing, just a pair of flat shoes. Any enquiries please phone Pauline Goodson on 01949 844554. We look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful green on Belvoir Road.

Bottesford FC's Girls' Success

Bottesford FC's Girls' section has gone from strength to strength in recent years and is now a well-established part of the club. Both U10s and U11s league teams reached this season's Leicestershire League Cup Quarter Finals, with the U10s progressing to the Semi Finals, an outstanding achievement. The section is set for further growth for next season with 3 Sunday league teams planned at U10, U11 and U12 ages, as well as a new separate U7s training squad. They are looking for new players and anybody can join, regardless of playing experience.

Parents of any interested player should contact Matt Burton on 07540 935478 or just coming along to a training session. The club is marking national Girls' Football Week by running a special open training morning on Sunday May 1st from 10-11.30am at Nottingham Road, which will be led by FA qualified coaches. Girls of all primary school ages are welcome and parents are invited to register interest by texting Matt Burton from the club on 07540 935478.



Changes to class times for Belvoir Karate Times are now Friday 6.30-7.30pm junior beginners, 7.30-9.00pm senior beginners, intermediates and everyone else at Bottesford VC Hall. Go to: www.belvoirkarate.co.uk, or Facebook, for more information.

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