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## Bottesford Gala and WW1 Commemoration Weekend



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## Bottesford Gala and WW1 Commemoration weekend highlights

Bottesford Gala was a huge success, despite the wind and rain. Dancing, music, stalls and exhibitions provided plenty of entertainment for the many people who attended. The gala was also themed around the World War 1 commemorative events.

A WW1 camp demonstrated life both at home and on the front line. The riding skills of the History Revisited team recreated work of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry. Also on display was WW1 field equipment from the collection of John Brydon, including a horse-drawn animal ambulance, a battlefield water-bowser and a German field kitchen captured and used by the British Army. Boys and girls from the Bottesford Football club played with skilful enthusiasm in pouring rain, recreating a match played in November 1918 at Bottesford between the Ruston and Hornsby Women's team and men's team from St Wulfram's, Grantham.

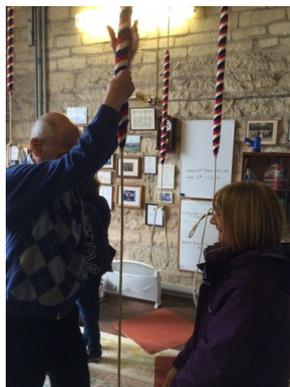
The Village Hall Committee decorated the Village Hall with bunting and Union Flag table cloths, and provided excellent refreshments, all accompanied by music played by the Muston Brass Quintet.

Displays by the Western Front Association from North Lincolnshire and Leicestershire and Rutland branches featured remarkable collections of WW1 memorabilia, a working 1/4 scale model tank, and a wide range of information on the Great War.

The Bottesford Parish WW1 Centenary group presented displays of their activities and promoted a book, 'Lest we Forget: Bottesford and Muston in the Great War', to be published in November.

On behalf of all residents, we extend a very big thank you to every volunteer and helper from the Lions, the Gala Committee, the WW1 Project and the Community Library for all their hard work and energy in making the Gala such a memorable event.

## Open Belfry



The May Bank Holiday weekend also included an 'Open Belfry and Bell Ringing' in St Mary's church. Over 70 people attended and many tried their hand at bell-ringing, resulting in several new recruits. Bell-ringing is a great way to make new friends, enrich our community and shape-up (it is a great toning exercise!). If you would like to have a try, then come along to a practice session on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. No experience necessary and full training is given.

*A potential bell ringer is shown the ropes.*

## WW1 Heritage Trail

'The Bottesford WW1 Heritage Trail' was a great success. Memorial plaques with photographs of those named on the St Mary's War Memorial were displayed outside their family homes.

Many thanks to all those now living in those houses for hosting the plaques. A free trail map provided a guided walk of remembrance and further brief details of the men.

Many walkers commented how much they enjoyed walking and thinking about the men from the village who did not return. The free trail map is still available from the Community Library.



*Attendees are not put off by the torrential downpour!*

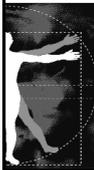
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**Bottesford Brownies celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> birthday!**

1st Bottesford Brownies celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, and being the longest running Brownie Pack in the Grantham area. Formed in 1946 by Mary Topps and Margaret Taylor, it has had only 4 Brown Owls over that period: Mary Topps, Margaret Taylor, Irene Hotchin, and currently Adelle Glossop. With several assistants and helpers, the Pack has always been at the forefront of Guiding, even winning a National competition. The Pack continues to give girls the programme they want. Gone is tea-making, laying a fire and embroidering handkerchiefs. These are replaced with canoeing, stargazing and digital communication. Although some things don't change - the girls still love cake!

They will be eating birthday cake on Saturday July 9th from 3pm to 5pm on the grassed area at The Earl of Rutland Bungalows. Anyone with a connection to the Pack over its 70 years is welcome to join them, when the Pack will also celebrate the Queen's birthday together with a big birthday for Brown Owl and Tawny Owl who were both born on the same day some \*\* years ago! Bring a picnic and something to sit on and join the celebration. If wet, head for the Scout & Guide Centre. Contact Adelle on 01476 870548 for further information.

**Around the Vale with PCSO Liam Palmer**

Recently Leicestershire Police targeted rogue-traders. Rogue traders call on households offering to complete work at the property. They use high-pressure sales or bullying tactics to persuade you to buy. The cost of the work will be more than a reputable company would charge, and often becomes more expensive as the job progresses. Customers receive a poor standard of work, which is often unfinished or does not meet the required safety standards. The typical work offered will be garden clearance, tree felling, roofing work or tarmac drives.

The Action Fraud website offers this simple advice: Don't sign for anything on the spot. Check the trader's identity. Be wary of special offers or warnings about your home. Don't be hurried into any decisions, even if discount is offered. Trust your instincts – if it sounds too good to be true then it probably is. It's OK to say NO! As always, to report a crime call 101 (or 999 if in progress).

PCSO 6016 Liam Palmer, Leicestershire Police, Eastern Counties NPA, Vale Beat Team (NR34), E: [liam.palmer@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:liam.palmer@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)

**Summer Fayre and plant sale**

A big thank you to Pym and Carol who hosted and organised the annual Summer-Fayre (pictured right) and plant sale in Easthorpe. Proceeds are donated to St Mary's Church.



**Muston news**

The playground committee are applying for a grant to replace the climbing frame in the play area. In August, Muston church is holding a flower festival over the August bank-holiday. Everyone is very welcome.

**Letter to the editor**

Dear all,  
Thank you to everyone who came to the Belvoir Good as New sale. It wasn't our biggest turn out - I blame the gorgeous weather - but in an hour and half we raised an impressive £200+ for the Nottingham Neo-natal unit. Once again thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you soon! Heather.

## Friends of St Mary's visit Harrogate and look forward to the return of The Grand Central Chorus

30 members of Friends of St Mary's recently enjoyed an outing to Harrogate and Harlow Carr Gardens in North Yorkshire. Members were able to visit The Old Pump Room, Gallery and Museum and the many shops in Harrogate. The trip was made all the more special by sampling the food at the world famous Betty's Tea Rooms.

The next Friends event will be the award-winning Grand-Central Chorus Barber Shop Singers. This promises to be a great evening of music and entertainment on Saturday 16th July at St. Mary's Church. Doors will open at 6.30pm. Concert begins at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Francis Stapleton, 01949 843427. mail:stephfrances1936@btinternet.com. Also available from the Church Office 01949 842859, Select Convenience Store, the Co-op, and the Library. £8 members and £10 non-members. Can you please purchase your tickets in advance for catering purposes.

## The Friends of Chernobyl Children (FOCC) volunteers welcome the children from Belarus

On 4th June, FOCC volunteers welcomed children from Belarus for a month of respite and care. For some, this would be their last visit via this scheme. 2016 marks the 30th Anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster, and it is still devastating lives now. We are a small group of people that care for these lovely children who have suffered the effects of radiation. The children benefit from breathing fresh air and eating unpolluted foods to give them a better chance in life. If you would like more information, or would like to become a host family/parent, or support us when the children are here, please get in touch. We are looking for new host families for a new group of 7 year-olds from June 2017. Please contact: [helen-34@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:helen-34@hotmail.co.uk).



## Bottesford Pre-School celebrates another 'Outstanding' Ofsted report

Bottesford pre-school recently celebrated another 'Outstanding Ofsted report. Lucinda Tongue, joint manager at the preschool with Kim Doleman, said: "We are over the moon. A big well done goes out to all the staff who work really hard. We're absolutely chuffed." The report stated that teaching is 'consistently of a very high quality and worthy of dissemination to others'. There was praise for the managers and staff, described as 'extremely well qualified' with a 'wealth of childcare knowledge and experience'. Staff also received praise for the



'wealth of activities' they provide, both within the pre-school and the neighbouring community. Observations of the children found that they are 'very self-assured' and 'show high levels of confidence in social situations'.

To read the full Ofsted report you can visit the

pre-school's website at <http://www.bottesfordpreschool.org.uk/> To find out more about the pre-school, telephone Lucinda or Kim on 01949 844489.

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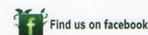


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## SPOTLIGHT ON...where are they now?

### Callum Jones

Callum Jones sat on an indoor rowing machine for the first time when he was 11 years old. Six weeks later, he was British Indoor Rowing Champion for his age group. He then joined Newark Rowing Club and later Nottingham Rowing Club.



In 2008, he set a World Record for 2 km. Indoor Rowing. Eight years later, he was the English, Welsh and British Champion at School and National Regattas, sculling in single, doubles and quads events. He was awarded a sports rowing scholarship to attend St. Edwards School, Oxford where he studied for the next four years. Callum was in the GB eight that won a bronze medal in

the Junior World Championships in Bulgaria. He rowed for Oxford Brookes University in 2014, and won a coveted gold medal in the Henley Royal Regatta.

Callum is now 21 and living in Oxford where he has been working as head rowing coach at Magdalen College. He also coaches the Under 15's at St. Edwards School.

### Richard Howitt

During his time at Belvoir High School, Richard was selected for the Leicestershire U13 Cricket side. In 1991, he went to Denstone College on a sports scholarship. He then switched counties and played for Nottinghamshire between 1992 and 1999.

Richard studied for a PGCE in Geography at Cambridge University and was lucky enough to win a blue, playing in the 2000 varsity match at Lords. He played minor counties cricket for Lincolnshire and Bedfordshire before being selected for England in the 2000, 2002 and 2004 cricket European Championships. His individual highlight was scoring a match winning 83 against Ireland in the 2002 final. Richard married Demelza, also from Bottesford, and they have two daughters. He now teaches geography and manages the 1st cricket team at St. Edward's School in Oxford.



### Library and Village Voice competition

The recent short story completion was a great success, with a very high standard of entries from our young authors. The stories were judged against six criteria: originality, plot, characterisation, language, enjoyment and structure.



The winner in the 4 - 7 age group was *'Beanstalk'* by Rhys Eaton and in the 8 - 11 age group was *'Monster and Mia at Disneyland'* by Lamorna Jones.

The winning stories were read by Cllr Julia Tobin at the Library's National Share a Story event.

*Pictured left: short story entrants and winners.*

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## What's On in July...

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> 6pm	Battle of the Somme Commemoration – Half Muffled Bell Ringing at St. Mary's Church. Remembering the five lost at the Somme from Bottesford and Muston.
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> 7.30pm	Community Screening of the 'Battle of the Somme' restored 1916 feature length documentary film at Belvoir High School. Free Entry. All Welcome.
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10.30am—4.30pm	Village Open Gardens and flower displays in Church. Programmes available from the Co-op, Select Convenience Store and Bottesford Library. £3.50 per adult allows entry on both days All proceeds to St. Mary's.
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bottesford Methodist Friendship Group. Afternoon at Marian's.
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	"The Big Friendly Read" Summer Reading Challenge starts, celebrating 100 years of Roald Dahl. For more information contact local co-ordinator: Dee Gladden on <a href="mailto:d.ag@hotmail.co.uk">d.ag@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	Betty Bee books – free event and talk in the Library.
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm	Sunday Praise Contemporary Worship Service in St Mary's exploring the glory of God. Everyone welcome!
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	Vale of Belvoir U3A Summer Party.
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	GNS FREE Film show in the Old School. Doors open 1.30pm for 2pm start. Donations for refreshments only.
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Grand Central Barbershop Singers at St. Mary's Church. See article on page 4 for further details.
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> 3.15pm	Knitting for adults and children in the Library.
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	W.I. meeting. Jamaican Cookery – Madge Spencer. Bottesford VC Hall.
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bottesford Methodist Friendship Group. Outing (TBA).
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm	Sunday Praise Film Night – a Louie Giglio film with prayer space and refreshments. St Mary's Church. All welcome!
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> 3.15pm	Knitting for adults and children in the Library.
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> 7 – 9pm	Talk on Metal Detecting – in the Library - £3.
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> 7 – 9.30pm	Talk on the Caves of Nottingham – in the Library - £3.
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> 2 – 4pm	Guided tour of St Mary's Church - £3.

## And in August...

	Please note that there is no U3A meeting and no GNS Film Show in August.
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3.15pm	Knitting for adults and children in the Library.
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	Bottesford Methodist Friendship Group, Devon Lane Schoolroom. Wanda Adams – National Police Aid Convoys. All Welcome.
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> 3.15pm	Knitting for adults and children in the Library.
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm	Sunday Praise Contemporary Worship Service with professional singer, Hazel Lindson. St Mary's Church. Everyone welcome.
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> 3.15pm	Knitting for adults and children in the Library.
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	Bottesford Methodist Friendship Group, Devon Lane Schoolroom. Greta Stratford – Nepal. All Welcome.
27 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup>	WWI themed Flower Festival, St John the Baptist Church, Muston.
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm	Sunday Praise – A moment of calm - Followed by refreshments. St Mary's Church. All welcome.
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> 10am – 4pm	Tours of St Mary's Church Tower. Book early to avoid disappointment. Contact John Topps 844076.

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**WW1 Casualties in July and August 1916**

There were 3 casualties from Bottesford and Muston during the first 2 months of the battle of the Somme.

Clifford Miller was born in 1888 in Bottesford, the son of John and Mary Miller. In 1911 he was a coal miner in Ilkeston. He enlisted there and joined the 11th Battalion Notts and Derbyshire Regiment (the Sherwood Foresters). He died on the first day of the Somme Offensive and is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial in France.

James Buckingham was born in 1893 in Gedney, Lincolnshire. His parents were John and Hannah Buckingham of Breeder Hills, Sedgebrook. He joined the Lincolnshire Regiment and served in France and Egypt before returning to France, where he was killed on July 3rd 1916. His name is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial in France and on the Muston Memorial.

Cyril Barrand was born in 1889 in Bottesford. His parents were William and Elizabeth Barrand. Cyril was a private in the 1st Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment and died on August 20th 1916. He is buried in Puchevillers British Cemetery, Somme, with Arthur Gilding who was killed on September 13th 1916.

**Parish Council news**

On the Sunday of the August Bank Holiday Weekend, the Parish Council invites everyone to a picnic on the Jubilee Green in Bottesford. Please let the Council know if you would prefer to bring your own picnic, in the style of a Teddy Bear's Picnic, or whether it's better for everyone to bring a dish to share. Please let the clerk know on [clerk@bottesfordpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@bottesfordpc.org.uk) At the picnic, Councillors Yvette and Julia will announce the winners of Bottesford in Bloom and Our Best-kept Streets.

If you would like to enter your garden for Bottesford in Bloom, please complete an entrance slip, which can be found in the foyer of the Parish Rooms. It is free to enter. All streets will be automatically entered into the 'Best-kept Streets' competition.

**From the Grantham Journal archives**

In 1966, planning for a new primary school in Bottesford commenced. This was due to cramped conditions at the old school as well as 'huttet' accommodation a quarter of a mile away.

In June 1966, 20 boys from Belvoir High School visited HMS Agincourt at Grimsby, and had a six-hour cruise in the North Sea.

In January 1976, Muston was known as the 'Sahara Village' due to intermittent water-supply. There was an improvement by March which was fortunate as the summer of 1976 was one of the hottest on record.

In March 1976, reports of the discovery of significant coal seams in the Vale caused parish councils to meet and discuss the implications. One decision was to ask the Duke of Rutland for his assistance.

**Neighbourhood Plan update**

After 2 years of investigation and consultation with residents, and professional advisers, the Steering-Group is drafting the Neighbourhood Plan. The focus is on criteria favoured by residents, and planning principles in Melton Borough Council's Emerging Options Document. These will help Bottesford remain a village, whilst accepting that growth is inevitable.

The Neighbourhood Plan will be delivered to every house. It will be on our website, and copies will be in the Library. The plan will form the planning document for the Parish over the next 20 years. It is vital we get comments from as many households as possible. Please support us by providing a response to the Neighbourhood Plan, so that we get a representative view from all residents.

# Sports News



## Triple Success for Bottesford FC Girls Teams



The girls of Bottesford Football Club have got three reasons to be celebrating at the end of a very successful season. The Under 10s Girls team progressed through four rounds to win the Leicestershire City and County League Cup. They also won the League's Fair Play trophy for the season, which is voted for by other club managers, demonstrating their fantastic attitude to football, as well as great performances on the pitch. The girls' section was nominated by Leicester City and County Girls Football League for a special discount on the money they pay to the FA. This was because 'the club has upheld the values and ethos of the RESPECT programme throughout the season'. Parents of any player interested in joining should contact Matt Burton on 07540 935478.

## Bottesford FC clubhouse news

We are delighted to announce that the funding for the new Clubhouse at Nottingham Road has finally been confirmed. We will be meeting with our Consultants, LK2, and the chosen building contractor in the next couple of weeks to agree the start and completion dates and will publish these details as soon as they are known. Early indications are that we will complete the build by the end of this year Thank you to everyone who has helped and contributed to this project.

## Bottesford Badminton Club

Bottesford Badminton Club is looking for new members. It is a friendly club playing at Belvoir High School on Friday evenings between September to March from 7pm-9.30pm. The club plays in the Melton and district league. Come and try our free taster sessions. For more details, contact Linda Hallam 01664 854790 or Rosemary Baxter 01949 843859.

## Rio Olympics

The Olympic Games start on August 5<sup>th</sup>. We would love to hear from anyone who has a link to the Games, past or present. This could be anything from having a relative compete, to being a volunteer, or knowing someone who is involved. In fact, the more tenuous the link, the better! Please send your stories to [vv@bottesford.org.uk](mailto:vv@bottesford.org.uk).

## Bottesford Boys in National Chess Success

Will Taylor and Tom Stokes from Bottesford were part of a team of four from The King's School, Grantham which won the national English Schools Chess Team Problem Solving Championships 2016 on 20<sup>th</sup> April at Imperial College, London.

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