



# Village Voice

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The newsletter of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton



## "The bestest day ever!"

Bottesford Pre-School had a great day out at the Sundown Adventure park with their school leavers, travelling in style this year on a double decker bus. All the children, and there were 47 of them, really enjoyed themselves.

It was summed up perfectly by one child as she came off the train ride, "The bestest day ever!"

## Primary school short story competition



Village Voice and Bottesford Primary School run an annual short story competition. This year's winners

were: 1st Chloe Waterfall, 2nd Bethany Burton, Highly Commended Daisy Yarham and Chloe Daybell.

## Vale of Belvoir Out of School Club Summer Play Scheme

The Out of School Club also run a summer play scheme. For more information about their activities contact Tina Scott on 01949 845006/01949 845016,

[osc@belvoirhigh.leics.sch.uk](mailto:osc@belvoirhigh.leics.sch.uk)



## Bottesford Primary School – National Dance Champions

A group of 28 Irish Dancers aged between 5 and 11 years old have become National Champions in the Great Big Dance Off 2016



([www.thegreatbigdanceoff.com](http://www.thegreatbigdanceoff.com)). They beat 27 other primary schools to take the title. Head teacher of Bottesford Primary School, Louise McGrory, was delighted with the news. 'I am bursting with pride for the children. Such talent; they have worked so hard to win this national dance award. An incredible achievement!'

For more info, please contact: Emma Roberts. [Emmaroberts3312@gmail.com](mailto:Emmaroberts3312@gmail.com)

## Festival of Archaeology

Bottesford Community Library and the Friends of St Mary's hosted three very interesting talks during the national Festival of Archaeology. Organiser Neil Fortey said, 'I wanted to put Bottesford on the Archaeology map'. The events attracted more than 100 participants – with one couple coming from Barnsley!

Three of the speakers (L to R): Phil Harding, Julia Walker, Neil Fortey.



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## Belvoir in Saskatchewan - Tracing WW1 soldiers in Canada.



Bill Pinfold & David Middleton at  
the site of the Belvoir School,  
Saskatchewan, Canada

Enthusied by their participation in  
the Bottesford Parish 1st World  
War Centenary Project, Bill Pinfold  
and David Middleton visited  
Canada in June to trace men from  
Bottesford and Muston who had  
served with the Canadian Forces.

They visited rural communities in  
Saskatchewan where the men had settled in the early 1900s. Charles Pacey from  
Easthorpe worked in Rosetown before enlistment in the Canadian Forces.

Thomas Calcraft from Muston with two of his brothers, Arthur and Frank had  
settled as homesteaders close to Rosetown. Thomas named the newly  
established school district Belvoir after Belvoir Castle. Frank Raithby also  
homesteaded near to the Calcraft's land. The memory of those who sought new  
lives in Canada, only to lose them in the Great War, still lives on in the small  
agricultural communities of the Canadian mid-west.

## Weekend of Remembrance for the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme

At 7.30 am on the 1st July whistles were blown on the Village Green to  
commemorate the centenary of the start of the Battle of the Somme in which  
five local soldiers died.

Two showings of the 1916 film documentary 'Battle of the Somme' were  
organised with the kind cooperation of Belvoir High School. Pupils and staff  
watched the film in the morning. The film showed the stark realities of the  
battle. Over 20 million people viewed it in 1916.

## Bottesford WW1 casualties, September and October 1916

**Arthur Gilding.** Born in 1892, he emigrated to Canada in 1911 and served with  
the 11<sup>th</sup> Bn. Canadian Infantry. He is one of the five men from Bottesford who  
belonged to the Canadian Regiment which is listed on the memorial in the  
church.

**Robert Noble Turlington Page** was born in Grimsbury, Oxfordshire in 1889.  
After the family moved to Bottesford, Turlington Page emigrated to Canada in  
1906 and served with the 44<sup>th</sup> Bn. Canadian Infantry.

## Royal British Legion Centenary Ceremonies this autumn

The Hose and Harby Branch of the Royal British Legion will hold short  
ceremonies on the centenaries of the death of local soldiers. St Mary's 13.9.16  
for Arthur Gilding; 10.10.16 for Walter Palmer; 25.10.16 for Robert N.T. Page;  
8.11.11 for Edgar Holmes. 1.12.16 at St John's Church, Muston, for Ernest  
Jones.

## Grantham Journal Reports 1986

In January 1986 plans for the development of the listed Grade 1 Rectory were  
submitted to MBC. A variety of opinions were expressed at a public meeting and  
in letters to the Grantham Journal.

The Bottesford Bypass enquiry was set to start on April 15<sup>th</sup> to be chaired by an  
independent inspector. The scheme's estimated cost was £3.421 million.  
Evidence from the enquiry would be used to make final decisions on the  
necessity for the by-pass and the best route, either north or south of the village.  
7000 vehicles a day (a quarter being HGVs) came through the village on an  
"horrendous race track".

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**Village Voice Photographic Competition 2016**



*Architecture in the Vale of Belvoir* is the theme for our popular fourth annual photographic competition run by Village Voice and judged by local professional photographer Mark Pugh [www.markpugh.com](http://www.markpugh.com). As provided last year, a special **Village Voice trophy** donated by Mark's team [www.mpmmedia.co.uk](http://www.mpmmedia.co.uk) will be awarded to the winners in each of the three age categories: 10 and under, 11 to 17, and over 18. The over 18 category winner will also receive two hours of complimentary photography training with Mark Pugh worth £220.00.

All photos must be submitted as digital photographs **only**.

Photos can be captured with cameras, tablets and mobile phones.

The photographs will be judged on their own merit, and not on the kind of camera they were taken with.

Photographs must have been captured in the Vale of Belvoir.

Entries are strictly limited to three photographs per entrant.

Entries have to be received no later than **Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

2nd and 3rd prize winners of each category will receive a photographic award certificate of achievement.

Entries to be emailed to [vv@bottesford.org.uk](mailto:vv@bottesford.org.uk) along with your full name, age (along with your date of birth), contact telephone number, the name of your photograph, location the photograph was taken and a brief description about each photo and why you feel this represents the theme of 'Architecture in the Vale of Belvoir'.

Please note that Copyright remains with the photographer, however, all entries may be used by the Village Voice for promotional purposes. Entering the competition signifies your agreement to this. Model Release Forms will need to be signed by the parents/guardians of any children featured in photographs that are published and VV will take the necessary steps to make arrangements for this where appropriate.

**Bottesford Open Gardens**

Two days of sunny weather were enjoyed by visitors on the Bottesford Open Gardens weekend. A visitor to our garden described the event as having a relaxed, community feel in the village, so I hope the many visitors from beyond our neighbourhood felt that too. Thank you to everyone who participated in any way, especially those who visited the gardens and St Mary's Church. The £10 garden voucher was won by M. Faircloth, and the raffled picnic hamper was won by C Beeston. Overall the total raised by the event was £1608.55.



## Happy Birthday to Readers United and Bottesford Book worms

Two book groups celebrated their birthdays recently – Bookworms (shown in the photo) is 15 years old and Readers United 10 years. Here are the Readers United Top Ten recommendations: The Truth about the Quebert Affair by Joel Dicker, A Man called Ove by Frederick Backman, Elizabeth is Missing by Emma Healey, Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese, The Universe vs Alex Woods by Gavin



Extence, The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd, Gillespie and I by Jane Harris, Pure by Andrew Miller, The Book Thief by Markus Zusak and Me Before You by JoJo Moyes.

## The author of the Betty Bee book series visits Bottesford Community Library

Linda Marston read stories to local children. In these lovely books, Betty Bee and her family and friends teach children lots of valuable lessons, including: how to be Kind, Healthy, Patient, Tidy, Happy, Seen and Safe; how to say Sorry, how to Listen; and all about Saving. You can find out more at [www.bettybeebooks.co.uk](http://www.bettybeebooks.co.uk).



## WI member receives a Token for 60 years of active service

Margaret Taylor, a member of Bottesford and District WI recently received a token to celebrate her years of service.

## Roof Grant for St Mary's

The Parochial Church Council is delighted to announce that St Mary's has been granted £20,200 from the Government's Listed Place of Worship Roof Repair Scheme towards the replacement of the lead on the Lady Chapel roof, which has leaked for many years. It is hoped that work will commence in the next few months.

## Church Charity Shop

A new venture for Bottesford and Muston Churches is our Benefice Charity Shop. The charity shop is based at the Old School in Muston and is now open on Tuesdays 10-12 and Saturdays 10-1. Any donations can be left at the back of St Mary's, or given directly to the Shop Co-ordinator, Debbie Bass-Pickin. If you would like to volunteer to help in the shop, please give Debbie a call on 01476 870611. Proceeds from the shop will be divided equally between the two churches, which are registered in accordance with Charity Commission rules.

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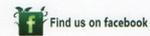


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Leaflets will be coming out soon to let you know what we can and cannot take. We're also looking for local free, safe storage space for the shop, so if you can help do get in touch.

If you haven't visited the shop yet, please do and bring your friends. You will all be very welcome. If you have any enquiries we're open Monday to

Saturday 9am-4.30pm, pop in and talk to us or give us a call on 844467.

The photo of us all at The Old Forge Tearooms....

Jo, Sallyann, Nicola, Peggy, Fiona, Hilary, Audrey at the back, Margaret, Deborah, Sharon at the front.



### Mrs Harris retires after 26 years

Tributes have been paid to Mrs Harris who is retiring from teaching after 26 years at Bottesford Primary School. She has seen many changes at the school and pupil numbers and school buildings have doubled since she first joined the staff. She will be remembered for her love of art, music, handwriting and phonics, and will be missed by colleagues, pupils and parents alike.

**Interview with Mrs Harris, by Daisy Kate Jackson (Year 6 pupil)**  
*When you first started, did you think you would be here till now?*  
 "No I never did!"



*What highlights have there been for you, over the years, teaching and working at the school?*

"I like meeting children I've taught in the village and seeing them grow up. I have also loved teaching Maypole Dancing to my class and organising Art Exhibitions. I've enjoyed working with colleagues I now call friends."

*How will you fill your time when you retire? What are you looking forward to doing?*

"I don't really know the answer to that yet because I can't remember what it's like to not have a large responsibility! It is a voyage of discovery to find out when I get there!"

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<b>What's On in September...</b>	
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Bottesford Local History Society AGM. "Francis Manners and the Grand Tour, 1598-1599." Drs Michael and Diana Honeybone, Fuller Room
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am & 4.30pm	'Lincolnshire Heritage Open Day' on the Grantham canal. Trips depart from Lock 18, Nr. The Rutland Arms (Dirty Duck) Pub.
9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup>	Art Exhibition at St Mary's 'Hope'. Open mic on Friday eve for song writers, music, poets and writers of prose. Cream teas. Contact 845106.
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ride and Stride Family Sponsored Walk/ Cycle from Bottesford to Muston or vice versa. Fish & Chip Supper and Quiz at The Old School, Muston.
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	Horticultural Show at the VC Hall. Brochures/ entry forms with full details available soon from the Co-op, Select Convenience and Garden Shop.
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm	Sunday Praise Contemporary Worship Service in St Mary's.
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> 4 – 5.30pm	100th anniversary of Roald Dahl's birth and presentation evening for the Summer Reading Challenge in the Library. Tickets (£1) available now.
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	Good Neighbour Free Film Show in the Old School. Doors open at 1.30pm for a 2pm start. Keep a look out for posters to advertise if the film is actually on or not just in case the projector has still not been repaired
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> 3.30 –	Fun day and BBQ to celebrate 50 years of Bottesford Pre- School.
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	W.I. Meeting. Passions, Potions and Poisons – Tracey Akehurst. Bottesford VC Hall.
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Vale of Belvoir Lions' Brains of Belvoir quiz, Bottesford VC Hall. Ticket only (£7) N. Davies 07973377726 email <a href="mailto:nigeladavies@btinternet.com">nigeladavies@btinternet.com</a> .
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> 10am	World's Biggest Coffee Morning for MacMillan in the Library.
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	St Mary's Annual Harvest Supper. Don't miss out – book a table or individual tickets by contacting John on 01949 844076. Open to everyone.
<b>And in October...</b>	
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> 10.30am	Harvest Festival, St. Mary's.
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Bottesford Local History Society. "The Mediaeval Physician." Speaker: Ralph Needham. Fuller Room, The Old School, Bottesford.
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Supper and Festival, St. John the Baptist Church, Muston.
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	Harvest Festival, St. John the Baptist Church, Muston.
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> 6.30pm	Sunday Praise Contemporary Worship Service in St Mary's.
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	Discovery Day on the Grantham Canal, at the Dirty Duck pub near Woolsthorpe
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	Good Neighbour Free Film Show in the Old School. Doors open at 1.30pm for a 2pm start.
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> 10am – 12noon	Fair Trade Coffee morning supporting Traidcraft in St Mary's.
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	W.I. Meeting. Corsets and Camis, Swimsuits and Smiles – Vintage Underwear – Maggie Allen. Bottesford VC Hall.
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	W.I. Group Meeting at Orston.

**Important:** To publicise your event in the 'What's On' column for November or December, please email: [heather.stokes1@btinternet.com](mailto:heather.stokes1@btinternet.com) or ring 844009, by **27<sup>th</sup> September 2016**.

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## Library Summer Fair

At the end of June, the Library Volunteers held one of their many fund raising events to keep the Community Library open. Outside the library were numerous stalls selling a multitude of items from puzzles, books, raffle prizes and magazines and inside the library was full of stalls run by local businesses. We raised nearly £400 and would like to thank everyone who helped out.

## Good Neighbour Scheme

This very worthwhile and well used scheme is short of volunteer drivers, especially for hospital visits. Do you have a few hours, even once a week or once a month, when you could take someone from one of the villages to an appointment? For more information, please contact Linda on 07849 311 740

## Winners of the best kept allotments 2016

Results of the judging by Bottesford Parish Councillors

Large Plot - 1<sup>st</sup> N. Robinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Milnes, 3<sup>rd</sup> R. Parker

Small Plot - 1<sup>st</sup> P. Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Richardson, 3<sup>rd</sup> G. Pearson

Prizes will be awarded by the Parish Council at the Garden Show on 10 September 2016 at the VC Hall.

## Summer Reading Challenge at Bottesford Library

The challenge started on the 9th July and will run until the 3rd September. The aim of the challenge is to encourage children to read more, build up their confidence and enthusiasm about reading and to promote their family's use of our library. Reading Challenge Certificates will be presented on Roald Dahl night in the library on 13<sup>th</sup> September.

## Collection bins for old spectacles

The Vale of Belvoir Lions are collecting old reading glasses and spectacles in bins at both of the doctor's surgeries (Woll and Belvoir Vale surgeries).

## Bottesford Parish Neighbourhood Plan

After two years of consultation, discussion and professional advice, the Neighbourhood Plan Group are about to issue the draft Neighbourhood Plan also known as the pre submission Neighbourhood Plan. This will be delivered to all households in the autumn and they urge you to read it and comment. This draft, along with your comments, will then go forward for professional examination. It will then appear, appropriately modified, as a Referendum Document at which point they will ask you to vote on whether you agree or not with the contents, but at this stage they are looking for comments only.

## Methodist Church spring quiz results

The winners of the above quiz were John and Cynthia Prate. Vic and Mu Martin came second and Marilyn J. Wilson Baker came third. The winners kindly donated their prize money. Many thanks to everyone who bought a quiz sheet. £85 has been sent to Dove Cottage Hospice.

## 7th The Vale's Got Talent competition

The Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club is currently planning this competition. Auditions for local artists in the Vale, young and old, will take place on 1st and 2nd of October.

To apply for an audition, contact the following Denis Bacon 0115 9334004 or Duncan Garment 01949 861770.

# Sports News



## Bottesford Football Clubhouse Update

We are delighted to announce that Melton Borough Council have confirmed their £25,000 commitment to the Clubhouse Project. The total project cost is £564,348 and the funding for this will be made up as follows: Football Foundation Grant - £507,348 [Confirmed], Bottesford Football Club - £32,000 [Raised by the club], Melton Borough Council - £25,000 [Confirmed]

The start date for the build has been provisionally set at 8<sup>th</sup> August, subject to some legal requirements being completed. The estimated build duration is 28 weeks and this should see the project hopefully complete by March 2017.

It is not too late to Buy a Brick and have your support of the project forever displayed in the entrance hall. Please click on this link for the application form: [http://files.pitchero.com/clubs/11563/bfcbuy-a-brickcampaignv08\\_152648.pdf](http://files.pitchero.com/clubs/11563/bfcbuy-a-brickcampaignv08_152648.pdf)

Thank you to everyone who has supported this project. For more information email [news@bottesfordfc.co.uk](mailto:news@bottesfordfc.co.uk)



## Bottesford Bowls Club's Gala Day

This is a knockout competition between 24 teams of three players from different Bowls Clubs around Nottinghamshire.

After a closely-fought final the Bottesford team of Mick Wakefield, Mick Warriner and John Stapleton were the victors. The team was only put together the night before because of illness, so very well done to them.

For more information about the club contact Pauline Goodson - 844 554, or email [paulinegoodson@onetel.net](mailto:paulinegoodson@onetel.net)



## Olympic Gamesmakers 2012

Village Voice has been unable to track down any volunteers at the Olympics in Rio 2016, so here is a photo of Charlotte Barber who was a GamesMaker at the Paralympics Games during London 2012. She was part of the Event Services team and was based at The Royal Artillery Barracks in Woolwich.

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