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Village Voice

The newsletter of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton

Our Amazing People

There are some great people in our community, who do fantastic work for others. Here are three. Do you know of any other 'unsung heroes' who we could feature in the Village Voice?

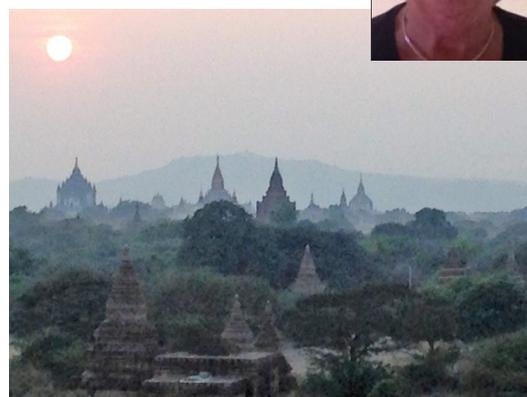
Three Months in Yangon with Ros Scherler

On New Year's Day 2016, Ros swapped the chill and calm of Normanton for the heat, humidity and hustle-bustle of Yangon, the capital of Myanmar (formerly Burma). Voluntary Service Overseas sent Ros on a project to support the Yangon University of Education, a facility that takes in students at the age of 16 (mostly female) and develops them as secondary school teachers. Ros (pictured right) had to deliver workshops on current theory and practice and to help the Education Faculties evaluate the effectiveness of their systems.



Daily living was a challenge: the accommodation was a concrete, windowless bunker. Electricity was intermittent and there were frequent water shortages. And the only way to cross a three lane speeding highway was to tag on with children or old ladies. Ros did not want to talk about the rats!

Ros felt fortunate to be present in the country as it is emerging after a long period of isolation.



Volunteering Abroad with Gail Parkinson

Gail has always enjoyed helping others. She is a qualified teacher, although this isn't necessary for the two recent projects she supported. "I volunteered with Saga for a month in a school in St Lucia. I paid my own travel and subsistence costs. The experience was wonderful." Gail also spent 2 months teaching English in a Buddhist monastery in Nepal, again funding all her costs. She needed to complete an on-line TEFL course for this.



Gail says: "There seem to be plenty of opportunities for mature volunteering for short or long periods of time, and the placements were very rewarding and interesting."

Polly Redfern's 'a-maize-ing' award

Polly Redfern (pictured left) of Bottesford, is looking forward to an exciting future after winning an award for her university project. Polly was a Silver winner in the Creative Conscience awards, promoting socially valuable projects. This was for her work, 'Maize Matter'.

Polly specialises in natural dyeing and sustainable materials, and her work focused on enabling poorer communities around the world to transform agricultural waste into a functional material. Find out more about Polly's work on her website at:

<http://pollymaeredfern.squarespace.com/>.

STOP PRESS

The deadline for submitting your entries for the Village Voice photo competition is 29 November 2016. Make sure you enter your pictures as soon as possible. This year's theme is 'Architecture in the Vale of Belvoir'.

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Diana and Tony Leave the Village Voice

After many years of helping to put together the Village Voice, Diana and Tony Taffs have decided to retire. We would like to thank them very much for their hard work and commitment, and especially for the tea and biscuits they so kindly provided when hosting our meetings!
Susan Meech (on behalf of the committee.)

Parking Problems

Please take care when dropping off children at the Primary or High School. The Primary school has asked that parents do not park beyond School View, and to stop using the corners entering Granby Drive. This can block the pavement for pushchair-users, and can restrict access for emergency-service vehicles.

Bottesford Local History Society - over 40 years on

Bottesford has one of the best supported and successful village-based local history societies. September's meeting featured "Francis Manners and the Grand Tour, 1597-1600" given by its Joint Honorary Presidents, Drs Michael and Diana Honeybone.

Michael and Diana are tireless researchers and senior members of the Spalding Gentlemen's Society, which boasts the second oldest museum in Britain (after the Ashmolean). The meeting also marked the retirement of vice-chairman, Dr John Hammond, and the election of his replacement, Sue Middleton.

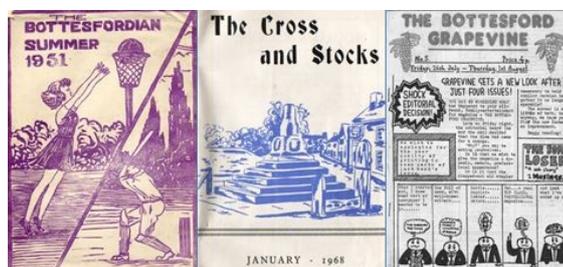
New members and visitors are welcome at monthly meetings. The annual sub is still £8. Check 'What's On' and village noticeboards for details of forthcoming talks, or contact Secretary, Sue Harding - 01949 358698.



Bottesford Horticultural Show – 10th September 2016

The 39th village horticultural show was a huge success with 353 entries. Winners included Mark Skinner for the Top Vase, plus six trophies for flowers and vegetables. Alan Smith won Top Tray Award and two trophies for fuchsia and 'top novice'. Vic Martin won the best Sweet-Peas; Pete Simpson won the best rose in show. C Hulse won the Needlework class and A Tapson the Homecraft classes. G Crook and C Clarke shared 'Arts and Crafts Best in Show'. The children's classes were won by H Dobney (Infants) and S Colton (Juniors).

Bottesford Heritage Archive



Local history projects in recent years have left us a legacy of printed material, photographs, maps etc. that form an archive of the history of the parish. This is a resource that needs to be made available to the community, and the Community Library is the best place for it.

We intend to set up a Community Heritage Users group who will meet regularly to catalogue the archive and make it readily available to enquirers who wish to research the history of the parish or their family. Currently, we are transferring materials from the various places in which they have been stored. When finished, we will need volunteers to complete the catalogue and develop the archive. We would also welcome donations of any heritage material. When not being used, the archive will be kept in its cupboards, out of the way of the normal activities of the library. For more information please contact Neil Fortey; 01949 843320.

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Around the Vale with PCSO Liam Palmer

This month I would like to talk to you about Hate Crime and what to do if you become a victim. A Hate Crime is where the victim experiences prejudice towards any aspects of a person's identity, based on one of the following: Religion, Gender, Disability (including Mental Health), Ethnicity, and Sexuality.

Leicestershire Police take reports of Hate Crime very seriously, and investigations are completed in every case. In the Vale these reports are rare, however they do occur. Nationally there has been a rise in the number of reported incidents since the Brexit vote. Anyone who is convicted of being involved in a Hate Crime can expect a tough sentence, as it is deemed an aggravated offence.

If you are a victim, or witness to something that you think is a Hate Crime report it to us via 101 or 999 in an emergency.

Belvoir First Responders Win Queen's Award

First Responders are volunteers who are trained to respond to emergency calls through the 999 system in conjunction with the Ambulance Service. Responders provide immediate care to patients in rural areas where distance may delay the prompt arrival of an ambulance.

Belvoir Vale Responders were delighted to receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This was presented at Langar Hall in September, and was attended by many people, including our Parish Councillor Alan Gough and his wife.



**The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service**

The MBE for volunteer groups

Community First Responder Groups make a huge difference to their communities. If you would like more information, please visit: <http://www.valeresponders.com/contact-us/>

Celebrate Safely

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service has recently launched a 'Celebrate Safely' campaign. This will run to December 2016 and gives many tips for fire-safety, particularly during the national celebrations in the latter part of the year. To access the tips visit: <http://www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/whats-happening/current-campaigns/celebrate-safely/>

Friends of St Mary's Proms Evening 'Raises the Roof'

A big thank you to all who supported our Proms Evening on 24th September with the Hatfield Band. We were treated to a tremendous evening of sea shanties and traditional music.

The proceeds for the evening will go towards the cost of repairing the Lady Chapel roof, which has been leaking for many years. We raised over £900.00. We are always pleased to welcome new members to Friends of St. Mary's, which is a registered Charity (Charity No.1154917). Please consider becoming a member. You do not have to be a churchgoer to enjoy St Mary's. Leaflets and application forms are available at the back of the church.

Library – Autumn Fundraising and Cowboy Books!

On the 6 November, the library is holding a vital fundraising Autumn Fair between 1pm and 4pm. There will be a large selection of stalls. If you would like a stall, please call either 01949 842491 or 07939641551.

Also, does anyone have any large-print cowboy books? We have an avid reader, but we are running out of stock. Donations of these, or any other books, would be most welcome. Please call Anne on 01949 842259. We can collect.

SPOTLIGHT ON...Brown Owl and Tawny Owl

1st Bottesford Brownies were formed on the 21st September 1946. Brown Owl (Adelle Glossop) and Tawny Owl (Fiona Solomon) have clocked up a collective 57 years of volunteering for the Guide movement.

Adelle has been with our Brownies since 1984. She became Tawny Owl in 1986 and Brown Owl in 1990. She has also been District Commissioner twice and Divisional Commissioner. Fiona was originally with 2nd Bottesford Brownies but began working with Adelle when their Brown Owl (Marion Roberts) retired in 2014.

Many things have changed since they first volunteered. There are up-to-date activities, different badges to achieve and a weekend residential trip every year. As a member of the management team for the Girl Guiding Anglia Region, Adelle says that meetings have also become much easier since the advent of Skype!

Some things haven't changed. The original values of having fun in a safe, girl led and girl-only environment are still there – and they still gather round the toadstool at the end of each session. Adelle said "The sense of belonging to a worldwide community, being able to share our skills, seeing

the girls grow from the moment they arrive aged 7 to when they leave at 10 is very rewarding."



Pictured cutting the cake at the Brownies' 70th Birthday picnic are Tawny Owl (left), Margaret Taylor (one of the first leaders) and Brown Owl. Adelle's husband and fellow volunteer, a.k.a. Mr Squirrel, is in the background.

Welcome to Nel

The Village Voice extends a warm welcome to Nel Shallow, our new Methodist minister. Nel moved to Bottesford in September. She is married to James, a research Archaeologist, and they have two sons: Joe and Jacob who live in Sheffield, which was Nel's previous ministry.

A keen photographer, Nel says: "I miss the hills of South Yorkshire, but these have been replaced by the big skys of Bottesford, and the beautiful Vale of Belvoir." Nel will be responsible for the villages of Bottesford Parish, Cropwell Bishop, Orston, Great Gonerby and Skillerby.

Nel is delighted to be working in our community and looking forward to launching a number of initiatives, one of which will be a new Children's Programme. She is hoping the Methodist Church will support and develop the strong community focus created by the other churches and groups within the parish.

Hats Off to the Knitters

I would like to thank the wonderful knitters from the Library, Methodist church, and the U3A who have knitted the 'Innocent Smoothie' hats. The 'hat-tree' in the library is a picture! Over 1000 hats have been knitted. The proceeds support the Age UK charity. There is always a knitting project for charity in the library. Please call in for details.

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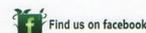


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A Blooming Lovely Weekend in Muston

The Muston 1st World War Flower Festival in August was a great success. There were stunning displays commemorating many aspects of home -life and military service. Over 350 people

attended and more than £1000 was raised toward Church restoration funds. Thank you to everyone involved and to the Heritage Lottery Fund for their support.

Parish Council News Bottesford In Bloom 2016

There were great entries for the 'Bottesford In Bloom' competition for front gardens. The winners are: First Prize: Mr M. Ford and Ms J. Madgwick; Runner-Up: Mr and Mrs P. Salathiel.

Best Kept Streets 2016

The following streets in Bottesford Parish have received the title of Best Kept Streets 2016: Main Street, Muston; Castle View Road, Easthorpe; Main Street, Normanton; Cox Drive, Bottesford; School View, Bottesford.

Parish Picnic

A fun afternoon in August was enjoyed by everyone, including the Mayor and Mayoress of the Borough of Melton, Councillor David Wright and Mrs Maureen Wright (pictured right). Soft drinks were kindly donated by Belvoir Fruit Farms.



Trees, Hedges and Green Spaces

Bottesford Parish Council welcome suggestions for any public area that would benefit from additional hedge or tree planting, and any nominations for existing trees or green-spaces that hold significant community value. Please contact chairman@bottesfordpc.org.uk. In November, we are holding community hedge and tree planting events on the Grantham Road Play Area and Allotment Sites. Please visit the parish noticeboards for more information.

Melton Local Plan Consultation

The latest Melton Local Plan will be issued in early November for a 6-week consultation period. The changes were agreed at a full MBC meeting in September. The number of houses to be built in Bottesford has increased from 300 to 427. This includes additional houses in Easthorpe, adjacent to Green Lane. Six additional sites will also need to be developed. The Parish Council and the Steering Group will object to this, as it is against the wishes of parish residents.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? Respond to the consultation and make your views heard. Visit: www.meltonplan.co.uk.

Bottesford Parish Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan has been delayed while the Steering Group considers Melton's Local Plan. We have decided not to address the above changes but to base our proposals on the last valid Melton Local Plan of 1999. The Pre-Consultation version of the Bottesford Neighbourhood Plan will be issued soon. Your responses will be considered for inclusion in the Bottesford Parish Neighbourhood Plan, to be voted upon in the New Year.

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Every Wed. at 7.30pm in Nov. & Dec.	Bottesford Whist Drive meets at the Fuller Rooms. Entrance is £2 per person with refreshments included. Everyone welcome. The friendship and fellowship are more important than the cards.
Sat 5 th	Vale of Belvoir Lions' Bonfire and Firework Display.
Sun 6 th 1pm	Autumn Fair at the Old School in aid of the library. 1pm-4pm.
Sun 6 th 3pm	Service of Memories at St. Mary's.
Tue 8 th to Sat 12 th 10am – 4.30pm	Bottesford Parish 1st World War Centenary. 'Forgotten heroes - Art exhibition, books, display on horses in the Great War' at Bottesford Old School Parish Room (next door to the Community Library), Grantham Road, Bottesford, NG13 0DF. All welcome. Free Entry.
Tue 8 th 2pm	Vale of Belvoir U3A at the VC Hall. Delightful Daisies, a talk by Dr Andrew Ward of Norwell Nurseries.
Wed 9 th 2pm	FREE monthly Good Neighbour Scheme FILM SHOW in the Old School. Doors open 1.30 pm. Donations only for refreshments.
Thur 10 th 7.30pm	Bottesford Local History Society. "Bottesford and Muston in WW1". Speakers: Bottesford Project Group. Fuller Room, The Old School, Bottesford. All welcome. Visitors £2.
Sun 13 th 10.30am	Remembrance Service at St. Mary's.
Sun 13 th 6.30pm	Sunday Praise at 6.30pm – contemporary service in St Mary's. Children's activity: Mosaic crosses. Find us on Facebook - Sunday Praise Bottesford.
Tue 15 th 7.30pm	W.I. Meeting. Sugarcraft – Sue Clegg. Bottesford VC Hall.
Sat 26 th 2pm	Muston Christmas Fair at the Old School, Muston, 10am–2pm.
Sun 27 th 6.30pm	Sunday Praise – contemporary church service in St Mary's. Theme: Advent Light. Children's activity: Ceramic Christmas Tree Lights.
And in December...	
Sat 3 rd 10am	St. Mary's Christmas Fair 10am–2pm.
Sun 4 th 10.30am	Toy Service and Christingle at St Mary's – please bring a wrapped toy for the Homestart charity if you can.
Sun 4 th 4pm	Advent Carol Service at St. Mary's.
Thur 8 th 2.30pm	Friendship Group Carol Service at the Methodist Church.
Thur 8 th 7.30pm	The Loveden Quartet sings Carols at Allington Manor. Tickets £7.00 in aid of Multiple Sclerosis Society from Allington Stores; Leo 01400 282574; Helen 01400 281869. Mulled Wine, mince pies, raffle & pay bar.
Sun 11 th 3pm	Christingle Service at St. John's, Muston.
Sun 11 th 6.30pm	Sunday Praise Christmas Service at 6.30pm – contemporary service in St Mary's. Children's activity: Making Christmas gifts.
Tues 13 th 2pm	Vale of Belvoir U3A Christmas party at the VC Hall.
Wed 14 th 2pm	FREE monthly Good Neighbour Scheme FILM SHOW in the Old School. Doors open 1.30 pm. Donations only for refreshments.
Sun 18 th 10.30am	Nativity Play...the children of St Mary's will be telling the nativity story in a stable near you. For more details, please call Lisa Smith on 07415144640.
Sun 18 th 4pm 6.30pm	Carol Service at St John's, Muston. Carol Service at St Mary's Bottesford.
Mon 19 th 6pm	Carol Singing around the village (Belvoir Road area). Contact Laura on 01949 842859 for more details or see posters around the village.
Tue 20 th 7.30pm	W.I. Christmas Meeting. Entertainment by Los Amigos. VC Hall.
Christmas Eve 4pm 11.30pm	Crib Service at St. Mary's. First Communion of Christmas at St. Mary's.
Christmas Day 8.30am 10.30am	Carols and Communion at St. John's, Muston. Carols and Communion at St. Mary's, Bottesford.
Boxing Day 11am	Vale of Belvoir Lions' Duck Race. Refreshments served in St Mary's Church and churchyard from 10.30am.

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From the Archives - Grantham Journal 1986/1996

In 1986 the Grantham Journal interviewed Bill Roberts. He mentioned that at one time there were four funeral directors in Bottesford. Can anyone supply information about who owned these businesses?

The first Bottesford 'Run, Walk or Crawl Fun-Run' took place on Sunday October 19th 1986. The Run started at the school. Children and parents walked or ran down Barkestone Lane (crossing the proposed route of a southern bypass) as far as Charles Lee's farmhouse - no one crawled! The runners returned to school where they received an apple, a certificate and a badge. Can anyone remember doing this?

Bottesford Library was originally in the old school until 1958. The library then moved to Belvoir High School. When ownership of the old school passed to the Parish Council, it was decided that the library should return to the centre of the village.

WW1 casualties in November and December 1916

Robert Turlington Noble Page was born in 1899 in Grimsbury near Banbury. His parents worked the Nottingham Road Nursery in Bottesford. He emigrated to Canada in 1906 and became a bank clerk. He was a private in the 44th Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force and was killed in the Regina Trench attack on October 25th 1916. His name is remembered on the memorial at Vimy Ridge.

Edgar Hugh Holmes was born in 1878 in Corby Heath, Lincolnshire and married to Annie Hallam (of Bottesford). He was a gardener in Hastings where he enlisted in 1915. A private in the 7th Bn. Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, he died on November 8th 1916. He is buried in the Courcelette British Cemetery in France.

Ernest Jones was born in 1890 in Wilmslow, Cheshire. He is remembered on the Muston memorial because of his marriage to Sarah North of Muston. They emigrated to Australia before 1914, and served with the 6th Field Coy. Australian Engineers. He was killed near Longueville on December 1st 1916 and buried in the Bernafay Wood British Cemetery.

Charles Pacey was born in 1892 in Barrowby. In 1911, the family moved to Easthorpe. He emigrated to Canada in 1911 and worked in Regina as a waiter until enlistment as a private in the 8th Bn. Canadian Expeditionary Force. He died on December 12th 1916 and is buried in the Villers Station Cemetery at Villers-au-Bois.

Can you help?

Bottesford Village Hall was rebuilt in 2003, and now needs an up-to-date valuation by a qualified commercial surveyor. The Hall is a charity, and the Committee needs to spend wisely. Is there anyone who can assist us with such a valuation? Contact Norman Robinson at norman@bottesford.org.uk.



More help wanted

I am a PhD student at the University of Leicester, conducting research into objects of conflict; specifically the relationship between individuals and objects which are kept within their homes. These objects could be anything from buttons to uniforms; pamphlets to letters; brooches to shell cases; souvenirs of past wars, or heirlooms from previous generations.

I would like to talk to anyone who has such items and who knows its social history. Indeed anything which can be linked to some involvement with conflict and its trauma. If you are willing to be interviewed as a part of my research, please contact me via email at james.shallow@googlemail.com.

Sports News



Belvoir Blast a Great Success

The recent cycling event round the Vale of Belvoir and Rutland was a great success. There were many riders from different parts of the country who came to enjoy the peaceful roads, friendly banter and the occasional piece of cake as they enjoyed our beautiful countryside



The event is organised by Muston and Normanton mums, Emma Roberts and Britta Bayman who have set up the '2 Wheels and a Piece of Cake' club. There are two more similar events in 2017. These events are non-competitive, so are great for those who want a challenge, but

not to feel as though they have to compete.

For more information visit <http://2wheelsandapieceofcake.co.uk/>

Bottesford Football Club Winter Training Sessions at The Meres.

Bottesford football club has block-booked a number of evening sessions for the very popular 3G pitch at The Meres Leisure Centre in Grantham.

This starts on the first Tuesday and Thursday in October and runs through to the last Tuesday and Thursday in March - every week except Dec 27 and Dec 29! They will also be available during the half terms if your teams are training.

If you would like further information, then please contact

news@bottesfordfc.co.uk

Cycle and Horse-Riding Safety

Cycling and horse-riding are popular activities, with many individuals and groups enjoying our country roads. To ensure we remain safe, the police have issued guidance regarding overtaking. Please ensure a minimum of 1.5 metres when overtaking cyclists, and more for horse-riders.



Duck Race



Don't forget to buy your ducks for the annual race on Boxing Day. As always a big thank you to The Vale of Belvoir Lions for organising this traditional event.

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