

Village Voice

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The newsletter of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton

Winners of the Village Voice Photographic competition 2016

Once again, the Village Voice Photography Competition has been a pleasure to judge.

Over 18s Winners

1st Place: Ashley Waterfall, "Last one standing".

2nd Place: Geoff Foster, "Belvoir Castle".

3rd Place: Katy Heninghem, "Nostalgia".

11-17 Winner

Ben Payne, "St.Mary's Church".

The judges this time were Gordon Raper, previous winner Gordon Crook and myself, Mark Pugh. Ben Payne's photograph from the top of St.Mary's Church Tower only scored one less point than the winning adult entry, so we would like to commend Ben for the very high standard of his work. As ever, the scoring matrix is available to view on request, and we will organise the awards ceremony in the new year. The judging panel would like to thank everyone who took the time to enter the competition.

With best wishes, Mark Pugh www.markpugh.com Photographer | Videographer



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New Acorns Before and After School Club

Children are pictured enjoying some of the activities on offer at the new Acorns Before and After School Club at Bottesford C of E Primary School. The Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 to 8.45 am. The After-School Club offers a wide range of activities, from outdoor sports and games to arts and crafts and even support with homework. Acorns hopes to be able to expand to Holiday Play Schemes in the future.

Head teacher Mrs McGrory said 'I am delighted that we can offer extended care for busy working parents. The club is led by a very experienced and dedicated team who want children to have fun in a safe and engaging environment. It couldn't be easier for children to be picked up by staff they know in school and walk to the specially adapted mobile onsite.' For more information, contact Beccie Fierek on 01949 842224 or the school office, or go to the school website (www.bottesford.leics.sch.uk) and follow the link for afterschool clubs.



Grantham Journal 1996/ 2006

In 1996 Mrs Adelle Glossop was appointed as Division Commissioner for the Grantham Guide Association.

Before Christmas 2005 the heating in the Scout and Guide Hut broke down. There was no spare money in the Maintenance Fund for repairs or replacement of the heating system. The estimated cost would be about £3000. In January 2006, an appeal for donations to parents, businesses and village organisations resulted in an overwhelming response, as one of the leaders said, "a humbling response to the crisis." The heating system costs were in the region of £5000 and the Scouts and Guides now hope to upgrade the rest of the building.

In 2006 the Journal reported that Russ Tetlow of Bottesford regularly collected rubbish when walking his dog. The entrances to the Village were the most badly affected and that he saw the problem becoming worse.

Snippets from Village Voice in 2006

The Parish Council advertised for a litter picker.

Bottesford and District Pre-School Playgroup celebrated its 40th birthday. The Brownies celebrated their 60th birthday.

The Star Walker Scheme was set up to encourage pupils, parents and carers to walk to school.

The Bottesford Living History project was launched. Please see the project website for details of heritage research and activities - www.bottesfordhistory.org.uk.

1st World War 1917 Grantham Journal Reports

There were no Bottesford and Muston fatalities until June 1917. The Grantham Journal reported that William Sutton had been wounded for a second time in April 1917. In May, there was further news that both Frederick Darby and James Skinner had been wounded. Support for the War Effort continued with a variety of fund raising activities. There were food shortages and much effort was put into self-sufficiency.

VBOOSC

Vale of Belvoir Out of School Club offers before and after school care at their site near Belvoir High School from 7.30am – 6pm as well as some holiday activities. Children have recently enjoyed some fun activities at the VBOOSC. These included den-making in the wooded outdoor area, and at Christmas the children created an outdoor Santa's Grotto. The club also welcomes two new members to the team. For more information visit their Facebook page, ring 01949 845006, or 07981042106 or email: osc@belvoirhigh.leics.sch.uk

The Peace Garden on Remembrance Sunday

A young resident lays a simple cross at the foot of the war memorial on behalf of the children of Bottesford Parish. During the short service of remembrance held on Sunday November 13th and led by Reverend David Payne, a wreath was also laid by Yvette Smith, Chair of Bottesford Parish Council.



'Forgotten Heroes: Horses in the Great War' exhibition in November

Many thanks to everyone for all the support in making the 'Forgotten Heroes: Horses in the Great War' exhibition at the Old-School Parish Rooms such a success. We had 394 visitors and raised pennies short of £150 for the 'Brooke: Action for working horses and donkeys' charity. We were most grateful to the Mayor and Mayoress of Melton Borough, Councillor David Wright and Mrs. Maureen Wright, for attending and declaring the exhibition officially open. Also of note was the visit of three classes from the Bottesford Primary School and the excellent visitor comments.

Professor David Stocker from the Heritage Lottery Fund was impressed by the level of volunteer commitment and community engagement in the exhibition and the Bottesford 1st World War Centenary Project. Our special thanks to Dr. Robert Fountain for his initiative in suggesting the exhibition and for curating the etchings, prints and books.

The Bottesford WW1 Centenary project



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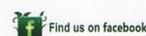
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Vale of Belvoir Lions bulb planting

In October some members of the Vale of Belvoir Lions club, with the help of friends, planted over 3000 crocus bulbs on the Jubilee Green in the shape of their logo, the letter L, with the number 100 next to it. The bulbs were white, yellow and purple, which are the Lions' colours. The planting forms part of the worldwide celebration of 100 years since the founding of the Lions Clubs International.

Each child who helped was presented with a pot of bulbs.



Lions fireworks

The fireworks evening is the Vale of Belvoir Lions main event of the year and they raise lots of money for charity. It takes a lot of time and effort to organise and run the event, from building the bonfire to letting off the



fireworks. The Lions are supported in their efforts by friends and family and the Lions are very grateful for their help.

This year's event raised over £4000 (the most ever raised) and the money is going towards the Youth Club's new kitchen, to the Grantham food bank helping families coming up to Christmas and towards furnishing a new accommodation block for children in Belarus.

Library one year old

On the 25th October, 2016 the new Community Library celebrated being open for one whole year. It has been a tremendous success for everyone, not only for people to come and borrow or buy a book or to attend one of the many events, but as a meeting place for people to see friends, have a coffee and a general natter. The Trustees are very grateful to all the volunteers and Friends of the library for their ongoing support. The Library sells donated books and will be selling musical scores. If you would like to donate any items, please drop them in.



World famous book illustrator Korkey Paul's visit to the Community Library



Korkey Paul has illustrated many children's books but he is best known for the Winnie the Witch series. His illustrations are bold and vivid with lots of bright colours. His visit was arranged by the Lincolnshire Federation of Children's Book Groups and Korkey entertained the children present with his illustrations.

A wonderful evening.

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What's On in January...

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| Every Wednesday at 7.30pm in January & February | 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. |
| Every Wednesday in term time from 11 th Jan. 4 – 5.30pm | Hullabaloo Wednesday at Bottesford Methodist Church. An open session of play, craft, singing & drama for all children aged 5-11 years (free access but donations accepted & children must be accompanied by an adult). |
| Every Thursday in term time from 12 th Jan. 9.30 – 11.30am | Hullabaloo Thursday at Bottesford Methodist Church. A cafe & play space for pregnant mums, new parents or carers with babies & toddlers. |
| Sun 8 th 6.30pm | Sunday Praise Epiphany Service – contemporary church service in St. Mary's with Revd Nel Shallow. Children's activities provided. Find us on Facebook - Sunday Praise Bottesford . |
| Tues 10 th 2pm | Vale of Belvoir U3A AGM at Bottesford VC Hall. |
| Wed 11 th 6 – 6.30pm | Evening Communion at Bottesford Methodist Church. |
| Thurs 12 th 7.30pm | Bottesford Local History Society. "Middens and Muck – Victorian dumps, dustbins and lavatories." Speaker: Peter Hammond. Fuller Room, The Old School, Bottesford. All welcome. Visitors £2. |
| Tues 17 th 7.30pm | W.I. Members' Night. Bottesford VC Hall. |
| Wed 18 th 6 – 6.30pm | Evening Communion at Bottesford Methodist Church. |
| Sun 23 rd 6.30pm | Sunday Praise Service – contemporary church service in St Mary's. Children's activities provided. |
| Wed 25 th 6 – 6.30pm | Evening Communion at Bottesford Methodist Church. |
| Sat 28 th 10.30am – noon | Chapel Cafe serving Fair Trade morning coffee & tea in a warm & welcoming cafe space at Bottesford Methodist Church. |

And in February...

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| Wed 1 st 6 – 6.30pm | Evening Communion at Bottesford Methodist Church. |
| Wed 8 th 6 – 6.30pm | Evening Communion at Bottesford Methodist Church. |
| Thurs 9 th 7.30pm | Bottesford Local History Society. "You Cannot Be Serious." Speaker: Mick Rawle. Fuller Room, The Old School, Bottesford. All welcome. Visitors £2. |
| Sun 12 th 6.30pm | Sunday Praise Service – contemporary church service in St Mary's. Children's activities provided. Find us on Facebook - Sunday Praise Bottesford. |
| Tues 14 th 2pm | Vale of Belvoir U3A at the VC Hall. Life in the Music Industry, a talk by Andy Smith. |
| Tues 21 st 7.30pm | W.I. Annual Meeting. Bottesford VC Hall. |
| Wed 22 nd 6 – 6.30pm | Evening Communion at Bottesford Methodist Church. |
| Sat 25 th 10.30am – noon | Chapel Cafe serving Fair Trade morning coffee & tea in a warm & welcoming cafe space at Bottesford Methodist Church. |
| Sun 26 th 6.30pm | Sunday Praise Service – contemporary church service in St Mary's. Children's activities provided. |
| Fri 3 rd March | Forward Notice: Women's World Day of Prayer - a morning service at St. Mary's and an evening service at Bottesford Methodist Church. |

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Hedgehogs appreciate being fed meat based cat biscuits or tinned dog food to help them reach an adequate weight before hibernating and if awoken during mild spells.

Hedgehogs are in decline and need our help. If you find a hedgehog during the winter that looks as if it needs help please phone the helpline 01584 890 801 for a recorded message giving the local contact number.

Muston play park improvements

Muston Play Park has been awarded a grant to get some new climbing equipment to replace the old red frame.

New activities at Bottesford Methodist Church in 2017

We will be holding a monthly Chapel Cafe on a Saturday morning; a weekly early evening Communion each Wednesday and starting our new Hullabaloo children's groups on a Wednesday evening and a Thursday morning. A warm, friendly welcome is extended to each of these opportunities to gather together as a village community. Please see the 'What's On' section for further details.

Revd. Nel Shallow

British Legion Collection

Many thanks to all the volunteers and businesses who helped to raise vital funds for this much-needed service. Sadly, donations were down this year but this was due largely to so many people having already purchased their metal poppy on line, or elsewhere.

A big thank you this year to all the people who spent hours making knitted poppies, which sold well and have helped enormously with the collection.

Anne Ablewhite

Bottesford railway station taken in the 1950s

This photo, probably taken by a keen local amateur, has recently been added to the Bottesford Heritage Archive.



Calling all Artists and Crafters

The Bingham, Radcliffe and District Rotary Club and the Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club are again jointly organising an Art Exhibition and Craft Fair to enable talented local artists and crafters to display their works and sell their pictures and craftwork.

The event is to be held in The Grange Hall, Radcliffe-on-Trent on Saturday and Sunday 29th & 30th April next year and is a popular event attracting large numbers of visitors.

Recording our past from Bottesford

In July Bottesford's Dr Phil Harding helped to celebrate the National Festival of Archaeology with a talk on the value of metal detecting. Since then Phil has been busy giving presentations at archaeological conferences at the Museum of London and the Liverpool Maritime Museum.

Detecting is often in the news with spectacular finds, but its real value lies in the ordinary metal finds that illuminate our local history. Anyone can find items of historical interest, metal or otherwise, and the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) provides an easy way to record them. Phil has documented more than 2,600 items on the PAS, most of no financial value but all giving clues to our past. This small brass square is a printing plate with the ghostly face of a yet un-named WW1 serviceman, perhaps produced for his obituary?

The Portable Antiquities Scheme is open to everybody, and that find from your garden might shed light on Bottesford's history. If you have a fragment of our past that you think is worth saving, Phil can help with identification and could arrange for it to be recorded for posterity.



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Football Club news

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The Club is still recruiting girls from 5 years old upwards, so if you know anyone who is interested get in touch via their Facebook page or web site: <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/bottesfordfootballclub>.



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