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# Village Voice

The newsletter of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton

## We are 40!

1977 - This was the year when the Vale of Belvoir Art Society (VOBAS) had its first Art Festival at Bottesford Methodist church. The Methodist minister was Rev. John Flintham. W.H. Orgill was its first chairman and founder members also included Joy Simpson and Cyril Spencely. Ron White was chairman for many years and Eddie Lilley is the present chairman.

In 2017, the Art Festival will take place on April 29<sup>th</sup> (10-4pm), April 30<sup>th</sup> (2-4pm), and May 1<sup>st</sup> (10-4pm), in the church hall. Refreshments are available.

To join VOBAS contact: Sue Turner 842922 or email: [turnersue4@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:turnersue4@yahoo.co.uk)



## Local resident receives the MVO

Mrs. Gaynor Brown of Beckingthorpe Drive, Bottesford received the MVO (Member of the Royal Victorian Order) in the New Year's Honours List and was presented with her Medal by HRH The Duke of Cambridge at the Investiture held at Buckingham Palace in March. This is a personal medal given by Her Majesty the Queen for services to Her Majesty and members of the Royal Family. Gaynor has been the Lord-Lieutenant's Officer for Nottinghamshire for twenty years, and has organised royal visits to almost 300 venues in Nottinghamshire. The Lieutenancy is made up of the Lord-Lieutenant, Vice Lord-Lieutenant and 46 Deputy Lieutenants, and Gaynor undertakes the organising and administration of their duties.

## Book Launch 'Lest we Forget: Bottesford and Muston in the Great War'

The launch of this book was introduced by Mike Credland, an authority on the Great War and war memorial architect. He congratulated the Bottesford Parish First World War Centenary Project on publishing a meticulously researched and richly illustrated book describing the impact of the conflict on the Parish. It includes a detailed local history of the day to day life of those on the home front and 41 biographies of those remembered on the parish war memorials. It also marks the culmination of the three-year Heritage Lottery Fund supported Centenary Project.

This limited-edition book is on sale for £10 at the Library and the Select Convenience Store. Commemorative hardback copies were presented to Bottesford Primary School and Belvoir High School, The Bottesford Chapel, St Mary's Church, St John the Baptist Church Muston and the Bottesford Community Library. Copies will also be on loan at the library.



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## Private Isaac Johnson - Family photographs found at last.

The exact details of Isaac Johnson's service in the First World War had proved very difficult to trace. On the day the book, 'Lest We Forget: Bottesford and Muston in the Great War', was finally sent to the printers a message arrived on the Bottesford Living History Web site from Isaac's great, great nephew, Paul Dujon.

Paul is the custodian of many family photographs both of Isaac, his brother Daniel Johnson and their brother-in-law, Walter Bullock, who married their sister Lily. The Bullocks and the Johnsons were neighbours on the Green in Muston. Daniel and Walter survived the Great War. Paul Dujon, his aunt (Sherran Weston) and cousin (Katie Lockyer) attended the book launch of 'Lest We Forget' and met people who knew the family. From knowing very little about Isaac Johnson we now have a full picture of his wartime service, discharge and sad death due to his wounds. An application will now be made to have Isaac Johnson officially recognised as a casualty of the Great War and for a headstone to mark his grave in Muston.



Private Isaac Johnson  
Courtesy of Paul Dujon

## Local History Group in the Library

A new informal group will meet in the Community Library at 2 pm on the second Wednesday of the month to study Bottesford's Heritage Archive and other activities related to local and family history in our area. New members welcome. Contact call Neil Fortey 843320 or email: [information@bottesfordcommunitylibrary.org.uk](mailto:information@bottesfordcommunitylibrary.org.uk).

## Festival of Archaeology 2017

This national event will be marked in Bottesford in late July by three events:

**Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup>** *Roman Coins from Leicestershire: The Terrible Tales They Tell*, a talk by Bottesford's Phil Harding, 7 for 7.30pm in the library.

**Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup>** *Explore the History of the "Lady of the Vale": Masonry, Monuments, Bells*, A leisurely tour of St Mary's, led by Neil Fortey, 2:00 pm, meet at the church porch.

**Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup>** *Bottesford History Workshop: opportunities and potential*. 2:00 pm start, in the library, facilitator Julia Walker will lead a review of what we know about Anglo-Saxon and Medieval Bottesford, and discuss ideas and opportunities to discover more.

Each event is £3 (under-18s free). Reservation recommended: ring the library on 842696 or [information@bottesfordcommunitylibrary.org.uk](mailto:information@bottesfordcommunitylibrary.org.uk).

## Parish Council corner

The Parish Council has recently filled their remaining vacancy on the council, and would like to welcome Anne Ablewhite back to the team. Anne is a well-known resident of the parish and brings with her a wealth of experience, knowledge and enthusiasm.

## Advertise your event on our Community Diary

Here's how to do it:

Log onto Bottesford Parish Council website [www.bottesfordpc.org.uk](http://www.bottesfordpc.org.uk)  
CLICK Community CLICK What's on CLICK Add item, fill in event name, date, time, description, venue, contact, public tag, name, email, CLICK save. The Parish Clerk will then check it and authorise it.

## Community library news

### **Fire Drills a regular feature**

All the volunteers, who will be wearing a yellow tabard, have regular fire drills. If you hear any of them shout 'FIRE' do please listen to them as they will be assisting you out of the building as quickly as they can.

### **Knitting Wool and Needles**

What a lovely response - the Library has received so many of your spare balls of wool and needles.

They are very much appreciated and will all be used for a variety of charity knitting and for teaching the young and also the not so young to knit. Do please keep the spare wool coming in. Thank you.

## News from Belvoir High School

As they approach the examination season, the school wishes all its students the very best as they prepare for a very intense period of revision and exams. They are particularly proud of the Year 11 students, every one of whom sat and successfully passed a GCSE equivalent qualification in ICT, ahead of the main exam block. They trust that the skills learned during this process, including revision and the application of their learning to a formal examination situation, will help them in their preparation for the weeks ahead.

The new House system at Belvoir goes from strength to strength and our students have been taking part in a variety of challenges relating to every aspect of school life. Alongside the more traditional inter-house sporting events, there was a focus on Creative Arts and Humanities. They have also had a record breaking charity fund raising effort, again linked to the House system, culminating in our latest donation to Comic Relief of £1,132. There are some excellent bakers and our cake sales are truly outstanding.

The school wishes the Year 7 girls success in the county Basketball finals.

Finally, following a hugely successful open evening in September last year, we are inviting prospective Year 4 and Year 5 pupils and their parents to look around the school on Monday 19th June 2017 between 5.00pm and 7.00pm. [www.belvoirhigh.leics.sch.uk](http://www.belvoirhigh.leics.sch.uk)

## Vale of Belvoir Out of School Club Keeps the Children Occupied over Easter

During the Easter holidays, our very successful holiday scheme saw children from across the Vale enjoying a variety of arts and crafts. These included gardening, weird science, dancing with Lisa Murray, sports with Neil Atkins (coach) and an Easter egg treasure hunt, to name but a few of the activities on offer.

Look out for some other exciting activities such as archery, Zoo Lab and a climbing wall. The clubs will be running two open evenings on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June.



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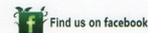


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## SPOTLIGHT ON....

### Spotlight on: Sporting success

#### Success for local swimmers

Grantham Swimming Club recently won the Lincolnshire County Championships for the second year running and two of that winning team live and attend school here in Bottesford.

They are James Dobney (13) at Belvoir High School and Chloe Daybell (11) who attends Bottesford CE Primary School. They both train 5 times a week (including one morning before school) and are excellent ambassadors of the sport. James competed in 13 events and won 10 medals (including 4 golds) at the recent county competition, Chloe competed in 9 events narrowly missing out on medals in a very competitive age category.

Below are photos of James with his County Medals and Chloe with medals (1 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze) from the recent Cambridge Open competition.



#### Bottesford cross country superstars

Melton and Belvoir Primary Schools Cross-Country championships have been held annually for the last 28 years. In 2017 Chloe Daybell (who is also a very successful swimmer) was the first girl representing Bottesford Primary School to win her event. She was awarded a gold-medal to keep, together with a trophy which will be engraved and displayed at the school for a year.

Chloe's brother, Luke Daybell, also entered and was the youngest competitor. Luke finished an amazing 21st out of over a hundred year 3+4 boys.

These are fantastic achievements and the Village Voice would like to congratulate them on being such a credit to both their schools and to our village.



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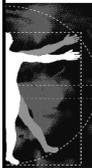
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Village Voice asked the police to clarify the rules on pavement parking. They replied: "Parking a vehicle on the pavement could lead to an offence of obstruction being committed. This could result in a fixed penalty notice being issued to offending vehicles. It can also cause danger/nuisance for pedestrians and wheelchairs users."

Please park responsibly.

## Local wildlife expert suggests a tour of local birdwatching sites

RSPB Langford Lowfields by the Trent near Newark offers 100 acres of reedbeds and wildflower meadows with footpaths for exploring. At only 16 miles from the parish, off the Collingham road at NG23 7QL, it provides a wetland habitat with species such as marsh harrier, bittern and bearded tit that until recently could only be seen by a trip to Norfolk or Suffolk. 29 species of butterfly have also been noted. Dogs are not allowed in the reserve but there is a footpath around the reserve and Trent bank where dogs can be walked.

On the way home, nearby Kilvington Water offers good views of a range of species from a few viewing points by the road, and the Flawborough footpaths provide a pleasant walk and view, dogs should be on a lead.

Final stop could be to check out how the local peregrines are doing at Bottesford church.

## Blooming marvellous

Back in October last year, with the blessing of the Bottesford Parish Council, the Vale of Belvoir Lions Club along with friends and helpers planted over 3000 crocus bulbs on the Jubilee Green, to help celebrate the Lions Centennial year. The display was based loosely on the Lions' badge with a reference to the 100 years of being founded in 1917.

Earlier last month after all the hard graft, Lions President Clive Yates presided over the installation of a commemorative plaque. As you can see the early signs of green shoots have been replaced with a burst of colour, again, representative of Lions. We are happy to report that the anticipated and much hoped for display finally arrived.

If you wish to become involved in any of our projects or need any further information then please use the contacts page on our website to leave details. [www.voblions.org.uk](http://www.voblions.org.uk)



| <b>What's On...regular events</b>   |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Every Wed at 7.30pm                 | Bottesford Whist Drive meets in the Fuller Room. Entrance £2 per person, refreshments included. Everyone welcome.  |
| Second Wed of the month, 2pm        | Informal Local History Group in the Library. New members welcome. Contact Neil Fortey 843320 or email <a href="mailto:information@bottesfordcommunitylibrary.org.uk">information@bottesfordcommunitylibrary.org.uk</a> |
| Second Wed of the month, 2pm.       | Good Neighbour Scheme FREE film show, Old School Room. Door open 1.30pm. Donation towards tea & biscuit.   |
| Thursdays in term time 9.30–11.30am | Hullabaloo Thursday at Bottesford Methodist Church. A cafe & friendly play space for babies & toddlers with parents or carers.   |
| Every Friday                        | Creative Space at St. Mary's Church, Bottesford. First two Fridays, 10am – 12noon, next two 8–10pm. Contact Glenda Gibson on 845106.   |

### **What's On in May...**

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| April 29 <sup>th</sup> - Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> 10am – 4pm (Sunday 2 – 4pm) | Art Festival at the Methodist Chapel. Admission free. Refreshments served all day, dinners from 12-2pm. All welcome.  |
| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> 7pm  | "Y write? Is a book the only thing you buy which makes you richer?" A talk by Chris Henley, local author, on what it takes to write a book. In the Library.   |
| Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> 2pm   | Vale of Belvoir U3A, Bottesford VC Hall. Joseph Paxton - the busiest man in England, a talk by Danny Wells.   |
| Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm  | Friendship group meeting at the Methodist Church. Speaker: David Taylor, "Did you hear the one about..."  |
| Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm  | Bottesford Local History Society. "Royal Diseases & Disorders". Speaker Elaine Marlow. Fuller Room. All welcome. Visitors £2.   |
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm  | Sunday Praise – contemporary church service in St. Mary's. Children's activities provided. All welcome!   |
| Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> 7pm   | Mid-Week Service – contemporary, informal worship at the Methodist Church.  |
| Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>   | Friends of St Mary's Annual Outing to Norwich Cathedral. £15 members, £20 non-members. Contact: Frances Stapleton, Friends Secretary on 843427 or email <a href="mailto:mrsjohn500@sky.com">mrsjohn500@sky.com</a> by 12th May. |
| Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> 12 – 4pm  | Summer Fair at Bottesford Primary School.   |
| Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> 3.30 – 5pm  | Hullabaloo Wednesday at Bottesford Methodist Church; teatime snacks & creativity for all primary age children (accompanied by an adult).  |
| Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm  | Friendship group meeting at the Methodist Church. Speaker: Sue Dunsmore, "Redmile."   |
| Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am – 12noon                                    | Chapel Cafe at Bottesford Methodist Church; a family friendly cafe for all ages; everyone welcome.  |
| Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm  | Sunday Praise - service in St. Mary's with teaching on the Archbishop's Initiative, Thy Kingdom Come, and prayer stations for Pentecost.  |

### **And in June...**

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| Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm  | Friendship group meeting at the Methodist Church. Speaker: Jules Langstaff (NPAC), "Rwanda".  |
| Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> 7pm      | Friends of Bottesford Primary School Race Night at the VC Hall to raise funds for school ITC equipment.   |
| Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm   | Sunday Praise – contemporary church service in St. Mary's. Children's activities provided.  |
| Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> 2pm     | Vale of Belvoir U3A, Bottesford VC Hall. Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.   |
| Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm   | Friends of St. Mary's Church Evening of Family Fun, "Dragon Racing" and Supper. Bottesford VC Hall. Tickets from Frances Stapleton, 843427 or email: <a href="mailto:mrsjohn500@sky.com">mrsjohn500@sky.com</a> , Select Convenience Store, Co-op or Library. |
| Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> 5 – 7pm  | Belvoir High School open evening for Year 4 and Year 5 pupils and their parents. An opportunity to come and look around the school.   |
| Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2.30pm | Friendship group meeting at the Methodist Church. Speaker: Rob Isdale, "The Gambia."  |
| Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm   | Sunday Praise – contemporary church service in St. Mary's.  |

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## Open Gardens

Bottesford Open Gardens is taking a rest this year as the Vale of Belvoir Lions are fully committed with other projects. However, St Mary's Church will be coordinating Open Gardens in 2018.

## Village Guide 2017/19

The Village Voice team produces a guide to all the clubs and societies in the village every two years. Copies are available to download from the village web site [www.bottesford.org.uk](http://www.bottesford.org.uk). Printed copies are available in the Community Library.

Do have a look – you will be surprised to find out how much is going on. Contact details are shown for all groups, so go ahead and join.

## PC Mark Longden retires

PC Mark Longden joined Leicestershire Police in 1998 and spent several years working in Leicester City Centre before specialising in different departments at Force headquarters.

In 1998, he moved to Melton MPU and took over responsibility for beat officer policing in 17 villages on the south side of Melton before moving to the Belvoir Neighbourhood.

## Bottesford Skate Park

The Skate Park is a magnet for young people all year round and attracts users from way beyond the village itself. A new Committee is forming to ensure the Park is in a safe and useable state, and new members are welcome...and needed!

In the near future, we'll be making applications for replacing and repairing the structures. Contact Jo: [jopayne21@gmail.com](mailto:jopayne21@gmail.com)

## Activities organised by Friends of St. Mary's Church

**May 18th:** Friends of St. Mary's Church invite you to join them on their Annual Outing to Norwich Cathedral. An interesting day is planned with a guided tour by Michael Honeybone and a lunchtime concert. The cost is £15 to members and £20 to non-members, with the tour costing £5. The deadline for bookings is 12th May. Contact Frances Stapleton, Friends Secretary, on 843427 or [mrsjohn500@sky.com](mailto:mrsjohn500@sky.com)

**17th June:** Friends of St. Mary's Church invite you to an evening of Family Fun, "Dragon Racing" and Supper at Bottesford Village Hall. Time 6.30pm.

Tickets are available from Frances Stapleton (see above), Select Convenience Stores, Co-op or Bottesford Library. £16 per Family Ticket (members), £20 per Family Ticket (non-members), or £7 per adult (member), £10 per adult (non-member).

## Letter from the Welby Practice

Dear Team

*I am contacting you in reference to an article that appeared in the Village Voice in your March/April 2017 issue. On page 3 there was an article 'Plea from Shop-Keepers' when it mentioned the doctors surgeries car parking facilities. Belvoir Vale Surgery is a public car park, but ours is a private car park and we wouldn't want to encourage other users into our car park other than the patients using our surgery and the dispensary located next door, as we already are at capacity most of the time.*

*The reason I am highlighting this is that we do aim to reduce risk to our patients and identify any concerns to our practice.*

*Many thanks. Emma Gardner, Deputy Practice Manager*

## Vale of Belvoir U3A - Request for a Treasurer

At their A.G.M. in January, the U3A were informed that their Treasurer is standing down at the end of 2017. It is vital that they find a replacement otherwise the wonderful organisation will have to fold. If there is anyone in the village who is able and willing to volunteer for this role, it would be much appreciated by the committee and the membership. It is envisaged that the role would be that of assistant in 2017, then taking over the role in 2018.

Contact the Deputy Chairman Chris Clarke, phone 358644.

**Important:** To publicise your event in the 'What's On' column for July or August, please email [heather.stokes1@btinternet.com](mailto:heather.stokes1@btinternet.com) or ring 844009, by **27<sup>th</sup> May 2017**.

# Sports News



## Bottesford Cricket club junior cricket 2017.

Bottesford Cricket Club has ECB Club Mark, qualified coaches, a welfare officer and requires all their coaches and regular helpers to be DBS checked.



**Kwik Cricket:** Bottesford Cricket Club will be starting the new season of Friday night Kwik Cricket on the 5th May for 8-11-year olds. Sessions are £2 a night paid directly to the club.

**All Stars:** The club is also running the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) All Stars programme for 5- 8-year olds. The programme is 8 sessions starting on the 19th May. If your child would like to join these Friday night sessions, sign up via the ECB website [allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk) and pay the £40 fee on line. This pays for your coaching and kit supplied directly to the child. No further fee will be payable at these sessions. Whilst the All-Stars programme starts on the 19th May, you will be welcome to attend for a couple of informal sessions on the 5th and 12th May.

**Hardball:** The club also have under 11's and under 13's hardball teams. Any players signing up for hardball teams are also asked to attend one of the two club registration evenings.

If you would like your child or children to attend any of these sessions, you need to come to the Club on either the 21st or 28th April to sign up for club registration (this is even if you have registered for the All Stars programme with the ECB). If you can't make this date, contact the Club.

As ever the Friday night sessions are weather dependent! The Club looks forward to welcoming new players and all our regulars back in May.

Any queries contact Louise Seymour: [lseymour@btinternet.com](mailto:lseymour@btinternet.com)

## Bottesford FC Bonus Ball Botto Lotto

Sign up to the Botto Lotto for £1 a week. You choose a number between 1 and 59 and you keep it. If this numbered ball is drawn as the National Lotto's bonus ball on a Saturday night then you win £25. If you are interested contact Chris Millard on [chrismillardifa@aol.com](mailto:chrismillardifa@aol.com) for more information.

## Village Voice Contacts

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