



Village Voice

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The newsletter of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton

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Elm and Ash class – what are you up to now? We'd love to hear from you

In 2002, the first edition of the Village Voice was produced. Every 2 months since then, this popular newsletter has kept us informed of local events and local news.

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Look out for a special edition featuring memories of the Village Voice. If you have any stories or anecdotes associated with the Village Voice, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the editor on 07711 254441 or use the adverts email above.

Here is a 'taster' of Village Voice Memories, written by committee member Anne Ablewhite. Thank you, Anne.

"When we first volunteered to help Susan start the V.V. we had no idea it would still be going today. We didn't use computers to send articles to each other; I would walk with my Rottweiler and put copies through letter boxes.

Everyone was excited about the V.V. and some suggested a monthly issue. However, as we were volunteers who went to work, the time for a monthly issue was not an option.

Our first meetings were in the old huts at the High School. It wasn't easy sitting on children's chairs amongst the play equipment. We soon discovered meetings were better in the The Bull!

We debated which font would be the easiest to read and decided upon Arial. Early editions weren't stapled, so we had to fold pages for each copy! We printed in black and white as colour was too costly.

One committee member spent hours persuading people to advertise in this unknown issue. Luckily, we got enough advertisers. I recall one person was setting up a business and was short of money. We would call round every edition to collect the cash. Fortunately, his cash flow has improved!

People would take an issue of the V.V. on holiday and take a picture of it against an exotic backdrop. It would be great to restore this tradition. Any takers?"

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A resident was contacted “out of the blue” by a female caller and advised that they were entitled to a substantial PPI payout. In order to receive this, they would have to pay for the funds to be delivered by courier!

Fortunately, this resident was suspicious and during a second phone call asked questions which led to the call being disconnected.

These calls appear legitimate and the callers appear reasonable and friendly. If you are contacted, remember the following 5 steps.

- If it seems too good to be true – it usually is.
- We trust female callers more than males. Scammers exploit this.
- Asking for the caller’s name, company, address, telephone number and how they obtained your information will often result in scammers abandoning.
- Telling them you need time to check their details with a reputable source will often deter them.

Do not be polite. If you have doubts about their authenticity, put the phone down. If they call back, keep putting the phone down – they will soon give up!

Bottesford book groups flourish

There are at least 5 book groups in Bottesford. Are there any in the other villages?

Reading is a solo activity, so why do people join together? Some want to meet new people and socialise, others to read books they would not otherwise choose. Some groups are ladies only, others are mixed. Some enjoy food at every meeting, others only occasionally. Some books lend themselves to discussion, others less so, but at most meetings the conversation flows.

How do groups choose their books? Individuals may make a suggestion, but sometimes there is a vote. Three Bottesford groups belong to Leicestershire Libraries. Every few months they exchange books at Melton Library and often swap the sets between themselves.

Most have about 10 members. This is a good size for discussion and is also the maximum number which can fit comfortably into members’ homes.

Joining a book group is popular. Four of the groups in Bottesford are full. One which is currently open to new members meets in the Library on the last Friday of the month. The cost is £1.00 per person per meeting.

Contact information about the groups can be found in the Village Guide. If you'd like to join a one, but can't find any with a vacancy, why not start your own?



SPOTLIGHT ON...

Spotlight On...Lucy Patchett

When Bottesford student Lucy Patchett joined Toothill School in Year 7, she undertook a series of fitness tests, including a trial on a rowing machine. Lucy proved to have a talent, beating almost the whole year group. Several months later, Lucy found a club which had other young people she could train with. The following spring, Lucy joined Nottingham & Union Rowing Club and has been racing in sculling regattas for 4 years.

In her first race (double scull), Lucy was so intent on winning and people were cheering so loudly, she didn't hear the bell and carried on rowing, straight into the scaffolding on a bridge, almost putting a premature end to a promising career!

Lucy trains six times a week on the water at Trent Bridge and alternates power yoga, circuits, rowing machines and running. In winter, she switches to land-based training. Lucy has had an impressive collection of blisters and the occasional serious injury. Despite this, she loves rowing, and even sub-zero temperatures at 8am on a winter's morning in Holme Pierrepont isn't a hardship.

In 2016, Lucy came third in the Peterborough Junior Championships - a National event. In 2017, she came second. This year she took part in the British Championships. This is a 2km sprint against the best in the country. Lucy came 4th in the time trial.

Lucy has an impressive total of 22 trophies and medals and is hoping to add to this by competing in international events next year. She is looking forward to the GB trials in February 2018, where she will be competing against top U18 rowers in Britain for a place in the British team.

In the first stage of the trials, she will need to complete 5km on a rowing machine, maintaining an average split time over 500m of 2 minutes 3 seconds! If successful, she will enter a regatta.

Lucy doesn't think she'll get that GB vest this time round, as she has only just started her GB training, but is hoping she will achieve this in 2019, alongside completing her GCSEs.

Village Voice wishes her the best of luck (and with her GCSEs too)!



Lucy receiving her winner's trophy at the 2017 Peterborough Regatta

Bottesford mum makes her mark at Heathrow Airport

If you travelled from Heathrow this summer, you may have created pencil toppers using craft kits in the departure lounge. These specially commissioned Mr Men and Little Misses have a Bottesford connection. They are made by local resident, Teresa Patchett (mum of our Spotlight star, Lucy!).

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Parish Council News

The Parish Council have been very active recently. You are always welcome to attend the regular meetings which take place on the 2nd Monday each month at 7.30pm. All residents have the opportunity to raise any points at the beginning of each meeting.

Among the many issues which affect village life, the Parish Council have created an Emergency Response Plan. This covers any major incident which could occur within our parish, and includes contact points and instructions on how to respond.

Bob Bayman, Chair of the Parish Council, explains: *"This is a long overdue piece of work. There are many incidents which affect communities, some of which have been tragically evident across the country recently. We have created this plan to be as prepared as possible, should anything happen in our community. Hopefully, we will never use it."*

The Parish Council have also put a plan together for the skate-park and are looking for funding to extend the life of the current ramps for a further 10 years. The skate-park committee will put a proposal to the PC to seek funding at the August PC meeting.

Finally, the Parish Council are challenging MBC's local plan. There was a drop-in session in Bottesford on the 25th July, when MBC displayed a series of information boards outlining the proposed developments over the next 20 years. Many people attended with strong views expressed by several residents.



The VC Hall needs your help

The current Management Committee of Bottesford VC Hall are looking for new members to help manage the village hall.

The VC Hall is a charity, and is run by a Management Committee who are also Trustees. The Hall is successful - both in its day-to-day operation and financially. The Committee meet on a Tuesday evening, six times a year to discuss issues such as repairs, maintenance, improvements and bookings.

Do you have specific skills or expertise that could help us? Do you have the ideas to help us develop the building for the next generation? All we need is an hour or so of your time six times a year!

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Bottesford Forum challenges Melton Borough Council over their Local Plan

Bottesford Forum was created to inform residents on local issues, especially housing development plans. Melton Borough Council have recently consulted on changes to their Local Plan (covering the period 2011-2036), identifying preferred locations for future developments across the Borough. They project that the majority of these developments in Bottesford and Easthorpe will be completed over the next 10 years.

The proposed sites and housing units to be developed are published as follows:

Belvoir Road (Wickets) - now completed: 56 houses

Daybells Barns 1 and 2: 41 houses

Easthorpe Green Lane East and West: 21 houses

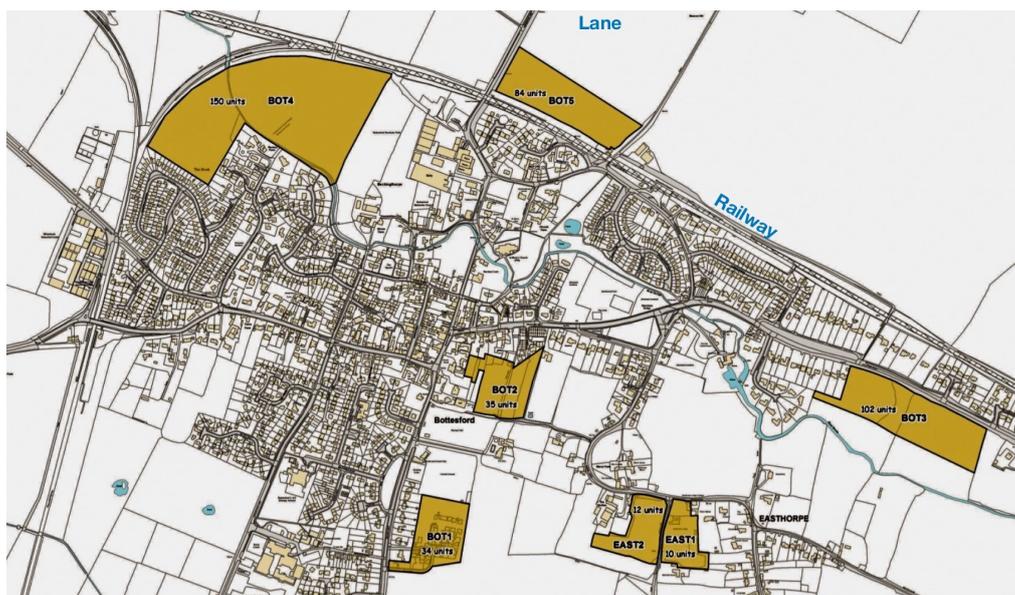
Clay Pits and adjacent field Grantham Road: 65 houses

Rectory Farm: 163 houses

Normanton Lane over railway crossing (application submitted): 55 houses

Total (2016-2036): 401 houses

Please note, these figures do not include developments since 2011 or smaller 'windfall' developments.



Therefore, Bottesford Forum have asked Melton Borough Council the following questions:

- What plans do MBC have for expanding the schools to cope with significant increases in pupil numbers from the village?
- How are MBC planning to ensure the village roads are able to deal with the extra 500 cars and 2,800 daily vehicle movements by 2027?
- How will MBC ensure that the local health surgeries and retail outlets are able to serve an extra 1,200 residents?
- What plans do MBC have to allow the foul drainage, rainwater run-off and flood alleviation for over 400 extra houses by 2027?

In general, we are asking MBC to explain how Bottesford village is going to sustain this 25% growth-rate over a decade. If you would like further information on Bottesford Forum, contact my.say@bottesfordforum.uk or follow the group on Facebook.

What's On...regular events	
Every Wed at 7.30pm	Bottesford Whist Drive meets in the Fuller Room. Entrance is £2 per person with refreshments included. Everyone welcome.
Every Wed & Sat 10am – 12.30pm	Charity Shop, Old School, Main Street, Muston. Proceeds to St John's, Muston and St Mary's, Bottesford. Pop in for a coffee!
First & third Wed of the month 12 noon	Lite Bite at the Methodist Church. Everyone welcome. Cost £2.
Second Wed of the month at 2pm	Local History Group meeting in the Library to study Bottesford's Heritage Archive. New members welcome. Call Neil Fortey 843320 or email information@bottesfordcommunitylibrary.org.uk .
Second Wed of the month at 2pm	Good Neighbour Scheme FREE film show in the Old School Room. Doors open 1.30 pm. Donation towards a cup of tea and biscuit in the interval.
Every Wed in term time 3.30pm—5pm	Hullabaloo Wednesday at the Methodist Church. Craft & play for all Primary age children (accompanied by an adult) ~ no sessions on 18th or 25th Oct.
Every Thurs in term time 9.30–11.30am	Hullabaloo Thursday at the Methodist Church. An open play session for babies & toddlers (accompanied by a carer); £1 per adult to include drink & snacks. No meetings on 19th or 26th October.
Every Fri	Creative Space at St. Mary's Church, Bottesford. First two Fridays, 10am – 12noon, next two 8–10pm. Contact Glenda Gibson on 845106.
Sundays 10am	Vale of Belvoir Ramblers - walks to suit all abilities and interests. Call 01949 836042, email vbramblers@gmail.com or go to www.vbramblers.co.uk
<p>Important: To publicise your event in the 'What's On' column for November or December, please email heather.stokes1@btinternet.com or ring 844009, by 27th September 2017.</p>	



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What's On in September...

Sun 10th 6.30pm	Sunday Praise – contemporary church service in St Mary's. Children's activities provided. Find us on Facebook-Sunday Praise Bottesford . All welcome!
Tues 12th 2pm	Vale of Belvoir U3A, Bottesford VC Hall. Amy, Wonderful Amy, the nation's sweetheart—talk by Roy Smart.
Thurs 14th 7.30pm	Bottesford Local History Society. AGM followed by a slide show: "Changing Bottesford in Pictures" by Kate Pugh and Neil Fortey. Fuller Room. All welcome. Visitors £2.
Tues 19th 7.30pm	W.I. Meeting at Bottesford VC Hall. Tantalising Tea Tales—Linda Davey.
Sun 24th 6.30pm	Sunday Praise – contemporary church service in St Mary's. All welcome!
Tues 26th 2 – 3pm	Memory Cafe at the Methodist Church: a conversational & friendly hour, with refreshments, for all those living with memory issues and their partners/carers.
Sat 30th 10.30am—12 noon	Chapel Cafe: a welcoming coffee morning at the Methodist Church.

And in October...

Sat 7th 7.30pm	Friends of St. Mary's Church: String Quartet plays Brahms and Mozart in St. Mary's. Doors open 6.30pm. £8 members, £10 non-members.
Sun 8th 6.30pm	Sunday Praise – contemporary church service in St Mary's. All welcome!
Tues 10th 2pm	Vale of Belvoir U3A, Bottesford VC Hall. The Tolpuddle Martyrs and three associated stories - talk by Hugh Sharp.
Thurs 12th 7.30pm	Bottesford Local History Society. "Chaplains of Belvoir." Speaker: Rev. Stuart Foster. Fuller Room. All welcome. Visitors £2.
Tues 17th 7.30pm	W.I. Meeting at Bottesford VC Hall. Nottinghamshire Police Aid Convoys—Wanda Adams.
Sun 22nd 6.30pm	Sunday Praise – contemporary church service in St Mary's. All welcome!
Tues 24th 2—3pm	Memory Cafe at the Methodist Church: a conversational & friendly hour, with refreshments, for all those living with memory issues and their partners/carers.
Tues 24th 7.30pm	W.I. Group meeting at Bottesford VC Hall.
Fri 27th 7.30pm	Friends of St. Mary's: St. Petersburg Choir in St. Mary's. Doors open 6.30pm. £8 members, £10 non-members.
Sat 28th 10.30am—12 noon	Chapel Cafe: a welcoming coffee morning at the Methodist Church.

Tony Farrell Band returns to Bottesford

The Friends of St Mary's are delighted to welcome back the excellent Tony Farrell Band. They will be performing in the church on 16 Sept from 7.30pm. Tickets are £10.00 and can be purchased from Sid's Greengrocers or Pete Sutton 01949 843897.

Ducks have gone AWOL!

At the time of writing (July 2017), we appear to have a duck mystery! A resident recently asked the Village Voice 'What has happened to our ducks? There were 22 last week but none today!' None of us at the Village Voice claim to be duck experts, so can anyone shed light on our disappearing ducks? If you are a duck super-sleuth and can offer a suggestion as to the disappearance then drop us a line on vvadverts@hotmail.com or post a comment on our Facebook page.



Good Neighbour Scheme film afternoons return

The film equipment has now been sorted out, and the next show will be on Wednesday 13th September.

As an apology for the disruption, on the 13 September the GNS will be offering a free cuppa and biscuit, together with a choc-ice. We look forward to seeing you again in the Old School, doors opening at 1.30 pm.

Nancy, Paul and family conquer the Yorkshire 3 Peaks

They did it! On 1st July, six of the Forster family walked 26 miles and climbed 3 mountains in less than 12 hours. The day started overcast, the group got sunburnt in the middle and finished in torrential rain!



Nancy says: *"Without getting too emotional, it felt like nothing compared to the bravery dad and other family members show, and have shown, living with this disease and facing it with good humour and dignity."*

A great big THANK YOU to all our friends who have supported us with sponsorship, encouragement and practical advice. Once all pledges are in, we will have raised over £4000. We'd love to raise more!

If you can support us raising funds for The Alzheimers Society please do so on

www.Justgiving.com/paulandnancyforster. Thank you."

Crazy Idea turns into an early Christmas dinner!

Local resident Gill Smith and friends decided upon an unusual fund-raising idea last year. Gill explains: "Whilst making coffee and lunches at the Church Christmas Fayre in December last year, I asked the others if they would help me with a coffee morning to raise funds for Alzheimer's Research. 'No' they said, 'everybody can do coffee mornings we will do Christmas Dinner in July!'"

So the idea was born, Jane Wilcock, Christine Saunders, Tonya Pacey, and Gill began planning, and on the 1 July, this 'crazy' idea became a reality.

Having lost her mum to dementia five years ago it is a very important charity to Gill. The evening was successful and the team were very lucky to have some amazing waitressing skills from Poppy and Daisy Bayman, kindly volunteered by their parents. A wonderful £800 was raised.

Gill adds: "A massive thank you to everyone for all your help and for digging deep."



Bottesford to host 40th annual horticultural open show

The 40th annual Bottesford Village Show will take place on Saturday 9th September at the V.C. Hall. The event, hosted by Bottesford and District Gardens Association, welcomes entries from around the Vale of Belvoir.

This year's show features awards for the 'Top Tray' and 'Top Vase', arranged by Garden News magazine and sponsored by Fothergill Seeds.

There are other classes including children's entries, photography, culinary, and arts and crafts, as well as the numerous vegetable, fruit and flower classes.

Entries can be submitted from 7pm to 8.30pm on Friday 8th September, and from 8.30am to 10.30am on Saturday 9th September. Judging will take place from 10.30 on the day. The hall will open for viewing at 2.00pm. Prizes will be presented at 4.00pm, followed by the raffle.

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We need more volunteers to help with operational and organisational activities that are vital to running the club. We also need help with fund raising, child welfare, player registration and many other minor duties. These would not usually take more than 2 hours per week. Can you help?

Also, if there is something that you can contribute with training or supervising the younger players then please contact us – details below - or speak with any committee member.

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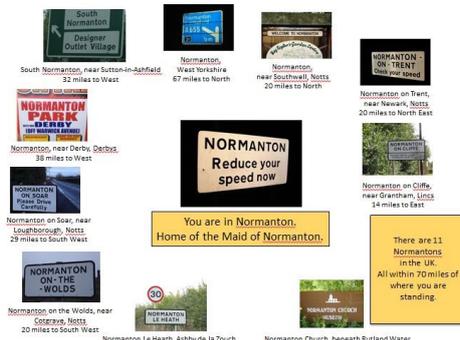
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The Normanton 'Challenge' complete

Last year, at a meeting of the Normanton Community Group, a fun challenge was suggested: to visit every Normanton in the local area. Recently, this has been achieved. Resident Bob Bayman, and his family have visited all of them and produced the attached photo as proof! Is there a similar challenge for local Bottesfords, Easthorpes or Mustons? If you take up the challenge, let us know.



Festival of Archaeology 2017

Three events took place under the aegis of the Leicestershire part of this national festival which aims to encourage local interest in archaeology. Two were held in Bottesford Community Library, which is thanked for its support. Phil Harding gave an expert account of discovering Roman coins while metal detecting in the county and further afield. He showed how they mark the succession of Emperors and help pinpoint the age of Roman sites in relation to the occupation of Britannia. Julia Walker's talk took us through archaeological evidence of the story of Bottesford from the Neolithic to the Mediaeval. She then led discussion of ways to find new evidence of the village's long history and, hopefully, get a new project going. A historic tour of St Mary's church was led by Neil Fortey and Bob Sparham during a spell of sunshine on an otherwise rainy day. Mediaeval graffiti were described by researcher Joyce Slater, and a tour of the bell-ringing chamber was led by Bell Captain, David Jones. Proceeds were donated to the Community Library and the Friends of St Mary's, respectively.



Phil Harding



Julia Walker

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