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Village Voice

The newsletter of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton

Meet some Bottesford heroes. An inspiration to us all!

After our recent story on 'good deeds', it became clear how many people willingly give time and effort to support our community. There are three examples below, and several more throughout this edition.

We would love to hear more. If you know of anyone who has done a 'good deed' and feel they should be recognised, please drop us a line at vvadverts@hotmail.com.



Charity cake sale – they did it all themselves!

In July, two young school-friends wanted to make a difference and help others. Therefore, Freya Ward, aged 9 and Holly Box, aged 8, decided to hold a charity bake sale.

They spent time baking, working out prices and creating posters and notes to inform local residents of the sale. On 3rd July, after school, the bake sale started. Local residents were very impressed with the effort that these two young charitable entrepreneurs made, and we at The Village Voice are delighted to recognise their efforts.

Freya's and Holly's proud parents said: "This was completely their own idea, choosing to raise funds for Cancer Research UK and the NSPCC. In total, they raised £84.00! We are extremely proud of what they have done."

Brave Teachers 'Brave the Shave'

Louisa Lonsdale and Rachel Beveridge, Years 3 and 4 teachers at Bottesford Primary School, recently 'Braved the Shave' in front of fellow staff, pupils and parents.

The teachers explained: "We are 'Braving the Shave' for Macmillan Cancer, as several members of our families and friends have been affected by the disease. Our hair will be donated to The Little Princess Trust. The Trust makes wigs for children and young adults who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment or other illnesses."

So far, the teachers have raised £1800. You can still donate by visiting <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/louisa-lonsdale1>.



Thank you everyone for your donations and support. We have raised over £2,000 and a big thanks to Nicky for making us look awesome!



Crack filling!

A more unusual community effort occurred in early August. Due to the very dry weather, many lawns and fields are showing deep cracks. This also occurred on Bottesford Football pitch, which was making it difficult for players to play and train.

Hence a 'call to arms', or more accurately a 'call to shovels' went out for thirty plus volunteers to help fill the cracks with topsoil.

A spokesperson from the club said: "Thanks to everyone who has got in touch to volunteer for the 'crack filling' at Nottingham Road football pitch."

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Auction of Promises – new venture by Friends of St Mary’s

The Friends of St Mary’s have launched an Auction of Promises with the aim to raise at least £500.00. At the time of writing, there are 33 promises with bids totalling £118.00. The auction will be open until 30th November 2018.

Frances Stapleton, secretary of The Friends explains: “We are very grateful to local businesses, members, friends and relatives who have given to this cause.

You can bid on anything, a day at the races at Southwell Race Course, a Day at Trent Bridge Cricket Ground to a car wash, a motorbike ride, Christmas cakes and mince pies or even your ironing!

This is a fun way to raise funds for Friends of St. Mary's and at the same time pick up some unusual bargains.”

To bid, or to offer a promise visit www.auctionofpromises.com/FriendsOfSaintMary

A big thank you to Frances and John Stapleton who have worked so hard to organise this exciting new fund-raising venture.



Friendly Bench™ appoints new co-ordinator

The Friendly Bench™ is all about making connections and improving people’s health and wellbeing.

Therefore, starting Thursday 2nd August, your Local Area Co-ordinator, David Melbourne, will be at The Friendly Bench™ every Thursday 2pm - 4pm to offer support and advice on building confidence, independence and getting involved in your community.

In a recent article published in The Times (30 July 2018), The Prince of Wales’s countryside charity is producing a “village survival guide” after finding that many people in rural areas feel increasingly isolated and ignored. This demonstrates the importance of the fantastic work done by Lyndsey and her team to make the Friendly Bench™ such an important feature within our community.

Meet your Local Area Co-ordinator at
The Friendly Bench™
Every Thursday 2pm - 4pm

Commencing Thursday 2nd August, David Melbourne, Local Area Co-ordinator for Bottesford, will be holding an informal drop-in session at The Friendly Bench™, Quany Drive and everyone is welcome.

The Local Area Co-ordinator aims to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities. This helps to reduce demand on public services (such as health and social care), preventing people from reaching crisis, and ensuring timely care and support services.

To find out more or to just have a chat, why not pop along

The Friendly BENCH

Cribbage club started

The Bottesford Cribbage Club has started and meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month in The Rutland Arms. The match-ups depend on who turns up, so please make sure you get there ready for a 7:30 start.

You don’t need to bring a partner and you can play for as long as you want; for just an hour or all the way to closing time - the choice is yours. You can find the club on Facebook: search for Bottesford Cribbage Club.

For more information please call David on 01949 729507 or 07913 432108.

The big knit

Calling all Knitters! Once again, members of our community will be making little ‘Innocent Smoothie’ hats during September and October. The community wool and free patterns are available in the library. There are more adventurous patterns to knit or crochet on the charity’s web site: www.thebigknit.co.uk/knitting-patterns. Please bring your hats to the library by 22nd October 2018, when they will then go on display.



Maurice Richardson

Festival of Archaeology success

Bottesford played its part in supporting the Leicestershire and Rutland Festival of Archaeology 2018, hosting five out of about eighty events across the counties. Metal detectorist Maurice Richardson described his luck in finding the Newark Torc, a world-class iron-age gold neck ornament.

Dr Mireya González Rodríguez from Leicester University explained the importance of 'rescue digs' in preserving our archaeological history and described the evidence of Anglo-Saxon to late-Medieval village life found in a recent dig in Easthorpe.



Dr Mireya González Rodríguez

Bob Trubshaw described the rich array of medieval carvings found by Project Gargoyle in parish churches and what they tell us of our past beliefs and way of life.

There were also two Heritage walks. One led by members of the Community Heritage Project looked at the historic streets and houses of Bottesford and then roamed across the site of a 'shifted medieval village' in Easthorpe - a nationally recognised Ancient Monument. The second led by Joyce Slater examined the historic graffiti scratched into the stones and monuments in Bottesford parish church - who made them, what do they mean?



Bob Trubshaw

Thanks to everyone who helped make this such a success. Over 160 people attended including visitors from Derbyshire, Yorkshire and Texas. It certainly put Bottesford on the map!

The proceeds went to Bottesford Community Library and the Friends of St Mary's, who played a major part in making these events run so well. Reverend David Payne is thanked for giving permission to use the church.

Good Neighbour Scheme (GNS) needs your help

This valued group of volunteers go from strength to strength, taking people to hospital appointments, opticians, dentists and doctors. The GNS also has volunteers who sit with someone, whilst carers take a well-earned break.

However, extra volunteer drivers are needed - particularly during school-holidays. If you could also help someone with gardening or shopping, the GNS would love to hear from you.

If the volunteers are really busy the GNS is seeking a Taxi Firm in the parish whose number could be offered as an alternative. If you can help in any way or would like to find out more about the GNS please call 07849 311 740 between 9 am. and 5 pm. Monday to Friday.

How long does it take?

A resident recently highlighted the problem of dumped items and other litter round the parish. How long do the following items take to disintegrate? Answers on back page. 1) Banana skins, 2) Cigarette butts, 3) Plastic bags, 4) Coffee cups (with plastic membranes), 5) Crisp packets, 6) Disposable nappies, 7) Plastic bottles.

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Remembering 1st World War Casualties

The last 100 days of the 1st World War took a heavy toll from Bottesford and Muston. Five more men were lost between August to October.

Frederick Darby

Frederick Darby was born in Hull in 1894 and his parents were William and Elizabeth Darby who was from Bottesford. Fred left school to work as a gardener's boy at a local nursery. In March 1915, he enlisted as a private with the Leicestershire Regiment. Before his death, he was promoted to Lance-Sergeant. He was killed at Pontruet on the Somme on 24th September 1918. Fred was buried in the Bellicourt Military Cemetery, France and he is remembered on the Bottesford War Memorial.

Albert Asher

Albert Asher was born in Bottesford in 1893. His parents were James and Annie Asher. In 1911, Albert became a student teacher at Bottesford School and then left to become a private tutor. He served with the Army Service Corp, went to France with the BEF and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant with the Leicestershire Regiment. Albert was killed at Pontruet near the Somme River on 24th September 1918. His close neighbour, Fred Darby, died in the same action. Albert was buried at Cerisy-Gailley and is remembered on the Bottesford War Memorial and on the Methodist Chapel Roll of Honour.

Frank Raithby DCM

Frank Raithby was born in 1884 the second son of Charles and Ellen who owned the mill by the Grantham Canal on Belvoir Lane. Frank worked in the mill before emigrating to Canada in 1910. Frank enlisted in April 1915 and served with the 3rd Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force as a Signaller. He fought in major actions on the Somme, the Battle for Vimy Ridge and Ypres. He was awarded a posthumous DCM for his courage at the Battle of Bourlon Wood in September 1918. He died of wounds on the 6th October 1918 and was buried in Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux, France. Frank Raithby is remembered on the Bottesford War Memorial and in the Canadian Roll of Honour.

Arthur Mayfield

Arthur Mayfield was born in 1880 in Nottingham. He came to Bottesford in 1903 and worked as a hairdresser in a shop opposite The Cross. He enlisted in the Sherwood Foresters in September 1916 and saw action during the German Spring Offensive of 1918. Arthur was killed on 7th October 1918 close to Rocklincourt. He was buried in the Rocklincourt Military Cemetery and poignantly, as a father of 4 children, his grave is close to the children's playground in that village. Arthur is remembered on the Bottesford War Memorial.

Isaac Johnson

Isaac Johnson was born in Muston in 1890 to parents John and Annie. Isaac worked as a platelayer on the Great Northern Railway before enlisting as a private with the Northumberland Fusiliers. He was wounded in France in 1917 and subsequently hospitalised in Newcastle and London where he died on 20th October 1918. The nature of his injuries was not disclosed, but the Grantham Journal reported that "he suffered very much from his wounds". Isaac was buried in the Muston church yard where he is remembered on the Muston War Memorial. His is also listed on the restored GNR War memorial at Kings Cross. An application is under consideration by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and military authorities for a headstone to be erected to mark his burial at Muston.

BRITISH LEGION – House to house collections.

When you are reading this issue, it will be time for local co-ordinator Anne Ablewhite to get her collectors details up to date. Anne says: "If you have never done any house to house collections before please give it a go. It is a very worthwhile charity and you only need to visit a couple of streets. There are a lot of elderly people in the parish who can't get out and they cherish receiving their poppy at the front door." If you can help, please give Anne a call on 01949 842259.



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Announcing Armistice Day Centenary events in the Parish of Bottesford - November 2018 – can you help?

To mark 100 years of remembrance and tribute since the signing of the Armistice on the 11th November 1918 the Bottesford Parish Council and the Bottesford Parish 1st World War Centenary Project are planning a series of events. These will be organised to join in with the nationwide 'Battle's Over' programme of commemoration.

The aim is to engage as many members of the community as possible. On this centenary year, November 11th is on a Sunday. In addition to the annual Remembrance Service and acts of homage organised at St Mary's the centenary programme will also include:

A ceremony to mark the loss of the final casualty - Pte Jesse Norman from Muston on the 4th November.

A bagpiper playing a lament on Remembrance Sunday.

An exhibition displaying details of all those who served from the Bottesford, Muston, Easthorpe and Normanton.

A recreation of young people chiming the recently restored old school bell announcing the Armistice.

Young people reading a 'Cry for Peace' joining in with town criers across the country.

Bottesford Tower at St Mary's participating in the national 'Ringing for Peace'.

A 'Lantern Procession for Peace' up to the parish beacon.

The lighting of the parish beacon as part of the countrywide 'Beacons of Light'.

The sounding of the 'Last Post' by a local musician.

Volunteers and local organisations are most welcome to participate in these events. In particular, we need young volunteers to join in the 'Cry for Peace' and chime the school bell. Stewards to way-mark the lantern procession to the beacon are also most welcome.

Please make a date in your diary and help make this a memorable community event for peace and remembrance.

For further information, please contact David Middleton at bottesfordww1centenary@gmail.com or Councillor Bob Sparham % bottesfordparishclerk@outlook.com or bobsparham@hotmail.com

Knitting poppies

At the time this issue goes out, it will be the time to get the knitting needles 'clicking' away again making some beautiful poppies. These handmade poppies are very popular with everyone, adults and children ones alike. If you are lost for space with the amount you make do please bring them into the Library for safe keeping. If you cannot get to the library give Anne a ring on 01949 842259 and she will collect them from you.

Letter to the editor

House number mystery

Do you only have your house name up outside but not the number? This can make it difficult for delivery people. Many a dog walker is stopped by a 'white van' asking where 'such and such' an address is. The problem is made worse by streets where the house numbers are not in a logical order. It would help if we all made our numbers more prominent! Name and address supplied

Cowboys and Westerns in the library

The library has now acquired a new collection of Cowboy/Western books. There have been numerous calls by avid readers of this genre to increase the number of such books available. After some creative swapping with other libraries, the new collection has recently arrived.

Is there anything else that the library can help you with – photocopying, large-print books, local information etc? If so, please call into the library and let the volunteers know.

| What's On...regular events | |
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| Until 30th November | Online Auction of Promises and Talents. Just log on to www.auctionofpromises.com , look for Friends of St. Mary's and put in your bid. |
| Every Wed at 7.30pm | Bottesford Whist Drive meets in the Fuller Room. Entrance is £1.50 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 £2.50. |
| Second Wed of the month 2pm | Local History Group meeting in the Library to study Bottesford's Heritage Archive. Call Neil Fortey 843320 or email information@bottesfordcommunitylibrary.org.uk . |
| Second Wed of the month 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. |
| Second & fourth Wed of the month 8pm | Vale of Belvoir Lions Club meets at the Durham Ox, Orston. Please see website www.voblions.org.uk or social media for upcoming events or further information! |
| Every Thurs (term time from Sept 20th) 9.30–11.30am | Hullabaloo Toddlers at the Methodist Church. Open play session for babies & toddlers (accompanied by a carer); £1 per adult to include drink & snacks. |
| Last Thurs of the month 3.30–5pm | Hullabaloo: creative fun for 5-12 year olds (with accompanying adults). At the Methodist Church on the last Thursday of each month: 27th Sept and 25th Oct. |
| 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 |
| Sundays 10.30am | St Mary's Bottesford Children's Church. For children age 3-11 (parent / carer support needed for 3-5 year olds). Bible storytelling, drama, craft, singing and fun during the 10.30am church service. All welcome! Contact Jo Payne on 01949 843348 or Lisa Smith on 07415144640. |
| What's On in September... | |
| Sun 2nd 10am–5pm | HoneyTrees Tropical Garden opening under the National Garden Scheme. 85 Grantham Road, Bottesford. NG13 0EG. Adults £3, children free. |
| Sun 9th 4pm | Windmill Missional Community (formerly Sunday Praise) – Contemporary church service at The Methodist Church, Devon Lane, Bottesford, Leicestershire, NG13 0BZ. All welcome! |
| Tues 11th 2pm | Vale of Belvoir U3A, Bottesford VC Hall. Speaker Andrew Ward (subject to be confirmed). |
| Thurs 13th 2.30pm | Friendship Group meeting in the Methodist Church schoolroom. Speaker Vic Martin—"Strange Customs of England." Refreshments afterwards. |
| Thurs 13th 7.30pm | Local History Society. Fuller Room, The Old School. Short AGM followed by "The Role of the Archivist and Recent Findings at Belvoir Castle." - Speaker: Peter Foden. Annual Subscription £8. Visitors welcome £2. |
| Sat 15th | Friends of St. Mary's Concert with the award-winning South Notts. Mens' Choir. Tickets £10 non-members, £8 members or £12 on the door. |
| Tues 18th 7.30pm | W.I. Meeting at Bottesford VC Hall. "100 Years of the Hornblower" - Jenny Bailey. |
| Sun 23rd 4pm | Windmill Missional Community (formerly Sunday Praise) – Contemporary church service at The Methodist Church, Devon Lane, Bottesford, Leicestershire, NG13 0BZ. All welcome! |
| Tues 25th 2.30–4pm | Tea and Homemade Cakes in St. Mary's Church. All Welcome! |
| Thurs 27th 2.30pm | Friendship Group meeting in the Methodist Church schoolroom. Dementia Awareness session followed by refreshments. |
| And in October.. | |
| Tues 9th 2pm | Vale of Belvoir U3A, Bottesford VC Hall. "Tantalising Tea Tales" by Linda Davey. |
| Thurs 11th 7.30pm | Local History Society. Fuller Room, The Old School. "Battle of East Stoke Field." - Speaker: Kevin Winter. Visitors welcome £2. |
| Fri 12th | Friends of St. Mary's Quiz Night at Bottesford Bowls Club. |
| Sun 14th 4pm | Windmill Missional Community (formerly Sunday Praise) – Contemporary church service at The Methodist Church, Devon Lane, Bottesford, Leicestershire, NG13 0BZ. All welcome! |
| Tues 16th 7.30pm | W.I. Meeting at Bottesford VC Hall. "Bee to You" - Alec Thompson. |
| Tues 23rd 2.30–4pm | Tea and Homemade Cakes in St. Mary's Church. All Welcome! |
| Sun 28th 4pm | Windmill Missional Community (formerly Sunday Praise) – Contemporary church service at The Methodist Church, Devon Lane, Bottesford, Leicestershire, NG13 0BZ. All welcome! |

Bottesford Parish Council £16,000 overcharge for the precept.

You may be aware that there was an accidental overcharge of the precept this year. It was agreed with Melton that it would cost more to reimburse people, so it was decided to spend the money on various projects which would help the maximum number of parishioners.

Therefore, it was distributed as follows:

Bottesford Youth Club to receive £4,400 for replacement and update of equipment.

Bottesford Cricket Club to receive £1,200 for the purchase of new mobile practice nets.

St. Mary's Church to receive £4,400 towards the purchase of a new sound system for all social and service functions.

Bottesford Primary School to receive £6,000 as part funding towards resurfacing and repairing the children's play area.

The council hopes that you will approve of how the money has been distributed and apologises for the error in the precept.



South Notts Men's Chorus to sing at St Mary's Church, 15 September 2018



The Friends of St Mary's are delighted to welcome the Chorus to sing on 15th September, under the directorship of the very talented Valerie Barlow. The Chorus formed in December 2016 and there followed a successful performance as part of the ensemble of male

voice choirs that sang at the 25th anniversary of the London Welsh Male Choir festival.

Winners of the Derby Arts Festival choral competition 2017 and 2018, their repertoire includes music by Karl Jenkins, Take That, Leonard Cohen, Edward Rhys Harry and many others.

Tickets are available now from secretary.friends.of.st.mary@gmail.com or from Hugh Spencer and Frances Stapleton. £10 non-members. £8 members. £12 on the door. Doors open 6.30pm for 7.30pm start. Licensed wine bar and soft drinks available.

Identity theft and mail scam

The Village Voice has recently been advised of an identity theft incident. John Shilton our NHW Principal Co-ordinator advises; "We have received reports of recycling/waste bins being raided in the local area and personal information from discarded documents used fraudulently.

The only safe way to dispose of any written material containing personal information is to shred or burn it. This includes envelopes with your name and address. You may think that such information is already in the public domain so it really doesn't matter but fraudsters routinely collect information from a number of different sources which when put together is sufficient to open bank accounts or apply for credit cards IN YOUR NAME. Please don't discard paperwork containing personal information – destroy it!"

Christian Aid week update from Judith Wells

The total raised this year amounted to £1806.78 - an increase on 2017's figure. Grateful thanks to everyone who supported the events and to those local businesses who held collecting boxes.

Methodist Spring quiz – thank you to everyone

The winners of the quiz were Pam Lloyd and Vic Martin. The answers to this fascinating quiz on citizenship can be found on the notice board in the Methodist church schoolroom. £85 has been sent to Dove Cottage Hospice. A big 'Thank You' to everyone who bought a quiz.

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We recently received a note via our Facebook page asking about the whereabouts of the defibrillators, with a further suggestion that we keep the information updated in each edition of the Village Voice. This is an excellent idea and we would like to thank our correspondent, Ken, for this suggestion.

We also thought we would take this opportunity to highlight the importance of the defibrillators with this information taken from the British Heart Foundation website: www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators/how-to-use-a-defibrillator

If you come across someone who is not breathing or breathing erratically, the most important thing is to call 999 and start CPR to keep the blood flowing around the body. After a cardiac arrest, every minute without CPR and defibrillation reduces someone's chance of survival by 10 per cent.

If you're on your own, don't interrupt the CPR to go and get a defibrillator. If it's possible, send someone else to find one. When you call 999, the operator can tell you if there's a public access defibrillator nearby.

Once the defibrillator is open and in position, all you have to do is follow the spoken instructions. Many defibrillators will also have diagrams or a screen to help you. The defibrillator detects the heart's rhythm, it won't deliver a shock unless one is needed.

Often you'll need to press the shock button although some fully automatic defibrillators will deliver the shock themselves. You should resume CPR as soon as instructed by the defibrillator.

The defibrillators are located at 1) outside the Old School room, 2) the junction of Pinfold lane and Bowbridge lane (*it's actually sited on Pinfold Lane but the ambulance service consider it to be on the junction*), 3) on the wall at Belvoir Academy where the police park, 4) the junction of Grantham Road and Station Road, 5) on the wall at The Old School, Muston.

Please note, if the electricity is not working the Defibrillator is still 100% active. The electricity is for lighting the small green light on the outside of the unit, the light inside the box and, in adverse cold conditions, a small electric heater.

Congratulations to Russell Hibbert

Bottesford Football Club is delighted to announce that Russell Hibbert was awarded runner-up in the FA's Groundsman of the Year award. Russel received his award at the prestigious St George's Park National Football centre, in Burton on Trent.



Answers

Last edition's photos. 1) Muston churchyard, 2) Easthorpe, 3) Bottesford library. 4) Field Cottage, Normanton

How long does it take? Banana skins – 2 years, Cigarette butts -10 yrs, Plastic bags – 10-15 yrs, Coffee cups with plastic membranes – 30 yrs, Crisp packets – 50 yrs, Nappies – 200-300 yrs, plastic bottles – half a millennium. (info: The International Times and BBC Science)

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