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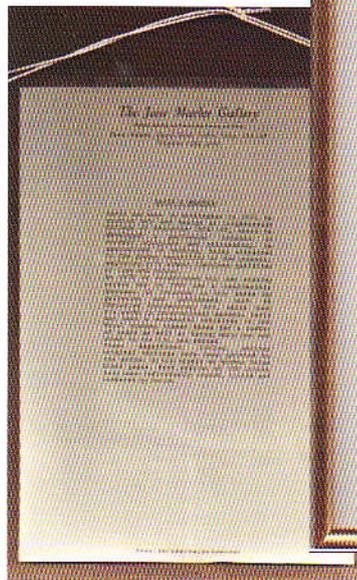
## The great Bottesford Conspiracy

Dr John Price, Chairman of Perfectos Printing Inks Co Ltd, wrote to us recently to see if anyone can shed light on a mystery. John explains: "I have recently come into possession of a limited print of a picture by a David E Beattie, who was born in Nottingham in 1955, and who studied art at Loughborough College.

The picture is of six white geese outside a house and is numbered 48/150. It is signed by David E Beattie, and entitled 'The Bottesford Conspiracy'.

I was told by the previous owner that the picture was so called due to a local 'conspiracy' – possibly to do with the Bottesford by-pass. Does anyone know anything about this picture and its origin?"

If you have any information then please contact John on [john43price@btinternet.com](mailto:john43price@btinternet.com) or drop us a line at [vv@bottesford.org.uk](mailto:vv@bottesford.org.uk)



## Family connections at St Mary's

During a return visit to Bottesford, Mr James Thompson, now of Chiselhurst in Kent, visited St Mary's church. James noticed a memorial plaque and found that it commemorated his cousin, George Allcroft. James then took the time to drop the Village Voice a note describing George's association with the village.

"George Allcroft was born in 1900. He worked in the kennels at Belvoir and joined the fledgling RAF service, becoming an officer cadet. Unfortunately, he died in hospital aged 18 in London on 10<sup>th</sup> November 1918. He is buried alongside his father James, who was a gamekeeper at Belvoir, and his mother Florence at St Mary's. My grandmother, Mary Jane Allcroft Palin, daughter of George Allcroft Senior, is also buried alongside Cadet Allcroft in St Mary's churchyard."

## Late news – Melton Local Plan adopted

On the 10th October 2018, Melton Borough Council resolved to formally adopt the Melton Borough Local Plan 2011-2036 (MLP).

The MLP was subject to examination by an independent inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. The Report concluded that, subject to the Main Modifications, the Local Plan was sound and legally compliant and capable of adoption. These Modifications have been included in the adopted Melton Borough Local Plan.

The Adopted MLP and Adoption Statement are available at <https://www.meltonplan.co.uk> and can also be inspected and read at the following location from 11th October 2018:

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## Update on Bottesford Neighbourhood Plan from Bottesford Forum

After 4 years in the making, we understand that the Bottesford Neighbourhood Plan is nearing completion and should be delivered to every household in the Parish soon. Everybody will then have the opportunity to provide comments and feedback to the Parish Council about the contents and the number of houses to be built on the proposed development sites in and around Bottesford. This will be your chance to let the Parish Council know how you feel about the way large developments will affect our Parish. This Neighbourhood Plan is expected to be a large document and may be difficult to understand. We have recently had reports of work being carried out by archaeology experts on the field which is designated as the BOT 3 Rectory Farm site. We know that they have found a Roman foundation level and Roman pottery in one of the trenches. This is deep, but you can expect this after years of flooding on the field.

At the time of writing, they are also digging part of the field which is not allocated for building. Does this mean that they are intending to build even more houses on this site as suggested in a presentation to the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group some months ago?

Advances are also being made with the detailed application on the Normanton Lane site and the outline planning application on Grantham Road.

## Bottesford Parish Council welcomes new clerk Amanda to the team

The Parish Council is very pleased to welcome Amanda Carter-Blackford to the team. Amanda has recently retired from the Nottinghamshire Police, having served some 30 years as an officer. Amanda started in the police service in the West Midlands in Birmingham and helped teach recruits. She was also part of the Mounted Section, never having previously ridden a horse. This led her to ride with the hunt and engage in policing huge demonstrations and violent football matches. Amanda comes completely new to the Council with all its rules and regulations and has already been on one course, with two more in the pipeline. We know that you will all wish her well in her training and hope that she will enjoy the job for many years to come.



We know that she will work hard at keeping us in order!

## Friendly Bench™ in final of The Melton Times Achievement Awards 2018.



The Friendly Bench™ continues to make a big impact in our community. Lyndsey and her team, who devised and implemented the project, are delighted that the Friendly Bench™ has reached the final of the Melton Times Achievement Awards 2018. This is in the 'Community/Group Project of the Year' category.

At the time of writing, the results have not been announced. Fingers crossed!

## Business corner

This is the first in what we hope will become a regular feature supporting businesses within our community. Every business has a story. We'd love to hear yours. This month, an inspirational young mum proves determination and decency is the key to business success.

### Disappointing holiday inspires local mum to create a new business

When Tess and Chris Bradshaw went on a skiing holiday 10 years ago, little did they realise how their life would change. The holiday was a disappointment. With two small children Tess realised they felt unprepared for the slopes and had taken "all the wrong stuff".

When Tess returned, she realised how useful it would be to have had a website which advised families on what to take on skiing holidays. She set one up! 'Little Skiers' was born.

The new website provided advice and recommendations for parents taking children skiing. However, it soon became apparent that visitors to the site were looking to buy products. Approaching suppliers, Tess encountered her first major hurdle. She felt that as a 'mum working from home' she was not taken seriously.



Out of this gloom appeared Paul McKean from Trespass UK Ltd. Paul recognised the potential in Tess's fledgling business and offered support, advice and, crucially, a credit-line. Stock was purchased, the family garage filled up, and the first order came in – "White ski-pants for £43.00. It felt great!"

The business grew. Friends helped and orders were dispatched from home. More storage was needed and Little Skiers took a lease on Bottesford Trading estate. "It was busy, especially juggling family-life with managing the business, but it was great fun."

However, during a trade-show visit, Tess felt poorly. She went home and rested, but the condition got worse. At

one of the busiest times, she was diagnosed with pneumonia. Tess's husband Chris took time off from his work, and after a 6-month sabbatical decided to join the business full-time.

Tess and Chris then spotted a market for families going on summer holidays. 'Little Surfers' was added to 'Little Skiers'. Tess became friendly with the owners of an adjacent business called 'Crafts for Kids'. Shortly after, the owners offered Tess and Chris this business, which has now become the third element of their growing enterprise.

With the three businesses fully established in Bottesford and at the new Engine Yard Retail Park, Tess reflected on the last 10 years. "The key to success is being reasonable and helpful. Find good people to work with. We are a family firm and employ many local people. Trust your instincts – several people urged caution to me. Thankfully I ignored them!"

### Vale of Belvoir U3A

The Vale of Belvoir U3A would love to see new members. Derek Stone, committee member contacted us recently and said: "Retired? Children grown-up and left you with free time? Thought you were too young? The U3A doesn't have a minimum entry age and welcomes everyone in your position who would like to learn new skills, enjoy social events, visit new places and make new friends." If you would like to know more please phone Mary Marshall 01949 842186.

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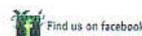
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## 41<sup>st</sup> Horticulture Open Show

On the 8<sup>th</sup> September, the VC Hall hosted the 41<sup>st</sup> Horticulture Open Show. There were 107 classes with a very high standard of entries. They ranged from flowers, fruit and vegetables grown in the gardens and allotments of the exhibitors to home-made arts, crafts and home-produce and photography of local features.

Despite the hot and dry weather, there was a similar number of exhibitors to the last couple of years, but a notable increase in entries - to almost 400. The only disappointment was the lack of children's entries.

As well as many prizes, 18 trophies were awarded. Angela Tapson won the Roberts Cup for the most points in the homecrafts and Chris Jesson won the Rutland Cup for most points in the arts and crafts.

Alan Skelton won the Everard Cup for most points in flowers, fruit and vegetables but the biggest round of applause was reserved for Vic Martin, village resident and show stalwart, as he won the Bull Shield and the Noel Carolan Cup for best exhibit.

## Bridge club seeks new players

A local bridge club is looking for new members to join their established bridge circle in Bottesford. Partnerships and singles would be welcome.

The members play every Wednesday afternoon and take it in turn to play at each other's houses. The club plays both Chicago and Rubber bridge – the host dictating which version.

It would be preferred if new members were at the 'improvers' level – have played bridge for at least 2 years. If interested please telephone John on 07434842058 or David on 07913432108.



## Times are changing for the cribbage club

The start times for Bottesford Cribbage Club have changed. The club meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays monthly in The Rutland Arms. The start time is now 8pm rather than 7:30. The match-ups still depend on who turns up, so better to arrive early.

You don't need to bring a partner and you can play for as long as you want. For an hour or to closing time - the choice is yours. Find us on Facebook - search for Bottesford Cribbage Club. Any questions please call David on 01949729507 or 07913432108.

## Readers' letters

### Vale of Belvoir Lions occasional afternoon tea

Recently, I joined a friend in the Fuller Rooms for a cuppa, cake, a laugh and a natter. The room was full of like-minded people who left with a smile on their face.

It was a pleasure to be served by the Lions. Some people have recently found themselves on their own and it was wonderful to see and hear them joining in. Unfortunately, the Lions can't serve afternoon tea every week, but have assured us it will happen again. Check the 'What's On' page in the Village Voice.

*Name and address supplied*

### Rats in the villages

We are getting more reports of rats in the villages. A lot are seen where people have dropped food or left open containers in bins. Please be careful and take uneaten food and containers home to put in a contained bin for collection.

*Name and address supplied*

## **What's On...regular events**

Until 30th November	Online Auction of Promises and Talents. Just log on to <a href="http://www.auctionofpromises.com">www.auctionofpromises.com</a> , 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 <a href="mailto:information@bottesfordcommunitylibrary.org.uk">information@bottesfordcommunitylibrary.org.uk</a> .
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 <a href="http://www.voblions.org.uk">www.voblions.org.uk</a> or social media for upcoming events or further information!
Every Thurs (term time) 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.
Sundays 10am	The Vale of Belvoir Ramblers walk every week, usually on Sunday. Walks are chosen to suit all abilities and interests, start at 10:00 and you usually need to bring a picnic. Call 01949 836042 or email <a href="mailto:vbramblers@gmail.com">vbramblers@gmail.com</a> or website <a href="http://www.vbramblers.co.uk">www.vbramblers.co.uk</a> for more details.
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 November...**

4th—11th	Parish Armistice Day Centenary Events. Please join in to make this a memorable community event for peace and remembrance. For details, please see article on page 6.
Thurs 8th 2.30pm	Friendship Group at the Methodist Church Schoolroom. AGM/ Bring and Buy stall. Refreshments afterwards.
Thurs 8th 7.30pm	Local History Society. Fuller Room, The Old School. "Hidden History—The Secret Life of a Diary." Speaker: James Shallow. Visitors very welcome £2.
Sun 11th 4pm	Windmill Missional Community contemporary church service at the Methodist Church, Devon Lane, Bottesford NG13 0BZ—reflecting on 100 years since WWI. All welcome. Children's groups available. Service followed by soup, pizza, cake and refreshments.
Tues 13th 2pm	Vale of Belvoir U3A, Bottesford VC Hall. "Farming Through the Seasons" - Julie Howley.
Sat 17th	Friends of St. Mary's Concert with the Long Eaton Silver Band (Big Band). Tickets £10 non-members, £8 members, £12 on the door.
Tues 20th 7.30pm	W.I. Meeting at Bottesford VC Hall. "Mask Theatre" - Stephen Jon.
Thurs 22nd 2.30pm	Friendship Group at the Methodist Church Schoolroom. Music and Magic! Refreshments afterwards.
Sun 25th 11am	The 29th Bottesford Toy Run leaves the Rutland Arms at 11am. All motorcycles/ scooters welcome. For further details ring John Bartlett 01780762531 or 07790583082.
Sun 25th 4pm	Windmill Missional Community—contemporary church service at the Methodist Church—reflecting on putting Jesus at the heart of everything we do (see Sun 11th for more details).
Thurs 29th 3.30—5pm	Hullabaloo 5—12s Craft and Play (accompanied by an adult) at the Methodist Church.

## **And in December..**

Sun 2nd 3—5pm	Crafty Christmas at the Methodist Church. Festive creative fun for all ages and all the family.
Thurs 6th 2.30pm	Friendship Group Christmas Service at the Methodist Church. Refreshments afterwards.
Sun 9th 4pm	Windmill Missional Community—reflecting on Jesus' early life (see Sun 11th for more details).
Tues 11th 2pm	Vale of Belvoir U3A, Bottesford VC Hall. Christmas Party.
Thurs 13th	9.30—11.30am - Hullabaloo Toddlers Christmas Party at the Methodist Church. 3.30—5pm - Hullabaloo Christmas Party for all Primary age children.
Thurs 13th 7.30pm	Local History Society Christmas Party with entertainment, Fuller Room, The Old School.
Sun 16th 3pm	Christmas Afternoon Tea at the Methodist Church with live music from Paul Bell.
Tues 18th 7.30pm	W.I. Christmas Party in Bottesford VC Hall. Playing Around—Ukelele Band.
Mon 24th 4pm	Windmill Missional Community—contemporary Christmas Eve Service at the Methodist Church (see Sun 11th for more details).

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## Armistice Day Centenary events in Bottesford Parish

### Sunday 4th November

**14.00** Remembering Pte. Jesse Norman - the final wartime casualty at The War Memorial, St John the Baptist Church, Muston.

### 4th - 11th November

'Remembering those who served from the Parish of Bottesford & Muston'. Display at St Mary's Church, Bottesford.

### Sunday 11th November

- 06.00** 'Sleep in peace' - a dawn lament - Pipe Major Billy James, Procession from Bottesford Old School to Bottesford Village Green, Grantham Road.
- 10.00** 'Ringing for remembrance - Muffled Bells', Bottesford Tower.
- 10.30** Remembrance Service, St Mary's Church.
- 11.00** 'Acts of Homage' and '2 minute silence', St Mary's Church.
- 12.00** 'Celebrating Peace' - chiming the Old School Bell, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts.
- 12.00** 'Ringing for Peace - Open Bells', Bottesford Tower.
- 12.30** 'Cry for Peace' by the Guides and Scouts and Parish Remembrance, Bottesford Peace Memorial, The Sensory Garden, Grantham Road.
- 17.45** 'Celebrating peace' chiming the Old School Bell, Rainbows, Brownies & Guides.
- 18.10** 'Lantern Peace Procession' Parish Beacon led by Guides & Scouts, Brownies & Cubs, Rainbows and Beavers.  
Members of the public please assemble in Church St., beside the Red Lion, at **6.00 pm**. All children under 12 to be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a lantern or torch and wear visible clothing. The route will be marshalled.
- 18.55** 'The Last Post' played by Ian Holdsworth, Bottesford Beacon.
- 19.00** 'Beacons of light': lighting the Bottesford Beacon.
- 19.05** 'Ringing for Peace', Bottesford Tower.
- 19.05** 'A Cry for Peace Around the World', Vic Martin, 'Parish Crier'.

Marking 100 years of remembrance and tribute since the signing of the Armistice on the 11th November 1918.

Organised by Bottesford Parish Council and the Bottesford Parish 1st World War Centenary Project. Part of the nationwide 'Battle's Over' programme of commemoration.

Lantern procession marshalling courtesy of the Vale of Belvoir Lions.

For further information please contact: Parish Clerk, Amanda Carter-Blackford  
01949 222478

[clerk@bottesfordpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@bottesfordpc.org.uk)

*A young resident reflects on the Armistice commemorations*



## South Notts Men's Chorus perform at St Mary's church

On the 15th September, the South Notts Men's Chorus entertained a large and enthusiastic audience at St. Mary's Church, Bottesford.



A diverse programme of songs, ranging from musical favourites to choral and popular tunes, combined with the church acoustics and friendly environment provided a special performance and a great fundraiser for the Friends of St Mary's.

## St Mary's Celebrates Harvest – with a little help.

St Mary's celebrated Harvest in style this year with the help of Bottesford Beavers and a full congregation of over 100 people. The Beavers helped Rev. David Payne re-tell the story of The Sowing of the Seed – complete with sound effects and actions.

A harvest lunch followed and the Beavers held a cake sale that raised money for the Grantham FoodBank. This event raised over three hundred and fifty pounds for the Harvest Appeal that supports the work of Traidcraft and AddingtonTrust. These organisations support farming families both here and abroad. A wonderful community celebration – thank you to all who took part.

## Congratulations Mrs Booth

In September the staff, children and families of Bottesford Pre-School were delighted to celebrate Mrs Booth's thirty years at the school. Mrs Booth has cared for hundreds of pre-schoolers over the years, showing a great dedication and commitment throughout. All children joined in the celebrations as they sang the Bottesford Pre-School song and had some cake. Here's to the next thirty years! Were you at the Pre-school 30 years ago?

We'd love to hear of your memories. Please contact us on [vadverts@hotmail.com](mailto:vadverts@hotmail.com)



## Pre-school festive fun

The Pre-school's annual Fun Day was postponed in September. However, there will be a Festive Fun Day at the school on Saturday 1 December. Everyone welcome.



## Bottesford Youth Club needs your help

This highly successful youth club needs new committee members to help run the club. If you can spare a few hours each month please contact Dave on 07798 613391 or e-mail [byc@bottesforyouthclub.co.uk](mailto:byc@bottesforyouthclub.co.uk)

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## Great Season for Bottesford Bowls Club

2018 has been a good year for the Bowls Club. The club came first in the Belvoir 3 Wood League, won the LCBC league and won both the Portland & Bryan Lee Cups. In addition, Bottesford came second in both the Belvoir 2 Wood league and 3x3 County League.

Several new members also joined this thriving club. If you would like to join, contact the secretary,

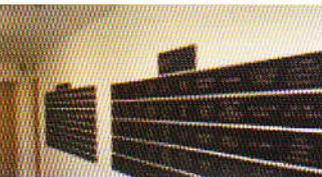
Pauline Goodson on 01949 844554. The new season starts April 2018.



## 'Bottesford Bumble' a huge success

The inaugural 'Bottesford Bumble', a 5k and 10k run around our village, took place earlier this year. It was very popular and raised over £870 for Bottesford Youth Club. The organisers are looking forward to 2019 and planning for this is already under way.

## More car parking



Bottesford Football Club are building more parking space – enough for another 20 cars. This will cost £3,000. If you would like to buy an engraved brick to help offset the cost, the club would love to hear from you. A spokesperson said: "It will make a great Christmas present for someone, and it will be displayed forever in our clubhouse."

For more details contact [news@bottesford.co.uk](mailto:news@bottesford.co.uk).

## Equinox Festival a huge success

Many runners from our community took part in the Equinox Festival at Belvoir Castle. This was a 10k run around the stunning grounds of the Belvoir Estate. Individuals or teams could complete the circuit as many times as they wish within a 24-hour period.

Despite Storm Bronagh hitting the area just as the festival opened, this did not put competitors off. Two Bottesford mums completed ten and six circuits of the run respectively. An amazing feat. Many local

children competed the 1k run, all of them receiving a medal.

Does anyone else have any stories to share from this event.

If so, please contact us on [vvadverts@hotmail.com](mailto:vvadverts@hotmail.com)



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