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Village Voice

The newsletter of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton

Our people; our inspiration

Recently, one of our regular contributors, Ashley Waterfall, noticed lots of litter at the top of Belvoir Road. Ashley, and his daughter Evie, decided to do something about it.



Ashley says: "Evie had a day off school, so I borrowed the litter-picker sticks from work. We thought it was a nice community spirited thing to do and we were planning to walk from the railway crossing up to Normanton. However, I noticed how much litter there was on Belvoir road from the A52 junction to Howitts Road, so we chose to do that instead.



I took two large bags with me, but these were soon filled. Finally, we filled four full bags! Sadly, most of our collection was alcohol bottles, cans, plastic pop bottles and fast food containers. We even had carrier bags of bottles that someone had obviously collected in their car before chucking out the window! Very nice of them!

Evie found £5 and it certainly kept her interested in the hope of finding more! We'd definitely do it again and hopefully Belvoir Road is a bit cleaner for our efforts."

Thank you Ashley and Evie. A wonderful effort and an inspiration to us all.

Young voices perform in largest youth choir in the world

On 24th January 2019, forty-six year 5 and 6 pupils from Bottesford Primary School travelled to the Genting Arena in Birmingham to sing with 6,171 other schoolchildren in a Young Voices concert. It was the biggest children's choir concert in the world!

Miss Ellwood, who organised the event and spent several weeks preparing the children, said: "The experience was life-changing. We had the opportunity to sing and perform with some amazing artists: Tony Hadley, Beau Dermott and Charlene Hector. An amazing street dance group called Urban Strides performed many synchronised dances, some with audience participation. The performance consisted of a variety of songs including 'Viva la Vida' by Coldplay, a Greatest Showman medley, a selection of pop songs and songs about the environment. It really was a once in a lifetime opportunity which we will always remember."



Two of the children commented: "It was definitely one of the best days of my life!" Jess. "I had an amazing time and I will remember it forever." Eliza.



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Bottesford Emergency Plan now complete

Bottesford Parish Council, along with Bottesford Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, has recently created the Bottesford Parish Emergency Plan. This is to ensure that several people across the Parish are fully equipped to deal with an emergency such as a plane crash, a terrorist attack, an explosion or a fire. The Emergency Plan contains vital information which would be needed until the emergency services arrived.

Key members of the community are connected via a Whatsapp group in order to set up an emergency base at the Old School (or elsewhere if the Parish Room is the site of the incident). The Emergency Plan document includes the location of four emergency boxes placed across the parish. These contain items such as torches, high visibility jackets, radios, foil blankets, first-aid kits, emergency tape, string and sand bags. Additionally, a megaphone and a generator are available in the event of a loss of power.

Members of the Reliance Partnership, Leicester attended the Old School in October to test the understanding of the plan and were impressed by what they saw. Parish Clerk, Amanda Carter-Blackford, said: "The Emergency Plan enables residents of the Parish to respond in the unlikely event of a significant event occurring. The team can help in those first vital hours of a disaster and then assist once the emergency services arrive. I am aware that many members of the emergency services live within the parish and it would be great to have them on board to help. Please contact me if you are prepared for your details to be contained within the plan so that we can call on you if needed. This process has been very encouraging, and it has been great to see so many people coming together for the benefit of the community."

For further details, contact Amanda on 01949 222478 or e-mail clerk@bottesfordpc.org.uk

The Emergency Plan boxes being put together (right) by John Shilton (Neighbourhood Watch),

Cllr. Heather Shephard and Cllr. Bob Bayman.



Contents of emergency box (left).

Driver damages four cars in Normanton

A driver heading north through Normanton recently damaged four cars. The 75-year old male driver hit the back of one parked car, slewed into the opposite carriageway clipping an on-coming car. He then hit the front of the first car before ramming a third car.

There was extensive damage to three of the cars, including his own, and minor damage to the fourth. The driver's wife was taken to hospital but discharged in the early hours of the following morning. No other serious injuries occurred.

Two damaged cars being towed away



Good Neighbour Scheme - five successful years

This year is the 5th anniversary of the Bottesford Good Neighbour Scheme (GNS), and it certainly has plenty to celebrate. Since 2014, the Scheme has helped 4,200 people with their transport needs locally and around the region.

Last year, 770 people had assistance with the help of the GNS's band of cheerful, committed volunteers. A big 'Thank you' to all of them, without whom the Scheme would not exist. More volunteers are always needed. If you can help, even for just a few hours a month, please contact the Good Neighbour Scheme on 07849311740.

We want your garden!

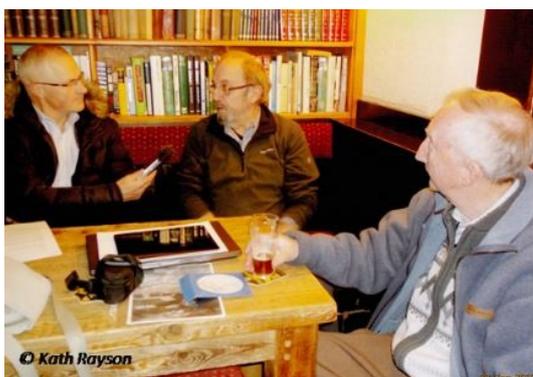
The Bottesford Open Gardens event is being held on 6th and 7th July and is being organised jointly by Bottesford Community Library and Vale of Belvoir Lions.

Would you be willing to open your garden? If so, contact Anne on 07939 641551 or Teresa on 07858 001952. Or email information@bottesfordcommunitylibrary.org.uk.

When Ted met Stan and Ollie at the Bull

At Christmas 1952, Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy visited Stan's sister Olga Healey and her husband Bill at the Bull, where Olga was the landlady. Local lad Ted Rayson had the good fortune to meet the comedy duo while on his paper round, and spent an hour chatting to them.

Laurel and Hardy were performing at the Nottingham Empire on their 1952 tour of Britain. They returned at Christmas 1953, while on their final tour. To mark the opening of the new film 'Stan and Ollie', their visits to the Bull were



highlighted on January 11th by a BBC TV report featuring John Cooper, one of Stan Laurel's relatives, and Calum McIver, the current Bull landlord. This was followed by an interview at the Bull in which Ted, with Neil Fortey, described meeting 'the boys' to Mark Dennison of BBC Radio Nottingham. This was broadcast on the morning of Jan 11th.

Mark Dennison talking to Neil Fortey and Ted Rayson at the Bull

Bee-friendly garden project at Bottesford Station

Bottesford Station-garden project, in collaboration with Connect Lincolnshire, are making good progress with the 'bee-friendly' garden adjacent to the entrance to Bottesford Railway Station. Vale of Belvoir Lions Nigel Davies, Simon Ashworth, Phil Tonge, Clive Yates (also East Midlands Trains) and Phil Salathiel – were ably led by Kaye Robinson from the 'Poacher Line' for the first stages in the development of the garden. They were joined by helpers Donna Adams (East Midlands Trains), Lesley Hipple and Hermione Byrt (Bee Friendly Trust) and Emma and Ian Ward volunteers from Normanton.



There is more work to be carried out. If you are interested in getting involved contact Kaye Robinson at kaye.robinson@lincolnshire.gov.uk Website: www.connectlincolnshire.com

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Your Parish Council needs you!

This year, elections will be held to determine your next Parish Council. Every member of the parish on the electoral role can have a say in who they want to be their local Parish Councillors. This is also an opportunity for those people who wish to become a councillor and undertake this vital and rewarding role within the community.

If you would like to know more about this exciting role, the Parish Council will be holding an open evening on Thursday 7th March 2019 at The Old School from 6.30pm-8pm. You can talk to current Parish Councillors and find out more about what is involved. Amanda Carter-Blackford, Parish Clerk, says: "This exciting and valuable role will ensure that you have a say in the development and evolution of the parish. By being a Councillor, you will represent the voice of your community in making key decisions. Don't be a passive complainer on the outside, when you can be an active participant on the inside!"

Find out more by visiting the website of the Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils at: www.leicestershireandrutlandalc.gov.uk/elections and downloading the pamphlet 'It Takes All Sorts'. Hard copies of the booklet are available from the Parish Office.

Defibrillator awareness sessions

Bottesford Parish Council has purchased three further defibrillator machines. Ensure you know how to use one by coming to our free awareness session. All are welcome. Please register your interest with the Parish Clerk at clerk@bottesfordpc.org.uk or by calling 01949 222478.



Attention all allotment holders



The Parish Council has asked allotment holders to call into the Parish Office on Wednesday 6th March 2019 between 3pm and 7pm.

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The Nottingham Roosevelt Travelling Scholarship – applications close on 1 Mar 2019

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What's On...regular events

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 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 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 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) 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 vbramblers@gmail.com or website www.vbramblers.co.uk 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 March...

Tues 5th 8pm	Vale of Belvoir Environment Group. The Flora and Fauna of Churchyards. Speaker: Steve Woodward. Bottesford VC Hall. Doors open 7.45pm. Tickets £2.50 (under 19s/ students free). All proceeds to Friends of St. Mary's.
Sun 10th 4pm	Windmill Missional Community contemporary church service at the Methodist Church, Devon Lane, Bottesford NG13 0BZ. Including reflecting on 'Temptation'. All welcome. Children's groups available. Service followed by soup, pizza, cake and refreshments.
Tue 12th 7.30pm	Friends of St Mary's AGM followed by Cheese and Wine at St. Mary's. 7pm for 7.30pm start. For more information contact Frances Stapleton on 01949 843427 or e-mail: secretary.friends.of.st.mary@gmail.com
Thurs 14th 7.30pm	Local History Society. Fuller Room, The Old School. 21st Century Duchess. Speaker: Her Grace, the Duchess of Rutland. Visitors welcome £2. (Numbers will be limited for this event.) Any queries contact Sue on 01949 358698
Fri 15th 7.30pm	Friends of St. Mary's Quiz Evening and Supper at Bottesford Bowls Club. 7pm for 7.30pm start. See article on page 6 for more details.
Tue 19th 7.30pm	W.I. Meeting at Bottesford VC Hall. Bits and Bobs - Bob and Del Neill.
Sun 24th 4pm	Windmill Missional Community—contemporary church communion service at the Methodist Church, led by Rev. Nel Shallow (see Sun 13th for more details).

...and in April

Tues 2nd 8pm	Vale of Belvoir Environment Group. 50 years of Butterflies in the Vale of Belvoir. Speaker: Bill Bacon. Bottesford VC Hall. Doors open 7.30pm. Tickets £2.50 (under 19s/ students free). All proceeds to East Midlands Butterfly Conservation.
Thurs 11th 7.30pm	Local History Society. Fuller Room, The Old School. From Board Schools to Academies. Speaker: Michael Dix. Visitors welcome £2.
Sat 13th 7.30pm	Lindum Brass—music from orchestral to big band and soul to traditional brass. St. Mary's Church—doors open at 6.30pm. Tickets £12/ £10.
Sun 14th 11am	The 29th Bottesford Egg Run. All motorcyclists, scooters welcome. Meet at The Rutland Arms (NG13 0AA) from 9am onwards. Ride to the Meres Leisure Centre, Grantham. NOTE: New ride-out destination in Melton Mowbray after Meres. More details from John Bartlett - 01780762531 or 07790583082
Sun 14th 4pm	Windmill Missional Community—at the Methodist Church, including reflecting on 'The Passion' (see Sun 13th March for more details).
Tues 16th 7.30pm	W.I. Meeting at Bottesford VC Hall. Vigilance—Jane Walters.
Sun 28th 4pm	Windmill Missional Community—at the Methodist Church, including reflecting on 'Jesus is Alive' (see Sun 13th March for more details).



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Vale of Belvoir Environmental Group (VEG)

A new group has just been set up and you can find more information or get involved by following them on Facebook (visit www.facebook.com and search for the above group) or contacting Don Pritchett at donpritchett@btinternet.com. This new group's catchment area is located between Bingham and Grantham, the villages north of Bottesford towards Newark, and Melton Mowbray in the south. The aim of this group is to provide a forum for members to share and discuss matters relating to the catchment area on wildlife, wildlife gardening, growing your own food, and reduce, reuse, recycle and upcycle methods. All eco-friendly activities will be discussed with advice and support available for individuals undertaking eco-projects in their parishes. The group will also discuss wildlife and environmental issues relating to planning. A programme of talks is planned, with the first two on 5th March and 2nd April 2019 at Bottesford Village Hall (see What's On for details). Look out for further information on the group's Facebook page or through the e-mail above.

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National Service of Thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey

On 11th November 2018, Sue and Phil Harding were at the National Service of Thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice. They represented the Bottesford Parish First World War Centenary Project among 300 people connected with Centenary projects from across the UK.

Recognising the huge contribution the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and its First World War projects have made to the Centenary, the Department for Digital, Media and Sport invited HLF to nominate people to attend the Service. Members of the Royal Family and religious and political leaders were joined by members of the public who have contributed to the Centenary on a national, regional and local level. Afterwards Phil said: "The service was a really special and moving occasion. It was fascinating to be so close to the Royal Family and senior politicians, but to me the act of honouring those who served and died in the Great War could not have been more movingly done. I thought about the men from Bottesford and Muston commemorated so well by our Centenary project, and also about my grandfather, who survived the conflict and was with me (as a photograph). They would all have been very proud." The community project was made possible by a grant from the HLF, which has invested £97 million in 2,200 First World War Centenary projects. The book *Lost We Forget, Bottesford & Muston in the Great War* and the Bottesford History website and archive (www.bottesfordhistory.org.uk) are a fitting legacy allowing future generations to learn about the contributions of our communities in the Great War.



Friends of St. Mary's Quiz evening

At Bottesford Bowls club on Friday 15th March 2019. 7pm for a 7.30pm start, teams can have up to six members. The cost is £7 per person or £6 for Friends. There will be a licensed bar and the ticket price includes a buffet supper. To enter, contact John Daybell on 01949 842780 or pick up an entry form at the back of the church. All entries must be submitted to John Daybell, 6 Grantham Road by 6th March 2019.

Come and Sing – Mozart Requiem

The Cranmer Company of Singers in collaboration with musical director Deborah Davies are delighted to host the above event on Good Friday: 19th April 2019 at Bottesford Parish Church. Rehearsals begin at 4.30pm ahead of the performance at 7.30pm. The proceeds will be donated to charity – The Tearfund Yemen Crisis Appeal. For more information and for singers to book their place, contact Anny Jones on 07415 512729 or drop a line to annyjones@me.com. All welcome - £6/8/10

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Dental practice launches community events

Bottesford Dental Practice recently celebrated its eighth year serving Bottesford and the Vale of Belvoir. As part of their services, the practice decided to become more involved in the community by supporting local charities.



In November, the dental team hosted a very successful Coffee and Cake Week raising £271.81 for Dove Cottage Hospice. Patients and friends of the practice enjoyed freshly made barista style coffees and handmade cakes and savouries which made a trip to the dentist much more palatable.

This event was so popular that the dental team are hosting a further Bake Away Week in mid-

February, where they will treat patients to a large selection of delicious home-made baked goods to take away. All proceeds from this event will be donated to Bottesford Community Library.

In order to further support the library, Furqan is happy for team member, Kerry Bushell, to volunteer her services. Furqan said: "We're keen to work with other local charities, so if you have a good cause you would like us to support please email: bottesforddentalpractice@gmail.com or just pop in for a chat. We're always happy to see you."

The Welby Practice update

Following the merger of the Belvoir Vale Practice and the Welby Practice, the two surgeries are in the process of re-branding and a new identity will be rolled out to all sites in 2019.

The practice is considering relocating all services currently delivered at The Welby Practice, Bottesford to the adjacent Belvoir Vale Practice. Further information is available via www.welbypractice.co.uk. A larger patient waiting area is proposed, along with a new consultation room. Some minor changes to opening hours at the Waltham Branch are also proposed. The practice has appointed Emma Gardner as a GP Services Manager. Emma has worked at the practice since 2011 and has completed a Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development Course. She is also a member of the Welby Group Management Team.

The practice has been working closely with the Patient Participation Group (PPG) to ensure the group has been made aware of changes following the merger and of plans to make sure any impact on patients are fully considered.



Are you interested in finding out more about your practice and the development of your health services? The Welby Practice is seeking patients to join the PPG in order to attend meetings and discuss changes or ideas for the surgery. If you are interested contact the Welby Practice on 01949 842341.

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The Vale of Belvoir Lions' record year

The Vale of Belvoir Lions had another record year, with the 'sleigh', raising a total of £7041.43. This was donated to the Dove Cottage Hospice, Rainbows Hospice and other Lions' supported charities. Collectors in Bottesford were particularly delighted to collect over £1000 in just one evening! The Vale of Belvoir Lions club would like to thank everyone who helped and generously donated. If you are interested in helping next year, visit the Lions' social-media sites for more information. Search 'Vale of Belvoir Lions' on Facebook and Twitter.



The Boxing-day Duck Race was also successful, raising £1568.36. A spokesperson said: "A little shy of last year's total, but still a great opportunity for the community to meet over Christmas." In addition, a big 'Thank you' goes to the Foresters Morris Men who raised over £350, which was also donated to Dove Cottage.



The Vale of Belvoir Lions club meet every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Durham Ox pub in Orston. A spokesperson said: "Anyone is welcome to join us for a drink and find out more about the fun we get up to."

Christingle donations

There were many generous donations of gifts, toys and books at the Christingle service. These were given to Grantham Food Bank to be distributed amongst families in need.



Art and Craft fair moves venue and date

The annual Art and Craft Fair run by the Rotary clubs of Bingham & Radcliffe and the Vale of Belvoir has moved its venue and its usual April date. This year it will be held at The Blue Diamond East Bridgford Home and Garden Centre on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th of July. The event will again feature the local junior school art competition, which last year attracted around 200 exhibits. Last year, the event raised over £4000 for the Air Ambulance. This year, funds will be donated to both the Air Ambulance and First Responder groups.

"The exhibition is open to artists from a wide area who would like to exhibit their work for sale. A fee of £10 is asked for exhibiting up to four works of art with 15% commission on sales donated to our charities. Crafters are also able to sell their homemade wares for a small fee." If you would like to exhibit at the event or rent a craft stall, contact Lesley on 07917884111 or email liinthevale@gmail.com or www.valeofbelvoirrotary.org.uk

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