



Village Voice

The newsletter of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton

Bottesford Irish dancers win regional final of national dance competition



Children of the Irish Dance School in Bottesford put their best feet forward and triumphed in the regional final of 'The Great Big Dance Off'. The class, 25 children aged between 6 and 11, performed a stunning routine at the Albert Hall in Nottingham.

Teacher Caroline McManus said: "Bottesford Primary School was crowned East Midlands regional champions 2019. The children were so excited and thrilled to win because the standard of competition was very high."



'The Great Big Dance Off'

is aimed at both primary and secondary schools. The initial phase of the competition required schools across England and Wales to submit a video entry. Bottesford School then competed against 19 other schools in the regional final.

This success means that they will now compete in the National Final on Tuesday 4 June 2019. The Village Voice, wishes them the very best of luck.

Mystery tea-set



A tea service, unique to Bottesford and produced to celebrate the Millennium in 2000, has recently been discovered. The tea set has 6 cups and saucers and 6 tea plates.



Each cup is decorated with a continuous scene of Bottesford buildings. The views include the Old School, the church, three Georgian houses on the High Street, The Rutland Arms, Market Street looking north to the Women's Hospital and finally Providence Cottage.

There are 6 different views on the tea plates. These include the Cross, the Post Office, the church, a view south on Market Street, showing the Coffee House, Paul's and the old paper shop on the corner of High Street and Belvoir Road. There are also views of the High Street looking westwards past the Rutland Arms and the shop that is now Pizzinis, and finally the library.

There is no clue as to who the manufacturers were except for a blue 'maker's stamp' on the base of each item. Does anyone have any further information on who manufactured this memento? If so, please drop a line to vvadverts@hotmail.com.



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Parish Council elections

On Thursday 2 May 2019, residents will go to the polls to elect the Parish Council who will stand for the next 4 years. There are 9 seats available, and the list of candidates is detailed below. The list is also displayed on all notice-boards across the parish.

Amanda Carter-Blackford, parish clerk, says: "This is an important role and I would encourage all parishioners to use their vote and choose their elected representatives for the next four years."

Melton Borough Council elections

Two people stood for election to Melton Borough Council as councillors representing the parish of Bottesford. Since there were two vacancies, both were elected.

The Village Voice would like to congratulate both Pru Chandler and Donald Pritchett on their successful election.

MELTON BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR(S) THURSDAY, 2 MAY 2019

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as Councillors for the
PARISH OF BOTTESFORD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

Candidate's Names	Address	Description	Declaration of Returning Officer that Nominations Paper is Invalid or other reason why a person nominated no longer stands nominated
Anne ABLEWHITE	12 The Paddocks Bottesford Notts NG13 0BD		
Lorraine Ann AINSCOUGH	Borough Of Melton	Local Businesswoman and School Governor	
Bob BAYMAN	Peacock Farm Main St Normanton Bottesford NG13 0EP	Normanton Family Man Parish Council Chair	
Jane BENNETT	19 School View Bottesford NG13 0EW		
Tony Andrew BENNETT	Borough Of Melton		
Anne DALY	The Green 28 Devon Lane Bottesford NG13 0BZ		
Dermot DALY	The Green 26 Devon Lane Bottesford Leics NG13 0BZ		
Leigh Geoffrey DONGER	4 Woolthorpe Lane Muston Nottingham NG13 0FE	Lifetime Bottesford Parish Resident	
Alan GOUGH	13 Vaughan Avenue Bottesford Nottingham NG13 0EF	Resident Of Bottesford For 26 Years	
Brian John MCENERNEY	Borough Of Melton	Parish Resident and Youth Club Treasurer	
Julie MOSS	14 Riverside Walk Bottesford Leicestershire NG13 0AT		
Heather Margaret SHEPHARD	Lime Cottage 9 Castle View Road Eashorpe Notts NG13 0DX	Parish Resident For 38 Years	
Bob SPARHAM	58 Bowbridge Gardens Bottesford Nottingham NG13 0AZ		

The persons opposite whose names no entry is made in the last column have been and stand validly nominated.

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Best wishes to David Wright after 20 years of public service

The Village Voice would like to extend our best wishes to David Wright, who is stepping down from both Melton Borough and Bottesford Parish councils. David said: "After 20 plus years of public service I feel now is the time to bow out."

David was elected Mayor of Melton Borough Council on two occasions (one of only three people who have achieved this). He also chaired all Policy Committees apart from planning, and served as Deputy Leader of the Council.

In addition, David has also chaired Bottesford Parish Council on two occasions. The Village Voice asked him about next steps. David replied: "Future plans? Something I have to put some thought to. One thing I will be doing is to spend more time perfecting my organ playing skills!"

Bottle in the fridge – emergency details

A new scheme is available to help save lives. A 'Message in a Bottle' is an innovative way of alerting the emergency services should they need to come to your home. The scheme is simple. You keep your emergency medical and contact details in a small bottle where it can be easily found – in the fridge.

The emergency services are primed to look for two stickers which you place prominently in your house. This will alert them to the bottle and to your specific medical details. All instructions are in the bottle and they are available from the library.



Vale of Belvoir music quiz

The Vale of Belvoir Lions would like to thank everyone who came along to the Music Quiz in March. The evening made a profit of over £1100, which will be used to support a number of local and national groups and charities. The next music quiz will be in the autumn.

Bottesford library's new service

The top 50 best-selling books in the country, plus top-quality donated books and popular books bought with library fundraising, will be available from Saturday, 18 May 2019.

This new lending service, replenished monthly, will offer a much wider choice for borrowers. The launch of the project will take place on 18 May. Please come along for free tea, coffee and cake.

This is a very good opportunity to chat with trustees and volunteers as they introduce this new service on another special day in the history of Bottesford library. Please note, to use this new service you will need to be a library member. You can call in at any time the library is open to join.

Volunteers wanted

Could you find some time to volunteer at Bottesford library? The committee would love to hear from you. "We are a community library, run entirely by committed volunteers and are open 7 days a week for a maximum of 3 hours a day.

We have a flexible rota system that allows you to volunteer when it suits you. If you think you could help email bottesfordcommunitylibrary@outlook.com or ring the library on 01949 842696."

New photo-competition judges and 2019 competition

The Village Voice is delighted to announce two new judges for this year's photo-competition. Ashley Waterfall, winner in 2018 and Hannah Dobney, junior winner in 2018 have agreed to add their expertise to this year's competition. Ashley is a regular contributor to the Village Voice and we very much welcome his expertise. Hannah is a keen photographer and we have a 'spotlight' feature on Hannah below.

The 2019 theme, as agreed by Ashley and Hannah, is **"Hidden or unknown Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston or Normanton."** This is an excellent suggestion and will allow people to take a fresh look at some of the lesser known aspects of our parish. Please send entries to vvadverts@hotmail.com. Closing date 30 June 2019.



Spotlight – Hannah Dobney

Hannah, aged 10 is our 2018 winner of the Junior Photo competition. We caught up with Hannah and her mum and dad in March to present her with an award for her winning photo.

We asked her why she chose our local butcher as the subject of her picture. Hannah said: "The butcher is very chatty and I liked the character, although he was a bit camera shy!" She used a Nikon 3300, which she also used to take lots of photos of her gran's golden wedding anniversary. The secret of taking a good photo, according to Hannah is 'to take lots of photos and then choose the best for your photo album.'

Hannah also likes swimming and tennis and has an ambition to be a fashion-designer when she is older. Finally, we asked Hannah for any advice to other girls and boys of her age. She said: "Believe in yourself. If you want to do something, just carry on.

Well done Hannah, a brilliant winner.



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Friends of St Mary's announce two more concerts

The Friends of St Mary's have organised two more concerts to add to their growing reputation for staging top quality events.

On 24 May, the Mosaic Chamber Choir East Midlands will be performing in the church. They are a small acappella choir specialising in a repertoire for 8 voices. This small group of friends formed in 2007 and perform regularly with music from 16th to 21st Century.

On 13 July, the Southern Acappella Choir will perform. This Gold Award winning championship choir was formed to satisfy a growing demand for mixed unaccompanied singing. Their motto is "Excellence in Singing, Music and Performance".

Tickets are available for both of these concerts from

secretary.friends.of.st.mary@gmail.com

or Frances Stapleton 01949 843427. Also from the library, Select Stores and The Co-op. It is advisable to book tickets in advance to avoid disappointment.

Jacobean house open for tours 26+27 May 2019

Following many enquiries, Sally-Ann and Simon Shouler are opening their house again for conducted tours over the late Spring bank-holiday. The address is The Old Manor House, 1 West End, Long Clawson, LE14 4PE.

The house dates from about 1580, started by Sir Edward Hastings of Leicester Abbey, fourth son of the 2nd earl of Huntingdon and finished by his son Sir Henry Hastings of Newark in 1610. These dates have been confirmed by dendrochronology of the roof timbers. It is reputedly one of the oldest houses in the Vale.

Although there are many surviving houses that look similar from the outside, this house is very rare having kept so much of its insides. It is Grade II* listed.

Each tour takes about one hour. One of three tour guides (some in historical costume) will begin a tour approximately every twenty minutes, between 12 noon and 4.00 p.m. Tickets cost £5.00 on the day from St. Remigius's church (opposite). No pre-booking. Accompanied under 11 year-olds free. Each tour is restricted to a maximum of 12 people.

Whilst awaiting your tour leader in the church you can count the animals in the splendid new stained-glass window of the Creation, sample delicious home-made Jacobean-themed refreshments (served 11.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.), study displays of conservation work and finds from the Old Manor House, and browse a selection of stalls including books, plants, home-produce and bric-a-brac.

All proceeds from stalls, refreshments and tours are for St. Remigius's Church.



Bottesford Dental Practice raise funds for the library

Bottesford Dental are always keen to contribute to the local community. After the success of their last bake sale for Dove Cottage, they contacted Bottesford Community Library to help raise funds for them.

They made a variety of take-away bakes, including sausage rolls, cookies, brownies, banana loaf and many more. The dental practice was pleased to have raised £134 which they have donated to the library.



Bottesford Dental has allowed Kerry, their receptionist, to volunteer her time once a month to help support the library. The practice will also be working alongside Belvoir Art Trail from 3 -6 May, to help display a diverse range of art, supporting artists and creative practitioners.

The dental practice is keen to work with other local charities. If you have a good cause you would like them to support, please e-mail: bottesforddentalpractice@gmail.com, or just pop in for a chat.

In the picture is Neil, one of the library volunteers, accepting the cheque.

Bee-friendly garden project at the station

The project has made very good progress with a new greenhouse erected, water butt and pond-liner installed and a considerable amount of planting. The project now has 2 'station adopters', Ian and Emma Ward. If you feel you have a few hours to spare a month and would like to join them, please ask for more details.



The garden will have its grand opening on Tuesday 7th May. There are more details to follow but provisionally it is planned for 4-6pm. If you could help earlier in the day to add some last minute info boards please contact the Vale of Belvoir Lions at www.voblions.org.uk.

Village Voice archive

We recently reviewed the Village Voice archive in the library and realised that we have some copies missing. These are 85, 86, 87, 89, 90 to 97. Does anyone have any copies we could have or copy? If so could you either drop these into the library or drop us a line at vadverts@hotmail.com.



10 years ago

What were we reporting 10 years ago? Here is the front-cover of the May-June 2009 edition. We also included a 'Spotlight' entry on Louise McGrory, head teacher of the primary school. Other stories included the first public performance of the U3A choir, a meeting of Bottesford Business Women, and The Vale of Belvoir Art Society.

Bottesford Local History Society visit to Harewood House

Bottesford Local History Society have organised a visit to Harewood House, near Leeds, on Thursday 20 June, leaving Bottesford at 8.45am. The price of the visit is £45 per person and includes coach transport, coffee, tea and homemade biscuits on arrival and a guided tour of the State Floor and Below Stairs before a main course lunch.

Edwin Lascelles commissioned the building of Harewood House in 1759 and said that everything was to be done 'properly and well'. The finest craftsmen of the time were employed including Yorkshire-born architect John Carr, interior designer Robert Adam, furniture maker Thomas Chippendale and landscape gardener 'Capability' Brown.

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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 10 -12.30	Charity Shop, Old School, Main Street, Muston. Proceeds to St John's, Muston and St Mary's, Bottesford. Pop in for a coffee!
1st & 3rd Wed of month, 12 noon	Lite Bite at the Methodist Church. Everyone welcome. Cost £2.50.
2nd 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.
2nd & 4th 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 ybrambblers@gmail.com or website www.vbrambblers.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 May...

Sat 4th 10-4pm	Art Festival at the Methodist Church. Refreshments and a variety of stalls available.
Sun 5th 2-4pm	Art Festival at the Methodist Church. Cream Teas and a variety of stalls.
Mon 6th 10-4pm	Art Festival at the Methodist Church. Refreshments and a variety of stalls available.
Thurs 9th 2.30pm	Friendship Group at the Methodist Church. Christian Aid talk. Bring and buy stall for Christian Aid.
Thurs 9th 7.30pm	Local History Society. Fuller Room, The Old School. The Pentrich Rebellion (1817): a 'What if' moment? by Dr Richard Gaunt, University of Nottingham. Visitors welcome for a fee of £2. For further details contact Sue Harding on 01949 358698.
Sat 11th 12-4pm	Bottesford Primary School Summer Fair. Entry £1 per adult. Bouncy castle, BBQ, bar, stalls, games and activities for all the family.
Sun 12th 4pm	Windmill Missional Community contemporary service at the Methodist Church. Come and join us for a time of reflection, prayer and band led modern worship. Children's activity groups available. The service will be followed by soup, pizza, cake and refreshments. For further details please email us on windmillbottesford@gmail.com
Tues 14th 2pm	Vale of Belvoir U3A. Facts, Fibs and a Pinch of Salt. Speaker: Doreen Reed, a poet & storyteller of thought provoking amusing tales of everyday life. Visitors welcome £2.
Thurs 23rd 2.30pm	Friendship Group at the Methodist Church. "Heirlooms, Keepsakes and Interesting Objects."
Sun 26th 4pm	Windmill Missional Community service. See Sunday 12th May for more details.

...and in June

Thurs 6th 2.30pm	Friendship Group at the Methodist Church. Speaker Vic Martin.
Sun 9th 4pm	Windmill Missional Community service. See Sunday 12th May for more details.
Tues 11th 2pm	Vale of Belvoir U3A. Speaker: Emma Sheardown, a paralysed dressage rider who attained a gold medal for Great Britain. Visitors welcome £2.
Thurs 20th 2.30pm	Friendship Group at the Methodist Church. Air Ambulance update with Sandy McMillan Bunn.
Sun 23rd 4pm	Windmill Missional Community service. See Sunday 12th May for more details.

Letters to the editor

Pooper scoopers

Are you community spirited? Would you like the village to have less visible dog poo? When you're out dog walking do you have a free hand? Perhaps you struggle to bend down to pick up your own dog's mess? Well how about using one of these?

Pooper scoopers are brilliant value and can be obtained from many retail outlets. Or, you can obtain one from me. I can be contacted on 07913 432108. A few more people using pooper scoopers on a regular basis would make a significant difference to the paths and verges in the Bottesford area.

David on 07913 432108.



Methodist church celebrates bicentenary

Next year, the Methodist Church on the Green will be celebrating its bicentenary. Do you have any memories of our church or photographs of past events? We hope to hold an exhibition and other celebrations next year. Please contact Sue on 01949843280 if you can contribute in any way. Many thanks. Sue

A short history of Bottesford's Methodist church building *(courtesy of www.bottesfordmc.org.uk)*

The building started in the 18th century when Methodism both Primitive and Wesleyan, along with the Baptists and Calvinists had a presence in Bottesford. There was a Primitive Methodist Society around the 1780s, and by 1820 they had built their church or chapel behind a row of cottages on The Green.

The cottages were demolished in the 1930s to provide a small chapel forecourt. The Wesleyan Methodists built their chapel in 1845 in Chapel Street. In 1933, Methodism reunited and a few years later the Wesleyans and Primitives agreed to use the chapel on The Green.

The chapel in Chapel Street closed, was sold and some time later converted into residences. The chapel on The Green continues to serve the community and has undergone various alterations through the years.

In 2020, it will celebrate 200 years of continuous worship.

Normanton cake-bake sale

On Saturday 6 April, Katherine and James, together with their two boys Sam and Jack, held a cake-bake sale in Normanton to support Stand Up To Cancer Bake Off. Residents, family and friends attended, with many people contributing their own home-baked cakes.

Katherine said: "It was amazing. People were so generous and we had so much help from everyone. The cakes were delicious." Young Sam counted the money and over £260 was raised. Well done the Kirkham family.



The Bake-Off continues throughout April and if you would like to organise your own money-raising event visit www.standuptocancer.org.uk/fundraise/bake-off. You can request a free fund-raising pack which will be delivered to you by post. You will also receive your very own Giving Page for collecting donations online.

Young litter pickers remove bottles, cups and food cartons

Isobel and Elsie, along with mum, recently picked up a full bag of rubbish from the non-pavement side of Normanton Lane. This stretch was just over 100 metres, but there was a considerable amount of litter.

This consisted mainly plastic drinks bottles, coffee cups and McDonald's food cartons, which are likely to have been thrown from cars, lorries and vans. Well done Isobel and Elsie for making the effort to keep our community clean, tidy and safe for wildlife.

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Muston Open Gardens

Residents of Muston are invited to open their gardens on Sunday 23 June. If you would like to open your garden, or help with refreshments or decorating the church then Lorraine and Dona would love to hear from you. If interested could you call Lorraine on 07500357100 or Dona on 07814107254.

Bottesford FC – an outstanding community club

Bottesford FC is delighted to announce that the club has won an award of merit as the most outstanding community club in the Melton Borough for 2018/19. This is in recognition of the outstanding work from all of the volunteers, players and supporters.

Chairman, Dan Gribby, and Vice-Chairman, Nick Dobney, also received individual awards of merit for their work on the Clubhouse Project.



Belles of Belvoir next bike ride 9 June 2019

After four successful years of cycle events, with great local and national support, fantastic feedback, and features in online cycle magazines, there are two more fun events in 2019.

The first one, The Belles of Belvoir, is a ladies only event on the 9 June. There are three undulating routes to choose from, ranging from 24, 50 to 70 miles. It is expected that the event will be fully subscribed, so book early to avoid disappointment. Places are limited. For more information visit www.2wheelsandapieceofcake.co.uk/events/belles-belvoir/

The Belvoir Blast takes place on the 22 September. There are three routes to choose from. These are 28, 60 and 100 miles. This event is open to everyone and online bookings are now being taken. For more information visit www.2wheelsandapieceofcake.co.uk/events/belvoir-blast/

Bottesford Bumble returns

After the success of the previous Bottesford Bumble, this fun-run returns to the streets of Bottesford on 30 June 2019. Organised by Bottesford Youth Club, there are two routes: 5K and 10K. Registration starts at 9.00am with the race starting at 10.30am.

There are prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, together with a prize for the best fancy-dress (which is optional!). Plenty of refreshments will be available at the Village Hall field.



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