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Village Voice

The newsletter of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton

Heartwize deliver invaluable training to local residents

In November 2019, the Parish Council together with local residents organised a series of training events to demonstrate how important it is to administer CPR, and how easy it is to use a defibrillator.

The events were delivered by Heartwize, a Leicestershire based organisation founded by two cardiologists from Glenfield Hospital: Dr William Toff and Dr Doug Skehan. The colleagues were left with 46 functioning Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) after completing a clinical trial. The pair decided to donate these AEDs to local schools.

This led to the Heartwize training programme being set up to ensure that the defibrillators were handed over with the correct advice, training and information on how to use and maintain them.

During the recent training, residents were shown video, discussed situations where immediate emergency help may be needed and then practised CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) on dummies. The team then demonstrated how easy it is to use an AED.

A very big thank you to the Heartwize team. They are all volunteers and gave up their time to help us become more confident and competent should we ever encounter such a life-threatening situation.



Where can I find further information?

Further details available from Heartwize:

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Santa run huge success

On a cold and sunny Sunday in early December, the fifth annual 'santa run' took place within the grounds of Belvoir Castle. This year, there were 900+ participants, all dressed up as santa. It was an amazing site as streams of red and white figures ran and walked through the beautiful castle grounds.

The event was opened by The Duchess of Rutland. There was also face-painting, a best dressed dog competition, an enthusiastic warm-up, a snow-bubble machine and two handlers with birds of prey. Participants could choose between 3k, 5k or 10k. The event was to support the vital work of Dove Cottage Hospice.



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Old school photos

Our picture from the previous edition has certainly stirred some memories. Firstly, a big thank you to Peter Moulds who sent us the following message. "This photo appeared in the Grantham Journal some four-five years ago, sent in by Shirley Warner (nee Gregory) who is sitting on the front row. Laurie Dewey was my headmaster when I started at the old school in 1958. A year later, we moved into the new school at Barkestone Lane. I personally knew or know quite a few of the persons in the photo. Good memories."



THIS is the old school at Bottesford in about 1948 with headmaster Mr L. Dewey and teacher Mrs Ogden. The photo was sent in by Shirley Warner, of Gorse Road, Grantham.

From left are, back – Malcolm Marshall, Brian Ledger, John Bass, John Hand, John Bradshaw, Don Watchorn, Brian Towsey, David Baker and Michael Dammes; middle – Peter Otley, Philip Sutton, Robert Chandler, Sheila Tinkley, Grace Ward, Marina Scooney, Jean Shepherd, Brian Silverwood, Michael Barrett, Douglas Bell and Mr L. Dewey.

front – Margaret Louth, Beryl Underwood, Gwen Marriott, Shirley Gregory, Caroline Charity, Mrs Ogden, Joyce Ann Ayling, Pam White, Margaret Buckingham and Mary Wilcock.

Secondly, thank you to Lynne Bradshaw for letting us know about her dad. "My Dad John Arthur Bradshaw is on the Back row 5th from the left. He was born in 1936, so the picture is from the 1940s."



WEARING ribbons in their hair was the fashion for the girls at Redmile Primary School in 1947, and the boys all wore short trousers.

The picture was sent in by Shirley Warner, of Gorse Road, Grantham.

Pictured are, from left, back – Prunella Parker, Margaret Mackley, Ruth Hotchin, Ann Hill, Ann Braithwaite, Helen Morley, Pearl Braithwaite, Roger Smith, Pat Widger, Jean Braithwaite, Marie Benham, Aunty Parker, Angela Gregory, Royston Pyle, Joyce Henderson, Margaret Bellamy, Sandra Smith.

Parker, Keith Parker, Brian Braithwaite, Marie Benham, Joan Creasey, and John Creasey; front – Joey Henderson, Lance Minkley and John Smith.

Finally, thank you to Peter Michael who dropped us a line. "Thought I would send you this photo from 1947. I know all these kids, being a Redmile born and bred lad. More good memories."

Warning Zone trip for year 6s

Warning Zone is an interactive centre based in Leicester offering schools a high quality, high impact 'Learning for Life' resource that is unique in the East Midlands. In October 2019, a group of year 6 pupils from Bottesford Primary School attended the centre and learnt about online dangers and how to remain safe. The children also learnt about other dangers and what to do to avoid them. This included water safety, avoiding railway lines, drug abuse and knife crime.



The day was a huge success. One pupil said: "We had a great day. I learnt about lots of dangers. It was quite scary at times, but it has made me think about taking care – especially when I am playing on my screens." Warning Zone is run entirely by volunteers and is an independent charity. It receives its funding from a number of sources such as grants, donations and admission fees. For further info visit www.safetycentrealiance.org.uk/leicester.html

Friendly Bench™ features in New York Times

On the 9 Nov 2019, Bottesford's Friendly Bench featured in an article written by New York Times Opinion Columnist, Nicolas Kristoff, entitled: 'Let's Wage a War on Loneliness'. If you would like to read the article, click onto or copy into your browser the following link: www.nytimes.com/2019/11/09/opinion/sunday/britain-loneliness-epidemic.html. If you find the paragraph which begins: "It is supporting "friendly benches," which are public benches where people are encouraged to go and chat with one another." (© New York Times) and click onto the word 'benches', you will see the link to Bottesford's Friendly Bench. It is a fantastic achievement by Lyndsey and the Friendly Bench™ team.

Casino night to support playground project at primary school – 29 Feb 2020

Friends of Bottesford Primary School are organising a casino night with the VOB Lions at the Village Hall on 29 Feb 2020, to support the school's 'Playground Project'. Emma Roberts said "The project is entering its third, final and most expensive phase. Last year, we resurfaced a large area of the main playground, and over the summer revamped the Ash class/4+ playground." The last phase is to create a Multi-Use Games Area – MUGA for short – to allow the children to play a variety of sports at all levels, all year round. This will cost in the region of £40-£50K. As well as supporting the casino night above, if anyone in the local community can help the Friends raise this huge amount through corporate donations, sponsorship, funding etc. please contact Emma or Kait at friendsofbottesfordprimary@gmail.com. Tickets for the Casino night are available from Bottesford Primary School office and Sid's.



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New church community in Bottesford

A new community church in Bottesford has recently opened. Led by Glenda Gibson and Laura Marsh, the Windmill is an Anglican Fresh Expression of church. This contemporary Sunday worship was made a Bishop's Mission Order on 10 February 2019, the same day Glenda and Laura were licensed as lay Pioneer Ministers by Bishop Martyn Snow of Leicester Diocese. The Windmill community meets twice monthly on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 4pm, in the Methodist Chapel on Devon Lane, Bottesford. "Everyone is welcome to our relaxed, contemporary worship services where we gather to sing, share our faith and life stories, be still, dwell in a Bible scripture or use accessible ways of praying. We invite everyone to stay after the service to share food and fellowship. We provide for most dietary requirements and aim to offer simple but delicious food for all: pizza, soup and jacket potatoes, hot chocolate and cake."



There are also two mid-week groups as well as keeping in touch through social media and other meetings. Windmill Kids are currently using craft and games resources from Scripture Union and meet in the upstairs room in the eaves of the Chapel, joining the end of each service for worship songs. Windmill Youth have monthly faith-based drama workshops on 4th Sundays, and will be trialling bible Minecraft sessions on 2nd Sundays.

On 12 January 2020, the church is looking forward to drumming in the new year with a 'Talking Rhythms' drumming workshop for all ages!

Visit www.windmillcontemporarychurch.org or come and worship with the group. You are assured of a warm welcome. Other contact details include Facebook: Windmill Missional Community Bottesford, Email: hello@windmillcontemporarychurch.org. Address for services: Bottesford Methodist Chapel, Devon Lane, Bottesford, NG13 0BZ.

New parish councillor for Bottesford and a welcome to our new clerk

A week before the General Election, Bottesford elected a new parish councillor. Congratulations to Tony Andrew Bennett. We will be including a profile of our new councillor, together with our new clerk, Lucy Flavin, in our next edition.

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2020 resolutions

As we head into the new decade, the Village Voice would love to hear about your plans and resolutions for both this year and this decade. Let us know what you hope to achieve – it doesn't matter whether it is big or small. We'll print all responses (as long as they are suitable) and we can include your name or we can make them anonymous. By committing your plans to writing, and having them published, it is much more likely you will achieve them. It would be great to hear from you. Contact us on vvadverts@hotmail.com

Bottesford Local History Society update

On 14 November 2019, John Chester, of the Western Front Association, gave a memorable talk about the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior. His historical photographs vividly illustrated the journey of the coffin from St. Pol to Boulogne, across the Channel to Dover, onward to Victoria Station, halting at the official inauguration of the Cenotaph and finally to Westminster Abbey on 11 November 1920. The events of that day captured the sense of individual and collective loss. The Tomb continues to provide a focus for the commemoration of all those lost in conflict.

Our next meeting, on 9 January, will focus on 'The 2nd World War – What our parents told us'. You may have childhood memories: your first banana, an experience of an air raid, etc. Come along and help put together the community heritage of stories, as part of the 75th Anniversary of the end of WW2.

Move it or lose it!

In January there will be a new exercise class aimed at men and women aged over 60, called FABS (flexibility, aerobic, balance and strength) developed in collaboration with NHS and the Centre for Healthy Ageing Research.



It will be led by specialist instructor Karen Green who said: "The classes are easy to follow and can be done standing or seated, and there's no floor work. The sessions will help you feel stronger and more mobile, confident and more independent. You'll have fun and make new friends too!"

The first session, at 11am on Thursday 9 January in the Village Hall, will be free. To book or for more details contact Karen on 01949829311 or 07775655539, or email: karen.green@moveitorloseit.co.uk.



We are 200 years old

The Church by the Ford on Devon Lane is 200 years old this year. It is the earliest purpose built Primitive Methodist Chapel still in use for its original purpose in the UK.

On Sunday 5 January at 10.30am, there will be a special United Covenant Service with our friends from St Mary's Church and the Windmill Missional Community. Please come and join the celebrations.

Village Voice archive All editions of the Village Voice have been archived on the Bottesford Living History website - follow the links at: bottesfordhistory.org.uk. A big thank you to Neil Forthey for his help and support with this project. There is also a full set of back-copies in printed form in the Community Library.

The birth of the Village Voice Belvoir Country News was last published at Belvoir High School in autumn 2001. The Village Appraisal in 2002 found that villagers wanted to hear about news, events and information, prompting a group of interested villagers to produce the first edition of the Village Voice in September 2002. This featured 'Chernobyl's Children' visiting the village and the retirement of Irene Pacey after 36 years of service to Bottesford Pre-School Play Group. The Bottesford Horticultural Show celebrated its Silver Jubilee. However, the big news was the award of a £213,000 grant from the Lottery Community Fund towards the building costs of a new Village Hall.

Village Voice 10 years ago Comparison of Issue 1 and Issue 45 (Jan/Feb 2010) reveals changes in stories, layout and advertising. Features included the refurbishing of the Scout and Guide Centre, a visit by Brown Owl Adele Glossop to Peru, Harvest Festivals, school events and football and cricket news. We also reported the launch of the new book: "Not Forgetting – Aspects of Village Life in Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston and Normanton" by the Bottesford Community Heritage Group. That book has recently been republished online on the Community History website – bottesfordhistory.org.uk. The Spotlight featured the volunteer distributors without whom the Village Voice would not reach your door!

1,000 followers One of the Village Voice's big successes is its online presence via Facebook. We now have over 1,000 followers. Thank you to Susan Meech who keeps the page so well updated, and to everyone else for your postings and contributions.

Who is our mystery guest this edition?

In November 2019, Bottesford Primary School hosted a 'Bingo' evening to raise funds for Children in Need. It was a great success. One young pupil decided to become covered in stickers. Do you recognise her? Identity to be revealed in the next edition.



Daffodils in Normanton

Residents of Normanton recently planted approximately 300 daffodil bulbs at the entrance to the village. 'Green' fingers crossed that these produce a bright and cheery display in the spring.



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Every Wed & Sat 10am – 12.30pm	Charity Shop, Old School, Main Street, Muston. Proceeds to St John's and St Mary's. Pop in for a coffee!
1st & 3rd Wed, noon	Lite Bite at the Methodist Church. Everyone welcome. £2.50.
2nd Wed, 2pm	Good Neighbour Scheme FREE film show in the Old School Room. Doors open 1.30 pm. Donation towards tea and biscuit in the interval.
2nd & 4th Wed, 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 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. Term time only.
Last Sat, 10.30—noon	Chapel Cafe at the Methodist Church.
Sundays 10am	The Vale of Belvoir Ramblers walk every week, usually on Sunday. Bring a picnic. Call 01949 836042, email vbramblers@gmail.com or website www.vbramblers.co.uk for details.
Sundays 10.30am	St Mary's Bottesford Children's Church, age 3-11 (parent/carer support needed for 3-5 year olds). Storytelling, drama, craft, singing and fun during the church service. All welcome! Contact Jo Payne 01949 843348 or Lisa Smith 07415144640.

What's On in January..

Sun 5th 10.30am	United Covenant service at Bottesford Methodist Chapel, refreshments.
Thurs 9th 7.30pm	Local History Society. Fuller Room, The Old School. Members' Evening: <i>Remembering WW2—what our parents told us</i> . Visitors welcome £2.50. Contact Sue Harding 01949 358698.
Sun 12th 4pm	Windmill Church—contemporary service with children and youth sessions, followed by hot food, cake and refreshments at Bottesford Methodist Chapel. All welcome to enjoy a Talking Rhythms faith-based drumming workshop for all ages.
Tues 21st 7.30pm	W.I. Meeting at Bottesford VC Hall. Members' Night—board games.
Sun 26th 4pm	Windmill Church—contemporary service with children and youth sessions, followed by hot food, cake and refreshments at Bottesford Methodist Chapel. All welcome—visiting guest Richard Worsfold, Archdeacon of Leicester.

...and in February

Sun 9th 4pm	Windmill Church—Bottesford Methodist Chapel. All welcome.
Thurs 13th 7.30pm	Local History Society. Fuller Room, The Old School. <i>The Luttrell Psalter—a reflection of Medieval Life</i> , Dr David Green. Visitors welcome £2.50. Contact Sue Harding 01949 358698.
Tues 18th 7.30pm	W.I. Meeting at Bottesford VC Hall. Annual Meeting.
Sun 23rd 4pm	Windmill Church—Bottesford Methodist Chapel. All welcome.

Church fair very busy

Saturday 30 November, in the annual Church Christmas Fair in St Mary's Church there were many stalls, childrens' activities and mouth-watering refreshments! Despite wintry weather, a warm, welcoming atmosphere greeted the many visitors. Thanks to all who took part and supported the event, helping to raise approximately £2000 to support the work of the church.



Poppy appeal a great success in our community

A big thank you to all collectors and donors for raising lots of money for the Royal British Legion. Among the many initiatives was the knitted doggy-poppies, provided by Kerri from Pet Barber, together with a donation of £1 for each doggy groomed. Kerri raised £64.00.

Our picture is of 'Teddy' proudly supporting the poppy-appeal. Teddy's owner is Gemma, owner of Hair Hut in Bottesford. A resident said: "It's lovely seeing the doggy-poppies around the village and knowing that even our canine friends are supporting this important cause."



Charity quiz night raises funds for the League of Friends of Grantham Hospital

A charity quiz night was recently organised for the League of Friends of Grantham Hospital at Little Jack's Farm in Bottesford. Eleven teams competed in a great quiz devised and delivered by Peter and Christine Lucas. The winners were 'Famous 5 Plus 1', and £555 was raised. The League is very grateful to Peter and Christine, and to Dawn and Martin at Little Jack's for hosting. All monies raised go towards the purchase of items for Grantham Hospital. In 2019, £40,000 worth of equipment was purchased by the League. The League celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2020. For more information, visit the League of Friends of Grantham Hospital Facebook page or e-m lofgranthamhospital@hotmail.com.

VOB Lions Bonfire Night success

After having to postpone the annual firework display, the VOB lions lit up the sky with a spectacular display on Sunday 10 November. Fortunately, the rain had stopped and the evening was crisp and cold. Perfect for such a display. A big thank you to everyone who rallied round to ensure this very popular event went ahead.

Grantham Foodbank visit

The Vale of Belvoir Lions recently visited the Grantham Foodbank. A spokesperson said: "A real pleasure to visit the Grantham Foodbank this morning to hand over a cheque to Brian Hanbury, Foodbank Co-ordinator. The amount of £1000 had been collected over several community and fund raising events organised by the club membership.

Worth reminding ourselves that this isn't considered a "Hand Out" it's a "Hand Up" for those less fortunate than ourselves and whom, in many cases, find themselves in desperate times - often through no fault of their own. Thanks to those who, in supporting our club, continue to help the wider community."

Photo-competition

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Bottesford businesswoman to run the New York Half Marathon in March 2020

Amanda Carter-Blackford has set herself a personal challenge. She has been fortunate enough to be selected to run in the New York Half Marathon on Sunday 15 March 2020.

Amanda is a therapist working in Bottesford. She is celebrating a milestone birthday in March 2020 and to celebrate this and to raise money for a cause to which she feels personally committed she has decided to take part in this event.

Says Amanda: "I have always wanted to run in this event. I have completed two half marathons in the past, but I was much younger then, so this is a challenge that will stretch my physical and mental boundaries. As a therapist and former police officer, I am aware of the impact of domestic violence on women and families. One woman in four will experience domestic violence at some point in her lifetime and two women are killed each week in England and Wales by a current or former partner. Families are broken as a result. 'Refuge' is a charity that supports women and children who have fallen victim to this crime, and I would like to raise as much money as I can through running the half marathon to assist in the work that 'Refuge' does."

You can support Amanda through her training by acknowledging her as she runs around Bottesford and by donating at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/amanda-carter25.



Bottesford FC looking for new players for the girls U9 team

Bottesford FC's u9 Girls team are looking for one or two more players to add to their successful squad who play in the Notts Girls league on Sunday mornings and train at Balderton on Monday evenings.

It is a very friendly group who would love to welcome any new players. If interested text Matt on 07540935478 for more details.

Queen Street Co-op supports Bottesford FC

Bottesford football club extend their huge thanks to the Queen Street Co-op for their support over the last few years.

With their generous funding, the club have been able to purchase two new sets of full sized steel goals and extend their car park.



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