

Bottesford Scout Group needs YOU!

Bottesford Scout Group is looking for new volunteers to help with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Volunteering is good for your well-being, and it is incredibly satisfying to help children learn new skills, gain confidence, and make friends.

The group have their own Scout Hut in the village, with a recently renovated outdoor area for gardening and campfires. The group gets involved in local community projects, have sleepovers, camp in tents, try new adventurous activities, and work towards fun badges. You could be part of this adventure!

You do not need to have been a Scout when you were younger, and you don't need to know how to put up a tent. It does not matter if you are young or old, whatever your skill set, if you could lend a hand for as little or as much time as you can spare, you are guaranteed lots of fun! As well as volunteers to help with the groups, the Scout Group are also looking for a secretary for the Scout Group Committee and a part-time caretaker/hall manger.

Contact Group Scout Leader Nick Rains for more information. 07432 571333, <u>1stbottesford@granthamscouts.org.uk</u>.





Bottesford survey – becoming carbon neutral

We reported in January this year that a group of villagers, with support from the Parish, Borough and County councillors, are exploring ways and means of building a more sustainable future. This is in collaboration with the Energy and Innovation team at Nottingham University. There was a local online seminar held on the 14 January.

Since then, one of the university researchers, Ziqi Ye, has produced a brief survey regarding our energy usage and attitude towards climate change. This is the link for the survey: <u>www.forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?</u> id=7qe9Z4D970GskTWEGCkKHlvqugzmwURBkWIHUGYYoqRUQkIQMVpKWkEzVk8xMlc4NzNQQVI5N0dXWC4u

We have also published this on our Facebook page and Ziqi has asked whether as many people as possible would complete the survey. It only takes 2 minutes, and Ziqi needs it completing as soon as possible. Please note, only complete it if you are a resident of Bottesford, Muston, Easthorpe or Normanton.

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Quiz time

If February is the shortest month, which month is the longest? Answer on the back page.

Update on The Neighbourhood Plan - referendum

The examination of the Bottesford Parish Neighbourhood Plan concluded that, subject to the acceptance of the recommendations put forward by the examiner, the Plan can proceed to referendum. This has now been confirmed.

The referendum will take place on Thursday 2 September 2021 at the Victory Commemoration Hall, Belvoir Road. Bottesford. The polling station will be open between 7am and 10pm. Please bring your own pen or pencil to mark your paper.

The proposed neighbourhood plan can be viewed at www.meltonplan.co.uk/ bottesford.

A good read

This month's two recommendations come from Sarah, a local resident.

'Diary of a Nobody' by George and Weedon Grossmith. A simple and innocent view on Victorian life which is gently amusing. It follows the daily events in the lives of a London clerk, Charles Pooter, his wife Carrie, his son William Lupin and numerous

Did you know...

The 'Diary' was originally serialised in Punch magazine before being published in book form in 1892. Critics consider this to be a classic comic novel, and it has never been out of print.

friends and acquaintances over a period of 15 months.

'The Visitors' by Miranda Rijks. A thriller about Hannah, a middle-class doctor's wife who opens a holiday rental. The 'visitors' refer to a family who rent the cottage and won't leave. 'It's a real page turner and made me cross, as I felt so much for Hannah. A fast-moving novel which has gripped me throughout.'

More about Book Groups.

It seems that reading is popular in Bottesford and the surrounding villages. There are 3 groups which are affiliated to Melton Library, which means that they can borrow sets of 10 books from there. All these groups are full.

"We find 10 is a suitable number of participants for a discussion. Also, prepandemic we met in each other's homes and not many of us can comfortably accommodate more people in one room! During the lockdown, we used Zoom, which was better than not meeting at all. However, we were abruptly shut down after 40mins which was very disconcerting! We have held our last two meetings in members' gardens and maybe as we move into Autumn we will meet indoors again."

There is a 4th group in Bottesford which has space for new members. They meet in the library on the last Thursday of the month at 10am. The next meeting is in September, so if you'd like to join, just turn up."

There are probably more groups in Muston, Easthorpe & Normanton. Let us know about your group, how it was formed and what you are reading. Here are the books members felt were an enjoyable read. All the Light we Cannot See. Anthony Doerr The Voyage of the Narwhal. Andrea Barratt On Chapel Sands. Laura Cummings Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine. Gail Honeyman. Arthur & George. Julian Barnes The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox Maggie O'Farrell, and anything by Kate Atkinson.

Solutions to litter problems

We publish a report from a regular correspondent, David, who is keen to keep our villages litter and dog-poo free. David writes: "The parish bins are emptied on Thursday mornings ONLY. Some bins are overflowing by the weekend. This happens every week.

If there were more bins it would help, but there aren't. If the bins were bigger it would help, but they are not. If the bins were emptied more often it would help, but they won't be.

When bins are overflowing we can do various things to improve the situation: (a) we can take our rubbish home and encourage others to do the same, (b) we can prod the bin contents down so that the space is maximised, (c) we can remove bulky items such as pizza boxes and large plastic bottles and dispose of them ourselves so bins don't overflow.

If you would like equipment to pick up or remove litter, please contact Bottesford Wombles on 07913 432108 and we will be delighted to supply you with litter-pickers and bag hoops. The Clay Pigeon Company Ltd have kindly donated funds to help with tidying up and we're hoping that other local businesses will do likewise.

This is a long term, team effort. Some people supply the equipment to remove litter. Some people use this equipment to remove litter. Most people help by not discarding their litter on the ground. Some people actively encourage people they know not to discard any litter. How can YOU help the team? How do we help people use the bins instead of discarding their litter? Bad areas are recreation areas, benches, anywhere where people eat or drink outdoors, and outside shops.

A message from the Bottesford Village Store: 'We hope you are enjoying our range of hot and cold food to takeaway, and our picnic tables outside the store. All we ask is you dispose of your litter thoughtfully in the bins provided. Many thanks, Rob - Store Manager.'

Let's encourage people to 'Do The Right Thing With Litter.' Appealing to consciences is more productive than alienating people. We need residents to be on OUR side. Nobody LIKES litter. Nobody thinks the place looks BETTER with litter everywhere. The village looks better WITHOUT litter. The more people who talk about litter the better. Let's keep nudging people to do the right thing and gradually our parish will become a better place to live. #prideinourparish."





Dog poo issues

Local Enforcement Officers have recently visited Bottesford and Muston, and came across some people who did not have the means to dispose of their dogs' excrement. Enforcement Officers have powers to issue on-the-spot fines of up to £100 or written warnings, and during this visit fines were issued. Please make sure you bag and bin your dog's poo to avoid a similar fine.



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Bottesford Tree Charter

There are a number of tree-planting initiatives now. This is a summary from Councillor Charles Daybell.

The Treescape Fund. Leicestershire County Council are applying for funds. If successful, this will support several projects in the Parish.

The Queen's Green Canopy. To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, schools and community groups can apply for 3 million saplings to be planted between October 2021 and December 2022.

The Woodland Creation Offer. The

Forestry Commission is proposing new grants

for farmers and landowners to plant and manage trees, and thereby create new woodlands. Funded through the Nature for Climate Fund, the target is 10,000 hectares of new woodlands.

Leicestershire County Council Shire Grant. A small grant is available for Parish Councils and Community Groups of up to £3000 to help alleviate climate change.

The Woodland Trust report on UK trees and woods. A disturbing picture of the state of our trees and the threats they face from climate change, diseases, pollution, deer infestation and human intervention. Only 7% of native woodlands are in good condition! 500 million new trees are required to meet the Government's target and to quadruple tree cover by 2050. However, tree supply is critical as only 27 million trees are available in nurseries . The need for greater bio-security to avoid disease transfer is also affecting supply.

Imperial College London report on Climate Change. A detailed report on the impact of trees and how they will react to climate change over the next 80 years. Whilst trees are a vital part of absorbing carbon (17%) soil keeps 72%. However, trees have other benefits in reducing air pollution, absorbing waterbased pollutions, helping physical and mental health – (patients recover quicker if they see trees), providing for insects and wildlife, and helping control local weather conditions.

The Woodland Trust Ancient Tree Inventory. This identifies the trees nominated by the public as being important. Bottesford parish has only two trees! There is a 'veteran' Hawthorn in Easthorpe on Castle View Road and "notable" Cherry tree on Belvoir Road. Surely there are other significant ancient trees within the parish? The Woodland Trust wants communities and volunteers to "Add a Tree." For more details visit www.ati.woodlandtrust.org.uk/.

Councillor Charles Daybell says: "Whilst we are getting coverage in the Village Voice, it is clear we need to get residents involved. I have met with 4 residents over the last month and responded to residents from Muston and Easthorpe who would like to fund some planting. I am happy to speak to everyone who wants to be involved." Contact: Cllr Charles Daybell on clerk@bottesford-pc.gov.uk.

Bottesford Garden Association postpones horticultural show Due to the continuing Covid situation and the difficulty in making the show safe for everyone, the BGA have taken the difficult decision not to hold the show this year.

A spokesperson said: "We hope to be back next year with an updated show, with a bigger focus on entrants from our local community. See you all next year."



20 years ago – the 2001 floods

Since we published last edition's article on the floods, several residents have said how the article continues to evoke powerful memories of the flood's impact. Thank you everyone who has got in touch. Two photos below from a local resident.



Halloween is nearly here

It is likely that more 'trick or treaters' will be out and about on October 31, after the lifting of the Covid-19 regulations. In previous years, there have been some brilliant carved pumpkins and other displays. The Village Voice would love to see your photos. Please send them to <u>vvadverts@hotmail.com</u>

Leicestershire County Council's IMPACT team will be trying to engage with young people in areas of the county by spreading the message to keep safe and not get involved in antisocial behaviour. A spokesperson for the team said "Halloween should be a fun event for all. We want to reassure communities that their decision to celebrate or not will be respected." <u>www.leicestershire.gov.uk/news/celebrate-safely-this-halloween</u>.

Bottesford and District Women's Institute

Tuesday 21st September – Handmade Soap, Jan Palmer Tuesday 19th October – Women and Witchcraft, Jessica Lloyd May Meetings are held in the VC Hall, Belvoir Road, Bottesford NG13 0BG from 7.30pm – 9.30pm Non-members are welcome to attend on payment of £3.50.

Bottesford Local History Society – Update

After a very long 18 months, the society's programme of local history meetings will restart on Tuesday 14th September at 7:30pm in the Village Hall, where all society meetings will now be held to give us more space, a socially distanced environment, better presentation facilities and much easier parking. September's meeting will be a talk by Peter Hammond entitled 'A Webb of Intrigue – The Story of the Webb Family at Newstead Abbey!' to be followed by a FREE raffle. What's more, no subscriptions will be payable until January 2022. Hopefully another step towards normality!

Advice for visiting the hall: do not attend if you feel unwell, sanitise their hands on entering and leaving, avoid touching surfaces and sanitise surfaces once touched, socially distance or if not possible wear a mask.

Bottesford Community Library is open

Since the relaxation of covid restrictions on July 19th, your volunteer-run village Library has been open in the old school opposite the village cross. Current opening times are: *Tuesday afternoon from 3pm to 6pm; Thursday morning from 9.30am to 12.30pm*; Saturday morning from 9.30am to 12.30pm

The library's resources include books to browse and borrow, donated books to buy, displays, photocopying, Wi-Fi and free-to-use PCs, tea and coffee. There are novels, thrillers, biographies, non-fiction, books for children of all ages, books of local interest and history, even jigsaws. You can browse and select from the online county library catalogue and your books will be delivered for you to pick up at the library.

The *Summer Reading Challenge* is still open for our younger members. *Reading Well* post-covid self-help books are available for borrowing. There is space for small groups to meet by arrangement.

Membership is free and open to all. Just drop in and join up. The library is always looking for new volunteers to help keep the library running. Please enquire at the library desk if you are interested.

Patronal Festival at St Mary's church

St Mary's Patronal Festival celebrations will take place over the weekend of 10th - 12th September.

Canon Judith Wells invites us all. She says: "Join us on Friday 10th for our Preview Night to view the wonderful arrangements created by our team of flower ladies. Tickets £5 to include a glass of wine and light refreshments, will be available from St Mary's 842859 or Judith Wells 842804 from Monday 2nd August.

On Saturday 11th teas, coffees and cakes will be available throughout the day from 10.30am, and on Sunday 12th, Eleri Bristow from the Methodist Church will be the guest speaker at our special Morning Worship."



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Let's chat with Michael

We had a note from Wendy, who lives in Normanton. Michael is Wendy's dad, and he is 86 'years young'. He returned to England in November 2020 following the sad passing of his partner. Michael is not very mobile, cannot drive anymore, is blind in one eye and has poor vision in the other. But Michael loves to chat.

Wendy has started to organise a chat group for her dad at their home in Normanton. Michael would love to have some company and if you are available for a tea, coffee and chat please give Wendy a call on 07702035619. She will let you know when she can arrange another chat session for her dad. Both Wendy and Michael are double vaccinated. Please feel free to wear a mask and keep a safe distance apart. Wendy has hand sanitiser and will use disposable cups for safety.

More details on Michael in the November-December edition.

What's On page in The Village Voice

The Village Voice used to have a section dedicated to 'What's On' within our 4 villages. Since the pandemic stopped a lot of activities, we have not been able to publish anything for 18 months. However, now there are lots of events recommencing.

If you would like your event included, we can accept charity, not-for-profit, and club and society events together with occasional adult or family learning events organised by LCC. We prioritise space for things in the parish over events in the Vale. We cannot include commercial events in the 'What's On,' but you are welcome to take out an advert for these – our rates are competitive!

There was also a separate section for regular events such as whist drives and book clubs etc. that occur every week at the same time. If you would like that to continue, we will need updated details from you

In terms of information needed, aside from date, time and venue, a little bit about the event, price of any tickets/entry and who to contact, where to look for more information is always helpful. Please contact Heather on <u>hstokes64@btinternet.com</u>. Deadlines for the November-December 'What's On' is the 27 September 2021.

Recycling centre temporarily closed



At the time of writing (16/8/21) the Bottesford Recycling and Household Waste Site will be temporarily closed due to the national shortage of lorry drivers. Somerby Recycling and Household Waste Site is also closed for two weeks due to preplanned maintenance.

It is recommended residents use Melton Recycling and Household Waste Site, Lake Terrace,

Melton Mowbray, LE13 OBZ. Opening hours for this site are Thursday to Monday between 9am and 6pm. Residents can also visit recycling centres in Barwell, Coalville, Kibworth, Lount, Loughborough, Lutterworth, Market Harborough, Mountsorrel and Oadby all of which remain open and are operating as normal.

Poppy Appeal needs volunteers

Can you help with door-to-door collections for the annual British Legion Poppy Appeal? The collections will start on 30 October 2021 and run for two weeks. You do not have to go out every day! Any help will be gratefully received.



For further information please contact Anne Ablewhite on 01949842259.

10 years back - It happened in 2011

This was the year that The Friends of St Mary's was launched. And it is still going strong now! It is an independent charity and separate from the PCC. The purpose of the 'Friends' is to help maintain the church buildings and grounds so they can be a point of focus for all residents and visitors, whether religious or not.

Other events were the 'Vale's Got Talent' competition held at Radcliffe on Trent in September and October 2011. Did anyone enter? Do you know who won? If so, drop us a line at vvadverts@hotmail.com

The Friends of Bottesford Primary School launched 20 years ago this month! Also going strong, (see the Bottesford 'bonza' garage sale below.) And finally, back to 2011. This was the year that Bottesford Football club moved to its new site.

Bottesford 'bonza' garage sale trail to support the Friends of Bottesford **Primary School**

The Friends of Bottesford Primary School are organising a garage sale trail around our community. The garage sale will encourage people to go on a trail around the villages with people setting up stalls on their own driveways or gardens. There will be some games and refreshments available on the route too.

The Friends will be producing a map showing the locations of the stalls. This will be available free to download from Friends of Bottesford Primary School Facebook page. There will also be a limited number

of paper copies available for £1 on the day from the stall outside Bottesford Primary School. Bookings now being taken for stalls at £10 each. All enquiries to Emma at friendsofbottesfordprimary@gmail.com.

Schools return

The primary and secondary schools returned during the week of 23 August. On behalf of The Village Voice, we hope that all pupils, parents, teachers and staff have a much less disruptive academic year than last year.

Dove Cottage Hospice Melton Mowbray has some great dressing up clothes

Whether your child loves to dress as a knight, Darth Vader, Anna or Elsa, Melton Mowbray children's shop has a wide selection of dressing up costumes. They also have school uniform bargains and clothing is half price at the moment! Enquires 01664 481925.



The autumn equinox will be on the 22 September. It is an astronomical event when the sun is directly over the Equator. It is known as the spring (or vernal) equinox) in the southern hemisphere.

Whilst our days have been getting shorter by 2 minutes every day since mid-June, the autumn equinox is the point when daylight and darkness is the same length.

The term 'equinox' derives from the Latin words aequi, which means 'equal,' and nox which means 'night.'



50p

£10 per stall - all stalls will appear on our map Proceeds from stall bookings will support the children of Bottesford Primary School. Money made on the stall will be yours to keep.

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Answer to quiz question on page 2

The longest month is October. This is because British Summertime ends on October 31, and we put the clocks back. This gives us an extra hour in the month, a nice sleep in on Sunday morning and extra time to get ready for Halloween!

The River Trent descent. Lawrence and Bob's great adventure - a fantastic effort raising funds for British Heart Foundation



Two blokes, one kayak, one pair of running shoes - 6 days, 6 counties, 600km for the BHF's 60th birthday!!

"We set ourselves the challenge of travelling the length of the river Trent under our own steam. Starting in Staffordshire, Bob to kayak, and me running, covering 600km between us over 6 days beginning on 19th June. Please support us and help us reach our £6,000 target for the BHF's 60th birthday! Why?

After canoeing down the River Wye a few years ago Bob and I decided to try something a bit more ambitious. When he suggested the River Trent from its source near Stoke, through Burton and Nottingham, and ending up 300km later at the Humber estuary it sounded like an innovative idea.

Bob then showed me the new single person kayak he'd bought. My initial reaction was: "There's only room for one in that - what do you want me to do, run alongside you?!" And then 10 minutes later I thought how great the idea of running 180 miles in a week sounded, and what an opportunity to see parts of the country that I really don't know. From then on, it was a matter of 'when' and 'how' rather than 'should we or not.'

The fact that both of us have lost close relatives to heart disease made it an easy decision to take this opportunity to raise money for the British Heart Foundation to help fund world-class research into heart and circulatory disease, and to provide outstanding information and support for people affected by it."

To donate, please visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thetrentdescent

An evening with Mark Crossley – Saturday 2 October at

7pm Bottesford Football Club are hosting an evening with ex -Nottingham Forest goal-keeper Mark Crossley. There will be a two-course dinner provided by Paul's restaurant, comedy from Lea Roberts and a sporting memorabilia auction and raffle. Tickets £35.00 per person. Please contact Chris Millard on 07977 055192.





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