



Village Voice

The newsletter of Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston & Normanton

Local pupil creates sensory garden at Belvoir High School

Clem Beardmore developed an extremely rare neurological condition when he was aged 6 years. He started to struggle with balance and coordination, almost overnight, and became quite poorly. He now struggles with his fine motor skills too. Four years of genetic testing drew a blank as to the cause and Clem's trip to Seattle for assessment was halted last year due to Covid.

But Clem is always positive, and his glass is always half full. He loves charity work and raising money. He has done 'steps challenges' for The Dogs Trust and a swimathon for a school in Gambia. When he joined Belvoir Academy, he joined the Gardening Club and soon was keen to develop an unused piece of land near the new pastoral hub. Walking home one day, he suggested a sensory garden to his mum and since December last year Clem has raised over £7,000 for the garden. A big 'thank you' to every individual who has donated, together with the Parish Council, the church, and the local rotary.

Clem was particularly touched by Mrs Watson. Her daughter, Anna, sadly lost her battle with cancer in September 2020, and was a student at the school. Mrs Watson made a financial donation as Anna would have loved the garden. Clem decided to buy a bench for Anna and create a butterfly memorial area for her. He has sourced a beautiful arbour seat and it will face a water wall – a calm and reflective area for students.

Alan Mason, former BBC gardener, has helped Clem with the design and digging, and layout began during half-term. The garden is an evolving project, and the aim is to develop several areas within the school to include

new picnic benches, an eating area, a wild area where hedgehogs, field mice and birds can dwell. Clem's ideas know no bounds!



Clem's mum, Kate said: "We are still looking for financial support and donations are always appreciated. We know a lot of people have promised items already and Clem is grateful for all who has supported him so far." If you are inspired to be involved, contact Kate at katebeardmore50@outlook.com.



Carbon neutral special edition – see centre pages!

We are delighted to publish a special report from Bottesford Net Zero. See centre pages.

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Parish Council matters

The Parish Council (PC) would like to thank everyone who has supported the vulnerable and isolated throughout 2021. Although there are still obstacles, the PC have taken steps to return some normality and would like to update residents on their ongoing work.

Allotments. The PC manages 84 allotment plots over 4 sites. Thank you to all plot holders for their work in these areas which contribute so much to our environment.

Play Areas. The PC is responsible for the upkeep of five play areas. The equipment is checked weekly. The Council hopes to obtain contributions from developers to increase play provision in the future.

Green Spaces and Verges. Contractors maintain several verges and green spaces. The PC recognise that some areas are appropriate for wildlife and are not mown.

Street Lighting. The PC maintain 94 streetlamps throughout Bottesford. **Bins and Benches.** There are over 70 litter bins and almost 40 dog waste bins around the parish. The PC is aware that bins fill up quickly and are hoping to increase numbers. **Defibrillators.** There are 8 defibrillators monitored and maintained by the PC.

In addition, the PC represents residents in several ways: planning applications, which are all scrutinised and commented upon, road-safety issues to petition the Highways Authority, and all its dealings with other local government agencies, particularly Melton Borough and Leicestershire County Council.

The PC is also instrumental in creating and promoting a vision for our community. This includes the Neighbourhood Plan, the Tree Charter, climate change and carbon zero initiatives (see centre pages), litter-picking, recreation issues, the youth-club.

If you are interested in finding out more about the work of the PC, you would be welcomed at their monthly meetings. To get more involved, the PC is looking for volunteers to help with the Advisory Committee on Planning Matters or to maintain a Village Planter (thank you to the Bottesford Women's Institute for its fabulous work on the planter by the Co-op on Queen Street), or any other aspect of the Council's work.

They are particularly looking for people who could help with the maintenance of the sensory garden on Grantham Road. In addition, the PC would love to hear from you with ideas to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.

Finally, the PC would like to thank the volunteer flood warden who recently stepped down from this role. Flood wardens play a crucial role in helping to protect our community, addressing flood risks and resilience measures. If you are interested in becoming a flood warden, or for any other information, contact the Clerk at clerk@bottesford-pc.gov.uk or call 01949 222478. Alternatively, drop into the parish office between 10am and 1pm on a Tuesday or Thursday.

Big Knit 'thank you' letter

A 'thank you' letter has been received from Age UK Leicestershire & Rutland. It said: "Thank you so much for sending us your wonderful hats, the designs are amazing, and we are on track to reach our 74,000 target for this campaign." The knitters of Bottesford have raised more than £18,000 for Age UK Leicestershire & Rutland. The people at Innocent have agreed to extend the deadline to JUNE 2022, so keep knitting!

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having a meal at the Staunton Arms, going to the pantomime at Grantham, and (as requested by the girls) having 75 birthday cakes!"

If you are interested in joining the Brownie pack visit

www.girlguiding.org.uk.

Bottesford Methodist Church

Members and friends of the church which is tucked in the corner of Devon Lane recently welcomed their new minister, the Rev. Neil Maynard.

Neil and his wife Alison moved into their new home, the manse next door to Harrowby Lane Methodist Church in Grantham, a few months ago. Neil is responsible for the Methodist churches, and their communities at Colsterworth, Great Gonerby, Harrowby Lane in Grantham, Skellington, and Bottesford. All part of the Grantham and Vale of Belvoir Methodist Circuit.

Neil is keen to meet everyone and develop a sincere approach to worship and friendship. Many weekday activities take place in the hall at the back of the church in Bottesford. Hullabaloo, a group for pre-school children and those who care for them, meet at 9.30am every Thursday during term-time. The Friendship Club meets every two weeks on a Thursday afternoon, and U3A offers a variety of interests too. Sunday Worship is at 10.30am followed by coffee and chat.

The Rev. Neil Maynard can be contacted on 01476 564191 or by e-mail: neil.maynard@methodist.org.uk.

Stunning firework display by Vale of Belvoir Lions

There was a stunning firework display on November 5 as Bottesford welcomed the return of the VOB Lions Bonfire Night display. A huge thank you to all involved in the display, which had become a particular challenge due to the global shortage of fireworks this year.



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Bottesford Local History Society Resume Meetings

We received the following report from BLHS:

"It was with a sense of returning to normal life that Bottesford Local History Society resumed their monthly meetings in September at the Village Hall. This new venue allows more space for social distancing and has been a great success.

The first talk was incredibly well attended. Author Adrian Gray, who wrote 'East Coast Main Line Disasters', explained how early accidents influenced the improvement of rail safety. October's meeting by David Green gave members an insight into the fascinating medieval world of The Luttrell Psalter – a unique illuminated manuscript commissioned by Sir Geoffrey Luttrell around 1330.

This was followed in November by Paul Smith, who presented a thoroughly enthralling account of Thomas Cook and Victorian Tourism. Paul was the archivist at Thomas Cook for two decades, and his illustrated talk showed how Thomas Cook and his son John Mason Cook made travel easier, cheaper and safer for millions of Britons in the Victorian era.

As this goes to print, we are looking forward to our Christmas meeting when Bob Massey treats us to a talk entitled A Traditional Christmas, looking at how British traditions at Christmas came about.

Bottesford Local History Society meets at 7:30pm in the Village Hall on the second Tuesday monthly. The January meeting (11th) will begin with a short AGM followed by a talk by Sue Dunsmore entitled 'What The Methodists Did For Us'. New members and visitors always welcome. Any queries contact Sue Harding on 01949 358698."

Friends of Bottesford Primary School

The Friends of Bottesford Primary School are delighted that they have been chosen to benefit from the Co-op Local Community Fund. A spokesperson for The Friends said: "As I'm sure you know, the last 18 months have been really challenging for small, charitable groups like ours. The pandemic has drastically affected our fundraising efforts, so the school is very grateful to have this partnership with the Co-op on Queen Street.



We're urging local Co-op members to choose us as their cause so we can raise funds to buy utensils for a cookery club at the school. Each class has access to a raised bed in which they will grow their own fruit and veg.

The project also provides opportunities for volunteers to engage with our school, build relationships across the community and generations, whilst encouraging the children to develop skills and knowledge around healthy eating, food preparation and meal planning."

Co-op members can select the Friends by visiting www.membership.coop.co.uk/causes/62211.

The Village Voice is delighted to publish the following report received from Herbert Daybell and Bottesford Net Zero group.

Bottesford's Net Zero Journey

The climate crisis is something everyone has heard about, most recently through COP26 in Glasgow. In the UK, 314 local councils have already declared a climate emergency. Bottesford Net Zero is a group of locals who have taken the first steps to think through how our parish: Bottesford, Normanton, Easthorpe and Muston, can face the challenges of climate change.

Bottesford Net Zero began by initiating communication with Nottingham University who invited them to a webinar with 41 attendees to explore existing grants and advice about what is available for businesses to help them become more sustainable. Three Masters students of Environmental Leadership and Management spent last summer analysing how we could reduce our carbon footprint. This has resulted in a unique, up-to-date focus on our four villages. What follows is a summary of the MSc reports.

The first report

The first report set out to understand residents' attitudes to climate change, carbon neutrality and energy conservation. Initially, a survey of 60 residents was conducted. The following is taken from that survey and gives an insight into current views.

90% thought global warming was entirely or partially caused by human activity.

51% did quite a few things that are environmentally friendly and 17% do most things that are environmentally friendly.

93% said they were willing to do a bit or a lot more for the environment.

41% thought industry was responsible for taking action towards becoming carbon neutral and 30% thought national government.

61% of housing stock was built before 2000 and these had the highest proportion with no solar, wind or other domestic 'green' electricity generation.

93% said there should be some rewards for the low carbon activity.

In addition, there were split opinions regarding the barriers to switching to carbon neutral. For example, lack of knowledge, lack of policy, lack of technology or lack of funds.

While some thought they were already taking sufficient action, others commented on the restrictions that limited them when considering new energy efficiency measures. Some said they had no option but to pay for expensive oil central heating while those living in older homes were restricted by the nature of the buildings themselves.

One of the most important restrictions in reducing emissions was the expense for individuals, whether in terms of moving to a more energy efficient home or buying an electric vehicle. While some were aware of how to make changes, others were willing but confused over what to do. Some were unsure as to what incentives existed and who bore the greatest responsibility – householders, businesses or government. Some said there needed to be more education on green matters, while others were cynical about the government's commitment.

In the light of the survey, the report proposed a mix of strategies involving economics, technology and carbon sink for the community to achieve carbon neutrality, especially for Bottesford:

Green credit business exists to promote the flow of funds from highly polluting, inefficient enterprises to more environmental-friendly enterprises.

Payment for ecosystem services (PES) is a key mechanism for meeting offset standards. PES partnerships have already been established with many rural communities to provide carbon offset projects, for example for farmers. Bottesford, as a rural

community, could adopt such schemes to develop emission reduction projects and carbon sequestration.

A carbon tax – a kind of ‘pollution’ tax - is levied on countries and enterprises using oil, natural gas, methane and coal. Energy derivatives with funds are then directed towards greener energy systems.

Renewable energy (from solar, wind, tidal) has the best carbon offset effect, followed by energy efficiency projects and tree planting. For Bottesford, the area is suitable for wind turbines (although these were previously rejected at a planning stage). The area is deemed appropriate for solar panels, and the researcher recommended ‘tracker solar panels’ due to the cloud cover we experience.

Energy efficiency projects aim to reduce energy consumption by increasing the energy efficiency of facilities. In the Bottesford area, the use of energy-saving LED bulbs to replace ordinary incandescent bulbs will reduce energy consumption (creating between 50% to 90% savings). These changes are easy to implement.

Tree planting is one of the best ways of reducing emissions. This protects plant diversity and creates a sink for carbon dioxide. Introducing native broadleaf woodlands in Bottesford could help achieve carbon neutrality. The researcher suggested the Woodland Trust could help with deciding what trees should be planted and where.

The second report

The second report assumed there are around 1,396 households in Bottesford area and that around 27,916 tonnes of CO₂ are produced here each year (research through the ‘Community carbon calculator,’ Impact Tool, 2021). This report focused on the effects of tree planting and found that converting existing land to mixed broadleaf forests (by applying three different scenarios) would reduce emissions (see below).

Bottesford Parish Council has already adopted a Tree Charter with conservation of existing trees and hedgerows and planned planting of new trees of the right species in the right places. The Neighbourhood Plan (2020) has identified several Significant Green Gaps (SGGs) across Bottesford, which show potential for woodland expansion through afforestation and reforestation.

Bottesford’s parish is 2,651 hectares (ha). Land used for arable and horticulture covers 1,878 ha (70.8%) of the total. Grassland covers 543 ha (20.5%) of the total. The suburban area covers 179 ha (6.8%), and the smallest area is broadleaved woodland, with 51 ha (1.9%). The following image shows the map used by the researcher in her analysis of three scenarios of carbon capture.

To predict the net carbon benefits that could result from these woodlands, the report assessed the area and type of the current land cover and explored three different scenarios. The carbon uptake and storage potential needed to reach net zero emissions was assessed by the ‘Woodland Carbon Code’. The table below shows the potential amount of carbon that could be sequestered (see woodlandcarboncode.org.uk).

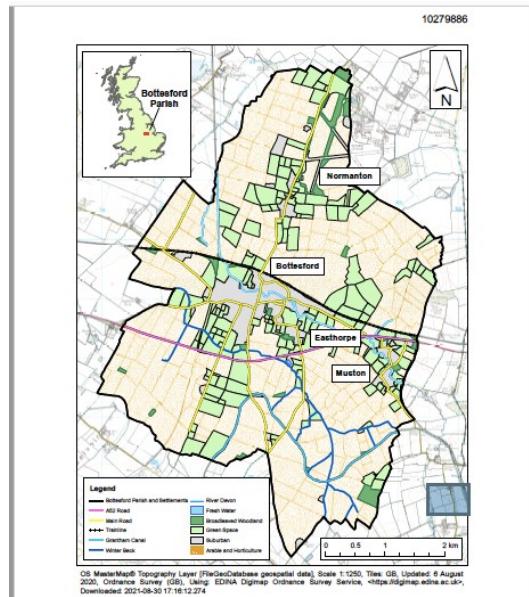
Parish Map of Bottesford indicating 3 habitats, as used in Jordan’s report, 2021.



*Extract from
solarandbatteryscheme.co.uk.
Accessed: 2 December 2022.*



Trees local to Bottesford. Harriet Edwards, 2021



Type of land selected for analysis	Potential area in hectares and % of total Bottesford land area	Potential tCO2e sequestered in 10 years (approx. 2030)	Potential tCO2e sequestered in 20 years (approx. 2040)	Potential tCO2e sequestered in 50 years (approx. 2070)
Significant green gaps	167 hectares 6.3% of whole area	1,200	17,432	67,089
50% of current green space	272 hectares 10% of whole area	1,955	28,393	109,271
25% arable & horticultural land	448 hectares 17% of whole area	3,636	48,853	188,010

The above is a much-simplified summation of the detailed analyses of the researcher. However, tree planting can provide a significant contribution towards Bottesford reaching their net zero target. This is dependent on whether landowners, the community and the council are willing.

There are other benefits from tree planting such as reduction of flooding, the improvement of water quality and biodiversity, and the well-being of all Bottesford residents. It is clear for Bottesford to reach the Parish Council aim of becoming carbon neutral by 2030, additional ways to reduce carbon emissions must be explored.

The third report

The third report set out to understand how people in Bottesford communicate with one another and how Bottesford Net Zero and Bottesford residents could improve communication regarding reaching carbon net zero. As well as promoting local activities, we could also promote national and global developments, making the community reactive to opportunities from outside the village.

This survey of Bottesford residents showed that local businesses had great importance as social cores where people meet and socialise. They are places where spontaneous conversations cement existing relationships and create new ones, making Bottesford more interconnected as a whole. The businesses need to balance sustainable practices with creating profit, especially in the recovery stage following the COVID-19 pandemic.

So, it is vital to create ‘win-win’ solutions for local businesses, to aid the transformative capacity of Bottesford whilst still securing the future of these businesses looking to amend their carbon footprints. Small, local businesses are nimbler and more flexible compared to larger firms, and more able to evaluate new processes, practices, and products to make their businesses more sustainable. Bottesford is in a strong position to make a difference.

One proposal is to promote food miles of products sold in village outlets. For example, a restaurant could advertise the lowest food miles option on its menu as the ‘green’ option. This could reduce carbon output by changing consumption patterns as residents purchase the options with reduced food miles. Secondly, it would create awareness of the broader issue of food miles and change consumption patterns as part of a wider culture shift. It could encourage people to question their day-to-day impact on the environment and their own personal carbon output.

In the longer term, a move towards local forms of production and consumption, and a culture where people question what they buy would significantly aid the transformative capacity and resilience of Bottesford to outside shocks, whilst reducing the carbon output of the village.

Other suggestions

‘Too Good To Go’

Bottesford could reduce its food waste by using the anti-food waste app ‘Too Good To Go’. This combines the dual factors of consumer interest in fighting food waste with supporting local restaurants and grocery stores. This would reduce carbon outputs from food waste in a way that is intuitive and suits the heavily localised and dynamic social network within Bottesford.

Oil sharing

Another example is an oil sharing scheme, where local people band together to buy their cooking oil in bulk from local farms. This would benefit the farms, the local people and the environment.

In summary

The reports found enthusiasm for promoting sustainable techniques, and interest in forming a group to discuss and promote sustainable actions.

To achieve this, the creation of a logo/design synonymous with the Bottesford Net Zero group plus a presence on social media sites is needed. This would extend the ‘net zero’ conversation to those who have recently moved to the village, young professional adults below the age of 40, and elderly people. These latter two groups having expressed concerns about being ‘left out of the loop’.

Interviews with people connected to all Bottesford schools showed there was significant interest in a partnership with a carbon net zero group, and that they were passionate about environmental issues. It is vital to educate children on the importance of reducing their carbon emissions and protecting the environment if Bottesford is to become sustainable and reach the goal of carbon net zero.

Throughout the 38 interviews for the report, people across a range of ages recommended the use of a variety of social media as well as the Village Voice to communicate views and events towards a more sustainable future.

So, Bottesford Net Zero has listened to these findings. With these insights from the three researchers, we have a unique picture of how Bottesford can go forward. Now it is up to you. Please get in touch and let us know how you would like to be involved in our journey to net zero and specifically, if you are interested in any of the following:

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Thank you

With many thanks to the three MSc students: Thomas Bell, Ziqi Ye and Jordan Harrison whose work has been so insightful. And special thanks also to their professor, Dr. Chris Ives, Programme Director for the Masters in Environmental Leadership and Management at The School of Geography, Nottingham University.

This has been a practical example of academics working with local businesses and communities. Full copies of the Masters' reports can be viewed in Bottesford Village library.

Vectare buses established in Bottesford



Vectare buses began operating in the area in May 2019 when they won the tender to operate Nottinghamshire County Council service 833 from Bingham around the Vale of Belvoir.

Vectare began serving Bottesford in February 2021 with a peak time only service. This was expanded in June 2021 as more resource became available post covid. The

service now offers a regular service, with the first bus arriving into Grantham at 07:50 and the last departure at 18:19. The service also runs every 1-2 hours on a Saturday. They also run Service 93 which operates hourly from Bingham via Whatton and Bottesford to Grantham.

The bus company have invested a lot in the service and passengers experience leather seats, air-con, USB chargers, seatbelts and contactless payments. A local resident said: "All local buses and train routes need passengers to make services viable. Using public transport helps our environment and keeps cars off the roads.

Local entrepreneur 'rejuvenates' our residents.

Local resident, Jane Bingham, has set up a well-being service in Bottesford. The Village Voice wanted to hear Jane's story. "I'm Jane Bingham and I run 'rejuvenate', providing holistic well-being treatments for ladies in the tranquil setting of a garden room on High Street in Bottesford.

My husband John and I moved into Bottesford 8 years ago. We have two sons: William is loving life as a year 7 at Belvoir High School and our youngest Tom is very happy at the primary school. He is animal crackers and is well known locally for stopping dog owners to fuss their pet! You will often see us walking our own dog Barney around the village, paddling in the river, watching the peregrines or metal detecting in the hope of finding real treasure. We feel very blessed to be part of this wonderful village and intend to make this our forever home.

Starting 'rejuvenate' is a new career for me. I trained in holistic therapies in 2019, having spent more than 25 happy years in the world of animal health and nutrition, working for Mars Petcare. Originally a veterinary nurse, I then worked in various marketing, corporate affairs, and scientific communication roles.

I have always been interested in holistic and alternative therapies and studied reflexology some time ago to help my youngest son with health issues. Being self-employed has allowed me to work the hours that suit family life. I feel privileged to be meeting so many wonderful people, doing treatments that I love and being at home in this idyllic village. Thank you to everyone who has supported me in the launch of 'rejuvenate.'

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Every piece of litter dropped makes the place look worse, not better. Rubbish doesn't magically disappear. People pick it up. These people don't do it for fun. They do it because they're community-spirited. They'd be over the moon if there was no litter for them to pick up. When you're walking or driving through the village, please don't leave it messier than you found it. Do the right thing - HELP MAKE BOTTESFORD CLEANER.

For more information, please contact the Bottesford Wombles on Facebook or on 07913 432108.

Group Captain John Francis Tufnell Barret DFC, DSO and Bar



It is eighty years since Group Captain John Francis Tufnell Barret, DFC, DSO and Bar, was lost over Berlin on 2 September 1941. He joined the RFC in 1917 and remained in active service until his death alongside all the aircrew when his Lancaster was hit by flak. At the time he was in command of RAF Driffield and had joined the Berlin raid as a passenger to boost morale!

He and his sister Margaret were born at Pleasley near Mansfield but brought up at Muston Rectory by their bachelor uncle, Reverend Francis Tufnell Barret, and his sister Edith.

Margaret was a talented musician and artist, church organist, and active in the Girl Guides. She died in 1924 aged only 27. John, her younger brother, flew in the First World War, then remained with the RAF through the inter-war years, gaining his DSO in April 1928 in Iraq when he landed his Airco DH9A biplane, under fire, to rescue another pilot, then took off with bullets flying past.

In 1938, he gained promotion to Wing Commander, then in 1940 to Group Captain. The only photo of him we have found is this tiny snapshot taken during the King's Cup air race in 1930. We also found a picture of Margaret in uniform, presumably during the First World War, though we are unsure what the uniform was or the service she performed – can anyone help? To read more go to www.bottesfordhistory.org.uk search for 'tufnell barrett' and follow the links.



St Mary's Choir looking for new members.

Do you enjoy singing? Are you looking for a new hobby? Then St. Mary's Choir may be for you. They are a well-established, friendly bunch who sing four-part harmony choral and sacred music every Thursday evening from 7.30pm in the church.

A spokesperson said: "We lead the choral worship at Sunday services in St. Mary's and at weddings and occasionally perform at concerts. We welcome new members of any age. If you are interested in joining the choir or would like to find out more, contact Pamela at the church office on 01949 842859 or stmbottesford@gmail.co.

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What's On... regular events	
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Sundays, 10am	Members of the Vale of Belvoir Ramblers walk every week in the local area and further afield in the East Midlands. Our selection of walks is chosen to suit all abilities and interests. All walks start at 10:00. Call 01949 836042 or email vbramblers@gmail.com for a Walks Programme or go to our website at http://www.vbramblers.org for more details.
What's On... in January	
Tues 11th, 7.30pm, VC Hall	Bottesford Local History Society. Mini AGM. "What the Primitive Methodists did for Us"— Sue Dunsmore.
Tues 18th, 7.30pm, VC Hall	Bottesford and District WI. Seated Exercise—June Pedge.
What's On... in February	
Tues 8th, 2–4pm, VC Hall	Vale of Belvoir u3a. "The six wives of Henry VIII" - Jean Townsend. Visitors £2, including refreshment.
Tues 8th, 7.30pm, VC Hall	Bottesford Local History Society. "The Grantham Canal—another world"— Rosemary Gibson.
Tues 15th, 7.30pm, VC Hall	Bottesford and District WI Annual Meeting.

Remembrance Day

There were some beautiful Remembrance Day memorials around our villages. A big thank you to Rachel Hall who knitted the poppies which adorned The Bull, the Village Cross in Bottesford, and the wooden sign in Normanton. Rachel would love to hear from anyone who would like to help with the creation of the poppies for next year, so she can expand the displays. If interested, drop a line to vvadverts@hotmail.com.

Below is a selection of photos from around our community.



Grown in Bottesford – plants that make you happy

Vale Microgreens is a new local business growing a range of different microgreens which are delivered for free at £3.00 per tub.



The Village Voice caught up with the owners: "One evening my partner and I were watching a

David Attenborough documentary about climate change and the gloomy direction in which the world is heading. The programme mentioned 'vertical farming' which helps reduce global emissions. From this, we learnt about 'microgreens': harvesting a vegetable before it was fully mature. For example, let a broccoli seed grow for only 10 days and then harvest as a shoot rather than developing into a full broccoli. Not only are the microgreens full of flavour and colour but they also are packed with nutrients. Up to 40 times more than the developed vegetable.

We started to grow microgreens for ourselves which led to sharing with friends and family. We then decided to approach restaurants in the village. The feedback from restaurants and villagers has been overwhelming. Even local chickens are happy as they get to enjoy the harvested trays."

For more details contact valemicrogreens.co.uk or call 07763695433.

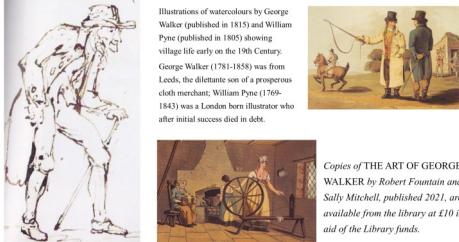
Exhibition of prints

Bottesford Village Library has hosted a fascinating exhibition of illustrations of prints published by George Walker in 1815 and William Pyne in 1805. They show village life in the 19th century - the years before factories put an end to cottage industries and brought in the period of the Luddites.

The display is mostly drawn from Robert Fountain and Sally Mitchell's new book THE ART OF GEORGE WALKER, published in 2021. George Walker (1781-1858) was from Leeds, the dilettante son of a prosperous cloth merchant. William Pyne (1769-1843) was a London born illustrator who, after initial success, died in debt. This beautiful book is available to buy for £10 at the library, profits going to support the Bottesford Village Library. The library is open Tuesday 3pm-6pm, Thursday 9:30am-12:30pm and Saturday 9:30am-12:30pm. There is no charge, and you don't have to be a library member to call in and see what it has to offer.

VILLAGE LIFE 200 YEARS AGO

ON DISPLAY IN BOTTESFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Illustrations of watercolours by George Walker (published in 1815) and William Pyne (published in 1805) showing village life early on the 19th Century. George Walker (1781-1858) was from Leeds, the dilettante son of a prosperous cloth merchant. William Pyne (1769-1843) was a London born illustrator who, after initial success, died in debt.

Copies of THE ART OF GEORGE WALKER by Robert Fountain and Sally Mitchell, published 2021, are available from the library at £10 in aid of the Library funds.

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