

Village Guide 2015-16

Welcome

We hope that you enjoy using the Village Guide for Bottesford, Easthorpe, Normanton and Muston. The Village Voice group has produced this Guide and we hope that you will find it useful. Why not join one of the groups mentioned? If your Group is not listed then please get in touch so that we can update the website and include you in the next issue. Information has been provided to us by members of the Groups listed. The Village Voice group accepts no responsibility for any inaccuracies or consequences which may arise from them. To contact the Village Voice Committee, email: vv@bottesford.org.uk.

Clubs/Groups

American Square Dancing

At Allington Village Hall, Tuesday 7.45 pm.
Beginners welcome, contact G. Pedge on 842619 or J. Grummitt on 01400 281497.

Bell ringers - St Mary's Church, Bottesford

The group meets to ring the bells for church services, national and local events and to promote the art of Change Ringing. Practice night - Wednesdays 7.45 to 9.00 pm Service ringing - Sundays 10.00 to 10.30 am.

Tel: David Jones on 843634 or email jones.family2@tiscali.co.uk

Bottesford Parish 1st World War Centenary Project (HLF funded)

and Community Heritage Project manage the website www.bottesfordhistory.org.uk, maintain the local history noticeboard by the Co-op and publish material on local

history, in conjunction with the Local History Society. Membership is open to all.

Contact: David Middleton on 842215, Neil Forley on 843320, or email info@bottesfordhistory.org.uk

Bottesford and District Gardens Association.

The group runs a shop on Grantham Road, opposite Easthorpe Road, open on Sundays 9.30 am to 11.00 am. (not December or January) and Wednesdays 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm in May and June. Seeds, compost and garden sundries available. Profits help fund the Annual Show. If you would like to join, speak to one of the helpful committee members in the shop or contact John Ronan on 842773.

Bottesford Flood Warden

The flood warden is appointed by the Parish Council to liaise with the various agencies to advise on and alleviate the effects of flooding. For advice on flooding

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issues contact Peter Sheardown on 844591, 0750 2933526 or email apsheardown@talktalk.net

Bottesford Local History Society

The group endeavours to promote awareness of local heritage within Bottesford and surrounding areas. Local knowledge is shared and debated by members. Guest speakers are also invited. They meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month - Sept to June - in the Fuller Room at 7.30pm. Tel: Peggy Topps on 842228 or ptopps@talktalk.net

Bottesford Parish Neighbourhood Watch

Help the police fight crime & anti-social behaviour: get involved with the NHW wherever you live in the Parish. A network of Area Coordinators/Street Contacts helps provide a two-way flow of information/assistance, supplemented by a rapid e-mail alert facility. For information contact the principal NHW co-coordinator John Shilton on 07725636626 or email JohnS@BottesfordParishNHW.org.uk



Bottesford Parish Good Neighbour Scheme

The scheme makes use of volunteers to support people from our

community in a number of ways. This support can take the form of transport, household tasks, companionship and befriending, gardening, practical support after illness, letter-writing and form-filling... and more.... just call us. 07849 311740.

Available Monday to Friday, 9 am – 5 pm
www.bottesfordgns.org.uk

East Midlands Orchid Society

Meets 3rd Sunday each month, at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall, non-members welcome. Contact Mike Armstrong on 842668 or mikandra@tiscali.co.uk

Friends of Bottesford Primary School

A gathering of parents, friends and staff working to raise funds for the school. Contact Deborah McCahon deborahmccahon@yahoo.co.uk or the Primary School office on 842224.

Friends Of Chernobyl's Children

This group aims to improve the lives of as many children as possible living near Chernobyl by inviting them here for a month each summer. For more information about hosting or helping the children please contact Helen Sewell on 844072, 07751029610 or email Helen-34@hotmail.co.uk

Friends of St Mary's Bottesford

The 'Friends' is a charity whose funds are used solely for the maintenance, beautification and upkeep of our Grade 1 Listed church building and churchyard. The Friends organises a variety of fundraising events including concerts, quiz evenings and exhibitions. They welcome members of all faiths or none, who wish to ensure our beautiful building stands at the centre of our community for another 900 years. By joining, as well as contributing to the funds of the charity, you are entitled to discounts at Friends' events. Enquiries to the Membership Secretary, Anne Ablewhite 842259.

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Knit and Natter

The group meets every Friday afternoon at Warwick Flats from 1.15 to 3.00 pm and knits for various charitable causes. New knitters are very welcome but if you just fancy a chat, you are still welcome. Contact Chris Fisher on 843592 for more information.

Mothers' Union

The purpose of the Mothers' Union is to be specially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves Marriage and Christian family life. Membership is open to all, men also welcome. The group meets on first Wednesday of the month (except in August) in St Mary's Church, 2.30 pm (unless otherwise stated in the programme). Branch Leader: Judith Wells 842804, email judithwells@hotmail.co.uk.

Secretary Frances Stapleton on 843427, email stephfrances1936@btinternet.com

The Oddfellows

The Oddfellows is one of the largest Branch based Friendly Societies with 120,000 members and 151 Branches nationwide. The Grantham Branch runs its office from Bottesford and has an active social programme and we meet the first Wednesday of each month at 10.30am at The Kings Hotel, Grantham. We provide help and support to members in the local area and members have access to an Advice Line, Care support and a range of financial benefits. We already have quite a few members from Bottesford and surrounding areas and will welcome anyone who wishes to come along to see what we are all about with no obligation to join.

Membership is £30 a year (or £28 by

direct debit). For further information on the Oddfellows please contact Karen Pye-Smith on 01949 843727 or email karen.pye-smith@oddfellows.co.uk

Reading Groups

Currently supported by the Leicestershire Library service the groups meet monthly at either members' homes or in the pub. Members read a book a month and discuss informally. Some go on book related outings.

Bottesford Bookworms contact:
Ros Willis on 842641 or
r_willis@madasafish.com

Readers United contact: Elaine Marlow 844567 or
elaine.s.marlow@googlemail.com

For the Bottesford Reading Group contact: Gail Parkinson on 842141 or email: gail.park@hotmail.co.uk

The Trefoil Guild

Meets in the Methodist Church Hall at 7.30pm on the first of Wednesday of each month in the winter. Attends events elsewhere in spring & summer. Open to those with a connection to Guiding/Scouting or those subscribing to their aims and principles.

Contact Maureen Hill, 01476 978308 or email maureenhill6@gmail.com

University of the Third Age (U3A)

U3A provides educational, recreational and leisure activities for people who "enjoy being retired but not retiring". Main meeting is 2nd Tuesday at 2.00 pm each month (except August) in the Village Hall. For details telephone Mary Noble on 01476 566578.

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Vale of Belvoir Art Society

Open to members of all ages and abilities who work with paint & other media. Demonstrations are given about once a month. The Group meets on Tuesdays at 7.15-9.15 pm at Methodist Chapel Hall. Tel: Jill Pompa 844401 or j.p.hotston@icloud.com

Vale of Belvoir Lions Club

Organises events such as the annual fireworks, Boxing Day Duck race and Santa's Christmas collections, raising thousands of pounds. Members share a common interest in raising funds for worthwhile causes and having fun while helping those less fortunate than most. They meet at 8 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month at the Vale of Belvoir Inn.

For more information secretary@voblions.org.uk or visit www.voblions.org.uk

Vale of Belvoir Probus Club

For retired/semi-retired professional, businessmen or the like. Meets at the Vale of Belvoir Inn on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays every month.

More information from Membership Secretary David French on 875466 or dandjrench@btinternet.com

Vale of Belvoir Ramblers

The Group meets every week for long or short walks both locally and further afield. Go to www.ramblers.org.uk for programme of local walks or call Elaine on 836047. Everyone is welcome on 2-3 walks before joining The Ramblers.

Vale of Belvoir Theatre Group

Organises trips to local theatres to see a variety of shows. Meets twice a year to plan the programme. Tel: Susan Meech on 843402 or email s_meech@yahoo.co.uk

Village Voice

We publish the bi-monthly newsletter that is distributed free to the villages in the Bottesford parish. We are always interested in receiving articles about Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston and Normanton. Tel: Susan Meech on 843402 or vv@bottesford.org.uk or contact us via our Facebook page 'Village Voice, Bottesford'.

Warwick Flats

Coffee Morning every Tuesday 10.30 - 12.00. All Senior Citizens welcome. For more information call Alison on 842334.

Womens Institute (W.I.)

Meets third Tuesday in the month with speakers, outings and theatre trips. We have a darts team and new members are welcome. Tel: Marian Orr 843629.

Online information for Bottesford

Bottesford Today:
www.bottesford.org.uk/

Leicestershire Villages:
www.leicestershirevillages.com/bottesford/

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Bottesford Library

Leicestershire Library Service, The Old School, Grantham Road,

Tel: 0116 3053 550

A good variety of books in normal and extra large print are available as well as photocopying and faxing. You can book lessons on the Internet, e-mail, spreadsheets, etc. Search the library catalogue, or join the library and reserve books on-line on:

www.leics.gov.uk/index/community/libraries.htm

Library Opening Hours:

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| Monday | 2 – 5 pm |
| Tuesday | 4—7 pm |
| Wednesday | Closed |
| Thursday | 2 – 5 pm |
| Friday | 10am – 1pm |
| Saturday | 10.00am – 1 pm |

Note that operation of the library is expected to be taken over by Bottesford Community Library Association in 2015/16. Contact bottesfordcommunitylibrary@outlook.com or go to the Bottesford Community Library Facebook page for up to date information.

Adult Education Courses – Go Learn (Leicestershire County Council)

Daytime classes within school times and terms. They are currently provided in modern languages (French, Italian, Spanish), cooking and yoga at the Village Hall, the Old School complex and Belvoir High School. For details go to: www.leics.gov.uk/index/education/further_higher_education.htm or contact the Freephone enrolment line: 0800 988 0308.

Local Councils

Bottesford Parish Council

Clerk: Sharon Pyke, The Old School, Grantham Rd, Bottesford NG13 0DF, 01949 222478.

Parish Council elections will be held on May 7th, 2015. For an up to date list of councillors email:

clerk@bottesfordpc.org.uk

Melton Borough Councillors

Pru Chandler

Tel. 842355

e-mail pchandler@melton.gov.uk

David Wright

Tel. 842610

e-mail dwright@melton.gov.uk

Leicestershire County Council Councillor

Byron Rhodes

Tel 01949 860029

e-mail: byron.rhodes@leics.gov.uk

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Sports

Football

Bottesford Football Club runs several senior and junior sides catering for all ages from 5 to 50+. They play regularly throughout the season and meet 1st Sunday in the month at the Bull Inn. Chairman: Danny Gribby on 07770 853545

Senior section: First Team, Reserves and Veterans (35+). Contact: Danny Gribby on 07770 853545.

Junior section: From 5 to Under 16s with open sessions on various days. Saturday morning training takes place 9.45 - 11 am.

Contact: Chris Millard on 07977 055192

Long Bennington Football Club

For under 7s up to age 16.
Contact Steve Rowley on 07909 857441

Belvoir Karate

Karate, self defence, fitness and respect for others. All age groups, families welcome.

Meet Fridays from 7.00 to 8.30 pm. at the VC Hall. Tel: Graeme Walden on 01476 571677, 0784309 7042 or susi.walden@sky.com

Bowling Club, Belvoir Road.

The Club organises bowling at home and away during the summer season. New members, social membership and occasional players always welcome. Contact Pauline Palmer 842212 or paulinep775@aol.com

Bottesford and District Angling Club

The club holds weekly matches and juniors are welcome. The B&DAA welcome new members at very reasonable annual membership rates. They also run a Friday night sweepstake. The committee meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at The Red Lion at 8 pm.

Tel: Bryan Baines on 842356 or bryan.baines@btinternet.com

Bottesford Skatepark

If you are a Skateboarder or BMXer, this free-to-use facility is a 'must ride', with youngsters coming from the local villages and from as far afield as Glasgow, such is the high standard of the facility. The Park needs an active committee to run it and maintain the ramps and the committee would welcome new members to help in any capacity, no matter how small.

Please contact: Jackie & Martin Pacey on 842982 or email: martinpacey@btinternet.com

Belvoir Bottesford Badminton Club

The club operates from the Belvoir High School - Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm. League matches played and social events. They are looking to increase their membership so welcome newcomers who would like to join in the fun.

Tel: Ross Ryan on 07787 341529 or Jeremy Green on 07866 113131.

Bottesford Badminton Club

Fridays 7-10pm September to April.

Tel: Bruce Baxter 843859

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Bottesford Junior Badminton Club.

Mon. 7.30 - 8.30pm. 8 - 12 years.

Tel: Mike Bennett 843041 or email mikebennett33@talktalk.net

Bottesford Cricket and Social Club, Belvoir Road

Cricket: Saturdays -1st and 2nd Teams.

Sundays - 1st Team.

Thursday - Belvoir League and various Junior Sides, starting from Kwik Cricket upwards.

Social: Winter months, Men's darts – Fridays. Dominoes - Mondays and Wednesdays.

Tel: The clubhouse on 842084 or Simon Silverwood on 842148

Pub sports teams

The pubs have a number of darts, dominoes, pool, skittles and football teams.

The Bull, tel: Andrew Mackley on 842288

The Rutland, tel: Anne Ashley on 843031

Churches

Methodist Chapel

Service at 10.30am each Sunday – all welcome. Friendship Group (open to women and men) meets alternate Thursdays at 2.30pm (contact Glenys Bradshaw 842893). There is a "Lite Bite" lunch on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of each month from 12 noon.

Minister: Rev Ian Mason [842952] e-mail: revim37@gmail.com.

St Mary's Catholic Church, Grantham

For information call 01476 563935, e-mail: info@stmarysgrantham.org.uk or visit their website: www.stmarysgrantham.org.uk

St Mary the Virgin, Bottesford

Regular Sunday services

Every Sunday at 10.30am - Parish Eucharist/Family Service (Common Worship)

2nd & 4th Sundays in the month at 6.30 pm, "Sunday Praise" (Band led Praise Service)

2nd & 4th Sundays in the month at 8.30 am, Holy Communion (BCP)

1st Sunday in the month (evening) Choral Evensong

Regular weekday services

Tuesday at 9 am, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7 pm, Evening Worship

St. Mary's is open 9 am - 4 pm each day for private prayer and reflection.

St John the Baptist, C of E, Muston

1st Sunday Holy Communion - 8.30am

2nd Sunday Family Service - 10.30am

3rd Sunday Holy Communion - 8.30am

Parish Office

To arrange baptisms and weddings or for any other churchrelated matters for Bottesford or Muston, please contact the Parish Office on 842859, email: office@stmarysbottesford.co.uk

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Meeting Venues

Village Hall, Belvoir Road

The Victory Commemoration Village Hall provides village hall facilities to the community. The main hall is approx. 13.5 by 14.4 metres, has a stage and accommodates up to 150. A separate meeting room takes up to 25. Both available for hire, with separate kitchen facilities. The meeting room can double as a bar.

For rates, availability and information see the Village Hall noticeboard, contact Hall Manager Mim Forsey on 0777 5753866 or vchall@bottesford.org.uk

Methodist School Room, Devon Lane

Available for day and evening hire (not Sundays). Contact Mrs Irene Pacey on 843138.

Fuller Room, Grantham Road

Room for up to 50 people, available at £8 per hour. Kitchen & disabled toilets.

Contact clerk@bottesfordpc.org.uk

Bottesford Cricket and Social Club

Available for hire for meetings/children's parties. See Page 7 for contact details.

Belvoir High School

Belvoir High School is happy to share and encourage use of their facilities with the wider community. We offer facilities for junior and adult clubs and meeting spaces for a variety of groups. The school sports facilities include a large sports hall, changing rooms, large outdoor sports area and tennis courts. Facilities for groups or

private hire include a large main hall with stage, drama/dance studio, library and small meeting room spaces.

For further information contact the Administration Manager, Belvoir High School, Barkestone Lane, Bottesford.

Telephone 01949 844920, Fax 01949 844939 or email admin@belvoirhigh.leics.sch.uk

Young People

BBC Toddlers, Baptist Church, Queen Street

The group is open to all in order to provide a safe friendly environment for the adults and children to meet, chat and play. Mums and carers can enjoy a cup of coffee. There is a range of toys and activities for those from birth to 4+. The group meets on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 am.

Contact Margaret on 843687

Bottesford Pre-School

Outstanding Ofsted. Daily 9 am to 4 pm for children 2 yrs 9 mths to 5 years. Now takes Government funding. Purpose built premises with extensive outdoor play area. Located in grounds of Belvoir High School.

Contact Kim Doleman or Lucinda Tongue on 844489, or enquiries@bottesfordpreschool.org.uk

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Vale of Belvoir Out Of School Club

Wrap around care, for school children, from 7.45 till school starts and 3.15 to 6.00. For further information please contact Mrs Tina Scott on 01949 845000/845016, email osc@belvoirhigh.leics.sch.uk or visit www.voboosc.co.uk.

Bottesford Youth Council

Fuller Room, Old School, Grantham Road. Get involved with the community, and make your voice heard. Meets every other Monday between 6.30pm and 8pm for young people aged 12-19.

For information contact Teresa Patchett on 07815 712110.

Bottesford Youth Club (BYC)

The Annexe, Normanton Lane Business Park, Bottesford NG13 0EL

Contact 07798 613391 or email byc@bottesfordyouthclub.co.uk

The highly popular and successful club is currently open 3 nights per week.

Tuesday 7-9pm Year 10+

Thursday 7-9pm Years 7-9

Friday 6.30-8pm Year 6

BYC offers a place to hang out with friends, play computer games, pool, outdoor games, participate in activities such as dance, arts & crafts and go on trips such as swimming. There is a tuck shop providing sweets, drinks & snacks. Entrance fee is £2. Staff and volunteers are DBS checked and attend regular training. Registered Charity 511198.

If anyone is interested in being a volunteer to help out on club nights – or if

you want to join the committee, please email byc@bottesfordyouthclub.co.uk

Dads Allowed

At the Baptist Church on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9.30—11.30 am. The group allows dads to spend time with their children. A range of children's toys available from birth upwards. Adults have the chance to spend time together over coffee and a bacon or sausage buttie. Contact Rob on 843687 or admin@bottesfordbaptistchurch.org

Little Angels

At St Mary's Church. Tuesdays 10.00 am—11.30 am in term time.

Parents, carers and pre-school children are invited to enjoy refreshments, childrens' toys and a structured craft activity. The morning finishes with songs, a story and a simple prayer. For information call Laura at the Parish Office on 842859.

Guiding in Bottesford

Rainbows, for girls aged 5-7

1st Bottesford Mondays, 5.15 - 6.15pm

2nd Bottesford Fridays, 5-6 pm

Brownies, for girls aged 7-10

1st Bottesford Thursdays, 5- 6.30pm

2nd Bottesford Wednesdays, 5.30 -

6.50pm

Guides, for girls aged 10-14

1st Bottesford Tuesdays, 7-9 pm

2nd Bottesford Wednesday, 7-9 pm

Bottesford Senior Section, for girls and young women aged 14-26, meetings fortnightly on Sunday evenings

For more information or to register interest in joining, please speak to any current leader at www.girlguiding.org.uk

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or contact Adelle Glossop 01476 870548
or any leader.

Scouts in Bottesford

Cubs (age 8–10½) contact Viv Money on
842713

Scouts (age 10½- 14) and Explorer Scouts
(age 14-18) contact Simon Ashworth
842189