

Village Guide 2017 -19

Produced by Village Voice

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 on-line version of the Guide.

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.

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).

Lite Bite: lunch on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of each month from 12 noon.

Chapel Cafe: the last Saturday morning each month from 10.30am to 12noon a family friendly space serving tea, coffee etc. with themed snacks look out for the posters each month for more details.

Hullaballo activities, look under Young People. Contact: Minister, Rev. Helen (Nel) Shallow 842952, or email: nelshallow@googlemail.com, www.bottesfordmc.org.uk. For room lettings contact: I. Pacey 843138

St Mary's Catholic Church, Grantham

For information call 01476 563935, email: info@stmarysgrantham.org.uk, 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

St Mary's & St John's Muston Parish Office

To arrange baptisms and weddings or for any other church related matters for Bottesford or Muston.

Contact: Parish Office 842859 or email: office@stmarysbottesford.co.uk

Clubs/Groups

American Square Dancing

At Allington Village Hall, Tuesday 7.30 pm (note new time). Beginners welcome.

Contact: G. Pedge on 842619 or Judy Grummitt on 01400 281497, email: m.grummitt@btinternet.com

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.

Contact: David Jones on 843634, email: jones.family2@tiscali.co.uk

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

These groups 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 Fortey on 843320, 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 Thursday 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.

Contact: John Ronan on 842773.

Bottesford Flood Warden

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

Contact: Peter Sheardown on 844591, 0750 2933526, or email: apsheardown@talktalk.net

Bottesford Local History Society

The society warmly welcomes new members. It promotes awareness of all aspects of the history of Bottesford and surrounding areas. Local knowledge is shared and debated by members. Talks are presented by guest speakers or local experts. Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month - Sept to May - in the Fuller Room at 7.30pm. In June, a coach to visit a place of historic interest is organised.

Contact: Sue Harding 358698, or email: susanharding@hotmail.com

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 Co-ordinators/Street Contacts helps provide a two-way flow of information/assistance, supplemented by a rapid e-mail alert facility. Contact: Principal NHW co-coordinator John Shilton on 07725636626 or email: JohnS@BottesfordParishNHW.org.uk

Bottesford Parish Good Neighbour Scheme

The scheme consists of volunteers who support people from our community in many ways. This support can take the form of transport, including hospital visits to Lincoln, Nottingham, Boston etc., household tasks, companionship and befriending, practical support after illness, letter-writing ... and more. Available Monday to Friday, 9 am – 5 pm
Contact: 07849 311740,
or email: info@BottesfordGNS.org.uk,
www.bottesfordgns.org.uk.

Bottesford Whist Drive, Fuller Rooms

Wednesday 7.30pm. Entrance is £2 per person with refreshments included. Everyone welcome.

Creative Space at St. Mary's Church, Bottesford.

First two Fridays of month 10am – 12 noon, next two Fridays 8 - 10pm. All crafters welcome.
Contact: Glenda Gibson 845106

East Midlands Orchid Society

Meets 3rd Sunday each month, at 2.30 pm in the VC hall. Non-members welcome.

Contact: Mike Armstrong on 842668, or email: mikandra@tiscali.co.uk,
www.eastmidlandSORCHIDSOCIETY.org

Friends of Bottesford Primary School

A gathering of parents, friends and staff working to raise funds for the school.

Contact: Primary School office on 842224 or Deborah McCahon email: deborahmccahon@yahoo.co.uk

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

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.

Contact for enquiries: Frances Stapleton, Secretary on 843427 or email: mrsjohn500@sky.com

Contact for membership: Anne Ablewhite 842259.

Grantham and District Camera Club

We meet every Tuesday between September and April at the Town & Country Club, Grantham. The camera club has a very varied programme and cater for all standards of expertise. Our website is www.granthamcameraclub.org.uk. The club also run free beginner's courses which take place on a Thursday night usually for six weeks.

Contact: Mike Armstrong on 842668 or email: mikandra@tiscali.co.uk

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 07341823331

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 meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 10.30am at The Eden Hotel, Grantham. It provides 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. It already has members from Bottesford and surrounding areas. It welcomes 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).

Contact: Karen Pye-Smith on 843727 or email: karen.pye-smith@oddfellows.co.uk

Reading Groups

Groups meet monthly at either members' homes or other venues. Members read a book a month and discuss informally.

- **Bottesford Bookworms**, contact: Ros Willis on 842641 or email: roswillis15@gmail.com
- **Readers United**, contact: Elaine Marlow 844567 or email: elaine.s.marlow@googlemail.com
- **Bottesford Reading Group**, contact: Gail Parkinson on 842141 or email: gail.park@hotmail.co.uk
- **Bottesford Community Library book group**, 10am on the last Friday of the month. Contact the library for details.

The Trefoil Guild

Meets in the Salvation Army Room, The Barrack Square, Sandon Road, Grantham at 7.30pm on the first 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: Celia Goodband 01476 592158 or email: celda@btinternet.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 2.00pm each month (except August) in the VC Hall.

Contact: Mary Noble on 01476 566578

Vale of Belvoir Art Society

The society aims to support and develop artists of all abilities who work with paint and other media. A full programme of activities, exhibitions of members' works and professional demonstrations are enjoyed throughout the year. The Group meets each Tuesday 7 - 9pm in the Methodist Chapel Hall.

Contact: Sue Turner 842922 or email: turnersue4@yahoo.co.uk

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. Meetings are at 8 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month at the Durham Ox in Orston.

Contact: email: secretary@voblions.org.uk or visit www.voblions.org.uk

Vale of Belvoir Probus Club

For retired/semi-retired professionals, businessmen or the like. Meets at the Chequers Inn, Woolsthorpe by Belvoir, every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month.

Contact: Membership Secretary Barry Greenhalgh 01158412851 or email: baza54@hotmail.com

Vale of Belvoir Ramblers

The Group meets every week for long or short walks both locally and further afield. Everyone is welcome on 2-3 walks before joining The Ramblers.

Contact: Dave on 836042 or go to www.vbramblers.co.uk for our programme of walks

Village Voice

The bi-monthly newsletter is distributed free to the villages in the Bottesford parish. Welcomes articles and photographs about Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston and Normanton. Contact: Alistair Raper on 07711254441 or email: vv@bottesford.org.uk, www.villagevoice.bottesford.org.uk Facebook page 'Village Voice, Bottesford'.

Warwick Flats

Coffee Morning every Tuesday 10.30 - 12.00. All Senior Citizens welcome. Contact: Jim on 845102.

Women's Institute (W.I.)

Meets third Tuesday of each month in the VC Hall, Bottesford, with speakers, outings and theatre trips. Also has a darts team. New members are welcome. Contact: Marian Orr 843629.

Lending Library

Bottesford Community Library

A good variety of books, including large print, are available for loan. Other services provided include: photocopying, scanning and printing, use of computers, travel and tourism information. The library also holds the village archive.

Donated books, CDs and DVDs are available to purchase.

The library also hosts regular activities including children's story time, Rummikub, knitting group, book club, scrabble and jigsaws.

Opening Hours:

Monday 3 – 6 pm
 Tuesday 3 – 7 pm
 Wednesday 1 – 3pm
 Thursday 9.30 – 12.30 pm
 Friday 9.30 – 12.30pm
 Saturday 9.30 – 12.30pm
 Sunday 1.00- 4pm

Contact: 842696 or email: information@bottesfordcommunitylibrary.org.uk, www.bottesfordcommunitylibrary.org.uk

Local Councils

Bottesford Parish Council

Clerk: Kathryn Price, The Old School, Grantham Road, Bottesford NG13 0DF, 01949 222478. For an up to date list of councillors email: clerk@bottesfordpc.org.uk or go to www.bottesfordpc.org.uk

Melton Borough Councillors

Pru Chandler, Tel. 842355 or email: pchandler@melton.gov.uk

David Wright, Tel. 842610 or email: dwright@melton.gov.uk

Leicestershire County Council Councillor

Byron Rhodes, Tel 860029 or email: byron.rhodes@leics.gov.uk

Meeting Venues

VC Village Hall, Belvoir Road

The Victory Commemoration (VC) 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 email: vchall@bottesford.org.uk

Methodist School Room, Devon Lane

Available for day and evening hire (not Sundays). Contact: I Pacey on 843138.

Fuller Room and Parish Room Grantham Road

Each room accommodates up to 50 people with kitchen & disabled toilets.

Contact: clerk@bottesfordpc.org.uk

Belvoir High School

Due to our extra-curricular programme of activities (both sporting and academic) our hire facilities are limited. However, if you do have a specific event and would like to speak to us. Contact: school office on 844920, email: admin@belvoirhigh.leics.sch.uk or www.belvoirhigh.leics.sch.uk, @BelvoirHS

Online information about Bottesford

Bottesford Today: www.bottesford.org.uk/
Leicestershire Villages:
www.leicestershirevillages.com/bottesford/

SPORT

Football

Bottesford Football Club run the following teams and training groups:

- Men's Senior Teams- First, Reserves and Veterans
- Boy's Junior Teams – Under 5 through to under 18
- Girl's Junior Teams – Under 10, 11, 12 and 16
- Girl's Junior Development/Training – Under 5 through to under 9

Contact: email news@bottesfordfc.co.uk, www.pitchero.com/clubs/bottesfordfootballclub

Belvoir Dojo

Karate, self-defence, fitness and respect for others. All age groups and families welcome at Bottesford VC Hall.

Meet: Friday 6.30 pm. to 7.30 pm. Beginners Class under 12, Friday 7.30 pm. to 9.00 pm. Intermediates and senior beginners. Contact: email susi.walden@sky.com

Bowling Club, Belvoir Road

The outdoor season runs from late April to the middle of Sept. Fixtures arranged with local Clubs played home and away. The club welcomes new members, social members and visitors.

Come and try bowls on Monday evening club nights.

Contact: Pauline Goodson 844554

Bottesford Skatepark

If you are a Skateboarder or BMXer, this free-to-use facility is a 'must ride', with riders and skaters 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 they would welcome new members or just 'helpers' to assist in any capacity, no matter how small.

Contact: Ian Wright on 0115 989 3630 or email: iwright@yahoo.co.uk

Bottesford Junior Badminton Club

Monday 7.00 - 8.00 pm for young people aged 8 - 16 years.

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

Bottesford Cricket and Social Club, Belvoir Road

Senior sides:

Saturday teams - Gunn & Moore South Nottinghamshire League

- Saturday First: Captain Dan Robinson, 07824993390
- Saturday Seconds: Captain Ian Seymour, 07931301668

Sunday team - Grantham and Melton League

- Sunday Eleven: Captain Daniel Barratt, 07874616732

Junior Sides are - the Newark Colts League

Kwik Cricket: Contact Louise Seymour, 07904267083

- U11: Contact Robbie Kitchener, 07801248599
- U13: Contact James Ward, 07921330881

Club website is www.bottesford.play-cricket.com

Pub Sports Teams

Rutland Arms - pool and dominoes as well as quiz night on Tuesday at 8.30 pm and bingo night on Thursday at 8 pm.

Contact: Annie 843031

Young People

ACORNS

ACORNS provides a quality before school, after school and holiday club service. Based in the grounds of Bottesford Primary School, ACORNS staff pride themselves on the club's safe and caring environment, which provides fun and exciting experiences for children. The club works in close harmony with the school.

Contact: email: school@bottesford.leics.sch.uk with subject ACORNS,
www.bottesford.leics.sch.uk

Belvoir High School

Belvoir High School is a flourishing and successful secondary school with a great deal to offer in terms of educational opportunities, facilities and support. The distinctive motto, 'Opportunity and Achievement for All', underpins the ethos where a strong sense of ambition is strengthened by a caring philosophy. The school works hard to promote high self-esteem in all individuals, together with a sense of responsibility and community.

Contact: school office 844920, or email: admin@belvoirhigh.leics.sch.uk,
www.belvoirhigh.leics.sch.uk, @BelvoirHS

Bottesford Pre-School

Outstanding Ofsted. Daily 9 am to 4 pm for children 2 yrs. 9 months 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,
email: enquiries@bottesfordpreschool.org.uk

Bottesford Primary School

The school recognises the importance of knowing every child and works hard to foster the vital partnership between home and school. Parents and visitors often comment on the warm and friendly welcome.

The school aims that every pupil will have a happy and active primary education in an environment that is caring and supporting. It also aims to provide a stimulating and structured environment in which all children are encouraged to reach their full potential.

Contact: school office 842224, or email school@bottesford.leics.sch.uk,
www.bottesford.leics.sch.uk

Bottesford Youth Club (BYC), The Annex, Normanton Lane Business Park, Bottesford NG13 0EL

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 on club nights, or wants to join the committee get in touch with BYC.

Contact: 07798 613391

or email: byc@bottesfordyouthclub.co.uk

Guiding

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

For more information or to register interest in joining, contact: Adelle Glossop 01476 870548, go to www.girlguiding.org.uk or speak to any current leader.

Hullabaloo

Hullabaloo Wednesday; an open session of play & craft for all children aged 5-11 years at the Methodist Church. Free access but all children must be accompanied by an adult ~ term time Weds from 3.30-5pm.

Hullabaloo Thursday; a friendly play space for children, parents & carers from 9.30am to 11.30am Thursday mornings in term time at the Methodist Church. £1 per family each week.

Contact: Minister, Rev. Helen (Nel)

Shallow 842952 or

email: nelshallow@googlemail.com,

www.bottesfordmc.org.uk.

Little Angels, 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, toys and a structured craft activity. The morning finishes with songs, a story and a simple prayer.

Contact: Parish Office on 842859.

Scouts

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

Scouts (age 10½- 14) and **Explorer Scouts** (age 14-18) contact Simon Ashworth 842189 or email firstbottesfordscouts@gmail.com

Vale of Belvoir Out of School Club (VOBOOSC)

Before and after school care, for children from pre-school to high school age, from the surrounding area, from 7.30 till 9.00 and 3.15 to 6.00. Based at Belvoir High School, Barkestone Lane. Holiday Clubs also available.

Contact: Mrs Tina Scott 845006/845016,

email: osc@belvoirhigh.leics.sch.uk,

www.voboosc.co.uk,

Facebook: Vale of Belvoir Out of School Club.