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#### The Latest from your Parish Council

Over the past few months, the Parish Council has been very busy in a number of different areas.

We have had some changes to the members of the council with Councillor Bellamy retiring after many years' service and Councillor Fry stepping down as chair, following three years of very hard work whilst also managing the building of the new community hall. Councillor Fry will remain as a Parish Councillor.

Councillor John Crosby was elected by the members of the council to take over as Chair of the Parish Council and Chair of the Trustees of the Community Hall.

In addition we have welcomed two new members to the council, Councillor Rich Brooks from Langar and Councillor Lee Whatton from Barnstone.

We still have vacancies on the council if anyone would like to offer their services. We meet on the second Thursday of every month, except for August when we have our summer break.

Anyone is welcome to attend one of the Parish Council meetings to see what happens, so please feel free to attend. You will have a warm welcome. The Parish Council has a close working relationship with the local Police Beat Managers who attend our meetings to update us on events in the area.

We then pass on any items we feel should be looked into. In addition, important issues are added to the parish magazine and also posted on the internet and Facebook.

Councillor Neil Clarke, Leader of Rushcliffe Borough Council, and Councillor Tina Combellack, also attend our meetings and they keep us up to date with borough and county issues which are important to us.

Also in this issue, you will find information regarding Police and Councillor Surgeries which will be held locally to help our community.

Following problems with the poor weather and the lack of grass cutting through our current contractor, the council decided to cancel the existing contract and appoint a new contractor who has worked hard initially to get things back to normal.

Issues that are outside the scope of the parish council, such as the state of the roads etc are reported by the clerk to the relevant authorities.

Councillor John Crosby, Chair Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council

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#### Langar Cum Barnstone Parish Council and Community Hall Trustees

We have recently decided to hold information surgeries in the new community hall where anyone who visits can discuss the issues they have directly with either the local beat officers or the local councillors. This can be carried out in the main hall or privately in the meeting room.

Our local councillors are Councillor Neil Clarke, Leader of Rushcliffe Borough Council, and Councillor Tina Combellack and they are happy to discuss anything you would like to raise with them.

The first of these events took place alongside the Vale Market Café in the community hall on Saturday 13 July from 1030 until 1130. The event was very successful, and it was decided to hold similar events in the community hall in the future.

The next such event will take place on Saturday 14 September during the morning. Everyone is invited to come along to meet the police officers or the local councillors and have personal discussions about your own issues and worries.

If you would like to raise any issues but are not able to attend then feel free to email the parish clerk on <u>langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com</u> and we will ensure your issues are raised with the relevant person.

#### Cllr John Crosby, Chair Barnstone cum Langar Parish Council

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Signpost magazine, please contact our Parish Clerk for details: Sharon Ellis,

Parish Clerk 07984 075016 or langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com

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11 October 2024 10 January 2025

11 April 2025

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You are about to enter a **TIME WARP!** We held our Art Exhibition on Sunday 14 July 2024. We can say now that the new Langar cum Barnstone Community Hall is a huge success, a lovely space.

However, we weren't able to give you all the pre-Exhibition information as you will have received this Signpost after the event. What I can do, is tell you what we planned to make the day:

Shimmer, shimmer - enter **TIME WARP** 

A charity had been nominated by Sue Gibson, THE SALVATION ARMY, to which all the proceeds from the event will be sent.

Members worked hard to get their artwork ready to show to the public. With so much room in the new hall we were not squashed up against one another, a big improvement from the old hall.

There were individual tables for those artists who needed them and for the shy artists, there was a bigger combined display. Group member Bob demonstrated painting, as he would at our regular art group. Reg, one of our photographers, arranged for a loop of photographs showing work done by our members over the Group's history. Sylvia was weaving, displaying her remarkable talents. Dot Clayton's Brownies added to the exhibition with their blaze of colour.

Our raffle had some amazing prizes you will know that if you won one! The refreshment kiosk was manned by members who also produced delicious eats.

Thanks to all our members who took part and the he total collected on the day was £250!

Shimmer, shimmer - exit **TIME WARP!** Apologies to Star Wars and William Shatner!

Our membership has expanded yet again, John Jones, welcome to Vale Arts Group, we hope you enjoy sharing time with us.

We are always happy to welcome new members. It is not all about painting, as the exhibition demonstrated, we have a weaver, a couple of photographers, needle workers, painters and sketchers.

Come and join us - Vale Art Group

Enquiries contact: GILLIAN CLARKE 01949748288 or philigansgc@gmail.com.

## THE ADVENTURES OF DOCTOR DOLITE Outdoor Theatre Performance

## Sunday 8th September @ 3pm

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Dove Cottage have teamed up with a professional touring theatre company 'Illyria', to bring you a fun and exciting rendition of the story about the doctor who can speak to animals.

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Get your tickets online now!



www.dovecottage.org/theatre

#### An Update on the Wetland Area and Herb Garden

It's certainly been a wet start to spring/ summer and all this rain has certainly made the plants grow! The wetland area is in full bloom and the insects are buzzing. The hedges have filled out so you can hardly see the vehicles in the car park and it truly feels like a quiet, hidden garden.

The benches have been painted and spruced up and the history board too. There is a new arbour halfway down the path which already has a full-grown rose growing up it, and the addition of a few solar lights for evening strolls. Hidden along the path are some markers with a hidden message for those of you who like a puzzle (you just have to figure out where it starts).

Moving on to the Langar and Barnstone community herb garden at the far end of the wetland. We have four beds and planting started in earnest in early May. Rosemary, parsley, sage, marjoram, chives, lavender, curry plant, mint and lemon balm all have taken to the area and are growing really well. There is plenty of room if you grow your own herbs and would like to donate some; feel free to plant them and just write down what they are so we all know what they are. This is being looked after in my free time, so if you see any weeds please pull them out.

I would also like to thank some people for helping me get this off the ground. The Parish Council for part funding the materials and giving permission. The wonderful team at the Unicorn's Head for their permission and support. Paul Chatterton from Merrivale Energy for his very generous donation of super rich compost which has helped not just the herb garden but the wetland area and many local gardeners and friends and locals of whom there are too many to mention. I would also like to give a big shout out to Jodi, Pippa and Viv and of course my wife Charlotte for putting up with me (that's just standard) and helping me out.

A sign will be put up in due course but I've just been rather busy! Take a stroll, smell the mint and listen to the hum of bees, it's worth it!



#### 1st Barnstone Brownies

How time flies when you're having fun!



Since our last report we have been to the Ooh La La Olympics at the Magpie's Nest in Elton. We joined in with 150 other Brownies from our Division in an action-packed day based around the Olympics, France and Greece.

The highlight of this term has been the Ceilidh in June. In conjunction with Joan

and Andrew Charlett, we hosted this dance for over 60 people of all ages. The caller Charlie and the Band gave their time free pf charge and we raised £500 for Brownies and the RNLI.

We welcome four new Brownies, Jessica, Charlotte, LouLou and Sophie.

At Brownies we have been concentrating on badges - Aviation, Grow Your Own, Languages and Charities. We have completed a one mile sponsored walk for RNLI and for our painting badge we have produced a piece which formed part of the Art Exhibition on Sunday 14 July.

#### Happy Holidays to all

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#### Langar Church of England Primary School

For those of you who have not yet met me, let me introduce myself. My name is Jamie Walker-Jones and I am the new Headteacher of Langar Church of England Primary School.

I believe that Langar is a very special place and will show absolute commitment to preserving the school's unique qualities whilst moving the school forward on its journey. My work is centred around trusting relationships so before I get to know about you, you might like to know a little about me.

After studying archaeology at university, I found a sense of purpose as a

classroom teacher at Willow Brook primary school in Keyworth where I now live. I have a wife and son with whom I enjoy playing chess, telling stories, visiting museums, rock climbing, camping, cycling and running. We have a lot of energy!

Langar school provides children with *Life in all its fullness*. This is something which underpins not only how I run a school but also my own life. I am looking forward to working with the school and the community to provide the highest level of education for your children, academically, socially, morally and spiritually.

We currently have space for new friends in every classroom. If you know children who would benefit from a child-centred education with relationship focused leadership then I would encourage you to come and meet me and tour the school. I look forward to serving the local community and working with you all.

#### **Mr Walker-Jones**



Good Grief Dear,

#### **IT'S TIME FOR...THE COMMUNITY**

#### Who are we?

We are a teeny weeny community interest company with the main aim to practically support those people and families experiencing bereavement through assistance with estate management, cost of living and providing community events to raise awareness of the challenges of grief

Could you sponsor a drop in support & friendship session?

Our first monthly support and social network group will be held in October, sponsored by DDC Precision Ltd

#### JOIN US IN OUR UP COMING EVENTS

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A great deal of archery has been taking place, with the club nights on Tuesday and Thursday and also on Saturday afternoon.



On Saturday 1 June 2024, we held the second and third shoot with Archers from across the Midlands in attendance. This is a

competition for novice archers who wish to start entering competitions. The shoot means that the archer competes against other archers at their own level. It was a lovely sunny afternoon with very little wind. Two Belvoir archers took part and David Worth tried his hand at Barebow.

We held our Founders' Shoot on 3 July and our 720<sup>th</sup> competition on 13 July. Our summer and winter competitions will take place in August and October.

We are running two beginner courses this year. Our beginner courses are a

four-session course of 2 to 3 hours. The second course starts on 19 July. Taster archery sessions will take place on 25 July and 29 August.

All our sessions, whether a beginner's course, or a taster session, include all equipment required and you will be coached by three Archery GB qualified coaches.



If you are interested in trying archery or wish to have a go, please contact us ..... it is very addictive.

More information can be found on our web page <u>www.belvoirarchers.co.uk</u> or email us on <u>coaching@belvoirarchers.co.uk</u>

#### PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beauty of our villages but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community.

Please help to make the place cleaner and safer for everyone.



#### **THANK YOU!**

#### BUS SERVICES FOR LANGAR AND BARNSTONE



The 833 bus service to and from Bingham, previously run by Vectare, has now been replaced by Centre Bus.

There are two services, operating hourly; one running clockwise, from Barnstone to Langar and the Cropwells to Bingham, the other running anti-clockwise from Langar to Barnstone, Granby, Sutton, Elton, Orston, Aslockton and Whatton to Bingham.

We therefore have a bus service to Bingham every half-hour. Our villages are almost half way around the route, so the clockwise service takes approximately 24 minutes to reach

Bingham and the anti-clockwise takes approximately 30 minutes.

Operating times are shown on the timetable, which can be obtained on the bus or from the entrance hall in the Community Hall.

The buses are new and small (17 seats). More importantly they are punctual and reliable, which was a concern with the buses run by Vectare in the latter days of its contract. The drivers are friendly and courteous and do a great job in negotiating the narrow lanes that they encounter along the routes.

For those parishioners who are fortunate to have a bus pass, the rule that these cannot be used before 9.30 am on Monday – Friday has been relaxed, allowing passengers to use them on this service from 9 am.

There is no service on Sundays or Public Holidays. For those parishioners wishing to use the bus to get to and from work there is the 33 service, operated by Nottsbus ECOnnect, running from Granby via Barnstone and Langar through the Cropwells, Cotgrave, Gamston and West Bridgford into Nottingham at 6.23 and 7.12 each morning and returning from Nottingham at 5.32 and 6.32 each evening Monday – Saturday.

For those who wish to travel to Nottingham and back outside these times there are two services that run from Bingham to Nottingham.

The Mainline service, operated by Bartons, runs every 10 minutes in both directions Monday – Saturday (every 20 minutes on Sunday). Less frequently outside normal working hours (before 6 am and after 7 pm).

There is also a 90 service, operated by Vectare, that runs hourly from Newark to Nottingham, via Bingham. This service, unlike the Mainline, does not run through Radcliffe or West Bridgford but goes directly from Bingham to Nottingham and operates every day of the week, with less frequent services on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Alternatively, for those who wish to use their car, but do not wish to park in either Nottingham or Bingham, there is a Park and Ride service using Bartons Cotgrave Connection from either Shepherds public house in Stragglethorpe on Monday – Friday or the Welfare Centre in Cotgrave on Saturday and Sunday.

Finally, do remember that these rural services are heavily subsidised by Nottinghamshire County Council and these subsidies depend on how much use is made of these services. So, we should remember the old adage **'Use it or Lose it!'** Andrew Charlett



#### Granby, Barnstone and District Branch

The Branch commemorated the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day on Thursday 6 June, by laying commemorative wreaths at the war memorials in the grounds of All Saints' Church Granby and St Andrew's Church Langar. The ceremonies included an abridged review of the events of D-Day and the impact of the allied landings on the beaches of Normandy.

On Wednesday 19 June a group of Branch members, including our Branch President, Sir Andrew Pulford, visited the RAF Museum at Cosford, Shropshire.

The group were given an extensive tour of the exhibits, alongside a fascinating discussion of many of the aircraft exhibited and their history and capabilities.

On our return journey we were able to make a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas, Staffordshire where we laid a commemorative wreath at one of the memorials.

On Monday 24 June, our Branch Standard Bearer and I attended the Armed Forces Flag Raising ceremony at Rushcliffe Arena. This marks the commencement of Armed Forces Week, which is recognised by all local authorities throughout the country each year.

On Thursday 25 July, our Branch Standard Bearer and I will be travelling to the International Bomber Command Centre in Lincoln to mark the unveiling of a Remembrance Stone commemorating the crew of the Lancaster Bomber, C for Charlie, from 207 Squadron RAF Langar, lost on a mission over the Dutch coast in 1942.

Andrew Charlett Branch Chairman

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#### Mid Summer 2024

#### Proms in the Park

Once again, Rushcliffe proved what a great place this is to live. Over 8,000 people, young, old and families, attended the free event on Saturday 29 June. There is still more Summer entertainment to come with Lark in Park on Wednesday 7 August – another fun day for all the family in Bridgford Park.

#### **D-Day Celebrations**

These were held across the borough and beacons were lit, bringing poignant memories of the past and reflections on current conflicts in Ukraine. Gaza and Israel.





On a sadly soggy day, Cropwell Bishop held a 'Camp Cropwell' event with historic world war II vehicles and ammunition displays.



#### Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station

A planning order prepared by Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC) for the development of Ratcliffe on Soar power station has been shortlisted for national and regional awards. The site is set to fast-track new investment, green industry and high tec business projects creating a whole range of new and exciting job opportunities right here in Rushcliffe

#### Bin lorries run on Vegetable Oil

Rushcliffe Borough Council's new hydrogenated vegetable oil (HVO) bin lorries which reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 90 per cent have been rolled out across the Borough! The introduction of the converted vehicles. which are powered solely by waste oil not used by supermarkets and other suppliers, comes as part of the authority's Carbon Clever project and environmental priority.

Twenty one frontline vehicles are making the switch to HVO power, with a further roll out to some of the smaller vehicles in the overall fleet of sixty across the Council's waste and Streetwise functions also set to take place.

They contribute to over 80% of the Council's total fleet emissions and HVO will be used as an alternative and interim option to diesel whilst the Council consider further alternatives in the coming years as it aims to be carbon neutral by 2030

#### News from the County Council

#### Bin Lorries not just collecting waste but helping to KEEP US CONNECTED

Pioneering new research is set to map at street level where the strongest mobile phone signals are in the County.

Nottinghamshire County Council has spearheaded this incredible Digital Pathfinder project across the county districts including Rushcliffe, hopefully leading the way for improved connectivity.

For the last two years, more than seven million sets of mobile signal data have been tracked and collected – all with the help of the humble bin lorry.

For more County Information contact your County Councillors Cllr John Cottee (Upper Broughton & Hickling) Cllr Neil Clarke ( Colston Bassett, Langar & Barnstone) Cllr Richard Butler (Kinoulton)

#### Lorry Watch – What can you do?

Several of the Rushcliffe parishes are experiencing difficulties with HGVs ignoring weight restriction signs.

You can report the offending vehicles to the Nottinghamshire County Council. Search 'Nottinghamshire Lorry Watch' on your computer or ring 0300 500 8080.

#### Report the misuse of weight restricted routes by lorries

Lorry Watch is a scheme operated using local people to identify the misuse of weight-restricted routes by heavy goods vehicles in Nottinghamshire.

Heavy vehicles are not allowed to travel along certain routes which are considered to be unsuitable. Large vehicles using these routes can create serious safety hazards for other road users and pedestrians, in particular children.

#### You will need

- vehicle registration number
- date of the sighting
- time of sighting
- name or number of the road

Your contact details are optional.

#### What will happen next

When we receive your report we will:

- obtain plate details from the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) to check if the vehicle identified is over the weight restriction mentioned
- make a decision as to what action is necessary.

Please note: All Lorry Watch submissions are followed through to conclusion, but it is not possible to give individual feedback.

#### Report Misuse Now Alternative ways to do this

We have teams of observers in Langar cum Barnstone, Cropwell Bishop, Ravenshead, Nuthall, Greasley, Papplewick, Linby and Coddington

They note the details of vehicles which may be misusing a route. Details are then either handed to the Parish Clerk to co-ordinate the reports or sent direct to us. If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our customer service team.

#### Have Your Say – Have Your Voice Heard

Rushcliffe have launched their latest residents' survey, inviting all who reside in Borough to have their say on council services and life in the area. The survey can be completed online before the deadline of 5pm on Monday 5 August. Carried out every three years, the survey asks residents to answer questions about their satisfaction with a range of services that the council offers, their feeling of being safe in their community and where they feel the borough can improve to be a better place to live and work. Search for 'Rushcliffe Residents Satisfaction Survey'.

## Free Trees for Rushcliffe Homes and Gardens

Rushcliffe residents can make their properties even greener by applying for free trees for a seventh year running.



Over 11,000 trees have been distributed since the start of the campaign in 2018 and now a further 1,000

hazel, crab apple or wild cherry are

available without charge for those who live in the Borough.

It's part of Rushcliffe Borough Council's (RBC) strategy to provide sustainable environments in line with the borough's significant housing and employment growth in the coming years.

Householders are encouraged to apply as soon as possible given an anticipated high demand. They can apply for one free tree per household by submitting an online application before Monday 5 August 2024.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch – if I can't answer the question I am sure I can find someone who can.

#### Cllr Tina Combellack Cllr.tcombellack@rushcliffe.gov.uk



#### Welcome to the Latest Neighbourhood Policing Blog for Rushcliffe

Following a recent meeting with the team at Rushcliffe Borough Council, we have set the local policing priorities for the next quarter. They are:

## Anti-Social Behaviour in the area around Bridgford Park

We will be increasing patrols in the park in the early evenings in response to reports of persons damaging property, acting in a threatening manner and recent reports concerning theft of bikes. Officers will be looking to engage with young people in the area, but where suspicious activity is taking place, and where grounds permit (especially is there is a concern around any weapons), using stop & search too.

#### Shop Theft

We continue to see shop theft numbers higher than I would like, and whilst we are around 20% lower than this time last year, I'm very keen for my team to continue to target persistent offenders and utilise Criminal Behaviour Orders to combat the problem. My team will also continue attending the regular shop-watch meetings.

#### **Speeding in Rural Areas**

I receive complaints around speeding probably more than anything else. Whilst we have on-going joint work with partners to look at combatting the Car Cruising problem, it is of course crucial that we look to make our roads safer. You may have already seen our teams out on speeding operations in recent days, both in built up and rural areas and we'll continue to try to prevent serious collisions on Rushcliffe's roads by tackling speeding.

I invited the Underwater Search Unit to conduct their training dives around Holme Pierrepont recently and joined them on their exercise in an area around the lock where we traditionally find local teenagers jumping into the Trent during the hotter weather. We have an exceptionally professional and dedicated Underwater Search Team in Notts Police, who are sadly used in the region far too often to recover the bodies of deceased people from the water.

I cannot emphasise enough the importance of water safety in the coming summer months and again, I would urge those teenagers jumping into the Trent as a source of entertainment this summer not to do so. You really don't know what you're jumping into. There are dangers that lurk beneath the surface in terms of physical hazards, or currents which you can easily underestimate. I

I've attached a link to our recent Facebook media piece which explains further what we're trying to prevent, as well as advice should you fall into open water.

#### https://www.facebook.com/nottspolice/vi deos/2473540026179422/?mibextid=rS4 0aB7S9Ucbxw6v

Please keep your eyes peeled for upcoming events, such as bike marking, and our new VLOG that will be coming out soon too, but it has been a busy month in terms of major events too.

As previously mentioned, we had the Take That tour, and whilst the English footballing product hasn't quite been up to scratch, we've had the Euros to enjoy (or endure, depending on your outlook). Such events put pressure on our resources but I'm pleased to say that, other than a couple of minor isolated incidents, no significant problems have arisen in Rushcliffe linked to the Euros.

I'm sure many local residents will be attending the Proms In The Park this coming weekend, as well as the West Indies visiting Trent Bridge too. I'd encourage all attendees at these events to enjoy them safely, and of course, respect the local residential areas too.

Aside from the three priority areas and supporting local events, your Neighbourhood Policing Team will also continue to tackle other local problems, ASB, and drugs crime as we look forward to increasing the numbers of officers on our team in the near future. I'm routinely impressed with the dedication and professionalism of the teams who cover Rushcliffe 24/7, and I just wanted to formally show my appreciation for the work they do to keep our communities safe.

#### Insp Timothy Cuthbert Neighbourhood Policing Inspector for Rushcliffe

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