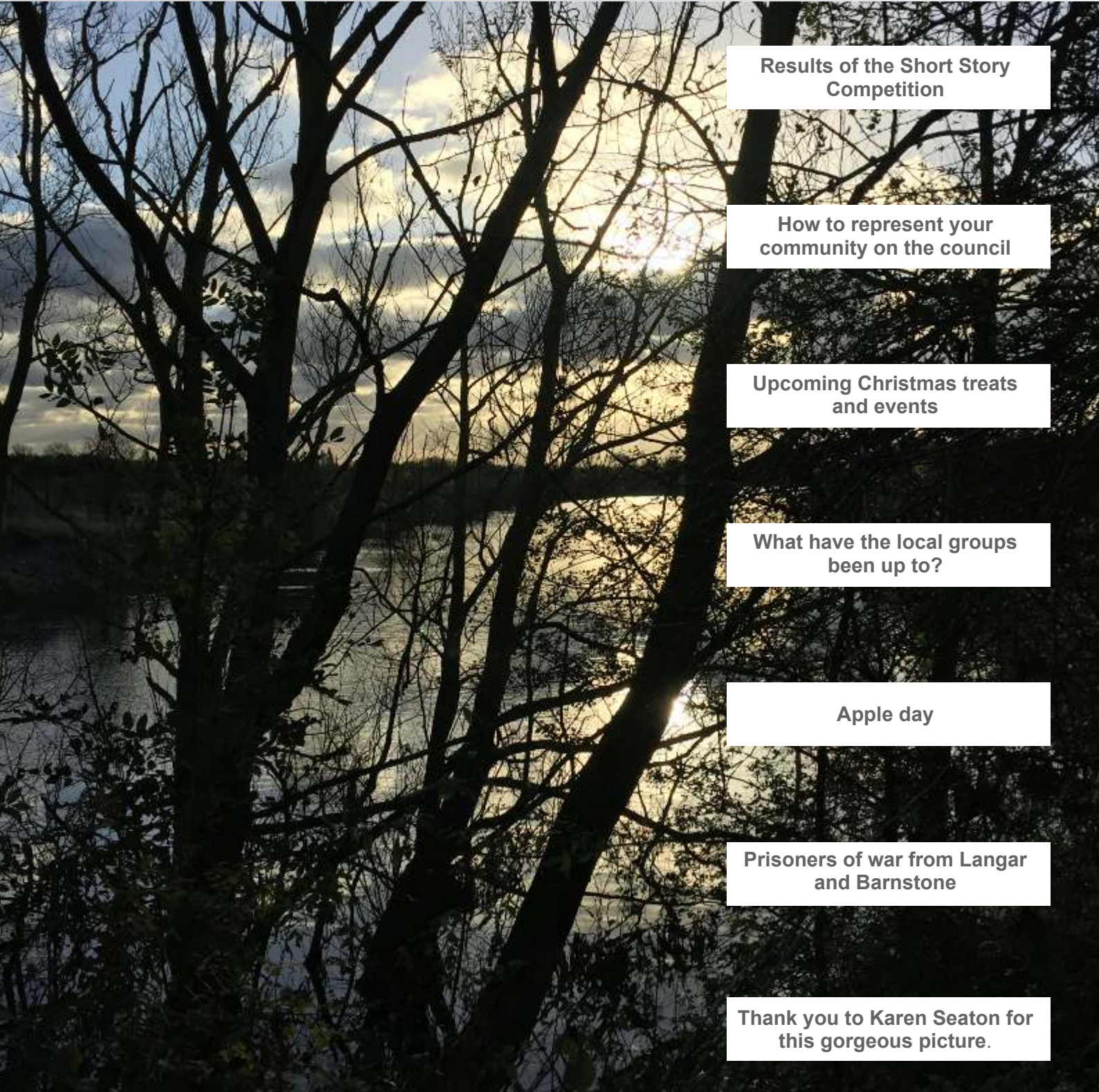




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Langar cum Barnstone Parish Newsletter



Results of the Short Story Competition

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Apple day

Prisoners of war from Langar and Barnstone

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**Langar Church of England
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Christmas Fayre

Friday 9th December

5pm – 7pm

**Santa's grotto, school choir,
raffle with fantastic prizes, cake
stall, turkey rolls, tombola plus
much much more!**





Granby and Sutton Singers invite you to our annual



"Christmas Cheer"

sing along concert



Saturday December 10th at 7.00pm
All Saints Church, Granby

An hour of seasonal songs for all the family
followed by coffee and mince pies in Granby Village Hall

Tickets £5 (children free)

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The Vale Market Café

Saturday 10th December 2016

Barnstone Village Hall 10 am – 12 noon

Come and celebrate Christmas with us

Eat and drink with friends & neighbours

Browse the stalls and buy gifts

Santa Claus will also be visiting at around 11 am

Forthcoming dates 14th January & 11th February 2017

Langar & Barnstone Festival 2017

17 to 25 June 2017

Make a date in your diary! The Langar & Barnstone Festival 2017 will be held on the above dates. Preparations have already started and a number of groups, businesses and individuals have committed to organising events, but there is still room for more. So if you have an idea for an event let us know so that we can help you to include it in the Festival Programme.

To give you a small taster of what is in our provisional programme we have:

A **“Family It’s a Knockout” Competition** at the **Unicorn’s Head** followed by **Live Music** and a **Barbecue**

A **Beer Festival**

A **Tug of War Competition** for all ages

An **Art Exhibition** organised by the **Vale Art Group**

A **Floral Event** across both Villages

A **Celebration** of the **Unicorn’s Head’s 300th Birthday**

And much, much more.

Most importantly the **Women’s Institute** will be supporting a number of the events through its members’ culinary skills.

More details will appear in the next issue of *Signpost*.

If you would like to be involved in any way please contact the following:

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COUNCILLORS NEWS

The Nights have drawn in and Christmas is just around the corner.



Anaerobic Digester on Samworth Farms



I was invited to visit the now operational Anaerobic Digester on Samworth Farms just off the A46 at Cropwell Bishop.

I was very impressed. It is a well-run intensive operation providing enough energy to power 1400 homes. It is fed by waste products from the existing farming activities which produce the gas to drive the turbines which generate the electricity. The digestate is finally turned into a dry or liquid fertiliser and at the appropriate time of year returned to the land – true waste recycling! There was little or no odour and the whole operation was very quiet from the outside."

Cllr. Tina Combellack, Cllr. Neil Clarke Leader of Rushcliffe Borough Council
& Mr Russell Price Managing Director of Samworth Farms.

Building company in Radcliffe fined £5,000 under the Environment Protection Act for failing to supply safe waste disposal evidence

Cllr Roger Upton, portfolio holder for Environment at Rushcliffe Borough Council, said "This case shows the importance of following the correct procedures when disposing of waste. Not doing so can often lead to increased instances of other offences like fly-tipping, which ruins our beautiful countryside and costs the taxpayer thousands to clear up. We're pleased with the court's decision and want this result to act as a deterrent in future – we're watching you and you will be caught, so dispose of your waste correctly!"

We are trying to protect the Rushcliffe Countryside so please be vigilant and report all incidents of illegal dumping and flytipping.

Noisy Neighbours – we hope not. Noise app makes reporting easier



Recently the Council launched an innovative new noise app to make it easier to report noisy neighbours. Following a successful trial, residents can now download 'The Noise App' for free to their smartphones and tablets, making reporting noise quicker and simpler. The app allows people to make audio recordings of unreasonable noise on their devices and enter details about the nature of the disturbance, creating an electronic noise diary which can be submitted as evidence of alleged noise nuisance. For more information about noise nuisance, to download The Noise App to your Apple or Android device, or to report noise visit www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/noise

BUMPER APPLE HARVEST

Langar and Hickling have been making the most of this year's bountiful harvest.

Langar, having purchased an Apple press with funding from Veolia, held a well-attended Community Apple Day when residents brought their own apples to be pressed and made into juice. It was a great success - I managed to make 7 litres from my apples.

Hickling have also had apples pressed and have been selling the resulting juice at village events. It's wonderful, so different to super market juice and I am sure better for you.

Armistice Day – Two-Minute Silence Ceremony – Friday 11 November 2016

The Mayor and fellow Councillors held a two minutes silence at 11am on Armistice Day, Friday 11 November 2016, on the Croquet Lawn in West Bridgford.

This year I attended a memorial service in Upper Broughton and laid the Rushcliffe Borough Wreath in Kinoulton. It was wonderful to see so many children at the service.

New number for power cuts



Many people don't know that they should contact their electricity network operator if they have a power cut - they often mistakenly call the electricity supplier to whom they pay their bills.

That's why the electricity network operators have joined forces to launch **105** - an easy-to-remember number to call to make it easier for customers to contact them during a power outage.

What to do during a power cut?

Switch off any electrical appliances that shouldn't be left unattended, ready for when the power comes back on. Leave a light on so you know when the power outage has been resolved. Check to see if your neighbours are ok. Wrap up warm

Contact your network operator to report the power cut by calling 105.

Have a happy Christmas and I shall be in touch again in the New Year.

Cllr. Tina Combellack

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Photos by Karen Seaton





LANGAR CUM BARNSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCIES

Notice is hereby given that four councillor vacancies are available on the Parish Council. Any person willing to fill these vacancies should apply to the Clerk in writing on or before the 5th December 2016.

The eligibility criteria for parish councillors are:

- The applicant's name must appear on the current Electoral Register or
- The applicant should during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date have resided in or within three miles of the parish or
- The applicant's only place of work, during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date, is within the parish.
- The applicant must not be debarred from standing as a Councillor.

PUBLIC elections cannot be held until 2019 but for the interim period the present sitting Councillors may co-opt to fill the vacancies.

Councillors' duties are not onerous. The Parish Council has one evening meeting per month, apart from August, which lasts approx. 2 hours. Occasionally Councillors are asked to help by researching a particular topic or attending a meeting to represent the Council.

The most important role is to represent the views of parishioners by taking an active interest in the local community in order to improve the quality of life in our villages.

For more information please contact the Clerk, details below:

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Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council
ANNUAL RETURN - Section 1 : Statement of Accounts

Accounts for Year from 01/04/2015 to 31/03/2016

Copies of the full accounts can be obtained from the Clerk - email: langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com or tel: 01949 860123

Box No.	Description	Year ending		
		31/03/2015 £	31/03/2016 £	
1	Balances brought fwd	74,805	41,366	*
2	Annual precept	35,730	35,830	*
3	Total other receipts	17,852	14,241	*
4	Staff Costs	10,251	14,696	*
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	
6	Total other payments	76,770	18,511	*
7	Balances carried forward	41,366	58,230	*
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	41,366	58,230	*
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	117,263	119,881	
10	Total Borrowings	0	0	

Launch of New Parish Website

www.langarbarnstone.com

At the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 15th December 7.30pm

Come along and see the demonstration using newly installed WiFi

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There are currently 4 vacancies on the Parish Council. If you would like more information, please contact the Clerk, Claire Pegg, or any of the councillors.

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Parish Council Website

www.langarbarnstone.com

Parish Council Meetings

Generally held on the 3rd Thursday of each month except August. Full meeting calendar available on the website under **Your Council**.

Members of the public are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings. There is a special Open Session at the start of each meeting between 7.30 – 7.45pm, for residents to ask questions or raise items of interest.

Agendas and Minutes are available on the village noticeboards and on the website at www.langarbarnstone.com

Future Meeting Dates

2016/2017

Thursday 15th December
Thursday 19th January
Thursday 15th February

Articles for next newsletter (March) should be sent either directly to Heather Whitaker (lbparishmag@gmail.com) or to the Clerk or any member of the Parish Council.

Deadline 6th February for publication approximately early March

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Random Fact!

Langar (Punjabi) (kitchen) is the term used in the Sikh religion for the common kitchen/canteen where food is served in a Gurdwara to all the visitors, without distinction of faith, religion or background, for free.

From the Chairman

Autumn seemed to have passed in a blur. Christmas is fast approaching with jingles and decorations seeming to have arrived even before Halloween has been cleared. Speaking of Halloween, the Vale Ventures Fright Night was a scream. A packed hall of ghosts and ghouls bopping to a marvellous band. A good time had by all. An event to add to next year's calendar.

Following on from August's vision meeting I am pleased to share that a bid to Veolia's Community Fund was successful. The result is a magnificent apple press. This was used by all comers at the inaugural Apple Day held at the Village Hall. About 70 litres of juice was pressed in about four and a half hours. It was great to see a production line appear out of nowhere. The press is now available to borrow. Details to be found later in this edition.

Further developments following the parish vision meeting are the new hearing loop

and wifi that are being installed as I type this. Exciting times. Stand by for FaceBook updates live from the Vale Market Café.

Sticking with communication, we have begun to talk with mobile companies about the patchy reception in the parish. For those who can use mobiles, you have no idea! I am very keen to live in a connected, modern and forward thinking parish. Speaking of forward thinking, the parish council are in a situation that if one more councillor leaves we will not be viable. For the past few years we have been asking for people to join but we are at the stage now that we need new councillors or we may not have a council. Please have a chat with any of the councillors listed in this newsletter about what is involved. Whatever you do don't put it off though.

Stay warm

Alan

Calling all micro businesses in Langar and Barnstone

A date for your Diary – Thursday 19th January 2017

FREE event from 10am on

Thursday 19th January 2017

at Barnstone Village Hall.

Experts on social media & web capability will be on hand for advice

- ✓Book in with the experts for a free 1 to 1 session from 10am
- ✓Network with other local business people
- ✓Light buffet lunch

For more information and to book a 1 to 1 session, please contact the Parish Clerk, Claire Pegg,

E: langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com or T: 01949 860123

Rod Whitehead

The Parish Council has, sadly, said goodbye to Rod Whitehead who stood down in September to pursue other interests.

Rod has served as a Parish Councillor since 2001, and as Chairman from 2009-2014.

The Council wishes Rod well in his future ventures.



1st Barnstone Brownies



Our Pack Holiday in September was at Linby again and based on 'the Minions'.

The Leaders became Bob, Stuart, Kevin, Dave, Lance, Carl and Jerry and dressed accordingly. We had to work hard to solve the mystery of Agnes's missing unicorn. The photo shows us washing up!!! We were the dishwashers!!

We have been exploring our artistic side and most of us exhibited a picture in the Vale Arts Group's Exhibition where we helped raise £250 towards the Pancreatic Research Fund in memory of Mr. Brown Owl.

We have all earned Craft Badges by using sewing and creative skills as we made decorations for our Scary Party.

Future plans include work on 'Thinking of Others before Ourselves' and collecting items for the Salvation Army Charity.

Six new girls have joined us since September and three have moved on.

We still have room for new members.

The Owls

Jeremy, Beth and the rest of the team at the **Unicorns Head** would like to wish all their customers a very Merry Christmas and they look forward to welcoming you all back in the new year.

Unfortunately the lime plaster has taken much longer to dry than originally anticipated, however it's getting there slowly and the wait for the new look Unicorns Head will soon be over!

Join us in 2017 as we boast a new and exciting drinking lounge with open fireplace, an open kitchen and a fantastic new outside dining area. We hope everybody will be impressed and that the wait will have been worth it!

Seasons greetings to all, see you in the new year



An apple day to rival Ambridge's

Sunday 23rd October saw Langar and Barnstone's first apple day thanks to a successful grant application to environmental solutions giant, Veolia. The village hall's parking bays became a hive of activity with parishioners bringing, washing, chopping, crushing and finally pressing their apples to make a wide variety of juices. Popular varieties sampled were Russet and Blenheim Orange. Participants were also able to purchase baked apple goods from 'Breast Bakes' who embraced the theme of the day.

Thanks go to both Phil Clarke who organised a collection of apples and Sylvia Houghton who let us fill a trailer with said apples from her orchard. This ensured everyone got to leave the day with a bottle of freshly squeezed juice. Organisers were delighted with the turn out and the sense of community, everyone rolled up their sleeves and mucked in, what a great collective we were! Special thanks to everyone who helped clear up. We were thrilled that all the pulp from the event got collected for use in the Anaerobic Digestion Plant on Langar Lane, so by Monday afternoon it was generating electricity!

The idea for a Community apple press and crusher came out of the parish visioning meeting in August. We are keen that the plethora of apples in both villages don't go to waste and juicing is a great way of dealing with the volume! Going forward we will be lending the press and crusher out to Langar and Barnstone Parishioners as well as continuing our annual apple day celebrations. We want the equipment to get as much use as possible during the harvest period. It can be used to crush and juice a variety of fruits and assist with any aspiring Eddie Grundy cider making projects you may have!

Next year we hope to purchase a pasteuriser which will extend the shelf life of the juices we are making. If you would like to make use of the Apple press and crusher please do get in touch we will be operating a booking system via Google calendar so you will be able to see when it's available.

Finally if you know anyone who can identify apple varieties please do pass on their details, we are keen to know the heritage of all the varieties we are juicing. In addition if you have excess fruit and would like to share it with the rest of the community let us know and we will see if we can help. Long term it would be amazing if we could map all the fruit trees in the two villages and, through juicing and redistribution, help ensure the fruit doesn't go to waste

For more information or to get involved, please contact Jodi Carter-Davies at Chestnut Farmhouse, Langar on 10949 869794 or email jcarterdavies@gmail.com

The Vale Players Present

**“Look at all them Stars,
it must be good” The SUN**

**“It’s about time someone
highlighted the plight
of the Ginge” STING**

Cinderella

**You would be
Nuts to miss it!**

**Coming January
2017
Dates TBC**

A Vale Ventures Event at Barnstone Village Hall

Short Story Competition Winners

2016

As promised in previous issues of Signpost we are publishing the three winning entries from the Langar & Barnstone Festival Short Story Competition for your enjoyment.

The first is a charming story about a Mermaid called Roosy was written in her own words by Eira Murray (aged 6) of Barnstone. Eira was our youngest entrant.

Once upon a time there livd a Murmayd and her name is Roosy. She has lots of Murmayd frends. Roosy has lots of fishy frends to. Roosy and her frends go on a avencher. On there avencher they find some piruts. They are good piruts. They all have fun. They meet uther piruts. Roosy has a rainbooe tail and hair. Roosy and her frends find the piruts in a undworter tunul but then cums a jinormus waive. Roosy finds treshur wen the waive woshis them awy. The treshur is a saecruete pashij. Roosy finds a nuther saecruete psij. In the saecruete pasij there is a very raire treshur in it.

Roosy and her frends are vaery icsightid to finde that mooch raire treshur. They go to get the treshur hoeme but then the dor starts to cloes. Roosy and her frends manij to get throue the dor.

The end.

The second story, *The Secrets in the Staff Room*, was written by Amelie Clayden (aged 9) of Langar.

Only a few more steps, one...two...three...I was in. The teachers' Staff Room. The Head Teacher, Mr Wilson, was tapping away at his laptop. His thin spectacles were sliding down his nose every time he looked at the screen. At the end of his nose was a huge, slightly hairy wart, which stopped his glasses from falling on the floor. He kept scratching his neck, which was due to the woolly Mickey Mouse tie he was wearing. My crazy haired Sports teacher, Mrs Smiths, was trying hard to dance on the dance mat, but she kept doing the wrong steps and the screen kept beeping at her, 'Game Over'. She was wearing tight green Lycra and I could see her big, yellow, frilly knickers poking through. She did an enormous, clumsy jump which knocked over a mug of coffee where Mr Jones, my Maths teacher was sat. He tutted and started wiping it up. Mrs Spencer was asleep and snoring. Every few seconds, she would do an incredibly loud snore, which made Mr Wilson jump and his glasses would fall down his nose again. He was probably glad of having a wart.

Anyway, in front of me, was the reason I was here. The door labelled 'Chocolate'. I ran quickly and ninja rolled through the door. Once in, I looked around in amazement at the masses of chocolate filled shelves which surrounded me. I reached out for some Smarties when suddenly an alarm sounded. Mrs Smiths stopped in the middle of a Macarena, which made me think something important was about to happen. I crouched behind the door as the teachers piled into the cupboard and each chose a chocolate bar. Unfortunately, Mr Jones grabbed the Smarties, so my eyes fixed on the Mars Bar instead. The end-of-play bell rang and, as the teachers shuffled out, I snatched the Mars Bar. The teachers smartened themselves up and pointed out any chocolate that they had got around their mouths. They were all groaning about going back to class. As for Mrs Spencer who slept through the whole thing? Well, Mrs Smiths woke her up and handed her a tissue to wipe her dribble. All teachers went back to class, except for Mr Wilson, who continued tapping away at his laptop until he thought he was alone. To my surprise, he opened another door, exactly like the chocolate one, but to a much bigger room. Inside, were all the toys the teachers had ever taken off us. He took out Lizzie's hula hoop and started hula hooping around the room! Who would have thought that a boring Head Teacher like ours could be as crazy as this?

I finished the Mars Bar and gently tip-toed out of the Staff Room past Mr Wilson, who now had three hula hoops on the go at once. I couldn't wait to tell my friends, especially Lizzie, about the secrets of the Staff Room. I realised that perhaps the teachers weren't so different from us after all.

Our final, slightly darker story, *Verity*, was written by Andrew Charlett, who admits to be over 18!

As he drove home he noticed how cold the weather had become. Suddenly in the twilight he saw a young girl by the roadside, hitching a lift. She was dressed only in a thin blouse and short skirt. He pulled to a stop and opened the passenger door.

'Where're you going?' she asked.

'Winslow – Any good?'

'Yeah. That'll do'. She got in. He started to drive.

'Why are you out here dressed like that at this time of day?'

'A lad took me out for a drive but dumped me here.'

'What's your name? Do your parents know where you are?'

'Hazel. And they don't care. How much money have you got?'

'What?'

'I want money. Give me twenty quid or I tell the Police you attacked me.'

'What?'

'You heard. Twenty quid or you'll be had for sexual assault.'

'I haven't touched you.'

'I know that and you know that, but the Police don't. They'll believe me.'

'But I'm old enough to be your grandfather.'

'Yeah, dirty old men are easy pickings.'

'You've done this before haven't you?'

'Yeah, loads of times.'

'And what if I stopped the car now and told you to get out.'

'I'd report you to the Police. I've got your number. You throwing me out makes my story more plausible.'

'But where's the evidence?'

'Oh I can make it look good. I just rip my tights and blouse. I can even cry. Are you paying up or not?'

'I don't have £20 on me.'

'Then go to a cash machine. You pay me and I disappear. Simple as that.'

'And what if you renege on your part of the bargain and still report me to the Police?'

'You'll have to rely on my word, won't you?' she smirked.

At Winslow he stopped outside the Police Station.

'Here, what're you doing?' she shouted

'You threatened to report me to the Police. So here you are. Get out. I'm coming with you.'

'You'll regret this!' she shouted as she flounced out of the car.

A Sergeant was at the desk. 'What can I do for you sir?'

'It's me you can do something for' she interjected, 'I want to report a sexual assault on me, by him' she pointed at the driver.

'I see' said the Sergeant 'and what do you have to say sir?'

'I'm afraid this girl has been trying to extort money from me Sergeant. She threatened that if I did not pay her £20 she would accuse me of attacking her.'

'Do either of you have any evidence to back up either of your allegations?'

'Well this might clarify matters.' The driver pulled out a digital recorder from his pocket.

'I'm a writer and I record ideas as they come to me. Fortunately I had it switched on.'

The girl went pale. 'That it ain't me on there. She called herself Hazel. My name's Verity'

'What a pity you haven't lived up to your name' replied the Sergeant.



Our Winter Windsor tournament on 1st October 2016 saw 56 archers attend from across the county.

It was a mixture of weather, sun, rain wind and calm. The heavy rain managed to stay away until the end of the competition.

Belvoir Archers did very well with the awards: Lady's Compound saw Belvoir Archers Sue Haynes take 1st place. Lady's Recurve saw Belvoir Archers Ros Creasey take 3rd Place. Lady's Longbow saw Belvoir Archers Clare Browne take 2nd Place. Junior Lady's Compound 1st Place went to another Belvoir Archer, Paige Jones

The Clubs tournament in July has been granted UK Record Status again for the third year. There are not many Windsor rounds in the UK which are record status. The Club will also be arranging a World Archery Round in April.

As winter is now approaching, the clubs activity on the field will be reducing. Although our members are trying all means to hold onto the shooting on Tuesday and Thursday with starting early. We will be hoping to arrange a Frost bite round on Saturdays (it is a postal round against other Archery Clubs).

The Club has been able to retain its regular Sunday night shoot indoors at Cotgrave leisure and again we will be shoot for our indoor Knockout tournament for our members.

The Club has also arranged for the use of Barnstone Village Hall on Tuesday evenings as well as Friday Evening and Some Saturdays for the Junior Club as well as training sessions for our members.

If you are interested in trying archery please contact us or come have-a- go..... it is very addictive.

More information about Belvoir Archers and how we are doing can be found on our web page www.belvoirarchers.co.uk



Barnstone Bowls Club 2016 Season



The 2016 season drew to a close in September with everyone at the Bowls Club taking a deep breath and pondering on yet more amazing achievements. We thought 2015 couldn't be bettered having had the most successful season in the Club's history but it is fair to say that 2016 equalled it. Unbelievable!

The little Bowls Club here in the Parish of Langar cum Barnstone retained the Nottinghamshire Bowls Federation Saturday League Division One title but this year won it with a game to spare. We also got to the final of an all-Nottinghamshire Knock-Out competition known as the Glover Cup but were narrowly beaten by West Bridgford Bowls Club. Incredible!

Barnstone won the Belvoir League 3 Woods league and also finished top of Division 2 of the Trent Valley League, thereby gaining promotion into Division 1. Wonderful!

We are also very proud of our bowling green which is one of the best in the area. It was a great honour to have been asked to host the final of the Trent Valley League Knock-Out Cup although disappointing that we didn't manage to qualify to play in it. Never mind!

On the downside, due mainly to ill-health, we were without the services of 11 of our playing members last season, which out of a membership of less than 50 has left quite a void. We would love to see local people coming and joining our small but happy band. You are assured of a very warm welcome, plenty of help and encouragement and a great time enjoying this wonderful game. We compete in six different leagues, play lots of fun Club competitions and one of our members is a qualified bowling coach so there's plenty of help available too. There is bowling available at every level. We have members who just enjoy a weekly game among themselves, others who like to play in the club competitions some of which are designed for beginners and friendly matches and some who look for the more competitive League matches and Cup competitions against other clubs. There is a brilliant social side to the Club too. This year we had a long weekend in Llandudno, day trips to Skegness and Sheringham, social evenings in the Clubhouse, at The Lime Kiln and at Ashmores, Presentation Dinner at Radcliffe Golf Club, and of course the legendary Tribute Nights which have raised about £30,000 to date for Macmillan Cancer Support.

If Bowls appeals to you give Steve Wrate a ring on 861353 or David Brown on 850675.



Photo by Karen Seaton



Langar & Barnstone Prisoners of War



In previous articles I have given the stories of some of those who sadly died during the First World War. There were others who suffered by losing their freedom by being taken prisoner of war. To date I have identified four such men connected with Langar and Barnstone.

On 24 August 1914 one of men connected with Langar and Barnstone was taken prisoner of war and would remain so until the end of the war. It is highly likely that the people of the parish were completely unaware of this as he is not listed on the Parish Roll of Honour. It is also possible that members of his extended family were also unaware of his fate.

Frederick Charles Millington was the illegitimate son of Elizabeth Ann Millington. He was born on 31 August 1881 in Langar. Elizabeth was the daughter of Mark Millington who was the village tailor living in Barnstone and later in Langar. Elizabeth's sister, Sarah, was the mother of Dennis and Henry Millington Cooper and her brother, Luke, was the father of John Henry Turney Millington. The three boys all served in the Army during the war.

The identity of Frederick's father is not known but on his Army Service Record he is recorded as "Thomas – address not known". On 3 July 1883 Elizabeth married John Makins, a butcher from Torksey, at St Andrew's Langar. John and Elizabeth lived in North Leverton, Nottinghamshire where they had four daughters. Elizabeth died in 1895, possibly in childbirth as there is also a record for the death of a baby, Nellie, at the same date.

Campaign		(A) Where decoration was earned.		(B) Present situation.													
Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Roll on which included (if any)													
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Medal Record Card for Frederick Charles Millington

Frederick is absent from the 1891 Census but appears in the 1901 Census for Laneham, Nottinghamshire where he is shown to be residing with, and working for, William Bettison, a Farm Bailiff. Frederick's occupation is given as Agricultural Labourer. Interestingly his place of birth is given as Nottingham. On 10 January 1905 he enlisted in the Militia becoming Private 5787 in 3rd Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment. His service was short, however, as on 4 April 1905 he was "Discharged by Purchase" for the sum of £2. As only his militia records survive it is not known when he joined 1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment but in 1911 he is shown on the Census as being a Lance Corporal with the battalion based in Aden. By the outbreak of war in 1914 he had been promoted to Corporal.

Frederick disembarked in France on 13 August 1914. The battalion spent the night of 22 August bivouacking in and around the square at Cuesmes, south of Mons. On 23 August the noise of battle to the north resulted in the battalion setting up barricades and digging in across the road from Mons. Troops that

had been in contact with the Germans started to trickle back through the lines and the wounded were treated by the battalion's Medical Officer and his team. The German troops pressed hard against the Lincoln's defences and the battalion was forced to withdraw under heavy machine gun fire. By 10 pm the battalion had retired to the northern outskirts of Framieres.

24 August dawned with a heavy German bombardment, which demolished a number of buildings and caused a large number of casualties among the British troops. Severe fighting continued through the morning with waves of German infantry being held up briefly by intense rifle fire from the 1/Lincolns and 1/Northumberland Fusiliers. Some measure of the intensity of the fighting can be seen by the casualties suffered by one battalion of the German 24th Infantry Regiment, which was reduced in strength from 1065 officers and men to only 9 officers and 560 men. The successful rear guard action enabled a large number of British troops to make an orderly but hurried withdrawal. The cost to 1/Lincolns was the loss of 4 officers and 134 other ranks killed, wounded and missing. Of these a number were taken prisoner of war by the Germans when they entered Framieres at 1 pm, including Frederick Charles Millington, who was unwounded.

From 1914 until 1916 he was held at the Sennelager near Paderborn in Germany. In October 1917 he was at Soltau, Luneburg Heath before transferring to Hemelin in Lower Saxony the next month. On 5 January 1918 Frederick was one of a number of British POW's transferred to Holland, where he remained until November. Unfortunately for Frederick the coming of peace did not mean a speedy repatriation as his name appears on a list of British Prisoners of War retained for duty in Holland dated 25 November 1918. Without his full service records it has not proved possible to identify when he reached the UK and what, if any, service he fulfilled thereafter.

His Red Cross records show some confusion as to both his date and place of birth. Mysteriously, he had become three years younger with his date of birth appearing as 31 August 1884 and the place of birth is variously given as Langar and Nottingham. This may have resulted from attempts to disguise his illegitimacy. The same records show that he retained contact with at least one of his half-sisters as a Miss M Makins living at The Lodge, Eccleshall, Sheffield is listed as Frederick's next of kin. This was Mary Makins who was in domestic service in 1911 with John William Best, a Chartered Accountant, at Greystones Hall, Sheffield.

Frederick was entitled to the 1914 Star and the Victory and War Medals and, although not commemorated in any way in the parish of his birth, his name does appear on the Roll of Honour of All Saints, Rampton, Nottinghamshire.

It was not until 1 August 1917 that the next man was to become a captive. Dennis Mark Millington Cooper was the son of Langar Schoolmistress, Sarah Cooper. Serving as a Private in "C" Company, 1st Battalion, Sherwood Foresters, Dennis was captured near Westhoek in the Ypres Salient, Belgium. He had arrived in France on 6 June 1917 with 2/6th Battalion, North Staffordshire Regiment but transferred to the Sherwood Foresters on 29 June. On 31 July and 1 August the battalion was in action near Bellewarde Lake and suffered heavy casualties on the 31st, including Sidney Goodman of Langar, who was killed in action. After consolidating its position the battalion was attacked on its left flank by the Germans at 4 pm on 1 August and it was during this action that Dennis was wounded and captured. He received gunshot wounds to the right thigh and right upper arm.

Initially reported missing his fate was discovered when his mother received a letter from Dennis dated 29 August sent from the hospital of Darmstadt Prisoner of War Camp in Germany. The next news from Dennis was in a postcard dated 25 September sent to his sister, Edna from Giessen POW Camp. In this he reassures the family that his wounds are healing and that he is among a group of English prisoners.

Dennis had to wait until 21 December 1918 to be repatriated to England. After a period of leave he was posted to the Territorial Forces Depot at Derby on 26 February 1919 and then to 3rd Battalion, Sherwood Foresters on 23 April 1919. Two days later he was admitted to Seaforth Hospital with a gunshot wound



Envelope of the letter sent by Dennis from his POW camp to his mother in August 1917.

to the buttock! After two days in hospital he was transferred to King's Lancashire Military Convalescent Hospital in Blackpool where he remained until 7 July, when he was returned to 3 Battalion. He was eventually demobilized and transferred to the Reserve on 11 October 1919 and returned to work as a Clerk with the Great Northern Railway.

It would not be until the next year when John Cresswell Clark was the next to be taken prisoner of war on 21 March 1918, the first day of the German Spring Offensive known as the Kaiserschlacht. John was the son of Frederick and Sarah Amelia Clark. Frederick was a Carpenter, Wheelwright and Farmer and the family lived in Langar and later at The Walnuts in Barnstone. John originally served with 11th Battalion, Sherwood Foresters before transferring the 10th and finally 15th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles with which unit he served as a Private, his Service Number being 10/43052.

In early 1918 John's battalion was moved to the front near St Quentin, France taking over the lines previously occupied by the French Army. This area was unlike the Somme and Ypres in that the trench lines were not continuous and the defences were made up of outposts and strong points connected by shallow communication trenches. The area had been relatively quiet and the French had not deemed it necessary to provide stronger defences. The British Army set about improving the situation but, unfortunately, time was not on its side. The Germans were desperate to end the war before America could make a significant contribution to the Allies by providing large numbers of fresh, trained soldiers and airmen. To achieve this they drew up a plan of massive attacks on the weaker parts of the front with a view to achieve a breakthrough, threaten Paris and the Channel Ports and cause France and Great Britain to seek peace. The first attack fell on the St Quentin Front early on the foggy morning of 21 March.

15th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles was located near the village of Grugies holding a number of outposts in the Front Line with John's "D" Company located with the Battalion Headquarters at Racecourse Redoubt. The German bombardment began at 4.15 am and the fog, which did not clear until around 11.30 am, reduced visibility to around 10 yards resulting in it being impossible to see the German Stormtroopers attacking or hear them due to the noise of the guns. The outposts were quickly over run and many men taken prisoner without being able to fire a shot. By 10.30 the Redoubt was surrounded and there followed fierce fighting, often hand to hand, until around 5.30 pm when the Battalion Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. C.G. Cole-Hamilton, realised that his men were cut off without any hope of escape, ammunition was almost exhausted and the level of casualties was mounting by the minute. After consulting his subordinate officers he took the painful decision to surrender to the Germans. In all only 30 men remained unwounded and in total some 60 men walked away into captivity. By fighting all day the battalion had engaged two German Battalions, inflicting heavy casualties, and delaying the German advance sufficiently to let other British units to retire safely to fight another day.

John was one of the lucky unwounded and along with his fellow prisoners he was marched to Guise and then Landrecies followed by a train journey to Giessen in Germany. In a journey of 7 days they were only fed 5 times. The Grantham Journal of 18 May carried a small piece reporting that John's family had

Name	Corps	Rank	Engl. No.
CLARKE John. C	Notts & Derby R R. In Ref	Pte	43440 10443052
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	1914-15	1011	
BRITISH	1914-15	1011	
STAR			
Threat of War (1914-15)			
Date of entry (1914-15)			

John Cresswell Clark's Medal Record Card. Note that the War Office had added an "e" to his surname. He had previously served with the Notts & Derbys Regiment (Sherwood Foresters)

received a postcard from him confirming that he was safe. By this time he had been moved to the POW camp at Langensalza and it is believed that he remained there until his repatriation in December 1918.

During his captivity he worked in a coal mine in Saxony. John's Army Service Records have not survived so it is not known if he saw any further military service or when he was demobilized.

The fourth soldier to be taken prisoner of war was Private PLY/179 John Matthews, Royal Marine Light Infantry on 5 April 1918. John was born on 31 December 1885 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, the son of John and Eliza Matthews. Little is known of his early history but he was working as a quarryman at the Barnstone Works when he enlisted on 31 August 1914 at Hucknall along with a number of other Langar and Barnstone men. Although he was originally posted to 8th Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry he was immediately transferred to Plymouth Battalion, Royal Marine Light Infantry along with Thomas William Garrett of Barnstone. They served together until William Garrett was killed in action at Gallipoli on 26 April 1915. John served on in Gallipoli and then Salonika until returning to England to train as a machine gunner. He then saw service in France.

On 23 August 1916 he married Hilda Kirton of Barnstone at Blandford Forum Register Office. John's service records show that Hilda then lived at Rose Cottage, Barnstone.

a)	MATTHEWS.	Pte	3rd.	Aveluy, 5.4.18	Birkenhead, 31.12.85
b)	John.	R.M.L.I.	Unwounded.		Barnstone, Notts.
c)	PLY/179	G.	Parchin.		Mrs H. Matthews;
a)					Works Grange.
					Barnstone, Nottingham.
					England.
					B. 31.12.85.

Red Cross Record for John Matthews as a Prisoner of War.

In 1918 John was serving as a Machine Gunner with 2nd Battalion, Royal Marine Light Infantry in France. The German attack which resulted in the capture of John Cresswell Clark continued and by early April the Germans had advanced across the Somme battlefield and on 5 April they launched a violent attack on the area around Aveluy Wood near Albert. As a machine gunner, John and his team were placed in the front area, exposed to the enemy. The sheer force of the attack meant that his position was quickly over run and despite resisting as long as possible he was captured, unwounded. His first POW Camp was Parchin, although this was for administrative purposes only as he was put to work close to the front line. By 15 November 1918 he was in Friedrichsfeld, Germany and was repatriated in December. After home leave he returned to his battalion and was demobilised on 19 March 1919.

Closer to home, Langar Hall was used as a Prisoner of War Camp at the end of the First World War. I recently came across a document in the National Archives, which is a report made by Lieutenant Colonel Lundblad of the Swedish Legation following a number of visits to inspect camps used for the detention of Austrian and Hungarian prisoners of war. He visited Langar Hall on 6 March 1919.

Langar Hall was set up as an outpost of Plumtree Prisoner of War Camp in the summer of 1918 for Austrian and Hungarian soldiers. The prisoners were employed on local farms doing ditching and other jobs and also at the Barnstone Cement Works. For this the Foreman and Skilled Workers were paid 1½d. an hour and other Workers 1d. an hour for an 8 hour day without deductions.

Colonel Lundblad described the hall as a gentleman's beautiful country seat surrounded by parks and gardens. The main building was closed up and the prisoners were housed in guest and service rooms and the kitchen, wash house, stables and garage made up the rest of the camp. The prisoners were supervised by Sergeant Joice, with a guard of one Corporal and ten men all under the command of Captain F.A.B. Liebenrood, who was based at Plumtree and visited Langar once or twice a week. An Austrian Stabsfeldwebel (Sergeant Major) assisted the British troops. The Medical Officer was Dr Eaton, a civilian doctor based in Bingham.



Langar Hall before World War One

There were 54 prisoners in total who were reported as being well fed, well treated and of good morale albeit keen to be freed and returned to their homelands. There was little entertainment but the men amused themselves with sports and games. One prisoner had developed severe rheumatism as a consequence of working in wet ditches. Arising from this Captain Liebenrood had issued all workers with rubber boots to prevent further cases.

Ironically, on the day before Lt-Col Lundblad's visit, the Parish Police Constable saw one of the Austrian prisoners of war being given a loaf of bread in Barnstone by Emma Garrett, the mother of Thomas William Garrett. For this act of kindness she was prosecuted under the Defence of the Realm Act and fined £1 by the Bingham Magistrates.

Nigel Wood.



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Summer has gone and so has our home bred flock of swallows. If you recall from the last piece I wrote back in August we bred a squadron of swallows and I am pleased to report that they all passed initial flight training and left for Africa and all points South some while ago.

When one thinks about it, it is quite a learning curve (please excuse the management speak) for those small birds. One minute flapping around the environs of Barnstone works with a cosy hangar in the washroom and lots of easy food within gliding distance. The next heading South, on a possible 6000 mile journey travelling to places ranging from Saudi Arabia, South Africa or even India! No easy food and short distances here!

The sand they saw at Barnstone could be measured in yards, the sand they encountered crossing the Sahara Desert can be measured in thousands of miles- as they say contrast and compare. I hope they return in the spring.

Summers end and the beginning of Autumn means the Barnstone cavalry begin limbering up for the annual Langar & Barnstone Gymkhana. It is a little known fact that we have a mounted division here at the works. Should the internal combustion engine fail to deliver our products then I would have no hesitation in calling in our equine friends. The first sign that something horsey is afoot or ahoof is the appearance of strangely painted wooden poles around the plant these are of course the fences but why they have to be kept in the office block prior to use no one knows.

The gymkhana is an integral part of the village carnival week and the day went off well with everyone having a jolly time and with no fallers! By the way if you have any nagging questions regarding horses, ponies, donkeys or even the occasional ass then feel free to drop into the Works front office.

There you will find 3 of the world's most knowledgeable horse women who are never blinkered in their views, will not shy away from any questions and have a stable approach to all things equine.



After the great horse event we then move on to the “Battle of the Buns”.

Yes the great Macmillan cake off. No Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry here just Josie and Justina each determined to hold a Cake Off!

What’s to be done?

This town ain’t big enough for 2 cake offs! So what they did was to combine forces and come up with a super cake off.

To quote Aristotle “The Whole is greater than the sum of its parts” and the Whole created by the 2 J’s was superb. The village hall was crowded with folk feasting on the very best baking that Langar & Barnstone could provide.

The tables were groaning under the weight of a huge selection of baked products all of which could be washed down by freshly made drinks that came out of the hatch at a fair old rate. I followed a well worn path to the venue, a path walked by many plant personnel. When I arrived at 1.30 there was still enough variety and quantity of cakes and buns on sale to satisfy even my highly tuned palate let alone my highly expanded waistline. I ate a scone, drank a cup of tea, chatted to various people and even took a walnut cake home with me, what a pleasant and worthwhile couple of hours.



The upshot of all this eating and drinking was that £600 was raised on the day for Macmillan. What a fantastic effort from Justina and Josie, so a huge thanks to them.

You can see them pictured alongside me, displaying the evidence of too much cake eating!

Chris Stephens

Rushcliffe Befriends goes from strength to strength

Rushcliffe Community and Voluntary Service (RCVS) is delighted to have secured 3 years of additional funding to continue and extend its Rushcliffe Befriends scheme, which supports Rushcliffe residents who are over 50 and experiencing social isolation.

Their volunteer befrienders can help someone to become involved with a local group, or can provide company by visiting at home or by going out, perhaps for a walk or a coffee.

Louise, one of the RCVS befrienders, says: “Everyone enjoys a natter with a friendly person who isn’t judgemental or critical and who can offer a listening ear and conversation. In some cases it is a lifeline to those who are the most isolated”.

We need more volunteers so we can help more people. To volunteer, all you need is to be aged 50+, live in Rushcliffe, have a few hours a week to spare and want to help local older people. Volunteers receive training, support and expenses. It’s a great way to meet interesting people, make a difference and have fun!

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