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Langar cum Barnstone Parish Newsletter



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Remembrance Sunday

Cllr. Nicky Pulford represented the Parish Council at the services at 207 Squadron Memorial and at Granby Parish Church, during which a wreath was laid in remembrance of parishioners who gave their lives for their country in time of war.

Planting of Planters



As part of her horticulture studies, a resident has offered to plant up the planters in the children's play area with a selection of drought-resistant plants. An offer the Parish Council

gratefully accepts!

Cats and Hedgehogs

Residents have expressed concerns over local feral cats, whilst other residents have expressed concerns over the high mortality of hedgehogs on our local roads. The Parish Council is unable to act unilaterally in these matters but has put the residents in touch with the relevant departments at the Borough and County Council to present their cases for action.

COVID Memorial Bench

In the last issue, we reported on the vandalism towards the bench which was erected on the community field only a few months ago to recognise the strong local response to the COVID pandemic. We are now pleased to report that Cllrs. Combellack and Clarke have made donations from their divisional funds to cover the cost of a replacement bench. Thank you to both!

Nottinghamshire Alert

This scheme allows Nottinghamshire Police and other public organisations to inform local people of issues affecting their area in a timely way. Some residents are already signed up to this and find it a good way of being aware of local policing concerns.

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For any matters relating to items mentioned here, or to raise any other issue with the Parish Council, please contact Sharon Ellis, our Parish Clerk, in the first instance

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Oh, Bats!

Many of you will have noticed that the demolition of the Village Hall started rather later than was anticipated. That is all down to these local residents:

One of the conditions of the approval for the re-build from Rushcliffe Borough Council was that an ecological assessment be carried out prior to commencement of work on the site.

A preliminary assessment by an ecology consultant in early July, followed by a bat survey performed at dusk, suggested “some low-level usage by a bat species” with confirmation that the hall “does not contain an active bat roost”



However, when the tiles were removed from the porch area, the two common pipistrelle bats pictured above were seen and removed to safety by the consultant.

Further paperwork relating to the bats ensued, so that demolition could only commence at the start of November. In the meantime, the bats are now re-located to a temporary home and will be returned when bat boxes have been installed into the walls of the new hall.

Time Capsule

Members of the Village Hall Users Committee and other residents have been busy preparing commemorative documents that will be placed in a time capsule to be sited in the new hall, though the exact location has yet to be decided.

The documents cover the initial establishment of the hall, its subsequent history, and the modern-day activities within the hall; these documents have been laser-printed onto archival-quality paper and sealed in special wallets, ready for their insertion into the time capsule.

Details of the capsule ‘planting’ will be circulated widely on notice boards, social media and the Parish Council website.

Who knows? We might uncover a time capsule from 1922 when the demolition is finished!

We Can Do This’ Campaign

We thank those residents and businesses that have already donated to our ‘**We Can Do This!**’ campaign to raise funds to support the re-build of the hall, and hope others may feel able to assist. More details on this can be found at the back of this issue of Signpost.

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Grantham Canal – Update

When the Grantham Canal Water Restoration Group (GCWRG) was established it immediately set out the issues that needed to be resolved to restore water levels to our part of the canal. Not surprisingly, top of the list was the repair of known leaks.

It has taken years of discussion, pressure and publicity, but the serious leaks at Irish Jack's Bridge and near Devil's Elbow have now been repaired.

The work has involved repairing major leakages around the vicinity of Culverts 39 and 42 and Grantham Canal Society, as an approved contractor for The Canal and River Trust, used their volunteer labour to support CART in carrying out this work.

Redundant sheet piling was taken out and the banks excavated to find the voids where water penetration from the canal had successfully made its way into the culverts.



To remedy this situation deep trenches were excavated, in places over 2m deep along the bank side; they were then filled and compacted with imported puddle clay to form a waterproof barrier to seal the leakages.

60 tonnes of clay was delivered to site from Castle Clay Sales from Stoke on Trent who specialise in providing Puddle Clay to Canal Organisations.



Mechanical excavators and a dumper were hired locally from AE Faulkes at Hickling and GCS volunteers completed the

project working full time in just over a week. A fantastic effort from all those involved.

Recent rainfall has meant that the canal now has water in it and levels are slowly rising, so it looks promising. GCWRG will continue to monitor the levels but, in truth, it won't be until next year until we have a clear idea of how effective this is or if there are other leaks we are not aware of.

Fingers crossed!

In the meantime, GCWRG turns its attention to two other priority areas, ie clearing reeds and blockages to allow the water to flow down the canal to our area, and maximising the feeds that are essential to maintain levels.

Plans are already coming together to clear reeds along the canal to create a four-metre-wide corridor. GCWRG is then looking at ways to get volunteers to widen the corridor further and keep it clear in certain places by pulling reeds by hand. It will be hard, smelly work but well worth the end result.

Work is also underway to understand the recently rebuilt canal feed coming out of the Knipton Reservoir and to clear the 5km feed as it passes through open ditches and 200-year-old brick culverts. This feed is vital to our part of the canal and, in fact, it is the only reason that Knipton Reservoir was built in the first place. The reservoir and a large part of the feed are on Belvoir Estate land, so the assistance of the Estate is vital to this work and GCS will, again be carrying out some, if not all, of this work.

GCWRG is also, with the support of Rushcliffe Borough Council and local MPs, pushing to have the canal reclassified from a 'remainder waterway' and instead to be considered as a health and leisure corridor used by thousands daily, and to be funded accordingly.

GCWRG continues to raise funds – including a recent generous donation of £300 from the Hickling Scarecrow weekend and the Mayor, Cllr Tina Combellack, one of the founder members of our group, has made

GCWRG one of her two chosen charities to help raise funds for our valued waterway. We will be using these funds to support these projects and anything that will raise and maintain water levels in our section of the canal.

Finally, GCWRG is in close contact with the Lady Bay local group who are rightly concerned that their stretch of canal recently dried up suddenly, and we will continue to offer advice and support as they set out on a similar path, and GCS and CRT are similarly involved to resolve issues at that end of the canal.

It has been a long, slow process but we are at last making progress and gaining momentum, and GCWRG is grateful to our partners Grantham Canal Society and Canal and River Trust and to Rushcliffe Borough Council for helping to get this far and, of course, to you for your support along the way.

For more information or to donate, find us on Facebook – search GCWRG – or email gcwrg@yahoo.com.

Walking Football

Walking Football takes place at Bingham Leisure Centre on Wednesday nights at 7pm. Aimed at over 50s, it is non-serious and there is a no-tackling fun hour which tends to veer into trotting. All new players are welcome.



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Sky Divers Raise Money for Children's Bereavement Centre

NEWARK BLUE LIGHT BUSINESS TAKES TO THE SKIES TO RAISE £6,000 FOR CHILDREN'S BEREAVEMENT CENTRE - AND THEY AIM TO RAISE EVEN MORE!

Newark Blue Light business Motorfinity has taken to the skies to raise important funds for The Children's Bereavement Centre.

Colleagues at the Northern Road car specialist company - which offers discounted vehicles for those in the emergency services, NHS, social care sector and armed forces - have raised £5,848 so far by skydiving from 14,000 feet at Skydive Langar, and aim to raise even more when more of their team jump this coming weekend.

The Children's Bereavement Centre is based on King's Road, Newark, and provides support to young people experiencing trauma or loss. The money raised by the group at Motorfinity will support the Centre's ongoing work and development.



Dean Skiba is the Chief Operating Officer at Motorfinity and he made his skydive on Monday.



Speaking of the experience, he said:

"I have always dreamed of doing a tandem skydive

and doing it for such a worthy cause was a truly special experience.

The Children's Bereavement Centre provides support to children, young people and their families that are experiencing trauma due to the death or terminal illness of a loved one.

The experience was totally mind blowing, words cannot describe it. It's certainly up there as one of the most exhilarating, fun, and scary things ever! I am beyond proud of myself and the money raised for The Children's Bereavement Centre."



Debi Fechete was the tandem instructor for Dean on the day. She said:

"As a tandem instructor, I'm fortunate to meet so many amazing people raising money for incredible causes and this was no different. Dean and Daniel were a pleasure to share the skies with and we're looking forward to meeting more of the Motorfinity team in the future."

Rachel Wilson is the fundraising manager at The Children's Bereavement Centre. She commented:

"We are delighted that Team Motorfinity have decided to take on this amazing challenge to support us and have found working with them an absolute pleasure

They are enthusiastic, passionate and really committed to achieve the very best results they can. I know some of the group are very nervous but they are doing it anyway and really stepping outside of



their comfort zone.

“The funds they raise from this activity will enable

us to be there to support local children, young people and their families through one of the most devastating times in their lives. Motorfinity are making it possible for us to change the lives of local families. On behalf of all the team at the CBC a heartfelt thank you, to everyone taking part and all their colleagues, family and friends that have supported them.”

Motorfinity has been supporting The Children’s Bereavement Centre for 2 years and other fundraising activities have included supporting the Dragon Boat Festival in 2021 and 2022, this year entering two teams into the racing and becoming an event sponsor by organising a carnival area on site for the general public to enjoy. They have also provided prizes to be used in raffles to raise funds and items that the children can use in their sessions.

A further six colleagues will take part in tandem skydives next spring for CBC.

Those wishing to donate to Motorfinity’s cause can do so at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dean-skiba



Festive Fundraiser December 2022

Dove Cottage has partnered with Treasure Trails to bring you an exciting mission! The ‘White Wings over Belvoir’ trail has been created specifically for Dove, and gives families the opportunity to explore the local area from a different perspective.

Why not help us raise some money this festive season and become a Dove detective? This self-guided treasure hunt will take you around peaceful villages in the Vale, starting at Long Clawson and visiting Hose, Langar, Granby, Belvoir Engine Yard and Eaton before finishing at our tea room – all whilst looking for clues to solve the hunt!

Think you know your local area? This trail will get you spotting things you’ve never noticed before! A great adventure to enjoy as a family or with friends (including the four-legged ones)! and what’s more, you’ll be supporting the wonderful work we do at the same time! Fancy dress is not mandatory to complete the trail but is strongly encouraged...! Why not get into the festive spirit by wearing a Christmas outfit or accessory, and encourage people to sponsor you to complete your mission! Raise over £25 and we’ll send you a festive medal! **

Trails can be bought from any of our shops or by emailing fundraising@dovecottage.org Trails are £10, all profits go to Dove Cottage. Complete your trail before the end of December, and we’ll give you a voucher for one free hot drink plus sweet treats for the kids, to enjoy at our Dove Cottage Tea Room.*

* vouchers will be issued for redemption at our Stathern Tea Room before 31 January 2023.

** sponsorship money must be received by Dove Cottage by 31 January 2023 to receive a medal.



Langar Team Wins Gold in Skydiving National Championships

A team from Langar in Nottinghamshire has won gold in the British National Skydiving Championships. 'Chimera' beat the silver medallists by 40 points in total to be named the top 4-way formation



skydiving team in the country.

The win happened over the weekend,

with nearly 30 teams competing for the title. Chimera will be attending the World Skydiving Championships in Eloy, Arizona in October 2022 where they will represent Great Britain.

Speaking of the win, Laura Hampton, who holds the position of 'outside centre' in Chimera, said:

"It's been an incredible journey and we are so proud of what we've been able to achieve. It's been a long road to this point, and we've had ups and downs along the way; to come out victorious this weekend was a genuine dream come true for us all.

"We look forward to using our new title to inspire other people to try skydiving and to learn formation skydiving in particular."

The team comprises five members - Laura Hampton (Bingham), James Woods (Harby), Sarah Ashworth

(Harby), Will Cooke (Langar) and Pete Harries (Cotgrave) - with the four 'performers' holding on to each other to create shapes, or formations, and one camera flyer responsible for capturing the skydive using a camera mounted to their helmet.

Chimera regularly trains at Skydive Langar, around 20 minutes outside of Nottingham. They expect to continue their training here in the run-up to the world meet.

A number of teams from Skydive Langar attended the competition, including Silver Linings, Alola, Eros, Winged Hussars, L3, DNF and Spread Eagles. The centre aims to be a centre for training excellence and has increased the amount of coaching available to skydiving teams in recent years.

Skydiving in the UK has grown significantly in popularity in recent years, with many citing the so-called 'experience economy' and the lockdowns as the reason for people seeking a new, exhilarating challenge.

Skydive Langar is the biggest and busiest skydiving centre in the UK,



completing around 40,000 skydives per year, with typically 10% of those being

tandem jumps and the rest being sports jumpers, including students from the University of Nottingham.

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Langar and Barnstone Wildflower Area

Over the past couple of years the grassy area around the Langar/Barnstone crossroads has been producing a beautiful display of cowslips, so your Parish Council has decided to further develop the area into a wild flower area.

The idea will be to make the entrance to Langar and Barnstone look nicer with lots of wild flowers and to reduce the number of times that we need to cut the grass, saving money as well.



Village Bedding Displays

In addition to the wild flower displays mentioned above, we were contacted by Carol Courtney, a resident from Barnstone who is carrying out studies with the RHS and, as part of her studies, she is required to work within her community to look at community bedding.

After visiting areas within the village, Carol decided to help the Parish Council by improving the village planters around the play park area and bringing them back to life by replanting them with some new plants which are more drought-resistant.

With that in mind Carol visited some of the gardens around the villages with a view to collecting some plants that can be separated and transplanted in the spring.

Carol has provided a list of her requirements which are shown below. If you are able to donate some of your plants towards the project, please contact the Parish Clerk for more information langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com

Bergenia cordifolia 'Purpurea' - Elephant's ears
Sedum spectabile 'Autumn Joy' - Stonecrop/Sedum Autumn Joy
Veronicastrum virginicum - Culver's root
Agapanthus - African lily
Verbena bonariensis - Purple top
Nepeta tuberosa - Catmint
Salvia 'Blue Spire' - Sage 'Blue Spire'
Festuca glauca 'Elijah Blue' - Blue fescue 'Elijah Blue'
Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster' - Feather reed grass
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Please Pick Up After Your Dog

Recently we have noticed a vast increase in the amount of dog mess in our two villages, particularly around the telephone box area in Barnstone. Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and to other pets.

Therefore, it is important to immediately clean up after your dog. Please take a bag with you to pick up waste and dispose of it properly – there are plenty of dog waste bins in the areas and it is an offence not to do so. **Please note that the Community Field on Works Lane is a NO-DOG area, so dogs must not be allowed to enter.**

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 an irritating nuisance in our community. Please help to make the place cleaner and safer for everyone.



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1st Barnstone Brownies

New Beginnings!

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This term we have been concentrating on getting our oldest Brownies through the Programme so that they can achieve Bronze, Silver or Gold awards before they move on. Seven new girls have joined our Unit since September and they are settling in very well.



One evening in October Dave Matthews came to visit to give the Brownies a chance to do some DIY, using hammers, screwdrivers etc. He brought an impressive array of

power tools to demonstrate.

Our Goose Fair meeting was a great success. There was a ghost train, coconut shy, hook-a-duck, splat the rat and hot dogs!



In December to finish the term we are holding a Christmas Sleepover/Activity Day at the Magpies'

Nest in Elton. There we hope to do some grass sledging and lots of Christmas activities..... but sadly it will be saying goodbye to six of our Brownies who will be leaving us.

Thank you to all our Leaders, Young Leaders and the occasional Volunteers who have come forward to help us. We can't manage without you.

Wishing everyone a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

The Owls and Volunteers

Pageturners Book Club



Are you interested in joining our Book Club? We meet on the first Friday of the month in each other's homes in Langar or Barnstone and we are a fun informal group who enjoy a glass of wine! We read a wide range of books, some we love and some we hate.

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Over the Summer months, there has been a lot of outdoor shooting for Belvoir Archers with Tuesday and Thursday club nights and Saturday afternoons being very busy.



The Club has run several Taster Sessions as well as two beginners' courses. The archers have been very interested in trying all types of bows -

Longbow, Recurve, Barebow, Compound and Crossbow. Our club Head Coach is now a qualified Crossbow Instructor through the National Crossbow Federation, as well as being an ArcheryGB Level2 coach for over 9 years.

We held our Summer Windsor on 20 August 2022 and our Winter Windsor on 16 September. We had several archers taking part using all types of bows

including cross bows. Several Belvoir Archers took part and came either first (Longbow) or within the medals.

As winter approaches we will continue to shoot on Saturdays on the community field. As the Village Hall is being rebuilt, we have been offered space in a hangar by Skydive Langar. We are very grateful to them for assisting us so that we can continue to shoot over the winter months.



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Joanna Fuchs



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