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**Langar cum Barnstone Parish Newsletter**



**Articles for next newsletter (June)** should be sent either directly to **Heather Whitaker** [lbparishmag@gmail.com](mailto:lbparishmag@gmail.com) or to the Clerk or any member of the Parish Council by 1st May 2016 at the latest.



## A New Year is here again.....Brown Owl's 36th year!

Last year we said Goodbye to four Brownies.....Sydney, Gracie, Esme and Harriet.....Boo

Hoo! But we said Hello to Emma P who's come to help us as a Young Leader.....Hurray!

Our Christmas Concert was a great success. We entertained all our parents and served them all tea and biscuits.

Dick Whittington at the Playhouse was brilliant! Two of our Brownies went up on stage and did us proud. How we cheered!

Sadly we lost Mr Brown Owl.

**Future Plans:-** At present we are working towards the Wildlife Explorer

badge. We are hoping to have an archery session with the Archery Club and in April we are going to visit the Ecocentre Community Care Farm at Screveton.

Look out!.....There are Owls in the Brownie Phone Box.

If you're a girl aged between 7 and 10, come to Brownies..... It's Great Fun!

Ring Brown Owl on 01949 860022.

The Owls



## 1<sup>st</sup> Langer Scout Group needs you!

Do you have a couple of hours a week to spare? Are you looking for a new challenge or something different? Do you want to 'put something back' into the community?

1<sup>st</sup> Langer (Vale of Belvoir) Scout Group is looking for new Leaders for all Sections (Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts) working with young people from local villages aged between 6 to 8, 8 to 10½ and 10½ to 14 years old. We need at least 2 Leaders for Beavers, 2 Leaders for Cubs and 1 Leader for Scouts to join us to run an interesting and safe programme of activities. Training and support will be provided.

If you think you could help in the development of children into responsible young adults and have some fun along the way, then please contact Michael at [michael.baggy@gmail.com](mailto:michael.baggy@gmail.com) or Brian at [carrington.brian@gmail.com](mailto:carrington.brian@gmail.com) for further information.

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There are currently 3 vacancies on the Parish Council. If you would like more information, please contact the Clerk, Claire Pegg, or any of the councillors.

## Clerk to the Parish Council

### Mrs Claire Pegg

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## Parish Council Website

[www.langarbarnstone.com](http://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](http://www.langarbarnstone.com)

## Future Meeting Dates

2016  
Thursday 17th March  
Thursday 21st April  
Thursday 19th May

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**Deadline 1st May** for publication approximately week beginning 1st June

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Please cut out and keep for future reference as these details may not be printed in every issue.



# LEGO® GRAND PRIX

**2.00 p.m. Saturday**

**25 June 2016**



**Try your skills at building and racing one of the above kits**

**Open to teams of up to 3 people - at least one member must be 16 years or younger.**

**Each team to provide its own kit**

**Only standard kits to be used - no modifications allowed**

**Other LEGO® Technics kits may be entered at the organisers discretion.**

**Entries can be made on the day.**

**To be held on the MUGA at Langar Church of England School**



# Calling all Racers and LEGO® Enthusiasts!

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June we will be holding the Langar & Barnstone Festival LEGO® Grand Prix on the MUGA at Langar Church of England School. The format of the event involves building one of the LEGO® Technics kits shown on the previous page, or any new models at the discretion of the organisers, and racing it in a series of knock-out races to find the champion team.

The event is open to teams of up to three people, at least one of whom must be 16 years or younger. The event starts at 2.00 p.m. With one hour allowed to build the kit from scratch. The races will start at 3.00 p.m. And continue until we have a champion.

The winning team members will each receive one of the LEGO® Speed Champions Sets.

The competition is for standard kits only and no modifications will be allowed.

Entries will be allowed on the day but to help the organisers it would be preferred if teams showed their intention to compete by filling in the entry form and sending it to:

Langar & Barnstone Festival LEGO® Grand Prix

The Poplars

Barnstone Road

Langar

Nottingham

NG13 9HH

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## Langar & Barnstone Festival LEGO® Grand Prix

Team Name:

Team Members

1.

2.

3.



# Short Story Competition

Feeling creative? Ever fancied writing a short story but never had the time or opportunity? Well now is your chance. For the first time this year the Langar & Barnstone Festival is including a short story competition in its list of events.

All you have to do is write an original fictional story in 500 words or less and send it in. Entries are invited from the following age group categories:

**Category 1: Pupils in Year 1 to 6 of any school resident in the parish of Langar cum Barnstone or attending Langar Church of England Primary School if resident outside the parish of Langar cum Barnstone.**

**Category 2: Pupils in Year 7 to 13 of any school resident in the parish of Langar cum Barnstone**

**Category 3: Open to all residents of the parish of Langar cum Barnstone, parents or guardians of pupils attending Langar Church of England Primary and anyone working in, or associated in any way with, the parish of Langar cum Barnstone.**

There will be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each category.

The judges will be looking for originality, plot, characterisation, language and enjoyment.

Full details are given in the rules of the competition.

All entries must be either handwritten, typed or printed out. Please include contact details and send to:

**Langar & Barnstone Festival Short Story Competition**

**The Poplars,**

**Barnstone Road,**

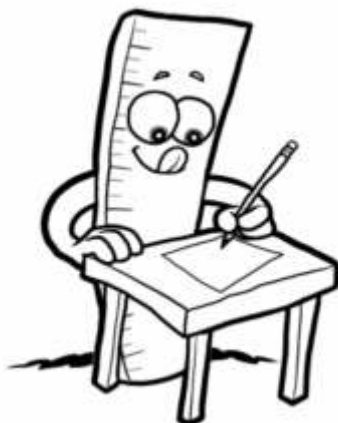
**Langar**

**Nottingham**

**NG13 9HH**

Entries close at 7 p.m. on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016** and results will be announced on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

Langar & Barnstone Festival wishes to thank Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council for its support in providing the prizes.



# Get writing!

# Langar & Barnstone Festival Short Story Competition Rules

1. The competition is organised by the Langar & Barnstone Festival.

2. Entry will be in three age categories –

Category 1: Pupils in Year 1 to 6 of any school resident in the parish of Langar cum Barnstone or attending Langar Church of England Primary School if resident outside of the parish of Langar cum Barnstone.

Category 2: Pupils in Year 7 to 13 of any school resident in the parish of Langar cum Barnstone

Category 3: Open to all residents of the parish of Langar cum Barnstone, parents or guardians of pupils attending Langar Church of England Primary and anyone working in, or associated in any way with, the parish of Langar cum Barnstone.

3. Entrants must write a fictional short story (no more than 500 words in length). Entrants of Categories 1 and 2 will be asked to provide their name and their age. Category 3 entrants will be asked to provide their names and contact details. All stories should be submitted in English. We can only accept stories which are 500 words or under. All entries must be written, typed or printed. Electronic copies are not acceptable.

4. An adult will be required to approve Category 1 and Category 2 entries. The adult must be the child's parent or guardian. The adult must provide their own contact details (not the child's).

The personal data provided will be used solely for the purposes of administering the competition.

5. Entry closes on Monday 23rd May 2016 at 19:00. Submissions received after this date will not be considered.

6. Entrants can only enter individually. Only one entry per person is permitted and the story must be wholly written by the entrant only; stories cannot be written by more than one person. If more than one entry is submitted, only the entrant's first submission will be considered.

7. Entries must be an original piece of fiction and not an account of real events – either historical or current. As the winning stories will be published it is important that entrants do not include any personal details about themselves or anyone else. The entrant must not include their name in the title or body of the story; entries which do contain this information will be removed from the competition.

8. Entries cannot be returned so please remember to retain a copy. No feedback on any entry will be provided.

9. All entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not infringe the rights of any other party. Langar & Barnstone Festival accepts no responsibility if entrants ignore these Terms and Conditions.

10. Entries must not contain defamatory, obscene, offensive, or any other unsuitable material. Entries must be suitable for publication for audiences of all ages.

11. Entrants retain the copyright in their entries.

12. Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- Originality
- Plot
- Characterisation
- Language
- Enjoyment

13. Prizes will be awarded to the 3 finalists in each age category as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Retail Voucher to the value of £25.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Retail Voucher to the value of £15.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Retail Voucher to the value of £10.

The winning entry for each category will be published in a future issue of *Signpost*.

14. The judges' decision as to First, Second and Third Prize in each category is final. No correspondence will be entered into.

15. Langar & Barnstone Festival reserves the right to disqualify any entry which breaches any of these Terms and Conditions, or to withhold a prize if in its opinion entries do not reach the required standard.

16. Langar & Barnstone Festival reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions or cancel this competition at any stage, if deemed necessary in its opinion, or if circumstances arise outside of its control.

17. Langar & Barnstone Festival cannot accept any responsibility whatsoever for any failure or malfunction or any other problem which may result in any entry being lost or not properly registered or recorded. Proof of sending is not proof of receipt.



# On the Roll of Honour



Samuel Beesley is listed on the Langar & Barnstone Roll of Honour and is connected to the parish through his marriage to Minnie Bagnall of Barnstone at St Andrew's, Langar in April 1915. The newspaper article reporting on the wedding states that Samuel was recovering from wounds received whilst fighting with the York & Lancaster Regiment at Mons and would soon be returning to front line action.

His Medal Record Card and Medal Roll show that he was 7998 Private Samuel Beesley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, York & Lancaster Regiment, and that he disembarked in France on 9 September 1914 over two weeks after the fighting in and around Mons. Evidently, he must have been wounded elsewhere during the Autumn of 1914. His service number indicates that he enlisted in his regiment in October/November 1904 but another record shows that he had enlisted on 4 August 1914. This would suggest he had completed his pre-war service and transferred to the Reserve from which he was recalled on the declaration of war. Unfortunately, his Army Service Records appear not to have survived, so I have not been able to confirm this. However, there are other records, which help fill in some of the blanks.

Samuel was born in 1884 in Radford, Nottingham, one of many children of George Albert and Sarah Beesley. George was a Lace Hand and Policeman originally from Tewkesbury in Gloucestershire. Samuel followed in his father's footsteps and became a Lace Hand himself. On 27 August 1900 Samuel enlisted in the Royal Marines. To disguise the fact that he was only 16 he claimed his date of birth was 21 August 1882 making him 18. He served in the Portsmouth Division and, initially, both his character and performance were reported as being good or very good. However, over the next few years these changed to "indifferent" and then "bad" resulting in him being discharged from the Marines for being "incorrigible and worthless" on 27 January 1904.

Judging from his service number he did not stay a civilian for long having joined the York & Lancaster Regiment later in 1904. Obviously nobody checked up on his previous service. Maybe he did not declare it. As he is absent from the 1911 Census it is likely that he was serving in India and returned to the UK on completion of his service and transferred to the Reserve.

As regards his wounding, his battalion was in action on 18 October 1914 near Beaucamps-Ligny to the west of Lille, France. The Battalion War Diary lists 93 men as being wounded along with 13 killed and 27 missing on this date. Samuel is likely to have been one of those listed as wounded. This action hit the headlines in 2014 due to the reburial, following identification, of a number of men from the regiment, the remains of whom had been found during building work in 2009.

Regardless of where or when he was wounded it obviously had a lasting effect on Samuel as he was discharged as being surplus to military requirements due to his poor health on 5 July 1918. He was given entitlement to wear the Silver War Badge, number B119.295. This was issued to anyone honourably discharged due to ill health or the effect of wounds as a consequence of their military service. Strangely the roll for this award gives his age as 23 rather than 33.

Nigel Wood



*Silver War Badge*



## **Special Services for Mothering Sunday, Holy Week and Easter at St Andrew's Church**

### **Mothering Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

10.00am All Age Holy Communion  
4.00pm Noisy Church – an informal service for ages 0-99

### **Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

2.00pm – 4.00pm Easter Activities afternoon for under 12s

### **Palm Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am Donkey led procession from **the Unicorn** to **St Andrew's** for All Age Communion

### **Maundy Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm Holy Communion at **Holy Trinity, Tythby**

### **Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

11.30am Pilgrimage starts at **St Giles', Cropwell Bishop**, to **St John's, Colston Bassett** (approx 1.00pm - lunch), concluding at **St Andrew's** for Hot Cross Buns and an All Age Service at 2.15pm

### **EASTER DAY, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

6.15am Sunrise service at **St Mary's** (ruined church), **Colston Bassett**, followed by breakfast (7.00am) in **Colston Bassett Village Hall**  
9.15am All Age Holy Communion in **St Andrew's**  
4.00pm Easter Eggs and Bonnets service at **St Giles', Cropwell Bishop**

**COFFEE & CAKE** will restart soon. The first will be either March 26<sup>th</sup> or April 2<sup>nd</sup> (subject to confirmation), then on the first Saturday of the month, from 10am – 12 noon in St Andrew's.

# Graffiti isn't just about Banksy



*A Daisy Wheel design on a pillar in St Andrew's*

For many people the word “graffiti” means buildings covered in lurid designs sprayed on by unknown vandals or, more artistically, the works of the Bristol artist, Banksy. They would be surprised to hear that almost all of our medieval churches have some form of graffiti in them dating from their building and onwards through the history of the church. Some can be found in places only the clergy would have used, others are in more public places such as the porches or around the font. Who drew the graffiti and why is not fully known but it is likely that it was seen and understood by those using the church and may even have been sanctioned by the clergy. It takes many forms such as symbols, cartoons, even text and music. Many are beautifully and skilfully drawn.

The Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire Graffiti Survey has been set up to record examples of graffiti in a number of churches in the two counties to establish the extent and types of graffiti present. As part of its work it will be presenting the results of its survey to the public at a number of events and exhibitions. As part of Langar & Barnstone Festival the DNMGS will be putting on an exhibition in St Andrew's, Langar and providing the opportunity for visitors to see some of the fine examples of graffiti in the church such as the one in the picture above.

The exhibition will be from 2.00 pm until 4.30 pm on Sunday 26 June.

Please come along and take the opportunity to gain an insight into the lives of parishioners of the past.



*The Vale Market Café*  
*Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016*  
*Barnstone Village Hall 10 am – 12 noon*  
*Eat and drink with friends & neighbours*  
*Now serving toast and toasted tea cakes*  
*Browse the stalls and exchange books*

*Forthcoming dates 9<sup>th</sup> April & 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016*

Neighbourhood Watch  
articles are uploaded to  
the Facebook page  
regularly

**Unicorn's Head update from Martin Wilkins, Project Manager**

Work to the Unicorn's Head is now progressing well with most of the strip out complete and the cleaning of the smoke damaged and affected areas also complete. The new oak roof timbers are being installed – each one being cut to match on site in order to maintain the original construction. Strengthening and rebuilding of some of the second floor brickwork, weakened by the fire is under way and the project is now programmed for completion in the summer.

**Nottinghamshire Boundary Review 2015**

Following the Local Government Boundary Review of Nottinghamshire, the parish of Langar cum Barnstone has been split between two County Wards – Langar will be under 'Bingham West', Barnstone under 'Bingham East'. This will not result in any changes on a day to day basis, however it will mean that the parish will no longer be part of the County's Cotgrave and Wiverton Ward and will be allocated two County Councillors rather than one as in the past.

**Did you know.....?**

The **Stragglethorpe Pocket Park and Ride** site is located in the car park of Shepherds restaurant at Cotgrave, (Postcode NG12 2JZ). It is available from 7am until midnight each day. There are regular buses into West Bridgford and Nottingham via the **Cotgrave Connection** service.

For timetables and more information go to:

<https://www.trentbarton.co.uk/services/cotgraveconnection>

**Langar cum Barnstone Parish Website**

Keep up to date with news and events by logging on to:

[www.langarbarnstone.com](http://www.langarbarnstone.com)

## POLICE

Contact PC 2928 Scott Redgate – Cotgrave/Wiverton Beat Manager 07525 226672

Email: [scott.redgate@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:scott.redgate@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

Ring: 101 ex 8116711 for Policing issues

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

## Parish Precept & Forward Plan

2016/2017 Revenue Budget Total

£24,260.00

Reserve

£11,531.50

Precept

**£35,791.50**

**Council Tax Band D Equivalent**

**2016/2017**

**£107.00 (-0.94%)**

**(2015/2016)**

**£108.02)**

(A full version of the Budget is available in the Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016)

## Forward Plan

The Parish Council has earmarked funds for the following projects:

Outdoor Gym Equipment - Barnstone

- up to

£10,000

- Langar

- up to

£10,000 (subject to site availability)

Village Gateway Signs/Planters

- approx.

£3,000

Village Interpretation Sign

- approx.

£1,000

Village Hall – new chairs/heaters

- approx.

£1,600

**£25,600**

## Outdoor Gym Equipment

We continue to search for an outdoor gym site in Langar. Do you know of anyone who owns a small plot of land in Langar, (approx.48 square metres), and who would be willing, in principle, for it to be used as an outdoor gym? (Certain criteria would have to be met before any site could be approved).

Please contact the Parish Clerk, Tel: 01949 860123, Email: [clerk@langarbarnstone.com](mailto:clerk@langarbarnstone.com)



## Rushcliffe Local Plan (Part 2),

As part of its **Green Belt Review**, Rushcliffe Borough Council is conducting a consultation, ending on 24<sup>th</sup> March, which will identify sites for new housing development around some of Rushcliffe's larger rural towns and villages, in order to meet housing targets set by the first part of the Local Plan, approved in 2014.

Please visit your local library or [www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planningpolicy](http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planningpolicy) for more information.



## Belvoir Archery Club

Since November Belvoir Archers have been shooting at our regular Sunday night at Cotgrave leisure centre Hall

There has also been shooting at the Barnstone Village Hall on Tuesday Evenings as well as coaching sessions taking place on alternative Saturdays

We are on the second year of our internal competition with an indoor knockout tournament which is currently on the head to head Quarter final stage.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016 several of our members are shooting in the Nottinghamshire Indoor Championship at Bildworth, we wish them very well this competition.



On 16 April 2016, Belvoir Archers will be hosting our first World Record Status Double 720 shoot. We have received entries from across the country as well as from the members of the present GB Squad. Spaces for this event are now limited.

We are hoping that our coaching team will be strengthened again this year with Ros Creasey and Richard Haydock who have commenced their level one coaching course. We wish the well with this course

On the 10 April 2016 Belvoir Archers will be hosting our Founder Members shoot which is open to all Club members and is a celebration of the first arrows being shot at the club in 2011. This Shoot will be followed by the AGM at the Barnstone Village Hall

We also have our Summer and Winter Windsor's taking place on 6<sup>th</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016. For the third year Our Summer Windsor has been given National Record Status. We are still the only record status Windsor shoot in the Midlands if not the country and we already received entries for both of these competitions

Belvoir Archers will be holding beginners courses in April, June and August 2016 as well as a have a go session on the last Thursday of each month commencing May to August  
The beginner courses are 4 x 3 hours sessions and the have a go sessions are 2 hours.

If you are interested in the Beginners' courses or having a go the applications please contact us. More information about Belvoir Archers can be found on our web page [www.belvoirarchers.co.uk](http://www.belvoirarchers.co.uk)



Langar cum Barnstone really **does** need you!

- Are you passionate about where we live?
- Are you buzzing with ideas about how improvements could be made in our villages?
- Have you recently moved to Langar cum Barnstone and could bring new skills and experience to the parish?
- Would you like to know what is happening in our community?

If you answered 'yes' to any of the above, then we would like to hear from you. We already have a thriving parish, with your help it could become more active and forward-looking! The Parish Council strives to:

- Represent our local community
- Deliver services to meet our local needs
- Improve the quality of life in the local area

There are currently only three vacancies on the Parish Council which need filling with enthusiastic, community-minded people like you. The role of a Parish Councillor is not onerous. Meetings take place in the evening on the third Thursday of every month in the Village Hall, and last approx. two hours. The rest is up to you! You can contribute as much or as little as you're able.

Why not come along to a meeting or contact Claire Pegg, Parish Clerk, Tel 01949 860123; Email: [clerk@langarbarnstone.com](mailto:clerk@langarbarnstone.com) ;Website: [www.langarbarnstone.com](http://www.langarbarnstone.com)



More sources of information:

'The Good Councillors' Guide' [www.local.gov.uk/councillors-guide-2015/16](http://www.local.gov.uk/councillors-guide-2015/16)

'It takes all sorts' <http://www.nalc.gov.uk/library/publications/804-it-takes-all-sorts/file>

## **NEW YEAR NEWS LETTER**

**From Cllr. Tina Combella**

**Borough Councillor for Hickling, Hickling Pastures, Kinoulton,  
Upper Broughton, Langar, Colston Bassett and Owthorpe**

**Rushcliffe Mayor's Christmas Carol Service** was held this year at St Andrews Church Langar. Rev. Bronwen Gamble conducted the service and an exceptional choir led a good selection of carols.

**Rushcliffe** – Still a top Ten place to Live (this was the headline in Rushcliffe Reports accompanied by a photograph of Hickling).



Rushcliffe is the 10th best place to live in the country, according to the annual study conducted by Halifax Bank. Hart in Hampshire is again the best place to live in the UK for the fifth time in a row. The survey is based on the health, employment rates, housing, crime rate, education, well-being, earnings, weather and life expectancy of residents in different areas across the country. The report, which is the tenth Halifax has produced, uses statistics from various sources including the Office for National Statistics and the Met Office".

### **DEVOLUTION DEAL and what it means for us.**

The "size of the prize" of devolution for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire has been set out publicly in detail for the first time, as the region's draft deal is published today (Tuesday 5 January 2016).

The deal sets out ten key benefits devolution would deliver for the residents and businesses of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire:

1. 55,000 new private sector jobs
2. 77,000 extra homes
3. An Investment Fund over 30 years to provide infrastructure such as roads and bridges
4. Adult skills provision that better meets the needs of businesses
5. A joint transport fund to spend on key transport improvements
6. A better coordinated public transport system with 'Oyster' style smart ticketing
7. More responsive and coordinated business support for growth
8. The creation of substantially more apprenticeship opportunities
9. More people entering employment through better targeted local programmes
10. Journey times to London of less than 90 minutes by train

19 councils across Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire together with business leaders from the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership which covers the two counties, are seeking to create a single Combined Authority for the region by March 2016 – the first of its kind featuring district, borough, city and county councils.

### **DOG FOULING – an unpleasant topic**

Sadly this has become an issue again in some of our villages. I would urge all dog owners to act responsibly and pick up after their dogs. Dog faeces are a serious health hazard and are very unpleasant. Our pavements are narrow and children easily walk in such mess and mothers find it on the wheels of their prams and buggies. Please think of others and clean up after your dog.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS** – designing and protecting your village - Upper Broughton and Hickling are moving forward by engaging with the community to see if there is a will and desire for a Neighbourhood Plan. If you want to have control over the future and development of your village then you need a Neighbourhood Plan which will become part of the legal planning process. The villages need the active support of the residents if they are to protect themselves from unwanted developments. If you want to know more or offer to help in some way please contact me

Cllr. Tina Combella JP  
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01664 823105

Love films but hate driving into Nottingham?  
why not join

### **Langar & Barnstone Cushion Club**

For an annual membership fee of just £12, see the latest releases every month, on a 20ft screen in Barnstone Village Hall.

For more information and a membership form, please go to

[www.langarbarnstone.com](http://www.langarbarnstone.com) ring 01949 860123 or email:

[clerk@langarbarnstone.com](mailto:clerk@langarbarnstone.com)



## Tarmac news from Chris Stephens

As you can see from the logo we have changed owners, we are no longer Lafarge Tarmac we are now Tarmac and our parent company is CRH. However the day to day operation of the plant has not changed and the Safety of our workforce remains our top priority. As of today, 04/02/2016, we have achieved 1576 days Lost Time Incident free. This means that for over 4 years no one has missed work due to a site accident.

Whilst this is a great achievement we have a plant within our business that has achieved over 11 years LTI Free. One change that I hope you will have noticed is that the visual appearance of the works is improving. We have had the car park tarmaced which will eliminate a lot of dirt being dragged onto the roads, we have tidied up the area around the old blacksmiths shop and finally we have demolished the old social club.

This last item carries with it more than a tinge of sadness, especially for an old Blue Circle chap like me. I started at Plymstock works back in 1989 and at that time there was a thriving Social club operating. It catered for the works personnel and their friends and family. There were regular events run by the works committee and it fostered a great sense of belonging and family unity. Indeed it was deemed a real achievement if you were voted onto the social committee! I well remember raising money for charity at the club, by dressing as a member of Queen (no, not Freddie) and prancing about to "I Want to Break Free" to a terrified audience. Great times indeed!

However with the reduction in workforce numbers and a decline in popularity these places have been closing. Barnstone club was one of the last and as I saw the club being demolished I did think about all the human experience that had taken place within its walls. They were of their time but missed none the less. Attached are some photographs from the Len Watson collection showing the club in all its glory.

At the beginning of January the whole works decamped to a thriving club, Nottinghamshire Golf & Country Club, in fact. This was for our annual kick off meeting where the targets, aspirations and goals for 2016 are discussed and agreed, except that we didn't spend much time doing that at all this year. Instead we concentrated on 2 areas-

1. Learning what each department within the works does and the reason for their existence- so the Lab now knows what the Weighbridge does, the Engineers now know what the Production guys do and the Stores understands how we impact the Environment. By the time the day was over we all had a great insight into how each department contributes to the smooth running of the plant and how interdependent we are. Afterwards you could hear snippets of discussion between people explaining that "they didn't realise how important- this, that or the other was". I do believe that was an important exercise
2. Continuous Improvement was the other main topic. We used the tremendous advances made by Dave Brailsford and the cycling teams he has led, to show what can be achieved by looking at all the component parts of what you do and then improving each one by a small amount.  
It has been well documented how the UK went from being just pedalists to medallists in the cycling world.

This small incremental improvement culture is one that we want to foster on our plant. To further this we are running a suggestion scheme through which the workforce is encouraged to generate ideas that have the potential to deliver improvements. So far this scheme has generated over £100k of improvements.

In fact one single winning idea year generated over £37k!

Finally if I reflect back on the first item the only person that no one understands what they do is me.....and that's just the way I like it.

Chris Stephens  
Plant manager.  
Barnstone



Barnstone Cement Works Social Club, 1960s - M Waring, T Spencer, H Smith, Ron Baxter, B Swann, Brian Baxter.



Barnstone Cement Works Social Club, 1963



Barnstone Cement Works winners of the North Area Indoor Games Competition, 1965.  
Back row L-R: H Widdowson - Skittles, K Garton - 9 & 3 Dominoes, H Buxton - Table Skittles.  
C K Lamb - Whist, C Jones - Darts, G Mason - Table Tennis.

## Macmillan Cancer Support Fund-Raising Evening



Here we go again. The next one is approaching rapidly. For the uninitiated Barnstone Bowls Club hold Tribute Nights twice a year at Cotgrave Welfare and Institute (it's the only place big enough to get everybody in) and we send every penny raised to Macmillan Cancer Support. They are incredible nights and we have raised over £27,000 so far. The last one was a sell-out. We packed 300 people in for the Freddie Mercury night last November and raised well over £2000. Testament to the fantastic entertainment you can expect.

For those of you who have already experienced these nights and those who fancy sampling them you'll be wanting to know the date and who is appearing. Well, it's on 11th March 2016 and the tributes are Rod Stewart and Elton John. Both artists packed into one stupendous show. Oh, and the price is the usual £10 per ticket, which includes a free raffle.

Tickets are already selling so if you want to join in the party get on the telephone to Steve (861353) John (860301) or you can get them from Sue at Cropwell Bishop doctors surgery. We will be doing our best to sell-out again so don't hang about.

In 2015 we sent Macmillan a total of £3768 to help Macmillan care for cancer sufferers and their families. We thank you all. Your support is very much appreciated.

Hope to see you there. Doors open at 8.00 pm.

Steve Wrate



## BUSES

A productive Rushcliffe Villager Review meeting was held at Cropwell Butler Village Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> February, attended by representatives from local parishes.

Trent Barton reported that a few minor timing changes were required but that no major interventions were planned and they were satisfied that the Mainline/Villager routes were performing as expected.

Passenger growth in the area was up by 3% and there was a significant increase in passenger usage from Langar.

Comments provided by parishes would be considered and incorporated where possible, including the following points raised by Jeff Fry on behalf of Langar & Barnstone:

- Clearer signage/timetable provision for both directions required at all bus stops in Langar & Barnstone
- Lack of listing of Langar & Barnstone on Trent Barton's own website or Barnstone on paper timetable.
- Lack of a V2 service to Nottingham & Bingham after early afternoon
- Lack of leafleting operation in Langar & Barnstone

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