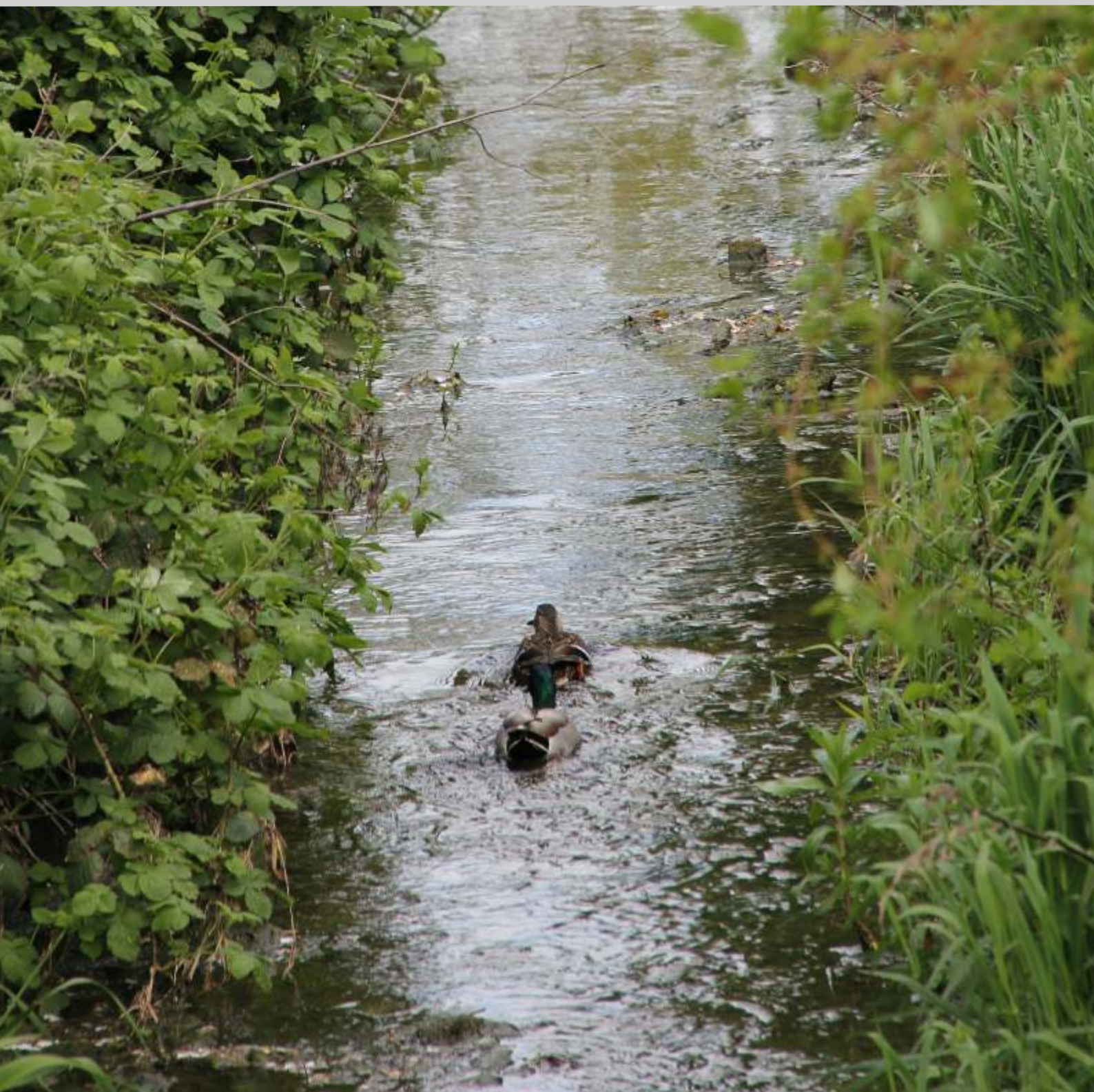


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From the Chairman

It's been a busy quarter since Christmas. The big event I attended was of course Gingerella. Fabulous fun as all who attended would, I am sure, agree.

News continues to move on the opening date of the Unicorn's Head. Currently we are looking at late March, so not long to go now. I gather that there are to be some roadworks during March on Main Street in Langar. Something to do with laying new electricity cables to the pub. Stand by for a little disruption.

The big Parish Council news this quarter is the unveiling of our new forward plan. This has two main items. In the short term, we want to develop the Works Lane playing field as more of a community asset. Of late it has hosted some undesirable users racing cars and littering. We hope our new gates and locking system will remove the attraction and encourage the antisocial element to move on. We expect the field to be secure soon.

The second part of the plan is longer term. When the original

plan for a new village hall failed to achieve the funding it needed to go ahead the Parish Council decided to shelve the idea and bring the current hall up to the legal standard. This was done as a temporary measure to extend the life of our hall by five years or so. We are now looking at what happens when that time elapses. Over the past six months the Parish Council has discussed several improvements to the existing hall including insulating the walls, adding an office and adding solar panels. There are plenty more additions and improvements that could be made. After careful consideration, we have decided to save up and build a new village hall on the existing site. More on this later in this magazine.

As I look out of my window I see that Spring is on its way. If Spring is coming, then so is the Langar and Barnstone Festival. Definitely something to look forward to. I wish all the organisers the very best in their planning and organising in the coming months.

Alan Carter-Davies
19th February 2017



The Vale Market Café

Saturday 11th March 2017

Barnstone Village Hall

10 am – 12 noon

Eat and drink with
friends & neighbours

Browse the stalls & purchase
locally made or sourced produce
and exchange books

Forthcoming dates

8th April & 13th May 2017

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Granby, Barnstone & District Branch



I am pleased to report that the result of the 2016 Poppy Appeal for our Branch was a most creditable £1445.19. May I take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who took part in the door to door collections and everyone in the community who gave so generously to this Appeal.

It is also my pleasure to report that we have now recruited enough new members and Officers to return to full Branch status. Thank you for your support.

Andrew Charlett
Chairman

Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council Budget Precept 2017/2018

Revenue Budget		£ 22,410.00				
Reserves		£ 12,781.50				
Precept		£ 35,191.50				
Band D Equivalent		£ 103.17	(-1.94% from 2016/2017)			
(Full details of 2017/2018 budget can be obtained from the Clerk)						

Notes & News

The good news.....

Welcome!



Cllr Chris Harper



Cllr Jeff Fry

We are delighted to welcome two new co-opted councillors – Jeff Fry & Chris Harper, both of whom live on Park Road in Barnstone. We hope they find their new roles interesting. Full contact details for all the councillors can be found on the Contact page in each newsletter or on the website.

Introducing.....

We are pleased to report that our new website is up and running. For the latest news and information please visit www.langarbarnstone.co.uk

WiFi has now been installed in the village hall. The WiFi key code can be found on the noticeboard. We request that the internet is used responsibly.

Sad news.....

Derek Nadal

Everyone who knew Derek will be sad to hear that he passed away in December following illness. Our condolences go to his wife and family.

The not so good news.....

Works Lane Field

Due to anti-social behaviour on the field, the Community field gates have been locked to prevent vehicle access. Pedestrians can still access the field through the footpath entrance at the end of the Wiggly Waggly Way.

ceilidh BARN DANCE



plus sing Irish songs!

18th March 2017

7.30 to 11.00pm

st patrick's day

Drinks and Refreshments available

Adults £5, children £3 (under 16)

Family ticket £15 pounds (2 adults and up to 4 children)

Tickets available from:

Joan and Andrew on 01949 861446

Bring your own
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Barnstone Village Hall

Main Road, Barnstone, NG13 9JH



Breast Bakes

We had two really good fundraising events recently; a Ceilidh in November, with 80 dancers and 14 musicians and a Burns Night Supper and Ceilidh in January with 36 diners/dancers and 13 musicians. Both events went very well and between them raised £2006 for research into Oncoplastic Reconstructive Breast Surgery at the Nottingham Breast Institute. Thank you to all who supported these events.

Our next event will be an Irish themed Ceilidh and singalong event in Barnstone Village Hall on Saturday 18th March 2017, commencing at 7.30. Tickets are £5 adults and £3 children, a family ticket for 4 or more parents & children £15, available from Joan Charlett on 01949 861446. It will be another great night, not to be missed.



1st Barnstone Brownies

*I promise that I will do my best:
To be true to myself and develop my beliefs,
To serve the Queen and my community,
To help other people
And
To keep the Brownie Guide Law.*

This is the Promise that six of our Brownies have made recently. Well done to Isabel, Lara, Annabelle, Eve, Katie and Florence.

We help our community by being part of Parish events, looking after the phone box and planting the green and the Village Hall tubs in Barnstone.

To celebrate World Thinking Day in February (Olave Baden-Powell's birthday), we are joining up with other members of our District Guiding Family for fun and games.

Join Brownies.....it's great!!!!

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There are currently 2 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

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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.co.uk

Future Meeting Dates

2017

Thursday 16th March

Thursday 20th April

Thursday 18th May

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

Deadline 6th May for publication approximately early June

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Random Fact. We have used the word 'spring' for the season since the 16th century. Before that it was used for centuries to apply to the source of a river. Before we called it spring this season was known as Lent or Lenten.

Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council Forward Plan

Facilities on Community Field, Works Lane – approx. 1-2 year timescale

The Parish Council currently leases a field from Tarmac which is regularly used, particularly in the spring/summer season, by Belvoir Archers, and a MUGA & Skatebowl which are used by footballers and skateboarders.

There are currently no toilet facilities on the field and it is proposed that simple portaloo-style facilities are provided within a secure, lockable compound for access only by key holders.

Quotations will be sought to establish the cost of this project.

Village Hall – approx. 4-5 year timescale

The Village Hall in Barnstone was built in 1922. Over the years the building has undergone various alterations and extensions.

Approximately ten years ago, a project began to design & build a new village hall on the Community Field, however, this scheme failed due to lack of funding.

In December 2014 an internal refurbishment was carried out in order to make the existing hall compliant with regulations and bring it up to date, with new disabled facilities, kitchen, wiring, heating and decoration. Since then,

minor maintenance works have been carried out to ensure the building is weatherproof and various items of equipment have been added or replaced. It was intended in 2014 that the refurbishment would be a medium term solution to see the building through the following 5-10 years.

A number of improvements have recently been considered including external wall /roof insulation, and an extension to provide a smaller meeting/storage room. The cost of such improvements/additions could easily run to over £30K, without any structural improvement to the main building, which is nearing its centenary.

It has therefore been proposed to earmark parish council reserves of approx. £50K per year over a period of 4-5 years with a view to rebuilding the village hall from scratch. In addition, community fundraising events could make a contribution and may enable access to other funding streams. Any funding shortfall could be covered by a small Public Works Loan.

In the first instance, advice on the feasibility of such a project will be sought from the Borough Planning Dept and in due course an architect will be consulted to provide a design and approximate cost for this project.

Alan Carter Davies
March 2017

Rushcliffe Local Plan Part 2 – more housing in Cropwell Bishop and Cotgrave?

Last year, Rushcliffe Borough Council asked what should be included in the second part of its Local Plan, including where new homes might be built. The Council is now asking residents further questions on where housing construction could happen.

The main reason for this latest consultation is because extra land may potentially be needed for housing development within Rushcliffe. This could include identifying sites for new homes at a wider range of towns and villages than had previously been considered, including the villages of Cotgrave, Cropwell Bishop, East Bridgford, Gotham, Sutton Bonington and Tollerton.

The consultation, where residents can have a further say on where houses may go, is open **until 5pm on Friday 31 March 2017**. Anyone interested can have their say online, by email or by post, or they can attend one of the six public drop-in sessions that the Council is running. These sessions will give people an opportunity to view the relevant documents and talk to Planning Policy staff, and will be held in:

Tollerton –Thursday 2 March: 3 and 8pm, Parish Rooms, Burnside Grove

Cropwell Bishop – Monday 6 March: 3 and 8pm, The Old School, Fern Road

Gotham – Thursday 9 March: 3 and 8pm, Memorial Hall, Nottingham Road

Cotgrave –Tuesday 14 March: 3 and 8pm, Cotgrave Futures, Candleby Lane

Sutton Bonington – Thursday 16 March: 3 and 8pm, Village Hall, St. Anne's Lane

East Bridgford – Friday 17 March: 5 and 8pm, Village Hall, Main Street

The Council is also asking people to comment on two other documents as part of the consultation. First is a draft Green Belt Review which gives supporting information when considering possible changes to Green Belt boundaries in Rushcliffe.

Second is a draft Community Infrastructure Levy which would be a charge on new development to help fund new or improved infrastructure (e.g. new schools, medical facilities) to support development.

To see a hard copy of the documents contact the Clerk at langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com or 01949 860123 or the documents can be viewed online using the following link

<http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planningpolicy/>

Nevile & Langar Ward Councillors News Letter for Kinoulton, Hickling, Upper Broughton, Colston Bassett, Owthorpe, Langar & Hickling Pastures

Communities Thriving in the Nevile & Langar Ward

Christmas saw bumper takings at St Luke's church post office in Kinoulton as usual. But don't forget you can go to the post office and get a coffee and 'scrummy' cake every Wednesday morning.

Village breakfasts continue to be 'hearty in Hickling' with families coming from well beyond the parish boundaries the first Sunday in the month. The first breakfast of the New Year was incredibly well attended – there was a great atmosphere.

The Vale Market Cafe is Langar and Barnstone's monthly village community cafe. Held on the second Saturday morning of the month at Barnstone Village Hall. Well worth a visit for a good bacon butty or to buy some wonderful cakes and pies plus fresh local vegetables. Father Christmas managed to drop in before Christmas.

The night before Christmas Eve I went to a very amusing Nativity or was it a pantomime 'The Christmas Mouse' in Hickling Church with a very local cast and

lots of village children as naughty mice. It was very well attended and certainly very Christmassy. Upper Broughton is also becoming very theatrical with an hilarious Village Ventures production of 'Instructions for American Servicemen in Britain'. It's a long time since I laughed that much. And Christmas saw a children's production of The Elves and the Carpenter with Colston Bassett also scheduled to give the same performance.

Country Store

Sadly the Country Store, "The Good Grub Company" formerly Hortors, has closed. This is an enormous blow to the Nevile Ward Communities. Hopefully a new tenant will be found for us all to support. It is a very valuable community amenity as there are no village shops in either Hickling or Kinoulton so there is a golden opportunity here for a new entrepreneur.

Don't forget if you have issues of community interest with which you need help please get in touch.

Welcome To Rushcliffe Arena

It is the new home of Rushcliffe Borough Council.

The council's offices for the past 34 years, in the landmark eight-storey Civic Centre overlooking the River Trent, have closed, saving £350,000 annually in running costs. The savings have resulted in terrific, multi use, and value for money, new office accommodation combined with a state-of-the-art Leisure Centre for the people of Rushcliffe.



Rushcliffe Arena - Rugby Road, West Bridgford,
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In May 2014, the Council approved ambitious plans to renovate the existing leisure centre at the Rushcliffe Arena site, whilst taking the opportunity to co-locate their offices on the first floor. The move also frees up the Civic Centre building for an exciting future, as it's too spacious for the 200 staff based there now, plus the new offices are smaller and more cost effective for the Council to run.

The Civic Centre site has a rich history. In 1982, with 800 staff, Rushcliffe Borough Council moved into the eight-storey, landmark white building which overlooks the River Trent. The building was constructed in 1964 on the site of

the Plaza Cinema and was formerly a popular hotel called The Bridgford Hotel. Going back to the turn of the century, in 1903 the site was used for the Midlands Industrial Exhibition, an Indian-style pavilion building which gave Pavilion Road its name. It hosted exhibits from around the world and various other attractions such as a maze, a concert hall, and a high wire walker. Unfortunately the pavilion burnt down in 1904, only a year after it opened.

Work to rebuild the old Rushcliffe Arena and combine offices with Leisure began in September 2015 and opened January 3rd 2017

Cllr Neil Clarke, Leader of Rushcliffe Borough Council said: "This is a momentous time - years of planning are about to come to fruition. Not only have we enhanced sports provision in the borough, but also we're reducing our on going running costs, making more efficient use of taxpayers' money. Our new, purpose-built facility works for a modern council and meets the needs of the community. Staff and Councillors are excited to start working from the new office."

Although the Council's head office has moved, if residents wish to contact them face to face, the place to go is still the Rushcliffe Community Contact Centre at the police station in West Bridgford, or one of the contact points across the borough – see <http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/customerservices/> for details.

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The Mystery and Double Tragedy of Albert & Herbert Smith



This story concerns the Smith Family who lived in Barnstone, initially, before moving to Granby and then Sutton.

The *Grantham Journal* of Saturday, 19th December 1914 included an item of Granby news about villagers serving in the war as follows:

“Albert Smith, who was born in Barnstone, but whose parents have resided at Granby for several years, in hospital, Paris”.

Further to this the *Grantham Journal* of Thursday, 24th December 1914 contained this:

“Presents for the Front. – Messrs Plowright, H Skinner and Woodford have collected small contributions from kindly disposed parishioners,

enabling them to forward to Albert Smith and George Slater, on active service, each a good serviceable Cardigan jacket, a supply of cigarettes, toilet soap, and a letter expressing suitable wishes of the Parish”.

There are no records of an Albert Smith being born in Barnstone and moving to Granby but a Smith family is shown on the censuses as living in Barnstone in both 1891 and 1901 before moving to Station Farm in Granby by 1911 and they had a son, Albert, albeit shown as being born in Wakerley, Northamptonshire. The parents were Henry and Hannah Smith. Henry was from Screddington, Lincolnshire and worked variously as a Cement Burner and a Waggoner. Hannah was born in Barrowden, Rutland. Of their children, in addition to Albert, there was an elder brother, George, born in Screddington and seven others born in Barnstone including Herbert who we will meet later. The Census for 1881 for Screddington shows George as being 5 months old and Henry's wife to be an Elizabeth born in Foston. It is likely, therefore, that Henry was a widower when he married Hannah.



Albert Smith photographed whilst serving with the Sherwood Foresters.

Although living with his family in 1891 by 1901 Albert was living with, and working for, George Wallwin in Barnstone as a Stockman. How long he worked for the Wallwins is not known but by 1904 he was living in Ilkeston, Derbyshire working as a Miner and on 24th January of that year he enlisted with the Sherwood Foresters. Initially posted to 2nd Battalion as a Private with service number 9106 he was transferred to 1st Battalion on 19th December 1906 having extended his service to 8 years the previous August. It was with the 1st battalion that he travelled to serve in India and ultimately make a life changing decision.

The 1911 Census shows Albert still serving as a Private with 1st Battalion, stationed at Gough Barracks, Trimulgherry, Deccan, India. He is also shown as being single although his Army Service Records show him as marrying Eva Swaris in Bangalore on 5th September 1910. Eva was a member of the Anglo-Indian Community with connections to the Kolar Gold Field district of India. Her mother, Elizabeth Swaris, married Benjamin Brooks on 26th October 1910 at Kolar Gold Fields. Benjamin was a British Army Pensioner who had remained in India after being discharged having served there with the Royal Artillery. Both Benjamin and Elizabeth were to figure largely in Albert's story following his death.

On 3rd January 1912 Albert was granted permission to reside in India and was transferred to the Reserve on 20th January. I have found no records to identify where he and Eva lived or what his occupation was. As with Reservists in the UK, Albert was recalled to the ranks on 5th August 1914 and mobilized as a Private with 1st Battalion, Sherwood Foresters on 30th August 1914. The battalion left Bombay on 3rd September and arrived at Plymouth on 2nd October. After a month at Hursley Camp,

Winchester the battalion sailed for France on 5th November.

In the period up to Christmas the battalion was in the trenches near Richebourg and it is here that he most probably received the injury which hospitalised him, although there is nothing on his Casualty Record to confirm this, or when he returned to the front line other than it was on or before 10th February 1915 as he was appointed Unpaid Lance Corporal on that date. Albert was wounded during the severe fighting at Neuve Chapelle on 12th March 1915 when the battalion lost 6 Officers and 90 Other Ranks killed, 10 Officers and 265 Other Ranks wounded and 87 Other Ranks missing. Sadly, Albert succumbed to his wounds the following day. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial.

Henry Smith was listed as next of kin on Albert's Army Service Records so he may have been informed of his death, although there is no mention of the sad event in the Nottinghamshire or other local papers. If Eva was informed it would have arrived at or around the time that she gave birth to a son, George Aloysius on 2nd April in Perambur.

On 7th December 1915 the War Office awarded Eva a pension of 15/- per week for herself and one child. Eva also received the sum of £7 12s. 5d. on 16th September 1915 as shown by the entry for Albert in the Register of Soldier's Effects. Sadly George was to die on 8th January 1918 followed by Eva on 18th January.

It is from this point onwards that the mystery develops. Intriguingly, the supplementary sum of £5 was paid to B Brooks on 24th August 1920. This was Benjamin Brooks, the husband of Eva's mother Elizabeth. Benjamin was also the recipient of Albert's medals. However, Benjamin died before the issuing of the Commemorative Scroll and Plaque for Albert in 1923.

This event provoked Elizabeth Brooks to write a most extraordinary letter to the War Office. In this she explained that she was the widow of Benjamin, whom she described as a Chelsea Pensioner, and the mother in law of Albert. She went on to say that Albert had no surviving relatives other than his stepfather from whom he had run away and enlisted in the Army. A further claim was that Albert and Eva had been married for 7 years and had 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls, all of whom were now dead. The situation she found herself in was that she had no means of support following the deaths of Albert, Eva and Benjamin but was responsible for 2 children and looked in hope for some form of support from the War Office. She also returned the Form W. 5080, which identifies the parents, wife, children and blood and half-blood siblings of a deceased soldier, indicating that she was the only surviving relative of Albert and had this witnessed by the local Catholic Priest.

The curious thing about all of this is that on the marriage record for herself and Benjamin she did not sign her name and is described as being illiterate. Somehow in the intervening 13 years she had apparently learnt to write and become literate enough to compose the letter. Whatever the case may be the War Office dispatched the scroll and plaque to Elizabeth in 1923.

Sadly, Albert was not the only son of the Smiths to die in World War One. Herbert would also die in action.

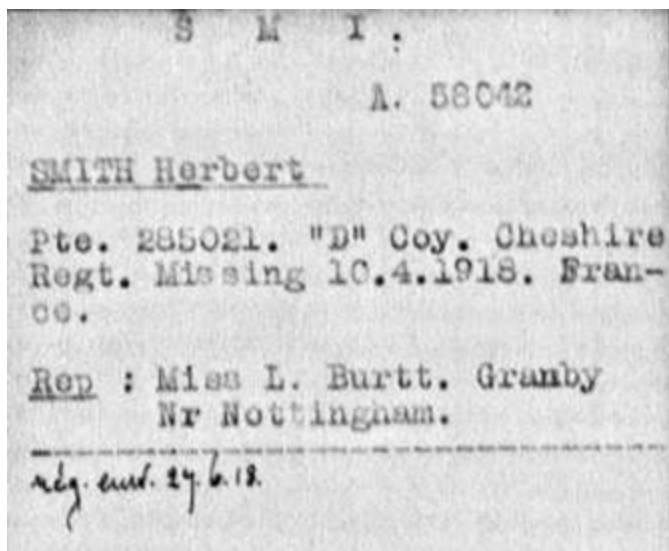
Herbert Smith was born on 16th November 1894 in Barnstone in one of the cottages opposite The Rookery. He was baptised at St Andrew's, Langar

on 23rd December 1894. In the Census of 1901 Herbert was a schoolboy attending Langar School. By 1911 the family had moved down the road to Station Farm, Granby, where Henry was working as a Waggoner. Herbert, now aged 17, was working as a Cowman.

On enlistment Herbert was posted to 18th Battalion, Sherwood Foresters on 19th April 1916. By this time he was working as a Groom and General Help on the farm. After training he was posted to France with "C" Company, 10th Battalion, Welch Regiment.

On 7th December 1917 he was admitted to the War Hospital in Bath suffering from the effects of having been gassed. He was well enough to return home on leave to Sutton, where his parents now lived, from 13th to 23rd December 1917. This was to be the last time they would be together as, after recovering and further training in the UK, he returned to France in March 1918, first with the 3rd Battalion, Welch Regiment, before transferring to 11th Battalion, Cheshire Regiment.

On 13th May 1918 Herbert's mother wrote a heart-rending letter to the War Office asking for details about Herbert as she had heard nothing from him for five weeks. Her concern was raised because up until then he had been a regular letter writer. In addition to Herbert's mother, Lucy Burt of Granby contacted the Red Cross for any news about his fate. Obviously both she and the family hoped that he had been taken prisoner of war. Sadly, the news was not good.



The record of Lucy Burt's enquiry sent to the Red Cross asking for details as to the fate of Herbert Smith.

His Army Record shows that he was missing, presumed to have died, some time between 10th and 20th April 1918. In fact he was killed in action on 20th April along with 47 other members of his battalion whilst fighting a rear guard action against an overwhelming German attack in the area between Ploegsteert and Kemmel to the south of Ypres in Belgium.

Herbert's body was never found and so his is one of some 35,000 names on the Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing of the Ypres Salient who lost their lives between August 1917 and November 1918. He was just 23 years old.

Neither Albert nor Herbert are commemorated on the Langar & Barnstone War Memorial but their names appear on that of Granby and are remembered each time it is Granby's turn to hold the Service of Remembrance.

One is left wondering wondering about Albert and Herbert's family in Granby. Despite what Elizabeth Brooks said in her letter, Albert's mother and the majority of his siblings were still alive at the war's end and beyond. Were they aware of what had happened? Judging by the grief expressed at the loss of Herbert, it is highly likely that Hannah was similarly affected by the death of her first-born son and would have wished to have had his medals and memorial scroll as things to remember him by. Perhaps we will never know.

It has always been my intention to publish the results of my researches into the 101 people from the parish who served in World War One in some form. I have just completed writing it up and, if published in book form, it would be around 190 pages long. As this is likely to be prohibitively expensive to produce for the relatively small print run required I am looking at other forms of publishing. One of these could be to produce it in pdf format on a CD so that it can be read on a PC, laptop or similar. Once I have finished editing and proof reading I will decide which approach to take.

To help my decision I would be interested to find out how much interest there would be from people wanting a copy. Hopefully I will have news by the Annual Parish Meeting.

Ellie Robinson, Local Hero



Our first grandchild, Eleanor Robinson, was born in August 2001. We knew early on that she had a growth disorder, and in due course this was diagnosed as a very rare form of dwarfism, which meant that she would be unlikely ever to grow much taller than four feet. We knew that she would face big challenges as she grew up, but our daughter Hannah and her husband Will were determined to provide Eleanor with the very best chances in life.

In 2008, when she was still six, Eleanor was delighted to see another English girl with dwarfism astound the world by winning gold in the pool at the Beijing Paralympic Games – at the age of 13 – and from then on, Ellie Simmonds became Eleanor's role model. In those days Eleanor had no idea that one day she herself

would also be a Paralympian, but knowing that the next Games would take place in London in 2012, she looked forward to being there to see Ellie win again.

It so happened that in the same summer of 2012, someone from British Swimming spotted Eleanor as a potential para-swimmer, and encouraged her to join a swimming club. So in September of that year she enrolled at Northampton Swimming Club, not knowing where this might lead. In the short term events took a turn for the worse. After a few weeks of training Eleanor developed a painful hip condition which led to a diagnosis of Perthes' disease, a bone ailment that causes the head of the femur to soften and decay away. This put an immediate stop to swimming, and meant that she would have to use crutches for the next five months. But in the spring of 2013 she was able to return to swimming, provided she didn't put too much strain on the hip, and in the September of that year, barely three years before the Rio Paralympics, was able to take part in her first swimming competition at a local gala.

It still astounds us that Eleanor was able, in just three years, to progress from such lowly



beginnings to become a Paralympic Champion in 2016. It was a truly amazing experience to be at the aquatic stadium in Rio de Janeiro on September 9th, to see her emerge in her oversized coat, and in spite of the gravity of the occasion – not to mention the tremendous noise from the crowd – keep a cool head and beat the rest of the field to win gold in the 50-metre butterfly final. Unknown to us at the time, pictures of Eleanor striding out in that coat flew around the world, and she became a media sensation

overnight. Then, as a bonus, eight days later she won a second Paralympic medal, bronze this time, in the 100-metre freestyle event.

To her swimming buddies and the media she is known as “Ellie”, and has therefore become one of the “Two Ellies” of British Para-Swimming. She got to know Ellie Simmonds for the first time at a swimming event in November 2013, and since then the older Ellie has continued to be an inspiration as well as a good friend, in spite of their keen rivalry in the water.

Since returning from Rio, it has been lovely to see the national recognition accorded to our granddaughter. Along with a clutch of other awards, she was named BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year, and received an MBE in the New Year Honours.

Although she lives in Northamptonshire, Eleanor’s family has strong roots in Nottinghamshire. All four of her grandparents and all eight of her great-grandparents were Nottinghamshire people. So we like to think of her as a local hero!



Belvoir Archers

Established 2011



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 and Friday evenings as well as coaching sessions taking place on alternative Saturdays. We are on the third year of our internal competition with an indoor knockout tournament which is currently on the head to head Quarter final stage.



On the 26 December saw the club shoot the Second Moose Frost bite. Although it was bright and sunny, the gusting wind kept the temperature down and confirming the events name of Frostbite. After the event we departed to the Nags Head in Harby to warm up and for prize giving.

The winners were:

Recurve: 1st place went to Ros Creasey and 2nd place to Steve Mason

Compound: 1st place to Bryan and 2nd place to Steve Burdett

Longbow: 1st Place to Martin with 2nd Place going to Clare Brown

Junior round was won by George.

Moose trophy: Bryan Hayes for shooting both compound and Longbow



Photos by Debbie Mason

On Saturday 15 April 2016, Belvoir Archers will be hosting our second World Record Status Double 720 shoot which now has limited spaces. Entries have been received from across the country as well as from the members of the present GB Squad.

On the 2nd April 2017 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

Belvoir Archers

Established 2011



We also have our Summer and Winter Windsor's taking place on 22nd July and 7th October 2017.

For the fourth year our Summer Windsor has been given National Record Status. We are still the only record status Windsor shoots in the Midlands if not the country and we already received entries for both of these competitions

Belvoir Archers will be commencing our next beginner's course on 22nd April 2017 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.

Belvoir Archers are also expecting to offer a Have a go as part of the Barnstone and Langar Village Fete, more information can be located closer to the time. If you are interested please book for this so we can ensure that we have the correct bows for you

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

Parish Puzzle

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g o g l u w l o t e t t v o n
d i k i c d y d d s k s u p c
n n n v v a m d e a l n e e r
c o a g z o p f c u c a i k r
s u i b e r i m a i s l m a y
m n h h d r c a l r i o g b g
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unicorn
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Come and Join Barnstone Bowls Club



The last two seasons have been incredible for Barnstone Bowls Club. Articles have previously been in Signpost magazine proclaiming the success of our little club but emphasis now has to be placed on 'little' because, due to various circumstances eleven of our playing members were unavailable last year.

We always welcome new members but we would love you to come and join us and boost our numbers, whether you've never played before or are an experienced bowler. Everyone who fancies joining us to enjoy this wonderfully relaxing pastime is assured of a very warm reception.

There will be a pre-season meeting in the Clubhouse at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 8th March. It would be a chance to meet a few people and we would love to see you there. The Greenkeeper opens the bowling green mid-April, dependent on the weather and if you would like to come and have a go please contact a member if you know one or use the numbers below. Then on Sunday, 4th June, when the weather is certain to be glorious (ho ho) we are planning a beginners bowls afternoon getting underway about 2.30 pm when you can enjoy playing bowls, have a lesson if you want one and enjoy a cup of tea.

We play fun Club competitions, compete in various leagues and boast a qualified bowling coach so there's

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 are looking to represent the Club in League and Cup matches.

The social side is great fun too. There are day trips to Windsor, and Sheringham to play friendly matches or enjoy the day looking round. There are social evenings planned in the Clubhouse and at local pubs and restaurants and the Presentation Dinner at Paul's in Bottesford. This year we are running a long weekend to Weston-Super-Mare in October and of course we put on the legendary Tribute Nights twice a year which have raised over £30,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support. The next show is 31st March when the tributes to The Beach Boys and The Four Seasons' music will be the entertainment.

Come and join us. The pre-season meeting is in the Clubhouse on 8th March at 7.30 pm. The green keeper opens the green mid-April subject to the weather and we will be holding a Bowls Afternoon starting about 2.30 pm on 4th June.

You can give David Brown a ring on 01949 850675, Jim Besson on 0115 933 4375 or Steve Wrate on 01949 861353.

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