

Signpost



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Langar cum Barnstone Parish Newsletter



Langar cum Barnstone Village Pantomime 2018

Over the years, Langar & Barnstone have had a very proud tradition of staging the village pantomime. This year we are working on the biggest and funniest panto ever! *Oh no its isn't!!*

Nothing epitomises our tremendous community spirit more than getting involved in this wonderfully fun event.

You'll never learn more about your friends and neighbours than you will by taking part!

If you would like to get involved, then the Vale Ventures Team would love to hear from you. We are looking for volunteers to help organise the event. We are also

looking for people to act, sing, play instruments, build props and scenery, make/repair costumes, work the sound board and the lighting. If you have any stage management or joke writing skills, we would absolutely love you to help. *Goodness knows we need it!*

Meetings to discuss the pantomime will begin in May. Rehearsals usually start in October, with a view to performing 3 shows in the winter.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact Chris Harper via Email. chris.harper490@gmail.com, Tel. 01949 860186



Fruit for thought...

As many of you are aware the community was successful in receiving funding to buy a Fruit Press, crusher and Pasteuriser from Veoila's community fund. We have held two successful apple days but it would be great if we could get more use out of the equipment. As a couple of us discovered last year, pears start falling before mid October so there is plenty of scope and time to borrow any of the equipment for your fruit processing needs.

Whether you want to bottle or can fruit and veg during the summer months, or make juice, cider or perry in the autumn.

Apple day falls on Sunday 21st October this year. With this in mind we are looking to book the Village Hall at points over that weekend to process some of the fruit from the two villages. We would like to

organise a working party as there are lots of jobs that can be done. What would be lovely is if, as a community, we were able to share out the abundance of fruit we have across the two villages, whether it's apples, pears, plums, figs, gooseberries, raspberries or grapes, lets not let it go to waste. Why not share it out or process it and sell it at the monthly Vale Cafe with proceeds going back into our community.

If you would like to get involved or **would like to borrow the equipment**, have fruit you would like to share, preserving jars you are happy to donate, or just want to know a bit more. Please drop Jodi an email via jcarterdavies@gmail.com or give her a call on 869794

Lets get fruity!



Vale Arts Group

Tuesdays Barnstone Village Hall

Doors open from 2 pm ~ 5pm

*All welcome to join, chat, share and
indulge in all creative mediums!*

TEA, COFFEE AND
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£2 PER SESSION

The Vale Arts Group, a bit belatedly, wishes you all a Happy and prosperous New Year. We have increased again with a couple of new members, what a good way to start a new year for

The book folding for the VALE ARTS GROUP is nearly complete, so watch out for it on the top of the tall cupboard in the hall. Sadly the Signpost will come out after our next event which is the



the Group.
We had a Christmas get together in December in the Hall. All the members provided a plate, or a bottle and we had a fair party in full swing lots of chat and no art done that day. Then Nicky Pulford vanished into the Ladies and re-appeared as a reindeer, thanks for the laugh Nicky.
We were closed for a couple of weeks over Christmas New Year but are back in full swing once more.

VALEntine's Art Exhibition, where we are to use the Valentine theme and promote our Group, with proceeds and donations to go to Nottingham Breast Institute, via Joan Charlett.

Watch this space for more on our very friendly and happy bunch of people – THE VALE ARTS GROUP, we meet every Tuesday afternoon between 2pm and 5pm in the Langar cum Barnstone Village Hall, you are more than welcome to join us. 01949861015

St Patrick's Ceilidh

With...



Saturday 17th March 2018

Barnstone Village Hall 7.30 pm

Drinks and snacks available

Tickets £5

Available from Joan & Andrew Charlett 01949 861446



The Vale Market Café

Saturday 10th March 2018

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 14th April & 12th May 2018

From the Parish Council Chairman

I am stepping down from the Parish Council in April after five years' service. The past five years have proved to be busy. As I joined, the proposed new village hall failed to secure a crucial bid and in so doing so ended several years of council work on the project. On the flipside the skate

applications we see as your Parish Council are uncontentious and are a pleasure to pass through with no objections. Occasionally there are applications that the community feel strongly against. Notably there was a proposal for a wind turbine that was my planning baptism and latterly a group of five social

houses on Works Lane. It is the duty of the Parish Council to act as a consultative body for the Planning Authority. They must consider our objections or otherwise in their planning decisions. In



bowl was built. Other positive actions have been the revamp of the existing village hall to extend its useable life and allow time for a new alternative to be planned. To this end the Village Hall Working Group meet regularly to discuss what the new hall needs to be useful to its users.

During my time on the Parish Council I have learned plenty about planning. Some of what I've picked up has been positive but not all. Most of the planning

the case of the wind turbine our recommendations aligned but in the case of the five social houses they did not. More often it seems this is the case.

It is with this point in mind that it is with deep regret that I recently accepted the resignation from Councillor Val Gell. Val is a respected Councillor of long service, however her resignation was prompted by the decision by the planners to go ahead with the social housing development,

despite the Parish Council's objections and public objections partly based on a report that was inaccurate to start with. I for one totally understand and respect Val's position and gladly share it publicly here.

The Parish Council acts as a consultative body for Rushcliffe Borough and Nottinghamshire County Council's Planning departments. Each month, (excepting August), Parishioners have an open invitation to attend Council meetings and share their opinions on planning and other matters. These open sessions, as they are called, last for fifteen minutes and what is said informs councillors on public opinion and informs the council's decisions. It is worth stating that what is said here does not make a decision, but it does inform it. I am



heartened to see more people take an active interest in the Parish Council but saddened that interest seems primarily concerned with planning objections.

There have been some good works performed by the Council recently. We have two part time lengthsman who carry out small works every week around the

villages, including the maintenance and upkeep of the war memorial on the air field. We have a person that keeps our streets clear of litter who patrols weekly. We have a grand outdoor gym area to support the health and well being of our community. We are proud to support community groups and events where we can to help foster inclusion and goodwill in our community. There is a lot of good stuff going on and we do need to be better at celebrating that.

With this in firmly mind it is time to ask you to step up. The Parish Council has vacancies. If we do not recruit new councillors there is the real danger that your Parish Council will dissolve. The channel for public influence on planning matters will go as will the local structure for developing & maintaining many public amenities such as our play parks and public spaces. The minimum requirements are that you are old enough to vote, you can dedicate to a regular monthly meeting and care about where you live. For an informal chat please contact any of the councillors listed on page 10 in this magazine or contact Claire, our parish clerk.

It has been a privilege serving the parish and I sincerely wish my successors well in their future endeavours.

Alan Carter-Davies

8th February 2018

1st Barnstone Brownies

Brownies finished with a Christmas Sleepover at Elton. Sadly, only 13 girls were able to stay but we all had a good time. We said goodbye to Daisy and Hannah, who have gone to Guides in Kinoultun.

January started with a visit to Cinderella at the Playhouse and Bethan got to go on the stage! At present, as part of the Seasons badge, we have made birdfeeders and taken part in the RSPB Garden Birdwatch.

We now have 27 Brownies and are looking forward to another successful year.

Best wishes from the Brownies.

PS One more thought.....I, as Brown Owl, have a dream! Before 2018 is over, I would like, with help of course, to restore the 'Brownie Phone-box' with a fresh coat of paint and new panes of glass. In addition wouldn't it be great to put the bench back again on the corner of Works Lane? I would like to dedicate that bench to Snowy Owl and Mr. Brown Owl. Any offers of support, help or even donations would be very welcome. DC



Brownies



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Granby, Barnstone & District Branch

I am pleased to report that the result of the 2017 Poppy Appeal for our Branch was a most creditable £2251.99. With door to door collections totalling £1021.79. 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.

We have an interesting range of events being planned for 2018. Please look out for further details in Signpost. Thank you for your support.

Andrew Charlett
Chairman



Help make this year's village festival Bigger and Better!

The 2018 Langar and Barnstone Village Festival will be held from Saturday 16th June to Sunday 24th June at various venues and locations across the two villages. We held our first meeting of the year at the beginning of February but there is still plenty of time to get involved. Whether you would like to help the Vale Ventures team decorate the villages, have an event of your own that you would like to put on or if you would just like to offer your support, please do get in touch. We are also

looking for someone to take the reins and co-ordinate next year's festival, so if you fancy a go, (it's not as scary or time consuming as you may think) then let us know so we can show you the ropes!

Finally help us promote our events by joining us on Facebook and liking and sharing our page, the more locals we can reach the better -

www.facebook.com/LangarandBarnstoneVillageFestival/

Contact: Jodi Carter-Davies,
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Your Councillors

Alan Carter-Davies	Chairman	Chestnut Farm, Main Street, Langar
Ron Brooks	Vice Chairman	35 Park Road, Barnstone
Adrian Bellamy		1 Butlers Field, Langar
Trevor Simpson		23 Musters Road, Langar
Jeff Fry		24 Park Road, Barnstone
Chris Harper		75 Park Road, Barnstone
Katy Morris		14 Butlers Field, Langar
Claire Pegg	Parish Clerk	Tel: 01949 860123 email: langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com

Full contact details available at www.langarbarnstone.co.uk/yourcouncil

Parish Council Meetings

Thursday 15th March at 7.30pm,
Thursday 19th April at 6.30pm &
Thursday 17th May – at 7.30pm

Musical ‘giants’ combine in Bingham

Three musical ‘giants’ - Mozart, Mendelssohn and Tchaikovsky - will combine in Bingham on Saturday 28 April in a programme of exquisite string ensemble works.

Starting at 7.30pm, the concert is being held in Bingham Parish Church (NG13 8DR) and marks the end of Bingham Community Arts Committee’s year-long Mozart & Mendelssohn season. Tickets are available in advance (£10) or on the door (£12), with accompanied children free: call BCAC’s Steven Halls on 01949 876147 or email stevenhalls@hotmail.com - tickets can also be purchased at Bingham Library.

The evening’s ensemble will comprise Sarah Cresswell and Karen Everson (violins), Phillip Burton and Juliet Ward (violas) and Margaret Chadwick and Steven Halls (cellos): their programme includes two String Divertimenti by Mozart together with Mendelssohn’s Capriccio & Fugue and his Theme, Variations & Scherzo. Complementing these will be two later works by Tchaikovsky - his Elegy for Strings and the four-movement Souvenir de Florence string sextet.

For more information on Bingham Community Arts Committee (BCAC) and its upcoming events, visit www.facebook.com/binghamcommunityartscommittee

St Ethelburga Update

We now have a name for the St Ethelburga project:

Project SEAL (**S**t **E**thelburga's **A**rchaeological **L**andscape)

We chose this name as the project will be investigating the landscape around the St Ethelburga site to better understand its history and location. This will involve further field walking and metal detecting and, funding permitting, new techniques such as LIDAR and ground penetrating radar. This approach will allow us to identify areas for potential excavation to allow a targeted approach and minimise damage to any buried archaeology or to the farmland. On advice from the County Archaeologist the first steps are to

carry out a laser survey to record the site and then to cover it with sand to provide protection and to identify where work has already been carried out to aid any future excavation. We will then draw up a programme of actions and we hope to be able to share these in the next issue of Signpost.

In the meantime please visit the small display in the North Transept of St Andrew's. This gives information about the site and there are a few finds from the field walking that has been carried out.



We have found a significant number of ammonite fossils around the site. They may just be from the local rocks or they may have had some significance for the pilgrims. They are good luck tokens in many societies.

The view from my office window has been spoilt!

In my last article I waxed lyrical about the sweeping vistas available to me now that the old kiln building has been removed. However the industrious folk of Barnstone works have replaced the kiln building with a sand pile which rises from the sand yard as Kilimanjaro rises from the African bush, complete with attendant wildlife.

For dashing antelope and entertaining meercats see Muntjac deer and rabbits, for circling vultures and dashing African Bee Eaters see buzzards and pigeons and for painted African Hunting Dogs and panting lions see a red fox and the works cat!

This is not to belittle our native fauna (I know that technically Muntjac Deer & rabbits are not truly indigenous. I blame the Romans for the rabbits not too sure who brought the deer, I suspect it was the Victorians, as they were avid collectors of most things) but to point out that, whilst we cannot compete with the wide expanse and majesty of the African wilderness, in amongst the sand piles and the Postcrete sacks nature is here.

All you need is a little imagination and to look.

Having said all that, if avian glamour and panache are what

you are after then let me offer you *Falco peregrinus*. Seen regularly about the works our glorious peregrine (Perry) spends most of it's time defending sparrows from bullying feral pigeons as seen in the pictures below.



Perry, on watch as usual, upholding the works "no bullying" policy by giving a couple of troublesome pigeons a hard stare. If this tactic doesn't work Perry resorts to type and simply eats the offending pigeons. This is against the companies "no eating your co-workers" policy and not a course of action that I endorse. In my defence, Perry is notoriously difficult to both catch and to performance manage

The view, the view, lets get back to my spoilt view. The sand pile will not be left as a blot on my landscape for long. Once it has drained it will be dried, blended, packed and dispatched to our customers.

It is left to drain in order to make it easier to dry- Less moisture means less energy needed to drive the dampness out.

There is a relationship between sand pile life and plant well being:



Cocky, the valiant sparrow, resisting the attempts of two feral pigeons to wrest a crust of bread from her tenacious grip!

You could argue that seeing as though the food is about half the size of Cocky she could share but she has 6 young 'uns to feed back in the nest an' no mistake.

The pigeons would do well to cast an upward glance. Perry does not do written warnings!

the quicker the sand pile disappears the better our sales and at the moment they are melting away quicker than the Snows of Kilimanjaro.

If I let my eyes drift down and to the right of the sand pile I see another permanent vista obstruction rising from the ground. This is the new Facilities building – buildings such as these were once called canteens or mess rooms but have undergone “descriptive reallocation and alignment” hence It is much needed, as it will replace the collection of huts, sheds, sea containers and

portakabins that grace the site at present.

The existing buildings have all the neighbourliness and gossip of a small village with none of the aesthetic qualities.

The Facilities Building will also encompass a new shower block which in turn replaces the Old Shower block which, towards the end of it's life, resembled the remnants and smell of a semi drained swamp!

Again, improvements to the site, which indicate the ongoing investment that CRH are making into Barnstone.

Every well planned and organised operation has its rogue elements and in our case it is the occasional stray lorry that finds it's way into the village. We are working with all our hauliers to eliminate this problem and I think we are making headway. We are also working with the Parish Council in order to improve the signage on the roads leading to the village.

The plant has been here for over 150 years, I can't speak for the 136 or so years before my tenure but for the 12 years that I have been manager we have enjoyed an outstandingly cordial relationship with the Parish Council and our neighbours. Long may it remain and flourish.

Many Thanks

Chris Stephens



Since November Belvoir Archers have been shooting on Monday Evenings 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 Our internal competition with an indoor knockout tournament which is currently on the head to head Quarter final stage.



On a mild sunny winters day our Annual Boxing day Moose shoot took place 8 archers braved the weather to shoot at 30 metres in a competition known as a frost bite.



We then decamped to the Nags Head in Harby for some warming drinks. David Worth was the winner of the Moose Shoot.

Our World Record Status Double 720 is on Saturday 14th April 2018. 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.

In April we will be holding 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 21st July and 6th October 2017.

For the fourth 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 We will be arranging a beginner's course in April/ May and also Monthly have a go's so so if you are interested in trying archery please contact us it is very addictive.

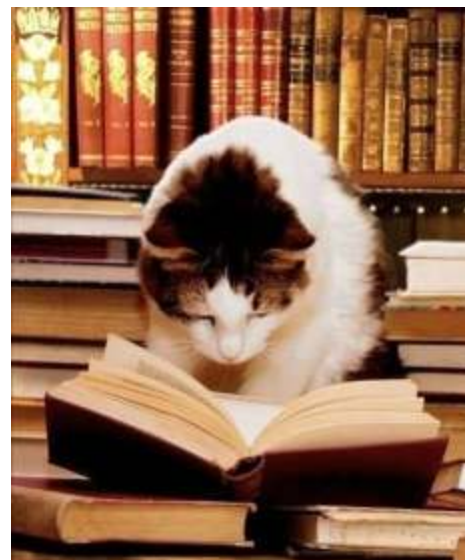
More information about Belvoir Archers and how we are doing can be found on our web page www.belvoirarchers.co.uk

Mobile Library visits for 2018

Langar – Unicorns Head Pub
11.45am – 11.55am

For information about requested titles or particular items of stock, please contact:
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Day: Thursday
Mobile: East Route:



1 st March	29 th April	26 th May	24 th June
21 st July	19 th August	13 th September	11 th October
8 th November	6 th December	3 rd January 2019	



PRECEPT CALCULATION 2018/2019

TOTAL REVENUE BUDGET	£ 25,377.00		
RESERVES	£ 11,000.00		
SUBTOTAL	£ 36,377.00		
LESS EXPECTED INCOME	£ 900.00		
PRECEPT REQUIREMENT	£ 35,477.00		

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(Full details of 2018/2019 budget can be obtained from the Clerk)

Star Spangled Express



Barnstone Bowls Club's efforts to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support continue on 23rd March when the next Tribute Nights will take place at Cotgrave Welfare. To date, as a result of the wonderful and generous support of a lot of people we have managed to raise almost £35,000 for this incredible charity and whilst ever you support them we will carry on.

The theory is that we have a great night of fun and first class entertainment at a more than reasonable price, Cotgrave Welfare sells loads of food and drink and Macmillan receive a large cheque for their funds. Everyone's A Winner Baby, That's The Truth.

If you enjoy a good night out this really is a 'not-to-be-missed' event. The Star Spangled Express comprises of two top class entertainers who appear country-wide tour doing tributes to Roy Orbison and Buddy Holly and they then combine to provide a tremendous tribute to the Everly

Brothers. They have appeared at The London Palladium and the Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham to my knowledge, so at £10 a ticket this really is a bargain.

We anticipate a full house for this one. Artists of this calibre bring their own following and some regular attenders book tickets for large parties of people. One guy bought 22 tickets for the Beatles tribute in November so there may be pressure for tickets. Get in as early as you can if you want to share this exciting night with us. Tickets are on sale now and we stop selling at 300. Ring Steve on 01949 861353 or John on 01949 860301 to reserve tickets or there will be some at Cotgrave Welfare and at Cropwell Bishop Doctors Surgery (ask for Sue Garton).

See you there on 23rd March. Doors open when the acts have set up and done their sound-checks etc but no later than 8.00 pm. Try not to be late; we've a huge amount of partying to fit into one evening.

Barnstone Bowls Club present a

Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly & The Everly Brothers

TRIBUTE NIGHT

featuring

The Star Spangled Express

in support of Macmillan Cancer support



at
Cotgrave Welfare
Friday 23rd March 2018 - Doors open at 8pm
TICKETS £10.00
including a **FREE** Raffle
Ring 01949 861353 or 01949 860301

Langar Church of England Primary School News

The term has started with a bang for classes 1 and 2 who took part in a lively African drumming workshop to launch their 'Explore' topic. Steve from Unbeatable Energy Ltd led an amazing day of drumming, story-telling and dance which culminated in a performance to the rest of the school and parents. The whole school are studying geography topics this term with classes 3 and 4 learning about Europe. As the launch of

from cooking club to Little Fishes (a Christian club), from football to Eco Council. Outside provides, Rattle and Roll Performance and Rockley Music, provide us with music lessons, clubs and performing arts activities. Our hard-working and dedicated staff have a variety of experiences and activities planned for the term ahead to enhance our curriculum; including a year 3 trip to Patchings Farm with our Fosse Five friends,



their topic the children enjoyed a Continental breakfast sampling croissants, waffles, Edam cheese and salami. The children thought it was delicious and wished that they could start every day with such a feast!

Our variety of extra-curricular activities are also now in full swing. Our staff, who have a multitude of talents, run activities that range

watching a production of Pinocchio as part of World Book Day at Gunthorpe Church of England School and a visit from the library bus. Sports Relief will provide the children with a week of exciting sporting activities to try ranging from yoga and mindfulness to Drumba! We are all really looking forward to it.

Mrs. E. J. Brown (Head of School)

Dove Cottage

Dove Cottage would just like to say a huge thank you to our supporters, you have helped in so many ways, attending events, donations of clothes, held your own event, sponsored walk or run, had a bake sale, signed up to

regular giving and many other ways... We are so appreciative, everything we do is because of you! Thank you once again for your continued support of your local Hospice and let's raise a glass to 2018!



Are you thinking about setting your New Year's resolution still? Do something amazing and Fundraise for us! How about a skydive for Dove Cottage? Join the DOVE TEAM, Skydiving

on Sunday 14th April!
If you have an urge to take to the skies, please phone Georgina on 01949 860303 or email georgina@dovecottage.org

Dates for your diary:

Auction, Vintage Clothes and Table Top Sale
Saturday 17th March
More details to be confirmed

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday 31st March
More details to be confirmed



Barnstone Bowls Club 2018 Season



As I write this, the temperature outside is 1°C, they are forecasting snow, everywhere I walk is wet and muddy and it still gets dark by 5.00 pm. You would think that bowls is the last thing on my mind. However, along with the other members, I am looking forward to those long, warm summer evenings out playing the game we love.

It would be terrific if you wanted to join us. We always welcome new members and offer free help and guidance to all who want it. We have a fully qualified bowls coach in our ranks plus other members who would be only too pleased to show you how to go on.

The 2017 season drew to a close in September but compared to previous seasons it fizzled out rather than finished with a bang. The two previous seasons were so exciting and such a lot was achieved that finishing runners up in one competition this time round was tame by comparison. We were also relegated in two leagues but never mind, we will try our best to bounce back this year. It was still great fun. We competed in six different leagues, ran numerous club competitions and played a few friendlies including a couple of bowling trips away to Sheringham and Windsor. The outings were so good that we've been invited back by both Clubs so we're off to both those venues again this season. There are usually a few places on the coach for non-members if anyone is interested in a

low-priced day out: first-come, first-served.

In addition to the days out Barnstone Bowls Club runs a long weekend away in October. No bowls, just a great social weekend. Last year we went to Weston-Super-Mare and this year we are going to Tenby from 12th – 15th October. We have a great time and are joined by outsiders and members of local clubs such as Bingham and East Bridgford. Ring me for details if you are interested. If you join, the green and clubhouse are always available for your use free of charge. You can bowl at any level you choose. Some members enjoy a regular game among themselves and an occasional competition, others like to just play in the club competitions and friendly matches but many prefer to make themselves available for selection for the League and Cup competitions against other clubs. The good news is that the subscriptions are extremely reasonable. It is a quarter of those of some local clubs. The social side is good too. In addition to the events above we hold social evenings in the Clubhouse, BBQ's, nights out at local pubs and the Presentation Dinner at The Plough at Stathern. There are the Tribute Nights too (see separate article) which have raised about £35,000 to date for Macmillan Cancer Support.

If bowls appeals to you give Steve Wrate a ring on 01949 861353 or Jim Besson on 0115 933 4735 or turn up to the pre-season meeting in the Clubhouse at 7.30 pm on 21st March.

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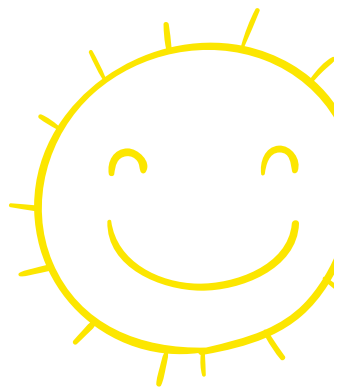


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