

Signpost



Issue 62 - March 2020

Langar cum Barnstone Parish Newsletter





Spring is coming!



Thanks to Karen Seaton for the lovely photos.

Ceiliadh



Barn Dance

Dancing to Charlie's Ants

Saturday 21st March 2020 7.30 pm

Barnstone Village Hall

Tickets £10 each including refreshments

Students under 18 £5

Available from Joan Charlett 01949 861446

or Hammond Property Services, Bingham

01949 878685

Bar & Raffle

Proceeds for

A Guide Dog for the Visually Impaired

& Breast Cancer Research at

Nottingham Breast Institute

1st Barnstone Brownies



Spring is on its way! The bulbs in all our village pots and along by the phone box are pushing their way up. Someone (DW) has planted some snowdrops too.....and it wasn't our friendly gnome (who sometimes sits on the Brownie Bench)!

We are still having fun in our meetings. Our Christmas Sleepover at Elton was blessed with fine weather, and we were able to get outside to do grass-sledging and a quest. We even saw a deer but not one of Santa's!

This term we are hoping to amalgamate our diminished District with Radcliffe-on-Trent, where we will be hoping to make new friends and gain some much needed support. We're already linking up there later in February for a special Thinking Day event which includes a Badge.

I am still very grateful to all those people who help week upon week to keep our Brownies going - Vicki, Cate, Phoebe, Emma, Olivia and now Kate as well. Thanks to Lu and Di who helped with the Sleepover. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered too. I don't know what the future holds for Barnstone Brownies.....I really do need to retire before too long!

Best wishes

Brown Owl



BINGHAM & DISTRICT AUDIO MAGAZINE

Some of you may already be aware that an audio magazine is produced in Bingham by a group of volunteers. The magazine is issued on a CD once a month, free of charge, and brings news, talks, interviews and reports on local topics to people who may be visually impaired, have restricted mobility, or older people who just want to relax and listen to a monthly audio magazine and catch up on local events.

Although the magazine is produced in Bingham, it aims to include news, articles and events from the district surrounding the town. I have agreed to act as a correspondent for our villages and would be interested in collecting news on what is happening in our Parish that we would like to share with listeners of the magazine. I would particularly like to interview local residents about their personal stories, which could be historical, topical, or reminiscences of life in the villages, as well as information on your own interests or hobbies. If you would like to contribute to this project then please contact me by telephone on 01949 861446 or email at acharlett289@btinternet.com.

If you would be interested in receiving copies of the audio magazine each month, then please contact me and I will explain the procedure for becoming a listener.

Andrew Charlett



Since November Belvoir Archers have been shooting at our regular Monday night meet 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 alternate Saturdays.

We are on the fourth year of our internal competition with an indoor knockout tournament, which is currently on the head-to-head quarter-final stage.

For this year, we have undertaken the Compound Ladder, where the archer can challenge the archer above them. There have been lots of challenges and rounds shot.

On 26 December, several club members and a guest braved the rain and cold to shoot the Moose Frostbite. As you can see the archers were well wrapped up. Luckily the rain stopped for the awards to be handed out on the field. The Moose Trophy was awarded to Sue Haynes for

obtaining her Master Bowman this year and all her work behind the scenes.

The Visitor Award and the Compound Award went to the Nottinghamshire Archery Society Chairman Bernie Dicks, whilst the Recurve Award went to John Johnson and the Longbow Award to Sheila



Worth.

On Saturday 11 April 2020, Belvoir Archers will be hosting our World Record Status Double 720 shoot which now has limited spaces. Entries have been received from as far away as Guernsey as well as from the members of the present GB Squad.

Our Summer and Winter Windsor shoots take place on 18 July and 19 September respectively. 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 have already received entries for both competitions.

Belvoir Archers are just putting the finishing touches to our next beginners' course for May 2020 as well as have-a-go sessions on the last Thursday of each month between May to August. The beginner courses are 4x3-hour sessions and the have-a-go

sessions are 2 hours. Both are led by Level 2-Qualified ArcheryGB coaches.

If you are interested in either of these events or generally in trying archery, please contact us or come and 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.



Cropwell Bishop Singers

This Summer your village choir is looking for a new Musical Director. Could this be something that you would be interested in or do you know someone who might fit the bill?

We are a small, mixed choir of around 25 singers, formed 10 years ago. We meet weekly in the Methodist Church on Nottingham Road for practices and put on concerts locally a couple of times a year. For more information please contact our current Musical Director Derek Tabron on 0115 9894836.



Barnstone Bowls Club 2020 Season



As I write this the wind is howling, the rain is lashing against the window and playing bowls in the warm summer sunshine seems a million miles away. However, preparations for the season are already underway. A few repairs are needed on the green surrounds, a new memorial seat wants installing and we intend to repair the external render on the clubhouse and redecorate if the lousy weather ever lets up.

Last season was a success both on and off the bowling green. We reached the semi-final of The Belvoir League Knock-out Cup, finished second by just one point to Bingham in the Nottinghamshire Bowls Federation Saturday League Division One, reached the final of the all-Nottinghamshire knock-out competition known as the Steele Trophy but lost to Kirkby-in-Ashfield and narrowly won the Third Division of the League of Country Bowling Clubs by one point seeing off St James' Park.

Recruitment over the last couple of years has brought some new members into the Club who seem to be enjoying the friendliness and welcome given to them. Some are beginners who are looking forward to some coaching and practice at the beginning of the season; others are more experienced, wanting to compete for places in the League teams.

We are still looking for new members though, so if you fancy giving it a try ring me on 01949 861353 or Jim Besson on 0115-933 4735. Alternatively, the pre-season meeting is being held in the Clubhouse at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11 March. Just turn up. There are bowlers of all levels of ability in the Club. If you are a learner you will be looked after and encouraged; as I say, a welcome awaits you. Besides the League matches there are club competitions and 'roll-up' days where members play for fun. Some of our members join so they can just organise and enjoy a game among themselves. The choice is yours.

We now offer social membership to those who don't want to bowl but may enjoy the 'partying' bit. A number of social events are already organised for 2020 including B-B-Q evenings and a quiz night. There are plans for a bit of ballroom dancing, evening dinner, ramble or two, race night, cheese and wine, etc. After the season there is a modestly priced non-bowling weekend in Paignton; everyone is welcome on that.

In addition, there is also the Presentation Dinner, which is at the end of the season of course and the infamous Tribute Nights. For the uninitiated, Barnstone Bowls Club stages these nights at Cotgrave Institute twice a year and send every penny to Macmillan Cancer Support. We have raised over £42,000 so far. At the last event in November nearly 250 people enjoyed a brilliant show from Jimmy Jemaine and friends who gave us Cliff Richard and The Shadows. They were superb. We were very grateful for the compliments received from those who attended. Thank you to everyone who supported it.

The next one on 20 March will be the 30th event we've staged, which is testament to the support we have had. Ian Scott will perform his tribute to **Sir Tom Jones** plus Jacky Webbe will portray the one and only Diva of Motown, **Diana Ross**. They are both high-class performers; what a night we have in store. Tickets are on sale now at £10.00, which includes a FREE raffle and are available from me 01949 861353, John Parker 01949 860301 or Cotgrave Welfare. Get your friends together, order your tickets and come and party for Macmillan. You won't regret it; 250 people can't be wrong!

Steve Wrate: Barnstone Bowls Club

Barnstone Bowls Club presents a

TOM JONES & DIANA ROSS TRIBUTE NIGHT

in support of Macmillan Cancer Support



at

Cotgrave Welfare

Friday 20th March 2020 - Doors open at 8pm

TICKETS £10.00

including a **FREE** Raffle

Ring 01949 861353 or 01949 860301

News from the Parish Council

Hello all. Here's the latest from the Parish Council.



Village Hall. As many of you will know by now, Rushcliffe Borough Council have approved our application to demolish and re-build the village hall. The next stage in this process will be to take the scheme to a more detailed specification and then seek competitive tenders for the delivery of the project from local contractors. This will assist in firming up the overall budget for the project, whilst also considering funding streams, and discussions with several bodies have already started. Watch this space!

Langar Village Pond. Steered by Cllr. Adrian Bellamy, an enthusiastic group of volunteers have turned the village pond in Langar into a wildlife haven, complete with path, benches and wetland area. We now await the Spring display of shrubs and bulbs planted just before Christmas. Our thanks to the Wildflower Farm for their support with this.

Following a successful application, the Woodland Trust has approved our request for hedgerow saplings to be planted in March, to define the space and separate it from the pub car park; a working party will be required to assist with this planting nearer the time.



Barnstone Play and Gym Area. Following community feedback, and with the active involvement of interested residents, the Parish Council is in discussion about upgrading the facilities at the children's' play area and adults' outdoor gym. The aim is to make the play area a more interesting and challenging experience for all those who use the equipment.

Parish Clerk. Last, but not least, is the news that Claire Pegg, our Parish Clerk, will be retiring at the end of April. We all owe Claire a big debt of gratitude for her many years of service in, and enthusiasm for, the role. Recruitment for her replacement is currently underway.

Jeffrey Fry
Chair, Langar and Barnstone Parish Council

Save the date!

Annual Parish Meeting

Saturday 23rd May 2020

2 – 4 pm

Langar cum Barnstone Village Hall

Guest Speaker, Nigel Wood, will give a short talk on the S.E.A.L. (St Ethelburga's Archaeological Landscape) Project.

Artefacts from the site will be on display

Refreshments available

An opportunity for residents to catch up on parish ventures including: progress on the new Village Hall, play area project and community group activities. For more information please email: langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com

Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council Precept 2020/2021

PRECEPT CALCULATION 2020/2021			
TOTAL REVENUE BUDGET		£	31,094.00
RESERVES		£	8,600.00
SUBTOTAL		£	39,694.00
LESS EXPECTED INCOME		£	900.00
PRECEPT REQUIREMENT		£	38,794.00
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		£	108.97
(Full details of 2020/2021 budget can be obtained from the Clerk)			

Langar C of E Primary School

The term started with a bang here at school as our children in Key Stage 1 were welcomed back with a fantastic African drumming workshop! Steve Rivers from Unbeatable Energy brought in djembe drums for every child and the whole school was full of the sound of percussive music and call-and-response singing. The workshop launched our Explore topics which are all based around geography themes.



Last term saw the children Discovering as our topics were history-based. We were thrilled to learn about the local history of our area and find out local links to wider, national historical events. Bill Dargue came in to run a staff meeting - it isn't only children who learn here! - and shared the website he has constructed for us! His passion for the subject was infectious and the staff felt inspired by the work he had put into it. I have a personal sense of pride in the resource as Bill is my dad!

<https://historyoflangarforyoungpeople.jimdofree.com/>

Our curriculum here is not just built around subject-based learning. Our core values and commitment to providing children with learning skills for life are central to our curriculum model. Before Christmas we were very proud of the children who had many opportunities to apply our values of taking care, thoughtfulness, respect, love and fairness. We were thrilled to be able to welcome members of the community to the Nativity performance followed by a delicious Christmas lunch. The children made excellent hosts and, as Mr Bond said, were 'full of enthusiasm and good to be with.' The children continued to consider our neighbours as they collected items for the Reverse Advent Calendar, this year to be donated to the homeless at The Friary.

The term ahead is jam-packed with learning experiences, trips and activities which makes it a wonderful place to be a pupil. We do have limited places in some year groups. If you would like to find out more about life at Langar then please phone the school office to arrange a visit - 01949 860056 - and talk to Mrs Whelan or Mrs George, our Office Managers.

Mrs E J Brown

Head Teacher



AUCTION

& TABLE TOP SALE

SATURDAY 2nd MAY

Dove Cottage Day Hospice

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Lots include: - Household items, China, Glassware, Toys,
Jewellery, Bric a Brac, etc.

**AUCTION VIEWING & TABLE TOP
AT 12 NOON**

BIDDING STARTS AT 1.00pm PROMPT

REFRESHMENTS SERVED THROUGHOUT

Free Entry – All Welcome

If you're unable to deliver we can collect items the w/c Monday 27th April 2020

✗ Mattresses, TV stands, refrigerators, non flat screen T.V's, sofas, wardrobes, computer desks & any items without the correct fire safety label.

✓ Small household, garage & garden items. Large items received at our own discretion, subject to space & manpower.

**If you would like any more information
about this event phone 01949 860303.**



Dove Cottage Day Hospice, Canal Lane, Stathern, Melton Mowbray LE14 4EX
Website - www.dovecottage.org Registered Charity Number 1057941



Our Poppy Appeal this year was most successful, raising a total of £2970. I wish to thank all who contributed and also those who helped us to collect the contributions. All the money we collect goes to help wounded or destitute ex-Service men and women and their families, to whom we owe a great debt of gratitude for protecting us. Recently we were saddened by the news that one of our longstanding members, Tony Bellamy, had died. He had assisted us with the Poppy Appeal collection in Langar for many years and will be much missed.

In January our Standard Bearer and I attended the annual RBL County Conference, held at Cotgrave Miners Welfare Centre. We also held a Committee meeting to plan our events for the remainder of the year. These include a talk by Nigel Wood entitled ***Four Brothers and a Cousin***, focusing on the story of local men who fought in the First World War. This will take place on Saturday 4 April in Barnstone Village Hall, commencing at 7 pm. There will be a ploughman's supper

and tickets are £8 and are available from myself (contact details below). We have also discussed arrangements for a number of other events throughout the year and more details of these will follow in later editions of Signpost. This year we will be commemorating the 75th anniversaries of both VE and VJ Days. It is hoped that we will be able to organise a concert of music from that era to commemorate these events. This year will also be the 90th anniversary of the founding of our Branch and we are therefore hoping to be able to organise an event to mark this milestone.

If you would like to take part in any of these events or become a member of the Branch or, indeed, wish to assist the Branch in any way, please get in touch with me. I would be most pleased to hear from you.

Andrew Charlett
Branch Chairman
Tel: 01949 861446



St Andrew's Church
Summer 'Pop up Café'
10am – 12noon

Every 1st Saturday of the month April – October
Dates: 4th April, 2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 1st August,
5th September, 3rd October

RAIN DOES NOT STOP PLAY FOR LANGAR SCHOOL PUPILS



Whilst we are approaching Spring (hopefully), we are still recovering from Storm Brendan and weeks and weeks of very wet weather.

The rest of us may have stayed out of the rain deluge, but young pupils at Langar Church of England Primary School have been positively embracing it, thanks to a recent donation of waterproof suits!

Research has proven the health and educational benefits of outdoor play, so staff at the school were delighted when we donated 16 of the weatherproof all-in-ones for Class 1.

We were really pleased to be able to support the school in such a practical way

and are pleased to hear how much enjoyment the pupils are getting from wearing the suits!

The Headteacher Emily Brown said: "Our young pupils enjoy messing about in the rain during break and lunch times, but we were struggling to keep them dry for later lessons. We were delighted when Tarmac agreed to make a donation to cover the costs of these waterproof 'onesies'. Class 1 pupils (aged 4/5) thoroughly enjoy the suits and use them daily for outdoor learning and play."

STEVE ODELL, TARMAC'S BARNSTONE PLANT MANAGER

Vale Arts Group January 2020.

A good start to 2020, a new member already; welcome, Bryan Roe, hope you will be happy with us.

The Annual General Meeting went off very well and was over in no time as it all flowed very efficiently and the current Chair (Nicky Pulford), the Secretary (Gillian Clarke) and the Treasurer (Philip Clarke) were all able to stand again and were voted in by majority. The Financial report was accepted, as were the minutes of the previous AGM.

So..... 2020! What are we planning?

Our first demonstration was by our very own Cyril Richardson on acrylics on 28th January. We used either a board or a canvas, which Cyril supplied, and then he set about showing us how to put the acrylic paints onto the surface and start make a picture.

We started off with grey – load the brush with white and a touch of black, now spread it all over the canvas. The colour isn't even, it isn't supposed to be, but background done. Darken the corner with a touch more black (storm clouds?).

Next change the brush, load it with white again and make some stripes to indicate trees, don't forget peripheral, smaller, higher going back. Pick up a metal or plastic palette knife, dip the edge in the black and touch the edge of the white tree and drag across - voila bark! Branches, white again and line faintly with black. Now the lady, she is wearing a scarlet dress and has black hair and you can see her arms, no face. Arms first orange/white = flesh, dress scarlet and just a few black lines lightly to show folds, now her hair flowing down her back! Wow!!! Well done all!

Vale Arts Group

Tuesdays Barnstone Village Hall

Doors open from 2 pm ~ 5pm

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indulge in all creative mediums!*

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I think we all achieved what Cyril asked for and although no two were the same, the picture is a lady in a red dress in birch forest, our very own interpretations.

We have nothing yet for February, but something might just turn up.

On 17 March Julie Powel is coming to give us a workshop on Colour Theory and Practise in Acrylics.

We intend to have a couple/few Exhibitions during 2020, and will advise accordingly.

We are having a NEW MEMBER DRIVE and if you want to come along and try, just contact us or come along to the Village Hall and see before you join us. You may know of someone who can draw, paint or takes photos and wants to share with others – please give them our details.

It doesn't matter what you think about your own ability, do you enjoy doing something artistic but need some inspiration or help? Come along please, we are NOT a bunch of professionals, we are a bunch of friendly and, we hope, helpful people (a bit nuts at times – but Hey! who isn't).

Tuesday afternoons at the Langar cum Barnstone Village Hall from 2pm to 5pm, £2 per session (includes tea/coffee and biscuits) and if you don't come you don't pay; however, the massive sum of £1 is the annual subscription payable on joining the Group.

Any other queries please contact Gillian Clarke on 01949 861015.

Langar cum Barnstone War Memorial, St Andrew's Churchyard, Langar

The Parish Council has been informed by Historic England that the War Memorial has been granted Grade II Listed status by the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport. Its List Entry Number in the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest is 1467423.

The List entry for this building, together with a map, has now been published on the National Heritage List for England and is available for public access.

Update

Progress since the last update

The new year has seen us commence our training in pottery identification. To support this we have invested in reference materials and extra storage to create a project reference collection to help is in identifying our existing finds and any arising from our future field work. We also hope to create a small collection of pottery finds for Langer School to support the Roman and Saxon section of the History Curriculum.

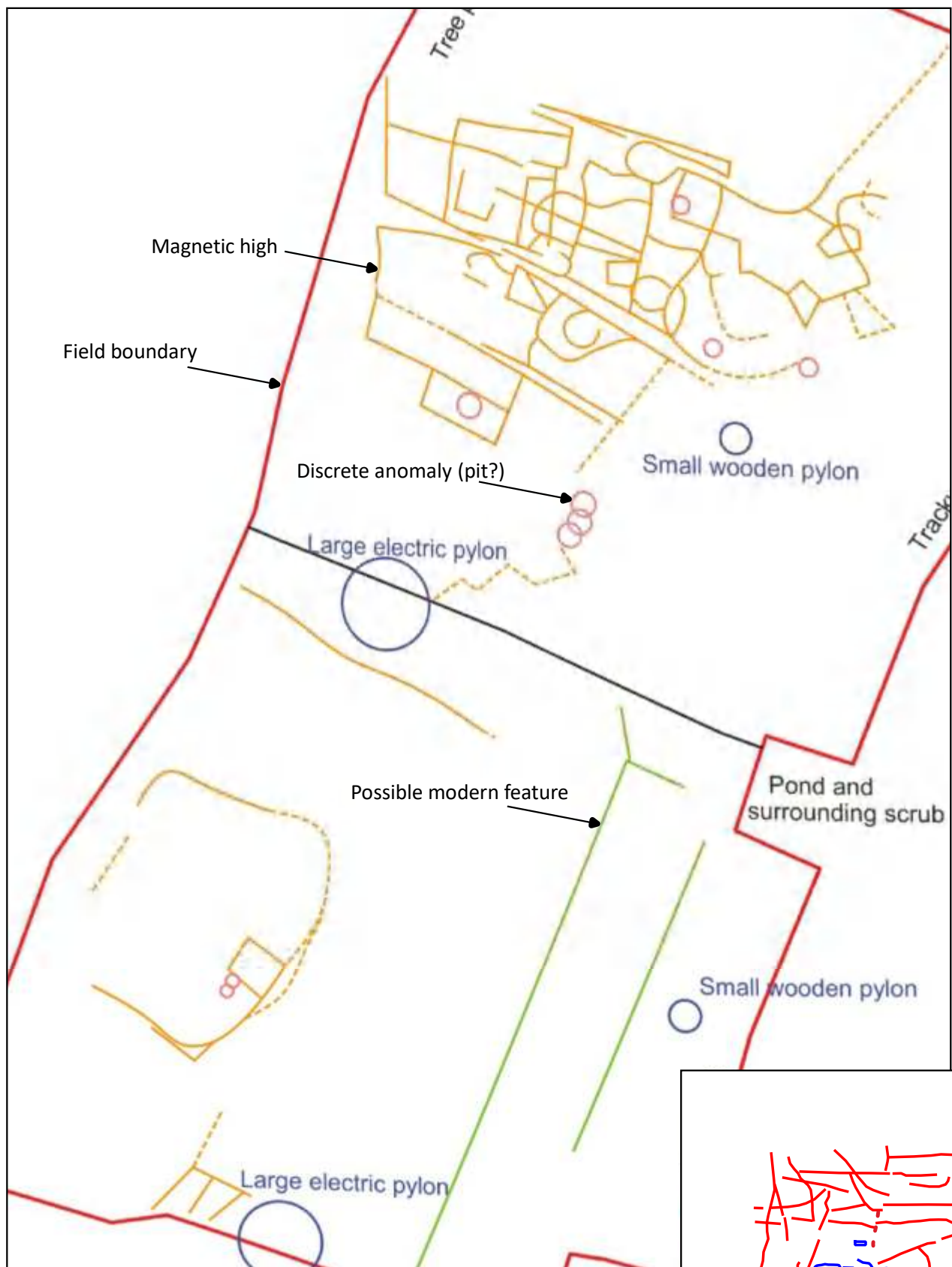


Pottery identification in progress.

We have also completed our search of items listed in the county Historical Environment Record (HER) and marked these on our area map. We are expecting to add to this with new records after the talk to be given by the Nottinghamshire HER Officer at one of our meetings in February.

Geoff Kimbell has obtained the geophysical data from the archaeological survey carried out ahead of the construction of the Langer Lane Solar Farm and plotted this along with the data for the St Ethelburga site. The Solar Farm data has been interpreted as a Romano-British settlement and there are similarities with those of St Ethelburga's, albeit being more extensive.

The results are shown on the next page.



St Ethelburga legend:

- Magnetic high Magnetic
- - - high (unclear) Magnetic
- low

0 20 40 60 80 100 m



Next Steps

The NLHF funding covers our activities until the end of August this year. To enable to continue we have applied the The Nineveh Trust for funding for the following activities:

1. Conduct archaeological research via field-walking, geophysics and topographical surveys
2. Conduct landscape studies into the Roman settlement and road systems
3. Undertake further documentary and archival research to compliment the fieldwork
4. Pay for specialists and professional training for project members
5. Compile professional archaeological reports to be made available to the wider public
6. Host a number of public outreach events
7. Provide further educational sessions for the local school
8. Contribute to the regional Historic Environment Record

More news in the next issue of Signpost.

Your Help is Required

We know that the St Ethelburga site was partially excavated in 1959 to 1961 by a Mr Herbert Houldsworth. Unfortunately he appears to have not published his results. Does anyone remember the dig taking place and have any information to share?

We also believe that during the time that Mr Gwilym Lewis was Headmaster of Langar School a number of excavations around the village were carried out by pupils under his supervision, possibly in the 1970's or 1980's. We would love to hear from anyone who could confirm this, especially if you were involved.

Nigel Wood

nibarwood@btinternet.com

01949 860001



Granby, Barnstone & District Branch, Royal British Legion
presents

Four Brothers & a Cousin in World War One

A Talk by Nigel Wood

Saturday 4th April at 7.00 pm at Barnstone Village Hall

Tickets: £8 including ploughman's supper

from Andrew Charlett 01949 861446

Raffle & Bar will be available



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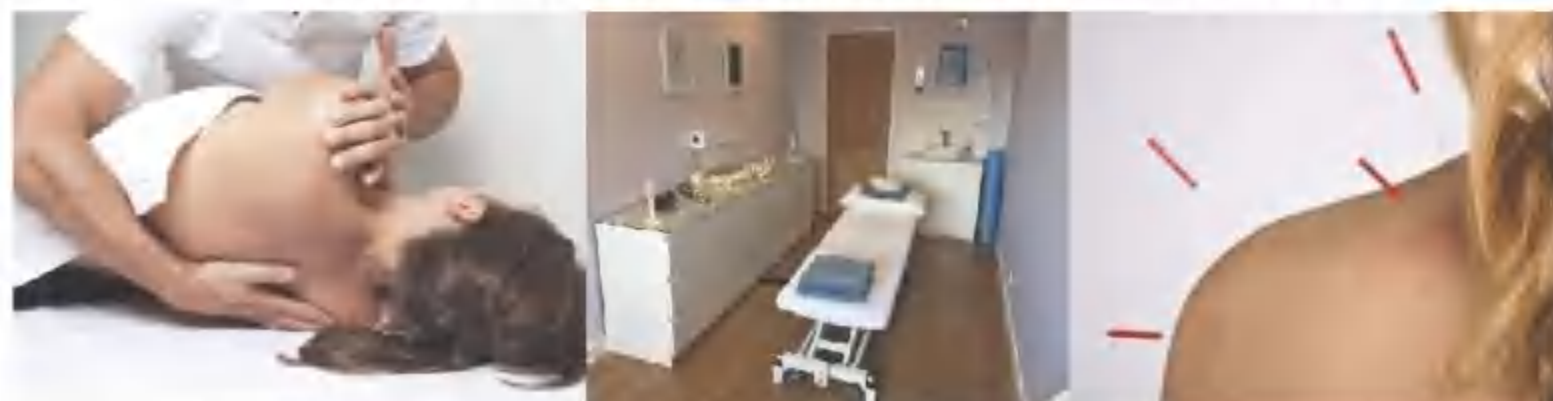
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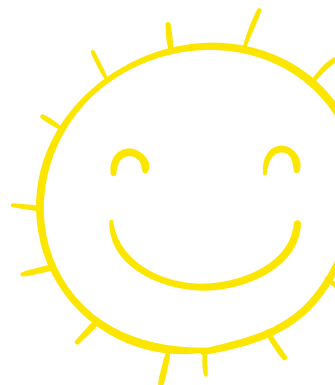


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