

# Signpost



**Issue 59 - June 2019**

**Langar cum Barnstone Parish Newsletter**



# FESTIVAL EVENTS

## Langar and Barnstone Festival 2019

Come and join us throughout the month of June to celebrate our wonderful community. We have ten diverse events taking place across our two villages. Emma Parker and the Brownies are kicking proceedings off with a charity Ceilidh to raise fund for Addenbrooke's Cancer Research, featuring music from the Toot Hill Band. The Ceilidh is always a great night whether you can dance or not. All abilities and ages welcome.

This will be followed by Community Defibrillator training, the Brownie Open Evening and the PTA Fundraiser 'Langar Jam' - an afternoon and early evening event with; music, BBQ, bar, stalls and

games on the school field. We also have the Festival Cafe, Vale Arts Exhibition, Quiz Night, Village Picnic and Festival Walk.

To close proceedings Vale Ventures will be thrilling diners with a Murder Mystery Supper at Barnstone Village Hall.

Hopefully there is something there which tickles your fancy. You can find out more information from our flyers, posters or the festival Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/LangarandBarnstoneVillageFestival/> . Looking forward to seeing you all there...

Jodi - [jcarterdavies@gmail.com](mailto:jcarterdavies@gmail.com) / 869794



### Festival Cafe

Saturday 22nd June 2019

Barnstone Village Hall 10.00 am–12 noon

FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST

From £3.50

Vegetarian option also available

Together with a selection of fruit juices,  
tea, coffee & toast with jam or marmalade







# FESTIVAL EVENTS

## **QUIZ NIGHT WITH POPCORN & HOTDOGS**

**DATE: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

**TIME: 7.30 pm**

**WHERE: Barnstone  
Village Hall**

**TICKET PRICE: £10 per  
team (max 4 per team)**

**CONTACT: Tom 860384**

**YOU MUST BOOK  
TICKET**



# FESTIVAL EVENTS

# Charity Ceilidh!

Have a good time for a good cause.

Come along to Barnstone for a fun night of dancing, socializing, drinks, snacks and a raffle, all in aid of Addenbrooke's Cancer Research to help fund their lifesaving work. Raffle donations will be much appreciated.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 pm-11.00 pm**

**Langar Cum Barnstone Village Hall**

Main Road,  
Barnstone,  
Notts.  
NG13 9JP



With Licensed Bar!

Tickets available on the door  
or by email to

[emma@ephect.com](mailto:emma@ephect.com):

Adults - £6

Concessions - £3

Supported by: 1<sup>st</sup> Barnstone



**Brownies**

**Music provided by Toot Hill  
Ceilidh Band!**



**act**  
**Addenbrooke's  
Charitable Trust**

If you wish to donate to this cause, even if you can't attend, please do so at  
[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emma-parker43](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emma-parker43)



# FESTIVAL EVENTS

~Vale Arts Group at Barnstone Village Hall Present ~

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## ART EXHIBITION

### ON THE WILD SIDE

**Saturday 22nd June 2019 – 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm**

All proceeds from Refreshments and Donations plus 10% of Artist's Sales go to:

**‘RIDE FOR CHARLIE’**

***ery* – CARDIAC RISK IN THE YOUNG**

Artists will be showing other work as well as the ‘Titled Pieces’.

## Social Walking Group – Festival Walk

**Bingham**

Date: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Time: 6.45 pm

Meet at: Top of Mill Hill Road, Bingham

Distance: approx 3 miles

Circular Walk from Bingham round local country paths and Linear Walk

Contact: Hazel 01949 838545



# FESTIVAL EVENTS

## Vale Ventures Presents

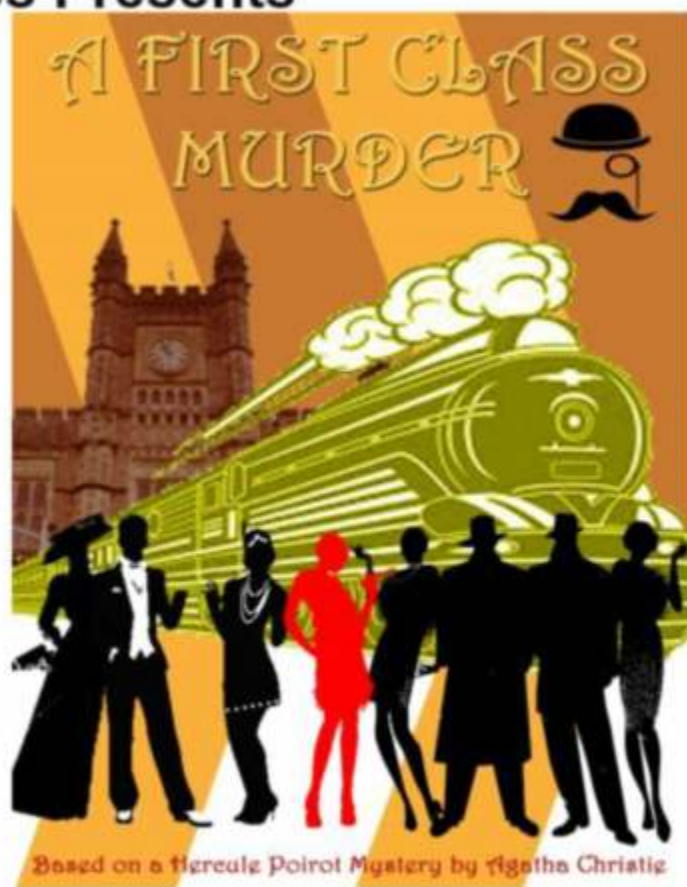
### A Murder Mystery Night

**Barnstone Village Hall**  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – 7.30pm**  
**Tickets £10** including supper

For tickets please contact:  
Chris & Justina Harper Tel. 01949 860186  
Andrew & Joan Charlett Tel. 01949 861446

[valeventures@gmail.com](mailto:valeventures@gmail.com)

All proceeds going to charity



**Bar available**



# FESTIVAL EVENTS

Friday  
21st June 2019

Fun For  
All The Family

Free Entry  
For All



LANGAR  
JAM

@ Langer CofE Primary School



The Vale Market Café  
Saturday 8th June 2019  
Barnstone Village Hall 10.00 am – 12 noon  
Eat and drink with friends & neighbours  
Browse the stalls & purchase locally made  
or sourced produce and exchange books  
Forthcoming dates 13th July & 14th Sept 2019



## Bottle Tops – what happens to them?

By David Williams email: [d.williams514@btinternet.com](mailto:d.williams514@btinternet.com)

Assorted tops are collected from individuals, businesses, churches, schools and many other organisations in the area. I also have contacts and friends in the following areas who send the tops to me: Oxford, Harrogate, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottingham, Gedling, Allington and Bottesford.

I sort them, taking out various non plastic items, eg office stapler, pill box (complete with pills!), fridge magnets, screws, wall plugs, wine bottle tops, bottle corks, jam jar lids, crown tops, and many other non-plastic items. I then wash the tops in bleach and washing up liquid to clean off any food, milk residue etc, eliminating the smell, as they are bagged into larger bags for storage in a garage.

A dustbin bag can hold approx. 10 kilos, a 1 tonne builder's bag will hold approx. 200kg so you can guess the amount of bags required for a tonne.

They are taken to Waste Cycle in Colwick to be added to their plastic stock pile for delivery to various companies in the UK for processing into the different types of plastics for recycling in the UK.

The money received is paid to me and proceeds are Gift Aided to Dove Cottage Day Hospice near Stathern to help them with their work.

We also collect used printer cartridges, used stamps, unwanted foreign coins and notes.

For more information please contact me on

[d.williams514@btinternet.com](mailto:d.williams514@btinternet.com)







# Barnstone Under Five Group

Tuesdays in term time 9.30-11.00 am  
in Barnstone Village Hall

***Play, Story, Snacks and Time to Chat***

We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up, coffee & clear away. If you would be willing to join us just once a month, please give Lucy a call on 07974145392





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by



## Refinding the “Lost Church” of St Ethelburga’s, Langar, Nottinghamshire

On 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 we received the exciting news that Project SEAL had been successful in its bid for funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The funding will allow us to begin our project to discover the history of the Medieval Pilgrimage site of St Ethelburga’s which will then be shared with both the local community and a wider audience.

From items already found on site we believe the site has been occupied from the Iron Age, through the Roman and Saxon periods until the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Volunteers will be trained to identify and date the finds to help us confirm the age of the finds and build a time-line for the site. This will be backed up with further site surveys, examining historic documents relating to the site, old maps, photographs etc. to determine what the area around Langar and Barnstone was like in earlier times.

We will be holding a series of workshops to train volunteers in the various skills required. The first five of these will be held in **St Andrew’s, Langar** between **10.00 am** and **3.00 pm** on the following **Wednesdays**:

**22<sup>nd</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 26<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

Further workshops will be held during the Autumn and early in the New Year.

If you are interested please feel free to attend any or all of the workshops even for part of the day. No previous experience is required - just your curiosity and enthusiasm!

For further details please contact **Nigel Wood** on **01949 860001**





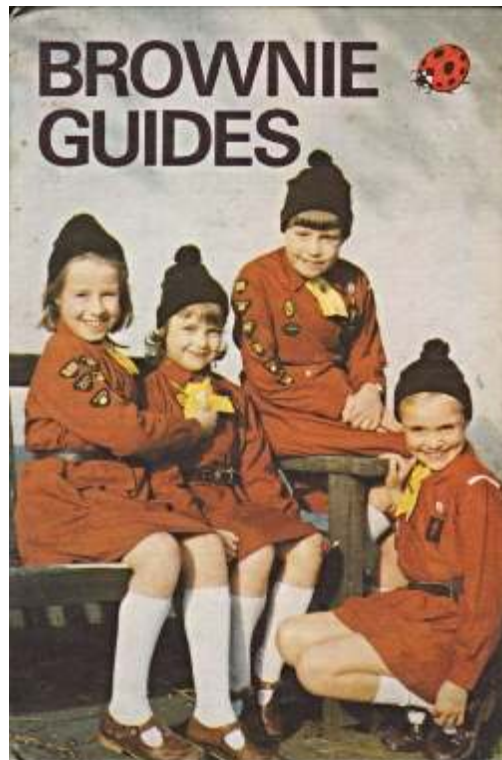
# 1<sup>st</sup> Barnstone Brownies

## Annual Report April 2019

Our Brownie pack has been running now since 1955 and has seen many changes in both uniform and its Programme. We are getting to grips with a New Programme right now and the Brownies seem to be enjoying it. Since January we have been having a go at one of the 'Skills Builders' called 'Know Myself'.

Our Leadership has undergone a huge change since last May, losing Leaders Di and Lu one after the other. Brown Owl is soldiering on but she's not getting any younger! Lu is filling in, where needs be, when Brown Owl is away. Appeals have gone out for help, parents have been called upon to lend a hand at meetings each week but, unless we get someone ready to commit to becoming a new leader, our days are numbered!

The commitment and reliability of Vicki and our Young leaders must be mentioned. Without them we couldn't manage. Phoebe



is amazing and Olivia, Emma and Ava do a grand job. During the past year we had our Open Evening as usual with the famous Ice Cream Parlour, and the Brownie Ceilidh was a success again, not to



mention the Frog Race. Our annual get-together with our District at the Scout HQ in Cotgrave was super fun and we met up with lots of other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. In September we teamed up with Division Brownies at PGL in Caythorpe. Here we tried out things we'd

never done before like abseiling and climbing which tested our courage. It was a great weekend.

Hopefully, the Brownie Bench will be installed in June. We are having another Open Evening and Ceilidh them too. Also we hope to have a Sleepover in the Autumn.

Fingers crossed we will still be running next year!

Thank you to all who have supported us this year and helped us raise money for the Bench and much needed Brownie Funds.

The Owls, Owlets and the Brownies

### **May update**

We're still here and still managing. Help is appearing as if by magic! The New Programme is fun.

A portion of the funds raised from our Ceilidh this year will go towards Addenbrookes where one of our Young Leaders Grandad's had pioneering brain surgery recently. Toot Hill and friends will provide the music and Charlie will do the calling.

The Brownie Phone Box now has the defibrillator in it and is waiting to be refurbished and the Brownie Bench will soon be in place for everyone to sit on!



Unfortunately, the weather hasn't been very good for outdoor shooting but our Brave archers are still attempting to shoot on the field.

Our Junior Paige Jones has been selected to shoot for Great Britain. Paige managed to Robin Hood her own arrow whilst training at the Barnstone Village Hall



Beginners course 20 commences on 27th July, 3,10 and 17 of August Booking. They are four week courses of 3 hours each. The form can be located on the web page. Booking is essential.

We have been invited back to do a 'Have a Go' as part of the Dove Cottage Fete on Sunday 12th May 2019 as well as holding

Have-a-Go's on the last Thursday of each month (booking form can be found on our web page [www.belvoirarchers.co.uk](http://www.belvoirarchers.co.uk))

Our World Record Status Double 720 on Saturday 13th April 2019 saw 80 archers brace the cold, hail and wind to complete. We had a full field of archers from across the Country (including 8 archers for the GB Para Olympic Team) and three archers from Guernsey.

We have been granted World Record Status for the shoot next April 2020.



Our Summer and Winter Windsor's taking place on 20th July 2018 and 5th October 2019. For the fifth 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 are also holding the 2nd and 3rd Class Shoot on Saturday the 22nd June 2019. It is a tournament to get novice archers into going to competitions. Archers are competing against archers of the same level.

if you are interested in trying archery or wish to have a go, please contact us ..... it is very addictive.





# GRANBY, BARNSTONE & DISTRICT BRANCH

The talk by Nigel Wood on the Bayley (Red Cross) Auxiliary Hospital and Langar Prisoner of War Camp during WW1 was most interesting and raised a total of £87 to the Poppy Appeal. We are hoping to organise a visit to Northern France and Belgium in July to visit former battlefields and war graves. Our Annual Luncheon will be held on Sunday 8th September in Barnstone Village Hall 12 for 12.30 pm. Tickets are £12 available from me at The Beeches, Main Road, Barnstone, telephone 01949 861446. All are welcome to attend.

There will also be a talk on Landmine Clearance by the Mines Advisory Group (MAG) who does marvellous work throughout the world in clearing landmines and assisting communities in areas affected by conflicts. The talk will take place on Saturday 28th September in Barnstone Village Hall 7 for 7.30 pm. Tickets are priced at £10 (to include a light supper) and again are available from me. Again, all are welcome to attend.

During WW2 Langar Airfield was used by 207 Squadron, one of the RAF's major Bomber Command units. Between 21st September 1942 and 13th October 1943 the squadron flew numerous missions over Germany and Italy. 251 members of that squadron lost their lives during this time. In May 1994 a memorial was erected at the

entrance to the airfield and a Book of Remembrance was placed in the South Aisle of St Andrew's Church, Langar and a memorial bench was located to the right of the porch. The memorial on the airfield was renovated in 2017, with the assistance of Luke Mazers and money donated from the Keyworth Branch of the RAFA and material supplied by John A Stephens and Bagforce Aggregates in Harby and is now well maintained by Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council. The memorial bench in St.

Andrew's churchyard has deteriorated beyond repair and needs to be replaced (see the photograph below). I am in the process of trying to obtain funds from our County and Borough Councillors, plus our Parish Council. I am also hoping to

organise some fund raising events so that we can purchase a

new bench, which I hope will be maintained by the Parish Council. If you wish to donate money to help purchase this bench this would be gratefully received. Once again my contact details are as before.

Andrew Charlett  
Branch Chairman



*The 207 Squadron Memorial Bench in  
Langar churchyard*

# NEVILE & LANGAR WARD NEWS

from your Councillor Tina Combellack

representing the villages of Hickling, Hickling Pastures, Kinoulton, Owthorpe, Upper Broughton, Colston Bassett & Langar

## **Rushcliffe Borough Council shortlisted for Council of the Year Award and also named Entrepreneurial Council of the Year.**

**RBC** has been shortlisted for the Municipal Journal's Council of the Year award! A real achievement in itself with only larger unitary and London Boroughs also shortlisted. They find out if they have scooped the accolade at an awards ceremony in June in London.

## **Rushcliffe Borough Council has been named Entrepreneurial Council of the Year at the prestigious annual LGC Awards.**

Run by the Local Government Chronicle, the accolades are the largest and most coveted for the local government sector, which recognise the best of local government innovation and service delivery. Judges cited the council's approach to making the most of its assets in recent years to deliver a new leisure centre and offices at Rushcliffe Arena, shrewdly investing in property and transforming its grounds maintenance programme with the creation of Streetwise.

## **Vale of Belvoir named among Best Places To Live in Britain**

Our wonderful Vale of Belvoir, including some of our Nevile Ward villages, was named in the annual Sunday Times' best places to live in Britain last month. The poll assessed employment, schools and broadband speeds (controversial I know) culture, community spirit, house prices and local shops, and was overseen by an expert panel in order to compile the list.

## **Fortnightly Police updates**

There is now a fortnightly Nottinghamshire Police update from Inspector Craig Berry, who oversees the force in its West Bridgford and Rushcliffe South districts. Updates will appear on the Community Safety pages of Rushcliffe Borough Council website and the latest update is here: <https://bit.ly/2v06Hls>

## **Rushcliffe Supports The Great British Spring Clean**

Rushcliffe Borough Council has pledged its support for this year's Great British Spring Clean that aims to further clean up streets, parks and beaches across the country. Teams from Streetwise have been busy sprucing up and cleaning Bingham, Ruddington and other villages recently as part of the Great British Spring Clean.



*Be a tree warden and help your local environment*

The dedicated efforts are further cleaning our town and village centres and Streets, removing weeds, litter and debris as part of four weeks of works. This adds to the



dedicated efforts of village litter picks and volunteers who regularly clear up other people's litter.

An appeal has been launched for environmentally minded Rushcliffe residents to apply to be a tree warden and ensure trees in their neighbourhoods are protected to breathe further life into communities. Tree wardens are volunteers appointed by Parish Councils to champion local trees and woods, involve fellow residents in tree projects and protect local trees by reporting early signs of insect pests, disease and vandalism.

The initiative follows the Rushcliffe Borough Council's successful free tree scheme last year, which saw over 1,600 trees given to residents and Parish Councils to plant in their gardens, properties and communities.

The Council's Executive Manager for Communities Dave Mitchell said: "It is incredibly important not only that we plant new trees in Rushcliffe but also look to protect and encourage trees to flourish in our towns and villages. Tree wardens in Rushcliffe will help to ensure that as communities grow, green, sustainable environments surrounding them will increase too, giving current and future residents a higher quality of life."

Residents interested in joining the scheme should email [media@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:media@rushcliffe.gov.uk) or contact the Borough Council on any of its social media channels.

### **WARD TREES**

Trees have been planted in many of the Wards in Rushcliffe, however if the summer is as dry as last year they will need regular watering. Why not adopt a newly planted tree in your village to water? New trees are vital to mitigate climate change.

### **More Evidence of Rushcliffe's Campaign Against Flytippers**

Rushcliffe are well aware of residents' concerns about fly tipping. This is a notice recently spotted at a fly tip site in the Neville Ward.



### **Upper Broughton win £10,000 Lottery Grant for Village Hall Windows and want to share their good news**

'Receiving this award is a mark of quality of the work you are doing in your community. We want to help you to celebrate it and will publish details of your grant award on our website on 05.06.2018 and send information to local media. If you want to share your good news with your community please go ahead.'

It's therefore thanks to the Big Lottery that The Village Hall will be able to replace their very old sash windows with wooden windows of 'heritage' quality.

Don't forget if you have any concerns or issues in your Ward or planning applications which you don't understand please do not hesitate to contact me at [Cllr.tcombella@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.tcombella@rushcliffe.gov.uk)

# Annual Report for 2018 – 2019

I am pleased to present the report of Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council for the year 2018-2019.

Two councillors retired during the year – Alan Carter Davies, who had been the Chairman for the previous two years, and Ron Brooks, who had put in 35 years continuous service, a most remarkable achievement that has been acknowledged with an invitation to a garden party at Buckingham Palace. We thank both councillors for their valuable service to our community. Two new members were co-opted on to the Parish Council (PC) – Jason Hollands and Nicky Pulford – leaving the PC still two short of its total complement of nine councillors. Continuing councillors are Jeffrey Fry (Chair), Trevor Simpson (Vice-Chair), Katy Morris, Adrian Bellamy and Chris Harper. The Council employs three part-time staff – the Parish Clerk (Claire Pegg), the Lengthsman (Luke Mazars) and the Litter Picker (Justina Harper).

A parish council exists to serve its residents, and I believe Langar cum Barnstone PC has been effective in this. Issues that have been considered by the PC over the past year included the following:

1. Commenting on a number of, often contentious, planning applications, taking into account the views of residents expressed at PC meetings
2. Liaising with residents, The Unicorn's Head, and Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC) over anti-social behaviour at the pub

3. Progressing plans for the re-development of the Village Hall, with approval for appointment of architect and preparation of a feasibility study
4. Assuming responsibility for the upkeep of the village pond, with plans to develop a wildlife area around the pond
5. Installing defibrillators in the telephone kiosks in the two villages
6. Supporting the Summer festival, the Remembrance Sunday and WWI Centenary commemorations, and maintenance of the 207 Squadron memorial.
7. Representing the views of residents to RBC on the 822 bus service and its imminent replacement
8. Providing oversight of the Village Hall affairs, in its role as Trustee
9. Re-launching the Assisted Taxi Voucher Scheme

In addition, various councillors and the Parish Clerk have attended meetings held by RBC, Nottinghamshire County Council, and neighbourhood policing groups amongst others, and fed back information to the PC.





# BUSY TIME AT BARNSTONE CEMENT PLANT

The 'B' word is definitely having an impact on the construction industry with less confidence in pushing ahead on large infrastructure projects in the UK. As predicted, this is having an impact on the construction materials business. In better news, our Barnstone cement operation is still busy!

If you are planning DIY projects this summer and visiting builders' merchants, you will no doubt see our range of packed cements. We have recently launched a new campaign called 'One of the Family'.

Built around Blue Circle's brand values of quality, reliability and trust, the 'One of the



Family' campaign promotes the extensive Blue Circle range (see picture), with each individual product being given a family characteristic that is aligned to the product's features and the benefits they bring to the end-user. For example, Blue Circle Mastercrete Cement is 'The Reliable One' thanks to its superior quality and improved workability, whilst Blue Circle Postcrete is 'The Easy One' as there's no mixing and it sets in less than ten minutes.

To support this "family" approach, a promotion on our Postcrete product was carried out. This is the second year a promotion like this has run. Targeted at customers it offered as a prize a luxury family break. Last year football tickets were offered; the change in prize this year shows the mood shift toward families.

This year we are very pleased to be taking on three new apprentices who will start in September. They will have personalised training and clear development, tailored to their strengths and ambitions. Our apprenticeship scheme has a very successful track record with many participants completing their training and going on to take on permanent roles in our business. We are working our way through applications and look forward to meeting the new members of our team soon.

The launch of the apprenticeships this year builds on our commitment to support our links with local education establishments. We have hosted several work experience students on site – mostly from Toot Hill School. In this picture you can see Bella Higginbotham working with our Laboratory technician Mick Tainton. She had asked to do her work experience with

Tarmac after touring the site on a school visit in



July. The tour had given her an interest in a career in engineering, but the hands-on work experience with the quality team has now given her more of a taste for laboratory work.

As always, we encourage anyone with any questions about our operation to contact us on [Barnstone.feedback@tarmac.com](mailto:Barnstone.feedback@tarmac.com).

Wishing you all a happy summer and good luck with those DIY projects!

Steve Odell

Barnstone Plant manager

## 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  
BISCHOTS INCLUDED  
£2 PER SESSION

March 17th was a good day to hold our Depiction of Book or Film Title Exhibition. After harassing the Group for a couple of months to ensure a good exhibition, we were raring to go! The 'Book or Film' theme was not quite enough and we had to add 'Song' which helped considerably. Vale Arts Group had sixteen entries of our own, we had the 1st Barnstone Brownies - thanks to Dot Clayton – fill the Brownie corner with a lovely selection of pictures from the girls. Julie Powell and John and Carole Rainbow, joined us with their three pictures. So in total on the stage we had eighteen entries. Luke Mazers used the Babes in the Wood from Grimm's Fairy Tales and set up the silhouettes used in the Village Panto, quite something Luke. A total of twenty entrants in all and a well attended Exhibition with one hundred people through the door to view the works and the Depictions.

Refreshments were available from the kiosk and I would like to thank all our members who supplied the delicious goodies that were there for all our visitors to enjoy. From Refreshments alone we made £109.00, thanks to the tea ladies and Cyril.

Nicky Pulford is a Patron of Blind Veterans U.K. and it was this charity that Vale Arts Group was supporting for the exhibition.

A long day for the artists, but a good day for five of them who managed to sell some of their items. Well done to you all and thanks for your donation towards the charity.

I carried home quite a heavy bag of cash from the Hall and tired though I was, I could not wait to see what we had managed to collect towards the Blind Veterans U.K. So once I had cleared the expenses of Hall hire and refreshments and added it all up – we made £225.00.

So our thanks go to all those who attended the event, to all those who set it up and to all those who donated towards the Charity. Future items for April and May are:

Tuesday 23rd April – Maria Creed giving a demonstration on watercolours.

Tuesday 14th May – Tony Player giving a demonstration on ink and watercolour.

Saturday 22nd June – Langar cum Barnstone Festival Art Exhibition – no times as yet!

We always welcome newcomers to our Group and we extend a hello to Elaine Mills, who joined us in March.

Queries to Gillian Clarke 01949861015.



# New Community Noticeboards at the Village Hall

Created by our own multi- talented Luke Mazers!



## New Village Hall Project update

Following fact-finding visits to three local village halls, the committee have asked the Architect to make some minor adjustments to their initial plans. The revised plans will be available to view in due course.



# VALE ARTS GROUP

Are you a budding artist? If so please come along and join our Art Group. We are a group of people who just enjoy getting together and creating art. You can be a complete beginner so please don't feel you have to be an expert.



We meet every Tuesday afternoon from 2pm until 5pm in Barnstone Village Hall.

It costs £2 per session which includes tea, coffee and chocolate biscuits!

If you are interested please contact:

Gillian Clarke – [philigans@talktalk.net](mailto:philigans@talktalk.net)

Nicky Pulford – [nickypulford@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nickypulford@hotmail.co.uk)

Everyone is welcome so please come and join us.



## PAGETURNERS BOOK CLUB

Do you enjoy reading? If so, you are welcome to join our Book Club – 'Pageturners'. We meet on the first Friday of the month at 7.30pm in each other's homes in Barnstone, Langar and Cropwell Bishop. We are a very friendly group who enjoy reading all sorts of literature, both contemporary books and classics.

We are not high brow, we are a very relaxed group who enjoy a glass of wine and a good discussion.

If you would like to join us please contact:

Nicky Pulford – 01949 860344





# Langar & Barnstone's SOCIAL WALKING GROUP

*Report for the Annual Parish Meeting, April 2019*

And we're off! After a planning meeting over a pub supper, Langar & Barnstone's Social Walking Group has put 23 walks in the diary, giving us an outing a week - weather and daylight allowing - from April to September.

The first walk of the season took us on a circular route around Cotgrave Country Park and back along the canal. Then (hopefully!) came a ramble through Whatton and Aslockton: Fletcher's Field in Barnstone is the next starting point, followed by a community walk on Easter Monday (22 April) for our annual trek over Barnstone Bump. Anyone wanting to work off a surfeit of chocolate is welcome to gather at 6.45pm by the old telephone box at the Works Lane junction.



An expedition to the Muston Meadows Nature Reserve is also planned, timed to try and catch the wild orchids in bloom, with other

destinations including villages across the Vale and along the Trent, a stroll round Holme Pierrepont lake plus a trip to see how Gedling Country Park is developing.

Each walk is led by someone who knows the way and follows defined footpaths

through glorious countryside across fields, along canal towpaths, farm tracks and old railway lines. Most walks are about three miles long and, apart from a few stiles, muddy patches and overgrown hedges, are usually not too much of a challenge. Transport is shared and lifts are always offered for non-drivers.

It's all very sociable, with no commitment, no cost and no equipment required. Just wear comfortable walking shoes and bring an anorak. The turnout can be anything from just a couple of walkers to larger groups of a dozen or more and all walks take place during the early evening on different days of the week to try to accommodate busy lives.

For details of the 2019 programme, contact Claire Pegg at the Parish Council – [langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com](mailto:langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com). The group extends a big vote of thanks to Claire for pulling it all together.

Jill O'Sullivan



# New Bus Services



The new services are due to start on May 28th after the spring bank holiday. The new 33 service by operator CT4N will operate through Langar at 06:28 & 07:13, and 17:25 and 18:05 departures from Nottingham (on request). These will go through the village on the traditional route in both directions.

The new 833 route will be operated by Vectare and will use the new agreed routes throughout the day. Journeys from Cropwell Bishop will run around the outside of Langar, using the new stopping point on Cropwell Road, and journeys from Barnstone will run through Langar using the shelter on Main Street.

Further information will be published as it becomes available.



## Dog fouling in Langar & Barnstone

Please help keep our lovely villages free from dog fouling. You can help by being eyes and ears in the community and reporting any details such as location, breed of dog, time of day, ID of owner, to

**Rushcliffe BC Dog Wardens**

**Tel: 0115 9819911 ext 322**

**Email: [envhealth@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:envhealth@rushcliffe.gov.uk)**



**The information you provide will be treated in strict confidence.**

Anyone caught allowing their dog to foul will be subject to a range of measures, escalating to a Community Protection Notice and fine if warnings are not observed.

# Barnstone Bowls Club

The Bowls Club was founded in Barnstone in 1963 by a small group of enthusiastic Blue Circle employees. The Works Manager at that time, a chap named Glyn Howe, agreed to help fund the laying down of the green and also donated the stone for the foundation. The small group dug the site so that the funds provided meant the green could be laid by a professional specialist company. Over 50 years later we still feel the benefit of the high standards set back then. We are lucky to have an excellent greenkeeper, Rob Thornton whose hard work ensures it is still one of the best (if not the best) greens in the district.

Barnstone Bowls Club members soon decided they would prefer to move on from 'Friendly' matches to a League format and founded the Belvoir League. Many local clubs joined and it still flourishes to this day. It now embraces two leagues, playing 2 wood and 3 wood formats plus a Knock-out Cup competition. Barnstone also holds membership of the Nottingham Federation of Bowling, playing in its Saturday League, (we have come to realise just how good our green is from playing in this league), League of Country Bowling, The Trent Valley evening league and the TVL Saturday 3 x 3 League, totalling 6 leagues in all. There are beginner's classes, several club competitions, many of which are designed for beginners to enjoy plus several non-bowling social events that are being planned for both the summer and the closed season.

We hold an Open Day annually on the

first Sunday in August. This is an all-day affair with non-stop bowling from 9.00 am to about 7.00 pm. 24 teams of 3 players per team set out on the arduous journey aspiring to reach the Final and win the Jubilee Trophy. Refreshments are available all day and it is always open to visitors who wander in to watch and maybe buy a raffle ticket or have a go on the Tombola. You could buy a barbecued steak lunch (or salad) plus a buffet tea for only £9.00 if you decided would like to make a day of it.



The Bowls Club adopted Macmillan Cancer Support as its chosen charity several years ago. Fund-raising events have always taken place but in 2005 we began holding tribute nights. Perhaps one or two of you have been to them. They have proven to be a

successful formula because we have now held 28 of these events and raised £40,367.86 in total. The Bowls Club has had to take them to Cotgrave Welfare because it is the only venue with the capacity to get everyone in. We have averaged 240 people at each show.

The Bowls Club currently boasts a membership of 42 from this parish and surrounding areas. As chairman it is my hope that we could increase that by attracting new members. If you are interested or know anyone who would enjoy playing the lovely game please let me know.

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# Assisted Taxi Voucher Scheme



The Parish Council runs the Assisted Taxi Scheme which supports residents in Langar and Barnstone with limited financial means who are unable to travel by public transport due to personal mobility problems or rural isolation. The scheme provides vouchers towards the cost of taxi fares.

The following terms apply:

- Funding for the scheme is limited and we cannot guarantee that everyone who applies will receive vouchers. Those considered to have the greatest need are the most likely to receive vouchers.
- The scheme runs from 1 April to 31 March of the following year (the 'scheme-year') and application to the scheme can be made at any time during the year.
- If the application is approved, a set of £5 vouchers will be given to you for use as part-payment towards the cost of your taxi fare. Twelve vouchers will be issued if the application is approved at the start of the scheme-year, and the number of vouchers issued will be reduced *pro rata* as the scheme-year progresses.
- Renewal forms are sent automatically to members of the scheme to enable them to re-apply each year.
- The vouchers can only be used with the participating taxi operator - Bingham Cabs (01949 831400) - and are subject to the conditions of carriage of the taxi operator.
- The vouchers are not transferable and must only be used by the person to whom they are issued.
- Change will not be given from taxi vouchers.
- Applications will be considered in the strictest confidence by the Parish Council.

Further information may be obtained from the Parish Clerk, telephone: 01949 860123, email: [langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com](mailto:langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com) or write to: 6 Park Road, Barnstone, Nottingham, NG13 9JG





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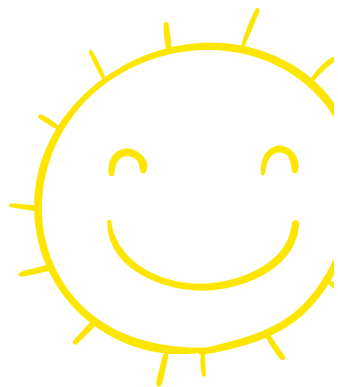


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