

Signpost



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Langar cum Barnstone Parish Newsletter



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we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the
sun and in the morning

We will remember them.



For the Fallen

Robert Laurence Binyon

*Poem by Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943),
published in The Times newspaper on
21 September 1914.*

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds
uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are
known
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.



Remembrance & Commemoration of World War One



Even before the end of World War One thoughts had turned to how to help those who had served and as to how those who had lost their lives could best be remembered. In 1917 an organisation called Comrades of the Great War was formed to represent the interests of soldiers discharged from the armed forces as a result of wounds, injury or ill health. Under the guidance of John Ward, Manager of the Barnstone Blue Lias Lime & Cement Company, a local branch was created and this continues today as the Granby, Barnstone & District Branch of the Royal British Legion. Mr Ward also chaired a committee set up to establish some form of permanent memorial to the dead.

The 15th November, 1919 edition of the Grantham Journal carried a small piece on the progress made by the committee. It reported that a sum of almost £200 had been raised, Mrs Huskinson had agreed to donate a piece of land to allow the churchyard to be extended and instructions would shortly be given for the erection of a monument "as speedily as possible". The architect chosen was George M. Silley of 17 Craven Street, London WC2 and the blueprint (PR XBC 10 L) dated July 1919 shows the height of the monument being 13 feet 9 inches and a maximum base width of 7 feet 6 inches. The cross at the top would be a separate section held in place by a copper dowel joint. It was manufactured by the Doulling Stone Company of Norton, Somerset at a cost of £75. The churchyard was extended to the south from the site of the large sycamore tree to its present boundary.

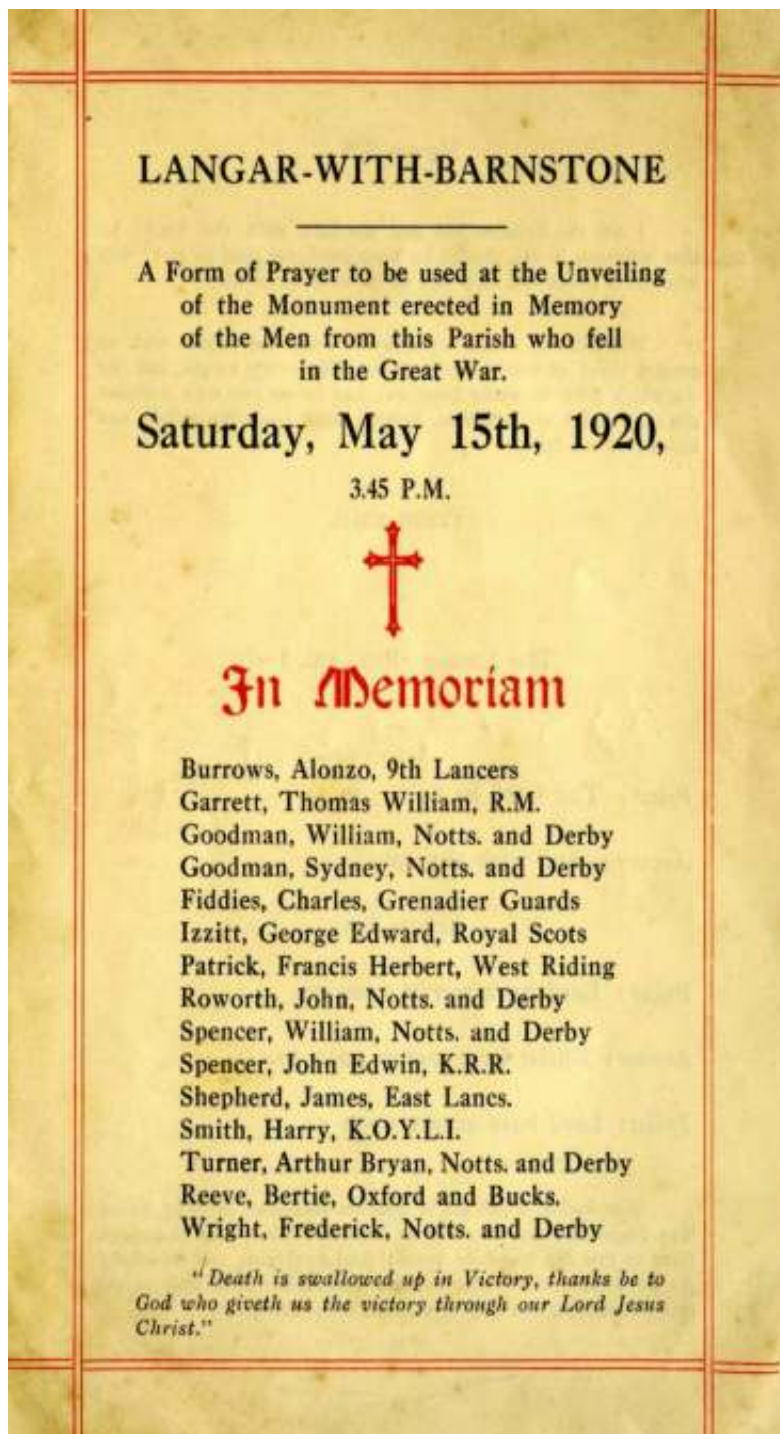


The Langer & Barnstone War Memorial (left) and the names from World War One inscribed on the base (above). Frank Starbuck's name was added at a later date. Jim Shephard's name is spelt incorrectly.

The War Memorial was dedicated on Saturday, 15th May, 1920. The Comrades of the Great War paraded under the leadership of John Ward. The service was lead by the Rector, the Reverend W.M.B. Osmaston assisted by his predecessor, the Reverend D.F. Wright, Rector of Plumtree, and the Reverend J.P. Hales, Rector of Cotgrave and Chaplain to the Sherwood Foresters.

Initially there were 15 names inscribed on the memorial but that of Frank Laurence Starbuck was added at a later date. Sadly, James Shephard's name was spelt incorrectly and remains so to this day.

Following World War Two the memorial was rededicated with the addition of the names of John Samuel Baxter, Charles Davy Hudson and James Laurence Starbuck who lost their lives during that conflict.



In addition to the War Memorial, a Roll of Honour of all those who had served was drawn up and copies displayed in St Andrew's, Langar and St Mary's, Barnstone. Recent research has identified a number of individuals who had served but were missing from this Roll of Honour. It has not proved possible to establish why this was so. As a commemoration of the Centenary of the ending of World War One a revised Roll of Honour has been produced. Support for this has been forthcoming from Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council, the Granby, Barnstone & District Branch of the Royal British Legion, the Churchwardens of St Andrew's, Langar and the Wiverton in the Vale Parochial Church Council. The Roll was created by Luke Mazers using his calligraphy skills based on research by Nigel Wood. Permission is being sort from the Diocese to allow the new Roll of Honour to be permanently displayed in St Andrew's. The present Rolls of Honour from both churches are later copies of the original and will be retained as historic records.

The following names have been added:

**Charles Goodwin
William Hatton Greaves
Muriel Katherine Huskinson
Harriet Hannah Mees
William Rawlings
John Thomas Shephard
Frank Laurence Starbuck**



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION GRANBY, BARNSTONE & DISTRICT BRANCH

Over the past three months we have had a particularly busy time in organising events to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War 1. In September we held an art competition on the theme of the poppy. We had a large number of entries across a wide age range, including some splendid submissions from children at both Langar and Cotgrave primary schools. Members of local art groups also provided a range of entries from paintings to sculpture. The entries were exhibited in Granby village hall over the weekend of 29th – 30th September and approximately 100 visitors attended the exhibition and the prize giving.

On Saturday 27th October our President, Andy Pulford, gave an enthralling illustrated talk on the hunt for Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan during 2002. The photographs and video he showed were so vivid that you could almost feel that you were there in the middle of the action. This date also marked the beginning of Remembrancetide and the annual Poppy Appeal. Once again we have had a large number of volunteers who have been taking house to house collections throughout the villages within our district. We are most grateful for the generosity of those who give to the Poppy Appeal each year. This is our main source of funding to assist ex-service men and women and their dependents.

On Saturday 3rd November the Granby & Sutton Singers performed a sell-out concert of songs and poetry from World War 1. Many of the singers are also members of our Branch and the content was particularly poignant in this commemorative year. All proceeds from this concert, together with the proceeds from Andy's talk and the Poppy Art Competition have been donated to the Poppy Appeal. In addition two bell ringing events have been undertaken to commemorate this centenary. These took the form of Quarter Peals, which involved more than 1250 changes. This was quite a feat for the teams of bell ringers but it was expertly accomplished. The events took place in St Giles, Cropwell Bishop on Saturday 27th October and All Saints, Granby on Saturday 3rd November. The events were also organised to pay tribute to the 1,400 bell ringers from across our nation who lost their lives in the Great War. Each team raised sponsorship for the event and Morrison's agreed to

match the total funding raised. We are also most grateful for the sponsorship, help and support given to us by Tarmac, who operates the cement works in Barnstone; this enabled us to cover the publicity and prizes for the Poppy Art Competition and also the commissioning of two commemorative plaques recognising the ringing teams who performed the quarter peals in the two churches.

Our season of Remembrance closed with the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service, which this year took place on Sunday 11th November at St Andrew's, Langar. Exactly 100 years to the day when the Armistice, which marked the end of World War 1, took place. The service was well attended by civic dignitaries, members of uniformed youth groups and members of our local community. The service also included the unveiling of a revised Roll of Honour of those men and women from our community who served in the war and was developed as a result of extensive research by Nigel Wood. The calligraphy for the Roll of Honour itself was undertaken by Luke Mazers, a local artist, and the parchment and framing were paid for by Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council.

We are proud to have been able to do so much this year to commemorate this centenary and we are grateful for the support we have enjoyed from local businesses and the local community.

Andrew Charlett
Chairman



Did you know?



Outreach Post Office

Christmas stamps, and much more, are available at the Outreach Post Office every Tuesday between 11.30am – 1.30pm.



Potholes

You can report a pothole by:

Telephone: 0300 500 80 80

Email: enquiries@nottsc.gov.uk

Online: <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/potholes/report-a-pothole>

Through your County Councillor:

Cllr Neil Clarke **0115 8043173** or Francis Purdue Horan **0115 9773308**

Following the report of a pothole, the County Council has 24 hours to take action, otherwise it may be liable to insurance claims.



“You may be an undigested bit of beef”

News from the Parish Council.....



Village Hall

Our Village Hall is nearly 100 years old. It was built in 1922 using a concrete block & brick construction, is now showing signs of age and is expensive to heat. The layout is inefficient and inflexible.

The Village Hall Working Group, set up jointly by the Parish Council and Village Hall Management Committee, has fulfilled its remit to draw up a 'wish list' of requirements and carry out research into similar-sized local village halls.

The Parish Council recently appointed Welham Architects to carry out a Survey & Feasibility Study on two potential options for the Village Hall.

- **Option 1** Retain the original main hall but remove most, if not all, of the later surrounding buildings. A new entrance and meeting room could be built on the current hard standing area to the side of the site.
- **Option 2** This involves the complete demolition of the current buildings. This would offer considerable advantages in terms of the flexibility of the layout that can be achieved and improve the quality of the construction.

At the time of writing, we are awaiting the results of the report which will be publicised in due course.

Defibrillators

The Parish Council is committed to purchasing two defibrillators, subject to suitable locations being found, preferably utilising the former BT phone kiosks in both villages. Our County and Borough Councillors have generously offered to donate funds towards the cost of the defibrillators which will be purchased from EMAS at an approximate cost of £1,065 each. Free training sessions, provided by Heartstart, will be available to groups of parishioners in due course.

Langar Village Pond

Langar Village Pond was restored by Langar Village Pond Trust in 2011. As the intention was for the pond to be a haven for wildlife it was decided to build it with a clay puddle lining. Such a lining will remain largely water-tight subject to it being kept waterlogged. The provision of the rainwater catchment from the Unicorn's Head was the remedy chosen to maintain water levels following earlier issues with leaks and evaporation. Unfortunately, shortly after the system had been installed, the Unicorn's Head suffered a catastrophic fire which destroyed the roof. As a consequence no rainwater was collected for almost two years during the renovation of the public house. As a result the water level fell and the clay puddle dried out. Despite efforts since May 2017 it has not proved possible to make the lining watertight and as a consequence of the drought this summer the pond is almost empty and unlikely to refill through natural means when the rains return.

Membership of the Trust in its early years was in excess of 150 individuals but, although local support remains high, the level of active membership required for ongoing maintenance has fallen, such that the Trust appealed to Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council for help in securing the future of the pond in some form. In September, the Parish Council agreed to take on the responsibility for the Pond's restoration and maintenance and a proposal was prepared for its regeneration into a wildlife area.

In order to create a sustainable wildlife environment in a cost-effective way most of the area will be infilled with material that is conducive to wildflower growth; the barrier to the village green area will be removed; a pathway created from simple compacted stone for people to use and a small pond and bog area created with the rainwater feed from the pub extended to feed this, any over-fill being absorbed by the surrounding soil.

The Parish Council has now taken over trusteeship of the area and it has been added to the Council's Insurance as an asset. The remaining funds of the Pond Trust will be transferred over to the Parish Council by December 2018. Groundwork will take place over the New Year, with planting being carried out in Spring 2019.



Buses – New route, new shelter and bus stop

Following consultation and input from NCC Highways, it has been confirmed that the new route of the 822 bus will be as follows:

- 1 - Cropwell Bishop to Bingham** is via Cropwell Road and Musters Road, Langar.
- 2 - Bingham to Cropwell Bishop** is via Butlers Field & Main Street, Langar

We can confirm that a new bus shelter will be erected on the site of the old shelter outside the

Unicorn's Head pub in Langar. The new shelter will have a seat and will be installed in the New Year.

A bus stop pole will be erected on Cropwell Road, on the green adjacent to the pub.

The revised route will be implemented following the installation of the new shelter and bus stop.

The County Council welcomes feedback from residents regarding bus services. To pass on your comments please contact the Clerk, Claire Pegg, Telephone: 01949 860123 or Email: langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com.



“Hard and sharp as flint”

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Welcome to two new Parish Councillors

The Parish Council would like to extend a warm welcome to Nicky Pulford and Jason Hollands who both live in Barnstone. If you see either of them out and about in the villages, say hello!



Nicky Pulford



Jason Hollands

1st Barnstone Brownies

By the time Signpost goes out, Barnstone Brownies will have finished another chapter in its existence. Maybe the next one will be its last!

We say 'Farewell' to our much loved 'Little Owl', Lu Denty, who has been with us for over 16 years. She has been the most outstanding and inspiring Leader and we will miss her sense of fun, and everything else she has brought to us, very much.



Thank you Lu from all our Brownies, past and present.

This term we have been to PGL which was fab, and in November we had a super Scary Party. We are looking forward to Christmas activities and maybe another Party! We will also be saying goodbye to 5 of our senior Brownies, Freya, Meghan, Beth, Ellie and Milli. They have all been excellent members. In the New Year we will embark on the New Programme. Wish us Luck! We've already dabbled a bit and tried out some of the new activities using hammers, nails and screwdrivers. What next..... car maintenance?

We are still looking for help. A few people have come forward to offer some of their time. Thank you for that, but we still need more.

We are looking forward to seeing the Brownie Bench being installed on the corner of Works Lane next year. Any donations towards this venture would be very gratefully received.

Best wishes for a Happy 2019 to all our supporters.

Brown Owl, the Owls, the Owlets and all the Brownies



The Vale Market Café

Saturday 8th December 2018

Barnstone Village Hall 10 am – 12 noon

Come and celebrate Christmas with us

Eat and drink with friends & neighbours

Browse the stalls and buy gifts

Santa Claus will also be visiting at around 11 am

Forthcoming dates 12th January & 9th February 2019



Barnstone Under Five Group

When: Tuesdays 9.30-11am

Where: Barnstone Village Hall

**Running term time up until Dec 18th,
re start January 8th 2019**

To Include: Play, Story, Snacks and Time to Chat

Enquiries on: 07974145392 (Lucy)

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



Things are looking up for our Vale Arts Group, we have another new member, this time from Barnstone – we will need more room soon to accommodate all of us!

Attendance to the Group afternoon, Tuesday every week, has also been going up, we have always managed eight or nine people coming along, but the last two meetings have produced eleven and twelve artists, keep up the good work!

The RBL Poppy Art Exhibition went off very well and we managed eight entries from our Group, thank you all very much for helping to support this worthy cause, sadly no prizes in our direction, but the exhibition was most interesting with stained glass work, weaving, patchwork and a lot of pictures in a variety of media. A very colourful event. Thanks to the RBL for putting on this exhibition, Julie Powell, to you especially for all your organisation of the event.

Luke Mazers, Nicky Pulford and myself have been discussing whether we have an exhibition before the annual Festival exhibition and we have come up with a date, a charity and a yet to be confirmed title for the exhibition. So just to whet your appetites for a bit of culture, put Sunday 17th March in your diary for our next Art Exhibition. As always we will include entries from Langar C of E Primary School and the Brownies. The charity we will be collecting for is - **Blind Veterans U.K.**, this is a charity that gives help to military personnel who have lost their sight whilst on tour of duty.

It never fails to amaze me just how diverse the artists in the Group are. There are so many media to cover and it seems we cover most of those – pencil, pen and ink, watercolours, acrylics, oils, pastels and of course photography. As you can imagine all these

different media produce some fantastic works of art and it also gives you the public something to come and see at our exhibitions that is never the same twice in a row.

We support a different charity for each of our exhibitions. What we do with the monies collected at our exhibitions is give 10% of the proceeds from sales by the artists, the total of sales from refreshments and of course the cash collected in the donation boxes to the charity being promoted at the exhibition.

Once again we are promoting the Vale Arts Group and still on the lookout for new members. We are a jovial bunch (I think anyway) although we do have quiet moments when we get serious and get on with our latest personal project. Pop in on a Tuesday afternoon between 2pm and 5pm if you just want to have a look.

The group is run on a CLUB basis, so there is a membership fee - £1, yes one whole pound for a year! We charge a session fee of £2, this is for the session attended, so if you don't come along you don't pay. This fee is to cover the hire of the hall and the cost of the tea/coffee and biscuits.

Enquiries: Gillian Clarke 01949861015 or email Gillian Clarke philigans@talktalk.net



Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to all
Langar & Barnstone
residents from the
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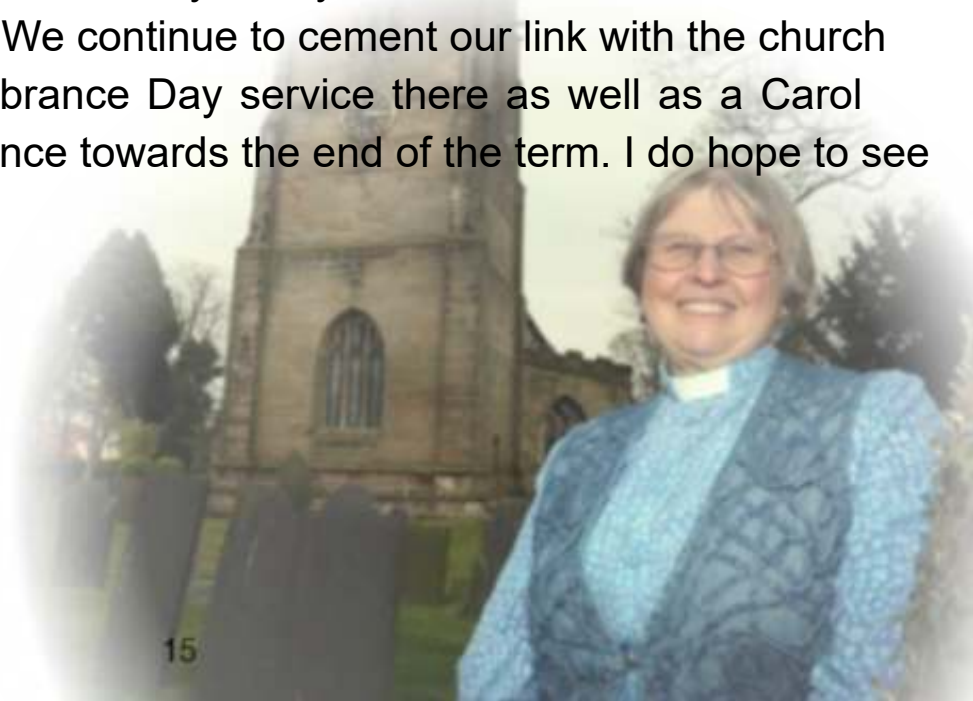
Langar Church of England Primary

We've had a busy first half term here at Langar Church of England Primary! We have welcomed twelve new children into class 1 who have all settled in brilliantly and impressed with their independence and social skills. I have also been welcomed into my new role as head teacher and am thoroughly enjoying leading our wonderful team of staff and fantastic children.

This half term has seen the introduction of our new Community Worship where members of the public are invited in to share stories or information about their jobs, roles and experiences. Our five school Values of Take Care, Thoughtfulness, Fairness, Respect and Love underpin all we do here and it has been inspiring to hear about how these values look in action and how they impact on so many lives. We have welcomed a variety of visitors and speakers to give the children an insight into how we can reach out to change the lives of others for the better. Sam Crawford from The Friary, Kerry Palmer from Christian Aid and Mary Bridge-Collins and John Spence from The Rotary Club have all talked about the work they do. Mr Bloor has also been in to classes with his colleague Mel and her guide dog Hudson. Community Worship is held on Mondays at 9.15 and we would welcome contact from anyone in the community who could add to this range of visitors.

We celebrated our Harvest Festival in church this year, donating gifts and produce to The Friary and making financial contributions to Self Help Africa. Canon Gamble was there to oversee this service which marked the end of her time here with us. Her contribution to the life of the school has been invaluable, and we celebrated that with an assembly led by the children and coffee and cakes afterwards for parents. We continue to cement our link with the church and will be having a Remembrance Day service there as well as a Carol Service and Nativity performance towards the end of the term. I do hope to see some of you there.

Mrs Brown



Vale Ventures Presents

Hansel & Gretel the new Panto
by the Vale Players is coming to
Barnstone Village Hall . Put it in
your 2019 Calendars so you
don't miss out on the fun!



HANSEL & GRETEL

**1st & 2nd March
2019**

A Vale Player's Production





As the days are getting colder, Belvoir Archers have moved indoors for the winter. We are shooting at Cotgrave Leisure Centre on a Monday Evenings and Barnstone Village Hall on Tuesday and Friday evenings. We are also using the Village Hall for Coaching on alternative Saturdays. The Coaching allows for our club members to improve their techniques prior next year's outdoor session



The first indoor coaching session took place in October and one of our Juniors managed to Robin Hood her own arrow.

There may be some shooting on the field. Martin is running his Frost Bite shoots which take place once a Month from October to end of March. On Boxing day Martin holds a Moose Frostbite.

Our Indoor season will see the Indoor Winter Handicap Knockout competition being held which Last year had a nail biting conclusion with Steve Mason narrowly beating Clare Brown.



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

TARMAC - SIGNPOST ARTICLE OCTOBER 2018

It's with great pleasure that I put pen to paper to write my first article for the *Signpost* as manager at Tarmac's Barnstone Plant.

As you may know from reading our recent community newsletter, *Focus On Barnstone*, my predecessor, Chris Stephens has retired after 30 years with the company and 12 years at Barnstone. Happy retirement Chris!

I began working for the company (Blue Circle as it was then) back in 1994 as a works chemist. Since then I have worked in a variety of roles and enjoyed being part of the evolution of the Barnstone Plant from a cement manufacturing site to a specialist blending and grinding site as it is now. I now manage a team of over 60 including production and maintenance teams, laboratory technicians, and packing plant operators.

Not only am I looking forward to developing the operation here, but I am also looking forward to ensuring Barnstone Plant continues to play active role in the local community.

Since Chris's last *Signpost* article, we have been very busy at the site. Our partnership with Toot Hill School and College continues to go from strength to strength. This year we have worked with their teaching staff on several initiatives. These include a workshop with 27 of their Year 8 students to celebrate International Women in Engineering Day; careers events; tours of our site and most recently, students taking part in work experience weeks. One of the students said that his week on site was 'an opportunity not to forget' – a pat on the back for the Barnstone team who hosted his visit and gave him an insight into the world of cement.

With the focus this year on events to mark 100 years since the end of the First World War, we were delighted to get involved with the local branch of the Royal British Legion. Through sponsoring a poppy-themed art competition with them, local artists amateur and professional, young and old, were able to show off their skills. The project culminated in a wonderful exhibition at Granby Village Hall and I was delighted to be asked to be



one of the judges. The Royal British Legion will be leading other events to mark the centenary including special 'peals' at local churches.

In September members of the Plant team got busy baking, ready for another very successful Macmillan Coffee Morning and Barnstone Village Hall. Working with the Parish Council the event raised over £400 for a fantastic cause.

Looking more at our day to day operations and cement products, local people may be interested to know that our Blue Circle brand has had a makeover! Whilst the Barnstone Plant has changed ownership several times over the last 20 years, the famous original Blue Circle has always remained on the bags. The blue circle itself got smaller with company changes, but it was still there in some form on the bags and tubs you would see in DIY stores around the country. Now, we are pleased to say that the brand is back in all its glory! We carried our research among builders and it showed that Blue Circle products are seen as the best quality 'cement of choice' – for reliability, quality and trust. One customer we interviewed described it as 'the Ferrari of cement'!



So now, not only is the circle itself much bigger on the bags, but the products have re-adopted the name Blue Circle. We make 26 products here at Barnstone, so our packing plants are busy as ever, but now the bags coming off the line have a different look.

Steve Odell, Plant Manager



"I am light as a feather, I am as happy as an angel, I am as merry as a schoolboy, I am giddy as a drunken man. "

Can you identify which story the three quotes are from?

Through the keyhole

Our new report, 'A Neighbourly Nation: Through the Keyhole' shows that homeowners and renters approach neighbourly disputes differently, with homeowners admitting to complaining to their neighbour (16%) twice as much as renters (8%). More than a quarter of UK homeowners and renters admit they have had a party and played loud music after 11pm (28%), acknowledging that common causes of neighbourly disputes including noise (10%), parking (9%), music (8%) and barking dogs (8%). Over one in ten (13%) renters think they're a bad neighbour because they play loud music, compared to just 3% of homeowners.

Being neighbourly – what you do:

- 63% have taken in parcels
- 54% have dropped off deliveries
- 51% say they are quiet and courteous
- 49% keep an eye on the property
- 38% think they are not nosey; the same amount are courteous where they park their car
- 31% of UK homeowners and renters would go outside to check all was okay if they hear an alarm
- 26% of people would look out of the window to see where an alarm was coming from

The findings have been revealed as Co-op Insurance and Neighbourhood Watch crown our Neighbour of the Year – Paul Zeun, 53, from Sheffield for his consistent caring and neighbourly behaviour over the past decade. While communities are looking out for each other by doing the day-to-day things, our report suggests more can be done to strengthen meaningful relationships that form the foundations of a close-knit community. Only one in seven people (15%) have invited their neighbours over to their home and almost a quarter (24%) think they're a good neighbour because they keep themselves to themselves.

Neighbours or good friends? A third of people (31%) want to be friendlier with their neighbours with just one in 10 believing they have a worse relationship with their neighbours than they did five years ago. Those in Birmingham are most likely to be good friends with those next door (49%), while Cardiff residents were least interested in knowing their neighbour. Overall, 15% of UK homeowners and renters don't know if they'd recognise their neighbours in a line-up. To determine what makes a great neighbour in today's society, Co-op asked its members to answer a series of questions to seek out the best qualities and the following four themes were revealed.

Traits of a good neighbour:

- Good neighbours look out for each other, for example keeping an eye on the house
- Good neighbours are sociable and friendly - happy for a chat or a party invitation
- They're practically helpful, from taking in parcels to offering help with the plumbing
- They're kind, caring and respectful, more specifically thinking about the impact they have on neighbours

What can we do to be a better neighbour? Increasingly we all lead busier lives, and while often we think we are being good neighbours, how well do we really know our neighbours? For those who want to, taking a little extra time to build meaningful relationships with those around us can help strengthen our communities and make them safer places to live. To help people become more neighbourly, Co-op Insurance has also created a Good Neighbour Guide: <https://hub.co-opinsurance.co.uk/good-neighbour-guide/>

Is your charity clothes collector genuine?

Police are aware that bogus, unlicensed charity clothes collections are taking place in the county and the issue affects most areas. This type of fraud deprives bona fide charities of much-needed funds generated through the recycling of people's unwanted clothes, books and other items.

Taking a few simple steps will help you check whether the collection leaflet or bag you have received is for a genuine charitable collection:

- Check to see if the collection says it is supporting a genuine UK registered charity. Look for the charity's registration number on the leaflet or bag – don't confuse this with phrases like 'company numbers' or 'export numbers' and registered charities can be checked here:

<https://www.gov.uk/find-charity-information>

- Check if the collection organiser is signed up to the Institute of Fundraising and the Fundraising Regulator's Code of Conduct or bears accepted kitemarks, such as the FRSB tick or the ACS/ IOF membership logo. Any of these could indicate that the collection is genuine

- Find out if the named collector is a member of the Textile Recycling Association. An up to date list of members can be found online here:

<http://www.textile-recycling.org.uk/legitimate-collection/>



Apple Day

Ok



toberfest

Light Up a Life Carol Service Sunday 25th November

Dove Cottage, Stathern, LE14
4EX

2-4pm

Join the junior musicians of the
salvation army

for carols and light a candle to
remember a loved

one whilst supporting your local
hospice.

Serving mulled wine, mince pies
and a few Dove Cottage stalls for
shopping.

Everyone is welcome

Santa Fun Run & Walk Sunday 2nd December

Belvoir Castle

Walks start at 11am

**SANTA SUIT & MEDAL
INCLUDED**

Great festive fun for all the family
with

lots of entertainment

3K, 5K or 10K

Registration is open, to register -

www.dovecottage.org

Or please phone Amanda for
more

details 01949 860303

Shopping Afternoon Sunday 9th December

Dove Cottage Tea Room, LE14 4EX

2-4pm

Prize draw will be held at this event with
mince pies, mulled wine and the charity shop
will be open for a couple of hours on a
Sunday for Christmas shopping.

Prize draw at 3.45pm



Thank you to everyone for your continued
support towards your local hospice, we
couldn't offer our care services free of charge
to those living with life-limiting illnesses
without your help, love and support.

It really is greatly appreciated.

Best wishes for Christmas & New Year
from Dove Cottage Day Hospice!



Christmas is a time for giving...






but sadly for taking, too!

We're working hard over Christmas to keep you and your family safe, but here are a few simple steps you can take to help us.






When you are out shopping

-  Keep valuables in inside pockets of clothing or bags.
-  Only carry the cash and cards that you need. Always shield the PIN pad when entering your PIN.
-  Park in an open, well-lit area. Visit www.parkmark.co.uk to find accredited car parks.
-  Avoid going back to your car to leave your shopping part-way through your trip. If you have to keep presents in the car, make sure they are out of view in the boot, the car is locked, and keep the receipts with you.
-  Never leave your bag unattended on your trolley whilst shopping and don't leave it in your vehicle when returning your trolley.

At cash machines







-  If you see anything suspicious alert the bank or call the Police on 101.
-  Shield the keypad when typing in your PIN at a cash machine or in a shop.
-  Only withdraw as much as cash as you need and avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Put your money and cards away (not in your back pocket) safely before leaving the machine.

When you are out for the evening

-  NEVER leave your valuables unattended.
-  Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you'll be home.
-  Avoid walking home alone and never with someone you don't know well.
-  Drink responsibly, never drink and drive and arrange for a member of your group to be a designated driver.
-  Check your taxi driver's ID and never get into an unlicensed taxi.



At home

-  Don't leave presents under your Christmas tree if they are visible from windows or doors.
-  Never keep large amounts of cash at home. Check you have adequate insurance for your belongings.
-  Make sure you keep your doors and windows locked at all times.
-  Keys should always be kept out of sight and not left in doors or in view of windows.
-  Make your house look occupied, use timer switches to operate lamps as it starts to get dark, leave a radio on.
-  Don't open the door to anybody you don't recognise. Not sure? Don't open the door! Always decline doorstep traders

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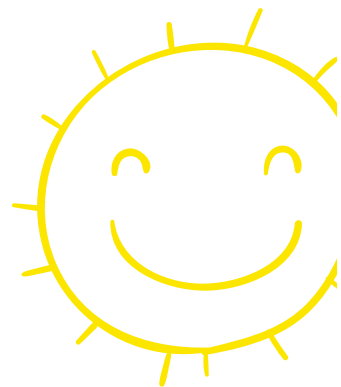


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