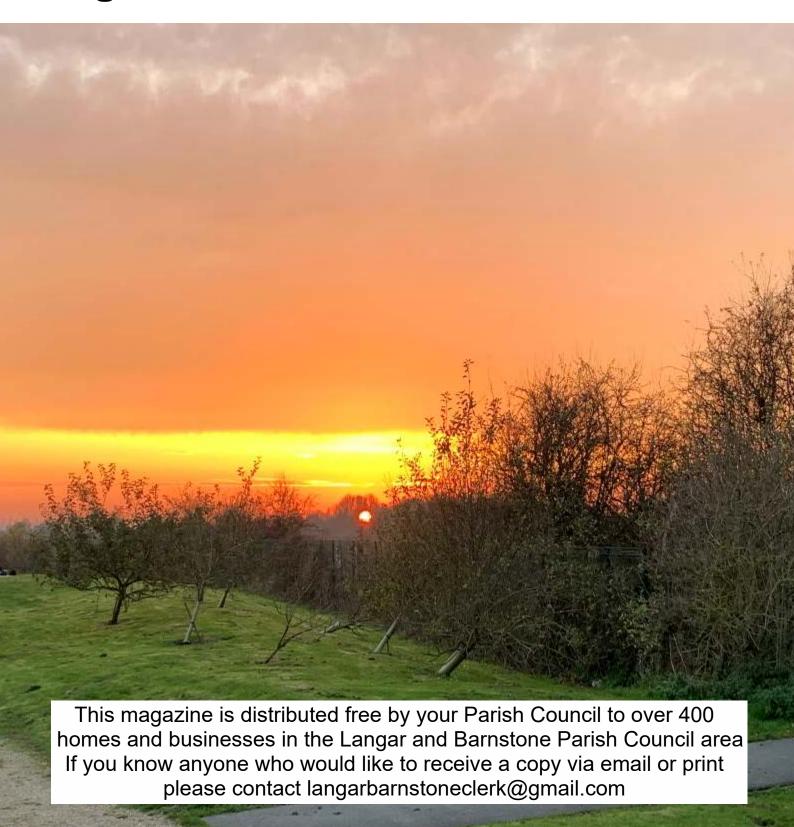
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The Latest From Your Parish Council

As is customary, your Parish Council has not met in August, but there are still items to bring to your attention.

Departure

James Barlow has resigned from the Council due to competing work and family pressures. We thank James for his valuable input to our discussions and wish him well for the future. We hope he can continue as the 'countryside editor' for this magazine.

Arrival

Councillor James Brown has recently joined the Parish Council. Welcome! There are still two vacancies on the Parish Council – can you help us to support our community?

Dog Control Public Space Protection Order

This Order was recently introduced by Rushcliffe Borough Council to further tackle irresponsible dog control across the Borough. Your Parish Council supported this initiative during its consultation phase and is delighted to see its implementation. Two dog owners in the Borough have already received

£100 fines for failing to clean up after their pets in a dog exclusion area.

Vandalism

Your Council is saddened that the bench erected in the community field only a few months ago to recognise the strong local community response to the COVID pandemic has been vandalised to such an extent that it is now no longer usable. The bench was ripped out of its moorings, broken apart and dumped in an adjacent field. Irresponsible behaviour taking away a well-used local amenity; such a sad way to close this report.



Before





For any matters relating to items mentioned here, or to raise any other issue with the Parish Council, please contact Sharon Ellis, our Parish Clerk, in the first instance (T: 07984 075016 E: langarbarnsoneclerk@gmail.com)

Langar-cum-Barnstone Village Hall (Registered Charity No 522237)

We Will Do This!

Our chosen builder has now taken possession of the village hall site, and the existing building may well have been demolished by the time this edition reaches your door. The last couple of months have seen a lot of activity by user groups in emptying the hall and finding new accommodation. Some items were sold, with the proceeds going into our 'We Can Do This!' campaign, and various local organisations and businesses have stepped in to accommodate regular hall users during the re-build.

Thanks are due to Tarmac Barnstone Works, Skydive Langar, Langar Primary and St Andrew's Church, Langar for this. Also, Rock Engineering have generously provided space for secure storage of items such as tables, chairs and kitchen crockery and glassware; thanks once again.

With everything cleared away, representatives from the user groups met for one last time in the hall to toast the centenary of its place at the heart of our community. Clearing out the hall brought to light the minutes of previous meetings of the hall trustees (before the Parish Council assumed this responsibility), and it is rather poignant to note the almost constant reference in them to the need for decoration, maintenance and repairs to the building.

If you would like to give your support to the 'We Can Do This!' campaign, you can still donate (anonymously if desired) in the following ways:



Through our JustGiving appeal which can be accessed at https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/langar-cum-barnstone-village-hall or by scanning the QR-code:





By online banking, cheque, or cash. Please contact our Parish Clerk for details.

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1st Barnstone Brownies The end of an era!

On 5 July, we held our final meeting, the Open Evening, in Barnstone Village Hall. Whilst we are sad to say 'goodbye' to the old hall, we are looking forward to meeting in a brand new village hall in about a year's time.

The Open Evening was a huge success! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped run stalls and to parents and friends for their support, we raised the astonishing sum of £300 which will go towards our Brownie funds.



More thanks.....

We are indebted to our Borough Councillor Sarah Bailey and County Councillor Francis Purdue Horan for their generous donations to our funds. Our Brownie Unit provides all badges, books and equipment from funds without making any additional charge to parents, so the Councillors' donations were very welcome as our bank balance had become depleted over the last two years. The extra finance will enable us to provide more exciting opportunities for our Brownies, including a stay at Elton Campsite in December.

Brownies had the opportunity to do their Aviation badge at our last meeting of the term on The Green at Langar on 12th July. We made and flew paper aeroplanes and 'altitude' tested fizzy rockets!



Farewell and thanks to our lovely Aqua Owl, Kate, who is leaving to concentrate on her studies. We will miss you!

Finally.....

We are excited to be meeting in St Andrew's Church, Langar, our temporary new 'home' from 12 September. We are grateful to everyone who helped with the removal of our cupboards and equipment, a seamless operation!

1st Barnstone Brownies could not function without the help of our volunteers and young leaders. If you're interested in becoming part of an informal team, willing to join a rota of occasional helpers, we would love to hear from you! Please get in touch: Dot Clayton, Brown Owl dotclayton47@gmail.com or Claire Pegg, Tawny Owl claire.pegg1@gmail.com

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Son Follows in Skydiving Dad's Footsteps for 16th Birthday Celebration

A boy has followed in his skydiving dad's footsteps by taking part in a tandem skydive on his 16th birthday - the earliest date he could legally do so in the UK.



Jamie Owens has been using the indoor skydiving simulator in Manchester to learn more about his dad Neil's hobby and wanted to get in the sky as soon as possible. The pair travelled to Skydive Langar in Nottinghamshire to do the jump.



Speaking of the experience, Jamie said: "It was absolutely amazing, Incredible. I have heard lots about it from my dad and done quite a bit of flying in the wind tunnel but it just doesn't compare. Now I just need to persuade my mum to let me learn to skydive by myself!"

Neil Owens has been skydiving since June 2021 and in that time, has completed over 30 solo jumps. He was excited for Jamie to try out the sport he loves. He said: "We know it's not your typical father-son hobby but for us, skydiving has been a great way for us to bond. We've always been close but having something like this in common really takes that to the next level - though I do wish he wasn't quite so naturally talented as he's already putting my skills to shame!"

Laura Hampton is a skydiving instructor at Skydive Langar. She jumped with Neil during his training and was the camera person who filmed Jamie on his tandem. She has completed over 3,500 skydives herself and commented:



"It was so much fun filming Jamie's jump and the fact that Neil was able to be in the plane - and jump out before him too was really cool.



"We do see quite a few children following in their parents' footsteps once they reach skydiving age, but it's rare they manage to get the jump in on their actual 16th birthday! We all hope that Jamie comes back to learn to skydive solo - he was a natural!"

A team of skydivers landed their parachutes at Skegness Cricket Club last night after jumping out of an aircraft flying 4,000 feet above the beach.



The group came from Skydive Langar in Nottinghamshire and arranged the skydiving display with the Cricket Club, who were happy to lend their space for the evening.

Speaking of the jump, Josh Carratt, who is Operations Manager and display team leader at Skydive Langar, said:



"Display jumps like the one we did into Skegness are a lot of fun and a great way for us to share our sport with people who might not have seen it before. On this occasion, the jump was more just for fun

for our staff, but there have been other displays that we've done with audiences, such as a recent skydive display into a local school."

Skydive Langar is situated a short 25 minute flight away from Skegness in the Vale of Belvoir, Nottinghamshire. In 2021, over 37,000 skydives were made at the centre, including nearly 4,000 tandem skydives and the rest being hobbyists and those learning to jump.

The centre has also hosted a number of national competitions in recent years and has the British Canopy Formation Championships coming up this weekend.



The number of people choosing to skydive has grown significantly in recent years, with the so-called experience economy booming post-lockdown.



Anyone interested in trying out skydiving, or learning to do it solo, can find out more at www.skydivelangar.co.uk.



Laura Hampton | Skydive Langar

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Things are now happening fast!

Langar cum Barnstone Village Hall's time is now over - after almost 100 years! Serving the community for so many events over those years. I am sure that there have been tears of laughter, joy and sadness shed within her confines. Many parties, pantos, markets, clubs and groups have used her to share their events within our community. So dear Hall, thank you! Thank you for hosting our community in whatever way was required for nearly a whole century.

Vale Arts Group was a comparative latecomer to the hall, starting up in August 2014. To date we are still operational but have had to make plans to house our group elsewhere for the period of the rebuild.

On Tuesday 2 August, thirteen of our members gathered for the last time in the hall and removed all our assets into safekeeping for the period of rebuild. We sat in a circle chatting after everyone who was 'caring' for something had it in their clutches but no art was being done. We had a cuppa and Beth Roberts, thank you for the biscuits you baked for this finale.

Tuesday 9 August. We move into our temporary accommodation for the period of rebuild. Not far from the hall, just around the corner in fact in Works Lane at Tarmac. The company has kindly allowed us to use their conference room and for this we extend our sincerest thanks for allowing Vale Arts Group to continue meeting on Tuesday afternoons. The first time round we had to be shown where the kitchen and loos are and also they allowed us to use the water cooler and juice in the conference room.

There were only seven of us at our first group meeting but then it is holiday time. Everyone agreed that the new space was lovely. It was very hot inside until we discovered a fan to cool the temperature. I have since enquired about the air conditioning and now know how to work it! Come winter we will have heating, so a bonus and a learning curve all round.

So Tarmac, many thanks for saving us and letting us use your lovely light room. It really is much appreciated.

New members still wanted. Contact Gillian Clarke 01949748288 or email philigansgc@gmail.com. £1 per year subscription and £2 per session attended.



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- Please contact us for more information.
- Do get in touch if you would like to borrow the equipment for a returnable deposit.

Langar contact - Jodi on 869794 or email jcarterdavies@gmail.com Barnstone contact - Claire on 861181 or email claire.pegg1@gmail.com

A Scruffy Piece of Land or a Vital Resource for Nature?

On Friday, 22 July 2022 I recorded the number of butterflies and moths to be



seen at the Langar Village Pond Pocket Nature Reserve as part of Butterfly Conservation's Big Butterfly Count. Despite it being

cloudy and some 15 degrees Celsius lower than two days previously I was amazed at the number of butterflies present. I lost count at 100+ of Gatekeepers.





Other butterflies present were all three species of the White butterfly, Red Admirals, Small Tortoiseshells and a Painted Lady. There were also many species of Hoverfly and an Oak Bush Cricket.

Why is this important? Our agricultural and horticultural industries depend heavily on pollinators to create the foods we eat. No pollinators means no fruits, cereals or nuts. The major pollinators are



Bees, Butterflies, Moths, Hover flies, Beetles and other insects. If there are no areas suitable for these pollinators to feed, breed and lay their eggs and food for their larvae to eat they will ultimately

Nottinghamshire County Council have

recognised the need to maintain pollinator-friendly areas and to create corridors to provide food and suitable breeding



habitats by setting aside a number of roadside verges and reducing the mowing of other verges. Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council was ahead of the game in establishing a Pocket Nature Reserve on the site of Langar Village Pond as an area where native wild flowers and shrubs could become established to become a feeding and breeding zone for these vital insects. It will take a number of years to get the balance of plants right as some plants



dominate to the detriment of other more beneficial plants and as a consequence it may not look as pristine as some

people would like. Actually, it may never look pristine and that is no bad thing as pristine environments are generally sterile as far as pollinators are concerned.

So to answer my question – a scruffy piece of land or a vital resource for nature? To me it is the latter and I would add that it is a small but important part in ensuring that we as human beings survive as a species.



Following the expected closure of the Village Hall for demolition and rebuilding, the Trustees of the Vale Market Café met to consider possible locations that could be suitable for hosting the Vale Market Café. The consensus reached was that there was only one location that would have the size and facilities to be suitable, and that was the Langar C of E Primary School. We therefore had an initial meeting with the head teacher and School administrator and, in principle, they were supportive of our plans. However, it was made clear that the School did not operate the kitchen, which was controlled by the Nottinghamshire County Council School Meals Service, and that we would need to obtain its approval to use the kitchen.

After protracted discussions with personnel at NCC, we were presented with a long list of stipulated requirements which would need to be met before permission to use the kitchen in the School could be granted. The Trustees looked at the list of requirements and considered them to be too arduous to be met. The matter was then referred to our County Councillor, Neil Clarke, who agreed to take up the matter on our behalf. Having discussed the matter with the Director of Services at NCC, it appeared that the requirements could be made simpler, and it was hoped that we would be able to satisfy them within our means. Unfortunately, the trustees have not received an

amended list of requirements needed to operate the School kitchen and therefore, reluctantly, we have had to take the decision not to proceed further with our proposed plan.

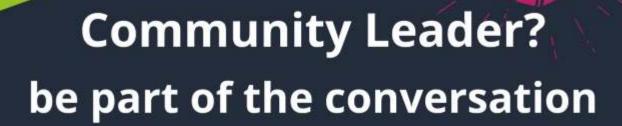
Therefore the Vale Market Café will not be operational again until the new Village Hall is constructed and we are able to operate as normal once again. We are, of course, extremely sorry that this decision has had to be reached. We had hoped that we could continue to provide the service that is much enjoyed by our customers, both within and outside our community, but we were unable to meet the demands that would have been placed on us in order to use the kitchen in the School. We all much look forward to being able to offer the service again in the new Village Hall and to welcome back our many loyal customers. In the meantime, might I remind you all, that the Pop-Up Café that operates in St Andrew's church, Langar on the first Saturday of each month 10 am - 12 noon, will continue to operate until November and commence again in April 2023. It is hoped that this facility might be able to continue operating throughout the winter months, but that will be subject to weather conditions.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming you again in September 2023

Andrew Charlett
Chairman of the Board of Trustees







Step up and join the **'Community Cohesion Network'** to ensure the voices from all sectors of Rushcliffe's diverse communities are represented?

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GRANBY, BARNSTONE AND DISTRICT BRANCH

There are a number of forthcoming events within our community that you might be interested in:

Saturday 17th September 2pm onwards - The unveiling of a memorial to the US 82nd Airborne Division at Langar Airfield. The US 82nd Airborne Division were based at Langar Airfield from November 1943 to October 1944. In that time they flew a number of operations, including the landing of paratroopers from 441st Troop Carrier Group during Operation Market Garden at Arnhem, the Netherlands, from 17th to 25th September 1944, in which 16 of their number did not return. The memorial is to be dedicated to their memory. There are likely to be many organisations represented at the unveiling and the reception following.

Saturday 29th October 7 pm Granby Village Hall - A talk by our Branch President, Sir Andrew Pulford. These annual talks are extremely popular and places will be limited to the size of the accommodation (possibly 30). There will be supper provided after the talk and a bar will be available. Proceeds will, as always, go to the Poppy Appeal. More details and tickets will be available in the next few weeks.

Sunday 12th November 10 am onwards – Remembrance Sunday Services at Langar Airfield, followed by the main service at a local church (either All Saints, Granby or St Andrew's, Langar). More details will be available once confirmed.

Friday 25th November 3pm onwards – A Memorial Service for the crew of C for Charlie, Lancaster bomber from 207 Squadron RAF Langar, lost on a mission over the Dutch coast on 25th November 1942. The Service will take place at the 207 Squadron Memorial on Langar Airfield, on the 80th anniversary of the loss of the plane and all its crew. Representatives from the families of the crew members will be attending.

If you wish to attend any of the above events you are, of course, most welcome. More details, where required, will be available from me closer to the events.

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Branch Chairman
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Councillor's Newsletter in the Sizzling Hot Summer of 2022

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Community Events

GLASTONBURY!

The Borough and Local communities seem to have decided to put on their very own Glastonbury Events. So many communities have come out to celebrate their regained freedom – there has been such an effort from all the volunteer groups and parish councils who need a big thank you.

Proms in the Park in West Bridgford, a celebration for Armed Forces Day, brought out amazing musical acts culminating with a stunning performance by the Queen Tribute Band. Over 8000 people enjoyed this free family event in Bridgford Park. What can they put on next year? Let's wait and see.

RAISING AGENTS a performance featuring the rise of the Women's Institute by the Mikron Theatre Company brought some fun to the garden at the Plough Inn Hickling in June in spite of the rain.

Kinoulton – KBNI had their big night in with some really wonderful music from our well-known local bands.



JUBILEE – All this on top of Queen's jubilee street parties, picnics, beacons, fancy dress and more in all the villages. Rushcliffe is really out celebrating and making up for lost time.

Many more events to come. Keep an eye on Rushcliffe reports and your local Parish News.

SCARECROW WEEKEND in Hickling 10th/**11**th **September** is back we hope even bigger and better. LORDS & LADIES is the theme so we hope the village will all join in and put out their scarecrows dressed in their tiaras, pearls and glad rags.

WILDFLOWERS & TREES

Everywhere is looking very parched so please, please help by watering any wild flowers displays or community trees.



This is a picture of the trial Wildflower bed planted last year at Grove Farm Kinoulton and now beginning to bloom. A further 10 acres have been sown along with 100 trees attracting pollinating insects and wildlife including the return of the Barn Owl. Brilliant environmental effort.

GCWRG (Gratham Canal WATER RESTORATION Group)

Of particular interest to those in Kinoulton, Hickling and Colston Bassett but of benefit to all who visit the Canal and value its calming waters and wildlife. As Mayor of Rushcliffe this is now one of my charities. The group is trying to raise awareness of the issues of maintenance and keeping water in the Canal. Water is now acknowledged to be beneficial to mental health and Doctors are 'Blue prescribing'.

Rushcliffe Borough Council agreed to a motion brought to Full Council in July receiving, unanimous cross party support.

To receive Notices of Motion submitted under Standing Order No.12 Council resolves to pledge its support to the maintenance and health of the Grantham Canal in the Borough of Rushcliffe as an integral wildlife and wellbeing corridor and asks Communities Scrutiny Group to oversee the following actions:

To raise awareness of the importance of the Grantham Canal with the wider community, the County Council another relevant agencies to ensure water is retained in the watered section of the Canal within Rushcliffe, to benefit the environment, Mental Health, Wellbeing and Sport.

To raise awareness amongst the adjoining authorities through which the Grantham Canal passes.

To review the Service Level Agreement with the Canal and Rivers Trust to include specific reference to water retention (it is due for renewal in 2024 and is being considered by Communities Scrutiny Group on 21 July 2022).

To write to DEFRA requesting that it reclassify remainder waterways in order that they may benefit from Government funding in light of the health benefits of the canal environment which have been proven during Covid and the consequent lock down.

Stay cool in this hot weather and have a good summer!

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Barnstone Bowls Club 2022 Season



As the 2022 season draws to a close everyone at the Bowls Club can look back on a successful season. As I write this it's not quite finished so I can't report final results but I can tell you that we have two representatives competing in the finals on the League Knock-out competitions to be held on 11th September, we are in with a very good shout of winning the Belvoir League 2 Woods League and will almost certainly finish in the top three in the 3 Woods League. In the Nottinghamshire Saturday League, Barnstone is likely to finish a very creditable fifth.



However, the fun is to play; winning is always a bonus but the joy of playing the lovely game is unsurpassed. We are very excited that we have several new members actively joining in the club competitions and having their own 'practice' sessions just for the fun of it. Two of them are in their thirties, which is a real bonus. The only disappointment was there were a couple of local people who said at the beginning of the season that they wanted to join but it didn't materialise. Maybe next year!

The annual Gala Day was held on 7th August. It was most gratifying that seventy two bowlers came from all over the county and beyond to compete for the coveted shield. The winners were from a club in Ilkeston and the losing finalists were a team from Hose in Leicestershire. The weather was glorious and many club members worked their socks off to put on food, refreshments, raffle, tombola, quiz etc. The catering and the level of enjoyment at Barnstone's Big Day are second to none, which is why it is always so well supported.

On the social side we are looking forward to a long weekend in Weymouth in October, beginners dancing classes on Thursday nights in the school hall until the Village Hall is returned to us, a walk once a month somewhere in the Vale finishing with 'refreshments' and a few evening knees-ups.

All of these events are open to non-members. In addition, there is also the Presentation Dinner at the Windmill and of course the legendary Tribute Nights which so far have raised almost £40,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support. The next one is on 18th November: Rod Stewart and Diana Ross. That'll be something else.

New members are always made very welcome, whether for bowling or just socially but hopefully both. If anyone wants any further information please email me:

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Steve Wrate

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Recently we have noticed a vast increase in the amount of dog mess in our two villages, particularly around the telephone box area in Barnstone. Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and to other pets.

Therefore, it is important to immediately clean up after your dog. Please take a bag with you to pick up waste and dispose of it properly – there are plenty of dog waste bins in the areas and it is an offence not to do so.

Please note that the football field on Works Lane is a no dog area, so please don't allow your dogs to foul the grass there.

By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beauty of our villages but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community.

Please help to make the place cleaner and safer for everyone.

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Langar-cum-Barnstone Village Hall (Registered Charity No 522237)

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