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The Latest from your Parish Council

Remembrance Sunday

Cllr. Nicky Pulford represented the Parish Council at the services at the 207 Squadron Memorial and at Langar Parish Church, during which a wreath was laid in remembrance of parishioners who gave their lives for their country in time of war.

Precept for 2024 - 2025

At its meeting in January, the Parish Council formally ratified the sum of £45,630 as its required budget (the 'precept') to provide parish services for the coming year. As ever, the guiding principles used in our discussions were those of trying to maintain support for the amenities and activities that contribute to our strong community spirit, whilst being aware of the need for financial restraint, particularly at the present time.

This budget requirement represents an increase of only 0.5% on the previous year (last year was 6.7%), and this increase is driven by four elements: increased salary costs for our staff, increased costs for our external

services, to provide support for the upkeep of the war memorial in St. Andrew's churchyard and to initiate an annual pruning of the fruit trees in the community orchard.

Could YOU be a Parish Councillor?

The Parish Council has vacancies for three councillors. Could you be one of these?

This worthwhile and satisfying role puts individuals at the heart of their community, giving a local voice on planning applications and supporting neighbourhood ventures which aim to strengthen local cohesion. The councillors also act as a corporate sole trustee of the hall charity (see elsewhere in this issue) and so oversee the maintenance and running of the hall for the benefit of the local community. Go on, you know you want to!

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 on 07984 075016 langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com

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New Community Hall

On the 1st of December 2024 the builders of the new community hall represented by Mr Stewart Bloodworth, of W.R. Bloodworth & Sons Ltd, having first met all of the criteria set by the local authority planners, handed over the keys of the completed hall to Councillor Jeffrey Fry, Chairman of the Community Hall Charity Trust.



New Hall

In October 2022 the trustee body, having approved the plans and design of the new building developed by Welham Architects, then approved Mrs Jane Welham as the appointed project manager.

A slight hold-up at the beginning meant that the trust had to pay for the removal of bats which were sheltering in the foyer of the old hall.

The work commenced in removing all of the equipment stored in the old hall and the user groups all arranged for their materials to be stored locally; the main bulk of the remaining equipment was then taken into storage at **Rock Civils** free of charge and placed in their on-site warehouse for which everyone is extremely grateful.

The demolition of the old building then commenced, leaving a big clear area which at the time looked really strange.

January 2023

Bloodworths then fenced off the area and commenced the cleanup and the groundwork. This was followed by a couple of weeks of really bad weather which led to a few delays.

By the end of January the building work gathered apace with the installation of the steel works.





April 2023

In April 2023 the main brickwork structure of the new building was well underway and the hall user groups purchased a sealable time capsule and added a lot if information about the hall, the villages and the user groups. The then Mayor of Rushcliffe Councillor Combellack then planted the capsule in the wall.

May to November 2023

Over the next few months, as the work continued, the trustee body met on a regular basis to discuss and agree on many different requirements. The Chair of the trustee body attended many meetings with the architects and builders to discuss various items and gain approval for the work carried out to date and approve any additional requirements.

The Results



The net result of all the hard work has been to produce an absolutely stunning building both inside and out that has added a really lovely asset to the Langar and Barnstone communities.

It is already being put to good use by the local community, with previous users returning and new users coming forward.

Acknowledgements

Since the initial idea to replace the village hall a lot of work has been carried out to find and receive funding to help the trustee body with the cost of the rebuilding work. Special thanks need to go to the Parish Clerk who has worked tirelessly to find various funding streams to help the trust achieve its aims and in keeping tight financial control of the process. In addition, the list below acknowledges all the organisations and people who have contributed to this venture. The Parish Council, as the Trustee for the hall, and the user groups wish to pass on their grateful thanks.

Tarmac Limited Landfill Communities Fund **Bernard Sunley Foundation Roland Gale Legacy** The National Lottery **Notts Energy Partnership and Merrivale Energy Nottinghamshire County Council** Rushcliffe Borough Council **Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire** John Deere Ltd Skydive Langar **Rock Civils** Vale Market Café Vale Arts Group **Tom McHarg's Quiz Nights** Plus a number of personal donations received via the Just Giving campaign



Inside Local Businesses

The Unicorn's Head in Langar village takes on a new lease of life



In September 2024 a new team, led by Andy Hunt and Leroy Ambrose-Allen, along with Simon Barnes as general manager, decided to take on the lease of the Everard's Public House in Langar village. Their aim was to turn it into a gastro pub with great food and drinks at reasonable prices which could be enjoyed by the local community as well as outside visitors.

The Unicorn's Head

The village pub has had a mixed history recently since the large fire in April 2015 which caused so much damage, and its subsequent total refurbishment. This wasn't helped by the Covid lockdown, the appointment of various managers, mixed opening times and a number of closures meaning that the public had lost confidence in visiting the pub.

However Andy, Leroy and Simon are all local to the area and Andy, who was brought up in Cropwell Bishop, has had thoughts of running the Unicorn for some time and was intent on providing sustainability to the Unicorn's Head. Andy, Leroy and Simon have all been in the pub and restaurant industry around

the Nottingham area and they worked together in the Wollaton Pub and Kitchen with Andy and Simon as General Managers and Leroy as Head Chef before deciding to team up together to lease the Unicorn's Head.

The History of the Unicorn's Head

The pub is a listed building and after the fire it had been beautifully restored so when Andy, Leroy and Simon took over, they only needed to close for the first month whilst they carried out internal redecoration and the repolishing of the floors before rearranging the interior to their specific requirements.



Their whole aim is to bring the local village pub back to life and, since opening, they have been very pleased with the response so far, especially in the restaurant.

They are looking forward to the springtime when they can start to serve drinks and food outside either at the front or the back gardens.

Restaurant

Speaking to Leroy, the head chef, he stated that his aim is to produce classic pub meals with a slight twist adding his own influences to the menu.

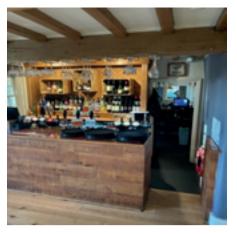
They aim, as much as possible, to source food and ingredients locally. Operating within the so-called 'Stilton Triangle' there are a great number of local companies suppling meat, bread, fruit, vegetables and cheese. The only exception is the fish which has to travel slightly further.

All of the puddings are made in-house. They can cater for a wide range of visitors and they offer special menus at different times along with the a la carte menu. They can even offer special requests for parties.



Villagers' Evening

To celebrate their opening they held an open evening on 17 October 2023 for all the local villagers when they offered free champagne and nibbles to everyone who visited. It was very well attended and the whole place was full!



Local Market

In addition, they are running a local market in the front car park on the last Saturday of every month where local artisan suppliers are showing their products and the pub is offering breakfasts and coffee at the same time.

The next one is on 24 February 2024

Special Offer to readers of Signpost
The team is offering a special offer for
February and March to all readers of
Signpost. If you bring along a copy of
this article, either the whole magazine or
the specific page, you will receive 10%
discount of any food purchased in the
restaurant.

We wish them good luck in their new venture and hope it goes from strength to strength and becomes a unique local asset to our two villages.

Opening Times

They are open for lunch Mon to Friday from 1200 to 1430 (with the addition of a sandwich menu)
Evenings from 1700 to 2100 Monday to Saturday
Saturday and Sunday 0930 to1130 for breakfast
Saturday Lunch 1200 to 1600
Sunday Roast Lunch 1200 to 1800



If you have an advertisement or an article which you would like to appear in the Signpost magazine, please contact our Parish Clerk for details:**Sharon Ellis,**Parish Clerk 07984 075016 or langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com

Deadline for articles in 2024

12 January 2024

10 April 2024

11 July 2024

11 October 2024

Period covered by magazine

February, March April 2024

May, June, July 2024

August, September, October 2024

November, December, January 2025



The Vale Market Cafe

Saturday the 10 February 2024



Come and join us in the new Langar cum
Barnstone Community Hall

From 10am - 12 Noon





We'll be serving tea, coffee and breakfast cobs, veggie and gf options available.

There will also be stalls selling locally made produce Forthcoming dates: Saturday 9th March / Saturday 13th April

Community Hall Christmas Tree

During December Mr Derek Harwood of Limes Farm Langar, kindly donated a Christmas tree for the new community hall in Barnstone which was erected and lit up in the entrance hallway.

On behalf of the Parish Council and everyone from both Langar and Barnstone we would like to thank Mr Harwood for his generous donation.

















1st Barnstone Brownies

We're in at last! The new Community Hall is brilliant.....so much space, so fresh and warm, plush loos, a great kitchen....we love it!

We had a successful Christmas Sleep over in the Magpie's Nest at Elton, where we held our Elf Extravaganza. Ten Brownies slept over and four more came for the day on Saturday.

Many thanks to Marion, Lucy and Tracy who stepped up when we needed extra adult help.



Sadly it was time to say goodbye to our three oldest Brownies, Cecily, Isla and Freya, who have all achieved our top award - the Gold Award.



Our numbers are now down to thirteen Brownies. We would love to recruit new members - girls between 7 and 10.

Please get in touch if you've got or know a potential Brownie.

Happy New Year

The Owls and the Brownies Dot Clayton 01949 860022 Claire Pegg 01949 861181

Councillor's Newsletter for the Residents of

Hickling, Upper Broughton, Hickling Pastures, Colston Bassett, Kinoulton & Langar cum Barnstone

Save the Swifts

A motion passed at a Rushcliffe Full Council Meeting recently made national headlines. The motion to install swift nesting bricks in new homes was passed unopposed at a meeting of the full council.

A report by George Torr, BBC News, East Midlands said 'A council has pledged to make at least 50% of homes on new developments include 'swift bricks'



Rushcliffe Borough Council said installing the bricks, which have small holes in, would encourage the endangered bird to nest in new communities. The bricks are designed to allow small birds to access a space to nest.

Deputy council leader Abby Brennan said the move "has the potential to halt the decline of swifts".

The decision will now be attached to all relevant planning permissions for new buildings granted in Rushcliffe under laws that support the environment.

Councillors also supported a requirement for new commercial and

industrial developments to have a minimum of three swift bricks installed per unit. The council is now reviewing where the bricks can be added to its own existing buildings.

Here is an example of a swift brick - the RSPB say they can also help other wildlife, including red-listed species like house sparrows, starlings and house martins.



The RSPB said swifts like to live in houses and churches, squeezing through tiny gaps to nest inside roofs but as more old buildings were renovated and gaps in soffits closed up, swift nest sites were fast disappearing.

Swifts were added to the red list, which is the highest conservation priority with species on this list needing urgent action, in 2021.

Flooding

I just wish to thank all those who helped in flooded areas. There was an enormous coordinated response to flooding. Councillors, officers and outside agencies were working round the clock to ensure everyone's safety.

A very prompt cleanup operation also went into action.

As a reminder, training is available from the County Council for those who wish to be flood wardens. Having trained wardens in your community is an enormous help when these situations strike. Please contact your Parish Council and myself if you would be willing to become a Flood Warden.

Financial help will be available for those who were flooded

- Flooded households in eligible affected areas, who can apply for up to £500 cash to help with immediate costs.
- Households and businesses significantly affected, who will be eligible for 100% Council Tax and business rates relief for at least three months.
- Small-to-medium sized businesses in eligible affected areas, who can apply for up to £2,500 from the Business Recovery Grant to help them return quickly to business as usual.
- 4. Eligible flood-hit property owners, who can apply for up to £5,000 to help make their homes and businesses more resilient to future flooding via the Property Flood Resilience Repair Grant Scheme.
- 5. Farmers who have suffered uninsurable damage to their land will be able to apply for grants of up to £25,000 through the Farming Recovery Fund towards repair and reinstatement costs for farmers adversely affected by exceptional flooding.

The Government's full announcement is available on its website. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-payments-for-communities-affected-by-flooding

Riparian owners – those with hedges and ditches, walls, drains and gullies on their properties fronting or affecting public areas, are responsible for keeping these clear and free of debris. Driving around I have been pleased to see some wonderful drainage ditch and street clearance. It all helps when heavy rains persist.

Community Support Scheme

Every year I receive £1000 in grant monies to be distributed for various community initiatives. We are coming to the end of the Council Financial year so would welcome any requests as soon as possible. I always like to allocate my fund as it can help many village causes.

The 22/23 fund went to: Colston Bassett Parish Council Memorial Plaque £226.50

Hickling Parish Council Jubilee Event Support £200.00

Langar Cum Barnstone Memorial Bench to 207 RAF squadron at Langar Airfield £150.00

Upper Broughton History Group Laptop for archives £423.50 to help record details of historic documents found in a village outhouse. The documents when fully translated from the Old English and Latin appear to go back to the 16th century.





About the Community Support Scheme The Council has a Community Support Scheme which enables each Councillor to put forward proposals for expenditure on small projects in their ward or community. Each Councillor currently has a budget of £1,000 each year to spend.

What this grant **can** be spent on: Improvements to community facilities within the ward

- Community events or activities within the ward that benefit all/a wide range of residents of the ward
- Investment in community infrastructure within the ward
- Support to a religious organisation where the project/event to be delivered benefits the wider ward (for example, repair of church clock)
- Support to a local school or academy where the project/event to be delivered benefits the wider ward
- Section of the community within the ward with a specific need.

What this grant cannot be spent on:

- Anything illegal
- Projects of a party-political nature, including supporting political organisations
- Supporting religious groups, activities or events, where the benefit is for that group only.
- Requests which directly benefit a sole individual
- Requests spent on consumables
- Support to lobbying or campaign groups
- The direct employment costs of staff or hospitality payments (including food and drink)

 Anything that will bring the Council into disrepute or damage the Council's reputation

A Community Support Scheme
Application Form must be completed by
the applicant and the councillor, and
should include written evidence from the
applicant outlining what the money is to
be used for. Completion of the online
form is preferable although you can also
download a pdf copy to print out. Printed
forms should be returned to the
Business Support Unit. The grant is
usually paid by BACS transfer

Town and Parish Forum

RCAN are currently planning the spring forum which is taking place at Rushcliffe Arena on Friday 22 March 2024 from 0930 – 1230. Agenda to follow and the theme is Governance. Kaffy Rice-Oxley, CEO of Nottingham ALC (Association of Local Councils), will be providing an update on the following:

- Code of Conduct importance of adopting LGA CoC as recommended by NALC & overview
- Civility and Respect Pledge creating a positive environment so that conflicts don't arise
- Policies a list of the documents (templates available from Notts ALC) to set you up for success and prevent issues emerging
- Local Council Award Scheme scheme to support the council's ongoing development

Gemma Dennis, the Borough Solicitor, will also be attending and she will cover

 Declarations of Interest, recognising the different categories of interest which need to be declared. Standards complaints – explaining the process for considering a complaint, the options for resolving a complaint and potential sanctions

This is an important meeting and I urge as many Councillors as possible to attend – it is not just the content of the meeting but the networking which is invaluable.

This is proving to be a very busy and pressurised Council term – If you have any queries regarding Council, Community or planning issues please contact me at

Cllr.tcombellack@rushcliffe.gov.uk and I will endeavour to respond as quickly as possible. If If I don't know the answer I will find someone who does.

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TO YOU ALL
From Clir Tina Combellack

Valentine's Day Word Search AHUEQJ D D z K Q H Ρ D T Gift Candy Kisses Cupid Flowers Chocolate Heart Valentine Sweet



Firstly, Happy New Year from all the team here at Barnstone.

The site saw 2023 as a steady year and despite changes in the market we remained constant with our product sales. As we go into 2024, we will embrace new challenges in the business as an innovative and forward-thinking plant.

In December we said goodbye to our guests The Vale Arts Group who had been using our conference room whilst the new village hall was under construction. Whilst sad to see them leave, we are sure the group will be happy back at the new community hall. The team would also like to thank the group for the lovely painting and picture done for us, both sit in pride of place in our conference room.





We also welcomed new visitors to our plant and it was nice to see some of the wildlife paying us a visit last year.





We hope that winter won't hang around too long and we can look forward to brighter, drier and sunnier climes, here's to wishful thinking.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us directly here at the plant if you have any queries or concerns. We always welcome your feedback.

We wish you all a happy, healthy and safe few months moving forward into spring and summer 2024.

The Barnstone Team



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USER GROUPS

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T: 01949 860022 Tues 17:30-19:30



Vale Market Community Café - Chair, Andrew Charlett

T: 01949 861446 E: acharlett289@btinternet.com 2nd Saturday of the month (except August) 10:00-12:00



Belvoir Archery Club - Secretary, Vicki Jones

E: secretary@belvoirarchers.co.uk W: ww.belvoirarchers.co.uk Tues 20:15-22:15 Thurs 18:30-21:30



Vale Ventures Entertainment Group - Secretary, Charlotte Mazers E: cmazers@hotmail.co.uk



Mary Munford Dance Group

E: marykirstendance@gmail.com



Vale Arts Group – Secretary, Gillian Clarke T: 01949 861015 E: philigans@talktalk.net Tues 14:00-17:00



Yoga for all - Sarah Barrett

T: 07708 565114 E: sarah_barett66@mac.com Mon 9:30-10:30 / 10:45-11:30 (Chair Yoga) Wed 18:00-19:00



Come and sing - David Williams

T: 01949 860843 E: d.williams514@btinternet.com Fri 14:00-16:00 or 19:00-21:00

Please check with the group contact before attending a session to ensure it is running. Bookings can also be viewed on the Parish Council website.



BOOK THE HALL



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Main Hall or Meeting Room with use of kitchen.

- Regular User £15.00 per session (up to 3 hours) then £5 per hour thereafter
- Non-Regular User £45 per session (up to 3 hours) then £15 per hour thereafter
- Charity event £5 per hour

To Book

You can view availability and submit a booking enquiry via our online calendar on the Parish Council website **www.langarbarnstone.co.uk**

Alternatively you can call the Bookings Manager, Tom McHarg on **01949 860384** or email <u>lcbcommunityhall@gmail.com</u>







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PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Recently we have noticed a vast increase in the amount of dog mess in our two villages. Please would you pick up after your dog as it is an offence not to do so.



THANK YOU



Grand Opening

LANGAR CUM BARNSTONE COMMUNITY HALL



Everyone welcome for light refreshments. Find out what the new hall has to offer. Representatives from local user groups will be on hand to tell you about the hall's regular clubs, classes, activities and events.

Welcome

New to Langar and Barnstone?

Find out all you need to know on the Parish Council Website

www.langarbarnstone.co.uk



2024! A Very Happy New Year

As you can see from the logo at the top of the page, Luke Mazers has created a new look logo for us, a lovely bright yellow with the new 'Langar cum Barnstone Community Hall' details on. Thank you, Luke, much appreciated.

We had our first taste of the new Hall on 11 December 2023. It is fantastic! From an artist's perspective we have LIGHT! So, what could be better? We have lots of room, a lovely kitchen to ensure a brew and a biscuit, and storage space! I think I can safely say 'Wow!' from us all.

A new beginning for Vale Arts Group, and our grateful thanks to Tarmac for having accommodated our group for fifteen months, whilst the new hall was being built. We attach a photo of the Group outside Tarmac. A now framed memento to Tarmac for their wonderful hospitality.



We held our Annual Social at the new Unicorn's Head in Langar on 9 January when we presented the framed photo to Niki Heath from Tarmac. She has already dropped me a note to say it will be hung in the Tarmac conference room which we used to occupy.

The Social was a big success and everyone commented on leaving the Unicorn that it had been a great evening. A mention of The Unicorn's Head in Langar is essential here. Many thanks Simon and Leroy and your staff for preparing a very yummy buffet for us. It was enjoyed and I think we cleared most of the plates.

Our first time back in the Hall was on 16 January and Julie Powell gave us a workshop on 'How to Draw Faces'. It was a very interesting lesson and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Any queries on VALE ARTS GROUP, please contact: GILLIAN CLARKE – 01949748288 or email me, philigansgc@gmail.com

Rushcliffe Villages Community Safety Reports

At a recent meeting of the Rushcliffe villages' parish councillors, together with local police officers and other involved groups, a report was submitted on local crime around the villages. Inspector Tim Cuthbert reported on neighbourhood policing around the villages.

Motor Vehicles

There have been a number of thefts of cars which have keyless entry fobs. It was reported that it was possible for criminals to buy "scanners" on the Internet which they can then stand near the entrance to homes and scan for key fobs. Once located they can then use the scan to unlock cars and drive them away without any damage to the vehicles. The first the owners know is that their car is missing the next morning.

Recommendations

It is recommended that on returning home with your car, place the key fob, along with the spare key, in a so called "faraday cage," a small special box or pouch which can be purchased online fairly cheaply.

Alternatively, if you have an empty metal box this would have the same effect. In addition, another deterrent is the old-fashioned steering lock which provides a visual deterrent.

Domestic Burglary

There has been an increase in domestic burglaries in some villages around the area, often instigated by door to door sellers who are not genuine. Residents are asked to call **101** if they are visited by such people; this allows the police to

build up a better picture of these activities and take appropriate action.

Rural Crime

The police and the local farm watch group have been proactive in visiting all the farms in the area to discuss security and a Farm WhatsApp group has been formed to report suspicious activity.

This has resulted in a number of arrests and convictions in the area which has contributed to a reduction in thefts.

Rushcliffe Borough Council

Judith Brown from Rushcliffe Borough Council announced a number of activities in the area. These include the 'Ask for Angela' initiative which is aimed at reducing violence against women and is to be rolled out in the villages.

This involves placing notices in pubs and clubs around the area and the training of staff to know how to take action if a member of the public approaches them and asks to speak to Angela.

Security Cameras

The inspector stated that doorbell cameras and property security cameras help them in solving crimes in the area and they are going to place additional security cameras in and around Bingham.

Nottingham Alerts

Finally, the inspector announced the use of the new Nottinghamshire Alerts
System which is coming online and all residents are asked to go online and register their email address so they can then be informed of announcements and alerts relating to activities in the region.

Community Speed Watch

During 2024 a number of volunteers put themselves forward to train as operators of the Community speed watch system sponsored by the Parish Council and Nottinghamshire Constabulary.



Following on from the training and after the police risk assessed various places in the two villages, a number of Speedwatch sessions were held.

Speeding vehicles' details were recorded and the drivers were sent warning letters from the police.

The Parish Council would like to thank those volunteers for all their efforts during the year and we will restart the sessions in the spring once the weather and the light has improved.

Cllr John Crosby Cllr Trevor Simpson



Belvoir Archers

During the Summer a great deal of archery took place on the community field. We hosted several tournaments for our members and visitors as well as two tournaments for the National Crossbow Federation. We also put on a 'Have a go for Dove Cottage' event.

We continue to shoot on Saturdays on the community field and are looking forward to starting our winter training using the Langar cum Barnstone Community Hall.

Our Annual Shoot took place on Boxing Day. Five brave archers took part. It was a warm day and the sun was very bright. Fortunately the weather closed in after the shoot



We are already making plans for the Tournaments for 2024.

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

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