

Signpost



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Langar cum Barnstone Parish Newsletter



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The latest from your Parish Council

Remembrance ceremonies

The Parish Council was represented by Cllr. Nicky Pulford at the ceremonies at the 207 Squadron Memorial and at St. Andrew's Church, Langar, on Remembrance Sunday.

The Parish Council takes great pride in its stewardship of the 207 Squadron Memorial at Langar Airfield and wishes to acknowledge the fine efforts of its staff and of Andy Dunlop Gardening Services in maintaining the Memorial, especially in the run-up to the Remembrance ceremonies.

Village Hall re-development

The Parish Council has donated £40,000 from its earmarked reserves to the Langar-cum-Barnstone Village Hall Charity to support its plan to re-build the Village Hall.

Responsible dog ownership in public places

The Parish Council is regularly informed of instances of dog fouling within the parish. These are all noted but the Parish Council has limited scope to respond to these comments. Accordingly, the Parish Council has indicated its support for a new initiative from Rushcliffe Borough Council on "potential updated laws to help promote more responsible dog ownership in the Borough focusing on dog fouling in public places and keeping a lead on pets in designated areas".

Rushcliffe Borough Council is now asking for views in a short five-minute survey (<https://bit.ly/3pXvNW6>) until December 16 on a proposed Dog Control Public Space Protection Order that could come into operation for three years from next April.

C28 footpath

The grass verge on the C28 between Langar Woods and Coach Gap Lane is a regular walking route for many residents out on their daily constitutional and for getting to work at the businesses on the industrial park. The Parish Council have now presented suggestions to Nottinghamshire County Council for a footpath on the verge to provide a better walking surface for residents.

If you think this is a good idea, please contact us to provide further support for our proposal.

Boundary changes

The Boundaries Commission has long since divided us between two wards within Rushcliffe for the purposes of borough and county councillors. They have now proposed that we will in future be divided between two members of parliament.

The Parish Council has registered its preference for the parish to be a single entity and will work to ensure Langar cum Barnstone continues to be one united parish, including not just the two villages, but the whole community and all the businesses.

The latest from your Parish Council

Councillor vacancies

The Parish Council currently comprises seven members, with a wide range of ages, interests, skills, and experience. At present, there are vacancies for two additional councillors. If you are interested in finding out more and feel you can offer something to the community, please get in touch.

Season's greetings

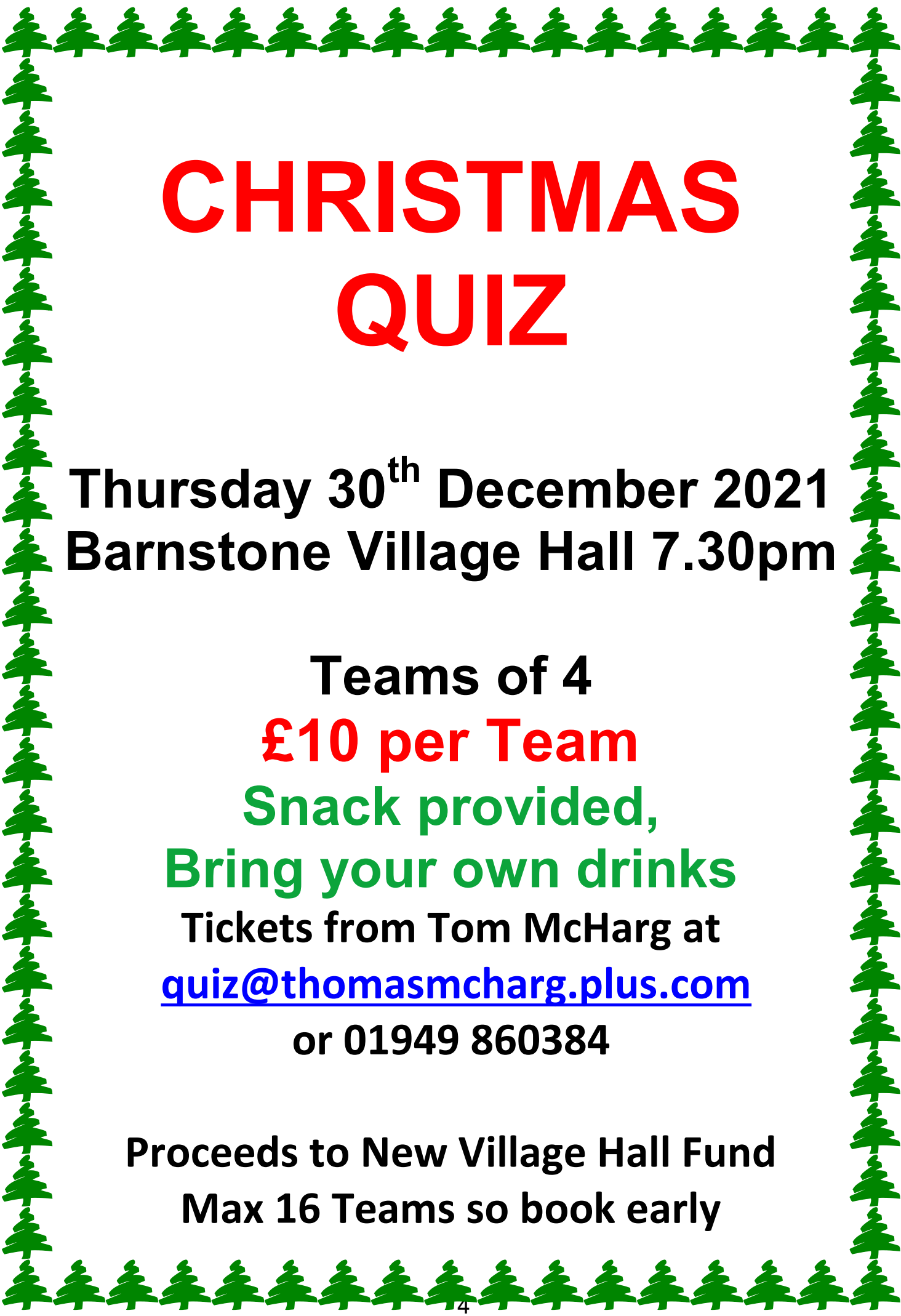
'Tis the season to be jolly, so your Parish Council wishes all residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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: 07984075016; E: langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com).

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CHRISTMAS QUIZ

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Fundraising continues apace

The three months since we last reported to you have seen further progress in our fundraising efforts.

The Sole Trustee has submitted a grant application for £90,000 to Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund, and a decision is expected shortly. Another application has been submitted to the Bernard Sunley Foundation; the amount awarded (if successful!) is determined by the Foundation, typical sums for other village halls being in the region of £5,000 - £10,000. The Parish Council is also awaiting a decision on its application for a £15,000 grant from the Rushcliffe Borough Council Capital Grant scheme.

The Parish Council has donated £40,000 from its earmarked reserves to assist with the re-build programme.

So, where are we up to with the fundraising? Read on...

The lowest tender quote received for the re-build last August was in the region of £535,000, and, given the volatility in the construction industry and the increases in cost of materials, we consider a sum of £550,000 to be a realistic re-build cost to be working towards.

The Public Works Loan of £400,000 has been approved, and that together with the £40,000 from the Parish Council provides 80% of our target figure. Should all the current grant applications be successful, that will provide the final 20%.

However, there is no guarantee that we will be successful with all (or any!) of the grant applications, and we continue to place great emphasis on securing strong community support for the re-build. To that end, we have sent out letters to all the local businesses in the area asking if they would be able to offer some financial support and we are very encouraged with the support already received or pledged from John Deere Ltd, Mainline Mouldings, Skydive Langar, Langar Woods, Vale Market Café and the Art Group. The 'Buy-a-Brick' scheme open to residents and local small businesses mentioned in the previous issue of Signpost will be launched in the New Year.

Please direct any queries about our fundraising efforts in the first instance to the Parish Clerk (E: langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com or T: 07984075016).

Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council
Corporate Sole Trustee of Langar-cum-Barnstone Village Hall

Vale Ventures FRIGHTNIGHT 2



A huge thank you to all who supported our latest event on Saturday 30th October—it was a fantastic evening with amazing music from 'The Anthemics' which meant a packed dance floor all night!

We were truly impressed with the creative and ghoulish costumes, and that everybody entered into the 'Spirit'!



Vale Ventures is a not-for-profit group with the sole aim of hosting top-notch events for locals at the cheapest possible price. We continue to be ever-grateful to live in such a fun-loving and 'up-for-it' community and welcome any ideas for future events.



If you are bursting with creative ideas and are keen to be involved with future events, we would love to hear from you!



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1st Barnstone Brownies

We're back.....in the Hall.....face to face! What a relief!

Currently, we have 22 Brownies, 2 Young Leaders, 1 Unit Helper and 2 Adult Leaders. In November, we welcomed 3 new Brownies. We hope they have fun with us.

We're back following the Brownie Programme and tackling badges, enjoying lots of new activities and games. We've had a ' Onesie' party with a Strictly-type Dance Off, and we'll be partying again at Christmas.

However, on a more serious note, we're still very short of adult help. If one of our 2 Adult Leaders is unavailable, we've got no backup.....and Brown Owl isn't getting any younger!

Is there anyone out there who would like to join our leadership team? Please pop in any Tuesday in term time and see what we get up to. It really is great fun and rewarding working with young people. The future of Barnstone Brownies is at stake.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Best wishes

The Owls
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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 BISCUITS INCLUDED
£2 PER SESSION

Since our last contribution to the SIGNPOST, we have had very good attendance at our Tuesday afternoon sessions, with between eight and fourteen coming along to share the camaraderie, a cuppa and a biscuit – oh yes and to do a bit of art! We have a cross-section of artists – painters in watercolours, acrylics and oils, a lacemaker, a glass sculptor, pencil and pastel artists. So, if you feel the need to come along and try us out - please do. We intend to get a few people to come along and give us a demonstration of their expertise in the next couple of months.

HALLOWEEN: Pumpkins, bats, skulls, spiders – all were in evidence for the VALE ARTS GROUP HALLOWEEN ART EXHIBITION. Our thanks must go to Vale Ventures for leaving up your decorations from the FRIGHT NIGHT - it gave us the right ambience.

We had a good number of our members present us with their interpretations of HALLOWEEN. Those that were able to attend made it by 8.30 a.m. to set up the stage with those items and then their own display tables. We were all ready by 10 a.m. when we opened the doors to the public. It was chucking it down outside! Sadly that did have an effect on the footfall.

Members produced a goodly assortment of cakes and so the kitchen kiosk was ready for business too. Tea, coffee, fruit juice and cake! All money collected from visitors will be going towards the LANGAR cum BARNSTONE VILLAGE

HALL BUILDING FUND. Our poor old hall has seen better days and the cost of repairs way outdoes the cost of putting up a new building.

It was a good few hours with a few sales by members and a lot of anxiety for a few pumpkin carvers waiting for the final result of that competition. Sonny Turner, well done that young man, a tin of Celebrations to you (well pleased he was.) The raffle did well and the prizes were distributed to the winners. The donation can was very light, but then notes are. So what did we collect? Well all monies counted, including the few sales made, we covered £142.00 and so the Committee has decided to round up this contribution to the LANGAR cum BARNSTONE VILLAGE HALL FUND to £200.

Back to Group today and very thin on the ground, only five of us. So some of the group were not too good on Sunday, get better soon guys .

We are open to new members coming along to be made welcome. Whatever your Art Form you can come and share a cuppa and a laugh on Tuesday afternoons at the Village Hall between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.. Membership per year £1. Session fee £2, but only if you come along. All enquiries to Gillian Clarke 01949748288 or philigansgc@gmail.com.

 SILVER

SANTA FUN RUN & WALK

DECEMBER 2021



Choose your own route and distance - why not base it around the number 25 to help us celebrate our 25th anniversary?!



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happiness with Christmas crafts, mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies.



Over the summer, Belvoir Archers have slowly increased their outdoor shooting on the club nights of Tuesday and Thursday, and the afternoon of Saturday.

It's been a strange time for archery since March 2020. When lockdown lifted, we were able to shoot with safety measures set up. These included using a booking system, single households per target, use of hand sanitizer and keeping distance from each other. We continue to use these safety measures.



Several of our members have taken part in a postal challenge run by Nottinghamshire Archery Society, with Sheila Worth winning the Ladies Short Challenge and Richard Page and David Worth coming 7th and 8th in the Men's Full Challenge. Well done to all of you who took part as there was a lot of competition.

On the 10 July 2021 we held our Founders' Shoot. It is a shoot which we do to celebrate the club's beginning. It is based on handicap so that the whole club can compete together (the different bow types from recurve, compound to longbow and barebow, and the different experience levels). It was a sunny afternoon. The Founders Trophy was awarded to Clare Brown.

At the end of October, Belvoir Archers will start to shoot indoors for the winter. We will be at Barnstone Village Hall on Tuesdays.

We are also using the Village Hall for coaching on alternative Saturdays. The coaching allows for our club members to improve their techniques prior to next year's outdoor session.

You will still see the club shooting on the field on Saturdays as we are holding a number of competitions that are aptly named "frostbites" due to the cold weather, as well as our own Boxing Day Moose Shoot.

We are hoping to start holding beginner courses next year, so if you are interested in trying archery or wish to have a go, please contact us it is very addictive! More information can be found on our web page

www.belvoirarchers.co.uk

Winter Wonderland

This monster word search includes more than 50 winter words going in every possible direction. Can you find them all?



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| blanket | hail | Kwanzaa | slush |
| blizzard | Hanukkah | lunar new year | snowball |
| chimney | heater | melt | snowboard |
| Christmas | hibernate | migrate | snowdrift |
| coat | hockey | mittens | snowflake |
| cold | holidays | New Year's Day | snowman |
| December | hot chocolate | quilt | snowmobile |
| earmuffs | ice fishing | scarf | snowplow |
| February | ice skates | shovel | snowstorm |
| fireplace | icicles | skiing | sweater |
| freeze | igloo | sled | vacation |
| freezing rain | Jack Frost | sleet | Valentine's Day |
| frigid | jacket | sleigh | |

VALE ARTS GROUP

Are you a budding artist, or just someone who wants to have a go? Then join us at the Vale Arts Group. Despite our grand title, we are just a group of people who get together and enjoy trying our hand at watercolours, acrylics or pastels - in fact, anything we fancy!

We all work at different levels and you can be a complete beginner. We help and encourage each other and the afternoons are very informal. We don't have structured lessons; we all work at our own pace and have occasional visiting tutors.

Fees are £2 a week which covers the hire of the hall and tea, coffee and biscuits.

We meet in **Barnstone Village Hall** every **Tuesday afternoon from 1400-1700**.

Don't be shy, please come along and you will be made very welcome. For further Information, please contact Gillian Clarke: philigansc@gmail.com 01949 748288.



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BLIND VETERANS UK

As we paused on Remembrance Sunday last month to remember the extraordinary bravery of past and present servicemen and women, it made me think even more of the charity for which I am lucky enough to be a trustee. The charity is Blind Veterans UK (formerly St Dunstan's) which is a large British charity providing free support and services to vision-impaired ex-Armed Forces and National Service personnel.

The charity was founded in 1915 by Sir Arthur Pearson - who had himself lost his sight to glaucoma - to help British soldiers returning from the front lines during the First World War who were suffering from blindness, especially from mustard gas attacks. Sir Arthur established a hostel where the servicemen were trained to go on and lead productive lives so that they would not have to depend on charity. The charity helps rebuild lives after sight loss through rehabilitation, training, practical advice and emotional support.

Over a hundred years later, the charity is still going strong because our service

personnel are still dealing with conflicts around the world. The majority of our members are over seventy years of age but we have many younger members too, with one being only nineteen years old!

With this in mind, it's worth taking a moment to reflect on how important our sight is and how we take it for granted. With Christmas just around the corner, think of all the things we look forward to seeing - trees covered with sparkling snow, Christmas lights in windows, the happy faces of children opening their presents, twinkling Christmas trees. Now think of a world of darkness where these things aren't visible, but Blind Veterans UK offers a light in the darkness.

If you think that the charity could help you or someone you know, or if you are interested in supporting the charity, either by donating or perhaps as a volunteer, you can contact them at:

www.blindveterans.org.uk

Remote Letter Box Theft

At a recent meeting held in Bingham between local parish councillors and the local police, it was reported that there had been some thefts from post boxes that were remote from people's front doors i.e. attached to garden fences etc.

Whilst helpful to the household and the postman, it seems that many of these boxes are not locked and secure.

It was reported that thieves have been watching the postman leave items in the

boxes and then stealing items such as credit cards and valuables before the occupant has time to retrieve the items.

The police have recommended that people in rural areas add a lock of some description to their remote letter boxes to deter thefts.

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Autumn / Winter in the Farming Community

The autumn is a very busy time of year for local farmers, as this is when the majority of crops for next harvest are established. The autumn of 2021 has been relatively kind, especially taking into account the previous two years. In fact, establishment conditions have been as near to perfect as I can remember, with adequate moisture and heat to get crops growing fast without too much rain that it has adversely affected establishment. Prices for nearly all agricultural commodities are at record highs, which is a double win as we're looking at well-established crops which can be forward sold at record prices.

However, agricultural inflation is rising rapidly, with one national agricultural supply company putting the rate on inflation on agricultural inputs at 22% increase in the year to September 2021. The rise in natural gas value making fertiliser production more costly and chemical production being delayed as China and India struggle to get going again after COVID-19 are largely to blame. If you look at the sale price of wheat over the same period, it has only risen by 6% YOY so the net margin for the farmer is constantly being squeezed. In theory, food prices should be rising to counteract this effect but the supermarkets continue to be consumer-focused, thus pricing domestic food production out of contention compared to imported goods from destinations growing raw ingredients far cheaper than we can produce ourselves due to factors such as using chemicals that are banned in the UK and cheaper labour. Couple this with the loss of agricultural support payments (subsidies) from leaving the EU over the next few years, the net effect on domestic food supply is that farmers need to find innovative ways to reduce costs and maintain their margin. But with 'agflation' rising faster than sales values, this is impossible.

Interestingly as a side note, you may have noticed in the news that the price of natural gas got so expensive in the autumn that the

UK manufacturer of nitrogen fertiliser had to stop production as the costs were making it unviable. One of the by-products of the fertiliser manufacturing is the carbon dioxide gas and it was this shortage of by-product that the tabloid headlines focused on, as it impacted on supplies of fizzy drinks and beer – there was little to no mention of the shortage of the primary product (fertiliser) and the impacts that it could lead to with domestic food production for next harvest. The priorities seem a little confused there to me. Subsequently, fertiliser prices have risen to more than double what they were a year ago.

The COP26 summit recently drew to a close in Glasgow. I'm not sure what real conclusions were drawn but for me, the meat industry got an unfair amount of blame for greenhouse gas emissions so in an attempt to balance this view: Grass, the backbone of diets for ruminants (beef and sheep) in the UK grows freely and readily whilst also sequestering a significant amount of carbon. Grass-fed cattle and sheep like you see freely grazing around Langar-cum-Barnstone are not the evil villain of climate change that they are being made out to be. However, shipping in container loads of avocados or soybean oil that have been grown on land in South America that's been rainforest for centuries until it was all cut down to feed western diets is contributing to climate change without a doubt.

So, in the run up to Christmas, think about where your food is coming from and look to buy British where you can. Not only to safeguard domestic production, but also to reduce your individual carbon footprint. Do you need to include non-seasonal vegetables on your dinner table or can you substitute for something equally as delicious grown or produced in the UK? I wish you and your families a wonderful festive period.

Cllr James Barlow

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Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat (we hope)

Is it that time again?

We'll here's hoping it will be a better social event than last year and wishing you a happy and healthy New Year.

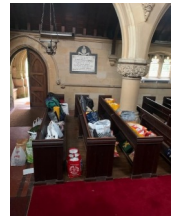
Village Events:

Langar & Barnstone

Vale Market Café is up and running again at Barnstone Village Hall on the 2nd Saturday of each month. 11th December will be a Christmas Café with music, festive songs and carols.

Colston Bassett

Just a quick note of thanks; The Friary were overwhelmed by the generosity & kindness from those in the village who gave food and other goods at the village Harvest Service held recently in St John the Divine. The "offerings" filled more than 3 pews.



Kinoulton

Their annual PTA Christmas Tree Sale is on Saturday 4th December – raising valuable funds to buy interactive white boards, computers and garden and play equipment for the school.

Town & Parish Forum:

An event held at Rushcliffe for all Parish and Borough Councillors.

It was a very informative event - albeit still on Zoom - with keynote presentations from the Council Leader Simon Robinson, the Crime Commissioner Caroline Henry & Inspector Rob Lawton, also Sanjit Sull the Borough Council Monitoring Officer.

Rural Policing

I was pleased to hear that after applying much pressure, Rural Crime has been set as one of two priorities for the next 3 months – so again I urge the reporting of any suspicious incidents or crimes on 101 or 999, even vehicle shunts not involving the police but indicative of traffic issues.

I received an assurance from Inspector Lawton that speeding in rural areas would be addressed and that rural roads/lanes with 60 mph limits could be looked at; e.g. Hall Lane Colston Bassett, Clawson Lane, Hickling, C28 Langar, Station Road, Upper Broughton, Hickling Lane Kinoulton to name but a few.

For up to date information on policing and local forces go to www.nottinghamshire.police.uk which will bring up a YOUR AREA page.

Governance and Code of Conduct

Items of particular interest to town and parish councils were addressed with emphasis on training for new councillors.

Platinum Jubilee – Street Parties and Beacons.

Helpful advice was offered regarding the celebrations over 2nd-5th June next year.

Links to relevant web sites:

www.edenprojectcommunities.com/biglunch

www.queensjubileebeacons.com

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Platinumjubilee.gov.uk/events

Green Rewards:

‘Get great discounts and prizes when you combat climate change with Green Rewards! Nine councils and two universities unite for a first-of-its-kind partnership to tackle the climate crisis.

Join Green Rewards today and earn great discounts, vouchers and prizes at local businesses and projects in your community for playing your part in combating climate change and achieving net zero!

That’s the message from all nine local Councils in Nottinghamshire who have joined forces with local universities and creator Jump for a trailblazing partnership! It provides a new Green Rewards app and web platform which means Notts residents can accumulate points and earn the prizes for many activities they do every day at home or out and about that help lower their carbon footprint.

Sign up for free now at <https://notts.greenrewards.co.uk> or download the Green Rewards app on iOS and Android. Search for ‘Notts; Green Rewards’ in your device’s app store.

In similar fashion to rewards points at retailers, all residents need to do is log their day to day activities that highlight how they are decreasing the amount of carbon they create, such as:

- Walking to work or school instead of taking the car
- Cycling or using public transport
- Putting your recycling bin out with all the correct recyclables
- Switching off a light or switch at home
- Taking a shower of four minutes or less and many, many more!

A full list of how you can redeem points is available on the app or at <https://notts.greenrewards.co.uk/> and when you accumulate sufficient points, you can then earn the discounts, vouchers and prizes.

There’s also £20 worth of vouchers for the top two residents in each council area who earn the most points each month, to claim at local businesses, donate to worthwhile causes or projects and in some districts and Boroughs there’s prizes too for the top point-earning wards.

The mobile app lets people collect points for logging the fact they have done their recycling, walking instead of using a car, as well as doing quizzes [to learn more about climate change.](#)

One such independent retailer taking part is Slades Florist in West Bridgford.

Manager Joshua Slade says: "This helps support businesses, including those on Melton Road. You get 10% which helps you and helps us too."

Local Communities Fund:

(This will be replacing the County Council Local Improvement Scheme)

Eligible organisations can apply for one-off Capital grants up to a maximum of £20,000 per organisation in any funding year. These should serve or meet the following aspects:

- To address local priorities, e.g. improving access to new or existing services such as sports and leisure, protecting the environment, reducing loneliness, improving physical and mental health.
- To improve local places and spaces that are important to communities.
- To bring people together and involve them in the design and implementation.
- To help address climate and environmental change and/or minimise any negative impact on the environment.

Trees:

Just a reminder that Parish Councils can order their free trees and once again, residents have the offer of 2 free trees for their gardens. Keep planting for the future.

Wishing you all the very best for the festive season
Cllr Tina Combella



GRANBY, BARNSTONE & DISTRICT BRANCH

The talk by our President, Sir Andrew Pulford, in October was very successful and well attended. We managed to raise £432.36 for the Poppy Appeal. This year, due to concerns over Coronavirus, we were not able to complete all our house to house collections. However, where we were able to collect, people were most generous in their donations. The amount raised will be counted shortly and I will be able to provide a final figure in the next edition of Signpost magazine.

During Remembrancetide, our Branch members were busy, not only collecting for the Poppy Appeal, but also attending a Remembrance event at the Friendly Bench in Bottesford, taking part in the two minute silence at a ceremony on the Croquet Lawn in West Bridgford and, of course, attending the Remembrance

Sunday events on 14th November. This year, we decided to hold two services on Remembrance Sunday. The first was at 10 a.m. at the 207 Squadron Memorial on Langar Airfield. The second was at 10.50 a.m. in St. Andrew's Church, Langar. We were able to welcome two officers from the current 207 Squadron based at RAF Marham in Norfolk and also a contingent of air cadets from 209 Squadron, West Bridgford, who took part in the parade, led by our Standard Bearer, before the church service. We were also fortunate to have Helen Chester there, who brought her two horses, who were spectacularly adorned in poppies and ribbons. I wish to thank everyone who took part and made the ceremonies so successful and very poignant.

Note from the Editor

It is with a sadness that I say it is time for me to hand over the baton of the editing of the newsletter to new hands.

I have edited the newsletter 4 times a year for the last 10 years. It has been fantastic to see the community working together and the time and dedication of special people within our community that lead and take part in the events of our two villages.

If the role appeals to you I will be more than happy to guide you through the software and page set up, if required.

Heather Whitaker





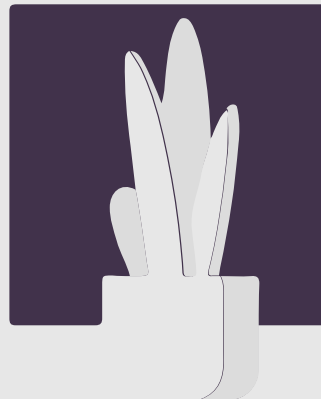
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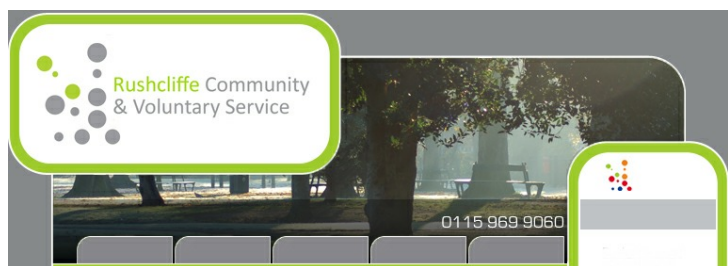


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[Our Voluntary Transport Schemes](#)

provide safe and affordable transport for people who find it difficult to get out and about in Rushcliffe and Gedling. Our volunteers use their own cars to help people get to where they need to go, e.g. to the shops, doctors, dentists, hairdressers, social activities, visit friends and take part in their communities.

Users of Rushcliffe & Gedling Voluntary Transport Scheme include a wide range of people from our communities, older people, people with physical and learning disabilities, unemployed people and people that don't have access to public transport. Our community transport focuses on local needs and on one-to-one help, providing both choice and quality services.

“Without this service I would be housebound, it is really comforting to know that you are there”

Call us on 0115 969 9060 and then press 1 for transport or,
email transport@rushcliffecvs.org.uk

Handy Housekeepers

Our [Handy Housekeepers](#) service support older and disabled people who

want to stay in their own home but need a little help around the house.

Our Handy Housekeeper service is designed to help you or your loved ones to live independently and happily at home. We know that general housework duties can become more difficult due to a variety of circumstances and we understand how important it is to have your home clean and tidy.

Our staff can help with tasks such as:

- Vacuuming
- Dusting and polishing furniture
- Cleaning baths, sinks and toilets
- Washing floors
- Laundry
- Changing beds
- Emptying rubbish bins.
- Collecting weekly shopping from the local supermarket
- Collecting prescriptions.
- Outdoor Activity Support
- Sitting and Companionship

“It is such a load of my mind to have my Handy Housekeeper come and clean and tidy for me.

She also helps me with shopping and my laundry. Life is so much easier now”

Call us today on 0115 9699060 to find out more or

email admin@rushcliffecvs.org.uk

Volunteer Centre

[Volunteer Centre](#) - We promote and support volunteering in Rushcliffe. We connect volunteers to organisations and provide advice and support.

News from your local MP

It was wonderful to be in Barnstone recently for the re-opening of the Vale Market Cafe and to see life returning to normal after the last 18 months. Huge thanks to all the volunteers for the amazing work you do in bringing the community together and especially to Andrew and Joan for inviting me.



I also enjoyed visiting the John Deere facility in Langar over the summer to hear their plans to increase opportunities for people across Rushcliffe with their new apprenticeship scheme and their new £1.5 million facility in Upper Saxondale.

I know that rural crime has been a concern to many communities across Rushcliffe, including in and around Langar and Barnstone. I will be working with Nottinghamshire Police and Nottinghamshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, to ensure that more police resources are spent tackling this issue.

I recently met with Chief Inspector Heather Sutton who is the rural crime lead for Nottinghamshire to highlight residents' concerns and to hear more about current operations to tackle crimes such as theft of farm machinery. Please do write to me at

Ruth.edwards.mp@parliament.uk to share your views.

Pet theft is one of the crimes that many people have written to me about following an increase in thefts over lockdown. I surveyed people across Rushcliffe and presented the results in Parliament to Ministers where I argued for a new offence that recognised pet theft as more similar to abduction of people than theft of property. I'm really pleased that the Government is now introducing a new offence of Dog Abduction in the Kept Animals Bill. Under current sentencing guidelines, pet



thieves rarely see a custodial sentence, but under this new measure criminals could face up to 5 years in prison.

Businesses like our local shops and pubs are often the centre of village life. I wanted to highlight these fantastic businesses, so I have launched my 'Best Pub in Rushcliffe' and 'Best Local Shop' competitions. We have some great pubs and local shops in Rushcliffe, so please do vote for your favourite on my website at ruthedwards.org.uk (If you would like to stay up to date on this and other issues, you can also sign up for my free monthly e-newsletter here).

Ruth Edwards MP

I hold regular surgeries to listen to and help constituents. You can book one by:

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