

Signpost



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Langar cum Barnstone Parish Newsletter



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The latest from your Parish Council

Comings and goings

Councillors Kerry Risk and Chris Harper have resigned from the Parish Council due to pressure of other commitments, and we thank them both for their hard work on our behalf. Chris was also Chair of the Parish Council this past year and did an excellent job under our lockdown conditions. Chris' last task before stepping down was to present the Chairman's Annual Report, which can be found elsewhere in this magazine.

At the meeting held last month Councillors Jeff Fry and Nicky Pulford were elected to Chair and Vice-Chair respectively for the coming year.

The Parish Council now has two vacancies and if you feel you can offer something to the community as we emerge into a 'new normal', please contact our Parish Clerk, Sharon Ellis (T: 07984075016; E: langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com).

Village Hall re-development

Planning approval has been granted for the re-development of the Village Hall, and tenders to carry out the re-build have been received, so the emphasis now is on securing the funding to allow this to go ahead. An application for a Public Works Loan is being prepared. Should this loan be approved, that will provide the bulk of the required funding, with the rest being found from various grants and local initiatives.

If you have experience of fund-raising and can offer some help, we'd love to hear from you! Contact the Parish Clerk as above.

Also, if you haven't done so already, we'd be grateful if you could complete the online survey (<https://rb.gy/etezba>) to gauge the most recent views on

projected usage of the village hall, which can then be fed into this funding-application process. We would appreciate as many residents as possible completing the survey.

Jump up and down for joy



Phase 2 of the refurbishment of the children's play area in Barnstone is now almost complete, and we await the third and final phase, the installation of a trampoline. Sharon has more details in an article elsewhere in this issue.

The Parish Council wishes to thank all those residents who have helped with getting this work done, and our Borough and County Councillors who have provided much-needed financial assistance.

Airfield memorial

Most residents will know that the Parish Council took over the management of the 207 Squadron Memorial at Langer Airfield some years ago. This year, we have awarded the maintenance contract to local company A D Gardening Services and we are delighted with the work done; Andy Dunlop has gone beyond the letter of the contract, planting up the containers and undertaking additional cleaning of the site. Thank you!

Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council - Chairman's Report

It has been a very challenging year for everyone around the world. The wide spread of the coronavirus at the outset of 2020 led to a nationwide lockdown, the closure of schools, businesses, leisure activities, community buildings and play parks.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers throughout the parish that rallied around to provide support and services during this extremely difficult time. Your contributions have been invaluable, and you have truly demonstrated what a fantastic community we live in.

As we approach the end of April 2021, I am optimistic for the future. The national lockdown appears to be lifting, and we can begin to get back to some sense of normality.

Throughout the year the Parish Council has continued to operate to the best of our ability. Monthly meetings have been held via video conferencing.

This report focuses on summarising those activities undertaken by the council during the last year.

Council Members

Cllr Jason Hollands resigned in December 2020. This left two open vacancies on the council. These vacancies were filled by co-option following interviews in March 2021. The new members to join the council were Cllrs John Crosby and James Barlow.

Current council members include:

Cllrs, A Bellamy, J Fry, C Harper, T Simpson, N Pulford, K Risk, J Crosby, J Barlow, K Morris

Council Staff

The Parish Council currently employs three part time staff, including the Parish Clerk, Lengthsman and Litter Picker. I am very grateful for all their hard work over the last year. It's a great team. They work extremely hard to keep our villages, services and administration in good working order.

Planning

The Parish Council acts as a consultative body for Rushcliffe Borough and Nottinghamshire County Council's Planning departments.

Each month, (excepting August), Parishioners have an open invitation to attend Council meetings, to share their opinions on planning and other matters. These open sessions last for fifteen minutes and help to inform councillors on public opinion.

Where the matter relates to planning, the parish is but one voice. We are not the decision makers, but our comments (along with those of other members of the public) might help to inform it.

Over the last year we have continued to review all local planning applications in the interest of the parish.

Facilities

The nationwide lockdown has restricted Parish Council income streams during the last year. This is understandable given that organisations haven't been able to use the village hall or outdoor sports facilities. The Parish Council has been working hard to minimise this

impact and to ensure we can offer these facilities at the earliest opportunity.

Over recent years the Parish Council formed a Village Hall Development Committee. This committee continues to make steady progress with existing plans to build a new village hall facility to meet the growing needs of a busy, active, modern community. During the last year they commissioned surveys to understand community requirements.

They have also been looking at funding streams to support the project.

We have completed the phase 1 re-build of the new children's play park area in the centre of Barnstone. I am delighted to report that funding for phase 2 of this exciting project has now been achieved. This now has the makings of a really wonderful play area for the children of the parish. I am very grateful for all the work of the Play Park Group and all the generous funding streams that have bought this project to fruition.

The Parish Council has continued to provide the local structure for developing and maintaining public amenities such as our play parks, public spaces, war memorial areas and defibrillator machines.

We are proud to support community groups and events (where possible) to help foster inclusion and goodwill in our community.

I will be stepping down from the Parish Council in May after 4 years' service. During my time on the council I have learned a great deal about local government, planning and services. I am very grateful for the support of my fellow Parish Councillors and that of the Borough and County Councillors.

It has been a privilege serving the parish over the years and I wish my successors well in their future endeavours.

Chris Harper

14th April 2021



Langar & Barnstone Social Walking Group

The Social Walking Group has now been re-established, The first walk was held on Monday 14th June when a group of 10 could be seen snaking over the Barnstone Bump and across the fields, at a leisurely pace, a lovely sight!

It was a great chance to catch up with friends and neighbours not seen for a long time.

All are welcome to join in. If you are interested then please email me at claire.pegg1@gmail.com and I will let you have details of the next walk.

Best wishes

Claire Pegg



Mobile Library Visits

At present there are no stops in Barnstone.

If you would like to place an order, please phone Southwell Library 01636 812148 and using the current click and collect service, they will happily visit Barnstone before Granby.

Mobile Library Routes 2021

Day: Thursday

Jan 28th	Feb 25th	Mar 25th	Apr 22nd	May 20th
Jun 17th	Jul 15th	Aug 12th	Sept 9th	Oct 7th
Nov 4th	Dec 2nd			

Stop No.	Location	Stop Name	Arrive	Depart
1	Cropwell Bishop	Colston Rd (No 37)	10.00	10.20
2	Colston Bassett	Colston Bassett Hall	10.25	10.40
3	Colston Bassett	Church, just past Post Office	10.45	11.00
4	Colston Bassett	Church gate Corner	11.15	11.25
5	Langar	Unicorn Pub	11.35	11.45
6	Granby	Main St, opp. Wooden garage	11.55	12.15
7	Sutton	Woodbine Cottage	12.50	13.00
8	Sutton	Poplar Farm	13.05	13.15
9	Sutton	Bruncott	13.20	13.30
10	Elton	Rige Farm cul-de-sac	13.35	13.50
11	Alverton	Old School	14.05	14.20
12	Staunton in the Vale	Pub	14.30	14.45
13	Flawborough	Bus Shelter	14.55	15.10

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Southwell Library 01636 812148.
Email: southwell.library@inspireculture.org.uk



Barnstone Bowls Club 2021 Season



Are we finally getting on top of this wretched virus? Down at the Bowls Club we are very optimistic that we are. It may be a bit of false hope but we are back playing matches again. Hooray!! The magical 17th May date means that the 2021 season is getting underway and competitive matches can be played.

The regulations (and common sense) stipulate that it will not be possible to use the Clubhouse until mid-June and that is subject to the

Indian variant not taking a grip. Loos have to be carefully cleansed before and after use, travelling to away matches is strictly controlled, equipment being used for matches is limited to the bare essentials, contact is restricted to one person, no high-fives, handshakes,

hugs etc. It's all a pain in the whatsit but we are playing again!

The Club plays in five leagues and four knock-out cup competitions, which means that every member has the chance to play competitive bowls at their own level of ability. On the other hand, every member is entitled to make use of the beautiful green at any time for their own pleasure (bowling of course) and there are small organised 'roll-ups' between members too. Roll-up is a term used for casual play – nothing to do with smoking.

It looks as though we shall be able to hold the annual Gala Day when we hope 72 bowlers will compete for cash prizes

and the coveted trophy. The event has earned an excellent reputation over the years so there has always been a waiting list to play in it. The 2-year break means people's circumstances have changed and there are currently some vacancies but we anticipate these will soon be filled. The money raised helps us to keep the subscriptions low.

Pre-COVID19 recruitment was successful but the dreaded lurgy that



has caused us to miss a year means we have fewer members than we would like enjoying the friendly atmosphere of the Club. We would welcome everyone who is interested. Other social events besides the Gala Day are planned during the season, but the COVID-19 plague means we can't set firm dates for Clubhouse events as yet.

However, we are looking forward to a long weekend on the Isle of Wight in October and a winter programme of events that is being planned. They are talking about regular old-time dancing, walks, race nights, quiz nights, cheese and wine etc. In addition, there is also the Presentation Dinner and of course



the legendary Tribute Nights which have raised over £40,000 to date for Macmillan Cancer Support. The next one of those is 29th November – Tina Turner and Chris Rea.

We are looking for new members and can also offer social membership to those who perhaps don't want to bowl but may enjoy the 'partying' bit.

If joining Barnstone Bowls Club appeals to you give Steve Wrate a call on 01949 861353 or Jim Besson on 01159 334735.

Steve Wrate



1st Barnstone Brownies

Hello from the Brownies!

We're going from strength to strength. We now have 19 girls and 7 leaders, and are not only zooming but having Outdoor Meetings too. So far the weather has been very kind to us on Tuesday evenings, and we have met on Works Lane Field, Barnstone and Church Green, Langar. We've tried orienteering, dragon egg hunting and been on a wool trail, besides playing games and having fun back together again. Social distanced of course! The highlight of our meeting on Church Green was an unexpected visit from Harrison. Future venues will be the school field and the Magpie's Nest at Elton.

We don't anticipate meeting indoors again until September.

Best wishes from the Owls and the Brownies



Langar C of E Primary School

Well-being is defined by the Oxford English Dictionary as “the state of being comfortable, healthy, or happy.”

However, it is important to realise that well-being is a much broader concept than moment-to-moment happiness. The New Economics Foundation describes well-being as the following: ‘well-being can be understood as how people feel and how they function, both on a personal and a social level, and how they evaluate their lives as a whole.’

Following a period of reflection, evaluation and improvement that has taken place since 2014, the staff at Langar Church of England Primary School have held the belief that children's mental health and well-being is the foundation on which academic success is built. We believe that ensuring our pupils are mentally well and emotionally stable allows them to flourish in all areas of the curriculum. As a school we promote and cater for children's emotional well-being.

Our whole school culture and ethos, built on our core Christian values provides the sense of community needed to ensure children feel cared for, loved and respected. Our behaviour policy created around positive behaviour management and with clear guidance for the language and conduct to be demonstrated by adults, provides children with safe boundaries, clear expectations and a sense of fairness. Our community spirit and positive relationships fostered with parents allows for open lines of communication building trust and a sense of team around each individual child.

Classrooms have well-being areas set up with access to mindfulness and calming activities, essential oils and

diffusers and visual reminders of the school values. First Aid Kit for Feelings boxes and Worry Monsters give children a tool to self-help when they want to express negative feelings and emotions. We have hosted yoga and mindfulness workshops and our broad curriculum allows every child the opportunity to flourish and discover who they are.

Such was our dedication and commitment to the well-being of our children that we invested in ensuring a member of staff was skilled-up and knowledgeable in this area. Mrs George trained as an ELSA - Emotional Literacy Support Assistant - three years ago and has, since then, undertaken training in Draw and Talk therapy as well as Mental Health First Aid. This, as we view it, vital role, provides children with the tools and outlet they may need when their well-being, emotional or mental health is below par. During her three years in the role, around a third of children in school have benefitted from her expertise and an even greater number through the application of her skills when working in class.

Our commitment to well-being will not waiver and we proudly build our curriculum model on this: **Achieving academic excellence through the acquisition of learning skills and core Christian values**

For more information and ideas about well-being please have a look at our website [Well-Being | Langar C of E Primary School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](https://secure-primariesite.net/Well-Being%20Langar%20C%20of%20E%20Primary%20School)

Mrs E J Brown

Head Teacher

Phase 2 Barnstone Play Park has arrived, and nearly completed, just a few more stepping stones to be added to make it a complete trail. I think you will all agree it is a fantastic addition to the play park. This couldn't have happened without the extremely generous donations from all the following:

- Local Residents who generously donated £700 to the Just Giving Page, set up by Sara Johnson from the Play Park Group
- Councillor Neil Clarke
- Councillor Tina Combellack
- Councillor Sarah Bailey
- Council Francis Purdue-Horan
- Vale Market Café
- World of Marble
- Evoponic
- Micromix
- Vale Ventures
- Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council
- Barnstone Toddler Group
- Lottery Grant

Thank you



Wildflower Seeds



Rushcliffe Borough Council has kindly donated Wildflower seeds to all Parishes.

In Langar and Barnstone they have been distributed to the local School, Brownies, and we have some remaining for the flower trough that is coming soon to Barnstone Play Park.

Hopefully you will soon see an array of wildflowers growing in different areas.

See adjacent a photo of the Brownies seed bombing theirs down the Wiggly Waggle Way.

NEVILE AND LANGAR WARD COUNCILLOR'S NEWS

For Hickling, Kinoulton, Upper Broughton, Langar, Colton Bassett,
Hickling Pastures and Owthorpe
From Cllr. Tina Combella

We are coming out of lockdown.



Trees

There has been a huge effort to plant trees, in particular Oaks, across Rushcliffe to help Green our Borough in line with the Rushcliffe Borough Council 'Carbon Clever' initiative.

Oaks will combat climate change, improve quality of air and life for generations to come.

In addition more trees – any trees - will help absorb water and alleviate flooding.

I urge all Landowners, Farmers, Parish Councils, Gardeners, Residents, Landscapers and most particularly Developers to engage with the initiative and get 'Carbon Clever' and plant for the future.

To quote Sir Wm. Worsley, Chairman of the Forestry Commission,

"Finding land to plant is a real challenge as we live in a small country. Everybody thinks planting trees is a great idea but just 'not in my landscape'"

Facts –

Oaks Life span – 150 years

Rate of Growth – 0.5 metres per annum

Carbon storage – 118 tonnes per hectare

Plastics

I am still collecting hard plastic bottle tops to raise funds for Dove Cottage.

These are the sorts of hard tops that are collected -



Not soft plastics such as yoghurt and spread tops – those can go in the blue bin for recycling by Veolia.

Fly tipping & Litter

Fly tipping and littering is still a bugbear and I am afraid has got worse during lockdown. The villages all have very hard-working volunteers doing their best and are very much appreciated.

Rushcliffe have appointed WISE (Waste Investigations Support) to help tackle the problem.

Since January 886 fixed penalty notices have been issued including a £300 fine for a tip at Cropwell Butler.

Just a gentle reminder – If you are having waste removed by an outside contractor make sure you check their credentials and ensure your waste is not going to be dumped at the road side as you then become responsible.



Congratulations to Caroline Henry
Elected as Crime Commissioner.

I was really pleased when Caroline was

elected as she told me she shared my concerns about policing in the rural areas and intended to make a difference. She has committed to end the neglect of Notts farmers, to get tough on Rural Crime, improve the policing in our villages and deal with illegal encampments.

She is backing our Rural Communities.

Come and join the Great British Spring Clean and make your local community even tidier

Rushcliffe Borough Council is pledging its support for this year's Great British Spring Clean, which aims to further clean up the streets, parks and open spaces in Rushcliffe and nationwide.

The annual campaign, run by the charity 'Keep Britain Tidy' runs this year from May 28 to June 13 which will see people from all over the UK come together to save the environment as well as keep their local communities clean and safe.

Here in the Borough, the authority is calling on groups and individuals to join the effort and volunteer to litter-pick in their community for as little as an hour or however long they can give.

All the necessary COVID-secure equipment is available from the Council's grounds maintenance partners Streetwise Environmental Services Limited by calling 0115 914 8408 or emailing streetwise@streetwiseenvironmental.co.uk

A big thank you to all those who already do a sterling job cleaning signs, painting railings, picking up litter and reporting fly tips.

LET'S SHOW NEVILE & LANGAR CAN BE THE BEST KEPT WARD IN THE BOROUGH

Don't forget to keep in touch with me if you have any concerns regarding planning issues.

Cllr. Tina Combella

Cllr.tcombella@rushcliffe.gov.uk



Report a pothole

You may have noticed that the Parish Lengthsman has been very busy reporting & sorting potholes around Langar and Barnstone.

Unfortunately there are too many for Luke to do on his own!

If you have spotted a pothole on a Nottinghamshire road, please report it online to fix the problem.

You will need to take a photo and follow the link below:

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

Alternatively you can contact the customer service team via 0300 500 8080 - Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm.

After you've reported a pothole, a member of the team will go out to

inspect it within 10 working days and either fix it immediately or, if this isn't possible, make the necessary arrangements to do so.

For a pothole to be considered a safety defect it must be at least 40mm deep in the road surface or 20mm deep in a footway for us to fix it.

Providing it meets these requirements, a pothole will be prioritised for repair depending on its size, depth and road location.



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Home & Garden work undertaken

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email: karlosdoughty@live.co.uk



News from Tarmac

For this issue of The Signpost we are delighted to talk about a Tarmac-supported project in Barnstone which was recently completed and opened up for children in the area to enjoy once COVID-19 restrictions allowed.

Thanks to a donation of almost £20,000 from Tarmac's Landfill Communities Fund*, the Parish Council and Play Park Group were able to make the most of the quiet lockdown time to transform the village park and complete Phase 1 of a 'Vision for the Future' of the play area. Phase 1 has included replacing outdated equipment and refurbishing some existing equipment for the 2–11-year-old age group.

We recently went along to see the project for ourselves. It was fantastic to see the new Play Park busy with children really enjoying using all the new equipment. We are delighted that Tarmac was able to support this fantastic scheme through the Landfill Communities Fund, and to see what a big difference it is making to the local community in Barnstone.

We met Stephanie Walker there. She is a local resident and one of the organisers of the Play Park Group. She said: "With so much disappointment for children recently with lockdown and being isolated from friends, it is fantastic that we have been able to provide a new place and something local children can enjoy. We are excited for Phase 2 and to see how we can include the community in the project with the ideas we have."

The Group will now work on finding funding for and progressing with Phase 2 of their Vision which will involve

additional climbing and swing equipment to extend the range of play available.

*The Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund (or Landfill Tax Credit Scheme as it was formerly known) enables landfill operators like Tarmac, to donate part of their annual tax liability to enrolled Environmental Bodies for a variety of approved community and environmental projects. Landfill operators can reclaim 90% of their contribution as a tax credit which means the remaining 10% must be provided either by them or an independent third party. Through the fund Tarmac donates around £1 million each year to community projects throughout the UK. The fund is open to applicants who meet the strict criteria for projects delivering community benefit. For more information, please go to www.entrust.org.uk



Picture caption: Celebrating the completion of Phase 1 of the Barnstone play park development – left to right: Sharon Ellis, Parish Clerk, Langar Cum Barnstone Parish Council; Tim Hotchin, Tarmac Barnstone Production manager; Niki Heath, Tarmac Barnstone HR; Stephanie Walker & Claire Pegg, local residents and organisers of the Play Park Group

FOOTPATH PROJECT UPDATE

With the challenges of lockdowns during the last year, the benefits of being in the

outdoors and taking exercise have been brought into sharp focus. With this in mind, we also want to give you an update on the footpath project we wrote about in the last issue of The Signpost. We have been working with Parish Councillor Adrian Bellamy (cllrbellamylbpc@gmail.com) to investigate the possibilities for improving pathways around the wood near the boundary with our site and the FCC capped landfill site. I am pleased to say that since that article, several local people have come forward with ideas and offers of help. We are now working on plans for the first pathway but in order to take this project forward we need more local support.

FOODBANK DONATION

Finally we are pleased to report that we have recently made a significant collection and donation to the Cropwell Bishop Foodbank. The whole Tarmac Barnstone team got involved in this and we were able to hand over a large amount of foodstuffs and also some food shop vouchers to be given to local families in need.

If you have any questions about

Tarmac's operation in Barnstone please don't hesitate to contact us via barnstone.feedback@tarmac.com.

*TIM HOTCHIN, BARNSTONE
PLANT PRODUCTION MANAGER*

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Belvoir Archers

Since the lifting of lockdown in May, you will have noticed an increased presence of the archery club on the on the field from just Saturdays to also Tuesday and Thursday evenings. And we are scheduling to commence the use of Barnstone Village Hall later in the year.

In line with Archery GB guidance, there has been a change to our shooting practices. Amongst other things, only single households/bubbles can shoot on the same boss, the field is spaced out more and we have a booking system.



The club will be running some inhouse events for club members through the year to keep us active, such as the annual Founder Members Shoot in July and the fun Moose Shoot on Boxing Day.

The County Archery Society is holding several competitions that allow clubs to shoot on their own grounds and send scores in by post, this to ensure that we can shoot safely in our club bubbles.

During the winter, Sheila Worth was top Lady Longbow in November as part of the Nottinghamshire Archery Society Winter Outdoor Frostbite Challenge.

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



Granby, Barnstone & District Branch

This year we are commemorating the Centenary of the formation of the British Legion. On Saturday 15th May we laid wreaths at the memorials in the grounds of St. Andrew's, Langar and All Saints, Granby.

The Branch Annual Luncheon will be held on Sunday 12th September in Barnstone Village Hall at 12.30, with entertainment supplied by Granby & Sutton Singers. Tickets are £12 from Andrew Charlett 01949 861446 with proceeds to Branch funds and a raffle to the Poppy Appeal.

Andy Pulford, the Branch President, will be providing another of his excellent illustrated talks on Saturday 23rd October in Barnstone Village Hall at 7.30 with supper. Tickets are £10 from Andrew Charlett 01949 861446 with proceeds to the Poppy Appeal.

The Remembrance Sunday Service will be held on Sunday 14th November, commencing at 10.50 am. It is hoped that we can hold this in All Saints Church, Granby with refreshments following at Granby Village Hall.

The above events are subject to whatever Government restrictions might be in place at that time.



The Vale Market Café

Saturday 11th September 2021

Celebrate our 10th Anniversary!

Barnstone Village Hall 10 am – 12 noon

Eat and drink with friends & neighbours

Browse the stalls & purchase locally made
or sourced produce and exchange books

The event is subject to whatever Government restrictions might be in force.

Rosie May Foundation

Your bakes never tasted so sweet

Please can you help The Rosie May Foundation bring some joy into the life of a lonely person?

Have you seen or heard about our Rosie, our little pink Tuk Tuk.

Throughout lockdown we have been busy helping out the vulnerable people in our local community by collecting and delivering prescriptions, groceries, fish and chips, Christmas selection boxes and more.

As well as the practical side of things, we realised that just having a visit from the Tuk Tuk and a friendly chat with our volunteer has brought some much-needed pleasure into the day of someone who otherwise might have had no human contact.

Mary Storrie, CEO and founder of the Rosie May Foundation said *"In lockdown one, we quickly realised that the human interaction of a doorstep chat was as important as the prescription or the hot meal we were delivering. People have told us they are anxious about coming out of lockdown and socialising again. School children have said they would prefer to stay at home, rather than return to school. We are unlikely to be able to measure the impact of lockdown on society for generations"*.

Everyone deserves a chat with a friend. People need people.

We want to continue this by popping in to see people with the gift of a delivery in the form of a **treat and greet**.

Our plan is to visit our local seniors, isolated and vulnerable members of our community and pop by with a slice of cake and check in to see how they are. A doorstep visit is priceless to those people who are unable to get out.

Christine, a local resident of Bingham, as seen in the photo with Mary said *"I felt very lonely in lockdown and I really looked forward to your weekly visits. I am hoping to be able to get to market again soon"*.



With the help of our incredible volunteers and Rosie our little Pink Tuk Tuk, we want to deliver to make a difference. Delivering smiles and good cheer is our goal. Since the beginning of lockdown one our volunteer-led programme has given 1592 hours, the equivalent of £13,880 of social value to our community.

We would love it if your business could donate to us a range of delicious cakes or some tasty treats that would make their day and help improve their mental health by reducing loneliness.

We would share on all of our social media platforms that you have kindly donated your goods, to help the people in the community feel less alone and reassured that we are looking out for them and that we care.

We do not know the full effects of the devastating impact of lockdown to mental health, but we do know that with your help we can make a real difference to the lives of people in our community.

If you can help, please email mary@rosiemay.com, we would be incredibly grateful for your generosity.



Post Office times:

Barnstone Village Hall

Tuesdays 11.00-12.30



Taxi Voucher Scheme

- The scheme supports residents in Langar and Barnstone with limited financial means who are unable to travel by public transport due to personal mobility problems or rural isolation. The scheme provides vouchers towards the cost of taxi fares.
- Funding for the scheme is limited and we cannot guarantee that everyone who applies will receive vouchers. Those considered to have the greatest need are the most likely to receive vouchers.
- The scheme runs from 1 April to 31 March of the following year (the 'scheme-year') and application to the scheme can be made at any time during the year.
- If your application is approved, a set of £5 vouchers will be given to you for use as part-payment towards the cost of your taxi fare. Twelve vouchers will be issued if the application is approved at the start of the scheme-year, and the number of vouchers issued will be reduced *pro rata* as the scheme-year progresses.
- Renewal forms are sent automatically to members of the scheme to enable them to re-apply each year.
- The vouchers can only be used with the participating taxi operator - Bingham Cabs (01949 831400) - and are subject to the conditions of carriage of the taxi operator. Please inform the driver at the start of the journey if you intend to redeem a voucher.
- The vouchers are not transferable and must only be used by the person to whom they are issued.
- Please note that change will not be given from your taxi vouchers.
- Should unused vouchers be no longer needed, they should be returned as soon as possible to the Parish Clerk, so that they may be allocated to others on the scheme.
- Please be assured that your application will be considered in the strictest confidence by the Parish Council.
- Further details may be obtained from the Parish Clerk, whose contact details are below

Sharon Ellis

langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com

07984 075016

VALE ARTS GROUP – SIGNPOST JUNE 2021 AFTER LOCKDOWN

We have been sooooo patient, NOT!!! This Group of ours, it seems are more than a little anxious to get back together again! Thanks to Boris, we are now able to do just that with all the restrictions we are required to follow regarding Social Distancing and Sanitising!

Tuesday, the 18th of May 2021,
Yippee!!! We can get back to the Village Hall. Back to Vale Arts Group. We can catch up with other members on what we have done or have not done during the lockdowns. For those of us who are dedicated artists I am sure there will be tales told and pieces done when we had nothing else to do, that we can show off. I also know there are some like myself that sadly were not even mildly inspired to put brush to paper.

It has been an horrendous time for us all and hopefully we can get back to a form of normality. I fear NORMAL as we knew it will never be the same. However, as humans we always sort out things to become 'normal', so let's get on with it!

Yes! Yes! Yes!



We opened the doors and had eleven members pour into the Village hall!!! How great is that. Sanitise your hands at the door please. Set up your own table and chair and sanitise them, repeat on completion of the afternoon. You may wear a mask, but not obligatory, so no-

one did, but our Social Distancing was exemplary.

Cyril had done a good few paintings whilst in lockdown, Elaine has made a delightfully dressed lady hare, Sylvia made a knitted and stuffed Dachshund, which is for her great Granddaughter. I didn't see evidence of many other's work, but I am sure Phil Lewis did some drawings. The chatter was palpable as everyone was trying to catch up with everyone. Quite a few forgot at least one of their normal Art Group items, like Sylvia forgot her paints, I forgot my paper!

It does seem that nearly everyone did do a little something artistic this afternoon and after all that is why we get together. **EVERY TUESDAY AFTERNOON BETWEEN 2PM AND 5PM(ish).**

Cyril Richardson has offered to do a Demonstration late May or early June, his medium is acrylics or oils. We hope that we will be able to get hold of some Local Artists to come along and give us other Demonstrations as the year progresses.

We are always looking for new members to join and share their love of any kind of Art with us at Vale Arts Group. We have a lacemaker, photographers, an origami and glass sculptor, embroiderers and people who draw or paint in all manner of media. So - if you are looking for a group of fun people to share your love of Art with, join us.

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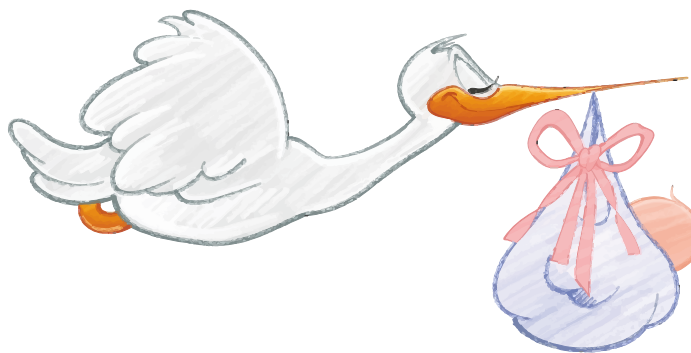
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