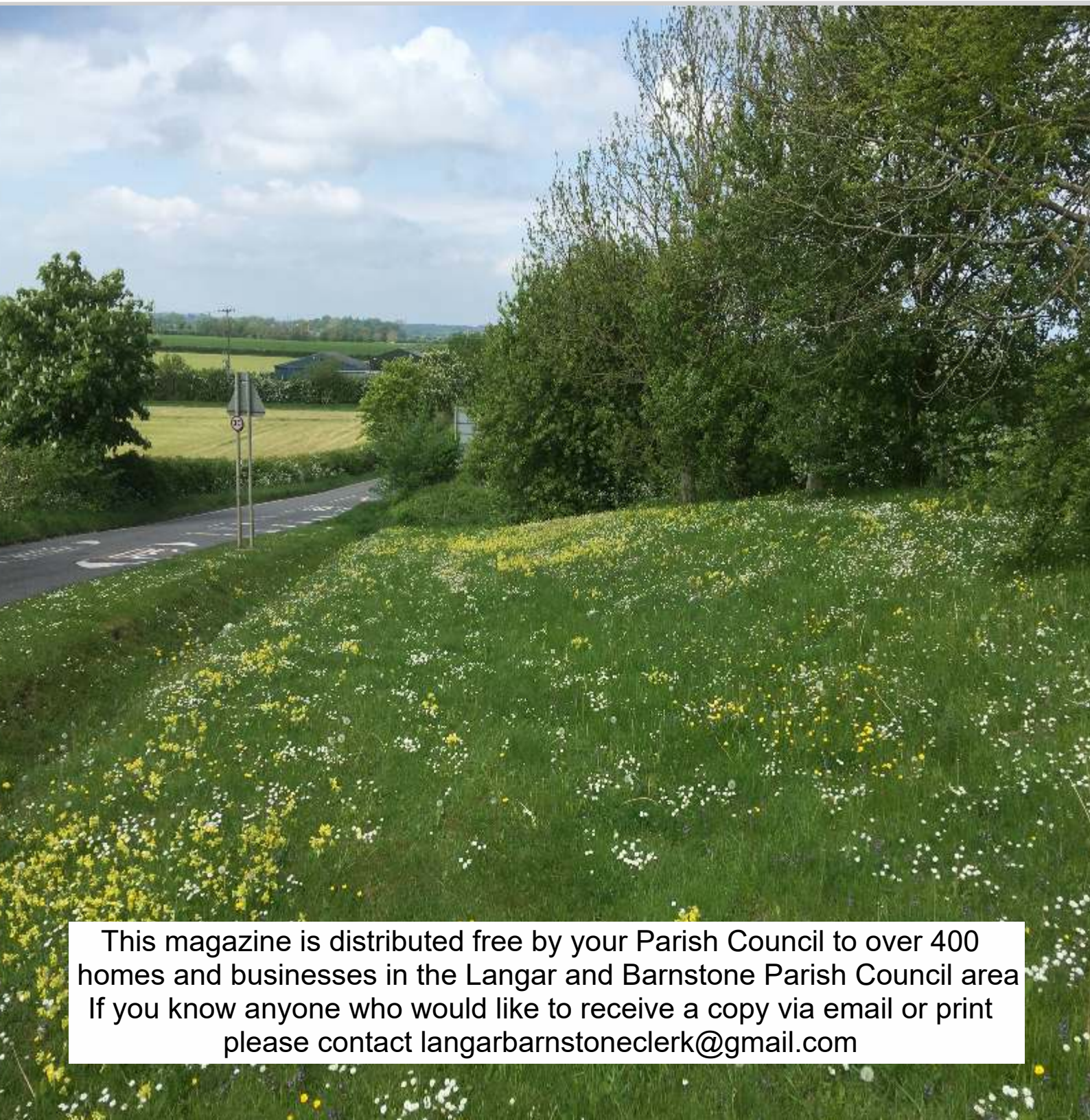


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Langar cum Barnstone Parish Newsletter



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We Will Do This!

The past three months have seen further good progress in attracting grants and donations towards the re-build of the village hall. As a result, the Trustee was able to return to the chosen builder, W R Bloodworth & Sons Ltd, to obtain updated costings for the project. A meeting of Welham Architects, the builder and the Trustee was held in early May, at which some cost savings were identified and agreed upon; the Trustee has now agreed on an 'intent to proceed'.

The current cost to re-build the hall is £627,000. This is covered by a Public Works Loan of £400,000 over 50 years, with the remainder being found from grants – Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund, The Bernard Sunley Foundation, The Lottery Fund, Nottinghamshire County Council, Rushcliffe Borough Council – and donations from local enterprises and individuals.

The Parish Council has an earmarked reserve of £64,000 to cover

contingencies; one concern is the state of the foundations to the existing building. The Trustee wishes to emphasise two points relating to the re-build.

The first point is that residents will not be required to recover the loan by imposition of higher local rates. This is because the loan renewal premium has been built into the Parish Council budget over the last ten years or so and will continue until the loan is paid off. The reserves accrued from these past ten years provide the contingency fund for the re-build and cover the cost incurred to date.

The second point is that we continue to invite individuals and the wider community to contribute to our '**We Can Do This!**' campaign. Any additional funds we can now raise will be used to pay off the loan and so reduce the duration of the loan period. See later on in this issue on how you can help.

The Trustee has drawn up an outline timetable for the re-build process. This is shown below. The intention is to start work this September and have the hall re-built by September 2023.

Date	Action
19 May 2022	Present information to VH Users Committee
28 May 2022	Present information to Annual Parish Meeting
31 May 2022	Village Hall Trustee meeting to finalise intent to proceed
30 June 2022	Draw down Public Works Loan
8 July 2022	DEADLINE TO DRAW DOWN PUBLIC WORKS LOAN
w/c 1 Aug 2022	Clear out of items held in VH and associated sheds Identify for alternative accommodation for groups using the hall
w/c 8 Aug 2022	Services to VH disconnected
15 Aug 2022	Possession of VH for demolition (completed by 31 Aug)
1 Sep 2022	Start of re-build
1 Sep 2023	Completion of re-build

A man has completed his 54th tandem skydive at Skydive Langar in Nottingham

Daredevil Dave has completed his 54th tandem skydive at Skydive Langar, stating he 'just can't get enough' in a celebration of his 75th birthday.

David Kellett travelled to Skydive Langar in Langar, Nottingham this week where he jumped from an aircraft attached to skydiving instructor Benjamin Reed-Smith, falling at 120mph for 50 seconds before flying back down to earth under a 360 square foot parachute.



(Mr Kellett's 54th skydive was filmed and photographed by skydiving videographer Laura Hampton)

When asked what keeps him coming back, he said "You'd think I'd be fed up of it by now, or know better, a man of my age but I come back for the excitement of the skydive and the staff. Coming back, meeting the skydiving staff. It's just brilliant."

Tandem skydiving has grown in popularity in recent years, with the Covid lockdowns giving way to an uplift in the experience economy in the UK. Skydive Langar saw a 50% increase in the average number of skydives per month

between 2020 and 2021 and completed more than 37,000 jumps in total last year.

Tandem skydives are completed by a tandem skydive instructor attached to a tandem skydive student. Those interested in skydiving by themselves can also choose to learn to skydive and can be fully qualified in as few as 18 jumps.

Skydive Langar is a skydiving centre of excellence situated in the Vale of Belvoir in Nottinghamshire. Skydive Langar caters for all levels of skydiving experience, from tandem skydives for first timers, to learn-to-skydive courses to skydiving for experienced jumpers and training teams.



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Sharpes of Nottingham is a family run business with over 100 years of combined experience within the coaching industry and it prides itself on being one of the premier executive coach operators serving the East Midlands.



Located in the village of Langar, they operate a fleet of executive and standard coaches for

hire, providing a high-quality luxury service to the local community, throughout Nottinghamshire, the East Midlands, the UK and Europe.

The company is run by the Sharpe Family and a team of dedicated loyal staff.

Russell says “as we are a family business, it is important we lead by example. So, when business dictates, you will see the directors cleaning, washing, fuelling, and driving. It keeps



us grounded, and shows we are prepared to roll our sleeves up and get involved.”

We would not ask any member of our staff to do something that we would not be prepared to do ourselves.” Russell adds “we have worked extremely hard to get where we are today. When we see our coaches on the road, it makes us feel immensely proud.”

For our drivers, it is not sufficient just to hold a licence, they must be dressed in a smart uniform, they must be polite and be able to converse with our client, be able to plan ahead, have a good knowledge of the itinerary, and as an ambassador represent our business to the best of their ability. “It’s a whole new skill set compared to just pulling up at a bus stop and giving them a ticket.”



Sharpes take pride in providing luxury coaches, meticulously cleaned, and maintained to the highest standards, ensuring that they deliver a first class service to their customers. They are a member of the

Confederation of Passenger Transport UK “CPT” and their experience enables them to deliver a premium service to their customers at competitive rates.

History

The Sharpe family have lived in the Nottingham area since Trevor and Joy moved to Nottingham in 1965. Trevor’s career in coaching began in the sixties when he moved to Radcliffe Upon Trent. He had a job at the Rank Organisation, working at the Odeon Nottingham, but also undertaking part time work as a driver for Lamcote Motors. He eventually left his position with Rank in 1985 to become Traffic Manager for the Company.

In 1996, following a brief period with Silverdale of Nottingham, he joined Eddie Brown of York to start a new depot in Nottingham with two coaches. One of those is still in the ownership of the Sharpe family today and takes pride of place in their substantial heritage fleet.

Sharpes of Nottingham was established in 2004 when the family sat down one evening, instigated by now Managing Director, Neil Sharpe and asked themselves the question: “why are we working for someone else when we could be doing the same thing for ourselves?” Director Russell Sharpe explains: “Sharpes was basically started from that conversation, and the company initially operated from mum and dad’s dining room table. We put our money into a pot and went and bought three coaches.”



Sharpes provide a vast array of hire options including UK and Continental holidays. The

different classes of coach provide different facilities and depending on the level, include full kitchens, climate control, hot and cold drink facilities, toilet/washroom, multimedia systems including Satellite TV, PA system, luxury reclining seating, Wi-Fi and extra leg room. There are also buses and coaches with wheelchair provision.



By 2016, as a part of the continual development of the business, the family recognised that the

existing yard facilities at Cropwell Bishop had reached their maximum potential and that if the business was to continue to grow, new premises would be required.

March 2016 saw the purchase of their new site at Langer which had the potential to be a modern, state of the art facility but which required a great deal of investment to realise its full potential.

Construction began in October 2016 following extended planning application and approval which also involved the rehoming of a family of resident Common Pipistrelle Bats. With construction complete, the business transitioned to its new facility during March 2017.

Sharpes Today

The fleet today consists of 60 vehicles, ranging from 17 seats to 83-seat executive double-deckers, all of which are operated and cared for by a team of over 50 employees.

The Vintage Fleet can be hired for events such as weddings and ‘Lulu’ the red double decker bus certainly provides the ‘wow’ factor for any occasion.



Trips available include all day trips, air shows, Christmas markets, historic castles,

houses and gardens, river cruises and scenic countryside trips.

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Langar & Barnstone's SOCIAL WALKING GROUP



After the uncertainty of the last couple of years, it is with great delight that members of Langar & Barnstone's Social Walking Group have shaken the dust off their anoraks and begun their 2022 season.

The group aims to organise a walk through our glorious local countryside one evening each week from April to September, weather and daylight allowing.

Most walks are about three miles long and, apart from a few muddy patches, overgrown hedges and the occasional stile, are usually not too much of a challenge. Transport is shared, if needed, and lifts are available for non-drivers.



Each walk is led by someone who knows the way and follows footpaths across fields, along canal towpaths and old railway lines, down ancient farm tracks and through village snickets and alleyways.

We live in a beautiful part of the world and it's lovely to have the chance to appreciate it from a different perspective.

So far this season we've triumphed over the weather, with a walk along the canal at Cropwell Bishop, a ramble through Whatton and Aslockton, a circular route around Cotgrave Country Park, a trek over Barnstone Bump and an exploration of Harby's hidden pathways.



At the time of writing, an expedition to the Muston Meadows Nature Reserve is next - with luck, the wild orchids will still be in bloom.

The turnout can be anything from just a couple of walkers to larger groups of a dozen or more and all walks take place during the early evening to accommodate busy lives.

It's very sociable, with no commitment, no cost and no special kit - just come when you can, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring an anorak!

For details of the next walk or to join the WhatsApp group, please contact Claire Pegg claire.pegg1@gmail.com 01949 861181



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Councillor's Newsletter

Summer 2022

Keeping you up-to-date with news
in your Ward and across the
Borough of Rushcliffe

Rural Policing

Our Neighbourhood policing team welcomes Chief Inspector Brett Price who will be based at Cotgrave and Constable Kelly Carlisle who takes up the vacancy created when PC Howard Shinn, who I am sure you all remember, retired.

I attended a Rural Crime event recently, where I learnt that we now have more officers in the force than in 2011, so let's hope we see them out and about in the Nevile and Langar Ward.



We also have three off-road badged, Rural Crime vehicles added to the fleet, helping the team

demonstrate to the public that they are taking seriously the crime that is coming to light and are able to respond to the issues that are of importance to the local farming and rural community, who have been victims of plant theft, and other issues.

Rural Crime continues to be a concern and will remain a Police Priority for the foreseeable future.

Speeding is also high on the agenda and I have put in a request for checks in all the Nevile & Langar hot spots.

Random speed check operations are already taking place across the Borough - so keep an eye out.



Bottle Tops

I am still collecting Bottle Tops in Hickling and collections continue in the villages for this very worthy cause, valued by Rushcliffe residents.

Covid

Is gradually on the wane, but we should still remain vigilant and practice the rules we learnt - hands, face, space.

Everyone is advised to consider wearing a facemask in crowded enclosed spaces, continue good hand washing practices, let fresh air in when meeting indoors and ensure you are vaccinated.

Over the past 2 years Rushcliffe was an exemplar Borough Council getting its business grant assistance out in record time and helping to stabilise our local economy.

Ukraine



We are all very aware of the on-going crisis in Ukraine and I joined a rally in West Bridgford recently highlighting the plight of the refugees.

To date Rushcliffe is sponsoring 85 homes for Ukraine refugees, with more coming forward.

Jubilee



Rushcliffe Customer Service Centre thanks The Queen for her 70 years of service.

All the villages have arranged individual celebrations and Communities across the Borough are celebrating with picnics, concerts, fancy dress parades, beacons and street dressing campaigns, many of which have received funding support from the Rushcliffe Parish Jubilee Grant Scheme. Look out for opportunities to take part, volunteer and have fun in your villages.

Trees

Spring into Summer and the newly planted trees across the Nevile and Langar Ward, under the Rushcliffe free tree scheme or Platinum Jubilee commemoration, are beginning to come into leaf.

We have had a very dry spring and these trees will need watering. May I appeal to you to look after your trees? They are planted for the health and well being of all.

Flooding – safety and signage

All our villages have been affected at some time or other and with climate change, will, no doubt, be affected again. I attended a NCC Flood Warden training event where the dangers of floodwater, even that flooding a road or pavement, football pitch or field, were highlighted.

The big message was: respect the water and do not go near or attempt to walk or drive through, you can never tell what is underneath and, the retreating waters are even more dangerous than the rising, because of the syphoning effect which has tremendous power.

The event was aimed at Village Flood Wardens. It is always good to be prepared and all villages should have trained Flood Wardens.

Cllr. Tina Combellack

Cllr.tcombellack@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Do you have an advert, content or picture you would like to include in the next edition of Signpost? We would love to include it.

Simply contact Sharon at langarbarnstoneclerk@gmail.com



Representing Vale Arts Group, I attended the Village Hall Users' Meeting on Thursday 19 May. What a good meeting that was! The Chairman of the Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council Cllr Jeff Fry, came to enlighten us about the Langar cum Barnstone Village Hall and where we stand with the new build. Hoorah! It seems the cogs and wheels are working and things are starting to happen!!

We have had very good attendance lately and what most of the group have been asking is: when is the next Exhibition? Vale Arts Group are planning to hold an Exhibition in the Village Hall on Saturday 25 June 2022. The Exhibition group members will display their work, including paintings in oils, acrylics and watercolours. There will also be pencil, pastel and chalk drawings, lacework, glasswork and embroidery. Last, but not least, photography. Some of the work will be for sale, but this is an ART Exhibition and it is to show the diversity of this group. Come along all you Villagers. Walk around and chat to the various artists and admire their works on display.

There will be refreshments on sale and all the proceeds from the day will go to the charity AMNET (Acoustic Neuroma and Meningioma Newtwork) which researches into brain tumours.

The date of the Exhibition will be Saturday 25 June 2022

The doors will open to the public at 11am and will close at 4pm

We always welcome new members who wish to join our Group. Our weekly gatherings are between between 8 and 12 members, who work on their current project. We are always willing to help and share our knowledge with the other members, it all helps. So, for an afternoon of relaxation, a cuppa and a biscuit, come along and see what we do.

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1st Barnstone Brownies

Our Brownie Pack has recovered well from the difficulties of Covid and Lockdown when we shut down for 9 months. We did Zooming and outdoor meetings for another 8 months before returning to indoor meetings in September 2021.

Our Leadership is looking up. Claire (Tawny Owl) is well into her Leadership qualification and has gained knowledge and confidence in every area of running our Unit with the view of taking over. Her expertise in organising finances and paperwork will be of enormous benefit.

Phoebe (Screech Owl) is still on board as an assistant leader, Dot (Brown Owl) is not quite ready to give up yet and Lu (Little Owl) is helping us out every now and then.

The commitment and reliability of Vicki (Barn Owl) and our Young Leaders must be mentioned. Without them we couldn't manage. Kate (Aqua), Rebecca (Ginger) and Ellie (Fluffy) are doing a great job.

We are well into the New Programme now and have a number of Brownies close to gaining their Bronze and Silver Awards. The highlights of this year have been visits from Sue to do first aid with us, Terry Rodgers and Charlie to tell us all about Guide Dogs for the Blind and an impromptu visit from Amanda and Oscar.

On May 22nd 19 Brownies and 4 Leaders went over to the Magpie's Nest at Elton to an event aptly named 'Let's Get Wild' organised by our Division.

The weather was so kind and the Brownies did activities based around 4 areas: Sahara, Arctic, Rain Forest and Woodland. A great time was had by all! We are having another Open Evening in June and hope to run our Famous Ice Cream Stall. Also we hope to have a Sleepover in the Autumn.



From September we will probably be in another venue for at least a year. That will be another adventurebut we can do it!

Thank you to all the support we have received during the year from Parents, Councillors and other visitors.

The Owls, Owlets and the Brownies



Farmers' Update

Food Security

As I type, war on the European continent is still raging with no sign of a ceasefire being agreed. For the global grain markets, the lack of Ukrainian wheat coming forward from harvests 2022 & 2023 has had a huge impact on grain values and has pushed nearly all grain commodities to record high values.

India first reported they may have surplus wheat to cover two thirds of Ukraine's exports but their weather has turned dry and now they are talking of an export ban. The United States have rated their harvest 2022 as having the poorest potential in decades; however, some good news is that closer to home in the UK, our wheat crop looks ok at time of writing.

The cumulative effect of all these various issues means in simple terms there won't be enough wheat around for 12-24 months and given that a large part of the western diet is based around wheat (around 30% of an average person daily energy intake is wheat derived), that's a problem.

Unsurprisingly then, food security for the UK is being brought into question. As a high density population we don't have enough land mass to be self-sufficient in food raw ingredients and an ever growing population requiring more productive land to be turned over to housing further exacerbates this problem, albeit at a slow pace. The UK is blessed with some of the most productive and forward thinking farmers on the planet but despite their best efforts the UK is only around 54% self-sufficient in food across all categories including carbohydrates, meat, vegetables, fruit & dairy. Given the first paragraph in this article, self-sufficiency of 54% is worrying and should be to all the population.

The supermarkets are businesses and as such try, where possible, to meet consumer demands which has led to a culture of expecting to walk in on any given day and buy both seasonal and non-seasonal vegetables and fruits and also items which are impossible for UK growers to grow commercially such as citrus fruits, bananas and avocados to name but a few. This culture in part explains why we have had such a low self-sufficiency but there are some major factors that we can all change to make this percentage higher including:

Switch to a more seasonal diet

When browsing supermarket shelves, make a note of country of origin and where possible try to avoid anything imported from overseas. Not only is this good for the environment it also benefits our domestic economy.

Food waste A scary amount of food products are wasted, the most likely of which are bread, chicken, potatoes and milk. The amount of these four main food groups wasted fluctuates around the 20% mark and when you take a minute to think of the time and energy that has gone into producing them that's an horrific value. Reducing food waste is essential to improve self-sufficiency and our environment.

Buy more wonky veg! It's great to see a lot of supermarkets offering 'wonky veg' now whereas previously a lot of these were rejects. However, in a world driven by consumer analytics, if we don't buy them they will go back to being fed to livestock or put into anaerobic digesters, which although not totally wasted is still not as efficient as consuming them directly. Let's turn 'wonky veg' back into just 'veg' and a bag of carrots is just that, as they were dug out the ground in a variety of shapes and sizes.

Cllr James Barlow



The Vale Market Café

Saturday 11th June 2022

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*

Forthcoming dates 9th July 2022

Please Pick Up After Your Pet



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

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

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

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

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

THANK YOU

Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council Annual Report for 2021–2022

I am pleased to present the report of Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council for the year 2021-2022. This year saw a return to face-to-face meetings after a period of enforced zooming. From my point of view, this made chairing a session much more manageable and, as such, was very welcome.

The Parish Council (PC) currently comprises seven councillors – Jeffrey Fry (Chair), Nicky Pulford (Vice-Chair), James Barlow, Adrian Bellamy, John Crosby, Katy Morris and Trevor Simpson. We have two councillor vacancies, so please consider applying if you feel you can offer something to support the Parish.

The work of the PC is very ably supplemented by that of the Parish Clerk (Sharon Ellis), the Lengthsman and Handyman (Luke Mazers) and the Litterpicker (Justina Harper).

A parish council exists to serve its residents, and I believe Langar cum Barnstone PC has been effective in this. Issues that have been considered by the PC over the past year include the following:

- Commenting on 21 planning applications, taking into account the views of residents expressed at PC meetings. The most contentious of these was an application to erect a communications mast at the C28 crossroads, which generated many objections from residents and the PC itself, and was subsequently refused by Rushcliffe Borough Council.

- Supporting the campaign for safer pedestrian crossing at the C28 crossroads.
- Maintenance of various sites within the Parish – the adult gym area, the children's play area, Langar pond, the recreation field and the 207 Squadron Memorial at Langar Airfield.
- Liaising with the Wildflower Farm and Kent Services to establish a development plan for Langar pond and the wildflower bank adjacent to the C28 crossroads.
- Supporting the campaign to erect a memorial at Langar Airfield to the US personnel stationed there in World War Two.
- Presenting plans for a pedestrian path between Langar and Coach Gap Lane.
- Publishing four issues of Signpost magazine, the growth of which in terms of both content and scope has been very encouraging.

In addition, various councillors and the Parish Clerk have attended meetings held by Rushcliffe Borough Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, and neighbourhood policing groups, amongst others, and fed back information to the PC.

The PC is also the Sole Trustee of the Langar-cum-Barnstone Village Hall charity, and much work has gone into establishing an organisational structure for the trustee function which is distinct from that of the PC in its local authority function. This removes the potential for conflicts of interest when considering plans for the re-build of the Village Hall and when applying for grants to fund the re-build. An annual report from the Trustee is presented separately.

**Cllr Jeffrey Fry, Chairman
Presented at Annual Parish Meeting
28 May 2022**



As the Queen's Platinum Jubilee approaches, there is a sense of warm reminiscence that is settling over the British public and so this month we are following the lead and taking a trip down Barnstone Cement Work's memory lane.

Barnstone Cement Works has been standing for 157 years and is steeped in rich history and tells a story of a Works that has been a consistent and contributory part of the local community, positively impacting the local economy with many local people finding employment here. In some cases with several generations from the same family following suit. One family saw the grandfather working here, followed by the father and finally followed by the daughter. There are still father/daughter and father/son duos working here, along with many friends of friends, retaining the unique family feel of the site.



(Ransome's Rotary Kiln 1928)

Barnstone has pioneered many things over the years and we are proud of our innovative approach to our plant and products. We were the first site in Britain to have a Rotary Cement Kiln.

Established in the 1860s with the first lime kilns in the area, lime works began in 1875, driven by Thomas and Robert Marshall. Cement was then added to our product range in 1885/6 propelling Barnstone into its long term 'career'.



in front of our Stores department.

Next time you walk or drive past, glance in through the metal gates and you'll see a portion of the kiln preserved and on display

It was also our very own Plant Manager - Steve Odell - who during his time as the Site Chemist, created the now infamous and very popular product Postcrete.



We mustn't omit from our brief glance back through our history, the time that the Barnstone Quarry Team found a

dinosaur fossil in our quarry.....well, a Plesiosaur, which existed in the Lower Jurassic times 150 million years ago

In more recent times, we merged with CRH in 2015 and our business still continues to thrive and supply our customers with high quality packed products.

In the coming months we will be collaborating with a local historian to provide a contribution to a WW2 memorial planned for Langar village and we continue to contribute to our local community where we can.

So as the Jubilee rings in a period of celebration for the country, Barnstone Cement Works looks forward to many more years as a part of the fabric of life in Barnstone Village.



There has been a lot of outdoor shooting for Belvoir Archers with Club nights of Tuesday and Thursday and the afternoon of Saturday being very busy.

The Nottinghamshire Archery County winter competitions saw several Belvoir Archers taking part, with our very own Sheila Worth taking first place for Ladies' Longbow for January, February and March and her husband David taking first place in Gents' Recurve for January.



The Club held its first National Crossbow Federation Competition World Record Status shoot on Sunday 15 May 2022. It was a tricky shooting day, with the

wind changing direction several times during the day.

Despite this a number of World/ European and UK records were broken.

Saturday 21 May saw the Club's Founder Members shoot. Thirteen brave archers took part in this, with one of our returning members, Daniel Reddish, taking first place, despite a seven year absence from archery.

The Club is running a number of Taster Sessions on the last Thursday of each month until August, and two beginners' courses; one in June and one in August.

We can now offer courses on the Longbow, Recurve, Barebow, Compound and Crossbow. Our club Head Coach is now a qualified Crossbow Instructor through the National Crossbow Federation, as well as being an ArcheryGB Level 2 coach for over nine years.

For the first time the club will be able to offer students a chance to have a go on a compound as well as Crossbow thanks to donations to the club and our head coach Bryan becoming affiliated to coach on cross bows.



The Club is also hosting several tournaments this year in June, July, August and September. So if you want to see an archery tournament in operation, just pop along and watch.

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 or email us on coaching@belvoirarchers.co.uk

Langar Church of England Primary School Sports and Activities Week

Do you remember taking part in Sports Day at school? Were you a winner or a loser? As not everyone likes running around and competing physically while being watched by parents, our school



decided to change the way Sports Day was run. Class 4 and Years 5 and 6, had a chat with Mrs Brown (the Head

Teacher) about how Sports Day was run. We reflected on the things that children and adults like about it and the things they don't.

We realised that for some children, and especially those with special needs, sports day can be a day that they don't like. We came up with another idea that would make everyone comfortable and not under pressure to do well. First, instead of just an afternoon, we had a 'Sports and Activities Week'. The teachers came up with lots of different activities. They ranged from Boccia and Uno to Long Distance and Javelin.



Everyone had the chance to put their name down for at least one activity so that they could compete in something

that they felt they were good at.

The week it was on was also SATs week, so it provided something else for Year 6 to focus on, rather than the upcoming tests the next day. We were competing against other house groups and winning points with every activity.

On Friday, we had a non-competitive afternoon with a variety of games and activities.

Parents were also invited to come and watch their child have fun. Although some



enjoy racing in front of parents, the Sports and Activities week was very inclusive and everyone enjoyed it.

**By Sophie Prescott,
Year 6 student at Langar**





A BIG THANK YOU

For the PLASTIC TOPS

❖ Sep 2018-Oct 2019	4 Tonne
❖ Jan-Dec 2020	4.74 Tonne
❖ Feb-Nov 2021	6.5 Tonne
❖ Feb 2022	1.5 Tonne
❖ Mar 2022	0.9 Tonne
❖ May 2022	0.9 Tonne

Money raised so far £1,250 including Gift Aid

All money received will be gift aided to

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Thank You



Memorial to the United States Forces based at RAF Langar



From November 1943 to October 1944
RAF Langar was home to a friendly



invasion of
the United
States'
Army
Airforce. It
was utilised
as a

satellite base for incoming Troop Carrier
Groups flying in from the USA. However,
in September 1944 it was used for the
invasion of Holland as part of Operation
Market Garden.

The 441st Troop Carrier Group from



Langar
towed and
dropped
units of the
82nd
Airborne
Division. As
part of this

operation 16 US personnel were sadly
killed having left from Langar and never
returned.

To date there is no memorial in place to
honour this friendly invasion and the 16
killed. Being a
local amateur
historian I set
about trying to
change this.
Working with
the local



Parish Council and the 207 Squadron
committee, permission has been granted
for a permanent memorial to be erected
for future generations to learn how our
local area played a part in history.

Thanks to kind donations from locals,
local businesses including John Deere,
Tarmac, Vale Concrete and The Vale
Market

Cafe as
well as
supporters
further
afield, the
memorial
has gained
enough

funding to be commissioned by
A W Lymn Funeral Directors.



Thank you to all those involved.

The official unveiling will take place on
Saturday 17 September 2022. We would
like to welcome local residents to the
unveiling at the current memorial area on
the industrial estate entrance. It is
planned to be attended by local dignities
and military officials. As well as the
official unveiling there will be historical
displays for your chance to see history
first hand.



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WE CAN DO THIS!

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



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



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

And finally...there has been some discussion that the term 'village hall' may not be the most appropriate descriptor for the building, given the desire to forge a shared community within the parish of Langar cum Barnstone. Would 'parish hall' or 'community hall' resonate better? Your thoughts would be welcome.

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

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