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BARNTON LIBRARY CELEBRATES 35 YEARS IN SEPTEMBER

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Barnton Library is 35 years old this September, and to celebrate we're having a birthday party on Wednesday 26th August. There will be a coffee afternoon, as well as face painting and a decorating gingerbread biscuit stall with Roberts Bakery for the children. The fun afternoon will start at 2.00pm and end at 4.00pm. Please come along and have a chat with us and enjoy some delicious cake - if there's any left!

NEWS FROM
BARNTON LIBRARY
Information, Inspiration,
Imagination



Books, CDs, DVDs, free computer access, story times and much more available at your local library. Come and visit to see what the library has to offer.



The Summer Reading Challenge in libraries

IT'S TIME FOR THE Summer Reading Challenge! Children of all ages are invited to join Cadmus the Gatekeeper, Raj, Belle and Louis and take up the Quest Seekers challenge to read six books over the summer holidays. The Summer Reading Challenge runs from Saturday 12th July to Saturday 12th September. You need to be a member of the library to take part, but joining is easy - just come along with a parent/guardian, ask them to bring some ID with their address on (such as a driving licence, or utility bill), and we can get you a library card. Once you're a member you can sign up to take part. If you complete the challenge you will be invited to an award ceremony at the library and you'll receive a special certificate and medal.

A few weeks ago we had a nasty surprise in the library when water came flooding in. The downpipe from the roof was blocked (due to a tree root) and water had poured in and flooded the library up to the counter and the multimedia

section. Thank you very much to the borrowers who helped the staff clear it up, we really appreciate it. We had to close for a day and a half. Fortunately nothing was damaged, and the new carpet has since been cleaned and luckily isn't stained.

We have a number of summer activities going on at the library, including an Explore Learning Writing Workshop, Jewellery Making Workshop and an Old English Folktales Storytime. Please contact the library, or visit the website, for times and dates of these events. Some of these events have limited places, so please contact the library to book your place if you would like to attend.

Did you know that you can be reminded via email to renew your books three days before your books are due back? This is very useful and can help prevent fines accruing! Additionally, you can receive emails alerting you to events that we've got on in the library. If you would like either or both of these notifications, please ask a member of staff when you're in the library.

"Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries." - Ann Herbert

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Eleanor Moss (Librarian)

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| Opening hours: | Monday | 2pm - 7pm |
| | Tuesday | Closed |
| | Wednesday | 2pm - 7pm |
| | Thurs & Friday | 2pm - 5.30pm |
| | Saturday | 10am - 1pm |

Telephone and Fax: 01606 77343

email: barnton.library@cheshire.gov.uk

Website address: www.cheshire.gov.uk/library

BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL

has vacancies for

TWO PARISH COUNCILLORS

Have you got what it takes and a few hours each month to serve your community?

Meetings are held once a month on Monday evenings. No experience is necessary, just a good sense of community spirit.

**Please contact
The Clerk to the Parish
Council by telephone on
01606 76468
or by e-mail at
crgarton@aol.com
for further details**

BARNTON LIBRARY'S SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Jewellery Making - Thursday 13th August - 2.30pm - 3.30pm. Booking Essential.

Old English Folktales - Friday 21st August - 2.30pm - 3.30pm. 6 - 12 yr olds

RESTRUCTURING THE MEETINGS OF BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL

BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL has experienced a high turnover of Councillors with hardly a month passing by without a vacancy. It was felt that there needs to be a sense of purpose about the Council, a place where people can see that they can contribute in a meaningful way without debating the special interest items that can be best handled by people with interest in those particular special interest items.

It has been proposed that sub committees are introduced to deal with special topics and that the council meeting is reserved for setting council policy, receiving reports from these subcommittees and determining strategy. The Full Council always has the ability to call in decisions and reports by any sub committee to debate them if required.

The new sub committees are: Finance and General Purposes Committee; Parks and Recreation Ground Committee; and the Grants Committee. These will exist alongside the existing Planning Sub Committee and the Barnton with Marbury and Anderton Burial Joint Committee.

The meeting dates for 2009 are as follows:

Monday 7th September

7.30pm Finance and General Purposes Committee
8.30pm Parks and Recreation Ground Committee

Monday 28th September

7.30pm Full Council

Monday 9th November

7.30pm Finance and General Purposes Committee
8.30pm Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee
9.00pm Grants Committee

Monday 30th November

7.30pm Full Council

BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Barnton Parish Council members as at 1st July 2009:

Mrs C. Ashdown, Orchard Cottage, 8 Oakwood Lane, Barnton

Mr F. Casey, 12 Cedar Drive, Barnton

Mr R. Daniels, 24 Elmwood Road, Barnton

Mrs O. Golding, 39a Runcorn Road, Barnton

Mrs J. Hughes, 12 Astbury Drive, Barnton

Mr R. Hearsey, 146 Elmwood Road, Barnton

Mr S. Kennish, 7 Cherry Tree Avenue, Barnton

Ms H. Kirsopp, 189 Runcorn Road, Barnton

Mr K. Reading, 9 Elmwood Road, Barnton

Mrs A. Robinson, 89 Townfield Lane, Barnton

Ms V. Vickers, 73 Mond Street, Barnton

Mr J. Wills, 61 Mond Street, Barnton

Mrs C. Wilson, 31 Townfield Lane, Barnton

Parish Clerk, Mr C.R. Garton, 68 Lydyett Lane, Barnton

There are currently vacancies for two further members. Please contact the Clerk.

FEELING GOOD

Summer Colds?

The unsettled weather we have been experiencing recently has resulted in many people contracting coughs and colds. Travelling in crowded trains and buses, contact with work colleagues, air conditioning in aeroplanes, and so on, has all helped to spread the bacterial infection. Many of my clients have been reporting the symptoms of feeling unwell without being ill enough to stay off work.

In order to fight off such infections the body's natural immunity needs to be boosted in the most natural way possible.

Your diet needs to include immune boosting foods such as broccoli, red peppers, fresh garlic, ginger, omega 3 rich nuts and seeds, purple, red and orange fruits, and whole-grains such as porridge, multi-grain bread and muesli. Don't forget our own Little Leigh home grown potatoes, what a wonderful source of nutrients! Iron, with vitamin C to help the body absorb it better, carbohydrates for energy, low in fat (as long as not too much butter on them), Vitamins B1, B3, B6, riboflavin, magnesium, phosphates, folate, pantothenic acid and it has dietary anti-oxidants!

Many of us have long-standing problems with our health, particularly as age, wear and tear takes its toll. This may manifest in difficulty recovering from colds, or a persistent infection, or a constant 'aching' bad back. These can linger for years, initially not seen as serious enough to need drastic measures, but the cumulative effects can, over time, develop into something more serious.

Complementary medicine offers an holistic package of therapies that can create a sense of general well being, helping people to overcome problems with health, feel good about themselves, ready to face the world with renewed energy and confidence. Clients are treated as individuals with their own unique needs. Consultations, very detailed and personal, are carried out in the utmost confidentiality so that an appropriate course of treatment can be designed. Conventional medications prescribed by GP's and specialists are tailored into the treatment plan to eliminate any possible adverse interactions.

As a qualified professional Complementary Medicine Practitioner, I offer a range of treatments including Acupuncture, Reflexology, Hypnotherapy, Dietary advice, Reiki, Aromatherapy and Western Herbal Medicine.

The herbal remedies are from the ancient European tradition which has a proven history over thousands of years. Native plants, such as Hawthorn, Nettles and Dandelions, are incorporated into making remedies in the form of tinctures, teas, lotions and creams.

Rosie Hoyle

BSc. MBAcC. MNINH. Dip HHC. PGCE. ITEC. CthA.
(Mid Cheshire Complementary Medicine)

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| Acupuncture | Herbal Medicine |
| Hypnotherapy | Reiki |
| Reflexology | Aromatherapy |

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rosiehoyle@hotmail.com

NEWS

The Hall is preparing for its annual heavy maintenance period - this will be between Monday 17th and Sunday 24th August. This is the time the Trustees arrange to carry out the painting and major cleaning of all the rooms and equipment. The gardens have all been tidied-up and many of our users have commented on the beauty of the lavender borders and red-robin hedges.

The trustees are pleased to congratulate the Youth Club on their successes in the Northwich Carnival, having come first in the class again.

The hall is always willing to talk to anyone interested in hiring its Hall or small rooms, either during the day or at evening times, - please contact the Secretary above.

INDOOR BOWLS

There has been a good response to this idea and it seems that a club may be starting soon.

The trustees are currently actively applying for grants to cover the purchase of at least two mats and other associated equipment.

The club is actively looking for more potential members so if you are interested please give Sarah a ring on 75153 or Frank McPhillips on 76133

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

Unfortunately, although there was some support for this idea, the Mums and Toddler group has not materialised yet - the Trustees are still keen for this to get off the ground so if you are interested we are still happy to hear from you, and we will put you in touch with the previous responses.

DRAMA

Karen Brindle 01606 301793(H) or 07977 298991 (M)
Karen@polshaw.fsnet.co.uk is still hoping to start a drama class but needs more interest from possible attendees.

JUGGLING

On Thursday evenings there is a small group of people who get together to learn/practice the art of juggling for an hour or so who are looking for new recruits to carry on this ancient art - please ring Sarah for further details or just turn up at 20.15 hrs and see for yourself.

SPREAD THE WORD NOT THE MYTH!

The Sir John Brunner Trust was set up in 1898 by Sir John for the purpose of providing schooling for the children in the Village.

Sir John stipulated that if the school was ever closed then the school should be used as a village hall for the benefit of the people of Barnton. The Trustees (all volunteers) who own the Hall (it is not owned by the Parish Council), built the current Hall from the proceeds from the sale of the school built by Sir John.

Barnton Memorial Hall is available for your use; if you want to help to run it or you can volunteer some time to do jobs in the hall please let us know.



BARNTON MEMORIAL HALL COURSES - SEPTEMBER 2009



| COURSE | COURSE NO | SESSION NO | START DATE | END DATE | DAY | TIME | FEE | NO OF WEEKS |
|---|-----------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|------------|-----|-------------|
| Exercise to Music | PCN6005 | P71AH | 23.9.09 | 2.12.09 | Wednesday | 10-12 noon | £32 | 10 |
| Hand Embroidery | DCN6006 | P71AH | 21.9.09 | 19.10.09 | Monday | 1-3pm | £32 | 10 |
| Introduction to Painting using a variety of media | DCN8001 | P71EH | 21.9.09 | 30.11.09 | Monday | 10-12 noon | £10 | 10 |

For further information on all courses please contact the Community Education Team on 01606 720615/720527 or email jdewison@midchesh.ac.uk



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BARNTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



SUMMER TERM

Wider Opportunities

On Wednesday 8th July Year 5 completed their Wider Opportunities project in style! They performed alongside three other schools at Northwich Memorial Hall to parents and staff as well as members of the local community.



Our Year 5 children also played alongside the Halle orchestra at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester - what an AMAZING opportunity!

Year 5 have been learning a variety of instruments over the past academic year and the concert was a testament to their dedication and perseverance. They received great praise from all who witnessed the spectacle and are set to recreate the magic at 9.10am on Thursday morning at Barnton Community Primary School for their peers and parents.



Some of our Year 3 children went to St Thomas Boteler Church of England High School, where they were taught the Steel Pans. We were also very fortunate to be visited by Mr Phil Clarke - the SAMBA man, who worked with children throughout school, allowing them the opportunity to participate in his Samba band - it was great fun!



Science and Technology Week

During June we held a Science and Technology week, during which experts and specialists came into school to talk to children about Engineering and Science.

We created a 'Castaway Island' in our grounds and children were able to make shelters, bridges and rafts.

The week ended with a MATCH night, when 'Men And Their Children' came into school, enjoying an active evening - launching rockets and making boats - racing them across our makeshift 'lake'!



As part of our exciting Science and Technology week Year 1 and Year 5 joined forces and completed an MFL treasure hunt led by Mrs Murray from Hartford High School. They had a great time and practised skills in French, German, Italian and Spanish!

Youth Speaks 2009

Two teams of Year 6 children from Barnton Community Primary School competed in this year's Youth Speaks Competition held by The Rotary Club of Northwich.

The titles of the presentations were 'Diseases', discussing how the media report on health scares and 'Big Family versus Small Family'.

The teams prepared well, presented extremely confidently and the judges commented on the interesting topics that had been chosen, the excellent use of vocabulary, how well structured the presentations were and how well the pupils worked together in their teams.

We were extremely proud of all the pupils involved and they thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and experience of competing in such an event.

BARNTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 3 Beeston Residential



Year 3 have been to Beeston on a three day residential! They had a very busy few days, which started off with visiting Beeston castle and making beautiful observational drawings. Over the next two days the children made a visit to an Organic Farm, roasted marshmallows by the campfire and ventured through Beeston forest where they climbed the 'Witches Steps'! On the final day they enjoyed yummy ice-cream from Tattenhall Ice-cream farm.



ROSEBANK SCHOOL

New Head Teacher for Rosebank

Rosebank Headteacher, Helen Johnson, retired in March. The Governors have appointed Jude McGuinness, formerly from The Elms School in Knowsley. We all look forward to welcoming her when she begins her headship in September.

Tri-Golf Festival

Three classes of Key Stage 2 pupils participated in a Tri-Golf Festival at Rudheath High School. The Festival was organised by the Vale Royal School Sports Partnership.



The pupils all enjoyed the experience and had a wonderful afternoon.

Rosebank Vegetable Garden

The new Rosebank vegetable garden is looking lush and green and we are almost ready to harvest our first produce. The pupils have enjoyed planting, weeding, watering, and watching everything grow.

Summer Days Out

During the summer term staff organise days out for the pupils. Our Nursery Reception children visited Delamere Forest on the train, and had a lovely day walking and exploring the area.

Class 1 pupils spent the day at Wheelock Farm.



Key Stage 1 visited the seaside at West Kirby and some Key Stage 2 classes have visited Knowsley Safari Park. These experiences enrich the curriculum for our pupils and new experiences encourage their communication skills.

Live Music Now

A saxophone quartet from Live Music Now has been working with Class 4 over the last few weeks.

The class have used percussion instruments to play alongside the group and have performed with other special school pupils in a concert at the Winsford Lifestyle Centre.



You can leave information for the Northwich Community Action Team on
0845 458 6392 This is an answer phone

Or email: Northwich.cat@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

BARNTON VILLAGE WEBSITE:

www.barntonvillage.org.uk

A few words from our PCSO - Diana Wiggins

WE ARE HALF WAY through the year and with regards to general anti social behaviour in the area, there has been a steady decrease. This has been achieved through police action, and the support of residents. Sadly however, we have seen an increase in the anti social use of motorbikes, and illegal use of off-road bikes within the Barnton area. I must clearly point out that this is not acceptable, and positive police action will be taken on all occasions, with an example earlier on in the month of July where two off-road bikes were seized, and the drivers prosecuted.

I appreciate that a police presence is not always apparent, but I would like to reassure residents that unmarked vehicles have been patrolling the area, and the police plane has been making aerial observations in an effort to catch illegal use of motorbikes and other activities of crime.

In the next few weeks, there will be a weekly surgery organised for any concerns that residents may have which is to be held at Barnton Primary School. Anyone with any information, please come along or discuss any concerns that they may have. All discussions are totally confidential.

All residents can contact me with any issues they may have at any time by contacting me on:

0845 458 0000 or 0845 458 6392

With the school holidays here it is nice to see everyone enjoying the REC , although most of the children and youths using the REC will not cause any damage, there is always someone who will spoil it for everyone else. If anyone sees any offenders causing damage please report it to myself or the number above and we will deal accordingly.

There have been several caravans stolen, owners should be on their guard and be extra diligent with their security, report anything suspicious. On a lighter note I hope that everyone has a great Summer, and stay safe.

Diana Wiggins

BARNTON HOMEWATCH

The aim of HomeWatch is to help everyone in the community feel safer. By looking out for each other we can make it much more difficult to commit a crime in Barnton and help catch those who do.

Help to keep your area safe and crime free - have a link to your local PCSO, Dianna Wiggins, (who also supports the work done by HomeWatch), so you can talk to her - and pass on any concerns quickly.

Plans are continuing to expand the HomeWatch scheme in Barnton. Jeff, who already runs a successful scheme in his part of the village, has been requested to take on the role of Village Co-ordinator to help develop similar arrangements across the whole of Barnton.

"Having an active HomeWatch scheme will provide us with the best way of developing a partnership between residents and the police. It's in all our interests to reduce crime against ourselves and our properties," Jeff told *Tunnel Top*.

To achieve a practical scheme, about 70-80 co-ordinators are needed, working in groups of up to 7 or 8, an average of one co-ordinator per road.

So far 15 volunteers are already working on the scheme; another 60 need to be recruited to cover the whole village. The task isn't onerous and current volunteers report themselves as soon brought up to speed.

Each co-ordinator agrees to hold the contact details of all residents on their patch and to act as the prime contact for crime information to and from the police and ad hoc reports from the residents.

"Having an e-mail address helps make communication more efficient," says Jeff, "but the scheme is also designed to include those without access to e-mail through a cascade process".

Volunteers are needed now. If you want to get involved and are prepared to help either as a co-ordinator or as an individual who supports the scheme please get in touch with Jeff.

If there isn't a scheme in your street why not consider starting one!

He can be contacted by e-mail at barnton@valeroyallink.com or telephone 07780 509740, or more information can be obtained by visiting www.valeroyallink.com

BARNTON SCOUT GROUP

SINCE OUR LAST PIECE in Tunnel Top, all sections of the Group have been busy with their own projects and events, with the Beavers attending a fun day at Forest Camp, Sandiway; the cubs participating in a cyclathon around the Oulton Park Race Circuit to raise funds for Cheshire and 1st Barnton; and the Scouts taking on the challenge of District Camp in which they participated in water activities and other scouting activities.

Each section still has places available with no waiting lists at present, so please feel free to contact the Group for more information at barntonscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk, www.barntonscout-group.btik.com, or by phone on 01606 75391. If you would like to help the Group, we also have places on our Executive Committee and will welcome anyone who wishes to offer their services. Finally, we'd like to congratulate our Beaver and Cub Scout Leader, Pam Owen (Buzz/Akela) on being awarded the 'Bar to the Silver Acorn' one of the most prestigious awards offered by scouting!



LOCAL RACING STAR

Local boy, Connor Behan has been racing motorcycles since the age of 12. Winning the Minimoto North & Eastern Championships in his first season. In 2006 he was runner-up in both the Aprilia Superteens and the ACU Formula 125 Series and was voted Best Young Rider of the Year 2006, adding his name to a trophy alongside legends such as Barry Sheene and Jim Redman.

At only 15, Connor stepped up to compete in the British Superbike Series, where he gained experience and learned new tracks, finishing 7th overall in the Dorna Academy Cup.

2008 was a solid season, again running in the BSB Series, he finished 5th in the overall standings, with a run of podium finishes and putting in some excellent performances. He was handed a 'wild card' to ride in the Moto GP at Donington Park, which was a great experience and achievement.

This season, Connor was invited to join SP125 Racing, run by former racer Steve Patrickson, who have won the BSB Championship for the past two years. A few teething problems in the early rounds, now seem to be sorted, with Connor qualifying on the front row of the grid for the last 6 rounds. Taking his first podium of the season at Knockhill, things are certainly improving. Although on his last outing, misfortune struck whilst running in 2nd place at Mallory Park. His exhaust split, which resulted in a lack of power, then as moisture leaked on to the rear tyre it caused a huge highside and put an end to such a promising race. Luckily Connor wasn't too badly hurt.

When not racing, Connor works as an apprentice at local firm Soot Hill Motorcycles, who support and encourage him in his racing and allow him the necessary time off to travel around the country to race meetings.

The next round of the BSB 125GP Series is at Brands Hatch on Sunday 9th August, and will be televised live on British Eurosport at 13.45pm.

If there are any local businesses or individuals who can see the potential in Connor's future and would like to become involved at these early stages, please drop us an email at juliebehan@aol.com or phone Garry on 07734263316 for further information.



Connor in action at Donington Park.

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400m Olympic and Commonwealth games medallist

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5km & 3km fun runs

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Antrobus St Mark's Primary School,

Confirmed sponsors so far:

Vale Royal School Sport Partnership, Northwich Glass,
Rosebank Sports; Antrobus Village shop,
Poplars Farm, Park Royal LC, Percy's Autos

BARNTON YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB



www.barntonfc.co.uk
Established 2001
An FA Charter Standard Club

BARNTON YOUTH FC start the 2009/10 season with 13 teams, a big step up from last season's 9 teams; A new mini soccer under 7's and 3 new girl's teams at under 12, under 16 and under 18 will be playing football in various leagues.

The new under 18 girls will be playing the most high profile teams as they enter the newly formed Cheshire and Manchester under 18 league, where they are pitched against the likes of Port Vale, Bolton Wanderers and Manchester United, check out the website during the season for the fixtures.

Barnton Youth FC are hoping to extend the girl's teams for the 2010/11 season to include under 8's 10's and 14's, players and potential parents for managers/coaches please contact Chris Dymond at chris.dymond@fsmail.net. We can only enter teams if we can get the support and volunteers to run the teams, join in you will may find out you enjoy it!

The under 6's coaching (must be over 5 and under 6 at 31st August) and the minnow's sessions for 3-6 year olds will be starting in September, check on the website or e-mail Mike Hinton at minnows@hotmail.co.uk for details

Football Players needed for the forthcoming 2009/2010 season: -

Mixed mini soccer Under 7's (must be over 6 and under 7 at Midnight 31st August 2009)
e-mail Wayne Marsden at Marsdenwayne@aol.com

Experienced players for the: -

Boys Under 14's (must be over 12 and under 14 on the 31st August)
e-mail Darren Tolley at dazza2310@live.co.uk

Boys Under 15's (must be over 13 and under 15 on the 31st August)
e-mail Jim Wingrove

Girls Under 16's (must be over 14 and under 16 on the 31st August)
e-mail Phil Roach at philroach59@hotmail.com

Girls Under 18's (must be over 16 and under 18 on the 31st August)
e-mail Phil Roach at philroach59@hotmail.com



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Barnton Cricket Club

Barnton Cricket Club has gained the coveted 'Clubmark', the quality standard set by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), for its commitment to the development of junior cricket at Broomsedge.



ECB accreditation will greatly increase the opportunities for securing funding and practical help to improve the Club's facilities. And, from a playing point of view, it will be especially beneficial in relation to coaching, both in terms of recruitment and raising standards.

It has been hailed as the start of an important new era in the Club's history by Simon Hancock, Barnton's 1st team captain and head of the Junior Section, who for over a year has borne the lion's share of the work that has been required to attain Clubmark status

Cricket Section Chairman Steve Yarwood commented: 'The juniors are the Club's future and Clubmark will give us a better chance of attracting and developing young talent. It is equally important, however, that now we have got Clubmark we do not lose it, and that means all our members, not just our cricketers, have to maintain high standards of behaviour on and off the field.'

Club Chairman Bob Gregory paid tribute to the hard work put in by Simon in securing the ECB benchmark. 'He has done a tremendous job,' said Bob. 'He deserved the thanks of the whole Club and the best way for us to show our appreciation is to make sure we use this award as the foundation for further progress.'

It is also hoped that this latest development will provide added impetus to the Club's long-time ambition of gaining promotion to the County League.

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If you enjoyed reading this issue of Tunnel Top please pass it on to a friend