Arnesby News Sheet - Special Edition - 20th March 2020

Activities and Clubs - cancelled until further notice

Updates will be issued when things change.

- · Craft Club
- · Pilates
- · Book Club
- Table Tennis
- All groups at the Chapel
- · Flicks in the Sticks
- Police Beat Surgery
- Toddler Group
- WI meetings

Church and Chapel Services

will not be held

However, both the church and chapel will be open for individual prayer and contemplation.

See also the Chapel notice below.



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Hello! If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19, please ask and we will try to help with:

- Picking up shopping/ prescriptions etc.
- Posting mail
- · Finding information online
- Praying or discussing anything We're always up for a chat, so do give us a call!

CORONAVIRUS IS CONTAGIOUS. AVOID PHYSICAL CONTACT
(2M DISTANCE), ITEMS SHOULD BE LEFT ON DOORSTEPS.

See more news items over page.

Arnesby Allotment Vacancy

There is currently one vacant allotment plot. If interested, please contact Liz Middleton by email at arnesbyallotments@gmail.com

Sue Spriggs - Swimathon

Sue was able to complete her Swimathon early on Thursday and she did 60 lengths (1.5k) in 53mins. She thanks everyone who sponsored her in support of cancer charities and she has raised £500. You can find her on www.justgiving.com

The News Sheet will try to keep abreast of the issues as they arrive and will be published as is needed to keep the village informed of ongoing developments. We need your help to provide a comprehensive coverage, so please pass all news to:

Jenny Lees (0788 547 3057) or Monica (see over page) **The Parish Council website** will also feature updated information at www.arnesbyparishcouncil.org.uk

How to get help or support

Arnesby Baptist Chapel are offering help, support and guidance, see a copy of their notice on the left.

And Sue Cooper is coordinating requests for help/support available from the support network set up by local people on WhatsApp and other groups.

Sue can be contacted:

- telephone or text: 07534 897 037
- by email on arnesbylocal@gmail.com
- on the Arnesby WhatsApp group (see over page)

She will pair your request with one of the volunteers.

This can be for shopping, someone to talk to, information, dog walking, someone to chat to on the phone, or by email, or just a friendly contact person, especially if you are lonely, or ill, or worried about something.

Prescription collection

Sue Cooper has agreement from Countesthorpe Health Centre for her to collect prescriptions from there once a week.

If you have to self-isolate and don't already have an arrangement to have your prescription collected, please contact her.

If you are a patient at another surgery, or have your prescription sent to another chemist directly and may need your prescription to be collected, please let Sue know and she will try to plan for these too.

Telephone or text Sue on 07534 897 037

Shopping – Deliveries – Support local businesses

As well as internet shopping, there are some local traders who are making deliveries: e.g.

Joseph Morris Butchers will deliver to Arnesby, contact 01858 575210 to place orders. (Short of stock this week, but should be better next week.)

Little India is open and would welcome your support. They have a collection/delivery service for take away meals with discount. See www.littleindia-arnesby.biz for menus or tel: 0116 2478251 / 0116 2799033

Cores and Pips – based in Countesthorpe. Local fresh Fruit and Veg box scheme, delivered in returnable wooden box e.g. £15 for 10 varieties fruit & veg. Contact them on Facebook or message 07765924989. Currently no problems with supply.

Milkman delivers groceries too. } Contact Monica Fishman visits on Tuesday afternoons.} for more info

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From Jenny Lees, on behalf of Arnesby Parish Council:

"Events are changing rapidly in response to the coronavirus epidemic. As the news sheet goes to all households in the village, it was suggested that it would be useful to send an update.

Thanks to Monica for doing the usual excellent job getting this out at short notice and to those volunteers who help her to deliver around the village."

Please note that there will be updated information online at www.arnesbyparishcouncil.org.uk

Wheelie Bin Collections & Recycling Sites

Black bins

- Fridays 20th March, 3rd & 17th April

Blue bins

- Fridays 27th March, 10th & 24th April

Green bins with old stickers/Green bins with new stickers

- Friday 27th March / Fridays 10th & 24th April You can now get your new sticker for April onwards (£40) from HDC online at www.harborough.gov.uk/green-bin

Recycling Sites - 9am - 4pm (October - March)

- Oadby/Wigston Mon, Tues, Weds, Sat, Sun
- Kibworth Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun
- Whetstone Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun

Road Closures and Traffic Lights

16th - 20th March and 14th - 16th April

Oak Lane closed

One way up Robert Hall Road - opposite direction

23rd March for up to 3 weeks

Junction with A5199 closed

Continuing until beginning of May

Lutterworth Road - traffic lights, etc.

Church Floodlighting Proposal

Many people have said how much they enjoy seeing the church floodlit and the internal light shining through the stained-glass window. So much so that one person, not a churchgoer, has offered to pay for any extra electricity needed.

Not only would it enhance the building, it might help security. However, some people might object on the grounds of light pollution, and people living nearby might not want additional lighting.

Brian Spriggs (Church Warden) would welcome your comments by phone (2478559)

or by email to suespriggs@btinternet.com

Dates for your Diary – to be confirmed nearer the dates

Saturday 20th June - Village picnic and BBQ in the playing field, 6.30pm onwards

Friday 26th June - Fake Thackery — Country/Folk music concert in the Village Hall

Wed 29th July – Film Planning / Bring & Share Supper in VH Saturday 26th September – Arnesby Auction of Promises (under new management) in the Village Hall

Arnesby Parish Council & Support Network

At the meeting on Tuesday 17th March the Parish Council agreed that for those most at risk (people over 70 and with underlying health issues, or those who are having to self- isolate, or who have the virus) there should be a support network in the village.

There are several ways people might need help with e.g. shopping, collecting medication, dog walking, someone to chat to on the phone or online or just a friendly contact person, should the need arise.

Many people have offered their help and Sue Cooper at Long Acre, St Peter's Road has been asked to help coordinate our support network.

Offers of help

The WhatsApp Group has been alive with offers of help. Sue Cooper will be asking all the people who have offered their help to join the volunteer support group.

If you aren't on WhatsApp but would like to offer help, please let Sue know.

Sue can be contacted:

- on the Arnesby WhatsApp group (see below)
- by email on arnesbylocal@gmail.com
- tel/text: 07534 897 037.

How to Join the WhatsApp Group

Simply text your name and "Arnesby WhatsApp" to Zandra Byatt on 07825 182459.

A plea to those using social media – it is a great and quick way to get information out and circulated, but it can seem like there are loads of messages if everyone says thank you to everyone else. (Good manners are lovely, but 20 text messages aren't (3))

Please see over page for more news and
Support available within the Village

The Arnesby News Sheet is usually published around the 20th of each month.

This Special Edition is to advise on initiatives within the village for support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please send items for inclusion in all future editions to the editor. Monica Dowson, The Granary, St Peter's Road email: monica.dowson@btinternet.com tel: 2478296 text: 07768 760196