

The sound of willow on leather

We are well into summer and have been enjoying sustained dry, sunny and warm weather – ideal for cricket. Arnesby have played two matches with mixed results, but great fun had by all.

Progress is also being made on restoration work on our wonderful church which will hopefully start next year, and we are enjoying Sunday afternoon teas at St Peter's.

A big welcome to Arnesby to Kevin and Erin who have moved into Maple House.

We don't like Cricket – we love it!!!

Arnesby vs Gumley Cricket match report - 29 June 2025 at Gumley CC

With the sun beating down on the very picturesque Gumley Cricket Club and surrounding south Leicestershire country side, Arnesby Cricket Club's captain Henry Lees won the toss and elected to field first. In good spirits George Jackson opened the bowling, quickly taking two wickets with some fast seam bowling. The ball swinging around the wicket, made it tricky for the very capable Gumley batsman. Ian Mumford took a spectacular diving catch off of an edge to remove one of the Gumley batsman. A real champagne moment!

In the end Gumley finished their innings at 202/4 after 35 overs. A tough chase for Arnesby. Alex Lees and George Jackson opened the batting for Arnesby, but were quickly dispatched by Jack Pickering and Ronnie Shapiro. This set the tone for the rest of innings, until Nick Jelly with his experience and skill pulled off a stellar innings finishing the game at 61 runs and discussed at length in The Bell at Gumley after the match. A very enjoyable afternoon had by all.



Arnesby CC Clinch Victory in a Thriller – Despite Hangovers, Rogue Scoring & Weather-Based Existential Dread

The forecast had promised everything from blazing sunshine to apocalyptic showers, so the pre-match mood was one of cautious optimism with a dash of wardrobe confusion. Cricket jumpers? Sunglasses? An ark? No one was quite sure. But against all meteorological odds, the skies held (mostly).

Tea was a triumph. Scotch Egg & Fruit Cake levels were described as "historic." A light rain delay threatened to dampen spirits, but a cheeky pint during the break turned the squad into meteorological optimists once again.

Jack Brown was electric in the field. Alex Lees sharp and stylish. And Pip Jackson rounded off his day with a few gravity-defying catches that defied physics, logic, and possibly gravity itself.

Final Summary:

Arnesby CC – 147/6 (Dave certainly 50+, Pip 16* off 6, everyone else artistically helped by dropped catches)

Stoneygate CC – 131/8 (every bowler took a turn, Toby provided the run brakes, Alex jumped, Pip caught, Henry survived)

Arnesby win by **16 runs** – Hurrah!!

A day of sun, rain, hangovers, biscuits, questionable scoring, brilliant cricket, and team spirit. Sundays don't get better.



Looking for something to do? Here are some ideas ...

Arnesby FOSPA Village Fete – 17 August 2025

Just a reminder that the Arnesby FOSPA village fete will be taking place on Sunday 17th August 2025.

A busy couple of planning weeks to follow, we will be contacting those that helped last year for continued support to ensure it all goes ahead and is as successful as last year - let's hope we are blessed with the weather!

Arnesby, Shearsby & Bruntingthorpe Open Show Saturday 6th September 2025 Shearsby Village Hall

A showcase of contributions from villagers

Entries to be staged 9:30am – 11.30am Fee: 50p per exhibit

Viewing from 3pm Entrance £2 Refreshments available

Please note: Payments at the door and cash only

The detailed schedule and section 8 for children is set out below

Arnesby, Shearsby, Bruntingthorpe Open Show 2025
Show Schedule

Section 1 - Vegetables

1. 1 Cucumber
2. 3 Beetroot [with tops]
3. 3 Carrots [with tops]
4. 3 White potatoes
5. My best vegetable
6. 2 Courgettes not exceeding 6" in length
7. 3 Coloured potatoes
8. 6 Runner beans [with stalks]
9. Collection of vegetables - 4 kinds
10. 3 Onions [trimmed and tied]
11. 2 Peppers [any variety]
12. Culinary Herbs - 4 kinds
13. 2 Leeks
14. 6 French beans [with stalks]
15. Strangest shaped [wonky] vegetable
16. 2 Sweetcorn [approx. 1/2 leaves peeled]
17. 3 Tomatoes
18. 6 Cherry Tomatoes

Section 2 - Fruit

19. 3 Cooking Apples
20. 3 Plums
21. 3 Dessert Apples
22. 15-18 Blackberries [plate may be decorated with the leaves]
23. Collection of Fruit - 3 kinds
24. 3 Pears

Section 3 - Flowers

Note: Flowers should be presented in a vase or container of water.

25. 1 Specimen Rose
26. 3 stems of flowers of any one variety of your choice
27. An Orchid, in owner's possession for at least 6 weeks
28. 3 Dahlias of any one variety
29. A houseplant, in owner's possession for at least 6 weeks
30. Vase of roses any variety
31. Vase of garden flowers (And 1st place to receive Ruth Bown Award)
32. My best flower

Section 4 - Cookery

Note: Cakes should be presented on a plate. Please cover with paper or cling film to help combat wasps!

33. Vanilla Sandwich Cake using 6oz flour & 3 eggs with jam and butter cream filling [Use own recipe]
34. 6 Cheese & Sundried Tomato Sable Biscuits [See recipe]
35. Apple plate pie (approx. 8" / 20cm diameter) [Use own recipe]

Sat 6th September 2025 at Shearsby Village Hall

Entries to be staged 9.30am - 11.30am

Fee 50p per exhibit
Viewing from 3pm E2 entrance Refreshments available
Awards to be presented at 4pm, then some exhibits available to take in return for donation (minimum E1)

Recipes & Schedule

See your village WhatsApp group /newsletters/notice board
For larger printed or email copies contact:
Jenny Lees (mobile: 0788 5473057)
or

Monica Dowson (email: monica.dowson@btinternet.com)

Section 4 (continued)

36. Bread loaf (using 500g flour)
[Use own recipes]
36(a) White loaf made with yeast
36(b) Sour dough loaf
37. A Courgette cake in a 2lb loaf tin [See recipe]
38. 6 Flapjacks [Use own recipe]
39. 6 Cheese Scones [Use own recipe]
40. An 8 inch cake decorated in the theme "Autumn", judged for decoration only

Section 5 - Preserves

Note: No manufacturer's writing on jars or lids. Cellophane or other lids allowed. Label clearly with variety and date.

41. 41(a) 1 Jar fruit jam
41(b) 1 Jar fruit jelly
42. 1 Jar of fruit curd [e.g. orange, lemon]
43. 6 Eggs
44. 1 Jar chutney
45. 1 Jar marmalade
46. A flavoured spirit [can include (e.g.) sloe gin, blackberry whisky, etc]

Section 6 - Floral Art

47. An arrangement on the theme of "Harvest"
48. Miniature arrangement [no more than 4" overall]
49. A garden in a teacup and saucer. [Accessories allowed. Be creative! See examples in children's section.]

Section 7 - Handicrafts

Note: Articles should have been finished by the entrant during the past 2 years.

50. A knitted or crocheted article
51. A hand made toy in any medium
52. Photograph [taken by exhibitor and unframed, max 4" x 6"] - "Through the Gate"
53. A picture in any medium
54. An article in any medium

Section 8 - For Children and Youngsters

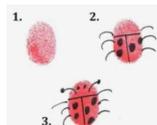
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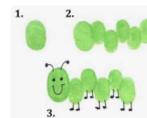
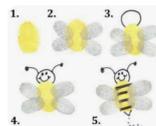
Section 8 - For Children and Youngsters

Section 8a - Up to & including 5 years of age

55. A Thumbprint Insect - See examples



Thumbprint INSECTS



Section 8b - All Youngsters up to age 16 years - See examples and be creative
[Judged in two age groups - up to 8 years and over 8 years]

56. A Garden in a Teacup & Saucer



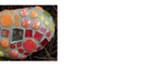
57. A Vegetable Monster



58. A Decorated Cup Cake, judged for decoration only



59. Children's Art - A Decorated Stone (mixed media allowed / encouraged)



Book Club - Wednesday 13 August at 7:30pm at The Gables, Robert Hall Road

We will be discussing "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawton.

Parish Updates

- Lutterworth Foodbank

67 kg of food was donated from the Foodbank boxes in St Peter's Church porch in June. Thank you very much

Community Service Vehicle

The community safety vehicle has been funded jointly by the CSP and the Office of Police and Crime Commission (OPCC). We are now using the vehicle to visit parishes throughout the district over the next few months.

The vehicle facilities include a variety of useful information regarding community support and advice, an inside seating area, and an area to provide refreshments. Arrival times and parking locations will be confirmed with you nearer the time so this can be communicated to residents via social media/newsletters etc to encourage them to attend.

Our aim is to assist the residents with any Community Safety concerns, or issues relating to their local community. For any other concerns we will try and assist and contact the relevant department within the authority.

If you would like you like us to visit this year or attend any of your events that you have planned this year, then please email me using our community safety email below. Thank you.

communitysafety@harborough.gov.uk

Faith In the Community -

- Friends of St. Peter's, Arnesby (FOSPA)

The trustees have now received a report from our selected architect, setting out options for the pointing work required for St Peter's. Once the trustees have reviewed options and agreed the best way forward together with costings and grant requirements, we will call a meeting for members to discuss our recommendations. We will provide an update in the next issue.

- St. Peter's Church - Sunday afternoon teas

Sunday afternoon teas are in full swing until 29 September.

Eat in or take away. Cash and **Card** sales now available.

All are welcome - a chance to meet new and existing friends from our community and beyond.

Hexagon Church Services –

Rev. Stephen March will be taking his final benefice communion at St. Peter's, Arnesby on Sunday 3rd August, before moving on to continue his ministry in Fontainebleau, France.

Services in the benefice will continue with a number of retired clergy and lay priests.

- Sunday 27th July St Nicholas, Mowsley
- Sunday 3rd August St Peter's, Arnesby
- Sunday 10th August St Mary's, Bruntingthorpe
- Sunday 17th August All Saints, Theddingworth
- Sunday 24th August All Saints, Husbands Bosworth
- Sunday 31st August St Peter's, Arnesby
- Sunday 7th September St Nicholas, Mowsley
- All services above start at **10:30**



- Baptist Church News –

- Sunday morning weekly service, 10.45. Sunday Club for children. Followed by refreshments. All welcome.
- Sunday Evening weekly service, 6pm in upstairs room, all welcome.
- Tuesday morning Evergreen Coffee time behind the chapel in The Barn. 10.30-12. Over 60's welcome.
- Wednesday morning ABC Toddlers & Babies, Parents, Grandparents and carers all welcome. Behind chapel, outdoors (weather permitting) and in The Barn 10:00-12:00.
- Friday, Explorers Kids Bible Club, 17.30-18.30 followed by Youth Club, 19.30-21:00.
- For further details: **Johnny Hutton 07813356364**



More vital information.....

School Places available

Please share these dates with friends and let them know that we have places available for September at our wonderful school even if they are out of our catchment area.

Arnesby C of E Primary School

Arnesby is a small school with a big heart, where every child shines. As a rural village school with small class sizes, we have a unique character and close-knit community, where every child is known.

Visit our school open days

Friday 26th September
Thursday 9th October
Friday 7th November

Tour 1: 9:30am | Tour 2: 1:30pm

BOOK NOW!

0116 247 8563
100 THE ROAD, ARNESBY, LEICESTERSHIRE, LE8 5BQ

Embrace

Sandwiches to Support: Thank You for Helping Us Raise £1,000

In June, the Arnesby Open Gardens raised an incredible £500 for STAND—through sandwiches, plant sales, and a whole lot of generosity. Thanks to matched funding, that amount has now doubled to £1,000.

That's not just a number. It means real limbs, real people. Every year, STAND rescues around 2,500 prosthetic legs that would otherwise be scrapped. Instead, they're refurbished and sent to clinics in sub-Saharan Africa—where they're given free of charge to people who've waited years for mobility.

Why free? Because we believe no one should be priced out of independence. As Anthony, who runs one of our partner workshops in Ghana, says: "Many of our clients are unemployed and have long been unable to access a prosthesis made with new components. STAND has helped bridge that gap."

The Open Gardens gift will help cover the shipping of these life-changing components. But the need is ongoing—and the good news is, the campaign to double donations will reopen at the start of December.

We'll send a reminder nearer the time. Until then, thank you for every sandwich made, plant potted, and pound given. You've helped more than you know.

Warm Regards,

Tom Williams OBE, Founder, STAND – We Walk Together



Arnesby School Fair

Once again, we had a wonderful school fair at the end of June and it was great to see so many friends and villagers join us. The children opened the fair by singing a selection of their favourite songs which they did very well. Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA (Friends of Arnesby School) in fundraising for our new library.



New library

Work has started on the new library in school which is especially timely as 2026 has been declared by the Government the National Year of Reading so our refurbishment by Embrace Estates team is very welcome and we thank Embrace Trust for their substantial and ongoing support.

Preaching Cross

Rev Stephen gave his final worship to the school as he blessed our new Preaching Cross. The wooden Cross was laden with prayers in preparation for the blessing. The cross was kindly made and donated to the school by Brian Spriggs.



Originally a Preaching Cross was the forerunner of village markets and churches. Priests would ride around the country on donkeys or horses calling at those villages that didn't have a church. The meeting point in the village was the Preaching Cross where the people would gather around to hear the priest preach the Gospels of God. The children's Faith group asked for the cross to help bring courage and comfort, hope and inspiration to all of us in school.



Sports Day

We had a wonderful sports day on Thursday 19 June in glorious weather and a fantastic audience of parents, carers grandparents and villagers to cheer us on!

Thank you to everyone who came to support us with special thanks to the PTA who provided refreshments and shade for the adults and children. The children had a great time with Matthew house winning this year and although the scoring was very tight the sportsmanship amongst the children was also truly impressive.

Well done Team Arnesby!



160 years of Arnesby School

This year is the school's 160th Year and we will be celebrating this on 17 and 18 September when we will be inviting villagers and other supporters to join us for our celebrations. In preparation of this we would really appreciate any information anyone has about their time at Arnesby School, any old photographs or reminiscences that you could share with us to make the day special and to teach the children more about the life of the village school over time. Thank you to all those that have been in touch already we are working hard to put a programme together.

Please contact the Headteacher Mrs James via the school office office@arnesby.embracemat.org if you have anything you could share or be willing to be interviewed by some enthusiastic and eloquent children! Thank you.

Stig of the Dump

For more info: [Your bin collection dates / Harborough District Council](#)

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