

## We are the champions..... Again!!

Well, what a village quiz on 8 November. The editors of this esteemed publication have now been on the winning team for two years running. More of this in the report below but can we make it three in a row – who knows but already looking forward to next year!!

The frosts are here – the picture is from the Ed’s window this morning looking out to the windmill across frozen cars and grass. So, the festive period will soon be upon us – see the notes in our Faith section on special services and events.



Please note there will be no publication in January so, like every retailer on the planet, may we wish you all the very best for the festive season.

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

### Craft Club

The Craft and Chat Group will be meeting on the **10 December** at the Village Hall from **14:00-16:00**. Cost is £2.50 which includes tea/coffee and a biscuit. Come and join us!

### Book Club

Wednesday 15 December at 19:30 at Longacre – Discussing “There are Rivers in the Sky” by Elif Shafak  
Wednesday 14 January at The Granary, St Peter’s Road at 19:30 – Bring a book of your own choice to discuss

### Library Van

Friday 12 December and 26 January 14:00 to 14:30 at the top of St Peter’s Road.

## Village News

### - More Fruit and Veg News

Paul and Chris Williams raised £70 for STAND.

South Close veg stall raised £468, to be divided between St Peter’s Church building fund and the Kate Community Centre in Ganganasamy Kuppam in Southern India.

Well done everyone for your participation and contributions.

### Arnesby Village Quiz Night 2025

Ten teams contested this year’s Village Quiz in the Village Hall on 8 November, with its newly improved acoustics and some technology!

Going into the final round only 3 points separated the top 3 teams but last year’s winners “The Naughty Corner” managed to slightly increase their lead and retain the title with a score of 80 points out of a 100. The table is set out below.

A lively and enjoyable evening of quizzing was enjoyed by all and a total of **£596** (including **£148** from the raffle) was raised for **FOSPA**.

My thanks to all who took part and those who helped with the organisation. Look out for the date of next year’s quiz, to be announced early in the New Year.

Andy Coupland

Arnesby - Quiz Evening										
Table/Team	Total Score	1: Radio Programmes	2: Literature	3: Space	4: The Monarchy	5: Picture Round	6: Music	7: British Geography	8: Animals	9: Mixed Bag
The Naughty Corner	80	4	8	6	7	8	9	10	9	7
The Mucky Bottoms	76.5	7	10	6	8	7	8	8	9	6
The Fine Steins	73.5	7	7	8	7	7	9	7	9	7
Concrete and Clay	70.5	9	9	6	6	8	8	8	9	5
Motley Crew	65.5	7	6	6	8	5	9	4	7	7
Hen's Teeth	65.5	9	8	6	7	5	10	7	6	6
And in 2nd Place	62	6	9	8	6	5	7	6	6	6
Brainstormers	56.5	7	7	2	6	2	9	7	8	5
Simple Minds	43.5	8	6	2	5	3	4	5	6	5
New at the Oak House	37.5	6	3	2	3	2	6	5	3	5

## Faith In the Community -

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

We have so far successfully raised over £18,000 so a huge thank you to everyone who has helped and/or contributed. We now have a clear plan of action for work on our wonderful Church, and the Trustees are meeting to discuss this shortly. We will then announce the AGM which will be in January when we will explain the plan and seek approval from the membership. It will also be your chance to ask any questions and make any suggestions moving forward.



### - **St. Peter's Church – Winter Sunday Teas**

Thank you to all those who helped in whatever capacity, to make the Autumn Church Tea held on Sunday 23 November such an enjoyable occasion, including, of course, those who came along to support FOSPA by consuming the goodies. A profit of £214 was made and additionally there was a generous donation of £25.

**Claudia Terry**

### **Flower Arrangements in St Peter's Church**

We all enjoy Elaine Chapman's beautiful flower arrangements in church and after many years of organizing the weekly rota and overseeing decorations at Christmas and Easter, she is taking a step back and handing over to Beryl Cane. Thank you, Elaine, for all your hard work. Thanks also go to Peter who has always been there to help Elaine with these tasks.

If you would like to join the flower arranging rota, please contact **Beryl Cane** on **0758 2370336** or **0116 2478136**, email **berylcane@btinternet.com**

### **Hexagon Church Services –**

- Sunday 30 November St Nicholas, Mowsley
- Sunday 7 December St Mary Magdalene, Shearsby
- Sunday 14 December St Mary's, Bruntingthorpe
- Sunday 21 December All Saints, Theddingworth
- Wednesday 24 December All Saints, Husbands Bosworth, a short Holy Communion service starting at **10:00**
- Thursday 25 December St Nicholas, Mowsley, Family Communion Service at **10:30**
- Sunday 28 December All Saints, Husbands Bosworth
- Sunday 4 January St Peters Church, Arnesby
- All services above start at **10:30 unless stated otherwise**

Please note that while the next service at St Peter's is not until the 4 January, the Church will be opened and lit from 08:00 to 18:00 on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day so that villagers may visit the Church for prayer and meditation during Christmas Tide.

### - **Baptist Church News –**

- Sunday morning weekly service, 10.45. Sunday Club for children. Followed by refreshments. All welcome.
- Nativity Service, **Sunday 21 December at 10:45**
- Carols by Candlelight, **Sunday 21 December at 16:30**
- 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.....

### The sound of Leather on Willow – A reminder

Well – the first Ashes test went well didn't it? For the first day anyway in a match that only lasted two!!

On a more positive note, just a reminder that we now have dates for Arnesby's cricket fixtures for 2026:

- Sunday 28 June 2026 vs Gumley, Start 13:30
- Sunday 26 July 2026 vs Stoneygate at East Langton, Start 13:30
- Sunday 23 August 2026 vs Fleckney, Start 13:30

The club is always looking for new players, and Novices are welcome.

Contact David Hogg on 07443 259928



### Lutterworth and Villages Foodbank

As many of you will be aware, the village makes a significant contribution to the Lutterworth and Villages foodbank. In October, we provided **87 kilos** of food so many thanks to all who donated.

### Ever needed a bus? Well, read on.

**Fox connect** is a new, on-demand, bookable bus service for Harborough District.

Book a journey via the app or call 01162 167756.

Operating hours: Mon - Sat; 06:00 – 19:30.

## Arnesby Village School – Who is The Honky Tonky Donkey?

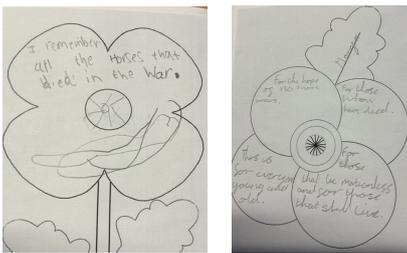


In our busy school you can see lots of learning and opportunities to discuss our learning. Our focus on reading has seen the purchase of many new books funded by the PTA and the library shelves are filling up! We are enjoying talking about books and reading new stories.



### Remembrance

We have also thought about those who died in different wars (including the horses) as part of our Pop-up prayer space and also Remembrance activities in class and have produced some wonderful artwork.



We are delighted that the Embrace Trust **INSET** day in late November for the staff has been fully funded by sponsorship which means that we will have high quality training without any cost to the school. This is particularly important when school budgets are so tight as this helps to improve our school even more, with the continued support from the Trust.

As we move into the season of Advent we are thinking about our Nativity performance which this year will involve the whole school with varying different parts to play. Mrs James would like to invite all villagers and relatives to come and join us in the Village Hall on Thursday 11th December at 9.15am. This year the theme centres around the Honky Tonky Donkey!





Nov-25				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

Dec-25				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

Jan-26				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

Note: The key dates for 2026 will be updated in the February issue once available from HDC.

## Waste Sites - Winter Hours

Site	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Oadby / Wigston	9-4	9-4	9-4	X	X	9-4	9-4
Whetstone	9-4	X	X	9-4	9-4	9-4	9-4
Lutterworth	9-4	X	X	9-4	9-4	9-4	9-4
Market Harborough	X	X	X	9-4	9-4	9-4	X
Kibworth	9-4	9-4	9-4	X	X	X	9-4

Need this?	Contact these wonderful people.....	
Arnesby CofE Primary School	Mrs Ruth James	0116 247 8563 / office@arnesby.embracemat.org
Boot Camp	Shane Malone	07469 993970
Cricket Club	David Hogg	07443 259928
Fitness and Yoga Sessions	Mollie Gillanders	07467 533615
Grow your own' WhatsApp Group	Alan Wilkins	07436 013372
Loseby Charity Trust / Allotments	Liz Middleton	07494 815475 / arnesbyallotments@gmail.com
Newsletter	Graham Roberts	07785 561181 / arnesbynewsletter@gmail.com
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Village Website		Arnesby, Leicestershire (village-web.co.uk)
Village WhatsApp	Zandra Byatt	07825 182459
WI	Gina Ward	0116 247 8888
Guitar Lessons	Graham Roberts	07785 561181
Baby sitting	Chloe Stevenson	Call Carol on 07974 306933