

Ashes to Ashes.....

Winter is approaching fast, the leaves are falling fast and fires are being stoked.

On the other side of the world, it is summer, and England will soon be taking on Australia in an attempt to regain the Ashes (that is Test Cricket for those that don't know). Arnesby's own match winning team now has dates for next summer here in England so check out David's article. There is also lots of foody stuff as well.

Lots going on, so enjoy the read and DON'T forget the village quiz on 8 November. Hope to see you all there.

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

FINAL REMINDER - Village Quiz Saturday 8 November – arrive 19:10 for prompt start Proceeds in aid of FOSPA

Teams of up to 6 players - £8 per team member (payable on the night - cash or card).

Team entries **ASAP** to **Andy Coupland** at a.coupland@btinternet.com or text/phone/message to **07790998406**. Anyone who wishes to join/make up a team please let me know. Nearer the time I will need a team name and each team will need a secretary, complete with pen.

Prizes for best 2 teams.

After the success of previous years, entries will be limited so please reply soonest.

Many thanks
Andy

Craft Club

The Craft and Chat Group will be meeting on the 12 and 19 November 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 19 October at 19:30 at Holmleigh – Discussing “Purple Hibiscus” by Chimamanda Adichie

Wednesday 15 December at 19:30 at Cambridge House – Discussing “There are Rivers in the Sky” by Elif Shafak

Food Updates

- **Fruit and Veg**

The Beeson's fruit and veg stall made a profit of £152 this year with funds supporting the St Peter's Building Fund. Well done!!

Arnesby, Shearsby and Bruntingthorpe Produce Show 2025

In September, this year's annual 3 village Produce Show was held in Shearsby Village Hall.

It was a difficult year for those people who grow vegetables, but there were valiant efforts made to put in entries, with at least one entry in each category apart from Onions and Sweetcorn. On the other hand, fruit was well represented with 11 entries in the Apples sections alone. And in preserves, there were 19 entries in Fruit Jam, 9 in Flavoured Spirit and 8 in Chutney.

This year there were 52 entrants from the three villages, each putting in between 1 and 22 entries. Without entries, there is no competition and winners like to feel that they have earned their award ticket. And even if an entry is unplaced, it means that the entrant can be proud that they had something worth exhibiting. So, we would really encourage as many people as possible to have a go and show what they can make, create and grow.

In the end, Arnesby entrants reigned supreme winning Best in Section in 6 out of the 7 adult sections, and Arnesby grandchildren won 15 out of the 18 Children's awards.



The Best in Section awards were:

Vegetables – Monica Dowson for 2 courgettes

Fruit – Christine Eales for Plums

Flowers – Sue Cooper for Vase of Flowers and this was also awarded the Ruth Bown Award

Cookery – Jane Palmer for Sour Dough Loaf

Preserves – Monica Dowson for Home Grown Apricot Jam

Floral Art – Rachael Burton (Shearsby) for Flower Arrangement on theme of “Harvest”

Handicrafts – Jenny Lees for Embroidered Applique Cushion

Best in Show was won by Jane Palmer for her Sour Dough Loaf.



Faith In the Community -

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

We are finalising the draft scope of pointing work on the Church, and once plans are firmed up, the trustees will issue a further update.

- **St. Peter's Church – Sunday afternoon teas**

A superb **£3,547** profit was made from church teas this summer. All credit to the bakers, servers and helpers, and of course to those who came and enjoyed the amazing home baking which was on offer.

A special mention must go to young Elsie, who helped on so many Sundays and was expert with the card reader; but the most important acknowledgement and thanks must go to Sue Spriggs. For countless years she has overseen the functioning of this event. Thank you, Sue, it is a great success, both socially and in raising funds for the upkeep of the church. Brian has also been a terrific support, always willing to help set up and clear away, and we hope that he might continue to do so.



I shall be taking over from Sue, and the next tea will be on Sunday 23rd November from 1.30 - 4pm, when the church will remain heated following the morning service. Please continue to support this enjoyable autumn event, volunteers to help with baking and serving would be most welcome!

Additionally, for donations only, we will be offering mulled wine, sandwiches and crisps, so bring your children down and feed them while you meet up with your friends and villagers. We'd love to welcome the folks who are new to the village.

Any questions or offers to help – please do contact me.

Claudia Terry 07710 291313

Hexagon Church Services –

- Sunday 26 October St Mary Magdalene, Shearsby
- Sunday 2 November St Mary's, Bruntingthorpe
- Sunday 9 November All Saints, Husbands Bosworth – Remembrance Day Service
- Sunday 16 November All Saints, Theddingworth
- Sunday 23 November St Peter's, Arnesby
- Sunday 30 November St Nicholas, Mowsley
- Sunday 7 December St Mary Magdalene, Shearsby
- All services above start at **10:30 unless stated otherwise**

- **Baptist Church News –**

- Sunday morning weekly service, 10.45. Sunday Club for children. Followed by refreshments. All welcome.
- Remembrance Day Service, 9 November at 10:45
- 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

We may well be well into Autumn with Winter rapidly approaching but thoughts are already on cricket, with England starting their attempt to regain the Ashes in November in Perth, Western Australia.

Closer to home, 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 Stonegate 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 September, we provided 55 kilos of food so many thanks to all who donated.

Drivers Needed

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO COULD BE A VOLUNTEER DRIVER?

We're currently experiencing a shortage of volunteer drivers, and we've been unable to meet the full demand for transport, meaning some of our customers have sadly missed important appointments.

We continue to be incredibly grateful for the time and energy volunteers bring to this role. We're reaching out to ask for your help in spreading the word.

So, if you know someone who enjoys driving, has a bit of spare time, and would like to make a real difference in people's lives, please encourage them to get in touch.

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Arnesby Village School – New Library is open



New Library

Work has finished on the new library in school, and the librarians are ensuring that the new library is looking smart and inviting for all children to use.

We thank Embrace Trust for their substantial and ongoing support and the PTA for the purchase of new books from their superb fundraising efforts – we are very grateful.



Places available

Please share the final open day date of this term with friends (Friday November 7th) and let them know that we have reception places available for September 2026 at our wonderful school even if they are out of our catchment area. We are always happy to welcome new families into school and have places in a number of other year groups. Our recent parents survey results show how we are scoring highly in many areas and some of the highest are shown here. Our Christian vision and ethos is clear and ensures Every child shines throughout their time at our school. Once again, we had 100% of parents who would recommend the school.

School Council

Our new school council have been busy thinking of new ideas to help improve the school and have some great ideas which we are working with.

They were very aware of the huge number of apples that have fallen in the playground and after having filled one entire food bin, the next lot of windfalls were more of a problem. The school council decided they would like to use the apples and make them into a pie to share with children across the school. A large pie was baked, cut and distributed to the children. One child said "It was really good actually! I liked the pastry!" Well done to the school council.

Strengths: top three results

100%	Ofsted Parent View 5) My child is happy at this school.
100%	Ofsted Parent View 6) My child feels safe at this school.
100%	Ofsted Parent View 7) The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

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

Note: The key dates for December 2025 and January/February 2026 will be updated in the December issue.

Waste Sites - Winter Hours

Site	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Oadby / Wigston	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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

Oadby/Wigston site closed from 29 July for approx 3 months

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
	Mollie Gillanders	07467 533615 / arnesbynewsletter@gmail.com
Parish Council	David Johnson (Chair)	Website: www.arnesbyparishcouncil.org.uk
	Leigh Maidment (Clerk)	arnesbypc@gmail.com
St Peter's Church The Chapel	Sue and Brian Spriggs	0116 247 8559
	Johnny Hutton	0116 247 8392
Village Community Facebook	Bruce Kerr	07785 593319
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Village Hall Booking	Lucy Carter	0116 247 8535 / https://hallbookingonline.com/arnesby/
Village Hall Chair	Sue Cooper	0116 247 9840
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