

Ch ch ch ch ch changes.....

Autumn is here, the colours are fantastic, especially in the late season sunshine.

The quite wonderful and dedicated newsletter distribution team has seen some changes. Firstly, a huge thank you to John Dowson who has stepped down from delivery duties after many years of sterling work. We welcome Carol Stevenson and Rebecca McLaurin to the team and between us, we will ensure everybody receives a copy.

I hope everyone is preparing for the village quiz on 8 November. No pressure but the editors were on the winning team last yeareeeeek. Should be a great evening.

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

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 8, 15 and 22 October 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 22 October at 19:30 at the White Cottage, Robert Hall Road – Discussing “Klara & the Sun” by Kazuo Ishiguro

Library Van

Will be at the top of St Peter’s Road from 14:00 to 14:40 on Friday 10 and 31 October.

Parish Updates

- **Community and Group Grants**

Within the Parish of Arnesby, there are a number of sources of financial support through Grants for various Youth and Community Action organisations and events.

Firstly, the Parish Council has in its budget, an allocation to support youth action with the aim of assisting younger residents of the Parish in their development and learning. This may take the form of individual or group support and can cover a wide range of activities from charity to self-development events. There is a maximum available Grant in each case of £500 and in the event that any younger resident of the village would like to enquire as to the support for their particular venture, then please look at the Parish Website and apply to the Clerk, Leigh Maidment for an application form. The Parish Council has already supported one resident in an overseas scouting trip this year.

Secondly, there are a number of Community Grants available from Harborough District Council each year. Availability is obviously dependent on the number of applications received. In addition, our District Councillor, Neil Bannister, who takes a keen interest in Arnesby and the activities therein, has access to a Grant which can be made available to help fund activities for Parishes which fall within his Ward. There are likely to be cut off dates each year when the funds have been allocated, but it is always worth raising a query to see if assistance can be forthcoming.

Finally, The Parish Council is always keen to support Community Events and Initiatives which will benefit those within the Parish, either individual or group and again, there are funds presently available to support appropriate causes.

In all cases, initial enquiries should be made to our Clerk, **Leigh Maidment**.

David Johnson
Chair: Arnesby P C

Faith In the Community -

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

Through a combination of concerts, teas and the recent fete, we now have a fund of over £17,700. We are now 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**

Thank you all who supported the Sunday afternoon teas in St Peter's Church. With one weekend to go, we have so far made a profit for FOSPA of £3366. The final date for teas is the 28 September 15:30 to 17:30 and the final amount raised this year will be announced in the November newsletter.



Hexagon Church Services –

- Sunday 28 September All Saints, Theddingworth
- Sunday 5 October All Saints, Husbands Bosworth
- Sunday 5 October (at 18:00) St Mary Magdalene, Shearsby (Harvest)
- Sunday 12 October St Peter's, Arnesby (Harvest)
- Sunday 19 October St Nicholas, Mowsley
- Sunday 26 October St Mary Magdalene, Shearsby
- Sunday 2 November St Mary's, Bruntingthorpe
- All services above start at **10:30 unless stated otherwise**

Churchyard Cleanup

Tuesday **4 November 10.00 to 12:00** (if the weather is wet, we will postpone for a week)

- **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.....

Historic Churches Cycle Ride

On Saturday 13th September our son, his wife & nephew cycled 32 miles to 12 village Churches. Thank you all for your tolerance & generosity. We have raised nearly **£1,200**, to be divided between St Peter's Church and the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust, a grant giving charity which helps Churches with funding for repairs.

Many thanks from Sue Spriggs.

Loseby Charity Trust

Can you help support an Arnesby charity?

Loseby Charity Trust manages the allotments off the Welford Rd and the Loseby Wood which are set on about 1 acre of the charity's land. The site comprises of a number of allotments, a wood, some ponds and open grassland. The woodland was planted in 2004 using donations from villagers, a grant from the Leicestershire Shire Grants Scheme and gifts from the Arnesby May Fayre and Arnesby Promises Auction.

We are in need of villagers who would be interested in supporting the trustees to continue the running of this tiny charity whose history is set deep within the village and its community.

A voluntary position for treasurer/secretary has become available and a position of trustee will also be needed in 2026.

If this is a charity you would be interested in supporting, please email arnesbyallotments@gmail.com for further information.

Harvest Appeal 2025 and Lutterworth and Villages Foodbank

As many of you will be aware, the village makes a significant contribution to the Lutterworth and Villages foodbank. Most of the St Peter's harvest donations will go them to help the great work that they do. In August, we provided 86 kilos of food so many thanks to all who donated.

Set out below is some information about the Foodbank and a list of items where there are currently shortages. We value your ongoing support.

From Lutterworth and Villages Foodbank

Our latest figures reveal that we have provided 2577 emergency food parcels to people who couldn't afford the essentials in the Harborough and Blaby District areas over the last year (April 24 - March 25) – and over 1000 of these went to children. In addition to this, food banks across the Trussell community provided 2.9 million emergency food parcels to people in crisis last year – with over 1 million of these going to children.

Food banks provide emergency food and practical support to people who have been left without enough money to live on. Rising food and fuel prices, static incomes and changes to benefits are causing many families to struggle to put food on the table but you can help be part of the solution by supporting Lutterworth & Villages Foodbank.

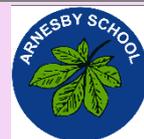
The volunteers at food banks offer a friendly face and a listening ear. For many people, it's the first time someone has sat down and listened to them – especially when they have been worn down by the way our social security system currently works. Our clients also have the opportunity to be referred to our in-house Citizens Advice Foodbank Advisor, who can help to address the root causes of their situation, helping to lift people from the cycle of poverty.

Your donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious three-day supply of food. Our pledge is to provide to people in crisis free of charge and we are very grateful to those who donate that enables us to do this.

Current list of shortages for the Foodbank:

Vegetarian tinned meals, Hot chocolate, Coffee, Cuppa soup, Tinned spaghetti, Tinned meat, Tinned meals, Tinned custard, Washing up liquid, Laundry & cleaning items, Instant mashed potato, Cereal bars, UHT milk, Sponge puddings /angel delight /jelly, All toiletries.

Arnesby Village School – Celebrating 160 Years



The school has already had a busy start to the year with our new EYFS outside area being officially opened by Embrace Trust CEO Sharon Mullins and our new library is now installed and ready to take new books. Big thanks for Embrace Trust who continue to support us in many different ways this year especially with maintenance such as decoration and repairs of the building along with installation of the new library and outside area for foundation stage as we continue to offer our children the best we can in learning opportunities.

The children are happy and settled and we have welcomed our new families to the school to be part of our thriving community.

We have also celebrated the 160 years Anniversary of the school starting with a Victorian Day as the school was founded in the Victorian age.

Children had to give a penny to come into school and had a great day learning more about the life of a Victorian child in school from chanting times tables to embroidery! They knew that as photographs took so long to take, that Victorians didn't smile or move at all!

Children had the chance to look at some Victorian items including books, flat irons and a thick glass bottle with a marble stopper as part of the mini-museum and role play workshop.

Arnesby school is lucky to have a vast array of photographs from many years ago and more recent years and these were on display in the Village Hall on Thursday for parents, carers and villagers to come and view. The children were fascinated and spent a long time looking at the photographs of how the school has changed over the years and trying to spot people they knew.



Mrs James the current Headteacher and Mrs Osborn a former Arnesby Headteacher from 1990-1993, cut the celebration cake together to symbolise the old and the new school. Thank you to all the villagers, our Governors, parents and carers who came to support the school and to the PTA who provided refreshments.



It has been a really joyful anniversary, and we are grateful to the support of the local community and the school community.

More from the Stig...

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

Oct-25				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
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Nov-25				
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10	11	12	13	14
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24	25	26	27	28

Dec-25				
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29	30	31		

Note: The key dates for December and New Year holidays will be updated in the November issue.

Waste Sites - Summer Hours

Site	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Oadby / Wigston	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Whetstone	9-5	X	X	9-7	9-7	9-5	9-5
Lutterworth	9-5	X	X	9-7	9-7	9-5	9-5
Market Harborough	X	X	X	9-7	9-7	9-5	X
Kibworth	9-5	9-7	9-7	X	X	X	9-5
Oadby/Wigston site closed from 29 July for approx 3 months							