

Arnesby will be busy in September – Park carefully

Wow, as ever there is lots happening in the village and matters to be aware of, so please read this very carefully, it will be printed only once. This includes a special communication from David Johnson on traffic and parking in our wonderful environs.

Cathy and I recently hosted our friends, Wayne and Lisa Harries, from Perth, Western Australia. They were impressed by the village, the county of Leicestershire, it's many pubs and the magnificent weather while they were here.

A big welcome to Arnesby to Hazel and Karim in Braye Cottage, and Elby and Rhys in Bumblebee Cottage, both on St Peter's Road.

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

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

Mexican Themed Supper

Back by popular demand - and with extra help from Keith, Jane, Lucy and our brilliant serving team- we are hosting another supper club at the **village hall** on **Saturday 4 October 2025 at 19.00**.

There will be space for approximately 40 diners - so book early 😊

The supper will have a Mexican theme and will be 3 courses - a starter, a main of beef chilli or vegetarian chilli with flat breads or baked potatoes and accompaniments followed by a pudding.

A welcome aperitif will be included in the price. Wine or beer can be bought on the night.

The supper will cost **£25** per person.

Feel free to wear a sombrero!

We'd like an idea of numbers who are interested - please text Sue Cooper on 07534897037 or Jenny Lees on 07885 473057 to book your seats. We will then send out further details to those who would like to come.

We have now got the sound insulation and have rethought the layout since last time so that we hope everyone will be able to chat easily with people sitting near them.

All profits will go to the village hall upkeep.

Jenny, Sue and Lucy

Book Club

Wednesday 17 September at 19:30 at East View, Mill Hill Road - Discussing "The Glassmaker" by Tracy Chevalier.

Wednesday 22 October at 19:30 at the White Cottage, Robert Hall Road – Discussing "Klara & the Sun" by Kazuo Ishiguro

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Saturday 20 September 10:00 to 12:00 at Orchard Cottage, Mill Hill Road

Cakes & raffle prizes to Liza Welton or Sue Spriggs, please. Cash donations only

Parish Updates

- **Library Van**

Will be at the top of St Peter's Road from **14:00 to 14:40** on Friday **19 September**

Arnesby Village Greens

Here in Arnesby Village, one of the many attractive features of our rural village are the Village Greens, which provide green space and open areas in the centre of our community. These enable children's play and recreation, together with providing an important space between dwellings and the highway. The Greens are maintained by the P C under contract in order to keep their attractive appearance, even in winter.

Accordingly, the P C does not permit parking of vehicles on the Greens which would, if allowed, result in the deterioration of the turf and surface areas. Residents are therefore requested not to park on the Greens at any time.

However, if there is a necessity or desire to utilise the Green for a specific, one-off, purpose (i.e. an event or the placing of a skip in front of a property which would not otherwise be able to deal with the disposal of large building materials during alterations etc), there is provision for the approval of a specific licence and this is available, subject to approval by the P C, by completing an application form which can be found on the parish website.

Parking in the village is a growing and significant problem with more cars being owned by families, resident in the village. We would therefore ask that cars parked on the street are parked courteously and safely, allowing pedestrians and wheelchair users to be able to navigate the pavements and emergency vehicles and larger lorries (e.g. dustbin lorries) to negotiate their way around the village lanes. Where possible, residents are requested to use parking space within their own dwellings, rather than relying on street parking, which may reduce the on-street parking problem which currently exists.

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 £17,000. We are currently developing the scope of pointing work on the Church and once plans are firmed up, we will issue a further update.

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

Sunday afternoon continue until 28 September.

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

Thank you to everyone who cooked, helped and supported us.

Hexagon Church Services –

- Sunday 31 August St Peter's, Arnesby
- Sunday 7 September St Nicholas, Mowsley (Harvest)
- Sunday 14 September St Mary Magdalene, Shearsby
- Sunday 21 September St Mary's, Bruntingthorpe
- Sunday 28 September All Saints, Husbands Bosworth
- Sunday 5 October All Saints, Theddingworth
- All services above start at **10:30**

- An open-air service in the ruins of the English Heritage church site of Knaptoft Church of St. Nicholas, will be held at **15:00** on **Sunday 21 September**. The **Bishop of Leicester** will be the guest preacher at this harvest service.

Opening and Closing the Church

Thanks to a band of Village volunteers, we have been able to keep St Peter's Church open throughout the summer. A glance at the Visitor's Book, full of many comments of gratitude for an open Church, shows that the efforts needed to unlock and lock the building each day have been more than worthwhile.

My thanks to all concerned.

Brian Spriggs (Churchwarden)



- **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 – Saturday 13 September

Well, in a packed program, we have some good and some bad news live from Cambridge House

BAD NEWS – Brian has banned Sue from cycling, because she keeps falling off!!

GOOD NEWS – The Spriggs family are going to cycle round the Churches in Leicestershire instead.

BAD NEWS – Sue will have to sit outside St Peter's for 6 hours waiting for (very few) cyclists to register

GOOD NEWS – If you are walking round the village on the morning of 13 September, please join Sue for a drink and a biscuit

BAD NEWS – Sue will still be knocking on your door asking for sponsorship!!!!!!

Many thanks from Sue Spriggs.

The History of Arnesby and its school

With Arnesby Primary School celebrating 160 years, it's an opportunity to look back at the history of both the school and the village. Arnesby has a well-known farming history but less well known is its connection to the hosiery trade.

Many people have photos and stories to tell about the history of Arnesby, so it is proposed to hold an event at which they can bring along photos and tell of their lives growing up and living in Arnesby. We aim to coordinate this with the school and its celebrations. Further information about the date and time will be posted on the **village WhatsApp** in due course. We hope that this event will include those who have recently been in touch offering photos which could be shared.

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Arnesby Village School – A new school year begins



Arnesby Primary School

We are all looking forward to the new Autumn Term with the many activities and purposeful learning that we have planned. The Embrace Trust Estates Team have been working hard over the summer holidays to improve the Early Years outside area, repainting and renewing facilities inside the school too, (more to follow next month!) We are very grateful to the Trust for their continued support for the school..

160 Years Celebration

A big thank you to everyone who has contacted the school or the PTA with ideas, old photographs or reminiscences about Arnesby School to help us celebrate the 160 years anniversary of the school. It's not too late if you would like to get in touch! Please contact the Headteacher Mrs James via the school office email - office@arnesby.embracemat.org if you have anything you could share, be willing to be interviewed or just happy to come along to help us celebrate this wonderful achievement, especially as village schools are so special and today are fewer in number across the country as school funding is dependent on pupil numbers.

Our celebrations will start with a Victorian School Day on 17 September and on the 18 September, we will be proceeding from the school to St. Peter's Church for a morning service and blessing of the school - everyone welcome.

Mrs James would like to invite all villagers and past pupils of Arnesby School to the Village Hall from 14:00 on Thursday 18 September to help us celebrate. Please contact the school if you can come to help give us an idea of numbers if possible. Everyone is welcome.

Governor Vacancy

The school is a central part of the village, and we are keen to spread the word about our wonderful school, the children, staff, Governors and PTA. Currently we have a Governor vacancy if you would like to consider offering your time to help our school. Please contact the school office in the first instance to meet with the Chair of Governors who can explain more about the role.

Our new website is up and running – check it out

[Home - Arnesby Primary School](#)

Upcoming Events Stay updated with the latest events from our school community.

arnesby.embracemat.org

Stig's Dump Info...

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

Sep-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			

Oct-25				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

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

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							