

Boinggggg!!!!!!

Lambs are here in the fields. I am always amazed how they can bounce off all fours in one movement – something I have never seen a sheep do!! Yes, you lot



It is that time of year again – and yes, we are doing another concert in our wonderful church – see the notice below:

🎵 Songs of the 80's and 90's 🎵

Saturday 16 May 2026 at St Peter's Church, Arnesby starting at 7:30pm

FOSPA welcomes back Arnesby's own band, **Group Therapy**, comprising Graham and Cathy Roberts and their son, Alastair, together with special guests **Peter Houtman and Elaine Carter**. They will be performing popular music from the 1980's and 90's – remember Oasis vs Blur, Babylon, The Beautiful South – and more. A **varied programme!!**



Tickets available for **£10** including refreshments from **Graham and Cathy Roberts** (Hall Farm) or **Elaine Carter and Peter Houtman** (The Laurels). All proceeds will be donated to the Friends of St Peter's Church, Arnesby.

Don't miss live music in our village!!

Lots else going on in the run up to Easter and some important notices, especially from Brian and Sue Spriggs who will be leaving the village after 53 years!! Please read their call for help so that we can maintain our wonderful village and community. I am sure there will be many opportunities to say our farewells and much deserved thanks for their years of service.

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

Easter Coffee Morning

On Good Friday, 3 April, we will be organising a coffee morning in the Village Hall from 10:00 – 12:00.

If you are free, please pop along and buy a cake and chat with your neighbours knowing that you are helping to raise funds for both the Village Hall & St Peters.

Thank you and see you there.

Lucy Carter & Jacque Shorrocks



Need help with your nails – help is at hand

Get salon-quality BIAB and gel nails without even leaving the village. I offer professional, high-quality nail services from my home right here in the village, so you can relax, save time, get that flawless finish and enjoy a little pampering close to home. Whether you're looking for strong, natural BIAB nails or a flawless gel finish, you can sit back, unwind, and leave with beautiful nails—no travel needed.

Many thanks,

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Book Club

Wednesday 8 April at 19:30 at The White Cottage, Robert Hall Road – Discussing “Thursbitch” by Alan Garner

Wednesday 13 May at 19:30 at Holmleigh, St Peter's Road – Discussing “The Penguin Lessons” by Tom Michel

Library Van

Friday 17 April 14:00 to 14:30 at the top of St Peter's Road.

Village News

- **Your community needs you**

If you have a car and some free time, please contact Lutterworth Volunteer transport (01455 555571) between 09:00 & 12:00). Drivers are needed to give lifts to the shops, clinics, hospitals & other appointments. You will be paid 40p per mile you drive each month.

Swimathon Fundraising for Cancer Research and Marie Curie

On 21st March, my brother & his grandson and I successfully completed our target 60 lengths in just 52 minutes!! We have raised £600 for cancer research. Many thanks for your support. If anyone else would like to support us, donations can be made at

<https://swimathon.org/fundraising/williamreddaway-1767691201683>

Thank you.

Sue Spriggs

Foodbank Donations – a message from Sara Lovett

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and donations of food and other essential items to our local foodbank. As you know the foodbank supports vulnerable adults and families across the region and with 1 in 5 living below the poverty line this is an essential resource for many people.

We regularly give out 3 day emergency food supplies to those in crisis.

In 2025 Arnesby alone donated over **753kg** so that is excellent for our small village.

In January this year we have donated 92kg, and February 76kg

Ps - I have added an extra crate under the bench for cleaning items and toiletries such as soap and bleach etc. Please can you use this instead of the food boxes. **Sara Lovett**

Faith In the Community -

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

Progress is continuing on our plans for restoring the church tower and sorting out trees in the grounds. We are working with the Leicester Diocese and Harborough council to get all the works approved and now have a detailed specification from our architect. Things are moving in the background, and we are cutting through red tape, of which there is no shortage I can assure you!!



Hexagon Church Services –

- Thursday 2 April (**19:00**) All Saints, Husbands Bosworth (Maundy Thursday)
- Friday 3 April (**14:00**) All Saints, Husbands Bosworth (Good Friday)
- Sunday 5 April St Nicholas, Mowsley (Easter Sunday)
- Sunday 12 April St Mary Magdalene, Shearsby
- Sunday 19 April St Mary's, Bruntingthorpe
- Sunday 26 April All Saints, Theddingworth
- Sunday 3 May All Saints, Husbands Bosworth
- Sunday 10 May St Peter's, Arnesby
- All services above start at **10:30 unless stated otherwise**

Easter Events

Although there will not be an Easter Day service at St Peter's this year, we plan to decorate the building to celebrate the Easter Festival. The church will be open during the day from the end of March until September. Please visit the Church during this period for private prayer and quiet meditation; or just to enjoy the flower arrangements.

Brian Spriggs (Churchwarden)

Volunteers Please!

A note from Brian Spriggs, our long serving Church Warden and long-term resident.

Sue and I are moving to Buxton; to be near our family, we have lived in Arnesby for 53 years. There are some village tasks which I have undertaken for many years, which I need to pass on to willing volunteers

1. Mowing the grass in the front of the village Hall
2. Mowing some of the Churchyard. You may be unaware that the Churchyard is mown by a group of volunteers, each of whom is responsible for mowing a section of the Churchyard, sometimes they use their own mower & sometimes they use the Church mower, housed in the garage of Garden Cottage, South Close. My section is part of the graveyard extension, where the recent graves are located

If you are willing to help, please contact me. Brian Spriggs **0116 2478559**, suespriggs@btinternet.com, **Cambridge House South Close.**

Time for Tea!!

ARNESBY SUMMER SUNDAY TEAS in June, July & August 2026

Summer Sunday Teas will again be served outside and/or inside St Peter's Church from 3pm – 5pm every Sunday throughout June, July & August.

This is a great way to meet up with new and old village friends, and often a few visitors too, for Tea/Coffee/Soft Drinks and delicious home-made cakes!

All proceeds go to support the maintenance of St Peter's Church and churchyard via the Friends of St Peter's Arnesby (FOSPA) charity.

Call for Volunteers

I am now making up a rota and calling for volunteers who might like to bake and/or serve teas on a Sunday afternoon. There are many seasoned bakers and servers already, but we would welcome new people to join the rota which covers just 13 weeks, so if you volunteer to help for just one week, no-one has too much to do.

If you would like more information before you commit yourself, please contact me as shown below.

To offer your help, please send me the following information:

- Your name & contact details, and whether you are an individual or already part of a group (usually 2 or 3 people). Individuals will be joined into a group.
- Dates you are available. (Vacant dates: Sundays June 14 & 21, July 5 & 12, August 16, 23 & 30). It helps if you can give a choice. If you want to do more than one session then say how many. The default is one session.
- What you want to do. Bake / Serve / Wash up / Bake & Serve / Set up tables & chairs / Put away tables & chairs / Everything ...

Text or WhatsApp: Monica 07768 760196.

Email: monica.dowson@btinternet.com. Note: my surname is **DOWSON**.

Many thanks,

Monica Dowson, The Granary, St Peter's Road.

Baptist Church News –

- Sunday morning weekly service, 10.45. Sunday Club for children. Followed by refreshments. All welcome.
- Sunday Evening weekly service, 18:00 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 07813 356364**



SCIENCE WEEK

This year the school took part in National science week by looking at a number of different fields of science from the earth to space!

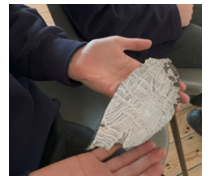
For science day in Key stage 2 we looked at chromatography and fingerprint analysis by brushing with powder to identify the suspect!



As part of our science week learning, we were very lucky to welcome into school a scientist who studies and collect meteorites (a meteoriticist). He has one of the largest private collections of Meteorites in the UK and brought some of his collection into school to share with the children.

The children were fascinated to learn and touch space rocks from the moon, the asteroid belt (between the planets of Mars and Jupiter) and a rock from Mars itself. The moon rock that the children touched and passed around is precious as it is the largest piece of the moon in the UK!

We had a fascinating insight into space, and our visitor very kindly donated a small meteorite from his collection to the school, in the hope that it will inspire the children to learn about space, meteorites and science in general. We are very grateful!



World Book Day also saw the school dress up as book characters and spent the day reading and writing about books and did some worded problems in maths! A great fun day to help celebrate the National Year of Reading.



Arnesby School continues to go from strength to strength with lots of exciting learning. Do help us to spread the word!

Stig's dump news



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

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Waste Sites - Winter Hours

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| 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 |