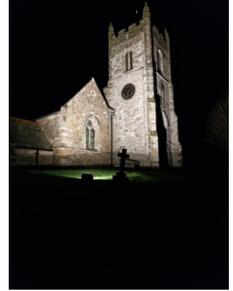


New Year, New Opportunities, New Projects

It has been 2 months since the last edition and so much has happened – cold weather, Christmas, New Year celebrations. We had the privilege to get together with fellow villagers at Jacquie and David's New Year's Eve bonfire which was a great village social gathering with the welcome fire guarding against freezing temperatures.

Plans are afoot to restore the tower and clockface of our wonderful Church – see the notice below of the FOSPA AGM.

PLEASE keep articles, notices and any points of interest coming into the editorial team so that we can make best use of the space in the newsletter.



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

Craft Club

The Craft and Chat Group will be meeting at the Village Hall from **14:00-16:00** on the following dates:
Wednesday 11 and 18 February
Wednesday 11 and 18 March
Cost is £2.50 which includes tea/coffee and a biscuit. Come and join us!

Book Club

Wednesday 18 February at 19:30 at Cambridge House – Discussing “The Midnight Library” by Matt Haig

Library Van

Friday 13 February 14:00 to 14:30 at the top of St Peter's Road.

Village News

- Remembering Doreen Frost

Doreen Frost, (nee Cobley), was resident of Arnesby for over 40 years, and passed peacefully away on December 7th 2025, at Brook House, Husbands Bosworth at the age of 92. She was born to a farming family at Sutton in the Elms and later moved to Cosby Hall where she lived with her husband Alan before they moved to Arnesby to one of the brand new Mews houses on Mill Hill Road in 1983.

She was very involved at Arnesby Baptist during all her years in the village, as well as the wider community, famous for her baking and generous, caring nature.

Doreen worked in personnel at G.E.C. Whetstone for many years. She was a well-loved lady, and a crowd of approximately 140 people gathered at the Chapel for a service to celebrate her life, on January 17th.



Arnesby Village Quiz Night 2026

Following the successful 2025 village quiz, there will be a Village Quiz held at Arnesby Village Hall on Saturday 21 November. This is slightly later than in previous years. An important date for everyone's diary. There will be more communication on the event in the next few months.

Andy Coupland

Faith In the Community -

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

Most people in the village will know about this Charity, which was established two years ago, to ensure the future of our beautiful medieval Parish Church. The village fund raising events, in support of FOSPA, have raised £18,000 so far and have had the bonus effect of providing many happy social occasions which help to make Arnesby the thriving and supportive village it is.



The Charity has almost fifty village members; if you would like to join our group of supporters or simply to learn more about the restoration project we are planning for St Peter's, please come to our Annual General Meeting which is to be held at **ARNESBY VILLAGE HALL AT 19:30 ON WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY.**

- Hexagon Church Services –

- Sunday 25th January St Mary's, Bruntingthorpe
- Sunday 1st February All Saints, Theddingworth
- Sunday 8th February All Saints, Husbands Bosworth
- **Sunday 15th February St Peter's, Arnesby**
- Sunday 22nd February St Nicholas, Mowsley
- Sunday 1st March St Mary Magdalene, Shearsby
- All services above start at **10:30 unless stated otherwise**

Lent Events

- There will be a series of short compline services held on **Wednesdays** at **19:00** at St Peter's Church from **18 February until 25 March** (inclusive).
- **LENT DISCUSSION GROUP FOR THE HEXAGON BENEFICE**
The reverends Chris & Paula OXLEY will be holding a discussion group at **14, Lammas Close, Husbands Bosworth, LE17 6LL**
The group will meet from **14:00 to 15:30** on **Friday afternoons** on **27 February & 6, 13, 20 & 27 March**. Paula and Chris can be contacted on **07803 878869** if you wish to register your interest or ask any questions.
There will be a Good Friday service at 14:00 on 3 April at All Saints Church, Husbands Bosworth.

- 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 07813 356364**



More vital information.....

The Loseby Trust

Do you love the outdoors? Do you have an interest in wildlife, recreation and growing your own? Would you like to help make an amazing difference to a 10 acre site of woods, fields and allotments for the village? The Loseby Trust needs you!

Many of you will know that the village has an allotment site, with a meadow and wood. It's on the other side of the main road, going towards Shearsby. Newcomers to Arnesby may not know that this site was gifted to the Loseby Trust for the benefit of the village. 26 years ago there was a huge investment of time and money by village residents to plant the wood. For a long time the Chair of the Trust was very successful finding grants, alternative funding sources and uses for the land.

Now we need a new plan for the future – to maintain and improve the site, make it more accessible to different users and find new ways to generate income. The parish council have kindly set aside £1,500 this year to help, but we need to do more....

If we want to keep the area for the benefit of the village and sustainable for the future we need enthusiastic people to help the Trust.

The current Treasurer of the Trust is stepping down at the end of March and we need someone who would be willing to take the role forward – you don't need to be an accountant, just somebody who has kept books for a small business or charity for example. If you would be willing to help, please text **Liz Middleton** on **07494 815475**

Anyone else who would like to become a Trustee and help to develop the strategy and plan for the future, please let **Zandra Byatt** know on **07825 182459**.

We also have a plot which is available to let. We have an offer to help rotavate it, if needed. Please contact **Alan Wilkins** on **07436 013372** if you are interested in growing your own fruit, vegetables and flowers for cutting.

Lutterworth and Villages Foodbank

As many of you will be aware, the village makes a significant contribution to the Lutterworth and Villages foodbank. In November, we provided **63 kilos** of food so many thanks to all who donated.

Enjoy driving? Some time to spare??

DRIVERS NEEDED

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.

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

Lutterworth Community Transport

01455 555571

admin@luttct.com



Been missing bin collection information – here is the latest from Harborough District Council.

Feb-26					Mar-26					Apr-26				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
2	3	4	5	6	2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3
9	10	11	12	13	9	10	11	12	13	6	7	8	9	10
16	17	18	19	20	16	17	18	19	20	13	14	15	16	17
23	24	25	26	27	23	24	25	26	27	20	21	22	23	24
					30	31				27	28	29	30	

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
	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
	Paul Williams	paulwilliamsdesign@hotmail.com
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