

## Spring is in the air

Nights are drawing out and the weather is warming up, if not improving in terms of precipitation.

There are several requests for volunteers in this edition – see the articles below. We all enjoy our wonderful village and strong community spirit, so anything you can do to help is more than welcomed.



**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 ...

### Easter Coffee Morning

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

There will be cakes, Easter treats and sourdough products as well as some activities for children.

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**

### Litter Pick and Refreshments

Please meet at the Village Hall at 10:00 on Saturday 28 March.

Litter picking sticks, bags and Hi-Viz jackets will be provided along with refreshments.

### Book Club

Wednesday 18 March at 19:30 at The Gables, Robert Hall Road – Discussing “Mansfield Park” by Jane Austen

### Library Van

Friday 6 and 27 March 14:00 to 14:30 at the top of St Peter’s Road.

## Village News

### - Your village needs you

Volunteers are needed for two tasks:

1. Thank you to everyone who has put their name down to open & close the Church through the summer  
As of today (22nd February) there are 6 vacant weeks. Please sign up in the porch if you can do a week or 2. I will put on the village WhatsApp when all the weeks are filled.
2. LEICESTERSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST “Ride & Stride”  
We are looking for someone to organise & cycle for the event on Saturday 12 September. Please contact **Sue Spriggs** for more details.

### Swimathon Fundraising for Cancer Research and Marie Curie

On 21st March, my brother & his grandson and I are going to swim 1.5 km (60 lengths) to raise funds for Cancer organisations. Please support us with donations at

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

Thank you.

**Sue Spriggs**

## Green Fingers Wanted

After many years of dispensing tender loving care to the Planter Boxes on Lutterworth Road, Terry and Beryl Cane have indicated that they are retiring from their voluntary maintenance of the Planters, which provide an attractive summer and winter introduction to Arnesby for the benefit of Parishoners and Visitors alike. The colourful arrangements largely require new planting each autumn and spring and the Parish Council provides the funds for the compost and plants each time.

We are therefore looking for volunteers who will continue Terry and Beryl's sterling work, in taking on the responsibility. Terry and Beryl will happily provide any information or advice if necessary and anyone who would like or is prepared to undertake this husbandry is invited to contact our Parish Clerk, Leigh Maidment on 07792770153 or e-mail arnesbypc@gmail.com.

On behalf of all Parishoners, I would like to thank Terry and Beryl for their devotion since the planters were put in place some years ago and maintaining their appearance, which adds to the village street scene.

**David Johnson Chair: Arnesby P C**

## Faith In the Community -

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

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM for FOSPA at **ARNESBY VILLAGE HALL AT 19:30 on WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY**. The Trustees were re-elected and the accounts for 2025 presented and approved. The trustees presented the plans for the project to restore the tower and clock face of our wonderful church.

Watch this space for more details as plans are firmed up.



### - Hexagon Church Services –

- Sunday 1 March. St Mary Magdalene, Shearsby
- Sunday 8 March St Mary's, Bruntingthorpe
- Sunday 15 March All Saints, Theddingworth
- Sunday 22 March. All Saints, Husbands Bosworth
- **Sunday 29 March St Peter's, Arnesby (Palm Sunday)**
- 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)
- All services above start at **10:30 unless stated otherwise**

## Lent Events

- Compline services held on **Wednesdays at 19:00** at St Peter's Church from **4 until 18 March** (inclusive).

## "Nobody expects the Spanish Inquisition!!"

An Easter reflection from Canon Chris Oxley.

Monty Python fans (myself included) will recognise the above outburst, when three of the cast crashed into a room, dressed as Cardinals, but wearing flying-helmets, and talked a load of nonsense!

In 1st century Palestine, at the time of the 'trial' and execution of Jesus of Nazareth in Jerusalem, for being a troublemaker from 'up north', **nobody was expecting the Resurrection!**

But within days of his death, the Risen Jesus came to Mary of Magdala in the garden, to his friends hiding behind locked doors, and at the lakeside for breakfast with Peter and the others, to two of them escaping up the road to Emmaus....and the story went on!

This was no ghost or hallucination or wishful thinking...the community of his friends had to start to get their heads and hearts round this huge surprise: that the death of Jesus was not the last word, and that Jesus was offering them a share in his Risen Life! In the Christian community today, all across the world, we are still working on it!

We here will be working on it, at 14 Lammas Close, in an informal group, to look at the events of that last week in Jerusalem, from 14:00 to 15:30 on Fridays from 27 February to 27 March. Come and go as you can... we look at a different part of the story each week.

You are also very welcome to join us as we celebrate this amazing story, at St Peter's Church, Arnesby at 10.30 on the 29 March for **Palm Sunday** ... entering Jerusalem

- **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**



## Arnesby Village School News – March 2026



### NUMBER DAY

NSPCC Number Day is celebrated in schools across the country by focussing on maths activities and how it can help us throughout our lives. There is also a serious message in supporting the good work that the NSPCC do for all children and adults, to learn about safeguarding and the supporting materials provided free for schools.

Our Number Day at Arnesby School was great fun, with children dressing up in all things number related and enjoying different maths activities to challenge us!



Well done to parents and carers who co-ordinated the UNO cards dress up theme this year. Don't they look great?

Do look at our social media posts and website for more photographs too!



### READING BUDDIES

Our reading focus for the first half term in January has been fairytales and children have been reading their fairytale stories to each other in their Houses as part of our buddy reading activity. This has really helped to bring the stories alive by dressing up as a fairytale character and we have had a wide variety of tales represented from traditional to more modern. Parents and carers provided such great outfits and made for a wonderful day and some great shared reading.

As our writing focus has for some classes been based around castles and others on fairytales. We had a super whole school visit to Warwick Castle supported by the PTA. We all had a fantastic day and really enjoyed learning more about why this castle was never defeated. The children have produced some great writing and have been able to talk confidently about what they learned on the day, even what it was like to be in the stocks!



# Bin missing the Stig?



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

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

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

## 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 / <a href="mailto:office@arnesby.embracemat.org">office@arnesby.embracemat.org</a>
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 / <a href="mailto:arnesbyallotments@gmail.com">arnesbyallotments@gmail.com</a>
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	Mollie Gillanders	07467 533615 / <a href="mailto:arnesbynewsletter@gmail.com">arnesbynewsletter@gmail.com</a>
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Village Hall Chair	Sue Cooper	0116 247 9840
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WI	Gina Ward	0116 247 8888
Guitar Lessons	Graham Roberts	07785 561181
Baby sitting	Chloe Stevenson	Call Carol on 07974 306933