

The sun is a shining to welcome the day....

The sun is out and it feels like summer already!
Just a reminder of the concert on Saturday 16 May at St Peter's Church:

🎵 **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). All proceeds will be donated to the Friends of St Peter's Church, Arnesby (FOSPA).

Don't miss live music in our village!!

As mentioned last month, Brian and Sue Spriggs will be leaving the village after 53 years!! See their note on the move under Village News. 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 ...

BIG Breakfast – Here to satisfy village hunger!!



Big Breakfast
Saturday 16th May
10am to 12 noon
Arnesby Village Hall

Everyone Welcome

Proceeds to Village Hall  Vegan Options

Book Club

Wednesday 13 May at 19:30 at Holmleigh, St Peter's Road – Discussing "The Penguin Lessons" by Tom Michel
Wednesday 17 June at 19:30 at The Granary, St Peter's Road – Discussing "The Ministry of Time" by Kalia Bradley

Library Van

Friday 8 and 29 May from 14:00 to 14:30 at the top of St Peter's Road.

Village News

- **We are moving – from Brian and Sue Spriggs**

Thank you all for your kindness & friendship over the past 53 years
We are moving on 7 May to be near our son and his family in Buxton

Our new address is:
17 Lismore Road
Buxton
Derbyshire SK17 9AZ

We have 2 spare double bedrooms with their own bathroom we would love to see some of our old friends, if you would like to spend a few days exploring Buxton and the beautiful Peak District, please contact us and come to stay for a few nights.

Best Wishes

From

Brian & Sue

07927489874

Do you care about local flooding, air pollution, the cost of living or food prices?

Then you are invited to attend a screening of the **Peoples Emergency Climate Briefing**.

An eye-opening 45-minute film featuring 9 leading UK scientists and experts updating us on the latest in the climate and nature crisis and its impacts on everyday UK life, including Extreme weather and flooding; Food security; Health and Cost of living. Based on the National Emergency Briefing held in Westminster, as covered by ITV, C4 and the Times, and featuring Chris Packham and a wide range of UK guests.

Followed by a short open discussion.

Arnesby Village Hall, Wednesday, 10 June, 19:30.

Free of charge, Refreshments provided.

Bring a friend or neighbour.

Scan this QR code for more information



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 March this year we have donated 105kgs.

Arnesby raising funds for families in Ukraine

Please join us to support the people of Ukraine (and Jackie in her amazing fundraising efforts) on Friday 19 June at 10:45 in Arnesby Village Hall.

There will be a POP-UP stall and you are very welcome to come and have tea, coffee, a chat and some cake with us (there won't be as much as Jackie used to make!).

This will be after a charity Ashtanga Yoga Practice to Celebrate International Yoga Day – this session is not suitable for beginners however if you or anyone you know is an experienced Yogi and would like to join us that would be great, please contact **Tracy** on **07963002215** for more details of the Yoga or for any other questions.



RAISING FUNDS FOR FAMILIES IN UKRAINE – THE JOURNEY - Cakes to Crochet by Jackie Payne

Seeing TV coverage of the start of the war in February 2022 gave me nightmares. I had to DO something. I could bake and organise things, so I put those together and came up with a 'Coffee & Cake for Ukraine' 2-hour event in Hinckley in May 2022. I delivered hundreds of flyers and visited local shops and businesses for raffle prizes and to display the posters I'd made. I visited supermarkets and asked for donations for baking products – they were all very generous. I begged flat packed boxes from Greggs – so that people could buy batches of cakes to freeze as all would be baked fresh in the days leading up to the morning sale.

I baked as much as possible - 12 large cakes, 540 assorted muffins, 6 assorted tray bakes, 2 spiced ginger cakes, 2 cherry almond cakes, 4 fruit tea loaves. We went early to the venue to set up. Would anyone turn up? Could I freeze the hundreds of cakes if no one came? Boy, did people turn up – it was wonderful. Two hours of mayhem cake cutting, serving and selling it was done and we'd raised £774.50 – way beyond my expectations!

This spurred us on, and by April 2023 after two more coffee mornings with raffles and various donations we had raised over £3220, and with the situation in Ukraine still bleak we just had to keep going.

But I could not sustain making over 500 muffins and numerous large cakes, so I set about reviving the **crochet** that I'd been taught when I was 8 years old by my best friend's Nan, back in 1964!

We now raise funds with The Red Cross with their Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. We have fundraising tables in supermarkets in the Hinckley, Nuneaton and Atherstone area, where people can buy mainly crochet items, needlecraft and some jewellery items – all handmade. I have progressed to taking card payments as well as cash and sometimes people just wish to donate rather than purchase – every amount increases the fundraising total which, to date, is a magnificent £29,639.93.

How does the money help?

- £5 - could provide a hygiene kit to a person who has had to flee their home
- £75 - could provide a fully equipped first aid kit
- £250 - could provide cash assistance to support someone undergoing physical rehabilitation.

Most recently, The Red Cross been able to provide:

- Healthcare and psychosocial support. 17 new healthcare centres have opened, expanding access to screenings and referrals.
- Safe and dignified accommodation. With funding support from the British and Austrian Red Cross, the Ukrainian Red Cross has built over 100 new apartments for people who have lost their homes in the conflict.
- Power for vital services. More than 870 generators have been delivered to support 35 railway stations, 20 hospitals, two water utilities and numerous community centres.
- Food and hygiene kits. Since the start of the conflict, the Ukrainian Red Cross Society has distributed over 13 million food and hygiene kits to people all over Ukraine.

None of this would be possible without the support of my husband, Roger Middleton, my family, friends and the generosity of the public.

Thank you for reading our fundraising journey to help children and families in Ukraine.

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 have received approval from Harborough District Council and are now working with the Leicester Diocese to get all the works approved. Things are moving in the background, and we are attempting to cut through all the red tape.



Hexagon Church Services –

- Sunday 26 April All Saints, Theddingworth
- Sunday 3 May All Saints, Husbands Bosworth
- Sunday 10 May **St Peter's, Arnesby**
- Sunday 17 May St Nicholas, Mowsley
- Sunday 24 May St Mary Magdalene, Shearsby
- Sunday 31 May St Mary's, Bruntingthorpe
- Sunday 7 June All Saints, Theddingworth
- All services above start at **10:30 unless stated otherwise**

Summer Teas

Arnesby Summer Sunday Teas inside/outside St Peter's Church will be served throughout June, July and August. Many thanks to all the volunteers to bake, serve, washup and set up.

We now have just one Sunday **without** any volunteers - **Sunday 14th June**.

If you are able and willing to help that day, please either contact **Monica Dowson 07768 760196** or **sign up on the list in the church porch**.

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 – May 2026



Easter celebrations

Our Easter celebrations in the church had a change this year as we told the story in 3 parts through the 3 classes with the Rev Canon Chris Oxley officiating. It was a great way to end the Spring term, and we enjoyed both practicing and delivering the Easter message.



Animal Day was once again requested by the school council, and we had an excellent morning getting to know a number of different creatures! From tadpoles to alpacas and dogs, horse, rabbit and a bearded dragon lizard, we all had a great time in school learning about the different animals and how to care for them.



Thanks to everyone who supports the school. We have a lot planned for the Summer term including Sports Day on the field on the 16 June from 13:00 (or if wet the 23 June at the same time) and the Annual School Fair on the 26 June where the whole village is welcome to both events. Do come and show your support in person!

Stig's summer dump



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

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Waste Sites - Summer Hours

Site	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Oadby / Wigston	9-5	9-7	9-7	X	X	9-5	9-5
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	9-4	9-4	9-4	X
Kibworth	9-5	9-7	9-7	X	X	X	9-5