



Our Arnesby Family -

Thinking Out Loud –

This year has been no different to previous, as we see the ebb and flow of life around us, both within our village family but our own more private families... At this time of year we tend to pause and reflect on those who have 'passed on by' over the previous months, either to pastures new or taken that final journey into more distant realms. We celebrate them all in our own ways this Christmas... Thoughts and love to all those who have had times of sadness and congratulations to all those who have had moments of joy.

Whilst writing and being soppy, it is also worth noting we should celebrate our new friends and neighbours who have joined our community during the year. These 'newbies' add to our already wholesome mix of personalities & characters and will no doubt help support the village in the coming year (*watch out for a community note later*).

Welcome one and all...

On that newbie note, I have the pleasure of welcoming **James Allen** into our fold, who I believe now resides at The Willows on Lutterworth Road. Welcome Mr. A, your new village awaits!



Funsies, Funsie, Socialy Stuff -

- Films – Village Hall – 7:30pm – Free!!!



Wednesday 13 th December	Change of film Slumdog Millionaire	Poor Indian boy from the slums defies all obstacles to become a millionaire via a game show (8 Academy awards)
2024		
Tuesday 23 rd January	The Balloon	2 families, desperate to flee East Germany, in a self-made hot air balloon
Wednesday 21 st February	Mrs Harris goes to Paris	A widowed cleaner, in 1950's, blows her pension on a trip to Paris to buy a Dior dress

- Book Club - Mon 13th Nov 7.30pm –

- o Monday 11th December 7.30 at The White Cottage, Robert Hall Road, we will be discussing "Yesterday's Spy" by Tom Bradby.
- o Monday 15th January, bring a book of your choice to Longacre, St Peter's Road.

- Swap Shop - Sat 2nd Dec 10-12pm –

Please join us for tea/ coffee, biscuits & swap some books, DVDs or puzzles in the Village Hall.

- Christmas Coffee Morning & Book Swap – 10am -1.30pm Saturday Dec 2nd - Village Hall

- o 10 - 12 - Christmas tree erection!
- o 12.30 - 1.30 - Decorating the erected tree – helpers needed, please

There will be a stall of donated board games, jigsaws & books and may I say, just as importantly (if not more so)...Mince pies, biscuits & hot drinks available *Cash only, please*

Next Submission Deadline – Sunday 21st January

- Library Van – 10:35 – 11:05am -

Top of St Peters Road. Be quick or you will miss it, it is coming one week early in December!!

- o **Tuesday 12th December** and **Tuesday 16th January**

- Village Quiz Update – Thank you Andrew Coupland -

A very enjoyable evening was had by all at this year's quiz. The winners were our visitors the "Gilmorton Geeks" with "Two Sues and their Banshees" a close second. Thanks to the ladies who organised a very successful raffle at the interval and a total of £332 was raised for the St Peters Building Fund from the evening. Look out for the date of next year's quiz which will be announced early in the New Year.

- Music Jam – Hall Farm – 7pm -

Bring an instrument or borrow one of Grahams guitars, or just go along to listen.... Graham will be looking out for you!



"Hi everyone - the jam nights have started and have been good fun so far - covering a wide range of music and uncovering some well-hidden talents. Would be great to see some more of you and perhaps an additional guitar or 2. Here are some target dates up to end of January 2024 - including both Tuesdays and Wednesdays:

**Thurs 7th / Weds 13th and Tues 19th December,
Weds 10th / Tues 16th / Weds 24th and Tues 30th January.**

Guitar Lessons –

If you want to find your inner Eric Clapton, Slash or even Segovia, and maybe join jam sessions at some point, I can offer guitar lessons for beginners or intermediates. If interested, please PM me on **07785561181** or just call round at Hall Farm. Thanks, Graham.

Women's Wellbeing Events -

This is your opportunity to meet representatives from local agencies and services, who support women and promote women's safety and wellbeing. All events 10:30am – 3pm (drop in sessions)

- o **Wednesday 6th Dec – Broughton (Sutton Elms Baptist Church LE9 6QF)**
- o **Friday 8th Dec – Market Harborough (Evangelical Church LE16 9JL)**

Any questions, please contact the Community Safety Team @ Harborough District Council:
communitysafety@harborough.gov.uk



Charity – The Act of 'giving with kindness'



Arnesby Foodbank –

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the Lutterworth & District Foodbank. Requests & deliveries have increased by 16% over the past 6 months.

Shortage items are : - Tinned fruit & veg, - Packet or tinned custard, - Instant mashed potato, - Whole UHT milk, -Fruit juice, - Hot chocolate, - Sponge puddings, - Rice, - Tinned meat, - Cereal bars, - Large size nappies

Religious Revelling -



Friends of St. Peter's – A message from Brian Spriggs –

Recently I circulated a village letter explaining why I thought the establishment of an organisation call 'The Friends of St Peter's Church' would help to keep the future of St Peter's and its churchyard secure and allow the village a say in that future.

I was pleased that **40 villagers** have responded positively. This has encouraged me to take the idea a stage further; to set in motion the measures necessary to form such a group. I hope that eventually we will be able to register the organisation with the Charity Commission.

To this end, I have arranged a **meeting** to take place at **Arnesby Village Hall on Tuesday 5th December at 7.00pm** . I have invited all those who responded to my letter, but if you haven't do so but would like to learn more about the proposed group, do come along.

Brian Spriggs (Churchwarden of St Peter's Church, Arnesby)

St Peters Church News –

- o **Benefice Communion - Sunday 10th December & 14th January, 10.30**
- o **Crib Service - Sunday 24th December 3.00pm - All welcome, activities for Children**
- o **Arnesby school Nativity service - Tuesday 12th December 2.45pm**
- o **Monday 4th December - The Nativity scene in the Church porch was set up.**

Crib Service – St Peters Church – Sunday 24th December – 3pm

Come and join us on Christmas Eve for this family service with carols when we set up the nativity scene in the stable. Children can wear their favourite nativity costumes.

Baptist Church News –

- o **Sunday Morning Service 10.45am**
- o **Evening Service 6pm in the chapel - upstairs room**

December Specials –

- o **Saturday 2nd, Ladies Craft & Wreath-making afternoon, 1.30 for 2pm start till 5pm. Please book via our website: www.arnesbybc.co.uk/christmas.**
- o **Friday 15th Family Carols 6pm.**



- o Sunday 24th, Christmas Eve, Carols by candlelight 4.30pm.
- o Christmas Day family service, 10.30am, all welcome.



Parish, Really Does Matter -

Primary School Update – Update from Head Teacher Mrs. Ruth James

We had a thoughtful Remembrance Service in St. Peters Church on Friday 10th November with children laying a home-made wreath and palm crosses on the Altar. Children also made pictures to give to the church for display.

We have had a reading day in our pyjamas to ensure that children understand the importance of reading for pleasure which was a great success. I have included the link for the school newsletter for you to look at which is also available on our school website. [Newsletters | Arnesby C of E Primary School \(embracemat.org\)](https://arnesby.embracemat.org/)

We are in process of updating our school website with the recent open days for prospective parents and children joining our school in Reception in September. On the front page of the website is a new promo video which would be great to ensure that the village has seen as this give a wonderful flavour of the school <https://arnesby.embracemat.org/>



Events coming up in December include:

- o The PTA have kindly funded tickets for the children to see a pantomime at the Century Theatre in Coalville in early December and we are all looking forward to that - *oh yes we are- oh no we're not!*
- o Nativity performance in the Village Hall on December 13th for parents and open to the village at 9.15 - refreshments will be provided by our wonderful PTA.
- o Carol Service also in the Village Hall open to parents and the village at 10.30 - 11am on Tuesday 19th December



Reading Time Support – Volunteers Needed -

A number of fabulous community minded individuals volunteered to help the children of Arnesby Primary School with their reading last term. If you are **still interested in offering your time** and support, it would be most welcomed.

The new head, Ruth, is keen to hear from those who have already put their hands up and are still interested, or from anyone else willing and able to spare a little time to help the children with their reading

Please do get in contact with Mrs Ruth James via rjames@arnesby.embracemat.org or ring the office on 0116 247 8563. Thank you.

Parish Council Update – Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan Review –

A Community Event was held on November 11th when the new draft Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan, as Reviewed, was displayed with an opportunity to seek answers to questions from those who have been working over the last twelve months on this project. This was well attended, and observations made and noted.



The next stage of the process is to finalise the document and submit to Harborough D C for Pre-Examination. This document will be published on the website so Parishioners can further view the same.

Upon Reflection -

- Let's reflect on our Newsletter year – sometimes, it is good to look back over your shoulder and glance at what has been, then turn forward and walk towards the future full of excitement yet to come... so let's take a walk through the garden of time and pat ourselves on the back for a good year all round - so if my very rough calculations (back of fag packet) are there or thereabouts.... From June 22....
- **People** – New houses increase the population, but we also have the natural increase and loss as well.... So from my count, we have seen - 8 passings / 6 births / 1 marriage / 12 families moved in to the village / 2 awards given...
- **Charity** – We have raised **£19,237** going to various charities, with Legendary Sue Spriggs raising over £4k on her own. Macmillan Coffee Morning providing - £1.4k / Promises Auction - £2.9k / Billy's Memorial Match - £1.8k / Open Gardens - £2.7k / St Peters Church Teas & Fete - £2.9k / Vedgie Stalls - £1.9k... we have villagers running, walking, and supporting Movember for various charities... well done Sally, Graham, Steph and all those I have not mentioned... Bloody Good Effort one and all!!!



- **Giving** – I would like to take a moment to thank those that do support the village with their time... those behind the scenes people who clean the church, the village hall, do the flowers, plant the planters, check the defibrillator, pick up the rubbish and so so much more... thank you... these acts do go unseen by many... but are appreciated by most.
- **Events** – We should also celebrate what we do have 'on our doorstep' ... to list those off the top of my head – The Annual Produce Show / Sunday Teas / Safari Supper / Flix in the Sticks / Book Club / Village Hall facilities / Swap Shop / Craft Club / WI / Library Van / Quiz Night / Promises Auction / Pensioners Christmas Meal / Harvest Supper / Cricket Club / Bootcamp / Sports events.... Lots and lots and lots...with others not listed... WOW!! Never mind those special ones, such as coronations and celebrations... Well done to all the organisers, volunteers, bakers and doers.

Dirty Rotten Rubbish -

- **Note** – you will have 1 Christmas Tree collection mid Jan, but otherwise it will be the last green bin collection until we roll into 8th March 2024....

Never fear though – your trusty tip can still accommodate your wastage – just drop on over to one of your choice –

Waste Sites - WINTER Hours

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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	9-4	9-4	9-4	x	x	9-4	9-4
Kibworth	9-4	x	x	9-4	9-4	9-4	9-4

For more info: [Your bin collection dates | Harborough District Council \(fccenvironment.co.uk\)](https://www.fccenvironment.co.uk)

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