

Arnesby News Sheet – Special Edition – 10th April 2020

Books in the Telephone Box & Church Porch

As well as the Arnesby Book Swap in the telephone box on Lutterworth Road at the top of St Peter's Road there is also a collection of books in the porch of St Peter's Church that you are welcome to browse, borrow or swap.

Leicestershire Library Services

Library Books

All libraries are closed and any library books out on loan should not be returned to library drop boxes. No overdue fines will be charged between 17 March – 4 July 2020.

Digital Library Services

Library members can borrow digital books, audiobooks, magazines and newspapers for free using your phone, tablet or computer. Visit the libraries website from www.leicestershire.gov.uk or for help getting set up phone 0116 2052695 or email libraries@leics.gov.uk

Free Downloads of Ballet & Opera from Royal Opera House

You can download for free from its Facebook and YouTube channels. Also, free content available on BBC iPlayer.

For more details look on www.MoneySavingExpert.com and search for: "Paid-for things they've made FREE"

Shopping – Deliveries – Support local businesses

As well as internet shopping, there are some local traders who are making deliveries: e.g.

Joseph Morris Butchers will deliver to Arnesby, contact 01858 575210 to place orders.

Little India is open for takeaways and deliveries from Tuesday to Sunday. See www.littleindia-arnesby.biz for menus or tel: 0116 2478251 / 0116 2799033

Cores and Pips – Local fresh Fruit and Veg box scheme, delivered in returnable wooden box e.g. £15 for 10 varieties fruit & veg. Contact them on Facebook or message 07765 924989.

Veg Boxes, etc, are available for collection from The Shires, Peatling Parva. Shop open on Tues & Fri only.

Milkman delivers basic groceries as well as milk. Mondays & Thursdays www.dairy2door.com

The Fishman has stopped coming until further notice.

Ken Brice, "the Egg Man" has also stopped coming.

Fresh local eggs are available on the stall outside Glebe Cottage at the bottom of St Peter's Road.

Vegan/organic foods, refills of food & washing things. Delivers. You need to look at the website www.ekojoe.biz to see what's available.

WhatsApp Groups

The **WhatsApp Community Group** started by Zandra Byatt has had lots of interest. People have posted ideas about where to get deliveries from and offers to get/collect orders. Neighbours have posted general comments, reminders and suggestions (knitting and crocheting hearts for hospitals, putting teddies in windows for children to 'go on a bear hunt', links to the Chapel holiday activities for children).

If you need some help, you can post your request on WhatsApp.

If you would like to join the group, simply text your name and "Arnesby WhatsApp" to Zandra on 07825 182459.

Please be aware there is a lot of chat on this group (so a lot of posts) but it is a very quick way to get lots of information to 60 people in the village at once.

In addition, Sue Cooper and Zandra have set up a **Volunteers In Arnesby WhatsApp** group. The group has over 20 people who have offered to help and support people in the village.

If you are not on WhatsApp and you need some help, or know someone who does, please contact Sue Cooper who will post your request on the group for the volunteers.

Tel: 0116 247 9840 or email: arnesbylocal@gmail.com.

Prescription collection

Sue Cooper is coordinating the collection of prescriptions from the Countesthorpe Health Centre for **anyone** in the village. (It helps the Health Centre and means you don't have to make a trip.) She or a volunteer will collect on your behalf.

Just phone/text: 07534 897 037 or tel: 0116 2479840

or email: arnesbylocal@gmail.com

The Health Centre is aware and will set aside the prescriptions each week for collection. Please make sure that you *order your prescription early*, as some medicines are taking longer than usual to be delivered to the Centre.

Your prescription contents aren't shown on the outside of the bag, so your prescription will remain confidential. If you usually pay for your prescription, please phone the surgery to pay before collection is made.

Jam and Marmalade

Sue Spriggs has emptied her freezer and, with Brian's help, made a load of Raspberry Jam and Marmalade.

For a donation of £2 for church funds, she and Brian will deliver a jar of your choice to your doorstep. (First come, first served.) Contact Sue on 2478559 or email suespriggs@btinternet.com

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Note from the editor:

I sense a great spirit of friendship and helpfulness throughout the village, with people going out of their way to help each other.

This is obvious by all the posts on the Arnesby WhatsApp. But not everyone in the village uses social media, so I decided another Special Edition could highlight new pieces of information for everyone in the village and make sure that everyone knows how they can get help or support.

***If you want to ask for help, and maybe don't like using the web/email/etc, you can always contact:
Sue Cooper on 0116 2479840 or The Chapel on 0116 2478392***

Wheelie Bin Collections & Recycling Sites

Black bins

– Fridays 17th April and 1st & 15th May

Blue bins & Green bins with stickers

– Fridays 10th & 24th April and 8th & 22nd May

If you haven't already got one, you can get your green bin sticker for April onwards (£40) from HDC online at www.harborough.gov.uk/green-bin

Recycling Sites are closed until further notice

Road Closures and Traffic Lights

14th – 16th April

Oak Lane closed for work to the entrance to The Willows, and probably one way up Robert Hall Road in the opposite direction to usual.

Continuing until beginning of May and probably beyond

Traffic lights at junction with A5199 and more water works further along Lutterworth Road.

Village Litter Pick

Thanks to everyone who took part, especially Claudia and Neil who also did the first 2 fields on the path to Shearsby.

Village Activities using 'Zoom'

Two regular village activities have continued to meet using 'Zoom', a video communication service.

Book Club is reading "The Lost Man" by Jane Harper

- contact: Sue 2478559

Pilates - contact: Jacky 07974 176382

Dates for your Diary – to be confirmed nearer the dates

Saturday 20th June - Village picnic and BBQ in the playing field, 6.30pm onwards

Friday 26th June - Fake Thackery – Country/Folk music concert in the Village Hall - **Cancelled**

Wed 29th July – Film Planning / Bring & Share Supper in VH

Saturday 5th September – Annual Produce & Crafts Show (for 3 villages) in Bruntingthorpe Village Hall

Saturday 26th September – Arnesby Auction of Promises (under new management) in the Village Hall

Bedding plants

Some people buy annual bedding and perennials from Premier Plants in Countesthorpe and have expressed concern that a small local business like this may not survive the shutdown.

Simon, the owner, has managed to cancel some of his orders but is looking into whether he may be able to provide some summer bedding.

Watch this space for more information but please be aware that the plants won't be ready before the middle to end of May.

Arnesby Baptist Church

Arnesby Baptist Church, also known as "The Chapel", say they are always willing to help in any way they can, and particularly at the moment e.g. with shopping, posting mail, finding information online, praying or discussing anything.

They say they are always up for a chat, so feel free to give them a call on 0116 2478392 or 07813 356364 or by email: johnny@arnesbybc.co.uk

Arnesby WhatsApp Group

This is a simple and immediate way to post useful information and/or requests to everyone in the group.

To join, simply text your name and "Arnesby WhatsApp" to Zandra Byatt on 07825 182459.

Welcome to Arnesby

New Baby

Congratulations to Nicola & Gareth Williams in Manor Barn on the birth of their first child, Cora Mary Williams on 21st March.

New House

A very warm welcome to Ellie and Matt, and their 2 dogs, who are moving into The Willows on Oak Lane on Friday 10th April.

The Arnesby News Sheet is usually published around the 20th of each month.

Special Editions will be published to advise on initiatives within the village for support during the COVID-19 pandemic.
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