

Arnesby News Sheet – 28th May 2020

Information and Help during Lockdown:

The **Arnesby WhatsApp Group** 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.

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

Wheelie Bin Collections & Recycling Sites

Black bins

– Fridays 29th May, 12th June, 26th June

Blue bins & Green bins with stickers

– Fridays 5th June, 19th June, 3rd July

Recycling & Household Waste Sites – *with booking only*

Selected sites are open seven days a week to county residents - **with a booked appointment only**. These include Market Harborough, Oadby and Whetstone.

Go to: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/waste-bookings>

HDC says “You should only go to a site if your waste cannot be stored at home without causing a risk of injury, health or harm to you or other members of your household. If you can temporarily store your waste in a way that does not pose a risk to yours or others safety or human health, then you must do so.”

Arnesby Book Club – Weds 10th June at 7.30pm

The Book Club is currently reading “Past Caring” by Robert Goddard.

Wikipedia says: “His thrillers usually have a historical element and settings in provincial English towns and cities, and many plot twists. They usually involve the lead character gradually uncovering a conspiracy which has long been kept secret, by means of historical documents such as diaries or by means of word-of-mouth accounts that have been handed down from one person to another. Goddard's first novel, Past Caring, was published in 1986. He has since written more than twenty novels; the majority were Sunday Times Top Ten best-sellers in the UK.”

The meeting to discuss this book will be via ‘Zoom’ at 7.30pm on Weds 10th June. Please contact Elaine Carter by email at elainecarter1@outlook.com to be sent an ‘invitation’ to join.

Games & Ice Lollies & Outdoor Seating for locals

The Chapel can now make available their **Outdoor Foot Golf Course** and **Table Tennis Tables** with bookable time slots via www.arnesbybc.co.uk or tel: 2478392. Social distancing in place, carefully controlled use of equipment. Pop in anytime for Individually wrapped **ice lollies** from Chapel kitchen (use back door of Chapel and/or phone 2478392). You are welcome to sit and enjoy peaceful spaced **seating outside**, dogs on leads are also welcome.

Dates for your Diary – *to be confirmed nearer the dates*

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

‘Synchronised & Socially Distanced’ Village Picnic & BBQ

Saturday 20th June 6.30pm – 10pm

In your own garden

Or if wet, in your house/summerhouse/shed/tent

Our annual village picnic cannot be held in the Playing Field as usual, so you are invited to join in with other households in the village with a picnic and/or BBQ in your own garden.

Families are welcome (and encouraged) to provide their own games and live music.

As always, bring your own food and drinks.

Everyone is welcome to join in.

Please send photos to WhatsApp or Facebook

or to monica.dowson@btinternet.com for inclusion in the next Arnesby News Sheet.



From Terry Cane - Arnesby Challenge – 3rd May 2020

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Arnesby 2.6 Challenge 2020 in memory of Steve Gibbs. Many people completed circuits of the Village encouraged on by local residents. Liam Lomasney and Terry Cane completed 11 circuits in 2.6 hours.

Many people have made donations to Prostaïd, some on-line and others by cash making it difficult to calculate a total but looks to be in the region of £400.00.

Thank you all.

Arnesby Baptist Church (The Chapel)

Our Sunday morning service is available via our website www.arnesbybc.co.uk

Also, our Sunday evening Zoom service is at 6pm - please contact us for details. All welcome.

Monday evening Ladies Bible Study and Girls Group – both are still meeting via Zoom, everyone welcome.

You can always contact us for information or a chat by phone: 0116 247 8392 or email: johnny@arnesbybc.co.uk

The Arnesby News Sheet is usually published towards the end of each month.

Please send items for inclusion to the editor Monica Dowson, The Granary, St Peter's Rd. monica.dowson@btinternet.com tel: 2478296 text: 07768 760196

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Arnesby Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 19th May at 7.30pm

This meeting was held on 'Zoom'. You can see the full minutes at: www.arnesbyparishcouncil.org.uk or on the village notice boards.

Items discussed included:

- Thanks to Sue Cooper and all volunteers for community support provided to villagers – *See report on the right* ->
- Tree Survey Report – agreed two trees should be removed as recommended in the report
- Purchase of plants for village planters – £250 agreed
- Planning application for erection of single storey rear extension at Ferndale House, Mill Hill Road – approved by Parish Council
- Boundary of building site on Oak Lane – contractor has assured council that the hedge will be attended to. Council suggested trees should be retained.
- The County Council has suspended cutting roadside verges unless it poses a visual hazard. Some people are disappointed that verges are not being cut, others approve that they are being left to encourage wildflowers & insects.
- With recent encouragement to cycle, it was agreed the Council will investigate the availability of grants to create a cycle/footpath to the gated road.



VE Day 75th Anniversary - Bunting and Social Distanced Tea Parties



Home Made Bunting!



Fruit, Vegetable & Flower Stalls in the Village

Look out for fresh local produce

- At the corner of South Close/St Peter's Road
- At the corner of Chestnut Lane/Mill Hill Road
- At the top of Robert Hall Road

Please make donations for any items taken in the donation boxes provided or as directed on the stall. All donations are divided between various charities as described on the stalls.

Please return any boxes/pots/trays/etc, back to the stall.

Arnesby Coronavirus Volunteers

Reprint of Report presented at Parish Council Meeting

Early on it was discovered that there was no need to set up a formal register of either the vulnerable and isolating people or volunteers. Good neighbours and volunteers were quickly identified and came from all directions, whether through WhatsApp groups or other social networks in the village.

Volunteers and friends have been keeping in regular touch with those who are locked down by doing shopping and delivering essentials as well as responding to requests for jigsaws, magazines, books and suggestions for entertaining children to keep everyone fed and occupied. There have also been requests to take post to the post office and other small errands.

More than 50 prescriptions were collected and delivered during the first few weeks, saving numerous journeys for shielded or vulnerable people and reducing contacts for people in the village at the surgery and chemist. Having talked to many people, the volunteers know that most people in the village have family or friends who are calling on them regularly, but if they are worried about anyone, they know how to contact the volunteer coordinators.

The co-ordinating group has explored a number of avenues for organising food supplies. Wholesalers and commercial suppliers have been found problematic because of the large size and quantity of their produce. More useful has been the vegetable and fruit boxes and other small food items available from pop-up shops at local pubs and restaurants.

Sue Cooper, May 2020

Village Pilates on 'Zoom' - contact: Jacky 07974 176382

St Peter's Day – Sunday 28th June

St Peter's Day is the last Sunday in June. It is our tradition to have a Gift Day near this time. Envelopes to follow and any donations will be gratefully accepted.

Brian Spriggs, Churchwarden, St Peter's Church

The Hexagon – Local Six Parishes

If you have any concerns, prayer requests or need to talk in confidence, our contacts are:

Rev'd Liz Bickley, Rector, Tel: 01858 880351
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Rev'd Angela Tarry, Curate, Tel: 01455 230997
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