



### Leading Us Out The Gates This Festive Month ...

#### Village Hall AGM: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm -

Sue & Brian are celebrating an amazing 42 years of service to the village and the hall, and Brian formally retired from the village hall Committee at the recent AGM.



Thanks to the generosity of the village, they were presented with a certificate and a cheque, by Brian Eales.

Sue Cooper wrote:

*There was a good turnout at the village hall AGM to thank Brian and Sue Spriggs for 42 years of service to maintaining and improving the village hall. The village hall is at the heart of much of village life, and they have played an integral part in its development.*

*Stella Elliot gave a vote of thanks. Then Brian Eales presented Brian with a wonderful framed certificate, made by hand by Neil Terry to mark the occasion, and a cheque for £810 raised by donations from villagers.*

*Amazingly we had managed to keep the preparations secret and Sue for once didn't know about something happening in the village :-)*

*Talking to Brian the next day, he said he was humbled by the number of people who had turned out (on a football night!), the size of the donation and the lovely messages that were collected for them.*

*A huge thank you to Brian and Sue, Neil, and to everyone who sent messages and donations.*

#### Please note -

- Lucy Carter & a couple of friends, have agreed to take over as bookings secretary for village hall use.
- Sue Spriggs will continue until January 2023, by which time we hope to have an online booking & payment system set

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### Talking of 'Helping Hands'..

**Babysitting???** - I am a reliable and friendly college student, available for babysitting and I have previous experience, so please think of me during this festive season as I have availability!!

For more information, please contact [J.Pilling33@outlook.com](mailto:J.Pilling33@outlook.com) or call 0116.2799114.

Josephine lives at The Cottage, Robert Hall Rd and would love to hear from you.

And a thank you from Brian:

*Dear Villagers, Neighbours, Friends,*

*I have always known that Arnesby is an exceptional village, with a community spirit like none other! This view was reinforced at the recent AGM of the Arnesby Village Hall Charitable Trust.*

*When I retired after 42 years from the post of Chairman, I was overwhelmed by the number of friends who came to wish me God Speed - and by the kind messages and generous gifts I received. This must have been a record attendance at an AGM.*

*I began to suspect that something was afoot as the hall began to fill way beyond our usual attendance.*

*Sue & I would like to thank you for your support and for the signs of appreciation of the efforts that we have made on behalf of the village over the years.*

*Sue Cooper was appointed as the new Chair of Trustees.*



*I wish her every success in her new venture*

*Brian Spriggs*

### And whilst we are all feeling loved up and thanking each other...

Brian and Sue are two of many who have committed time and resources to the village over the years and continue to do so. Those volunteers, silently work behind the scenes, providing a service, a support, a helping hand to many of us whom I know benefit.

Most of us are unaware of the effort that goes into organising the events that are put on, be it the church teas, the use of the village hall, organized events such as Easter, Harvest Festival, Safari Supper, Jubilee celebrations, summer picnics, May Fairs, cricket, football, food bank collections...and much, much more. We certainly, in the main, do not think about the maintenance of the communal buildings, cleaning and security for example.

I for one feel a note of thanks to all those 'elves' who make things happen, all those that put themselves out for the benefit of the village and residents. Thank you, you silent army, all you do is appreciated and all you do does make a difference for so many of us.

Thank you.





# 'Ave A Butchers At These ...



## Speeding – (I nearly gave this a humorous title, but good sense prevailed)

Concerns have been raised by parishioners about the **speed at which cars are coming through the village** recently. You may have noticed yourselves. As a potential way to draw attention to this, the County Council are providing some **bin stickers** which householders can **apply to their bins** (granted this will be only effective on bin days, but as famously quoted 'every little help's). We will try and get it out with this newsletter, however if it is not in time, we will add to next issue..... **feel free to 'go stick it on'...**

## Charity Updates – Growing, Harvesting, Eating, Giving, Supporting -

Last month, we updated on the money raised for one of the villages produce stalls... We have other stalls in the village, who also raise for charity, so let's 'balance the books' with a round up and a shout out! **A total of £990 raised:**

- **Chris & Paul Williams**, Ferndale, Mill Hill Road – collecting for Legs4Africa - **£238**
- **Peter & Anna Beeson**, The Elms, Robert Hall Road – Collecting for St. Peter's Church Building Fund - **£382**
- **Brian & Sue Spriggs**, South Close – Collecting for St Peter's Church and The Kate Community Hall in Sth India - **£370**

## Chef of the Year !!

The Bangladesh Caterers Association awards named **Suhel Miah** Chef of the year in the East Midland's region.



Suhel works at our very own Little India restaurant in Arnesby and received the award from industry expert Greg Wallace & Tasmin Lucia

## Arnesby Baptist Church -

	When	What	Where	Contact / Comments
Sun	10:45am	Morning Service		
	6pm	Evening Service	In the chapel	
Mon	7:30-9pm	Ladies Group		
Tues	10-12noon	Evergreen Café		
Wed	10am-12noon	ABC Parents, Babies & Toddlers	In The Barn	All welcome including Grandparents / carers
Thur	7:30-9pm	Bible Study		
	2:30-5pm	Café at The Barn		Extension for Explorers Parents
Fri	5-6:30pm	Expolorers Kids Club		For school yrs 1-6
	The Big Christmas Café - Sat 3rd Dec, 10:30am-1:30pm - the Barn Ladies Wreath Making - Mon 5th Dec - 7pm - Booking required please. Carols in the Court Yard - Fri 16th Dec - 5:30-6:30pm Carls by Candlelight - Sun Dec 18th, 6pm Christmas Day Family Service - 10:45 - all welcome!			
Diary Dates				
Contact :	Johnny Hutton - 0116.2478392 / Nathan Ling - 07412.045856 / <a href="https://www.arnesbybc.co.uk">https://www.arnesbybc.co.uk</a>			

## Wildflower Verge – Opposite St Peters Church – Your Opinion Please -

You will remember last month, Zandra asked for your feedback on the wildflower Verge by the Church. Hopefully you found the time to drop her a message, if you have yet been unable to, Zandra is keen to know your thoughts please. As a reminder.... Below are the options Zandra has requested feedback on:

1. Turn back to a grassed verge?
2. Plant a more formal bed with some shrubs and fill it with flowering pollinator plants to add colour structure. It would be rich pickings for our wildlife.

We have been awarded a small environmental grant to further develop, long term, self-sustaining pockets of flora rich areas throughout the village. Our aim is that they become havens, rich in biodiversity for our local wildlife. These sites should become steppingstones for our pollinators and other wildlife along the emerging wildlife corridor throughout Leicestershire.

**Please vote** and or volunteer by texting 'Option1' or 'Option2' to Zandra Byatt – 07825-182-459

## Up And Coming Events !!

Penny Elliot (of The Cow Shed) will be organising two events in the new year... the previously cancelled **Bring and Share** and the **Pensioners Christmas Meal**.... If you are interested in either, please drop Penny a message on: 07525:009.699 and she will contact you closer to the time.

## **Binning-Tons** — *Your bin collection dates | Harborough District Council ([fccenvironment.co.uk](http://fccenvironment.co.uk))*

Dec-22				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

Jan-23				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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9	10	11	12	13
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Feb-23				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
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20	21	22	23	24
27	28			

We follow the Blue collection round – **BLUE LINE** = blue and green bins. **BLACK LINE** = Black Bins – Easy!

**NOTE -** The garden waste bin(s) will be emptied every other week (except for the period of December to February when there will be one collection only during January (thank you for the reminder, Monica Dowson! 8-))







# Welcome Newbies ....



## Repatriation To Leicester – Hello everyone.

We are Graham and Cathy Roberts and have just moved into Hall Farm having repatriated from the Middle East. This is a move back to Leicester for both of us, Graham was born in Oadby and Cathy was raised in Burbage - we didn't meet until we met at Manchester University though!!

We have already been made most welcome and look forward to getting involved with the village activities and enjoying time in Arnesby. Oh, and we are both into and perform music!!

## Crib Service – Christmas Eve – Sat 24<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm – St Peter's Church –

Join us for this family service of readings and carols to assemble the crib and the participants in the Nativity. Children are welcome to come dressed in their Nativity costumes.

## Christmas Cards -

St Peter's Church Christmas Cards are £2.50 per pack of 10 cards and there are a few packs from last year.....

please contact Brian Spriggs (and pay him too!!!)

# And another thank you ..

## Safari Supper – Sat 12<sup>th</sup> November - (What a doo that was – such fun!!!)

The lovely Lucy Carter, organiser extraordinaire, would like to offer thanks...

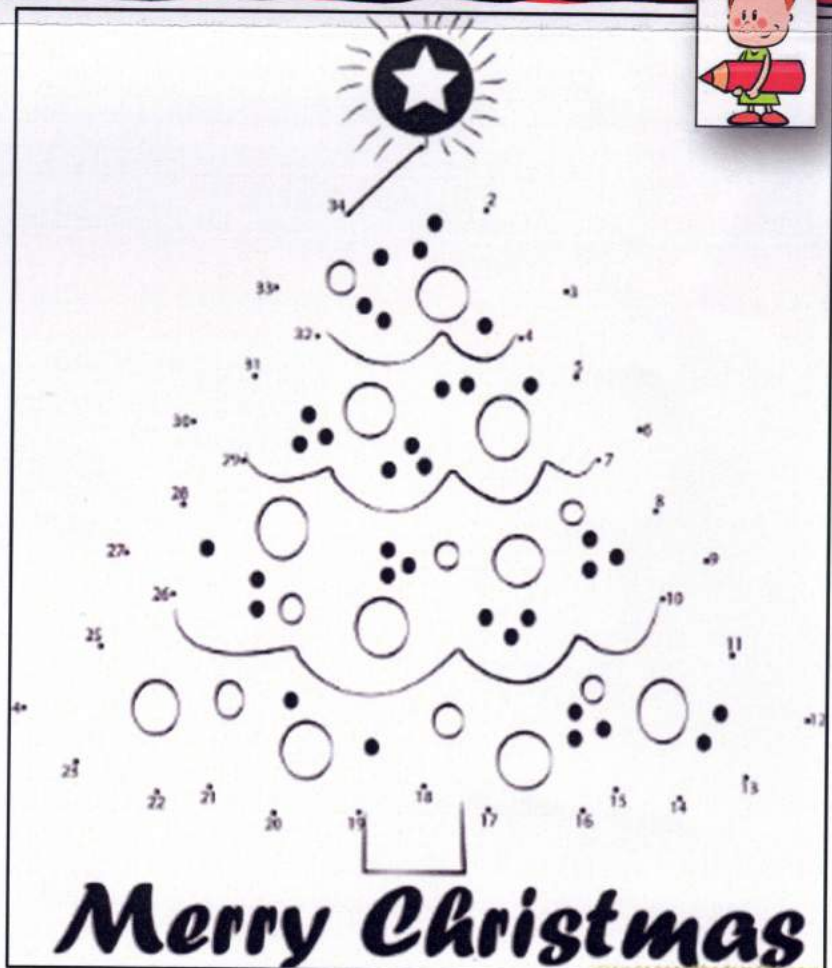
*"58 of us dined on the move on the 12<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you to everyone that joined us and also for hosting a starter, a main course or a pud. We had a really lovely evening so if you haven't tried it before, do give it a go next year."*

Lucy

*... (and could I echo Lucy's words of encouragement, do give it a go if you have not done so, it's a great night, and if you are a terrible cook, like me, it really does not matter (open a packet) ... everyone is truly lovely and it's a great way to meet those you have not met before) ...*

# Puzzling Isn't It?

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# Looks Like We Are Going To Be Busy Then ...



Wk	When	What	Where	Contact / Comments	Steps until Christmas!!	
1	Sun 4th	10:30am	Benefice Communion	St Peter's Church	21	
		10:45am	Sunday Service	Baptist Church		Sunday Club available for children
Mon 5th	7:30-9pm	Ladies Group	Baptist Church	20		
		Ladies Wreath Making	Baptist Church		Booking required please.	
Tues 6th	10am-12noon	Evergreens Café	Baptist Church	19		
		7:30pm	Film Night - "Nomadland"		Village Hall	Nevada mine closure causes Fern to set off in her van
Wed 7th	10am-12 noon	ABC Toddler Parent, Baby & Toddler Grp	Baptist Church	18	In the Barn.	
2	Thurs 8th	9:30am	Arnesby School Carol Service	St Peter's Church	17	
		6:30pm	W.I. Choir Carol Service	St. Peter's Church		
		7:30-9pm	Bible Study	Baptist Church		
Fri 9th	2:30-5pm	Café In the Barn	Baptist Church Barn	16		
		5-6:30pm	Friday Explorers		Baptist Church	With an extension for Explorer parents. For school Yrs 1-6
Sat 10th				15		
Sun 11th	10:45am	Sunday Service	Baptist Church	14	Sunday Club available for children	
Mon 12th	7:30-9pm	Ladies Group	Baptist Church	13		
Tues 13th	10am-12noon	Evergreens Café	Baptist Church	12		
Wed 14th	10am-12 noon	ABC Toddler Parent, Baby & Toddler Grp	Baptist Church	11		
		7:30pm	Film Night - "WestSide Story"		Village Hall	Speilberg's version of the classic musical
Thur 15th	7:30-9pm	Bible Study	Baptist Church	10		
		2:30-5pm	Café In the Barn		Baptist Church Barn	All welcome. With an extension for Explorer parents.
3	Fri 16th	5:30-6:30pm	Carols in the Court Yard	Baptist Church	9	
		5-6:30pm	Friday Explorers	Baptist Church		For school Yrs 1-6
		7:30pm	Book Club	LongAcre		To Discuss "Still Life" by Sarah Winman
Sat 17th	10am-12noon	Swap Shop	Village Hall	8	Bring any books, CDs, puzzles that you have finished and exchange them - Admission £1 with light refreshments	
Sun 18th	10:45am	Sunday Service	Baptist Church	7		
		6pm	Carols by Candlelight		Baptist Church	Sunday Club available for children
Mon 19th	7:30-9pm	Ladies Group	Baptist Church	6		
Tues 20th	10am-12noon	Evergreens Café	Baptist Church	5		
		10:30-11:05am	Library Van		St Peters Road, top grn	<a href="mailto:lutterworthlibrary@leics.gov.uk">lutterworthlibrary@leics.gov.uk</a>
Wed 21st	10am-12 noon	ABC Toddler Parent, Baby & Toddler Grp	Baptist Church	4	In the Barn.	
4	Thur 22nd	7:30-9pm	Bible Study	Baptist Church	3	
		2:30-5pm	Café In the Barn	Baptist Church Barn		With an extension for Explorer parents.
		5-6:30pm	Friday Explorers	Baptist Church		For school Yrs 1-6
Sat 24th	3pm	Crib Service	St. Peter's Church	1		
Sun 25th	10:45am	Christmas Day Family Service	Baptist Church		Whop Whop!!	

# Lovely People, Doing Lovely Things...

Want This?	Call These ...
Baby & Toddler Classes	Jen - 0795.130.6920 - <a href="mailto:jen.t@rhythmtime.org">jen.t@rhythmtime.org</a>
Boot Camp	Shane Malone - 07469.993.970
Covid-19 Co-Ord	Sue Cooper - 0116.247.9840
Cricket Club	David Hogg - 07443.259.928
Fitness & Yoga Sessions	Selina - 0781.392.7652
Grow Your Own Whatsapp Grp	Alan Wilkins - 07436.013372
Local Playgroup	Rups (Rupiner) 07709.811.668 - <a href="mailto:rupii24@hotmail.com">rupii24@hotmail.com</a>
Loseby Charity Trust /Allotments	Graham & Liz Middleton - <a href="mailto:arnesbyallotments@gmail.com">arnesbyallotments@gmail.com</a> - Liz - 0749.481.5475 / Graham - 07580.474.4500
Newsletter	Philippa Hill - 07508.255.140 / <a href="mailto:arnesbynewsletter@gmail.com">arnesbynewsletter@gmail.com</a>
Parish Council	Chair - David Johnson / Clerk - Leich Maidment / website: <a href="http://www.arnesbyparishcouncil.org.uk">www.arnesbyparishcouncil.org.uk</a>
Rhythm Time Leicester	Jen Taylor - Mobile: 0797.423.2964 / Email: <a href="mailto:jen.t@rhythmtime.org">jen.t@rhythmtime.org</a> / Web: <a href="http://www.rhythmtime.net/leicester">www.rhythmtime.net/leicester</a>
St Peters Church	Sue & Brian Spriggs - 0116.247.8559 (Church Warden - Brian Spriggs)
The Chapel	0116.247.8392
Village Facebook	Paul Williams - Ferndale House, Mill Hill Road
Village Hall Booking	Sue & Brian Spriggs - 0116.247.8559
Village Website	<a href="http://Village Website - Arnesby, Leicestershire (village-web.co.uk)">Village Website - Arnesby, Leicestershire (village-web.co.uk)</a>
Village WhatsApp	Zandra Byatt - 07825.182.459
W.I.	Gina Ward - 0116.247.8888 / Anne Miksza - 0116.247.8910

**NEXT Issue / Deadline** – Please email comments & suggestions to [Arnesbynewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Arnesbynewsletter@gmail.com) or pop a note through Trevean, Mill Hill Rd. **Thanks Phill**

**Strict Copy Deadline – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jany / Next Issue – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan / Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday Jan 17<sup>th</sup>**

