

People-y Bits -

Billy's Tree

This piece is to share with you the significance of the newly planted tree at the top of Mill Hill Road, on the small green where the planter resides.

Many villagers will be aware of who Billy was, those that either grew up with him, or watched him grow. Those that moved to the village in recent years may also have had the pleasure of meeting and chatting to him. Some of you will not have met Billy and the more recent would not have had the opportunity of engaging with him. It is fair to say, that he was a son of the village.

Sadly, Billy passed away last year, as did other villagers that will be missed of course. However, Billy's parents Steph and Tom (and Flo) gave me these words to share with you:



"The story is simple; we wanted a tree planting in memory of Billy in the village. And what better place to have it but by the school where he was a pupil. We must thank John Mawby and his son Graham for helping us to pick the tree and plant it for us."



May I gently suggest (albeit very very cheeky of me), that this tree is not only a memorial for Tom and Steph for their son Billy, but if you have lost people along the way, maybe think of it as a tree for All. When passing it, maybe take a moment to think and reflect on our own families and friends as well as Billy, as trees are typically seen as a *lasting symbol of life.*

Event-y Bits -

WI – 90 years Celebration Lunch

Shearsby and Arnesby WI are celebrating their 90th birthday this year. No founder members are still alive but we have several ladies who have been members for many years. We also have quite a few recent joiners which is fantastic and new blood is always welcome.

Our celebratory lunch at the Crown Inn Tur Langton was a lovely occasion.

Our activities have changed enormously over the years and are extremely varied. We have played darts, skittles, Curling and even tried walking netball.

Many different types of crafts have been demonstrated to us and members have tried to replicate the crafters skill with varied results! Currently we are planning a morning of Crazy Golf in Blaby and at our next meeting we are having a go at making an Easter decoration.

If you are interested in joining, please contact:
Gina Ward - 0116.247.8888 or Anne Miksza - 0116.247.8910



Open Gardens – Sunday June 25th -

Contact: Jacque via

E- Jashorrocks@gmail.com

T – 07908925983



Copy Deadline –

Please email comments & suggestions to Arnesbynewsletter@gmail.com

Strict Copy Deadline – Friday 21st April / Next Issue 5th May

And we had better all be doing some of this...

The King's Coronation – Sun 7th May

FAB OPPORTUNITY FOR A WHOLE VILLAGE, GOOD OLD FASHIONED, KNEES UP, GET TOGETHER, THINGYMAJIGAMY – HOW EXCITING!!!!

Bring & Share lunch for **all villagers** outside the Village Hall (inside if wet) followed by children's games in the playing field.

Children may like to dress up as Kings & Queens.

Please let Sue Spriggs know how many of you hope to come, so we can gather enough tables, chairs, plates etc. **first drink free**

suespriggs@btinternet.com. Mobile 07927 489874. Tel: 0116 2478559

Get a load of this!

Promises Auction – Round Up

And what fun it was too. Food to share, picnics were brought (I spied wine, gin (with ice in a flask – obviously experienced campers!)). Some fantastic sausage rolls and plenty of cheese!!



Turnout on the night was 'slim' but postal votes were in the mix so it is with great pleasure to shout out that a **fantastic, a whopping £2,912 was raised. Well done and THANK YOU to all those that 'Splashed. The. Cash'.**

Funds raised will be divided equally between **Arnesby Village Hall, LOROS, and St Peter's Church.**

Sue would like to extend thanks to the band of happy helpers: **Paul Williams – Auctioneer. Gina Ward, Ann Mawby and Anna Beeson** also did a fab job as the Clerks.

Your Community Churches -

Arnesby Baptist Church -

	When	What	Where	Contact / Comments
Sun	10:45am	Morning Service	The Chapel	Sunday club available for children
	6pm	Evening Service		
Mon	7:30-9pm	Ladies & Girls Grp	The Chapel	Contact Val
	7pm	Football Training	Behind the Chapel	
Tues	10-12noon	Evergreen Coffee Time	The Barn	All retired people welcome to this weekly, normal gathering behind the Chapel at the Barn
Wed	10am-12noon	ABC Parent, Babies & Toddlers	The Barn	Contact Ellie - 07784.939.781
Thurs	7:30-9pm	Evening Bible Study	The Chapel	
Fri	6-7:30pm	Explorers Kids Club	The Barn	School yrs 1-6
	2:30-5pm	Café in Barn	The Barn	Restarts Friday 21st (with extension for explorer parents)
Sat	7-9pm	Youth Club		School yrs 7+
Sun	9th April - 10:45-12	Easter Day	The Chapel	All welcome
Mon-Thur	Tues 4th-Thurs 6th April	Monsters Inc. Holiday Bible Club - songs, stories, crafts, quizzes and games, all children ages 5-10years welcome. Please contact for more details. Easter - Good Friday Café - 7th April 10:30-12:30.		
Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Easter Day Family Service - 10:45am - all welcome. - Please visit our website for more information. 			
Contact :	Johnny Hutton - 0116.2478392 / Nathan Ling - 07412.045856 / https://www.arnesbybc.co.uk			

Well done and thank you.... Now for some more please...



St. Peter's Church

	When	What	Contact / Comments
Sun	9th April	10:30am	Holy Communion All Welcome
Wed	12th	8:30am	Bishop of Leicester To hold short prayer service, followed by breakfast, then walk to Shearsby for 10.30 Communion – All Welcome
Tues	28th	2pm	AGM In the Church - Review of the Electoral Roll is to be completed by Monday 13th March
Note	Wed's 7pm	1st to 29th March	Compline A short, reflective service through Lent
Contact :	Brian Spriggs - 0116.247.8559		

Food Bank Update

Shortages

- All laundry Products
- Shampoo
- Shower Gell
- Hot Chocolate
- Snack Bars
- Savoury Biscuits
- Tinned Meat Meals
- All types of Milk
- Noodle Snacks
- Sponge Puddings
- Soap
- Hand wash
- Washing up Liquid

Collections

Collected 24/3

18.8kg of weight

Huge thanks from Martin Price and the rest of the Foodbank team



ANIMAL DAY

On Monday, 27th March, the school became a small farm. Parents and staff brought in a range of animals for the children to get to know better including a calf, lambs, a pony, a tortoise, guinea pigs, a rabbit, and several dogs! They loved learning about their new visitors, and we believe a one or two families are now adding a new pet to their household! Thank you so much to everyone who supported us.

AMAZING AUTHORS COMPETITION

We all entered this exciting Blue Peter Competition.

Winners in each year group received a prize and Morgan won the whole school prize.

Look out for the results on the display board in the Village Hall.



EASTER SERVICE

On Wednesday 30th March, Rev Stephen March welcomed us into St Peter's Church to celebrate Easter with a range of songs and prayers.

His talk about Thunderbirds and International Rescue was particularly well received!

Arnesby Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2nd March 2023 In Arnesby Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Attendees: David Johnson (Chairperson), Leigh Maidment (Parish Clerk), Jennifer Lees, Zandra Byatt, Bob Jones, John Mawby

- 1. Apologies for absence**
 - None
- 2. Expressions of interest related to business on the agenda.**
 - None
- 3. The future of the Village Playing Field.**
 - During the negotiations regarding the new 3 year lease of the village playing field an objection was raised by Oscar Briggs, land owner, regarding the designation of the playing field as an Important Open Space in the Arnesby Neighbour Hood Plan, which is currently being completed. He had suggested that he would be uncomfortable leasing the land to the Arnesby Parish Council with such a designation in place as this would be a potential detriment to future generations who may wish to develop the land.
 - Zandra Byatt proposed that the Parish Council agree to removing the Important Open Space designation on condition that the new lease period be extended to 10 years, as the last agreement was, thus protecting the use of the Village Playing Field for parishioners for a longer term. Seconded by Jennifer Lees, passed unanimously.
 - David Johnson is to approach Oscar Briggs with proposal.
- 4. Open Questions**

Date of future meetings: 21 March, 18 July, 21 November 2023 and 16 January 2024. Village Hall to be venue if free.

Leigh Maidment,
Clerk to the Parish Council

26th February 2023

JustGiving™ Swimathon fundraising for Cancer Research & Marie Curie

On 12th May I am attempting to swim 1.5 km (60 lengths) to raise funds for Cancer organisations. Please support me with donations at www.justgiving.com/susanspriggs Thank you! Sue Spriggs

Looking Ahead -

When	What	Where	Contact / Comments
April -			
Fri	7th	10:30-12:30	Good Friday Café
Sun	9th	10:30am	Easter Sunday
		10:45am	
Wed	12th	7:30pm	Last Film of the season : Elvis
Tues	18th	10:35-11.05	Library Van
Fri	21st	2:30-5pm	Café In the Barn
Wed	26th	7:30pm	Book Club
May -			
Sun	7th	12:30 onwards	King Coronation Celebrations
Fri	12th	-	Swimathon Fundraising
June -			
Sun	4th		Cricket
Sun	25th	25th	Open Gardens
July -			
Tues	18th		Parish Council Meeting
August -			
Wed	9th	6:30pm	Film Planning

2023 Cricket Schedule - David Hogg - 07443.259.928

When	What	Where
June		
Sun	4th	TBC
September		
Sat	3rd	TBC
	24th	TBC

There will be Thursday night sessions to be arranged when we get to cricketing weather

Sweaty, Sporty Bits -

SM Fitness & PT

- Bootcamp - Sat 9-10
 - Box Fit - Sunday - 9:30-10.30
 - Circuits - Wednesday - 6-7pm
 - Personal Training - available upon request
- All fitness levels and abilities welcome. To book for any of the sessions contact:

Shane Malone -TEL 07469 993970

"This morning's class was the best class I have ever been to - you have to peel me off the ceiling now - so energised!"

Fitness & Yoga Sessions - Monday's

In the Village Hall : Fitness - 7:15-8pm / Yoga - 8:15-9pm
/ Everyone Welcome / £5 per session or £8 for both
Please book your place by texting Selina on 07813927652

Bins N' Stuff -

Apr-23				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

May-23				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

Wheelie Bin Collection Dates -

These are bi-weekly, and more details can be found at: [Your bin collection dates | Harborough District Council \(fccenvironment.co.uk\)](http://www.harborough.gov.uk/info/20059/garden_waste/434/garden_waste_service/4) **Note** - Please ensure wheeled bins are presented **before 7am**

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Waste Sites -

Site	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Oadby / Wigston	9-4	9-4	9-4	-	-	9-4	9-4
Whetstone	9-4	-	-	9-4	9-4	9-4	9-4
Lutterworth	9-4	-	-	9-4	9-4	9-4	9-4
Market Harborough	9-4	9-4	9-4	-	-	9-4	9-4
Kibworth	9-4	-	-	9-4	9-4	9-4	9-4