

Latest news & bulletin updates

January Submission
Deadline:
29th December 24

Winter is here...Brrrrrrrrr

Christmas is but a month away!

And, with one month to go, it seems like we are already rushing to get everything done. As you will see in this edition, there is a lot going on with events for all. On behalf of the editorial team may I wish you all a very merry Christmas and the very best for 2025! So here is a poem that sums up Last Minute Christmas Shopping.

You get the myrrh, the other two had said –

which was all very well
but it was now nearly six o'clock
and the shops were absolutely rammed
because it was Christmas Eve –

at least it would be in a few centuries
once the annual festival of Christmas had established itself –

and quite frankly, he was tired and fed up
having had one hell of a journey
just getting himself to Bethlehem what with the saddle rash
and the traffic on the ring road outside Damascus,

and the neck ache from looking up at that star all the time,
and losing that ruby out of his best crown,

and that slightly superior air
Caspar and Melchior would always show towards him
which made him feel like a dullard,

and the fact it had taken him so long to park his camel
that most of the shops had started to close,
and that he kept on losing his bearings,
he'd walked down this street maybe three times already
yet he was still none the wiser,
and neither was he any closer to getting some myrrh and talking of which,
what the hell even was stupid myrrh, anyway?

Well done Planters – may your bulbs shine on (or at least bring some wonderful flowers)!!

A big 'Thank You' to Lynn and also Alan and the team from 'The Chestnuts' who have once again helped to plant spring flowering bulbs and pansies in the three village planters.

Beryl & Terry Cane

Welcome Jo and Darren

A big warm welcome to Jo and Darren who have moved into Westleigh on Chestnut Lane. We all hope you are settling in and I am sure you will meet many of us over the next few weeks



Looking for something to do? Here are some ideas...

- Film Nights – 7:30pm in Arnesby Village Hall

Tuesday 17 December - **The Great Escaper**. Michael Caine escapes from his care home to attend the D Day celebrations.

Wednesday 15 January – **One Life**. Anthony Hopkins in a biopic of the life of Nicholas Winton who rescued many children from occupied Czechoslovakia.

- Book Club

Book Club Wednesday 11 December, 7.30 at Longacre, St Peter's Road

We will be discussing any *Sherlock Holmes* story you have read

Parish Update – This REALLY needs your attention!!!!!!

- Neighbourhood Review Plan

The referendum for the Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan Review will take place on Thursday 23rd January 2025. The timetable for the same is set out below and Parishioners are encouraged to vote, when the day of the Referendum arrives. Much work has been put into the review by the Neighbourhood Plan Review Steering Group in the village and the adoption of the same is an essential tool to the Parish being able to control development within and, the appearance of, the Parish.

David Johnson

Chair: Arnesby Parish Council.

Publication of Information Statement	Tuesday 10 December 2024
Publication of Notice of Election	Friday 13 December 2024
Last Date for Registration	Tuesday 7 January 2025
Receipt of Postal Vote Applications	5:00 pm Wednesday 8 January 2025
Last day for Voter Authority Certificates	5:00 pm Wednesday 15 January 2025
Publication of Notice of Poll	Wednesday 15 January 2025
Receipt of Proxy Vote Applications	5:00 pm Wednesday 15 January 2025
Appointment of Poll and Count Agents	Thursday 16 January 2025
First Day to Issue Replacement Lost Postal Ballot Papers	Friday 17 January 2025
Last Day to Issue Replacement Spoilt or Lost Postal Ballot Papers	5:00 pm Thursday 23 January 2025
Receipt of Emergency Proxy Vote Applications	5:00 pm Thursday 23 January 2025
Day of Poll	7:00 am to 10:00 pm Thursday 23 January 2025

Set out below is some further information that may address any questions you have at this stage. A leaflet setting out the same information will be circulated round the village shortly, but here is an early view.

Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan Review

Referendum to take place on 23 January 2025

What is the Neighbourhood Plan?

In simple terms it is a document that:

- Sets out policies that are to be used by Harborough District Council when deciding on planning applications in the Parish - so it carries real legal weight.

- Has been developed by the local community, rather than Harborough District Council, and therefore reflects the priorities and wishes of people living and working in the Parish as far as possible within the context of planning regulations and requirements.

- What is the question on the Ballot Paper?

Do you want Harborough District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan Review for the Parish of Arnesby to help it decide planning applications?'

- What would a YES vote mean?

If a simple majority vote YES to the Plan in the Referendum, it will become part of the statutory Development Plan for the District. Any planning decisions and conditions e.g. on housing and the environment, within our Parish must be made with reference to our Neighbourhood Plan Review.

- What would a NO vote mean?

If a simple majority vote NO to the Plan, the local protections and conditions stated in the Policies will not apply and Harborough District Council will continue to make planning decisions based upon District-wide and national policies.

- Where can I get more information to help me decide?

Go to the following website: www.arnesbyparishcouncil.org.uk Or read a paper copy of the Plan, available at Arnesby Village Hall. Or contact the Parish Clerk Leigh Maidment - arnesbypc@gmail.com

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU VOTE – IT IS IMPORTANT

Your Polling Card will arrive before the Referendum and will show the Polling Station where you can vote

Faith In the Community -

- Friends of St. Peter's, Arnesby –

Nearly one year on from our inaugural meeting, we have achieved a lot in 2024. We have formed a legally registered charity, opened a bank account, held fundraising events, held a summer fete and even registered with the tax man for Gift Aid. We have so far raised over £8,500 so a huge thank you to everyone who has helped and contributed so far. Recently, FOSPA and the PCC met to align on priorities for maintenance work on our lovely church. The plans will be presented to the FOSPA AGM which will be held in January – watch this space for dates.

- St Peters Church News –

- Holy Communion - Sunday 15 December @ 10.30am
- Crib Service – Tuesday 24 December at 3pm
- Christmas Day Holy Communion at 10:30 at Husbands Bosworth
- **Saturday 7 December, 7.30 Cantamici Choir Christmas Concert. Tickets £10 (to include mulled wine/ soft drinks & mince pies) from Brian & Sue Spriggs & Cathy & Graham Roberts**
- A HUGE thank you to everyone who came and helped with the Churchyard cleanup on 2 November – a really successful exercise with lots of good humour and banter.
- **Winter Teas – A success story**
Thank you to all those who came along to Autumn Tea in our lovely warm church! Lots of village folk were getting together - and we made a profit of £112, which more than covers the cost of heating.
So, we're doing it again on **Sunday 2nd February**, when once more the heating will be left on following the morning service.
Baking and serving volunteers would be most welcome (contact **Claudia 07710 291313**), but equally valid is supporting FOSPA by coming along and having a cup of tea and a chat! We look forward to welcoming you.



- Baptist Church News –

- Sunday morning services as normal throughout December and January 10.45am, (including Sunday Club) followed by refreshments. All welcome.
- Friday 13th, 6pm Family Christmas Carols, followed by mince pies and hot drinks. All welcome.
- Sunday 15th, 10.45am - Nativity Service.
- Sunday 22nd, 4.30pm, Carols by Candlelight. Everyone welcome.
- Christmas Day service, 10.30am, all welcome.



More vital information.....

Silent Auction – An important announcement from Andrew Coupland

For Sale: a magnum bottle of 1976 Taylors Vintage Port in its original box. It was won in a golf competition in the early 1980's and has remained unopened and gathering dust since then!

Looking online, identical bottles are for sale for £150-160. Anyone who would be interested in purchasing this bottle, is asked to place their bid in a sealed envelope, with name and contact details (mobile number, email etc.) and deliver to Langdale House, Lutterworth Road. Bidding will close at 9 pm on Sunday 15th December. There will be a reserve price on the bottle below which the bottle will not be sold.

The proceeds from the winning bid will go to "The Friends of St Peter's Church".



Lutterworth & District Foodbank

The October total donations weighed 48kgs.

Please continue to donate items into the boxes in the Church porch

Current shortages include:

TINNED fruit & veg, custard, spaghetti, rice pudding, meat, fish.

OTHER ITEMS: large size nappies, cereal bars, sponge puddings UHT long life milk, hot chocolate, fruit juice.

Library Van –

No library van on Friday 29 November. Instead, the van will call on Wednesday 4 December from 10 to 10.30 am. There will be a last visit for the year on Friday 20 December from 2-2:30pm. Last chance to stock up on Christmas reading!

Please continue to support our library van service! If we don't use it, we may lose it!!



Arnesby Village School News – December 2024

Ahoy there!

This month saw the Jolly Roger flying on our school flagpole and many pirates in school for Pirate Reading Day, which included a school book amnesty for those pesky pirates who had forgotten to return the treasure on their bookshelves!

We all enjoyed many reading activities, including reading instructions, map reading and rules of maths games to avoid losing more treasure. Such a great day enjoying reading together!



Emergency exit

Our new signage on the new double gates indicates that this is an emergency exit in case of fire or if we require an ambulance etc. and as such needs to be accessible at all times of the day. We are thankful that people are considerate and park away from the zigzag lines.



Sleeping at school? Whatever next?

If you saw the school lights on overnight, this will explain why!

On Friday evening Endurance class came back to school in the early evening for a sleepover in preparation for their residential visit in the Spring Term. They enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate and a film in their pyjamas before settling down to a good night's sleep!

One of our very polite children said *"I loved it and I loved the movie and just had so much fun. Thank you"*, another commented *"It was awesome!!"* Breakfast was swiftly consumed too!

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

Dec-24					Jan-25					Feb-25				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4	3	4	5	6	7
9	10	11	12	13	7	8	9	10	11	10	11	12	13	14
16	17	18	19	20	14	15	16	17	18	17	18	19	20	21
23	24	25	26	27	21	22	23	24	25	24	25	26	27	28
30	31				28	29	30	31						

Waste Sites - Winter Hours

Site	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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