

Sad Farewells (respectful pause) & Welcome-Schmelcomes -

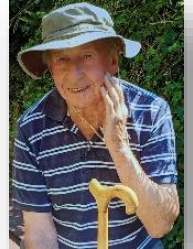
- Fond Farewells -

So this month I am saddened to write of our two losses, two gentlemen who have given much to the village and have been part of the fabric for 'many a year'...



First to leave us on the 15th December, was the lovely **Graham Middleton**, may Liz and family work through these difficult days with all our love and support. Liz has asked me to pass on her thanks to those who were able to attend Grahams funeral, the family were overwhelmed with the support and outpouring of love. Thank you. Graham was ex-Chairman of the Arnesby Parish Council, Chairman of the Loseby Charity, a retired Police officer and a very talented wood turner. Graham was 66 when he died.

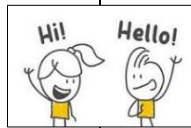
The second journeyman was the infamous **Norman Cundy**, who died at the age of 91 on 28th December. Norman had been part of the village for 54 years and I know he is also missed greatly by those that knew him. You may have seen him pottering about with his walker, determined to keep on the move. If you ever go through the gate into the bottom field at the end of South Close, you will see the gate is named 'Norman's Gate' – keep an eye out for it if you do. Norman was an enthusiastic walker and tennis player in his youth and we hope to welcome Matthew, his son, back into the fold and moving 'home' in the not too distant future.



On a lighter note - Big Fat Hellllloows & Welcomes to :

- **Clive and Rachel Surrell**, who have moved into Mill Hill Road.
- **Maryam** and her son **Danyel** who have joined the village on Lutterworth Road.
- **Mollie Gillanders** who has moved into one of the Mews cottages on Mill Hill Road.

Welcome aboard, shipmates!! Lots to do and loads of lovely people to meet!!



Village WhatsApp Group :

This is a great way to share information, updates, news and reminders, quickly and efficiently....

Please get in touch with **Zandra on: 07825 182459** to be added.

If you are worried about chatter / noise and too many notifications – remember you can switch off the notifications in the settings, and just visit the group at your leisure during the day without drama!



Ohhh Bored!! What can we do ???? Check these out people!!

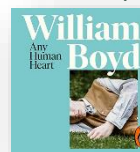
- Films – Village Hall – 7:30pm – Free!!!



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| Wed 21 st Feb | Mrs Harris goes to Paris | A widowed cleaner, in 1950's, blows her pension on a trip to Paris to buy a Dior dress |
| Tues 19 th March | My house in Umbria | A group of travelers in Italy, find solace & friendship after being thrown together by tragedy |
| Wed 17 th April | The Fall | 2 girls, who like to push the limits, get stranded on top of a 2,000 foot abandoned radio tower |

Book Club -

7.30 on Wednesday 7th February at The Gables, Robert Hall Road, we will be discussing "Any Human Heart" by William Boyd



Sunday Telegraph (UK) - Caroline Moore

A work of astonishing ventriloquistic virtuosity... A brilliant evocation of a past era... One finds oneself almost reading the journals as genuine... which is quite a feat, because Boyd has skillfully mimicked the artless and random qualities of every diary.



Swap Shop - Sat 17th Feb 10-12pm -

10 to 12 noon Saturday 17th February (my birthday!) in the village hall – Do join us to swap books, jigsaws, DVDs & have a drink & Snack.

Library Van – 10:35 – 11:05am -

Tuesday 20th February – on the top green, St Peter's Road Don't hang about, you need to be quick!



- Quizingtons – Saturday – 9th November 2024!!!

Advance notice that the 2024 Village Quiz will take place on **Saturday November 9th** in the Village Hall. Same format as previous years, some new topics and some old, something for everyone!! More details later in the year but make sure you get the date in your diary. (Copy and paste, copy and paste copy and paste Philippa and you won't get it wrong!)



- Concert by "Group Therapy" with no less than 3 – yes 3 !!! local musicians !

Saturday 16th March – St Peter's Church - Music from Bach to the Beatles.

Proceeds to 'The Friends of St Peter's' Charity –

Tickets £10 (to include interval refreshments) from Brian & Sue Spriggs or Graham & Cathy Roberts.



- Pensioners Christmas Dooo – 3rd Feb 12 noon – 65yrs or older

Please call penny Elliott - 07525099699 // Karen Beardsell - 07739 208638

Food Bank Update -

- Arnesby Foodbank -

Thank you to everyone who replied to the plea for foodbank items. Nearly **60kg** of food and household items were donated by Arnesby in December/ January. The Foodbank box is always in the Church porch, emptied weekly. **Please continue to put any surplus goods that you have in the box.** *Sue Spriggs*



Faith In the Community -

- Friends of St. Peter's -

Following the foundation meeting on 22nd January - The group is now starting to apply to the Charity Commission to obtain Charitable status.



- St Peters Church News -

- **Compline - 7pm** on Wednesdays in Lent, **21st February to 20th March** - all welcome.
- **Holy Communion - Sunday 3rd March @ 10.30am**

- Baptist Church News -

- **Sunday Services** - 10:45am & 6:00pm. Sunday Club available for all aged children.
 - **Tuesday morning** - Evergreen at The Barn (behind the chapel), coffee and friendship for the over 60s, 10.30-12.
 - **Wednesday morning** - ABC Toddlers at The Barn, 10-12, all pre-schoolers welcome with parents, Grandparents, carers.
- Note** - Café, Explorers and Youth Club start again after February half-term break.



Parish, The MUST READ -

- Primary School Update - Mrs. Ruth James - Headteacher

Since the last newsletter we have had our Christmas Nativity in the village Hall and it was wonderful to see some villagers come to join in the celebrations both for the Nativity and the School Carol Singing.

We also enjoyed a great trip to the Century theatre in Coalville to watch Beauty and the Beast Pantomime. The children wrote some wonderful pieces about their trip too. Oh yes, they did!

Santa also came to visit and along with our Christmas dinner we had a wonderful end to the Autumn term. The Spring term has started well with new topics and enthusiastic children learning about Frozen Kingdoms, Coastlines and Rocks, fossils and volcanoes.

We have also had the Dogs Trust in school to learn about how to understand dog behaviour and the Leicestershire Wombles who have helped us to understand the impact that litter can have on our rural environment.

We look forward to learning even more as the term continues.



- Parish Council Update -

Water Supply -

From: Lisa Orme <Lisa.Orme@severntrent.co.uk>
Date: 13 December 2023 at 15:40:02 GMT
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water Supply

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Hi David

Thank you for getting in touch and I'm sorry to hear there's been another burst on the mains pipe on the A5199.

The team have been working to make design changes to get this section of pipe moved over to the new pipe as quickly as possible. We will need to apply for traffic light permits to work on the road and prior to that we'll need to carry out Chlorination of the new pipe and water sampling for two weeks to make sure everything meets the required standards before connecting this section of the water pipe.

I will keep you updated with progress on when this work will take place.

Kind regards

Lisa Orme
Community Communications Manager
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Flood Support – Early January I was forwarded the below, which may be of interest to one or two –

“In response to Tuesday’s severe weather event and the on-going risk due to saturated ground, Harborough District Council is urgently investigating how it might be able to provide localised support to affected parishes.

The offer to parish councils and parish meetings will certainly include an initial supply of sandbags to be stored in a variety of places across the district to be used in emergency situations, and support through the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Local Resilience Forum (LRF) for reviewing or creating a Community Resilience Plan, including a call for volunteer flood wardens.

Cllr Knowles, Leader of Harborough District Council, said: “We understand how devastating flooding of a property can be and the worry it causes to residents. Harborough is a large rural district, and our support team can’t be everywhere at once. So I am pleased to make sandbags available for our affected parish areas and we will work together to see what further support can be offered.”

The impact of Storm Henk was felt in areas across the whole of the district. The first set of sandbags will be delivered to Broughton Astley this week.

Officers will be in contact to discuss requirements in due course.”

- Arnesby Sewage Overflow – Submitted by Terry Cane

The Severn Trent Arnesby Sewage Treatment Works at the bottom of Arnesby Hill, off the Lutterworth Road, recorded 73 overflows lasting 843 hours in 2022. (figures for 2023 have not yet been published). This means that at times of overflow untreated sewage is discharging into Countesthorpe Brook. The overflows at Arnesby are similar to the discharges from other treatment works in the area.

The Parish Council has said it will ask Severn Trent for comment. Further information can be found at, therivertrust.org/key-issues/sewage-in-rivers. Remember only toilet paper, pee and poo down the loo.



- Village Hall AGM –

There was a good turnout on 30th November and much discussion about the projects being proposed. Trustees were appointed (welcome to Cathy Roberts who is a new Trustee) and there were reports from the Chair and the Treasurer. Copies of the reports can be found on: <https://www.village-web.co.uk/arnesby/hall.html>

1. Refurbishment Work -

The good news is that a programme of larger work for 2024 was agreed – see below: -

- **Priority 1 –**
 - Repair the roof where the rooflight is leaking - **£1,320** to be done in February.
 - Apply for planning and install solar panels (to reduce the energy costs) - **£15,000** Planning application has been submitted and will be Considered by MHDC in March.
 - Toilet refurbishment - £25,000 - Summer holidays *
- **Priority 2 -**
 - Decorate the hall - estimate **£3,000** – dates to be agreed.
 - New curtains – estimate **£1,500** - dates to be agreed.
- **Priority 3 -**
 - Re - sand and polish the floor - estimate **£3,000** - dates to be agreed if funding for this year.

The works above can be funded from existing funds but grant applications will continue to be made for the installation of the solar panels.

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Note - * It’s hoped that the toilet refurb can be done for 2024 summer holidays if grant funding can be raised to cover some or all of the costs.

2. Running Costs -

Costs to run the village hall have increased and are about to be even higher when our fixed price energy contract runs out.

- Trustees agreed that we need to cover day to day costs (energy use, cleaning costs, minor works) from bookings. Fundraising and donations should be used to do larger building works.
- Hall booking charges haven’t been raised for many years and don’t cover running costs. It was agreed that to balance our costs we would raise our rates from January from £5/hr to £7.50/hr for village users and from £7.50 to £10 for external users. The charge for the school has been increased on a sliding scale over three years, increasing by £300 in the first year, reflecting their usage of the hall during term time.

3. Fund Raising -

- **Supper Club -**
 - The first Pop Up supper club event was a big success on 9th December.
 - Phil - Pictures to be sent by WhatsApp.
 - £500 was donated to the village hall fund. Lots of people said they’d like to do it again and some people were mad enough to say they would be happy to help, so we are going to do another in the Spring.

- **Village Hall Lottery -**

Trustees have pounded the streets, cajoled their families and friends, and sold 250 tickets at £10 each for the new lottery.

Profits will be used to raise funds for the work to the hall. If you have been in a coma or never answer your door and don't know what I'm talking about ;-)

There will be a monthly prize draw on 15th of each month. There are three prizes, £50, £30 and £10. Better odds than the national lottery but slightly smaller jackpot.... Winners will be contacted directly, but we will also post the lucky numbers on WhatsApp and in the newsletter.

Winners of the **first draw on 15th January were tickets 47, 14 and 61 - Sue Spriggs, Penny Elliot and one other (in the village, but we have been unable to ask whether we can disclose their name).**

4. Treasurer for the Village Hall

After 40 years doing an absolutely sterling job, Terry Emmony would like to stand down from his role as Treasurer for the village hall.

We are very grateful to Terry for all his work. He has done so much over all that time, far more than any usual Treasurer and has now brought us in the 21st C by setting us up with online banking – so whoever takes over will have a much simpler task.

If anyone is interested in this position, please could you let Sue Cooper know. Terry will support anyone into the role, and you won't be alone because there is an Operations group of 6 people.

Whilst we are begging...we also need someone who can deal with our:

- Insurance broker on an annual basis only and
- someone who will check our accounts which go once a year to the Charity Commission.

5. Calendar of upcoming events for your diaries -

- **Pop Up Supper club** – Saturday April 27th @ 7pm
- **Village sponsored walk and BBQ** – Sunday May 19th.
- **Village Fete** – Sunday June 30th – all day
- **Promises Auction** – Saturday 14th September – evening – time tbc

Also in planning: -

- **Safari supper** – November
- **Games Night** – tbc
- **Quiz Night** - 9th Nov.

6. What can you do support?

- We would really like **volunteers to help the Trustees run some of these events** – especially the village fete. We are aiming for a much smaller affair than May Fayre used to be, aimed at people and children in the village, their friends and family. We aim to use the playing field and the village hall for stalls and games.
- **Raising funds** to refurbish the village hall will keep it popular for the future and a great asset for the village.

Contact Sue Cooper on 07534 897 037 if you would be able to help at any of the events.



And just for a laugh. This is Henry who with Alice and Alex did a great job being waiters. This is Henry at the end being the famous superhero 'lutte Man'. 😊

Homemade Food Business -

Sufia would like to announce her new business – Please do get in contact with her if You are interested in sampling her fares!!

- I have a homemade food business; I started my food business back in 2018 when I was in Pakistan. I can make almost all the subcontinental dishes.
- I learnt the proper authentic way of cooking curries.
- I have been trained by an army chef.
- I have three beautiful kids and I love cooking for my family and friends.
- I have attended several food events and had great experience, I am new in Arnesby and would love to know people here I can offer them my food to taste and I always welcome the healthy criticism as it helps to improve my small business
- **I would like you to advertise my business in the newsletter and if you need further information I am happy to provide that.**

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https://www.instagram.com/maryuumskitchen?igsh=MW5hcm5keDZ5cGtiMw%3D%3D&utm_source=qr



It's all Rubbish - For more info: [Your bin collection dates](#) | [Harborough District Council \(fccenvironment.co.uk\)](#)

Waste Sites - WINTER Hours

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| 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 |

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