

Latest news & bulletin updates

**December Submission
Deadline:
24th November 24**

Leaves, Music, Coffee and a BIG thank you...

Autumn is here

Well, the leaves are falling, multiple colours are on display and we have even seen the Northern Lights! Hope everyone is enjoying this transitional season. Lots going on as ever, so hope you have time to read the newsletter and plan your diaries.

A Tale of Two Choirs

Singing has always been an important part of my life, and over the years, this has taken many forms. I started singing in school and church choirs, then sang competitively in local music festivals, did singing grade exams (my least favourite part!), sang duets with my younger sister, and then with Graham, which continues to this day!

I am probably at my happiest singing in a choir, and thanks to this country's great tradition of choral singing, I have always been able to find a choir wherever I have been living. So, when we moved to Arnesby two years ago, it was on my 'to do' list.

It didn't take us long to get involved in village activities, and it was at a Sunday afternoon tea that I had a conversation with Brian Spriggs about singing and he invited me along to try out the choir he belongs to. Cantamici (roughly translated as singing with friends) was formed 30 years ago as an offshoot of the Leicester Philharmonic Choir (more of them later!). They pride themselves on singing a wide variety of music styles, some unaccompanied and from all genres, everything from William Byrd to Billy Joel, but mainly short pieces rather than big choral works. They sing around the county, wherever they are invited! They are a very friendly group of about 45 people, and I have been made very welcome.

I hadn't intended joining a second choir, but some friends from Cantamici suggested recently that I would also enjoy the Leicester Phil, as it's a completely different experience. Founded in 1886, this is a much bigger, more traditional choir, singing major choral works (think Handel's Messiah and the like) accompanied by organ or orchestra and with invited soloists. They perform 3-4 concerts a year, usually at St James the Greater Church on London Road.

Both choirs have just started rehearsing their Christmas repertoire, so I am writing this as a plug for our Christmas Concerts.

The first by Cantamici is in our own village church, so you don't even need to drive anywhere!

Saturday 7th December at St Peter's Church, 7.30pm. Tickets will be available nearer the time from either myself or Brian Spriggs. This will be a mix of carols from the choir, with some audience participation.

Thursday 19th December at St James the Greater Church, London Road at 7.30pm. Leicester Philharmonic Choir, An Evening of Carols with Brass, tickets £15 available via the website: www.thephil.org.uk

More details will be shared via posters and the village social media networks, so I hope to see you there!

Cathy Roberts

Well done coffee drinkers – cheers!!

The Macmillan coffee morning held on 28 September raised a magnificent £643 plus £90 in gift aid. Well done everyone – a fine brew.

Big Thank You from Nick and Kate Tomkinson

Just wanted to pass on the fact that Nick and I have been completely overwhelmed by the warm welcome the village have given us since we moved in a couple of months ago. Everyone had been so lovely to us and made us feel so included in the village community. It has been everything we wanted and more. We are extremely happy with our home and village life and just wanted to share our gratitude. All of your warm smiles and hellos mean a lot.

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

- Village Quiz – dust off those brain cells!

Saturday 9 November at 7pm at Arnesby Village Hall.

We have a full complement of teams for the quiz and team organisers should have received an email with info for their teams to make the evening go well.

Specifically, everyone is free to bring their own refreshments to oil their brains and there will be free tea, coffee and biscuits at the interval.

Also, at the interval, there will be a raffle and if you would like to donate a small prize it will be much appreciated!

All proceeds in aid of FOSPA.

Any questions, please contact Andy Coupland



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

Wednesday 13 November - **The Constant Gardener**. Ralph Fiennes and Rachel Weisz star in a film of the book by John Le Carre.

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

Swap Shop is back!! – Arnesby Village Hall

Please join us for tea/coffee, biscuits & swap some books, DVDs or puzzles on Saturday 23 November 10 to 12 noon, £1.00, to include light refreshments

Book Club

BOOK CLUB Wednesday 20 November at 7.30 pm at The White Cottage, Robert Hall Road. We will be discussing “A Certain Justice” by P. D. James.



Parish Update – This needs your attention

- Neighbourhood Review Plan

Parishioners will recall the Consultation within the Community which led to the preparation of a Neighbourhood Review Plan for Arnesby to supplement that which was adopted in 2019. This is presently being examined by an independent planning expert and in November we expect there to be a Referendum when Parishioners will have an opportunity to vote for the adoption of the Review Plan and its Policies. Information will be sent to each resident in time, but the Parish Council would like everyone to vote and, preferably, in favour, for the Plan Review. Harborough District Council will be organising the Referendum and will contact residents direct with voting details and papers. Despite the change of Government and pressure to release more land for housing, the Neighbourhood Plan is an essential tool which enables the Community to determine the future of any expansion within the village.

David Johnson

Chair: Arnesby Parish Council.

Faith In the Community -

- Friends of St. Peter's, Arnesby –

We continue to make progress. The trustees are working closely with the PCC of St Peter's to identify and prioritise maintenance works. Watch this space for further updates. See sections below for exciting news of our fundraising Church Fete.

- St Peters Church News –

- Holy Communion - Sunday 3 November @ 10.30am
- Crib Service – Tuesday 24 December at 3pm
- Saturday 7 December, Cantamici Choir Christmas Concert, 7:30pm. Tickets £10 (includes mulled wine/soft drinks and mince pies). From Brian and Sue Spriggs.
- Saturday 2 November – Churchyard clear up from 10:00 to 13:00. Volunteers needed please – contact Brian and Sue Spriggs for more information if required
- **Winter Tea – Sunday 3 November**

As the church will be heated in the morning for the service, it will remain heated for tea served between 2pm and 4pm.

In addition to cakes, there will be winter warmers, such as homemade bread with honey or jam, and homemade spiced fruit loaf.

If this is successful, we will do it again after the service on Sunday 2nd February.

Anyone wishing to be involved in baking or serving please contact **Claudia on 07710 291313**. On behalf of FOSPA, your support is most welcome.



- Baptist Church News –

- Sunday morning service 10.45-12 followed by refreshments, including Sunday Club for all aged children.
- Note – Remembrance service on Sunday 10 November at 10.45
- Sunday evening services resume in November 6-7pm.
- Watch this space for the new look Café at the Barn (behind chapel) reopening hopefully in November.
- The ever-popular Christmas wreath-making and craft event Saturday Nov 30th. Booking essential, further details on village WhatsApp and noticeboards to follow.



Even more stuff.....

Omission from previous Newsletter – Church Clock!

During the August bank holiday Fete, Peter Beeson was presented with a plaque acknowledging his 50 plus years of winding the church clock. Peter does a wonderful job, still winding the clock twice a week. With much appreciation from the village - thank you Peter.



Lutterworth & District Foodbank

The harvest contribution to the foodbank was a weighty 42.5kg of donations. Martin Price passes on a huge thank you from the foodbank.

Library Van –

The next Library Van visit will be on **Friday 8 and 29 November** between **14:00 and 14:30** at the top of St Peter's Road.

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



Arnesby Village School News

Arnesby School celebrated World Mental Health Day on Friday 11 October with a calming walk around the village looking for clues as part of the Autumn outdoor treasure hunt. Children had a great time and found all the items!



Another great event with our Forest Leicester City Football Club outreach provided Forest School learning for our children as part of their Forest Foxes activities. The children have learned many different skills including den building, homes for woodland creatures, leaf printing, kite making and fire lighting to toast marshmallows!



As we open our school to visitors for the open days, we are very proud of all our significant achievements since our Ofsted inspection in early Autumn last year. We have developed so much through lots of hard work from our teaching team, our children's attitudes to learning, and the superb parental support. Through our social media work supported by Embrace Trust, we are showing just how well we are performing, how much we care and how we live up to our "small school with a big heart" strapline, to encourage other children and parents to feel that they also want to be part of our thriving school.

Mrs. James would like to invite parents, grandparents, other relatives, and friends into school to talk to the children about their jobs and what is interesting about them.


In a recent survey, we had many children who want to be footballers as their career which is an ambitious choice but might not be best suited to their individual skills and talents. It would be helpful if we could broaden this aspiration to include many other jobs and hobbies from the wider community. Please contact the school office if you would like to help us by giving a short talk (15 mins) to inspire our children.

Arnesby Home Grown Creations – A message from Phoebe Palmer

Hello, my name is Phoebe Palmer and I'm currently in my final year of A Levels, one of those being Art. I have a passion for portrait painting and would love the opportunity to create a special piece for someone. Whether you're looking for a portrait of a loved one, family member, or a pet, I can bring them to life in oil or graphite, or, if preferred, watercolour or acrylic. This could be the perfect gift for Christmas or a personal keepsake! All I need is a digital photo reference to get started. If you're interested, feel free to contact me via email or phone. Thank you, Phoebe Palmer [Rose Cottage, Arnesby]

PHOEBE'S CREATIONS
PORTRAIT AND ART COMMISSIONS

Are you looking for a unique and personalised portrait? I'm offering custom portrait commissions tailored to your needs!



HOW IT WORKS:

- Consultation
- Creation
- Review
- Delivery

PRICING & DETAILS:

- Starting at £30 (depending upon size and medium)
- Available mediums: Oil, watercolor, acrylic and pencil
- Size options: A5, A4, A3 or larger if required
- Digital reference photo required for portrait

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Village Contacts – Your go-to list!

Need some of this?	Contact these amazing people.....	
Arnesby CofE Primary School	Mrs Ruth James	0116 247 8563 / office@arnesby.embracemat.org
Boot Camp	Shane Malone	07469 993970
Cricket Club	David Hogg	07443 259928
Fitness and Yoga Sessions	Mollie Gillanders	07467 533615
Grow your own' WhatsApp Group	Alan Wilkins	07436 013372
Local Playgroup	Rups (Rupina)	07709 811668 / rupii24@hotmail.com
Loseby Charity Trust / Allotments	Liz Middleton	07494 815475 /arnesbyallotments@gmail.com
Newsletter	Graham Roberts Mollie Gillanders	07785 561181 / arnesbynewsletter@gmail.com 07467 533615 / arnesbynewsletter@gmail.com
Parish Council	David Johnson (Chair) Leigh Maidment (Clerk)	Website: www.arnesbyparishcouncil.org.uk
St Peter's Church The Chapel	Sue and Brian Spriggs Johnny Hutton	0116 247 8559 0116 247 8392
Village Community Facebook	Bruce Kerr Paul Williams	07785 593319 paulwilliamsdesign@hotmail.com
Village Hall Booking	Lucy Carter	0116 247 8535 / https://hallbookingonline.com/arnesby/
Village Hall Chair	Sue Cooper	0116 247 9840
Village Website		Arnesby,Leicestershire (village-web.co.uk)
Village WhatsApp	Zandra Byatt	07825 182459
WI	Gina Ward	0116 247 8888
Guitar Lessons	Graham Roberts	07785 561181
Baby sitting	Chloe Stevenson	Call Carol on 07974 306933

Thrilling stuff - For more info: [Your bin collection dates | Harborough District Council \(fccenvironment.co.uk\)](#)

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Waste Sites - Winter Hours							
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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