

Spring is here!!

Sun, Flowers and Rock!

Spring is definitely here. I have had to mow our lawn twice since the last edition.

The weather has been so good that I made it to the top of the Church tower for the first time. More of this in the newsletter but it gave me an opportunity to take some pictures of our wonderful village.

As ever, lots going on so enjoy the articles below.



1970's are back!

There will be a concert in St Peter's Church on Saturday **10 May at 7:30pm** where our very own musicians will be playing music from the 1970's. We do hope as many of you as possible will be able to come along to support the restoration of the Church buildings and keep music live in the village. Flared trousers and platform soles are NOT mandatory!!!



Sounds of the Seventies



Saturday **10 May 2025** at **St Peter's Church, Arnesby** starting at **7:30pm**

FOSPA welcomes back Arnesby's own band, **Group Therapy**, comprising Graham and Cathy Roberts and their son, Alastair, together with special guests **Peter Houtman and Elaine Carter**. They will be performing popular music from the 1970's – everything from ABBA to The Who. A truly **varied programme!!**



Tickets available for **£10** including refreshments from **Brian and Sue Spriggs** (Cambridge House) or **Graham and Cathy Roberts** (Hall Farm). All proceeds will be donated to the Friends of St Peter's Church, Arnesby.

Don't miss this exciting event – live music in our village!!

Tickets from **Graham and Cathy Roberts**, at Hall Farm (call **07785 561181**), or **Brian and Sue Spriggs** at Cambridge House (call **07927 489874**)

Did you know....The Loseby Charity

The inscription on the plaque in the bell tower of our church reads as follows (spellings for Arnesby and Gilmorton are different now):

DONATION

Mr John Loseby left by will dated 7th August 1668; to the use of the Town of Arnsby twenty pounds: also to the poor of this Parish seventy pounds; which sums are since laid out in land. One close in the liberty of Gilmorton containing eleven acres and one quarter of a yard land lying in Arnsby open fields. The rents to be distributed amongst the poor by the Minister and overseers of the poor for the time being.

Loseby's Charity provides allotment gardens for rent by parishioners to allow them to grow their own vegetables or flowers. It has developed an environmentally sustainable woodland area for the enjoyment of parishioners. The Trustees are the people responsible for controlling the work, management and administration of the charity.

Beryl Cane.



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

- Final Film of the Season – 19:30 in Arnesby Village Hall

- **Tuesday 22 April – Full Time.** A funny & thoughtful film about a single mum in Paris juggling jobs in a hotel to make a better life

- Craft and Chat Group

Wednesday 9 and 16 April 14:00-16:00 at Arnesby Village Hall
£2.50 including tea/coffee and biscuit.

Shearsby and Arnesby WI – The Great Escape!!

Wednesday 2 April 19:30. Arnesby Village Hall

Colditz – Talk by David Ray. Find out about the allied POWs in the escape proof Colditz castle in WW2.
Visitors (including you men) are very welcome to join us at £4.50 which includes refreshments.

Book Club - Wednesday 23 April at 19.30 at Cambridge House, St Peter's Road

We will be discussing "Orbital" by Samantha Harvey.

Parish Updates

- Lutterworth Foodbank

61 kg of food was donated from the Foodbank boxes in St Peter's Church porch in February. Thank you very much.

Volunteers needed

1. We are looking for helpers to bake cakes & serve teas on Sunday afternoons from May to September (there is a list to sign in the Church porch).
2. If you have a car and some free time, please contact Lutterworth Volunteer transport (01455 555571 between 9am & 12 noon) drivers are needed to give lifts to the shops, clinics, hospitals & other appointments. You will be paid 40p per mile you drive each month.

Litter Pick & Swap Shop

Saturday 5 April 10:00 to 12:00. Meet at the Village Hall

Litter picking sticks, bags and hi viz jackets provided along with refreshments

Library Van

Friday 4 and 25 April from 14:00-14:45. Stock up with Spring reading!!

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

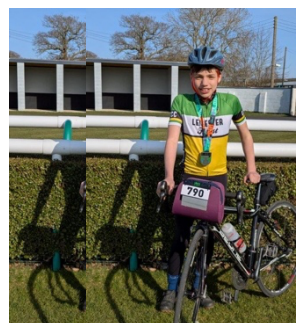


Well Done Ben!!

A big thank you to all those from the village that Sponsored me to complete the Cambridge Classic Sportive on Saturday 8th March, I completed the 66km cycle in 3 hours. So far, I have nearly £200 pledged in Sponsorship to raise money for my trip to Kandersteg Scout Centre, Switzerland in August this year and the charity UNICEF who help children across the world. If anyone else would like to donate I have set up a just giving page.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ben-pilling-kendersteg?utm_term=zjeGZeJ2

Ben Pilling (aged 13), Robert Hall Rd, Arnesby.



And Well Done Katie's Mum!!

It may surprise some villagers to learn that Katie comes from a very good family!

Here is a picture of Katie's mum (on the left) and 3 of Katie's siblings, who won the Breeders Competition at Crufts in March.

They were beautifully behaved in the show ring and Katie is very proud of them.

You can watch them in the final on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkAny4e9e-w>.

There are lots of lovely dogs being shown in the final and 'our' Beardies (Bearded Collies) appear near the end of the 22-minute video at time **17:30**.

Monica



Faith In the Community -

- Friends of St. Peter's, Arnesby (FOSPA) –

Having agreed the prioritisation of pointing works on the Church, the FOSPA trustees have engaged with two firms of architects who have visited the Church, and we are awaiting proposals. Once received, the trustees will be briefed together with the PCC members, and we will update the village on our decisions in due course.

- St. Peter's Church – A Quiet Space

St Peter's Church has been the spiritual heart of Arnesby for more than 900 years. Generations of villagers have benefitted from the peaceful atmosphere it provides for worship or meditation. You do not have to be a churchgoer to use the church or its churchyard for quiet contemplation. During the summer, the church is open from 8.00am until 6.00pm. During the winter, access can be obtained by borrowing a key from any member of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Brian Spriggs, Beryl Cane, Anna Beeson and Graham Roberts are the current members.



Most of us will have days during the year when we need to remember a friend or a family member or simply need a quiet space to think through a problem or celebrate a happy event.

In some churches it is possible to light a candle as a token of remembrance or gratitude for a person or an important event in our lives. It is not sensible to have naked flames in an unsupervised church such as St Peter's – so we have provided some battery-operated tea lights which can be used safely for this purpose.

If you would like to light a candle to remember a person or an event important to you, please use one of our tea lights which you will find on the table at the back of the church. Place it on the altar located in the North aisle. We will leave the candle in place for as long as the battery lasts.

A donation is not necessary – but if you would like to contribute to the cost of the tea lights, there is a donation box close to the church entrance. If you use the church during the winter, you will need to dress warmly and find the light switches – one is a rocker switch at the gate, for the porch light and another is a conventional switch on the wall immediately to the right as you enter the building, which illuminates the North aisle.

Brian Spriggs (Churchwarden)

Hexagon Church Services –

- Wednesdays in Lent 2, 9 April – Compline at 19:00 at St Peter's, Arnesby
- Sunday 6th April St. Mary's, Bruntingthorpe
- Sunday 13th April All Saints, Theddingworth Palm Sunday
- Sunday 20th April All Saints, Husbands Bosworth Easter Sunday
- Sunday 27th April St. Peter's, Arnesby
- Sunday 4th May St. Nicholas, Mowsley
- All services above start at 10:30

- Springtime teas in church:

Thanks to all who baked cakes, served and washed up afterwards at the spring tea on 16 March, raising a magnificent £116 for FOSPA funds.

- Baptist Church News –

- Sunday morning weekly service, 10.45. Sunday Club for children. Followed by refreshments. All welcome.
- Sunday Evening weekly service, 6pm in upstairs room, all welcome.
- Tuesday morning Evergreen Coffee time behind the chapel in The Barn. 10.30-12. Over 60's welcome.
- Wednesday morning ABC Toddlers & Babies, Parents, Grandparents and carers all welcome. Behind chapel, outdoors (weather permitting) and in The Barn 10:00-12:00.
- Friday, Explorers Kids Bible Club, 17.30-18.30 followed by Youth Club, 19.30-21:00.
- For further details: **Johnny Hutton 07813356364**



More vital information.....

Swimathon 2025 – Thanks for a wave of support

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored my brother, William Reddaway, and I to swim 1.5K (60 lengths) With 4 days to go to the challenge, our fundraising total has reached £780 for Cancer Research & Marie Curie. Sue Spriggs

Arnesby Village School News – April 2025



Leicester synagogue

The whole school went to visit Leicester synagogue. All children have been learning about the Jewish religion in RE, so were excited to go and see what a synagogue is like. The temple part of the synagogue where worship takes place is decorated including a flower to represent Leicester. Upstairs in the education room children explored artefacts from different festivals and celebrations.



World Book Day

At school we’ve been thinking about silent letters. So, for World Book Day everyone dressed up as a silent letter character. Some people went as plumbers, writers, witches, knights and more obscure things like scissors and whistle! We read our favourite books together in our house groups and enjoyed the day.

Wombling in Arnesby

Our Arnesby School wombles have been out and about again picking up litter. We were amazed by how much we found in a short time but are happy that we have helped our nesting birds and other wildlife too.

Elsie said:

“Wombling was really fun and I like how we tried to make the village better for everyone as there’s no litter”.



At Arnesby Church, Ash Wednesday’s service, Reverend Stephen told us about the Easter story and how you draw a cross on a head which is made from burnt palm crosses mixed with olive oil.



Stig of the Dump

For more info: [Your bin collection dates / Harborough District Council](#)

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