

## New Year, same great village!!!!

### Are you showing resolution!

We are well into 2025 – I hope people are sticking to their new year resolutions (if any were made, of course). As ever, there are some great events and meetings coming up and the results of the referendum are set out in the newsletter below. Enjoy the read.



### India Projects – showing the fruits of your labour

A Huge Thank You to everyone who bought marmalade, Jacque Shorrock's sour dough loaves, bought fruit & veg from the veg stall, or who gave a donation to us.

We contacted Mr Jebaraj to ask how the money could best be used. Mr Jebaraj is a village elder who manages the fabric and functions in the Kate Community Centre in Gangasamy Kuppam. He also encourages bright children in GS Kuppam to continue to study at secondary school & further education. (Mr J was our son Peter's supervisor when Pete spent a year volunteering in GS Kuppam in Central India).

This was Mr Jebaraj's reply: -

We would like to bring to your attention the educational needs of two students who require financial assistance for their ongoing studies.

M. Merisha

Course: Engineering

Amount Needed: 10,000 Indian Rupees

Purpose: Transportation and examination fees

Additional Information: Merisha is a dedicated student who also helps with the Sunday school, showing great commitment to both her education and the community.

N. Cheran

Course: Masters in Physics

Amount Needed: 17,500 Indian Rupees

Purpose: Transportation, examination fees, and project expenses

Background: Cheran comes from a poor background and is in need of support to continue his studies and complete his project work.

We hope this information provides a clear understanding of the financial needs of these students. Your support would greatly help them in their academic journey.

A trip into Leicester to our State Bank of India account resulted in £400 = Rs41,860 being transferred to Mr Jebaraj for the students of Gangasamy Kuppam & to help repairs at the Kate Community Centre.

Brian and I are keen to support the young people. Education & qualifications will improve their employment opportunities and earnings. This means that they will be able to provide help for their village, when we no longer can.

Thank you so very much for your support. *Sue & Brian Spriggs*

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

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

**Wednesday 12 February – Wicked Little Letters.** Based on a true story of a seaside town in the 1920s which suffered from a spate of poison pen letters.

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## **Pensioners Xmas Dinner – Saturday 8 March 12 noon at Arnesby Village Hall**

All those of pension age+ are welcome. Sherry on arrival. Full Xmas dinner with wine and a raffle. Please contact

Penny Elliott – 07525 009699

Karen Beardsell – 07739 208638

Steph Walkinshaw – 07970 417949

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## **Coffee Morning & Swap Shop**

**Saturday 1st March** 10 to 12 noon in Arnesby Village Hall

All welcome. £1 donation for refreshments

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## **Book Club - Wednesday 26 February at 7.30pm at The Gables, Robert Hall Road**

We will be discussing “Blood and Scars” by B. E. Andre.

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## **Parish Updates – It’s a result!!!!!!**

### **- Neighbourhood Review Plan**

At the Referendum on 23rd January last, the Parish overwhelmingly voted to adopt the Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan Review, and this will now be incorporated in the Harborough District Council's Local Plan.

The result of the Referendum (44% turnout and 96% acceptance) reflects the hard work of the Steering Group, consisting of Andrew Coupland, Mike Ward, Bruce Kerr and Ann Mawby, together with our Planning Consultants, Gary Kirk and John Martin.

The adoption of the Review Plan safeguards the village against any significant development which does not comply with the Policies set out within it, unless, of course, the Government abandons all such planning controls in favour of large-scale building proposals, which, in the light of Community Policies, supported by democratic referendum, might well meet considerable opposition.

David Johnson

Chair: Arnesby Parish Council

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## **Faith In the Community -**

### **- Friends of St. Peter’s, Arnesby –**

The AGM for FOSPA will have taken place by the time you read this. Work is progressing on obtaining quotes for restoration work on our wonderful church and fundraising events are being planned for 2025 – watch this space. Further updates will be provided in the March edition of this newsletter.

### **ST PETER’S CHURCH**

The mandatory Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM) for St Peter’s, are to be held in St Peter’s Church at 2.30pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

As well as elections for Churchwarden and members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC), there will be a report on the state of Church fabric and the presentation of the end of financial year accounts.

All parishioners are welcome to attend, but if you wish to vote you will need to be on the Church Electoral Roll. This year our Electoral Roll needs to be completely renewed – this must be undertaken every 6 years. Existing Roll members have been notified of the need to complete new application forms. New members, who have been baptised in the Church of England or any other Christian Church, are eligible.

If you would like to be added to the new Electoral Roll, please obtain an application form from **Brian Spriggs (Churchwarden and Electoral Roll Officer)**, Tel: **0116 2478559** – before the deadline date of **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025**.

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## - St Peters Church News –

- Hexagon Benefice Church Services on Sundays at 10.30am:
  - Sunday 2 February St Peter's, Arnesby
  - Sunday 9 February St Nicholas, Mowsley
  - Sunday 16 February St Mary Magdalene, Shearsby
  - Sunday 23 February St Mary's, Bruntingthorpe
  - Sunday 2 March. All Saints, Theddingworth

Information correct as at 21 January and may be subject to change

- **Winter Teas – St Peter's Church**

Join us for another winter afternoon tea on Sunday 2 February, so come and join us for a cuppa, cake and a chat from 2pm until 4pm.

We look forward to welcoming new and old friends.



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## - Baptist Church News –

- Sunday morning services as normal throughout January and February 10.45am, (including Sunday Club) followed by refreshments. All welcome.



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## **More vital information.....**

### **Back to 1945 – we'll meet again!!**

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War Two we will be hosting an afternoon tea dance 40s style in the Arnesby Village Hall between 13:30 and 16:30 on Sunday 8 June

It will be a ticketed event. Tickets priced at £5 per person. This will include as much tea, coffee and cake as you can eat and drink. There will be 40s style music being played throughout and also an opportunity to learn the Lambeth Walk and a barn dance if you wish to join in. Dancing and dressing 1940s style is optional. There will also be raffle. All proceeds to ticket sales and raffle will go to FOSPA.

Please can anyone interested in tickets contact **Nick TOMKINSON** at Holmleigh. Mobile **07375 077011**

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### **Grow your own**

Are you interested in growing your own veg or flowers?

For those that are not aware Arnesby has eleven acres of land that was bequeathed by John Loseby in 1878 who set up the Arnesby Loseby Charity.

The land is along the A5199 on the left as you travel towards Shearsby.

In 2005 a one-acre wood was planted along with a wildflower meadow established. We have 17 people that rent allotment plots and now there is 1 plot available for rent.

If anyone is interested in renting, please contact me

**Liz Middleton 07494815475.**

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### **Library Van –**

Friday 21 February from 2-2:30pm. Stock up with new year's reading!!

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





Our Horse Chestnut tree in the playground (as the emblem of our school), stands against a beautiful blue sky, on most days, and we await those tiny shoots and distinctive leaves to grow again to blossom into a shelter for wildlife and shade for the children. In school, we have lots of exciting learning planned to ensure that the shoots of learning from the Autumn term grow and develop. However, and despite the cold weather, years 5 and 6 have been braving the conditions for Bikeability this term and have shown just how polite and respectful they are as well as being curious and safety conscious, said the Bikeability team. Well done Endurance Class for representing our school so well.



The children have also had a visit from Leicestershire Police this term. Three officers came into school to talk to the children about their role in the Rule of Law (one of our British Values) and what their role entails. They talked about how to become a Police Officer and the role of the cadets for young people and what their day-to-day job entailed. However, the highlight was the Police Car with an opportunity to see the lights and the sirens in action! Some children even had the experience of sitting in the back where the ‘baddies’ sit which they found highly amusing!

Mrs James is keen to involve parents, villagers and visitors into school so please contact her if you have something you would like to share with our children. They really enjoy hearing about different jobs and hobbies, so if you can spare half an hour to share your experiences with the children, we would be most grateful. Please contact Mrs James or the school office.

## Last Tips -

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

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

## 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