

Latest news & bulletin updates

**February Submission
Deadline:
26th January 25**

Winter is definitely here.....keep the home fires burning

Happy New Year!

Happy new year to one and all. Let's hope for a healthy, peaceful and rewarding 2025. Snow has arrived in the village (nearly 2 weeks late for Christmas!). There is a lot of important stuff happening in January – details are set out in the newsletter.



Village Vegetable Stalls – real growth in support of worthy charities

Thank you to everyone who bought home grown produce from the 3 veg. stalls in the village.

This year's takings were: -

- Anna & Preter Beeson's on Robert Hall Road. £354 for St Peter's Church Building Fund
- Paul & Chris William's on Chestnut Lane. £63 for Stand (previously called Legs for Africa)
- South Close veg stall. £312. Divided between St Peter's Church & The Kate Community Centre in Gangasamy Kuppam, India

True Grit – Arnesby's John Wayne appears just in time

At the first sign of frost, as if by magic, the grit bin appears at the junction of the Lutterworth Road and A5199. No, it's not magic nor an early gift from Father Christmas, it's thanks to Peter Beeson and his weather watcher wife Anna. The Bin was bought by the Parish Council some years ago and it's looked after by Peter. He puts it out at the first sign of winter and returns it to his yard in the Spring. So, if you get stuck on the incline up to the A5199 and need to use grit from the Bin, it is Peter you have to thank.

Terry Cane

Cheeeeeese!

No, we are not talking about Wallace and Gromit. On the 30 November last year, there was a cheese and wine evening at the Village Hall to celebrate the fabulous refurbishment thereof and the event was attended by Alberto Costa MP who gave a short but well received speech. Special thanks go to Sue and Bruce together with an army of volunteers for putting on such a great event which was enjoyed by all and appropriately recognised the hard work in making the project so successful.



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

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

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

Parish Updates – PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE Vote!!!!!!

- Neighbourhood Review Plan

Details of the process for voting on whether to adopt the Neighbourhood Review Plan for Arnesby was outlined in detail by David Johnson in the December Newsletter. Everyone should have received their polling cards, so please make the effort to vote on what could be a very important matter for the village.

The key details are:

Polling Day: **Thursday 23 January 2025**

Hours: **7am to 10pm**

Where: **Arnesby Village Hall**

If you need to get more information to help you decide, please 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

Faith In the Community -

- Friends of St. Peter's, Arnesby –

One year on and we have achieved a lot in 2024. We have so far raised over £9,000 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 on **Tuesday 29 January 2025** at the **Village Hall**, starting promptly at **19:30**. Plans for church restoration work and fund-raising events, and our finances, will be discussed. Please see Brian's note below which will be critical to funding our projects.

ST PETER'S CHURCH RESTORATION

All readers of this newsletter will be aware of the recent efforts, within the village, to raise funds for the ongoing restoration of our ancient Parish Church. You are also probably aware that the Government of France has recently spent more than £500 million to restore the splendid Notre Dame Church in Paris. You may not be aware that the UK Government is unusual in Europe because the maintenance and restoration places of worship are almost entirely the responsibility of local people. The only help provided by the UK Government to support our unique heritage of medieval churches is via **"The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme"**.

This scheme, set up in 2004 by Gordon Brown, allows churches to reclaim the VAT on any restoration work undertaken (bear in mind that VAT is not charged on any new build). The recent Labour budget did not include the LPWGS – so it is unlikely that it will be extended beyond March 2025. This will add a further 20% to the cost of any restoration work.

The majority of the membership of our recently formed "Friends of St Peter's Church, Arnesby" are not part of its worshipping community. I believe many subscribe to the views expressed in a recent Leading Article in "The Times", a summary of which I include below:

A house close to a preserved heritage site improves quality of life: it doesn't have to be a stately home, a famous landmark or a royal palace. It could be something as prosaic as a local museum or a village church. What's more, research by Historic England suggests, a person does not even have to interact with a venerable site in any meaningful way to feel an increased sense of life satisfaction. You don't have to participate in a conservation or renovation effort. Mere proximity to a Grade II listed building is enough to enhance an individual's wellbeing. Built history builds good mood. What is important is the sense of continuity, belonging, civic pride and security that even a modest structure provides if it has been around a while and is looked after.

Thank you for your support,
Brian Spriggs (Churchwarden)

- St Peters Church News –

- Hexagon Benefice Church Services on Sundays at 10.30am:
 - Sunday 5th Jan St Mary Magdalene, Shearsby
 - Sunday 12th Jan St Mary's, Bruntingthorpe
 - Sunday 19th Jan All Saints, Theddingworth
 - Sunday 26th Jan All Saints, Husbands Bosworth
 - Sunday 2nd February St Peter's, Arnesby
 - Sunday 9th February St Nicholas, Mowsley
 - Sunday 16th February St Mary Magdalene, Shearsby
 - Sunday 23rd February St Mary's, Bruntingthorpe
- Information correct as at December 27th and may be subject to change



• Winter Teas – More Cake on the menu!

After our successful 'winter afternoon tea' in November we are planning another on Sunday 2nd February. The church will be warm as we have a service there in the morning, so come and join us for a cuppa, cake and a chat from 2pm until 4pm. Volunteers to help bake and serve would be most appreciated (contact **Beryl Cane 0116 2478136 or 0758 2370336**). We look forward to welcoming new and old friends.

- Baptist Church News –

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



More vital information.....

It was a result – Arnesby Village Quiz Night

A packed newly refurbished Village Hall meant a successful and enjoyable evening was had by all the villagers at this year's Quiz night. The winning team was **"The Naughty Corner"** who scored 82 out of a possible 100, closely followed by **"The Mucky Bottoms"** with 79.5.

A total of **£435** was raised for the Friends of St Peter's. A big thankyou to all those who helped on the evening. The date for next year's Quiz night will be announced early in the New Year.

TEAMS	1 TV COMEDY	2 WORLD HISTORY + POLITICS	3 ANATOMY	4 SPORT	5 SCIENCE + TECHNOLOGY	6 PICTURE ROUND	7 MUSIC	8 FOOD + DRINK	9 POT LUCK	TOTAL
1. THE TERRIERS	3½	8 11½	4½ 16	5 21	6 27	6 33	8 41	18 59	5½ 64½	
2. CONCRETE AND CLAY	8½	8 16½	6 22½	7 29½	6 35½	6 41½	7 48½	7 55½	15 70½	
3. THE MUCKY BOTTOMS	7½	9 16½	7 23½	8 31½	8 39½	8 47½	6 53½	20 73½	6½ 79½	79½
4. NEW DADS DADS DOES BEAS	5	10 15	7 22	7 29	7 30	8 44	6 50	18 68	9 77	
5. BACK OF THE BUS	7½	7 14½	4 18½	8 26½	7 33½	7 40½	16 56½	8 64½	6½ 71	
6. NO TRUMPS	5½	13 23½	4 27½	7 34½	7 41½	8 49½	7 56½	8 64½	7 71½	
7. COMFORTABLY DUMB	8	7 15	7 22	16 38	7 45	7 52	9 61	8 69	9 78	78½
8. QUISSTICALLY CHALLENGED	6½	9 15½	6½ 22	6 28	6 34	7 41	14 55	9 64	7 71	
9. AND IN 2ND PLACE	8	6 14	6 20	6 26	7 33	9 42	7 49	9 58	7 65	
10. SIMPLE MINDS	6½	5 11½	5 16½	8 24½	6 30½	5 35½	7 42½	20 62½	6½ 69	
11. THE NAUGHTY CORNER	7½	9 16½	5½ 22	10 32	6 39	8 46	18 64	10 74	8 82	82 (1)

Lutterworth & District Foodbank

The total weight of donations to the Foodbank from Arnesby, for November was 37kgs.

Please continue to donate items into the boxes in St Peter's Church porch

Thank you.



We have had such a busy term including many events and of course lots of learning. Embrace Director of Education Miss L. McWhinnie following a recent visit said:

“Thank you, Arnesby, for a super school visit. I was so impressed by how well children were engaged and excited about their learning, as well as the way in which they supported and worked with peers. The enhanced curriculum is capturing children's interests and teachers are helping them to learn well. Learning environments, indoors and out, are bright, welcoming and support learning. Well done Team Arnesby - it is wonderful to see how you continue to improve, day after day!”

Nativity

Our Nativity performances showed confident children performing well, which was very special, and allowed us to bring so many families and friends in our community together. I was delighted to see such overwhelming support for both this, and the village lantern walk. Thank you.



Cinderella

We had a great time at the Pantomime at the Century Theatre in Coalville. (Oh no we didn't, Oh yes we did!!). The children have produced some interesting writing about all aspects of the show using the writing skills they have learnt this term. A big thank you to the Friends of Arnesby who supported the trip by funding the tickets. We loved it!

Pancake Pandemonium

Thank you to all those children and adults who chomped their way through mountains of pancakes on our final morning this term, a well-deserved end to a very long term!

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

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27	28	29	30	31	24	25	26	27	28	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