

Snowdrops are out – Spring is nearly here!!

Springtime and shoots of growth!

Spring is the time of new growth – flowers, lambs in the fields and pressure to get the lawnmower out after a few months rest.

On the theme of growth, congratulations to Ellie and Nathan at the Baptist Church on the birth of their twin girls, Callie and Daisy, sisters for young Jesse. Welcome to Arnesby



Arnesby Cricket – What a catch (we hope)!!

Summer is coming and the Arnesby cricket team have matches against familiar competition.

- Sunday 25th May versus Fleckney
- Sunday 29th June versus Gumley
- Sunday 20th July versus Stoneygate (at East Langton)

Family picnics are encouraged!

New players are always welcome.... no previous experience of cricket necessary! Please get in touch if you wish to have a go.

David Hogg – 07443 259928

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Looking for something to do? Here are some hi-flying ideas...

- **Film Nights – 19:30 in Arnesby Village Hall**

- **Wednesday 19 March – The Kite Runner.** Two boys and the political turmoil in Afghanistan that separated them as friends.
- **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

- **Quiz Night Early Warning – Saturday 8 November Arnesby Village Hall**

Time to start revising and studying – this year's quiz night will be in the same place, same time as last year. More details will be published nearer the time.

Many thanks, Andy Coupland.

Shearsby and Arnesby WI – Would you Adam and Eve it?

Wednesday 5 March 19:30. Arnesby Village Hall

Talk by one of our favourite speakers, Colin Hill, recounting his early career as a young P.C.

Visitors are very welcome to join us at £4.50 which includes refreshments.

Book Club - Wednesday 26 March at 19.30 at Home Leigh, St Peter's Road

We will be discussing "The Couple Next Door" by Shari Lapena.

Craft and Chat Group

Wednesday 12 and 19 March 14:00-16:00 at Arnesby Village Hall

£2.50 including tea/coffee and biscuit.

Parish Updates

- Lutterworth Foodbank

The total provided by Arnesby in January 2025 was a tremendous 88kgs, which is great. A huge Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Foodbank boxes in the porch of St Peter's Church.

The following items are a priority:

Cereal bars, laundry items, cleaning items, hot chocolate, conditioner, meat and fish paste, instant Mash, shower gel

Sue Spriggs

Extra Rubbish – Spectrum is Green

Harborough District Council

Sign up now for the 2025/26 Garden Waste Collection Service

If you'd like to continue receiving garden waste collections after 31 March 2025 you need to resubscribe on our website at <https://www.harborough.gov.uk/garden-waste>. To guarantee a continuous service from the beginning of April 2025, please ensure you subscribe by 21 March 2025.

We are also pleased to announce that the cost of the Garden Waste Collection Service for 2025/26 remains at £61 per green wheeled bin.

The garden waste subscription covers a 9-month operational service which runs from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026, with no collections in December 2025, January 2026 and February 2026.

Please note that we do not offer a Direct Debit or recurring payment option – you must re-subscribe to the service each year.

To help our crews identify your subscription, please ensure that you display your house name or number on your green bin.

Yours faithfully,

Waste Operations | Environmental Services Team
Harborough District Council

Note: **Green** bins are collected on the same day as **blue** bins.

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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 14 March from 14:00-14:30. Stock up with Spring reading!!

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



Faith In the Community -

- Friends of St. Peter's, Arnesby -

The AGM for FOSPA was held on Wednesday 29 January at the Village Hall. It was well attended with a quorum of members. The trustee's recommendation to prioritise pointing work on the Church was approved and the trustees are now working to obtain quotes and approve plans. Information will be provided to members once plans have been received and budgets agreed.

- St Peters Church News -

- Wednesdays in Lent 5, 12, 19, 26 March and 2, 9 April – **Compline** at 19:00 at St Peter's, Arnesby
- Sunday 2nd March All Saints, Theddingworth
- Sunday 9th March All Saints, Husbands Bosworth
- Sunday 16th March St. Peter's, Arnesby
- Sunday 23rd March St. Nicholas, Mowsley
- Sunday 30th March St. Mary Magdalene, Shearsby (Summertime begins and Mothering Sunday)

- Sunday 6th April St. Mary's, Bruntingthorpe
- All services above start at 10:30

- St Peter's APCM (Annual Parish Church Meeting) will be held on Monday 10 March at 14:30 in the Church

- **Volunteers wanted for 2 tasks:**
 - If you live near to the Church, or walk your dog morning & evening, or both! Please sign up to open/close the Church for a few weeks in April to October. Please take your diary and pen, and sign on the notice in the Church porch.
 - We are also looking for helpers to bake cakes & serve teas on Sunday afternoons from May to September (there is another list to sign in the porch).

- **Springtime teas in church:**

Thanks to all who baked cakes, served and washed up afterwards at the winter teas in February, raising a magnificent £185 for FOSPA funds. We plan to hold a spring Sunday afternoon tea on **Sunday 16th March** from **14.30 until 16.30** when we look forward to seeing old and new friends.



- 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 – fundraising for Macmillan Cancer and Cancer Research

On 29th March, my older brother, William & I are attempting to swim 1.5 km (60 lengths) to raise funds for Cancer organisations. Please support us with donations at

<https://www.givengain.com/project/susan-raising-funds-for-swimathon-foundation-89090>

Thank you, Sue Spriggs

Number Day

As a whole school we celebrated Number Day run by the NSPCC and collected donations for this essential charity as they support children, families and schools in many different ways. We were thrilled with the day as the children were excited about Maths and dressed in some fantastic and really creative outfits. We had lots of different mathematical activities in the classes and a big surprise for Mrs James - a wonderful set of human dominoes!



Children's Mental Health week

Once again, the whole school engaged in Children's Mental Health week with the theme "Know yourself, Grow yourself". We had a super, relaxing, wellbeing afternoon where the children learnt about breathing exercises and ways to be calm as well as one of their favourite art activities (clay) by making faces to show their emotions. The huge variety of faces was fantastic!

We will do another mental health walk around the village later in the academic year. Do look out for us!



Arnesby Village Contacts

Need this?	Contact these wonderful people.....	
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