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Arnesby Newsletter

Latest news & bulletin updates

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22 Nov 26
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Stormy Weather

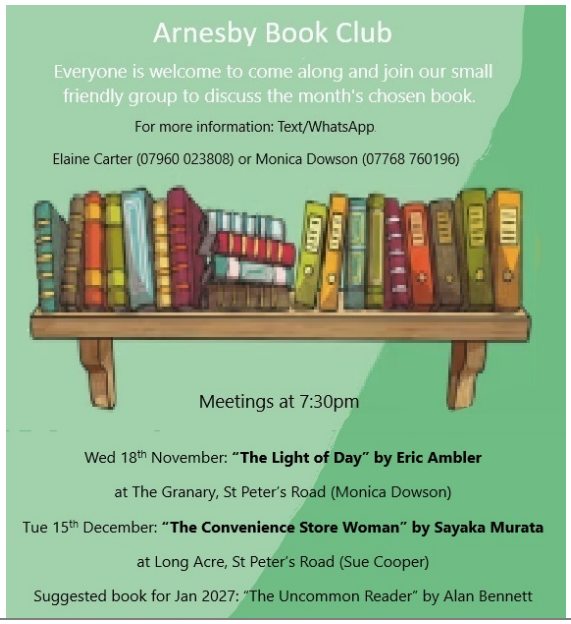
It has been another busy month, and the wind has even stopped the church clock!! Lots of important items in this month's newsletter including plans for the restoration of our Church tower and clockface.

As you will now be aware, I will be stepping down as editor of the newsletter so the December issue will be my last. To date, there have been no signs of interest from anyone wishing to take up the reins, so this will the last edition – unless – Anyone who may be interested, please contact me on 07785 561181 or email at gprmail1@gmail.com.

It has been a privilege to help with the publication, and I hope it has been of interest.

In the meantime, enjoy the read.

Looking for something to do? Here are some ideas …



Library Van

The library van will be at the top of St Peter's Road from 14:00 – 14:30 on Fridays 13 November and 4 December.
Leicestershire County Council Mobile Library Service
https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/mobile-library-routes



Village Quiz

There has been a good number of entries for the Village Quiz already and a reminder to get your team entered as soon as possible to avoid missing out on a fun evening of quizzing. Saturday 21 November at 19:30 in the Village Hall, teams of 6 if possible and entries by email/whatsapp/text to Andy Coupland on **07790998406** or **a.coupland@btinternet.com**. Prizes for best two teams, free tea/coffee at interval and feel free to bring your own refreshments to sustain you during the evening!
Andy Coupland

Village News

- Parish Councillors Wanted

Arnesby Parish Council is primarily responsible for the appearance of the village, maintenance of the playing field, village greens, trees on parish land, streetlights and signage and liaising with Harborough District Council in relation to planning and other matters. It also sets the Parish Precept which is included within your Council Tax.

The Council is currently made up of five long-serving individuals and, as of May next year, some will be retiring. It is therefore essential that the Parish recruits new Parish Councillors to serve from next Spring.

The role of Councillor is not overwhelming. There are six meetings a year, which usually take around an hour or just over on a weekday evening. There may be the odd exceptional meeting to consider planning applications which need to be determined before a scheduled meeting date.

Please, therefore, consider whether you can help by putting your name forward, as, if there are not sufficient candidates, there is a danger that the Parish Council will fail and the Parish effectively taken over elsewhere, without the ability to influence decisions which may affect our environment.

If you can help, please contact Leigh, our Parish Clerk, who can give you any further information you may require and take you through the steps of standing for office at arnesbypc@gmail.com.

Climate Change

The summer we have just experienced seems to highlight the need for us to be aware of measures we can take with a view to mitigating the effects of Climate Change and, as a result, Arnesby Parish Council is considering adopting a Climate Change Policy for the Parish.

On Tuesday 17 November, a re-run of the Climate Change film, which was shown a couple of months ago, will take place at the Village Hall at 19:00. There will be a short discussion afterwards with an exchange of ideas as to what measures can be considered practical and desirable to incorporate in such a Policy.

The Parish Council will then consider the various ideas which have been promoted and will formulate a draft Policy for approval by the Parish.

Please come along and see the film and contribute to the discussion with any ideas which you may have.

The usual Parish Council Meeting will follow at about 20:00 thereafter and Parishioners are of course welcome to stay for this or leave as they wish.

David Johnson
Arnesby PC

Help secure our Village Hall's future

ARNESBY VILLAGE HALL

HELP SECURE THE HALL'S FUTURE

Memorial & Legacy Plaque Scheme

A lasting way to remember someone special — or support the village Hall for years to come.

DONATIONS OF £1,000 OR MORE
can be recognised with a commemorative plaque in the Hall.

REMEMBER A LOVED ONE
A plaque can provide a lasting way to remember a family member, friend or someone who has played an important part in village life.

SUPPORT THE FUTURE
Your donation helps Arnesby Village Hall remain a valued community facility for future generations.

REMEMBER THE HALL IN YOUR WILL
A gift in your will can help secure the Hall's future. Please speak to your solicitor or will adviser when making or updating your will.

SUGGESTED RECOGNITION LEVELS

Donation	Plaque size	Recognition
£1,000–£1,999	100 × 50 mm	Commemorative plaque
£2,000–£4,999	150 × 75 mm	Commemorative plaque
£5,000–£9,999	200 × 100 mm	Commemorative plaque
£10,000–£24,999	250 × 125 mm	Commemorative plaque
£25,000+	300 × 150 mm	Or individually agreed

Donations are treated as gifts to Arnesby Village Hall. A commemorative plaque is offered as a simple acknowledgement of the donor or person remembered.

Plaque wording and location are agreed with the Hall's trustees.

Gift Aid may be claimed on eligible donations where the donor makes a valid Gift Aid declaration.

INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THE HALL?
Please contact the Village Hall's Treasurer for further information.
avhtreasurer2026@gmail.com

Thank you for helping to preserve Arnesby Village Hall as a community facility for generations to come.

Faith In the Community -

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



The trustees have now received quotations for the work on the tower and clock face, and it looks like the project will proceed in Spring 2027. More detail will be provided in due course, but this is exciting news and thanks for all your support. We would not have reached this stage without you.

There is a FOSPA membership form enclosed with this newsletter. Memberships are valid for three years and the form sets out options for renewing your membership, or for new members, how to join. Given we have now secured the first project, we welcome your support and membership contributions. Any questions, DM me at gprmail1@gmail.com or call me on **07785 561181.**

Hexagon Church Services –

- Sunday 1 November St Nicholas, Mowsley
- Sunday 8 November Arnesby Baptist Chapel Remembrance Service at **10:45**
- Sunday 15 November St Mary Magdalene, Shearsby
- Sunday 22 November St Mary's, Bruntingthorpe
- Sunday 29 November All Saints, Theddingworth
- Sunday 6 December All Saints, Husbands Bosworth
- All services above start at **10:30 unless stated otherwise**

Benefice Service at St Peter's on 13 December –

The church will be decorated for Christmas, and we plan to have a 'winter Sunday afternoon tea' from 14:30 until 16:30. Any help you can offer to bake, serve or clear away would be appreciated.

Baptist Church News –



- Sunday morning weekly service, 10.45. Sunday Club for children. Followed by refreshments. All welcome.
- Sunday Evening weekly service from November, 18:00 in upstairs room, all welcome.
- Tuesday morning Evergreen Coffee time behind the chapel in The Barn. 10:30-12:00. Over 60's welcome.
- Wednesday morning during term time, ABC Toddlers & Babies, Parents, Grandparents and carers all welcome. Behind chapel, outdoors (weather permitting) and in The Barn 10:00-12:00.
- Friday, during term time, Explorers Kids Bible Club, 17:30-18:30 followed by Youth Club, 19:30-21:00.
- For further details: **Johnny Hutton 07813 35636**

Arnesby Village School News – November 2026

Harvest Festival



In late September, the whole school were welcomed at the Baptist Chapel to celebrate our Harvest Festival. We sang about gathering crops and gave thanks for provision as it remains one of the few traditions that still connects our everyday lives with the land and with God. We heard about how helping others and the interaction with the land and animals can help our own wellbeing and others too. As a school we have collected a large amount of food stuffs shown here on the wonderful thankfulness quilt (loaned from the chapel), which really made our harvest display so special. We were particularly impressed by the range of well-chosen items as well as the generosity of contributions this year. Everything was donated to the Lutterworth Food Bank and on collection, combined with items from the Baptist chapel, weighed over 60kg. Thanks to everyone who donated.

Cross Country



Arnesby KS2 Team competed in the South Leicestershire Schools Sports Partnership Cross Country Competition for the Blaby family of schools. We had some great results, with all the children running very well. There were lots of supporters who cheered them on, and we are hoping some of our children will go through to the County races later in the year. Some of the children's comments included: "I loved doing cross country because it was fun, "I give it a thumbs up!", "Cross Country was fun but tiring!", "I really love Cross Country, and I can't wait to do it again"

Well done Team Arnesby!

Responsibility and leadership

In school we have a number of groups to support the children's ideas and their influence on how the school operates. We have a School Council who canvas views from children and action their ideas, the Librarian team who look after the library and have influence in choosing new books (often funded by our wonderful PTA), Faith Group who help with the various forms of worship, Eco Leaders who are looking at our environment, waste and energy use, and our House Leaders who are the team captains and support playground games. We encourage all our children to take an active part in school life.

Posada

A special shout out to Anne from the Arnesby Village Craft group who has provided the school with knitted characters of Mary and Joseph who are crucial for a posada around school as part of our Advent activities. Thank you. More details to follow next time!

Stig's Penultimate Dump



For more info: ***Your bin collection dates | Harborough District***

Need this?	Contact these wonderful people.....	
Arnesby CofE Primary School	Mrs Ruth James	0116 247 8563 / office@arnesby.embracemat.org
Bootcamp/circuits classes and boxfitt	Shane Malone	07469 993970 / shane@sm-fitness.co.uk
Arnesby Private Gym and Personal Training	Shane Malone	07469 993970 / shane@sm-fitness.co.uk
Cricket Club	David Hogg	07443 259928
Fitness and Yoga Sessions	Mollie Gillanders	07467 533615
Grow your own' WhatsApp Group	Alan Wilkins	07436 013372
Loseby Charity Trust / Allotments	Alan Wilkins	07436 013372 /allotments@losebywood.org.uk
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	Graham Roberts	07785 561181
	Beryl Cane	07582 370336
The Chapel	Johnny Hutton	0116 247 8392
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	Paul Williams	paulwilliamsdesign@hotmail.com
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Village Hall Chair	Sue Cooper	07534 897037
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