

## Village vacancy....

Well, this is another packed edition of the newsletter. News from our school and much more!!!

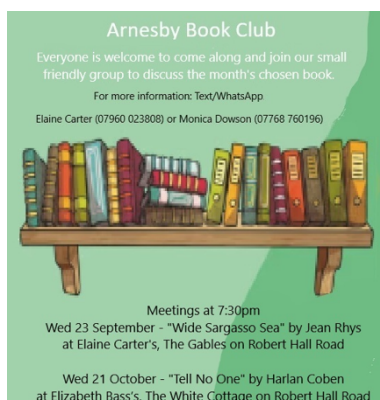
As mentioned in the last edition, I will be stepping down as editor of the newsletter so the December issue will be my last. If the village wish to continue with the newsletter, we will need a new editor ready to run in January 2027. Anybody who is interested, please contact me on 07785 561181 or email at [gprmail1@gmail.com](mailto:gprmail1@gmail.com). I haven't heard from anyone yet so here is your opportunity!!

One of the reasons for stepping down is the arrival of our new granddaughter, Matilda, who will be absorbing a lot of our time from now on. Here she is with her proud parents.

Enjoy the read.



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



## Arnesby, Shearsby & Bruntingthorpe Produce Show 2026

In September, this year's annual 3 village Produce Show was held in Bruntingthorpe Village Hall.

It was a difficult year for those people who grow vegetables, but there were valiant efforts made to put in entries, with at least one entry in each category apart from Beetroot and Sweetcorn. There were a few more entries in the fruit section, while the flower section received a lot more entries which included 9 houseplant and 7 single flower entries. Cookery and Preserves were the most popular sections.

This year there were 46 entrants from the three villages, each putting in between 1 and 17 entries. Without entries, there is no competition and winners like to feel that they have earned their award ticket. Even if an entry is unplaced, it means that the entrant can be proud that they had something worth exhibiting. So, we would really encourage as many people as possible to have a go and show what they can make, create and grow.

In the end, **Arnesby** came out as top village, winning 5 Best in Section awards, with Shearsby winning 2 and Bruntingthorpe with 1.

The Best in Section awards were:

- Vegetables – Mavis Jefferies (Shearsby) for Cucumber
- Fruit – Christine Eales for Collection of 3 Fruit
- Flowers – Monica Dowson for Houseplant – Norfolk Island Pine
- Cookery – Jane Palmer for Carrot Cake
- Preserves – Rachael Burton (Shearsby) for Raspberry Jam
- Floral Art – Gillian Everitt (Bruntingthorpe) for Flower Arrangement on theme of "Books"
- Handicrafts – Ann Miksza for Knitted Scarecrow
- The Ruth Bown Award for Best Vase of Garden Flowers was won by Stephanie Allen
- Best in Show was won by Rachael Burton for her Raspberry Jam.
- Monica Dowson was awarded the Horticultural Judges 70th Anniversary Platinum Award for the maximum number of points over the whole show.
- We particularly commend Bernie Metcalf and Georgie Cave for their awards in the Children's Section.

We look forward to a full entry at next year's show which will be held in **Arnesby**.



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## Food!!!!!!

### Big Breakfast - Arnesby Village Hall

This village event will be taking place for the second time this year to raise funds for Arnesby Village Hall. It will take place **10 - 12** on Saturday **7 November**. We are hoping this will be a regular event.

It will be lovely to see you.

### Safari Supper - Saturday 14th November

This popular annual village event returns on the **14 November**. We have a few changes this year as we are starting the evening at Arnesby House and finishing at Sunnysdene.

I will be posting letters in September with further information but if I miss you, or you would like to know more about it, please give me a ring on **07973 910022**. It is a really fun night.

**Lucy Carter 07973 910022**

### Library Van

The library van will be at the top of St Peter's Road from 14:00 – 14:30 on Fridays 2 and 23 October.

Leicestershire County Council Mobile Library Service

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/mobile-library-routes>

### Village Quiz

The Village Quiz will be held on **Saturday 21 November at 19:30 in the Village Hall**. Check in at 19:10 for a prompt start.

Teams of up to 6 players - £8 per team member (payable on the night - cash or card).

Team entries asap to Andy Coupland at "[a.coupland@btinternet.com](mailto:a.coupland@btinternet.com)" or text/phone/msg to **07790-998406**. Anyone who wishes to join or make up a team please let me know. Select a team name if possible and have a team secretary complete with pen! Prizes for best 2 teams. Free tea and coffee at the interval, otherwise bring your own refreshments. A raffle will also be held on the evening.

After the success of previous years, entries will be limited so please reply soonest.

**Andy Coupland**

### Bingo!!!!

Eyes down, look in!

### Village fundraiser Bingo night

Saturday 10 October 2026 at the Village Hall. 19:30 prompt with a 21:30 finish.

### Over 18s only

£10 buys you five games! Cash prizes for a line and a full house with a larger cash prize for a full house in game 5. Prizes will be shared if there are multiple calls.

Coffee and tea provided but you are welcome to bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Booking is essential due to limited numbers. Contact **Nick & Kate on 07375 077011** to book your seat!

Nick and Kate Tomkinson,

Holmleigh

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## Village News

### - **Parish Council Update from last newsletter**

**Village Greens.** The Parish Council is continuing with efforts to register the land in front of The Cottage, fronting to St Peter's Road, which is believed to have been owned by the Parish for decades, as a Village Green, which would line up with those areas in front of The Old Shoulder House, the Homestead, and Bell Cottage, which are already registered as Village Green. The PC will provide more info when the County Council have responded to the present Application.

**David Johnson.**

### **Parish Council (PC) 15 September 2026 – Terry Cane's Notes**

**Defibrillator.** The PC is in the process of purchasing a new defibrillator.

**Financial statement.** The PC has a reserve of about £49k.

**Planning matters.** The PC agreed to support the application for change of use of agricultural buildings at Manor Farm, Lutterworth Road to light industrial use, with conditions, including that there is a car parking plan, noise restrictions and agreed hours of working. The application meets the Local Plan policy to support developments which create employment.

**Local government reorganization.** Planned reorganisation has been put on hold for further consultation. It was suggested that the proposed changes to extend the city boundary would result in a financial imbalance between the city and the County. Tree survey. It was agreed the copper beech outside Bell Cottage should be crowned and then maintained. Quotes to carry out the work will be sought.

**Smell produced by muck spreading.** It was suggested that the hot weather followed by rain created a gas which was the cause of the smell. No further action was proposed.

**Grant applications.** It was agreed to support a grant request from the village hall for replacement windows. The PC requested further information regarding solar panels for the village hall.

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**PC elections 2027.** PC elections will take place in May 2027. The Chair indicated that he would not be standing for re-election.

**Climate policy.** The PC has arranged for a climate change film to be shown before the next meeting on 17 November at 19:00. It will be followed by a discussion and then the PC meeting.

**Open session.** Residents on Oak Lane expressed concern about the overgrown hedge on Oak Lane. The hedge encroaches into the road reducing the road width and creating a safety hazard for pedestrians, especially children. The PC was asked to cut back the hedge urgently. The PC agreed to obtain quotes for reducing the hedge, but pointed out the hedge was the property and responsibility of the new houses on Mill Hill Road.

### **Quick Thinking Required**

#### **Could you assist with the downloading of statistics from our Speed Monitors and Warning Signs in the Village?**

Since their installation, Tony Lees has kindly acted as the Parish Council's liaison in downloading the quarterly stats from the software which is retained within the Speed Monitors on Lutterworth Road. This is all done remotely and Tony will offer to help with the setting up of the system which enables the download.

Every three months the report, which is collated at the time of the download, is despatched to the Parish Council, who monitor the success of the equipment in deterring speeding drivers from creating dangers within the village, by the school and the playing field.

Can you help? If so, please contact **David Johnson at RsmryJhn@aol.com**. We would like to arrange the changeover for the New Year.

In the meantime, many thanks to Tony for all his efforts over the years.

**David Johnson**

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## **Faith In the Community -**

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

The trustees will be issuing a membership renewal letter to all existing members and will also extend this to the rest of the village. This is to maintain the fundraising for the maintenance of our wonderful church and grounds. Existing and new members are more than welcome. Watch this space next month for more details.



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### **Hexagon Church Services –**

- Sunday 4 October St Mary's, Bruntingthorpe
- Sunday 4 October St Mary Magdalene, Shearsby (Harvest Festival at 18:30)
- Sunday 11 October All Saints, Theddingworth
- Sunday 18 October All Saints, Husbands Bosworth
- Sunday 25 October St Peter's, Arnesby (Harvest Festival)
- Sunday 1 November St Nicholas, Mowsley
- All services above start at **10:30 unless stated otherwise**

### **Harvest Festival at Arnesby –**

Our Harvest Festival service in St. Peter's Church is on Sunday 25 October. The church will be decorated with gifts of fruit, vegetables and non-perishable items as well as flowers. The church will be left open for visitors to see the decorations and flower arrangements can be purchased. Fruit, vegetables and non-perishable goods will be donated to the Salvation Army.

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### **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. 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**





## Community Event – Banner making from Felt

Jenny Lees and Rachel Sawyer from Arnesby Village have worked hard to produce a hand felted banner to celebrate the school's 160 year foundation. This project has included all the children making their own piece of felt over two terms (from January to June) which has then been used to create this remarkable and wonderful artwork. Design ideas came from our discussion around the Christian Vision of the school and the association with St. Peters Church. The skills and craftsmanship of our two friends is shown in the detail of the butterflies and flowers as well as the carefully crafted detail and colour choices for the windows and leaves. The children were impressed that it covers all the seasons of the year too. This was presented to the school in July with thanks from Mrs. James – Headteacher



A true collaboration between the village of Arnesby and the school. We are so proud and delighted to be given this generous gift and want to thank Jenny and Rachel for their time and thoughtfulness. We all love the banner which we hope to display in the library for all children and visitors to see!

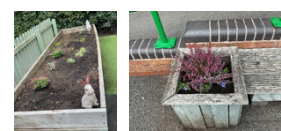
## Pentecost Walk

The children's Pentecost walk from Arnesby to St. Mary's church in Shearsby was featured in the July 2026 Newsletter of the Diocesan Board of education newsletter. Revd Canon Chris Oxley and Matt Long, diocesan Youth Engagement & Intergenerational Communities Enabler, joined the school on the walk and shared in the joy, which ended with a service in church led by the children. It was described by many who read the article as beautiful and just lovely! Arnesby School's Spirit-Filled Steps - Diocese of Leicester. Do have a look!



## Tidying up!

The environmental tidy up morning in September was a real school community event with lots of parents and children ready to work! We constructed, repaired, tidied, brushed, dug, cleaned, planted flowers and have sown seeds and bulbs ready for the open days and looking forward into spring too. This really tidied up the school environment. The PTA provided refreshments and delicious sausage baps too making it a memorable morning!



## Stig's Smaller Dump



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

| Need this?                                       | Contact these wonderful people..... |                                                                                                            |
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| <b>Arnesby Private Gym and Personal Training</b> | Shane Malone                        | 07469 993970 / <a href="mailto:shane@sm-fitness.co.uk">shane@sm-fitness.co.uk</a>                          |
| <b>Cricket Club</b>                              | David Hogg                          | 07443 259928                                                                                               |
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| <b>Guitar Lessons</b>                            | Graham Roberts                      | 07785 561181                                                                                               |
| <b>Baby sitting</b>                              | Chloe Stevenson                     | Call Carol on 07974 306933                                                                                 |