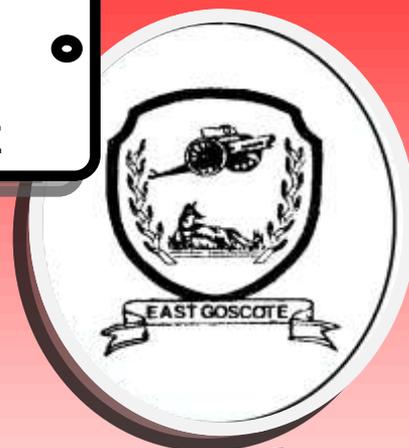


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First Time Marathon Victory for Wreake Runners, Jim Ketteringham and Marie Collins

Two exhausted and wobbly-kneed Wreake Runners are celebrating after completing the Leicester Marathon on Sunday 9th October 2011 – their first ever marathon.

Marie Collins and Jim Ketteringham who have both been Wreake Runner Members for a number of years, set out on the damp and dreary Sunday morning with their hopes held high for a successful run around the 26.2 mile course. The course starting from Victoria Park is a very scenic route which covers quite a bit of inner city Leicester and leads into the rural areas.

Teacher Marie fizzed around the course in 4 hours and 15 minutes raising around £1,000 for Sands, the Stillbirth and Neonatal Death charity. Marie had been training for about 4 months – the majority of it alone, which takes some commitment, with the aim of ‘getting around the course without stopping’, which is what she succeeded to do. Marie is over the moon with her time and was very appreciative of the support from friends, family and fellow runners.

Super-fit Jim Ketteringham managed to zoom in at an amazing 3 hours and 9 minutes despite having problems with his calf for the last few miles and came in at 15th place. Jim has helped past marathon runners from Wreake with their training and also holds interval training sessions every week within the Wreake Runners club, which has helped see runners improve overall. Jim decided at the last minute to participate in the Marathon, so used his usual weekly mileage as his only training.

Other successful Wreake Runners who completed the Marathon were:

Steve Bolton – 3hrs 16mins

Graham Grewcock – 3hrs 42mins

Pete Kirby (who is 80 years old) – 4hrs 57mins.

The Leicester Marathon has seen a number of Wreake Runners successfully complete their first marathon over the last couple of years. It is a good Marathon to start with as it is well organised and the race offers variety: undulation, town and country roads with pathways through a picturesque lake. These first time marathon runners have continued on with their marathon journey, having participated in the London, Edinburgh and Dublin Marathons.



Want to join Wreake Runners, but not quite up to club level?

New Year, New You. That is the usual New Years resolution after the Christmas period, but why put off what you can start today and get ahead of yourself.....

Starting on Tuesday 15th November: every Tuesday club night up to Christmas, we will have a volunteer running buddy for runners who are ‘beyond beginner’ and wanting to build up to club entry level pace. If you are currently able to run consistently for 30 minutes, you are welcome to join us. On club nights, we generally run in two groups - a faster longer route of six to eight miles at seven to eight minute mile pace and a slower shorter route of five to seven miles at nine to ten minute pace.



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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the winter edition of Long Furrow. It is a little later this time, since there is no deadline for Christmas vouchers to be handed in. But Christmas is coming, and as I was reading today, we live in a society which prides itself on realism, but has invented more ways of escapism than any previous generation. I hope Christmas is not a form of escapism, but a time of rejoicing and enjoying relationships. Sadly it can sometimes be stressful and relationships suffer, as the article on p.17 suggests.

It can be a time of overindulging, and we need to work off the extra pounds (kg?) in various ways. Running is not the only way although we are invited again to join the various running clubs (p2 or p11), or just make use of the fitness classes on offer, or the sports equipment donated to the Parish Council (p7).

Of course we are a mixture of body, mind and soul, and need to nourish and develop each . The library is holding a book sale (p8) which I hope you read about before it is too late! They say that reading is on the decline, but libraries offer so much more nowadays than just books. However books are more durable, and do not require batteries, although perhaps more bulky than recent devices, like the Kindle.

We often overlook the nourishment of the soul, but doctors claim that a healthy soul, or spirit, contributes a large amount to the health and well being of people. Christmas is often the only time that many people enter Church but there are several events in St Hilda's over this season.(p14,15). The Remembrance Day service reminds us of those who died defending others. We give thanks not just for those who have died, but also for those who give so much of their time and effort to help us all . Maureen and Betty (p22) are taking a well earned rest, and we congratulate Liz on her award (p26). Cathy has been working hard again , and provided a comprehensive report of her activities (p25). Note that we all have an opportunity to have a say on how the Borough Council spends our money (p27). So have a think and let them know!

Finally, I find the new recycling arrangements much better (p18), and they have arrived just in time for Christmas. I hope you all have a good Christmas.

Dennis Bishop

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The new term at Rainbows has got off to a great start. We had said goodbye to 6 Rainbows last term, so have welcomed Leah, Ruby, Alexandra, Molly, Erin and Tyne to join our unit.

We welcomed the new Rainbows with getting to know you games and made Flip-flop bag tags. We had a pizza night and made our own mini pizzas. We made a large Rainbow arch to use at our promise ceremonies. We had a Disney themed party to celebrate East.Goscote Rainbows running for 17 years – quite amazing!!! We are also working on a roundabout badge.

We have spent 2 weeks working on Tie-dye T-shirts and joined Rearsby and Queniborough Rainbows for a Halloween Party at Rearsby Village Hall.

For the rest of the term we will be turning our thoughts to Christmas with crafts and card-making.

Thanks for your continued support

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Erica (Cherry) and Helen(Pear).

Devon camp for Boy's Brigade

The 22nd Leicester Boy's Brigade, and the 1st Loughborough Boy's and Girl's Brigade, had a magical week at camp in North Devon, celebrating the 125th anniversary of the group's first camp. The Companies went to Woolacombe and Ifracombe for a Harry Potter themed week.

Each member was sorted into their tent via the sorting hat, and activities included potion making and Muggle Quidditch (a form of handball and dodgeball, without broomsticks). They also went into Croyd Bay and did some surfing which they



thoroughly enjoyed. Each member, including staff, was given a Boy's brigade "125" badge for attending the celebrated milestone in Boy's Brigade history.

Camp is the highlight of the Brigades. It is what they look forward to, with expeditions at night, team games, quizzes, volley ball, assault course and of course, tent inspection! They will return to camp again next year at East Runton, Norfolk.

All boys who are interested in joining the Boy's Brigade please contact Jeff Matthews on 01664 850795. Age groups start at 4 1/2 years onwards, on Wednesdays. There are no waiting lists.

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East Goscote Library book sale

East Goscote Library is having a book sale.

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Our start to the first half of the Autumn term has been a very busy one although very rewarding. It's been wonderful catching up on news with our existing children, who returned after the summer break, wanting to tell us where they have been and what they have been up to during the holidays.



We also welcomed the arrival of 19 new children into the setting where we supported them to make them feel comfortable within their new learning environment which we are proud to say has worked very effectively. It has been wonderful building up positive relationships with the children, parents, carers and all understanding each others needs.

Outside in the ever popular garden area, children worked cooperatively to build dens, pirate ships, making telescopes so they could look out for sharks and "baddies." We caught fish, ducks in the water

tray and then counted them. We also fished for a variety of coloured objects and sorted them into groups. Digging for worms is always a favourite, we explored natural materials such as conkers, fir cones, pebbles, shells, again comparing and sorting into groups.



Inside the bungalow we have enjoyed role play in our shop, buying and selling using coins, ICT equipment. Playing in our baby nursery was fun using the dolls to help our understanding of how to care/help one another. Using the playdough, we have made sausages, worms, cakes and children mixed coloured paints to create their own pictures and we shared stories, rhymes and poems to name but a few of our activities.

Of course the second half of the term will be equally as busy as Christmas is lurking around the corner, so as usual we will be yet again having lots of fun with glitter, sequins and enjoying Christmas parties and sing songs. So until next time.....

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The ten-week course follows a measured programme of training and offers plenty of support and encouragement for members working towards their fitness goals. The group meets every Monday at 6.45pm at Soar Valley Leisure Centre in Mountsorrel and sessions cost £2 per week. The next course starts on 21st November.

Beverley is grateful for the support of Charnwood Borough Council and all enquiries should be directed to the Active Together team on 01509 632535 or email active.together@charnwood.gov.uk



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The LOROS Winter Warmer Raffle is a great way to raise funds and also a way for the hospice to say thank you for the support received through the year. In previous years the draw has been incredibly successful but this year LOROS fundraisers hope to raise more than ever to help people across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

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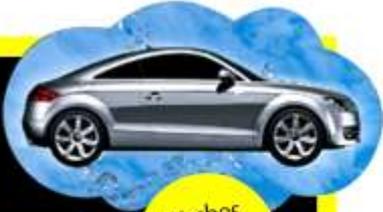
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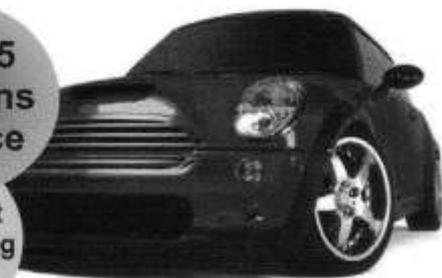
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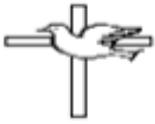
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At St. Hilda's we have just celebrated Harvest which reminds us that Autumn is upon us once again and we are already looking towards Christmas and the busy calendar ahead. Our Christmas Tree Festival this year begins on Friday 9 December and the theme this year is books. The Carol Service will be the same weekend on Sunday 11 December, commencing at 6.0 p.m. Before that however we are celebrating St. Hilda's Day on Saturday 19 November when Bishop Christopher will be coming to preach. This will be a service of thanksgiving. A lot of work has been done on the church building in the last 12 months, both inside and out and it looks a whole lot better. We are truly grateful to all those who have helped us in one way or another to achieve this and so we want to express our thanks to God for all the good things that have happened. We do hope that many villagers will come and join us for this special service.

We look forward also to seeing our uniformed organisations at the Remembrance Day service on Sunday 13 November.

I am sure that many people are missing John Walton who died in July. We certainly miss him at St. Hilda's and we are discovering all those little things that John did that made everything tick over so well - he is a hard act to follow! We are grateful to Karen at the hairdressers, her customers and friends of John, for donating a beautiful rose bowl in John's memory. A rose tree has been planted in the church garden also in his memory so hopefully it will supply the roses for the bowl next year.

Our grateful thanks also go to Geoff Hickling who has been looking after the church garden and not just tidying it up but making it look a real picture with all the colourful bedding plants this

summer.

Our vicar Javid has been on Sabbatical for 3 months and we welcome him back in the middle of November. Sadly though we shall be saying good-bye to Ian Hill who is moving to help at Rearsby church. We shall also miss Liz Angell who is moving to Bridgnorth and there is more about that from her in this magazine.

We do hope to see as many of you as possible over the Christmas period. A real treat will be Cossington Voices who are coming to entertain us with carols from across the world on Saturday 17 December. The Christmas Trees will still be up so if you want to get away from all the bustle and commercialism of Christmas for a while, make that a date for your diary, you will not be disappointed. The Big Sing with Radio Leicester is happening on the following Monday night from 7 -8 p.m. The Scouts have their Carol Service at church on Tuesday 6 December. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Jane Mercy - Church Warden



The church building was decorated with the fruits of the harvest at harvest time



Farewell from the Revd Liz Angell

After three and a half years here as Curate in the Fosse Team of churches, I have been appointed Team Vicar in the Bridgnorth (Shropshire) Team Ministry in the Diocese of Hereford. I'll be leaving East Goscote in mid November and be licensed in Bridgnorth in early December.

The Bridgnorth Team consists of nine churches. I'll be responsible for two small parishes on the outskirts of Bridgnorth and for taking the lead on evangelism and nurture across the Team, as well as advising on Mission in the Deanery.

I'm very much looking to my new role in Bridgnorth, but I go with very mixed feelings. I have been very happy as the Curate here and have particularly enjoyed living in East Goscote. I have made many friends here and will have life-long memories of you all. You have given me such a good start in this wonderful but strange life of ordained ministry. Thank you so much for your love, support and prayers and for allowing me to be me - with all my faults and failings!

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Liz

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On Saturday we will be open from 10am and we will be serving light refreshments as usual at lunch time as well as drinks during the day.

On Sunday we will be open from 2.30pm and will close the weekend with our ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE

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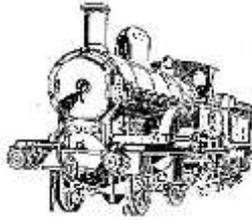
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The event takes place at Sileby Community Centre, High Street, Sileby, from 10am until 16:30pm. In this difficult financial climate, we have decided to hold our admission prices for the ninth year. Admission will be £3 for adults and £2.50 for concessions and unaccompanied children (under 14). Accompanied children are admitted FREE.

More details will be found on our website www.systonmrs.org.uk or by email on systonmrs@hotmail.com.

The full list of exhibits is:

Nevermoor (Z gauge), T Gauge, Highley Unlikely, Bishop Wearburn and Allston (all N Gauge), Cromer, Brixworth, Rowthorne and Mill Lane TMD (all OO Gauge), Hazelman Road, Bedford Road TMD and Summit Colliery (all O Gauge).

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New 101 telephone number

The launch of the new telephone number to replace the 222222 number took place on October 24th. People can call 101 to report a crime that has already happened and any other incidents or concerns that do not require an emergency response. They can also call it to get in touch with their local Neighbourhood Policing team, for general enquiries, or to make police aware of any policing issues in their local area.

Calling 101 for situations that do not require immediate police response keeps 999 available for when there is an emergency. An emergency is when a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, someone is injured, being threatened or a life is at risk, or there is a traffic incident involving personal injury or danger.

Ellen Hewitt

0116 2608224

Relationships

Relate Leicestershire urges people to get help sooner for their relationships. Research shows people waiting over two years before seeking expert help

Relationship charity, Relate Leicestershire is urging people to get help sooner for their relationships after findings released today reveal that 44% of people, who called the charity's national helpline, had waited over two years to get help.

In a further survey Relate Leicestershire found that: 31% of respondents living in the East Midlands believe there is a stigma attached to getting help with your relationship and 36% of respondents living in the East Midlands would feel ashamed or nervous of admitting to friends or family that they had sought expert counselling.

The charity has launched a campaign, Heart to Heart, backed by some of the nation's leading agony aunts and uncles, to encourage people to get help for their relationship sooner rather than later, if things aren't going right.

Relate Leicestershire knows that couples have their ups and downs, but believe it's crucial that people recognise when problems are serious and not just a difficult patch. The charity is encouraging people to start thinking about their relationship, talking to each other and taking action if they see signs of problems.

Relate Leicestershire recognises that whilst many of us wouldn't hesitate to seek help for a medical problem, we

often hold back when it comes to getting support for our relationships because of the stigma surrounding relationship support. But relationships are precious and worth working at.

Julie Maxwell, counsellor with Relate, commented: "Seeking counselling does not mean you're a failure, on the contrary, it shows you take your relationship seriously and you're willing to do whatever you can to resolve your difficulties. Some people see going for counselling as a sign of weakness but in reality it takes strength and courage to stand up to others prejudiced views and get the help your relationship deserves."

To help couples understand how healthy their relationships are, the charity has developed an online health check at www.relate.org.uk/hearttoheart. Couples will also find an online video offering five simple top tips to keep relationships healthy.

The Heart to Heart campaign is backed by many of the nation's Agony Aunts and Uncles including Bel Mooney, Philip Hodson, Jane O'Gorman and Susan Quilliam. Agony Aunt

Tracey Cox, says: "...and the quicker you seek help, the less damage caused to the relationship and the easier it is to solve."

For more information about Relate Leicestershire and the services it offers visit www.relateleicestershire.org.uk or call 0116 2543011

THE GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE

NEW RECYCLING SERVICE: How are you getting on with the new recycling service ? I'm interested to hear about any problems and/or positive experiences. The roll-out of green wheelie bins seemed to go very smoothly in our village. Charnwood Borough Council and their contractors were blessed with fine weather which always helps but credit where it is due, it was a massive task with so much potential to go wrong. In our area leaflets and battery bags were delivered via the letterbox two weeks before the green wheelie bins which also arrived on the scheduled day. They were delivered just after the final sack collection which was ideal. Some people put out old green bins and boxes on that day and where they were noticed they were picked up but most people put them out a fortnight later as per the sticker. The collection of those items seemed to go very smoothly as well. If that is typical across all 60,000 odd affected properties in Charnwood, it is a real achievement.

So that side of it I thought was impressive. I was a bit disappointed that more wasn't done to promote the re-use of redundant containers e.g. as home composters, wormeries, potato tubs etc for the old bins and planters for the boxes. If you would like details of how to do this, please get in touch (see Contact Us). After all, re-use is above recycling on the waste reduction hierarchy as it cuts waste without using much (if any) energy. A couple of minor niggles about the leaflet. The icon for "bottles and jars" omits the word "glass" and the plastics icon shows only plastic bottles when plastic pots, tubs, trays and film are perhaps the most important addition in recent years. Finally on the back page there is an out of date statement that "recycling materials are sorted by hand ..." . They aren't any more but the advice not to put needles and sharps in still holds good.

The new service should make it easier for most of us to recycle greater quantity and better quality. It will cut the high ongoing cost and waste of sacks and make the collection quicker, cheaper and safer for the crews all of which is good. Two concerns – households that produce more recycling than can be contained in a 240 ltr wheelie bin (although you can put out "side waste" in a non-black sack) and households that produce less and have difficulty in handling a large wheelie bin (e.g. single/elderly households). I think a 140 ltr option should be available for those people and I will be making the case for it. But it's a step in the right direction and with the above reservations, a very difficult job well done. Let me know how you get on or if you have any queries.

COMPOSTING IN AUTUMN:



With my Master Composter hat on (as opposed to my Waste Action Volunteer hat) I need to remind you that Autumn is a key time in the composting calendar. As the cold weather approaches and the composting process slows down, it's a good time to do some serious work on your home composter. Pick a nice day and spread out a tarpaulin or plastic sheet. If it's the typical plastic dalek type composter, don't try to fiddle around through the little hatch (if it has one) but tip it right forward and prop it on the spade. Prize the compost heap out with the fork. The immature stuff will be at the top of the heap, the mature compost at the bottom. Put the immature compost back into the composter (maybe in a new location) leaving plenty of space for winter fruit and vegetable waste. Put the mature compost into a spare bin (now where did I see one of those ?) or black sack with holes in where it will continue maturing over winter ready for Spring planting. See photos – my composter is wearing a bubble wrap overcoat.

CONTACT US: Master Composters and Waste Action volunteers promote home composting and sustainable household waste management on behalf of the Leicestershire Waste Partnership made up of Leicestershire County Council and the seven Districts of Leicestershire. For free information or advice on composting or recycling, contact David on 2606773, 07724891627 or david.cannon9@btinternet.com . Other useful links: www.recyclenow.com , www.lovefoodhatewaste.com , www.leics.gov.uk/index/environment www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/recycling .

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New Year is causing acute problems for Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland. Whilst their shops are doing particularly well on sales, they are running into problems with donations of saleable items and are desperately short of stock, particularly furniture and bric-a-brac but also books and clothing.

"During and after the festive season, many people will be contemplating how they will make space for their presents or dispose of household furniture in order to accommodate new purchases made in the sales. Our motto is: 'Don't Dump It, Donate It!' "says Peter Ralphs of the local Age UK.

"All I can say is that we desperately need help from the public so that we can continue to help needy local older people through the money which is taken through our shops. All of our 22 charity shops around the two counties will gladly accept donations whilst furniture can also be collected from homes by calling 0116 2781208."



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Broomfield News



The first half of the autumn term has been lively and exciting. We have been invaded by Vikings; had the outside of the building repainted; held our harvest festival and celebrated black history month.



We also have an unprecedented number of extra-curricular clubs running, including our new and very popular ICT club.

The upper KS2 singing group are busy practising for the Young Voices concert at the end of November. They will be joining over 4000 other performers at the Birmingham Arena for an evening of zippy singing and swaying to tunes classic and modern.

Our sports teams are also working hard to prepare for their friendly matches and more competitive league games. Our football club has already enjoyed success, while our netballers prepare for the interschool tournament at the end of November.

Mr Nichol

The family of Mr Nichol would like to pass on their sincere thanks for all the cards and donations received. They have been overwhelmed by your kind messages of reflection and support. A lasting and fitting memorial to Mr Nichol is being planned. Donations to the fund are able to be made through the school, please make cheques payable to Broomfield School Fund.

FOBS

A huge thank you to our parent/teacher association for all their hard work in raising money to support our school. The money raised last year has funded our minibus, paid for a new wide-screen TV, supported community cohesion projects such as the amazing African drumming workshops and paid for the new data projector in the school hall. Please come along and support the FOBS events, and of course if you feel able to help out we would love to meet you and promise you a friendly welcome.

FOBS Next Event

Thursday 8th December – Family Christmas Bingo.

National Test Results

Well done to all our past Year 6. Their hard work and enthusiasm for learning ensured that again our test results were in the top 20% of schools nationally.

Viking Invasion

In September we had some Viking Visitors in school and Year 3 and 4 dressed up for the occasion. They experienced lots of exciting Viking activities including working out messages in Runes, playing a Viking game using wooden

blocks called Cubs, making shields and beautiful Viking brooches. They also had the opportunity to handle and look at Viking weapons such as shields, swords and spears. Jack said "My favourite part of the day was the game where we had to throw a wooden block at the



wooden cuboids, if we knocked it down they threw it back and we stood where it landed. The winner was the team that knocked all the cuboids down."

Matthew enjoyed trying on clothes and handling the weapons. "We tried some Viking clothes on. They had a big horn and started to blow in it, some of us got to have a go. I put a real fox skin around my neck, Vikings used to wear them to keep warm. I held a sword, shield, slingshot and a helmet."

Year 6 – RSPB

In October, Year 6 visited the RSPB centre in Corby. It was a long journey but everyone was excited and couldn't wait to get there. On our arrival, we were given a warm welcome by our guides, Helen and Luke. They explained that we would be learning about the habitats in Fineshade Wood.

Our favourite activity was bird watching. We went in a hide and had a pair of binoculars and had to try and spot as many birds as possible. The most impressive bird that we spotted was the woodpecker, which was right on top of a tree.



We also had a mini-beast hunt and had to find as many insects as possible, then had to use a branching key to sort them. Some of us were really freaked out by the spiders and creepy crawlies! Overall it was a really enjoyable day trip.

Abbey Pumping Station

Using the school minibus, Year 5 visited Abbey Pumping Station in Leicester on October 25th. We met our guide and he explained how they started to pump sewage away from Leicester in Victorian times.

He led us up to see the big pumps and explained that the pumps were so big because they had to pump the sewage



all the way to Beaumont Leys and it was all up hill! We went upstairs above the pumps, and some of us were scared because you could see through to the floor below. He described how the wheels were connected to some balls which spun around when the wheel turned, the faster the wheel turned then made the beams go faster that worked the pumps.

Broomfield Football Team

Our Year 5/6 Football team has made a fantastic start to the new season, winning two games against Glenfield and Pochin, drawing one against Bishop Ellis and unfortunately losing one game to Anstey. We would like to say a big thank you to all of our current players. Our team is presently looking forward to our next football match away to Birstall Riverside. We currently hold the Easter Community Cup after beating Queniborough 2-1 in the final last year.

We would also like to say thanks to our great manager Mr Beeby and our helpful assistant Miss Jex.

Foundation Stage



Foundation Stage children learnt all about potatoes at Harvest time. We visited the East Goscote Fish & Chip shop to see how chips were made.



Pat and Dilly the blind hedgehog also visited us.

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THE CRAFT GROUP

We meet on a Tuesday evening at 7pm -9pm This year we have been very busy knitting items for the neo-natal unit, teddies for children, bottle tops for Age U.K.

Plus we made a Scarecrow Family for the summer Scarecrow Trail.

We are a friendly group of ladies we like to knit, cross stitch, make latch hook rugs, sew items. So if you are like minded please pop in on a Tuesday evening we also have a drink of tea or coffee. Once or twice a year we all go out for a meal as a social event. Tricia 2609088 or just pop in.

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TWO LONG-STANDING PARISH COUNCILLORS RESIGN

In August 2011 Mrs Maureen Loseby and Mrs Betty Allen handed in their resignation to pursue their personal interests and have more quality time with their families.



Maureen Loseby has served the village since July 1995 – a total of 16 years. Maureen was the face of East Goscote and any residents with problems or issues would often turn to her for advice. Her knowledge of council law, policy, and the history of the village was astounding and she gave up her time generously always putting others first. Some of the satisfying things Maureen has been involved with include the following:

Being part of the team working to provide the 2 pedestrian crossings to the Playing Field.

- The provision of 2 bus shelters, Long Furrow and Playing Fields.
- Being involved in the taking over of Lilac way.
- The Children's Summer Events.
- Monitoring the Industrial Estate and the annual meetings with Jelson's Estate Manager.
- The Village Hall Management Committee, the provision of facilities for the disabled.
- Ron Jenkins Retirement Party.
- The re-instatement of the grass verge on Woodmans Chase.
- Having the honour of laying the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council on Remembrance Sunday.
- Visits to Broomfield School.

Maureen was the Parish Council Chairman between the years 2006–2010 and also served as Chairman of the Village Hall for many years.



Mrs Betty Allen has worked tirelessly for the village since March 1996 - a total of 15 years.

Some of the projects Betty has been involved with have been the following:

- 1996 Chairman of the Village Appraisal Committee (Editor of the final Village Appraisal Report).
- 2001-2002 Chairman of the Parish Council.
- 2002-2003 Member of the Parish Plan Committee.
- 2002 Negotiated with Railtrack for secure fencing to railway line to replace existing 2 wire strips.
- 2002 Inspection of paths in village with LCC official to discuss installation of extra dropped kerbs (several dropped kerbs were installed as a result).
- Had a meeting with a group of youths to discuss their request for a half-pipe. Met with several representatives of manufacturers to discuss position and construction. Finally installed with the aid of a grant.
- Involved with discussion, negotiation and grant applications for all weather sports court and BMX track.
- Worked with Queniborough and Cossington Parish Council to purchase a Vehicle Activated Sign.
- 2002-2011 Member of the Long Furrow editorial committee and reported Parish Council Newsletter for the Long Furrow.
- 2006-2008 Vice Chairman to Maureen Loseby.

Both ladies have done so much for the village and both feel that it has been a privilege to serve as Councillors for so long.

Their services to this village will be greatly missed!

Welcome to our new caretaker,

Mr Peter Rowlatt

Mr Peter Rowlatt joined the Council in April 2011. Peter is very approachable and works two mornings per week.



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For more information or to get copies of the patterns, ring 0116 2237344 or log onto <http://www.ageconcernleics.com/news/98/>. In order for the hats knitted to raise funds locally, please send completed hats to Age Concern Leicester Shire & Rutland at either the Clarence House or Lansdowne House addresses above.



BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT – **OCTOBER 2011**

I would like to begin this report by saying how very sorry I am that Parish Cllr's Mrs. Maureen Loseby and Mrs Betty Allen have both resigned from the Parish Council. Both of these dear ladies have worked so hard over the years, giving up their own free time for the good of the village, and the residents. I would also personally like to say to them both: "Thank you both very much for the advice and guidance you have given to me over the past 41/2 years and I wish you both much happiness for the future".

Customer Satisfaction:

As you are no doubt aware, Charnwood Borough Council's own website offers a simple way for you to rate their pages using 'faces'. They say that it is an effective way to find out what does & doesn't work, *and* what needs to be improved on each particular page.

Visitors to the website rate at about 2000 pages a month and the Council is pleased that nearly 50% of the feedback rates the website as good. However, they also recognise that they receive a poor rating for around 38% of the pages! The Council does look at every comment they receive and do try to act on them a.s.a.p. Sometimes they can make simple changes straight away, but other times the comments require them to do quite a bit of work before they can put things right. Based on the feedback this year, the Council has made some changes, but haven't finished yet and they are still working on pages such as: *Open Spaces & parks and the Information provided on the Jobs Area, etc.*

The Borough Council has however, been awarded Customer Service Excellence (CSE) by the Home Office following a rigorous assessment by Government Inspectors. CSE is the national standard which tested the Council on five key areas of Customer Service including how Charnwood Borough Council involves the Customer, the Council's Customer Standards, and how the Council can improve. The Council's neighbourhoods & Community Wellbeing Directorate were awarded a maximum 100% score after meeting 57 out of 57 criteria.

Another initiative the Council has launched recently as a new drive to improve Customer Services at the Council offices, a "self-service" pay station at its reception in Southfield Road. Customers who want to drop in to pay a bill on their debit card or credit card can now do so without having to queue or needlessly wait around. The Council has also been asking Customers if they would like to see extended opening hours in the evening or weekend. You can take part in this consultation on-line at www.charnwood.gov.uk/customerserviceonlinesurvey and the results of the 'opening hours' consultation will be made available in November.

Cash Incentive for CBC:

Charnwood Borough Council could be financially awarded by the Government for filling empty shops and bringing new business to the borough as part of major plans to overhaul the business rates system.

Under the current system, the borough council does not set the town's rates but collects the money on behalf of the Government. The figure is usually around £41.2m. The Government then pays the council an £8.6m grant. The Government is asking the local authority for its opinion on a new business proposal, which could see Charnwood playing a more active role in encouraging businesses to the town. The Government say's the new proposal is about "providing incentives to promote local growth" and "reduce dependency on central Government".

Eastern Gateway:

The £20m project to create an 80-bedroom hotel, 120 affordable houses, a new link road, 209 car park spaces and improvements to the bus ranks and railway station, is progressing well. However, the project could result in an over spend of £185,000 of taxpayers money due to the delays and poor weather conditions. The council is carrying out work to the railway station forecourt, but Network Rail needs to use parts of the site in order to carry out its work on a new pedestrian bridge over the railway.

Don't Muck Around:

As I reported in my last report to you, Charnwood Borough Council, along with North West Leicestershire District Council, set up a 3 month major blitz on environmental crime - this has led to a massive reduction in litter, fly-tipping and dog fouling in Northern Leicestershire say the two Councils. Between the months of June and September there was an overall fall of 50% of litter from cars, a 14% reduction in fly-tipping and a 41% drop in dog fouling across both districts. In total, the Enforcement officers issued 53 Fixed Penalty Notices.

The Councils have said that "the work doesn't stop here though and hopes that people will continue to help them to keep the districts clean, tidy and healthy for everyone". The Enforcement activity included increased surveillance, high profile patrols and issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices against offenders.

Grants:

Charnwood Borough Council has handed out more than £30,000 to local groups as part of its Community Grants Scheme. Groups must demonstrate how the money would benefit a project and then it's scored against a number of factors.

Grants are now being offered to health schemes as part of a new campaign. Charnwood Borough Council has £12,000 available and is seeking applications from organisations in the borough which want to deliver projects to improve people's health and well-being.

Flooding:

A new interactive map has been drawn up to chart flooding hotspots across the borough. It became available for public use on 17th October 2011. Householders are being urged to log on and tell the council what they know about flood locations, causes, frequency and damage. Residents can share the information through the on-line map @ www.leics.gov.uk/flooding.

Loughborough Walk-in Centre:

People are being asked for their views on plans to move

‘Urgent Care’ from the Loughborough Walk-in Centre to the town hospital. A 12 week consultation was launched on Wednesday 19th October 2011. The cost of the move is estimated to be in the region of £700,000. Doctors said the idea of moving the service “is not motivated by money”; however, they estimate it will cost about £85,000 less than the £2.35m a year it costs to run the current centre. Two options are now on the table: to create an Urgent Care centre at the Pinfold Gate or to provide an Urgent care centre at Loughborough Hospital on Epinal way. An option to keep Loughborough Walk-in Centre in its present form has been scrapped!

Urgent care is medical treatment that is needed quickly, but is not life-threatening, such as broken bones, burns, cuts, infections and rashes. In the future, patients who are after treatment, such as prescriptions and advice on health problems will be directed to their G.P’s instead. During the consultation, people will be able to have a say in a questionnaire available from the centre, local libraries, GP surgeries and council buildings, as well as on-line. There will also be a series of Public meetings. For more information call Jo Lilley on 01162957626 or email: jo.lilley@lcr.nhs.uk.

Active Together:

Residents in Charnwood are being invited to make an early New Year’s resolution and take advantage of huge discounts on a range of activities being offered by the council. The council’s Active Together team are running classes throughout November from Zumba & New Age Kurling to Line Dancing, all at incredibly low prices. For more information you can contact the council’s Active Together team on 01509 632534 or email active.together@charnwood.gov.uk

Another year is rapidly coming to an end now and so I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

“Bless us Lord this Christmas, with quietness of mind;
Teach us to be patient and always be kind” ~
Helen Steiner Rice~

kindest regards,
 Cllr. Cathy Duffy

Mindless Destruction

At around 8 p.m. on 9th August, a gang of hooded young people went into an NCP car park where Age Concern Leicester Shire & Rutland park ten of their specially adapted ambulances overnight. They entered the car park armed with petrol bombs – picked out one of the vehicles, broke a window and threw a petrol bomb in. The ambulance was totally destroyed and the one next to it badly scorched and damaged.

Tony Donovan, Executive Director said: “We are all totally devastated by this mindless act. Our ambulances transport very frail people – many of them with dementia - to our day centres. Those who attend a day care centre are some of the most vulnerable in the community. They are all assessed by Adult Social Care as needing the service – without it, these people who fall in to the local authority’s critical banding level would be in care. The centre affected is based in the middle of the city serving inner city people. Those who committed the crime (city based people) have badly hurt/damaged the older members of their own community

The vehicle was not new and so we are unlikely to get much back on insurance. To replace it however – bearing in mind it is purpose built we will have to find in the region of £45,000.”

If you can help with a donation, please use this link: <https://www.charitychoice.co.uk/donation.asp?ref=51165>

or write to Age Concern Leicester Shire & Rutland, Lansdowne House, 113 Princess Road East, Leicester LE1 7LA, marking payments “Ambulance”.

The website address is:
www.ageconcernleics.com .

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SCARECROW TRAIL

Gill Morton and Tricia Marsland would like to say a very big thank you to the folk of EAST GOSCOTE for the support you gave us for the Scarecrow Trail this year.

We would like to say we were most impressed by the standard of your scarecrows. They were fantastic.

The event raised a Grand Total of £300.46

This has been split between HELP FOR HERO’S
AND ST. HILDA’S CHURCH REPAIRS

~Working With Your Council~ "THE KNOWLEDGE"



~Congratulations~

Liz Pizer,

Our Parish Council Clerk, for having successfully completed the "Working with Your Council" course through the University of Gloucestershire.

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Liz, who is already a Member of the Society of Local Council Clerks, has been the Parish Clerk for East Goscote for some 19 years now, and is the 520th person to have been awarded this Certificate of Achievement. There are approximately 8,500 Parish Councils across the whole of the UK.

The course covered areas such as:

Roles & Responsibilities

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If you use these services, please mention the Long Furrow.

Have your say on Council spending in online survey

RESIDENTS are being invited to have their say on where Charnwood Borough Council spends its money and how happy people are with services.

The Council is launching a four-week consultation to help gather public opinion to help shape the Corporate Plan – the document which dictates Council policy over the next four years.

The consultation will be conducted as an online survey that will ask residents for their views on the priorities for the Council and how satisfied they are with the services provided.

For those without internet access, the Council will be staging a series of roadshows where people can take part in the survey. There will also be a paper version of the survey.

The consultation will start on November 14 and will end on December 31. The roadshows will be held between November 21 and December 9 at various venues across the Borough.

Dates and venues are currently being agreed and Parishes will be notified. They will also be published on the Council website and advertised in the local press.

The Corporate Plan is at the heart of everything the Council does and helps drive policy decisions, the **Council's aims, targets and values.**

It is important to the Council that as many residents as possible take part in this survey as it is only by truly understanding the views of our residents that we can ensure our corporate plan is delivering what you need.

And finally . .

Another East Goscote Joke!

Have you noticed when it snows here in winter, that it stays hard on the ground for quite a long time, and yet 7 or 8 miles up the road it 's Melton ? ! !

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Hire the East Goscote Village Hall

A 3 hour session & a bouncy castle for an all-in price.

Perfect for your child to celebrate

Residents can enjoy this for just £70, and non-residents £80.

To book, or for more details, call 0116 2602202

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On this page is a list of village contacts that is certainly not complete and in some cases out of date. Updating it is up to you. If you are a member of a group which is providing a service to the community, please let us have up to date details (contact Dennis on 2607410). Organisations whose primary aim is profit can purchase an ad. for a few pounds and be listed with our other advertisers.

ORGANISATION	PERSON	TELEPHONE	ORGANISATION	PERSON	TELEPHONE
Air Training Corps O.C.	Andy Houghton	2603948	Neighbourhood Watch	Ellen Hewitt	2608224
A.T.C. Fg Officer	Andy Kenyon	07736302179	Pharmacy	Arvind Patel	2606734
Boys Brigade	Jeff Matthews	01664 850795	Sims (ex Plough)		2603388
BB Jnr section	Jean Bates	2606723	Police (Syston)		2222222
Beavers	Johanne Draycott	07981101644	Post Office		2606236
Beedles Lake Golf Club		0116 2606759	Rainbow Guides	Sue Bowles	2375475
Borough Councillor	Cathy Duffy	2929419	Charnwood B.C. Recycling & Composting		01509 634563
Brownies	Rosemary Fraser	2602912	Scout group/Hut	Steve Round	2607774
Broomfield School		2606704	Scouts	Phil Bott	2692018
Bizy Bees Pre School	Helen Batson	07971274405	St Hilda's Bookings	Tricia Marsland	2609088
Charnwood B Council		01509 263151	St Hilda's Vicar	Javid Iqbal	2692555
Chiropodist		564321	Syston Bowling Club		2692105
Cubs	Jayne Disney	2608786	Syston Catholic Church	Fr Anthony Pateman	2608476
Afternoon Tea	Tricia Marsland	2609088	Syston Methodist Church	Rev Dave Warnock	2607626
Country Western Dance		01949 881502	Syston Model Railway Club	Chris Leach	2605760
Daisy Chain	Natalie Palfreyman	2607923	Syston Volunteers	Kathleen Sommerfield	2607888
MP	Stephen Dorrell	2608609	Tree Warden	June Kyle	2607848
E G Parish Council	Liz Pizer	2602202	Twinning Association	Eileen Ellis	2605933
E.G.Football: U10 blues	John Palmer	07707050773	Village Hall Bookings		2602202
U10 royals	Craig Inskip	07894219640	Village Hall Pre School	Sally Lander	2694835
U9	Leigh Carver	2601410		Mobile . .	07756312171
	Darren Eden	07971105066	Waste Action/Composting	David Cannon	2606773
U8	Simon Riley	07903378614	Wreake Runners	Dave Palmer	2606889
U7	Nick Clayton	07745546850	Wreake Valley Lions	Mrs C Grimes	2608412
Friendship Club	Eileen Ellis	2605933	Wreake Valley Rotary Club	John Squire	2592788
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L C C Mountsorrel Tip		0116 3050001			
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Long Furrow Editor	Dennis Bishop	2607410			
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Mahavir Medical Center	Dr B Shah	0845 045 0381			
Messy Church	Sally Lander	2694835			



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Tuesday 09.30 to 15.00 hrs
Wednesday Closed
Thursday 09.30 to 12.30 hrs
Friday closed

LONG FURROW

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