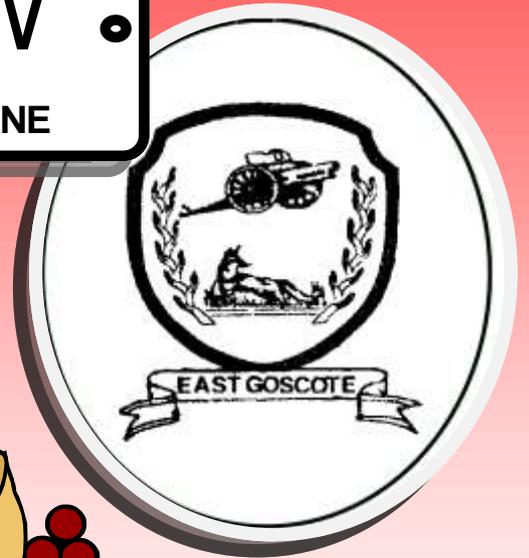


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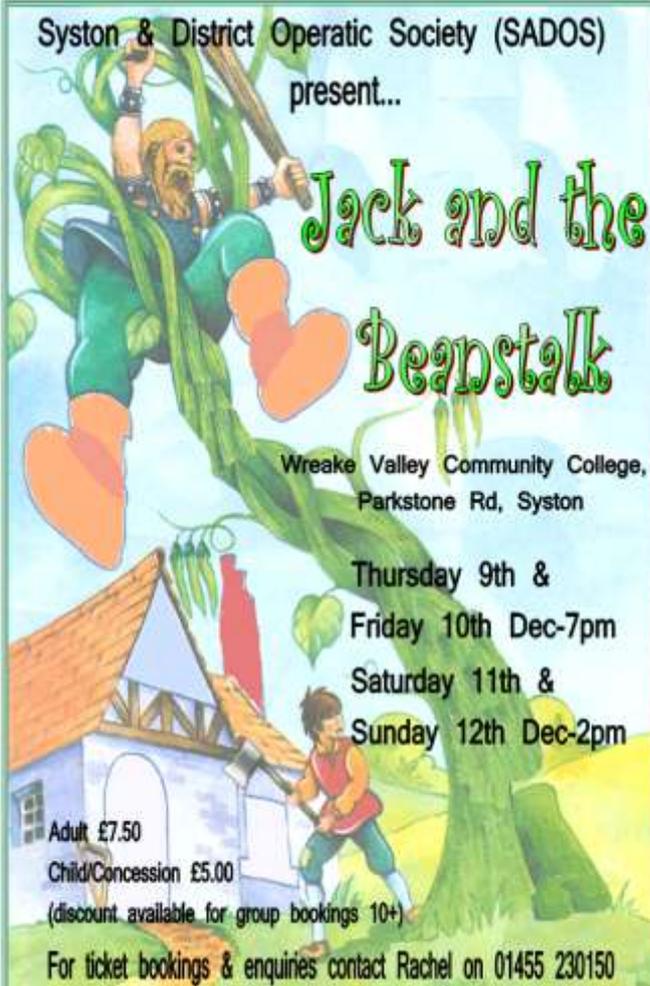
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Wreake Runners Juniors celebrate 10 years

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As this was the 10th anniversary of the formation of the Juniors section for Wreake, a BBQ was organised afterwards on the neighbouring field. John Skevington, who has just completed 25 years with the club,



originally started the group which meets on Saturdays at 10:30am on the track in front of Wreake Valley College in Syston. The club chairman presented John with an award in recognition of all his hard work and coaching of the Juniors, which is a thriving section of the club, having over 80 members of all ages.

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the November issue of the Long Furrow. I hope you have all had an opportunity to enjoy the summer weather, because it won't last ! We have already had our first frosts of the winter. However, all is not lost . .we will be getting a better salt/gritting service this winter, thanks to the efforts of several people, particularly Councillor Dave Houseman. Long Furrow as well as Chestnut way, should be dealt with when there is icy conditions. Read the report on page 27 . Not only that, the Parish Council have purchased a small gritting machine for use on footpaths (p.26). The village should be a safer place, even in the depths of winter.

It may be safer, but is it cleaner? Sadly there are several reports about dog fouling. I thought it was disappearing, but apparently not. There have been several complaints recently, as outlined by the Borough Councillor (p.22) the Parish Council (p.26) and the village caretaker (p.27). I was told of mess on the field during the recent football tournament. Most dog owners are very responsible, but some obviously need to take more care.

The football tournament was a great success (p.12). It is always encouraging to see how much effort is put into youth activities, via the numerous clubs and societies run by active volunteers. Now there is another club starting up, a Youth Club, which I am sure is much needed. Read about it on page 16. I look forward to receiving some interesting reports from the club in the coming months.

The frost has stimulated many people to sort up the garden for winter. The Greener Goscote article, as usual, provides advice for composting. Ways of energy saving are being promoted through free giveaways (see p.15). Note the comment about car theft in frosty conditions (p.23). It is difficult to believe that people are roaming around intent on doing such things, but we all know that is the reality. Protect your car at night . . darker nights mean difficulty negotiating parked cars in the village. Please park sensibly, and follow the advice of the highway code.

And finally . .don't forget your community gift voucher (p.14), or the visit of Santa, or the Christmas Tree festival. .and have a happy Christmas .

Dennis Bishop

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The Brownies raised over £300 by holding a sponsored event to name as many British trees as possible. We purchased an Oak, a Rowan and a Cherry. The Brownies also planted 400 bulbs around the new trees.

Attending the ceremony where the members of East Goscote Parish Council and Clerk Liz Pizer, Reverend Javaid Iqbal, members of the local trefoil guild, Brownies and their families and members of Girlguiding.

Speeches were made by Rosemary Fraser (Brown Owl) who has been at the pack for 27 years, Abi Salter (County Commissioner) and Susan Round (District Commissioner), followed by poems, written and read by the Brownies.

Reverend Iqbal finished the ceremony with prayers and a blessing.

Tea and biscuits were then served at the village hall to finish the evening.

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East Goscote Parish Council held two events this year, Sublime Science and Petwise Mobile Petting Zoo.



Both events were a great success!!!

Sublime Science was held on Thursday 29th July and was enjoyed by all. We had 68 children attend the three sessions.



The children had a great time making sweets and slime, which they could take home.

They were split into two teams and had to get water from one bottle to another in the fastest time. They went outside to fire rockets and learnt about how different sounds are made.

One little girl said "It was fantastic, I made sherbet and it was really sour!"



The Petwise Mobile Petting Zoo was held on Thursday 26th August. We had 100 bookings for this event, although sadly 21 didn't attend. The day was a great success and was enjoyed by all who attended.



The children got to hold lizards, snakes, Rabbits, Giant Snails and Cockroaches, (mums decided to stick this one out, I wonder why?).

The children fed crickets to the lizards!

I think they enjoyed this the most!

At the lunchtime session the children got to see the Python being fed quail! Not for the squeamish! And on the last session of the day the lizards had had enough to eat so the ducks got fed instead. Didn't know ducks liked crickets??



East Goscote Parish Council would like to thank all who attended and a big thank you to all the helpers on the day.

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Good luck in the LOROS 2010 Christmas Bumper Prize Draw and thank you for your support past, present and future.



The new term at Rainbows has got off to a great start. We welcomed Hannah who has made her promise. We asked the girls for ideas of what they would like to do over the coming weeks and as a result have so far made rock cakes and had a teddybears picnic to celebrate 16 years of Rainbows at East Goscote. We have been reflecting on our wonderful centenary year which is coming to an end at the "Vision" event on 20th Oct 2010. At ten past eight (20:10) members of guiding across the UK will come together to simultaneously renew their promise and receive a special promise badge to mark the occasion.

At Rainbows we have made memory boxes to keep photographs and mementoes of the centenary in. We have thought about the next 100 years of guiding and made a pledge tree display of the things we would like to see happen in the future.

After half term we will be joining Rearsby and Queniborough Rainbows for a Halloween party. We will then be on the slippery slope to Christmas with lots of activities and a trip to a pantomime planned.

Thanks for your continued support

Sue Bowles (Cedar) Tel 2375475 for general enquiries
 Sue Riley (Rowan) Tel 2600782 for waiting list enquiries
 Erica (Cherry) and Helen.



EAST GOSCOTE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We hold our meetings every 2nd and 4th Wednesday afternoon in the Church Centre 2pm - 4.30pm

If you are over 50 years and would like to join please contact

Gill Morton 2601977 or Jessie Hawes 2606581

We have a variety of speakers who come and give us an insight into their work or their special interest.

We have quiz times, sing-songs, meals out, day trips.

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East Goscote Cub Pack.

With a great increase in numbers the Cubs have been up to lots of things in the last few months. Our summer months were spent outside as much as possible playing widegames, fire lighting and backwards cooking just to name a few activities we did.

On the hottest weekend in June we all packed our rucksacks and headed to Walesby Forest, Nottinghamshire for our summer camp. We joined over 100 other Cubs from Charnwood District. The Cubs joined in many activities such as zip wire, climbing, hire wire, tracking, tyre racing and water slide **which proved to be very popular! Even the football couldn't compete with the fun we all had.**

More recently we have done lots of badges including road safety and naturalist.

We had a lady from 'send a cow' charity came and talk and do activities with the Cubs, they learnt what the charity did in Africa and had the chance to make a football out of newspaper and plastic bags.

We will be very busy up to Christmas, if you want to join in the fun just give us a call

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We had our Open day on Wednesday 1st September where the number of people who came to visit exceeded our expectations greatly....thank you all for coming and wishing us well in our superb new setting.

Our first half term proved to be exciting and busy as we all settled into the setting. The benefits of the move to the bungalow for the children have been evident from day one and it has enabled us to further develop ideas to ensure an excellent start to the children's early years' development and learning.

To give you a flavour of what the children have been experiencing look no further....

In the garden the children have been developing their physical skills by playing balls games, basketball and riding bikes, scooters, tractors. They have also explored wet and dry sand; practised pouring and filling at the water tray; filled dumper trucks with stones; manoeuvred cars/trucks up and down ramps; explored and inspected mini-beasts with magnifying glasses and painted at the easel.



In the garden room the children have explored playdough with a variety of tools and played with pastry, baking their creations in the cooker!



Inside the bungalow the children have role-played in our clothes shop, nursery, Pet shop, home and Library. The children have enjoyed creating models with junk, painting Elmers/textured elephants, observed and painted their own faces and printed with leaves.

In small group activities the children have danced to music; played Kims game, Chinese whispers, explored musical instruments, had parachute games and enjoyed a variety of stories and story sacks.

The children also enjoyed village observational walks and visits to the Library....thank you to all the parents who helped with this. We are looking forward to a fun filled second half of this Autumn term in the bungalow.

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Charnwood Division, made up of local villages including East Goscote, Queniborough, Syston, Barrow, Sileby, Quorn and Rothley Temple, chose to hold their "Vision" event at Ratcliffe College and the organisers spent the day creating a colourful and welcoming arena for their members. The evening included what must be one of the largest Guiding campfire sing-alongs Ratcliffe has ever seen, with a team of enthusiastic leaders encouraging the 450 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section and Trefoil Guild to 'get up and join in' with the action songs.

The highlight of the evening was the link with Liz Burnley, Chief Guide in London, who led the renewal of promise at 20:10, 20/10/2010. This was a very emotional moment for all members of the association who joined together across the UK to renew their promise and to look forward to the next 100 years. Each person present received a special silver and blue Centenary Promise Badge to replace their existing Promise Badges, which can be worn by members for the next 24 months.

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All games were played in fantastic spirit with credit going to every team attending.

The younger players, U6- U8's all received a medal for taking part and went home smiling having enjoyed their day.

Congratulations to the Winners of the U9's & U10's finals who were:

Champions League - U9's Sileby U 14's Ansty

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U 10's Shepshed Warriors

EGJFC would like thank EG Parish Council for the use of the pitches & pavilion and the Scouts for use of the hut.

Thank you also to all teams taking part, including Humberstone Rangers & Thurmaston Magpies for their loan of goals and to Craig Hendry at Barkby Cricket Club for use of the line marker.

We would like to extend a massive thank you to everyone involved in the preparation and help on the day, who gave up their time voluntarily, ensuring the tournament was a great success.

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A new Youth Club for East Goscote

In March 2010, the Community Forum offered people who live in Leicestershire, the opportunity to bid for some money to invest in their local community.

A group of young people from East Goscote formed a committee and presented a proposal to the Community Forum asking for £5,000 to commence building a skateboard park on The Mound.

Although their request was successful, there was no suitable location so the Community Forum decided that the £5,000 would be better earmarked for the 'benefit of the young people of East Goscote'.

Therefore, with this money; Leicestershire Youth Service has worked in conjunction with East Goscote Parish Council to create a youth centre based in the Football Pavilion on The Mound.

The youth centre will be open on Monday's 6.30pm - 8.30pm for 'Goscote Gobstoppers,' a group of teenagers who are working toward their Adventure Service Challenge award, which includes Roadcraft, Cookery, Campcraft and First Aid.

Friday Night Project

Also, as From Friday November 12th, The youth centre will also be open every Friday evening between 6.00pm - 8.00pm on a drop in basis with a snack bar, computer games and chill out area! All young people are welcome to attend either session. For more information, please contact me on the details below.

We are very grateful to the young people of East Goscote who seized the opportunity to claim £5,000 to benefit their community and acknowledge all the time and hard work that they put into the project.

East Goscote, you should be really proud of your young people and I hope that you continue to support the Goscote Gobstoppers and Friday Night Project!

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THE GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE

MASTER COMPOSTERS are a group of enthusiastic volunteers who raise awareness about the benefits of home composting within their local communities. There are currently 55 of us trained in three phases over the last couple of years. Leicestershire County Council have found the project so successful, they are looking to recruit a further 20 volunteers across the County. The next training course will take place on the 19th and 20th of November. Training is excellent covering theoretical and practical aspects of composting and I thoroughly recommend it if you are keen to do your bit or flesh out your CV if you are planning green career. For more information or a registration pack call 0116 305 5839 or visit www.lesswaste.org.uk/composting.

AUTUMN is obviously upon us. Temperatures drop and the natural world undergoes a whole range of changes. The effect on a compost heap is that decomposition slows down and available space for kitchen waste can become an issue over the winter. Two easy things you can do now to avoid running out of space in your composter and stop it from going to sleep completely are firstly to turn the heap, taking out any mature compost and secondly to give it a winter coat (see photos). Last winter I covered my dalek type composter in bubble wrap. You can throw an old coat or a blanket over it for luck and it will make a tremendous difference. By spring time you should still have a bit of space left and plenty of mature compost for planting and potting. For some great offers on home composters, wormeries and food digesters visit www.leics.gov.uk/index/environment/waste/compost_pages.htm.



TOP ROW: Left – composter still wearing bubble wrap overcoat from last winter (works really well). **Centre** – don't bother using the hatch for this job, tip the dalek right forward and prop it on the spade. **Right** – prize the compost heap out. The immature stuff will be at the top of the heap, the finished compost at the bottom.

BOTTOM ROW: Left – composter in new location. **Centre** – put the immature compost back into the composter leaving plenty of space for winter kitchen waste. **Right** – job done. Spare bin contains finished compost which will continue maturing over winter. Small bucket contains enough to kick start another composter – all the invertebrates and micro-organisms you could wish for.

GREEN EYE is a new regular feature on local community radio station 103 The Eye. Green Eye is broadcast on the fourth Monday of each month starting at 2:00 pm and focusses on local environmental issues. We are hoping to cover what bugs, frustrates, interests and excites you in the green world. Tune in to 103 FM or listen online at www.103theeye.co.uk.

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We thought it would be nice to keep you informed of what our Beavers had been up to recently.

Since the summer we've had such a fun packed time it's quite hard to cram it all into one little article, but in a nutshell we've had huge water fight and played water themed games resulting in thoroughly wet Beavers (although thankfully dry Leaders!), a rhythm and music workshop where we played rhythm games and then all made music with real instruments, we've looked at food and which country we think it comes from and then found out where it actually comes from (pizza is not actually an English dish!), we've had a look at the Battle of Britain and made our own Spitfires and Messerschmitt's for our very own battles, we joined forces with East Goscote Parish Council and painted the graffiti wall, where we made the wall nice and clean but got ourselves rather messy (see pictures below), we've been conker picking and then made collages out of our findings. We are looking forward to our annual Hallowe'en Trick or Treat walk, a Tramps supper with hot dogs, hot chocolate and fireworks to celebrate Bonfire night, we have a visit from the Police (let's see if anyone gets handcuffed!), we will be raising money for children less fortunate than ourselves with Children In Need and then before you know it, it's Christmas and we all know what excitement that brings!



We would like to take this opportunity to say a special Beaver thank you to JL Putt and Sons Ltd, the decorating shop in Loughborough, for their generosity in supplying us with our paintbrushes and to the East Goscote Parish Council for their generosity in supplying the paint and wall, also to all the families who managed to get our Beavers and their children paint free again! THANK YOU J, THANK YOU J, THANK YOU

We'll let you know how we get on with all of our projects, but it would be lovely to welcome your 6-8 year old child to come and share our fun Wednesday evenings. . . see photos on p19

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Mrs Bishop Retires

At the end of the summer term Mrs Bishop retired from her teaching post at Broomfield after a long commitment with the school. We are delighted however to welcome her back every Wednesday lunch time when she runs a reading group with year two children.



Plantasia



First we got to school and got on the coach. It was Tuesday 21st September. We went to find out some information about plants and to enjoy ourselves. The place that we went to was called Plantasia and the people that went were Year 5 and Year 6 and some teachers. When we got there we had an introduction with John. After that Year 5 had a discovery session with John and it was all about plants. I liked the part when we got to look at the flower and if it was a male part or a female part.

After that we went on a Wild Walk. We had a stamp card each and every time we found a stamp post we stamped our cards. It was really good on the Wild Walk because when we went in the animal bit we got to see chickens, pigs, guinea pigs, ponies, donkeys and goats.

Then we had lunch in this hay bit. We sat on **the hay it was quite scary because I'd never eaten or sat on hay whilst I was eating.**

Next it was my favourite part of the day, the mazes. Like the wild walk we had a stamp card

and we had to go round the mazes and find the stamp posts in the mazes. It was really good.

Then we went in the shop and I bought 3 things. I bought a magnet, a stretchy man for my brother and some bracelets.

Then we went in to Plantasia. It was really good because we got to put our hands in stuff and feel it. We got to sniff things and lots more.

After that we went to feed the fish. It was really good. All the fish came up and there was loads of fish. Some of the ducks also came up to us.

Finally we went home after a long day but it was a very good day.

In the day I learnt that flowers can be male and female at the same time. Out of all the activities I enjoyed the mazes the best.

By Lucy Year 5

Foundation Stage

The children in Foundation Stage have been exploring their new outdoor area and decided it is Percy the Park



Keeper's park. They have been learning about Percy's woodland animal friends and where they live.



They enjoyed having a visit from Tiggly Winkle's Hospital who brought in a poorly baby hedgehog. They have made their own hedgehog houses, hedgehog bread and hedgehog pictures. They have also had a visit **from a mouse and some rabbits, but they won't be having a visit from a fox!**

Broomfield Football Team



Since the season has started in August Broomfield have played 3 matches and we have won 1. In the local league we are currently about half way. We played a tournament at Riverside School in Birstall and we came joint second. Unfortunately we have had our losses and struggles, because some of the teams we have played have had very strong players. Also some of our players have been injured and have not been able to play, which left us without substitutes.

Our top goal scorers so far are Bryn and Harry. Our most successful players are Josh, who is also the team captain, James and Cameron. Our manager, Mr Beeby is great because he always makes sure that we all get a fair share of the game and he promotes good sportsmanship within our team. Whether we win or lose, he always makes sure we leave with a big smile on our faces.

We enjoy our away matches because we all get to go together in the Broomfield mini-bus, which helps our team spirit and we are all keen and excited to play.

By James and Cameron

Harvest Festival

This year we celebrated our Harvest Festival at



Saint Hilda's Church on Thursday 30th October. The service was attended by the Reverend Javid Iqbal.

Every year group sang a song and the whole school sang several songs together based around a harvest theme. We sold our harvest produce after school and raised £73, which went to the Pakistan Flood appeal.

Mrs Grainger and Mrs Dodds' Class wrote about the Harvest Festival for their big writing, Aimee wrote;



"We went to the church. We sang our Harvest Festival songs. We listened to people sing. We sang our song it was fun. The man read the bible out

to us and then we go back to school."

Connor wrote;

"We went to the church we put the fruit on the stand we sat on the floor."

Carnegie Museum Melton Mowbray

Mrs Grainger and Mrs Dodds' class and Miss Bower's class

all visited the Carnegie Museum in Melton Mowbray. They have been learning about toys through the ages, and went to look around the toy exhibition. Tamzin said she saw some dolls and **Megan saw some McDonald's toys.**



Florence wrote:

"We had fun last Monday. We had lunch. We went on the bus. We were at school time. We took our coat off."



Harry wrote;
"On Monday we went to Melton Museum and we looked at toys and we had lunch at Melton Museum and we went back on the school minibus."



It's a boy!

Everyone at Broomfield would like to say Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Whittaker whose baby boy Maxwell was born on Wednesday 13th October weighing 9lb 8oz. Congratulations also to big sister Martha.



Miss Straughan



Those of you who have struggled to **spell Miss Straughan's name** over the years will be very pleased to hear that she is getting married! After the half term break she will come back as Mrs Bond (much easier to spell!) We would all like to wish Mr and Mrs Bond all the very best for their wedding day.

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT – OCTOBER 2010

It has been quite a while since my last report and a very busy time indeed not only for me, but also Charnwood Borough Council (CBC) and the Parish Councillors, who have all been working hard on behalf of the village and the residents.

In the current economic climate, the council knows it has to strive to find better, faster and more cost-effective ways of delivering its services to its customers. It is anticipated that resources from central Government funding is going to reduce and for Government departments reductions over 4 years of between 25% and 40%. Because of this the presumption is that Local Authorities will be faced with similar reductions. Therefore, this means that the council will have to focus on its priority services and make some difficult choices about which services it can afford to offer and at what level. However, CBC has recently received a 'positive' Audit Commission inspection, which looked at the authority's value for money. The council scored highly at managing its finances, as well as identifying community needs, managing within budget, and understanding the cost of its services.

One of the big concerns to the residents of East Goscote, and the borough as a whole, is the problem of dog fouling and the irresponsible dog owners who do not clean up after them. On 20th September 2010, CBC & Keep Britain Tidy launched the campaign "Bag It & Bin It". This campaign aims not only to enforce the law on dog fouling but to also change behaviour and encourage responsible waste disposal in ANY litter bin in the borough. I have been in contact with the Environmental Health Department at CBC following several calls to myself by people upset with the dog fouling in East Goscote, particularly on the Mound, and for obvious reasons – children play there! The council have told me that they are concentrating on certain "hot spots" and at the moment these include the East Goscote & Syston areas. I was told also that to help the council in solving this problem, it would be helpful if people could give evidence and sign a statement to enable them to issue fixed penalty fines. Basically, the council needs your help! If it's a question of obtaining doggy bags, then please know that these can be collected at the parish village hall.

CBC has now joined forces with retailers, supermarkets, leisure centres, parish councils and community centres throughout the borough to provide purple bag dispenser units, so not only can you now grab a fresh recycling sack, you can also pick up a MIND charity bag and fill it with bric-a-brac and clothes. CBC now recycles 43% of all waste generated in the borough compared to 36% in 2005/6. Purple bags can be used to recycle metals, plastics, paper and cardboard. I believe a list of where these dispensers are located can be found in this edition of the Long Furrow Magazine – if not, the list can also be found at the parish office, CBC's website or via me. As a point of interest, CBC has received a high satisfaction rate for its waste collection services from residents across the borough. A survey was carried out back in April by Serco which revealed an overall satisfaction rate of 86.8% which is an increase of 2.5% from

the survey conducted earlier back in January of this year. Since taking over the council's waste contract in August 2009, Serco have made various changes to improve the service. Recently I have been asked about the council's project SWITCH (Save Waste in the Charnwood Home) the aim of which is to reduce and divert household waste from landfill. Currently, the council has provided food digesters & home composting equipment to the 16,300 properties involved for a very small fee (prices start from £5) and the feedback so far has been positive. I have checked with the council to see if this project will be rolled out across the borough but unfortunately this will not happen in the near future. The council will be re-evaluating this project next August 2011, to see whether or not it has been of any real value. If you are interested in this, you will not be able to join the project now but if you give them a call they will discuss the options of similar items and prices with you.

The number of complaints received by the council has fallen by 11%. The number of complaints where the council considered it made a mistake has also reduced from 65% to 55%. The council has said that any complaint is treated seriously and that they will continue to work with staff to achieve the highest possible standards.

Another problem affecting residents is anti-social behaviour – of one form or another. CBC had set up a series of road-shows aimed at tackling this problem and raising awareness of hate crime. The Charnwood Community Partnership visited different locations across the borough which was designed to tackle the increase in graffiti, vandalism, criminal damage and underage drinking. The team arrived in East Goscote on August 26th and along with myself, there were representatives from CBC, Human Rights & Equalities and local parish councillors. As a result of this road-show a couple of problems in the village are now being looked into by the Anti-Social Behaviour Team and the police. Back in September 2010, CBC and CNH launched a DVD to help both victims of anti-social behaviour and those responsible for it. Inconsiderate car/van parking in the village being a major problem.

The "No Cold Calling Zones" I had set up along Strollers Way/ Yeomans Dale are now finally in force with signs on lamp posts and those residents have all been given their information packs. Hopefully this will stop cold callers preying on the more vulnerable and elderly folk in the village.

"Car Cruising" has been another problem in the village, especially around the industrial estate where they occasionally congregate and race each other revving their engines to the point of screaming. Following a site visit with myself, the police, parish councillor Cllr. Black and CBC, we requested that Jelson's put down speed bumps in the hope of putting off these drivers coming into the village and racing around the industrial estate. Jelson's have now done this and the police will be carrying on with their surveillance of the area. Back in July, and before the speed bumps were laid down, 5 tickets had been handed out in total, although mostly due to the fact that the car windows had been blacked out!

As I mentioned at the beginning of my report, this has been a very busy year and one that again is rapidly coming to an end now. I have been dealing with no cold calling, car cruising, anti-social behaviour problems, planning issues, the Mound, repairs, Area Forums, to name just a few things. And so winter is now speeding towards us once again which means ice & snow, etc. The police are asking that motorists stick with their cars as they clear ice and snow from windows or they could be left out in the cold. Last year 13 vehicles were stolen in South Leicestershire because motorists nipped back inside their homes while leaving their car engines running to defrost their vehicles. It would seem that car thieves “pay attention to the forecast, get up early, and go down residential roads which are often in otherwise low-crime areas. In seconds they can make off with a high value car”. A spokesman for the Association of British Insurers said “leaving your vehicle unattended with the keys in the ignition could be seen as not taking reasonable care, and might invalidate any insurance claim if your vehicle is stolen in this way”. Please be warned!

Thankfully too, following last years horrendous road conditions in East Goscote, better care will be taken this winter should the need arise. Statutory Responsibility of Leicestershire County Council (Highways Act 1980 – as amended) means that they have a duty under section 41 to maintain the highway: Plus, duty to ensure that snow and ice do not hinder safe passage along a highway, so far as reasonably practicable: And, Section 150 states they have a duty to remove snow if it is causing an obstruction. Also one route into each village, where possible – I’m sure your County Councillor will be more thorough on this matter as ‘highways’ come under his jurisdiction.

I still have a couple of surgeries left for this year and will be leafleting my new surgery dates early next year. If you should have any concerns, or would just like to discuss something that might be of interest to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time on 01162929419 or via e-mail at cldr.catherine.duffy@charnwood.gov.uk

All that remains now is for me to wish you ALL a very Happy, Joyful & Safe Christmas.

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During the summer months the outside of the church has been painted and there have been quite a few comments on how nice it looks now. Also I hope you have seen the new notice board. All the services and times are displayed and there is a place for notices of course. We do hope people will stop and have a look at it and perhaps join us at one of the services. The Family Service on the fourth Sunday is particularly for people with young children and if you like the more traditional service then Evensong is on the third Sunday of the month at 6.0 p.m. You will be very welcome to join us at any one of the services.

There have been a number of social events including a Fashion Show where the money raised was split between the church and the Life Skills Project International which helps young girls and women in Pakistan. The Quizaid for Christian Aid was very well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening and about £130 was sent off for the work of Christian Aid.

At our Harvest Supper at the end of October we had a Barn Dance/Line Dance.

Recently 2 members of our congregation were confirmed (one was baptised also) at a special service held at St.

Michael's Thurmaston. The team services continue to be well attended. There was a full church at Syston at the end of August and the next one is at Barkby on the last Sunday of October.

Christmas will be with us before we know and there is another Christmas Tree Festival planned for Friday 10, Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 December. This year the theme is charities. If you would like to display a tree, choose the charity you would like to represent. Contact Tricia Marsland on 2609088 for further details. We do hope many villagers will visit the Festival over that weekend and if you are going to the village hall on the Friday evening to take your young ones to see Santa then please do come across afterwards to look at the trees and have a mince pie!

Christmas Services:-

Carol Service - Sunday 12 December at 6.0 p.m

Midnight Mass - 24 December at 11.30 p.m.

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As usual we will open at 5pm to coincide with Santa coming to visit our village, mince pies, mulled wine, tea, coffee, biscuits will be available for everyone at no cost to you.

Saturday we will open at 11am and will serve a light lunch from 12 noon. Refreshments will be available all day we will close at 4pm

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Look Out For Santa's Sleigh!

Wreake Valley Rotary Club's Santa will be visiting a road near you with his helpers during December.

During the last twelve months your generous donations and other fundraising events have helped us to support local causes including the Leonard Cheshire Home in Sibleby, the Richard Engelhardt Trust Fund, East Goscote Scouts, and Syston and District Volunteer Centre.

Come out and give Santa a wave when you hear him. Merry Christmas to one and all!



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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Also be very careful during the cold weather when defrosting cars.

Do not leave them unattended while leaving the engine running. If your car is stolen then you will probably not be insured!

As we are approaching the festive season, I would like to remind you to take extra care to not attract thieves by leaving presents on show either in your home or in your car. Also do not leave empty boxes for new expensive items on display near to your recycling.

A major electric service supplier has warned of a scam where unauthorised doorstep callers offer to put credit onto prepayment meters, which never reaches the supply company.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

September was a good month for the village community spirit. The Beavers, Brownies & Guides all undertook projects to enhance the village. The Beavers painted the graffiti wall (and themselves!). The Brownies celebrated their 40th birthday by donating three trees sited on the village green and planting bulbs. A big thanks to Nick, our caretaker, for planting these trees. The Guides celebrating a 100 years of guiding are to set up a flower bed on the area at the front of the village. It is excellent to see the youth are taking an active part in village life as they are our future. Thanks to all the leaders who encouraged these activities.

The Summer Playscheme for the children of the village was a great success. Unfortunately at both events several children did not take up their booked place. This meant that others were denied the opportunity to attend, as numbers were limited. Thanks to all Councillors and Staff who helped out on the day.

Over the school holiday's new tiles were laid in the toilets in the Village Hall. This is a great improvement and looks very good.

You may have noticed S/S written on the pavements around the village. These signs are identifying areas for repairs. We are informed by Leicestershire County Council that this will take place in April 2011.

The Parish Council has received complaints regarding the increase of dog fouling around the village. There have also been "deposits" inside the play areas. Please remember that dogs are not allowed inside play areas. Whilst there are many responsible dog owners there are still some irresponsible owners around. Dog fouling is an offence under the 1996 Act, owners who fail to clean up after their dog are liable to a fine. We have asked the Dog Warden to visit East Goscote and speak to offending owners. The Dog Warden has the power to impose fines. Please protect our children's health and also that of the footballers who use our playing field.

There is excellent news regarding the Precautionary Gritting/Salting of Long Furrow during the winter. The Parish Council and Cllr Dave Houseman (Councillor for LCC) have been continuously pressing Leicestershire County Council to restore this service to our village as a high priority. LCC changed the priority of Long Furrow for road gritting, which meant we would only have this service as a very low priority. Cllr Houseman has worked very hard to champion our cause against very strong opposition from LCC. LCC has now agreed to upgrade our priority and restore the precautionary gritting. Thank you Cllr Houseman for all your hard work and support, without

which we would not have achieved this result.

The Parish Council has purchased a small gritting machine for use on footpaths during the winter. This will ensure a more even distribution of the salt/grit to make the major paths safe for residents during the bad winter months.

The Parish Council are continuing discussions with Queniborough Parish Council regarding the part share of a Vehicle Activated Sign. Cossington Parish Council has also expressed an interest in this partnership. Although there would be a reduced time for the sign in each village it would obviously reduce the cost of purchasing the sign. We feel that this would be a sensible, cost effective measure that fulfils the requests of residents, but will reduce the expenditure of the council.

The Parish Council office opening hours have been changed.

They are now: -

Monday – 9am to 12.30pm

Tuesday – 9.30am to 3pm

Thursday – 9am to 12.30pm

Friday – 10am to 12noon

Friday is an extra day when the office is open and we hope that this will be helpful to residents.

The Parish Council and the Brownies have embarked on a joint venture called 'The East Goscote Winter Energy Saving Project'. This is to help the families of Brownies to look after the environment by saving energy and also learn how to compost. We wish the Brownies every success in this project, which is funded by the 'Charnwood Together Climate Action Parish Grant'.

The Village Hall Management Committee, on behalf of the Parish Council, are organising the Community Scheme of vouchers for the senior citizens of our village. Full details are elsewhere in this copy of the Long Furrow. Please read carefully and note the change of conditions of application.

Santa has again remembered East Goscote and will be visiting us on Friday, December 10th at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. There will be a funfair on the village green to add to the fun. To complete the evening why not visit the Church to see the Christmas Tree Festival, which was such a success last year.

Please support these events as the village comes together at this special time of year.

A wonderful Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to you all.

Betty Allen . . . Parish Councillor

**Leicestershire County Councillor Dave
Houseman's Report to East Goscote Parish
Council October 6th 2010**

Salting and Gritting Petition, Long Furrow, East Goscote.

At the request of East Goscote Parish Councillors I have insisted that Long Furrow be re-designated and becomes a priority area for salting and gritting.

I am pleased to inform you that officers have at last been persuaded by the arguments and Long Furrow will now be included in the 'Precautionary Salting Network' for the coming winter. This will ensure that precautionary salting will take place on Long Furrow when ice and/or snow are forecast.

A written report confirming that precautionary salting will take place will be included within the notes for the meeting of the Charnwood Highways Forum on 12.10.10.

I did not agree that Long Furrow should only be salted when resources are available. It's just not good enough because Long Furrow runs all the way around the village and it's the only way the majority of residents can gain access to their homes.

Three buses an hour usually use Long Furrow but it seems bus drivers were being instructed by the bus company not to use it when they considered it was dangerous due to not being salted and gritted. This made access even more difficult and some residents were being made prisoners in their own homes.

I really would like to thank the lead petitioner Mrs L Pizer, East Goscote Parish Councillors, and the 378 people that signed the petition, and Laura Laing the resident that presented the petition to me at the council meeting on 10.2.10. Earlier in the year her daughter, Tilly-Paige Laing-Geddes, slipped and fell under a vehicle that was travelling along Long Furrow.

Clearly this situation could not continue. Over the last 8 months the County Council has repeatedly refused to change their priority routes to include Long Furrow. Finally however commonsense has prevailed and this injustice has now been addressed because residents were being put at risk, particularly young children and the elderly.

Kind regards.

Dave

Dave Houseman, Leicestershire County Councillor for East Goscote, Cossington, Ratcliffe on the Wreak, Syston (west), and Thrussington. Telephone 0116 2600848

Dog Fouling

To all Dog Owners of East Goscote,
Lilac Way, Willowbrook Way and
Surrounding Villages.

The amount of Dog mess has increased dramatically on our village over the summer holidays. Can you please ensure that when you or any persons are walking your dog, they always have with them a poo bag.

All litter bins and dog bins are for the use of wrapped dog mess and dog bags are issued free of charge from the Parish Council Offices to village residents.

The worst areas are the Playing fields (which includes all the football pitches), and the village green – by the School.

Recent incidents witnessed by Council staff are:-

Joggers running around the edge of the playing field, whilst their dogs roam around. The joggers are paying no attention to their dogs, which could be fouling or being a nuisance to other responsible dog owners.

People sitting on benches whilst their dog is too far away from them for them to have the dog under control. Again the owner cannot possibly be aware if that dog is fouling on our football pitches.

Our Dog Warden has visited the village recently and also the Street Wardens will be patrolling. If your dog is caught fouling and you do not remove it, you can be liable for an on-the-spot fine of £80 or £50 if paid within 10 days. We also ask that dog owners ensure their dog is under control at all times. A recent incident, where a dog chased the mower causing a great deal of stress to our Contractor – is completely unacceptable.

DOG FAECES CAN CONTAIN THE EGGS OF THE
ROUNDWORM "TOXICARA".

**If they are ingested or inhaled by
humans it can cause great health
risks**

Also, please do not allow your dogs in the fenced play areas - if everyone takes care and is responsibly looking after their dogs, we will have a much cleaner village.

Nick Shivers

Village caretaker

YOUR BACK PAGE

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	Andy Houghton	2603948	Police (Syston)		2222222
Boys Brigade	Jeff Matthews	01664 850795	Post Office		2606236
BB Jnr section	Mick Lattimore	2606243	Rainbow Guides	Sue Bowles	2375475
Beavers	Johanne Draycott	07981101644	Recycling (Sileby)		01509 814713
Borough Councillor	Cathy Duffy	2929419	Recycling Officer		01509 634712
Brownies	Rosemary fraser	2602912	Scout group/Hut	Steve Round	2607774
Broomfield School	Alan Nichol	2606704	Scouts	Phil Bott	2692018
Busline (info)		2313391	St Hilda's Bookings	Tricia Marsland	2609088
Charnwood B Council		01509 263151	St Hilda's Vicar	Javid Iqbal	2692555
Chiroprapist		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 I Mason	2607626
Country Western Dance		01949 881502	Syston Model Railway Club	Chris Leach	2605760
Daisy Chain	Natalie Palfreyman	2607923	Syston Volunteers		2607888
MP	Stephen Dorrell	2608609	Tots	Tricia Marsland	2609088
E G Parish Council	Liz Pizer	2602202	Tree Warden	June Kyle	2607848
E.G.Football: U10 blues	John Palmer	07707050773	Twinning Association	Eileen ellis	2605933
U10 royals	Craig Inskip	07894219640	Village Hall Bookings		2602202
U9	Leigh Carver	2601410	Village Hall Pre School	Sally Lander	2694835
	Darren Eden	07971105066		Mobile . .	07756312171
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 Youth Club	Carol Baxter	2608858
Guides	Julia Bolton	2608524	Village Faults/emergencies		07908504757
Jam 4 T	Tricia Marsland	2609088			
L C C Councillor	Dave Houseman	2600848			
Library		3053510			
Long Furrow Editor	Dennis Bishop	2607410			
Long Furrow Adverts	Ian Clarke	2604426			
Mahavir Medical Center	Dr B Shah	0845 045 0381			
Neighbourhood Watch	Ellen Hewitt	2608224			
Pharmacy	Arvind Patel	2606734			
Bizy Bees Pre School	Helen Batson	07971274405			
Sims (ex Plough)		2603388			



The Parish Council Offices are at
the side of the Village Hall
Monday 09.00 to 12.30 hrs
Tuesday 09.30 to 15.00 hrs
Wednesday Closed
Thursday 09.00 to 12.30 hrs
Friday 10.00 to 12.00 hrs

LONG FURROW

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