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May 2012

Marathon Victory for Wreake Runner Members

An estimated 37,500 fun runners, amateur athletes, celebrities and elite sportsmen and women took part in the **Virgin London Marathon on Sunday 22nd April 2012 ...and 6 of these were from Wreake Runners!**

Dave Rose (1st time Marathon runner), Matt Poynton (1st time Marathon Runner), Vicki Lowe, Graham Grewcock, Shane Godrich and Steve Bolton all took to the pavement in high spirits, with their own personal goal to aim for.

Picture below . . . L-R: **Dave Rose, Graham Grewcock, Matt Poynton and Shane Godrich**

It turned out to be a fresh and bright day, much to the joy of the runners and spectators alike - after the few weeks of rain we've been having.

First time Marathon Runners Dave and Matt had put in a lot of training over the past few months, along with listening to advice from various people who had ran a marathon previously. So two weeks before the event they were itching to get on that start line!!

All our runners had really good runs and came in with some fantastic times:

Shane Godrich: 3 hrs 1 min 17 secs
Steve Bolton: 3 hrs 9 mins 32 secs
Matt Poynton: 3 hrs 10 mins 57 secs
Dave Rose: 3 hrs 20 mins
Graham Grewcock 3 hrs 26 mins 14 secs
Vicki Lowe: 3 hrs 53 mins 15 secs



Congratulations – Team Wreake!

Every first time marathon runner learns so much from their experience, as the majority usually train up to 20 miles in preparation, and then give their best on the day for the extra 6 miles, but these miles are certainly to be respected, as I think both Dave and Matt found out, but at their speed it was certainly to be expected.

Our runners may have weary legs now, but there's certainly no rest for the wicked, as their next challenge will be the Snowdon Marathon which takes place in October, so training will soon come around again!



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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the May edition of Long Furrow. A time of year where change is all around us. Change can be inspiring, and nature evolving through the seasons is always uplifting . . isn't it? I suppose life is like that. We can cope with our lives and surroundings evolving, but find difficulty when everything seems to be a revolution. Perhaps we like to be surrounded by the familiar, but then the danger is it can be taken for granted. I was struck by the beauty of the English countryside, on return from a few days across the Channel. . . fields, hedgerows and trees are so often taken for granted, like so many other things. The sky is so often taken for granted, but it is continually changing, and has fascinated people through the ages. Now for the first time in history, it is possible to view the night sky, inside, from the comfort of a chair. The article on p.30 shows how to do it!

Change is permanently with us, and introducing us to new experiences. Young people particularly are learning through new experiences, as the visits, for instance, by the school children to London (p.22) , or the air cadets to RAF Coningsby (p.12) show. New experiences enrich life, and make us more interesting, and useful, people.

They say that a good education encourages people to go on learning, after leaving the educational establishment. Learning is often done through new experiences. The problem is . . new experiences often involve new challenges, and challenge means effort. However, I find an increasing desire to withdraw from effort ! Thank God there are many people who relish the challenge. Without them it would be difficult to come together as a community, whether it is to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee (front cover) or Mid Summer Madness (p.13) . .or so many of the other events described in these pages. Because many of these things happen quite regularly, they can be taken for granted, but it is good to remember that there are people behind the scenes putting in the effort to help change, and enrich, our lives.

Enjoy the results of their efforts.

Dennis Bishop

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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.



I am very pleased to say as a result of my appeal in the last Long Furrow that we now have a new leader at Rainbows . Shireece already has lots of experience as a guide leader and has been a great asset. She will be known as “Kingfisher”.

The Rainbows were presented with their first Olympics badge before Easter after completing the sports section for the bronze badge. This term we will be completing the silver and gold badges. The Rainbows have chosen to make ancient Greek clay pots ,have an evening of street culture(dancing/ singing and performances) and go on a nature walk. We have made promise Olympic torches and had an evening of making and dancing with poi (a traditional Maori dance). We will also have a Diamond Jubilee evening and join Queniborough and Rearsby Rainbows for a sports day.

We said goodbye to three Rainbows last term – Leah, Jessica and Olivia, we wish them well as they move on to Brownies. We welcomed Connie, Olivia and Nell to join our unit in April.

Thanks for your continued support

Sue Bowles (Cedar) Tel 2375475 for waiting list and enquiries
Erica (Cherry) , Helen(Pear) and Shireece (Kingfisher)



Wreake Valley District

I would like to congratulate three of our Leaders who have received Guiding UK awards. Firstly, Sue Bowles who recently received her 10 year Long Service Award and certificate, thank you Sue for your continued devotion to running East Goscote Rainbows. Next I would like to congratulate Yvonne Round on receiving her 5 year Long Service Award, Yvonne now runs Queniborough Rainbow Unit.



We would like to congratulate Rosemary Fraser for receiving not one but two awards, the first being The Midlands Region Commissioner’s Award for outstanding service to Local Guiding. Rosemary attended a special reception in Staffordshire. Rosemary was also recently presented with her 30 year Long Service Award. Rosemary has given 30 years to East Goscote Brownies for which we would like to thank her for her continued devotion to Girlguiding in East Goscote.

Our photo shows Sally Illsley – Midlands Regional Commissioner, Rosemary Fraser and Abi Salter – County Commissioner.

I would also like to say a very big “thank you” to three other Leaders who have all given much of their time to local Guiding



Units, but who have found that, due to other family commitments they can no longer continue to help us. The Leaders are Suzanne Riley, Assistant Leader with East Goscote Rainbows, Claire Smith (relocated to Lincoln) who helped at East Goscote Guides and finally Dawn Manning who has been Leader in Training with East Goscote Brownies, but who is now becoming a Leader with East Goscote Scout Group. Thank you so much Ladies for all your help, support and friendship throughout the years.

Finally, I would like to thank the Long Furrow for running our articles asking for more Leaders. We have had one or two enquiries; however, we are one of the fastest growing Counties in the Country with regard to Girls’ membership and therefore still require more adult helpers. Volunteers are *vital* to Guiding and *you* can help make a difference.

For more information please contact:

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East Goscote Brownies

1st East Goscote Brownies have just been to Topstones for Pack Holiday.



The Theme was Fairies and I can honestly say the Brownies were brilliant and we had a magical weekend. We had some very trendy Fairy costumes.

The weather was kind to us and we were able to spend time on the bikes and go-karts as well as the assault course.

We made our own wings and held a Fairy

Factor on Saturday night and the Guiders were all amazed at the talent taking part.

During the summer term, we are having a Jubilee tea party, our own mini Olympics, an evening with owls and our annual fishing trip.

Good luck to all the Brownies that have moved to Guides and welcome to our new ones.



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Harry and the bucketful of dinosaurs!

We used these story books as a focus for activities and learning as many of our children were interested in them. This proved extremely successful in many ways...the children were naturally interested; had a great deal of fun and throughout learnt dinosaur names; practised counting; sorted by sizes; filled **buckets comparing to their friends and developed their 'roars'!**

Easter

The build up to Easter began with Easter shape sponge painting; collaging; sharing Easter/rabbit/chick stories; making Easter shaped biscuits; making Easter chocolate nests; doing egg hunts in the garden and then the fabulous finale of our Easter sing-song at **St Hilda's church** where the children sang/did actions to songs they had learnt for their families; paraded their amazing hats and each received an Easter egg at the end.



Its new and exciting!

For the summer term we are running an afternoon session on a Wednesday in addition to our morning sessions. This has proved to be popular and has so far run extremely smoothly.



The future is busy and bright!

At the time of writing we have a really busy term planned...exploring our surroundings;having fun with phonics; planting sunflowers/vegetables; library visits; new starter inductions; visits from Reception teachers; **children's transition visits into Schools; an Olympics theme; Teddy bears picnics; Sports day and Leavers ceremonies.** We look forward to telling you all about this in the next edition of the Long Furrow.

Bye for now from Helen, Dianne, Tasha, Lisa, Jayne, Karen and Sarah.

EAST GOSCOTE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

HELP NEEDED PLEASE



There have been 6 burglaries in East Goscote since the beginning of the year.

I have attempted to let as many people as possible know about these when they happened, but there are many areas of the village which do not have a street contact so I am looking for several more volunteers who would be willing to help.

Occasionally there is important information that needs to be put out, so most street contacts cover about 15 houses that they can post a note through the door. In practise this only happens about 2 to 3 times a year.

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A wonderful turnout to our third meeting... With most of us hiding on the back row and after a wobbly start (Sorry, could not resist the pun!), **XXXX** gave a great demonstration on how Belly Dancing was really should be done...The Clothes Swish was excellent, there was so many items that even the clothes rail could not cope! We made £70 and everyone left with bags full so we hope to see you wearing your new items at a future meeting. We also took £54 for the raffle and £26.30 on Refreshments..

Programme so far

April 26th - The Cocktail Boys and DVD and Book Swap

May 31st - Beginners Crochet - Come and join Lisa from Little School of [Stitchcraft](#). Also Plant Sale – Please bring along plants and cuttings

June 28th - Jubilee Cheese and Wine Social.

Dress code – **Red**, White and **Blue!**

July - Summer Break – No Meeting.

Look out for our full programme soon...



DVD and Book swap

Fancy a good read or fancy night in with a new film? Or need to clear some shelf space? Come along to the DVD and book swap. Please ensure all donations are in good condition and take home any items that you are unable to swop. Any items left on the night will be given to charity/sold on eBay.



Fit for a Queen Cupcake Competition – See the Help Wanted page.

East-Goscote Village Pre-school.



Hello everyone,

Our spring term was busy and fun packed with lots of activities. This ensured our children's learning experience; imaginations, independence and educational/social development were given a full chance to flourish.

The craft table was busy with glue, paint, sequins, glitter and creative mess?! As our budding artists created Mothers day presents. I am sure these will be treasured for many years to come.

In our role play we have experienced a Chinese takeaway, hospital, post office and even a super shiny time machine!! It's amazing how the children used their imaginations to choose their destinations, such as the moon and McDonalds. Maybe ask yourself where would you like to visit?!

We have enjoyed visits to the shops, for fresh fruit for snack time, watched the snow fall as we sang and read stories about it, built huge brick towers, made stickle brick people, duplo castles and brushed my little ponies hair at the hairdressers, as well as making tea for Peppa pig, Fifi and postman Pat. We have made friends and learnt about sharing. There was dancing, climbing, riding bikes, and playing football. Can you believe that this was just a few of the things we have explored. There's just so much to learn.

Spring term was another successful partnership with Wreake Valley and Leicester College as we provided valuable work experience and training for their students.

We ended the term with our Easter workshop which was attended by all our children and their families, a big thank-you to everyone for their support.

We look forward to our summer term which will be full of fun, new experiences and discoveries. At East-Goscote pre-school we pride ourselves with providing a safe, happy and creative environment which allows your child to grow independently but understand the importance of working as a team. We always provide excellent learning opportunities which follow early year's guidelines.

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The weather could not have been worse for 1181's trip to RAF Coningsby!

On a very, very wet and windy morning CI Manning "sailed" the minibus down the road to make a very special visit to look at the RAFBBMF



(Battle of Britain Memorial Flight) and RAF 29 (R) Sqn. They were met at RAF Coningsby by members of 2071 (Stamford) Sqn ATC cadets and staff who had been especially invited by Pilot Officer McGlynn. The Cadets were told they would get an "up close and personal" visit to the collection of aircraft belonging to the RAFBBMF. They were not to be disappointed!

The tour began at the hangar of the BBMF. They were shown around by one of the very knowledgeable tour guides but were much closer than members of the public are allowed! All but one of the aircraft were present in the hangar. Unfortunately, because of the weather, none of the aircraft were able to take to the skies. After the tour lunch was taken in the mess.

The highlight of the day was then about to take place for the cadets. A visit to 29 (R) Sqn of the RAF. They are equipped with the latest front line fighter the Eurofighter Typhoon. It was a highlight because the aircraft fast, make lots of noise and are all weather aircraft, which meant that even with the monsoon conditions, they were able to fly on the day with little or no problems, much to the cadets delight!

Before the aircraft took to the skies, the cadets were shown around the hangar by serving Sqn members of the 29 (R) Sqn. They were shown around one of the aircraft in the hangar, although they weren't allowed inside the cockpit as it was about to go out that day.

Much to the delight of the cadets, they saw some of the Typhoons taking off and flying around. 1181 Sqn would like to thank the RAFBBMF and 29 (R) Sqn for their help in making the day the success that it was!

We would also like to thank Pilot Officer McGlynn and CI Manning for organising the day.

1181 Squadron meet on a Monday and Thursday from 19:00hrs to 21:30hrs and are based in the ATC hut in the grounds of Wreake Valley College. We are actively recruiting new members and any interested parties should contact Flying Officer Kenyon on oc.1181@aircadets.org or visit www.1181sqn.org.uk

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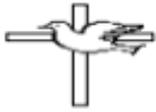
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ST HILDA'S CHURCH NEWS

Spring has arrived and the church garden is looking very colourful with all the tulips, pansies and wall flowers. I don't know if it will work out but we are planning a Union flag of flowers in the bit of garden at the back of the church for the Jubilee celebrations. There will be a special service on Sunday 3 June at 10.00 a.m. to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee to which members of the parish council and uniformed organisations have been invited. A tree to commemorate the occasion will be planted on the green area at the front of church. We would be very pleased to see you at this service and all villagers are welcome to come along. After the service a DVD of the Queen's visit to Leicester will be shown.

Also in June, our Vicar Javid is having his annual garden party at the vicarage, 828 Syston Road, Thurmaston. There will be various stalls and entertainment from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday 30 June. Everyone welcome. Also look out for the date of our next Scarecrow Walk – it will be sometime in the summer but no date has been fixed yet.

Messy Church is proving very popular with the young ones. There is a meeting on the second Thursday of each month starting after school at 3.30 p.m. in the church hall. It is an opportunity for parents to come along with their children to hear bible stories, sing songs, do activities, play games and have tea together. Sally Landers from the Play School leads the sessions and she is helped by members of the church and also quite a few enthusiastic mums, dad and grandparents. Why not bring your children along to the next meeting and find out more.?

Ian Clarke is joining me as church warden this year and Ann-Marie Draycott is stepping down from this post after many years of loyal service.

Jane Mercy - Church Warden

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About Rainbows Hospice for Children & Young People

Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People covers the whole of the East Midlands, although it is based in Loughborough, Leicestershire.

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East Goscote Cubs

Wow, we've been so busy, so here's what we have been up to...

Last November we had a visit to the County from our Chief Scout Bear Grills, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts descended on the National Space centre for a day of fun and a chance to see our Chief Scout.

The Cubs have been gaining lots of badges and we hope the parents enjoyed the Home help badge!. The pack has had 5 Chief Scout Silver awards, which is our highest award in Cubs. So well done to Sam, Owen, Joe, Alfie and Daniel.

The Cubs have enjoyed many activities including Air rifle shooting and our version of the 'Cube'

The cubs have their annual camp coming up with a theme of the Ancient Olympics, so we will be chariot racing and much more.

We are also celebrating the Jubilee with our own Street party, with flag, bunting and games.

If you want to know more about Cubs then visit our new website : goscotescouts.org.uk



Akela (Jayne Disney) enjoying the space centre!!

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Parish Council Chairman's Report 2012.

Council and Staff This has not been an easy year for East Goscote Parish Council. We have lost from The Council some good long standing Councillors. Mr. Arvind Patel, Mr. D Cannon and Mrs. Alison Beaver did not reapply for their position as Councillors in May. Mr. Simon Bradshaw and Mrs. Michelle Cadle were elected as Parish Councillors. Mr. Nick Porter was co-opted onto the Council in August and resigned in January. Mrs. M Loseby, Mrs. B Allen, resigned in August. Their places have been filled with new hardworking Councillors, Mrs. K McCalman, Mrs. K Barber. Thank you all Mrs T Beaver, our administration assistant has moved on to other employment. Thank You Tracey. Thanks also to my Vice Chairman Cllr. June Kyle for standing in at a crucial time for this Parish Council to help put us back on track. In April we welcomed Mr. Peter Rowlatt to the staff as part time Caretaker and in January we welcomed Miss Cathy Duffy as a part time Administration assistant.

The Vehicle Activated Speed signs that we share with other Villages have been Sited in various locations within the Village.

Dropped kerbs, 5 more dropped kerbs have been installed around the Village with the help of Leicestershire County Council. During the year **14 Planning Applications** have been considered by The Parish Council. As you will know there is an application to develop the Rearsby Roses site. The Parish Council has objected to these plans and it is expected to go to the plans Committee in April or May.

Vandalism. : The cost to the Council of vandalism in the Village this year was £654.00 which is Relatively low compared to other years. In 2011 the vandalism amounted to £1560. This compared to £896 in 2010.

Dog Fouling continues to be a constant complaint received by the Clerk and Councillors, this is despite the fact that 32,450 dog poo bags have been issued to residents this year and there being a plentiful supply of bins around the Village.

East Goscote Gunners Football Club. This has been a difficult year between The Parish Council and the Football Club as you will know following the Press Release: We are still finding it difficult to find common ground between us in which to work amicably together.

Youth Committee We have been trying to set up a Youth Council to give the youth of the Village a say in what they want. We were looking for 8 youths 1 youth worker, 1 parent and 1 Councillor. In December the Parish Council agreed to the formation of a Youth Committee. In March 6 youths attended to sign up for that Committee.

Village Hall The Village hall committee continue to work very hard on behalf of the village and maintain the hall impeccably. This year they secured a grant of £833 to replace the kitchen floor, install new internal doors for extra security and fit an air curtain. They are looking into improved outside lighting next year.

Parish Council Election 24th May 2012 This will be the first Parish Council election in over 30 years. An election has

been called to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mr Simon Bradshaw Publication of the notice of election will be Wednesday 18th April Nominations must be received by noon on Thursday 26th April. Statement of persons nominated will be published noon Monday 30th April. Please see Parish BY- Election notice on the Notice Boards.

Next Years Projects include A "Staying Healthy Project" which will be free advice on health issues and exercise classes, will be run by The Village Hall Management Committee between May and July. The Parish Council are arranging Diamond Jubilee Celebrations on 3rd and 4th June to include Children's Disco, Band, Afternoon Tea and the lighting of a beacon. We will Also be issuing Diamond Jubilee Mugs to all the pupils at Broomfield School.

Thanks to everyone who has helped us through this year. I would like to thank our Parish Clerk Mrs. Liz Pizer and congratulate her for completing the Working with your council training course this year. Thanks to All Councillors past and present for all their support, and to our Hard Working Borough Councillor Cathy Duffy, and County Councillor Dave Houseman MBE. Thanks to a brilliant Staff team for their hard work in trying times for East Goscote Parish Council. You also have a calendar of the years' events included in your pack for more information.

Bob Black Chairman 28th March 2012.

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THE GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE

THE LATEST COMPOSTER, FOOD DIGESTER AND WATER BUTT OFFERS: There are still some great offers of home composters, food digesters and, very popular right now, water butts on the Leicestershire County Council website www.leics.gov.uk . Visit the Environment page and click on composters and food digesters:

220 ltr and 330 ltr home composters at £9 and £10.50 plus £5.49 delivery per order and buy one, get one half price. Two home composters working side by side is quite a good idea – one active and the other maturing or you can club together and have two delivered to one address.

Green cone food digesters at £7.50 delivered – part above ground and part below and can digest all types of food waste. Install yourself.

Bokashi bins £9.95 for two – can digest all types of food waste.

Green Johannas @ £29.95 – hot composter, for all types of food and some garden waste.

100 ltr and 190 ltr Rainsaver water butts at £28.95 and £38.95 plus £5.49 delivery and you can buy one, get the same one half price (max order of two). Includes lid, stand, tap and drainpipe diverter kit.



Left to right:
220 ltr. home
composter, Green
Cone (installed) and
Rolls Royce of
garden composters
- the DIY New
Zealand box



THE NEW ZEALAND BOX: Having said all of that, the best home composter I ever had was a New Zealand box type made for nothing from scrap wood and old nails one Sunday afternoon in the 1980s. This was before Sunday trading when you couldn't buy anything much on a Sunday and I probably hadn't got any money anyway. I wanted to do something for the Planet on Earth Day (Earth Day is still going strong and this year was on 22nd April). This was the best idea I could come up with and it was truly amazing. From that day onwards, our household has never disposed of any fruit or vegetable kitchen waste in a refuse bin. Not to mention a whole load of other compostables such as eggshells, toilet and kitchen roll cores, vacuum cleaner dust, shredded paper and garden waste etc. It must amount to tonnes by now.

New Zealand boxes are called that because of the vision of Auckland dentist Dr Guy Chapman who observed an increase in tooth decay amongst his customers in the 1920s which he attributed to poor nutrition. He founded the Auckland Humic Compost Club (now the NZ Soil & Health Assoc.) in 1941 and promoted organic gardening by means of public demonstrations featuring the New Zealand Box composter. The composter typically consists of two (can be three or more) roughly 1 metre usually wooden cubes placed side by side with open tops and fronts and slatted bases lifted off the soil for ventilation. Sectional fronts are then added by sliding planks between vertical battens and a bit of carpet over the top will keep off excess rain and keep the compost warm. The great thing about having two adjacent open fronted boxes is that you can turn the compost easily with a garden fork. A web search of "New Zealand box composter" will bring up loads of wonderful designs or contact me for a design sheet. The main thing is to make good use of what you have got. Having done a lot of successful experiments with commercial and DIY plastic composters, I feel it's about time for me to return to the New Zealand box. I'll let you know how I get on.

RECYCLING IN CHARNWOOD : How are you getting on with the green wheelie bin service? Let me know if you have any problems or ideas. Being able to recycle plastic carrier bags and film has made a big difference to residual waste but put the plastic bags in empty – don't pack other materials into them. The sorting system works best with all the materials loose. The operation also seems more efficient but what do you think ?

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 with Leicester City Council as an associate member. For free, unbiased information and advice on composting and 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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FINANCIAL REPORT - APRIL 2012

The large amount in Open Spaces is the cost of maintaining the green areas, the mowing contract, the play areas and the pavilion rent. This year we upgraded the play areas including the swings, repairs to the play trail and new safety surfacing to the mound slide steps.

The free 2p which is an amount of £6.44 per electorate may be spent on things which in our opinion are in the interests of, or will directly benefit the area of its' inhabitants, or part of it, or some of them. This we have spent on items like subs and donations, production of our village magazine, the free "poop scoop" scheme, and the Christmas lights celebrations.

On the income side of things, it is largely made up of our precept and pitch rents along with the VAT refund.

Financial matters within the village have an effect on every household via the community charge; this is where we notice any increase at a personal level.

For next years budget 2012/13 the parish Council have precepted £55,300 – No increase on last year.

The Parish requirement for a band D property in the village of East Goscote for 2012/13 is £60.45 The average in the Borough of Charnwood is £72.04 indeed if you lived a few miles away in Syston you would be paying £90.84 for your parish services.

The Parish Council budget for 2012/13 is £65,300.00 but using some of our reserves, we are able to reduce our level of requirement to £55,300.

Our projects for 2012/13 include the replacement of the village green roundabout, the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, two new benches to the play areas, and a new office computer.

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

11.04.2012

<u>INCOME</u>	2011	2012	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	2011	2012
BALANCE BF	£28,874.17	£32,487.60	ADMIN/STAFF	£35,198.28	£32,706.75
VAT REFUND	£5924.69	£2418.04	BURIAL	£0.00	£0.00
PRECEPT	£55,300.00	£55,300.00	OPEN SPACES	£16,627.98	£10,345.69
INTEREST	£22.05	£23.22	V.H.M.C.	£500.00	£500.00
PITCH RENTS	£2048.50	£2253.00	FREE 2P	£4646.19	£5273.46
MISC INC	£6749.94	£2635.78	VAT	£3223.31	£2417.77
PETTY CASH	£170.00	£150.00	COUNCIL VAN	£3124.29	£6055.75
TOTAL	£70,215.18	£62,780.04	YOUTH GROUP	£3281.70	£897.76
UNPAID CHEQUES		£288.00		£66,601.75	£58,197.18
			CURR ACC		£ 250.00
			DEP ACC		£37,091.37
			CASH		£ 17.09
TOTAL		£95,555.64	TOTAL		£95,555.64

Annual Parish Meeting—Police Report

Over the last year there has been a large reduction in crime within East Goscote. There were 30 less crimes compared to the previous year which is an extremely positive reduction. Although there has been an increase of burglaries on the Charnwood area East Goscote's burglary figures have stayed relatively the same which is good.

There have been 75 reported crimes since the last annual report.

We have also seen another reduction in Anti Social behaviour with 27 less reports. With only 28 reports of ASB that's less than 4 reports a month. The beat team continue to utilise the incremental approach when dealing with ASB. By issuing individuals with advice and warning letters and leading onto Acceptable Behaviour Contracts if necessary. Last year one Acceptable Behaviour Contract was issued to a perpetrator of ASB and this has had a definite impact on the reduction of ASB.

Our current priority for East Goscote is tackling drug related activities taking place around the Warren industrial estate. Recent concerns about the behaviour of certain youths behind the scout hut have been raised. The beat team will monitor this.

Crime figures last 30 days

There were three reported crimes.

Friday 16th March 2011, Weavers Wynd, Theft scrap metal. The offender was located and issued with a FPN.

Between Thursday 15th and Friday 16th March Yeomans Dale, there was a burglary other (shed break).

Between Saturday 18th February and Monday 19th March Woodmans Chase, attempt burglary.

This year Age UK Leicester Shire and Rutland is again organising Sponsored Walks in order to raise money to safeguard essential services for vulnerable older people.

The walks are only a few miles long so that everyone can take part, and are being arranged on:



Saturday 9 June Burbage Woods meeting 1.45pm at the Age UK Senior Citizens Centre Kings Walk or 2pm at the car park Burbage woods

Sunday 17 June Bradgate Park meeting 11am at Newtown Linford Car Park

Sunday 17 June Leicester City Centre 10am meeting at Lansdowne House

Sunday 17 June Melton Country Park 11am meeting at Gloucester House

Thursday 26 July Rutland at 10am meeting at Wing Village Hall

Sunday 9 Sept Watermead Country Park 10.30am meeting at St James Centre
Or 11am meeting at Meadow Lane car Park

Please join in the walk and bring your family and friends with you.
Call 0116 2237344 for sponsorship forms or to pledge a donation.



~ **East Goscote** ~
Staying Healthy Programme



East Goscote Village Hall, in conjunction with Charnwood Borough Council's 'Active Together' and our local Doctor, have successfully applied for a "Staying Healthy Community Grant".

This will provide a programme of talks on a wide variety of health topics and also a 10 week programme of exercise classes.

All the events are **FREE OF CHARGE** to our residents and will be held in the Village Hall.

The programme is as follows:

DATE: Thursday's	DISCUSSION TOPIC 1.00pm - 1.45pm	EXERCISE CLASS 2.00pm - 3.00pm
31st May	Asthma & Respiratory Diseases	Seated Exercise
7th June	Coping with Diabetes & Healthy Diet	Zumba
14th June	Promoting an Active & Healthy Lifestyle	Yoga
21st June	Managing Illness at Home	Circuit Training
28th June	Improving Mental Health	Seated Exercise
5th July	Types of Screening Available for Early Detection of Disease	Zumba
12th July	Improving Your Heart	Yoga
19th July	Keeping your Children Healthy from Birth to Teenage Years	Circuit Training
26th July	Information on How To Access Welfare Rights, including Benefits, Social & Services Support	Seated Exercise
2nd Aug	Accessing NHS Services	Zumba





Broomfield News



Sport Relief Mile

All Children took part in the Sport Relief Mile on Friday 23rd March. We invited parents and family members to come and join us, and were amazed by the response. Thank you for joining us and helping us to raise a massive £332.35.

London

Our Year 5 children enjoyed an action packed day in London in April, the bus took them on a scenic tour of all the main sights in London and they visited the British History Museum. The highlight of the day appeared to be a flight on the London Eye.

Chloe Baines thought **"My favourite activity** in London was the London Eye.

It took 30 minutes to go round once. You can see Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Wembley and lots of other famous buildings and places.



There were lovely views, and below the London Eye was the River Thames with lots of boats



sailing in the water, which was a really pretty sight to see.



Lucy Dilkes also enjoyed the London Eye, she **thought, "When we were at the top it was very high and this gold man looked tiny from up there. I really enjoyed the London eye because you have good views and can take great photos. Also I loved it because it was like a ride but a very slow ride that went on forever. I got some great photos of lovely views. You were above the river Thames which is a great view of how bendy it is."**

Although worried about going on the London Eye Colby Needham also enjoyed it, she said **"At the top we could see Big Ben, the Golden Eagle and a moving statue that was as small as a Lego person and he was gold. We started to go down and it felt really scary and Bethany and I were petrified but we got really used to it. We were just near the ground when we had to get into the photo zone to get our picture took, but only my fingers were in it!"**

Other activities that have taken place over the last term are:-



Broomfield's Got Talent



Year 2 and the Fire fighters!



Key Stage 2 "Sing Up Day" again with parents & friends

Sewing Club

A quick message from our Sewing Club "We would be very grateful to accept any old material, buttons or wool. Thank you."

LOROS is an independent local charity providing palliative care and support to around 2,500 people each year within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

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Weekly prizes total £3,000 and winners receive their cheques in the post within 7 days of the draw.

A Grand Raffle and Bumper Prize Draw with top prizes of £10,000 are held annually in Spring and at Christmas time.

The LOROS Lottery also offers scratch cards priced at £1 each for wedding favours, events etc. along with LOROS Lottery gift subscriptions starting from £10 plus p & p.

Further details can be obtained by contacting Liz Singleton, Lottery Manager at lizsingleton@loros.co.uk or by telephone on 0116 2318430.

Charnwood Women's Institute Group (see p.10)

At our April meeting we enjoyed a fantastic presentation from The Cocktail Shaker Boys who showed us how to make delicious cocktails. We even had a chance to try samples! it was a great evening and was enjoyed by all. Our meetings are held at East Goscote village hall on the last thursday of the month. Meetings start at 8pm and guests are always welcome. May 31st will be Beginner's Crochet with the Little School of Stitchcraft which we are looking forward to. June 28th is our Jubilee Party.

Contact us for further information

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Summer Reading Challenge 2012 – Story Lab

Children aged 4 – 12 years can go for bronze, silver and gold in an imaginative adventure at their local library this summer. Linking with the Olympics, the 2012 Summer Reading Challenge is Story Lab – an exciting reading challenge taking place in all Leicestershire libraries, including mobile libraries, from 7th July.

Sign up for **FREE** and join in with the spirit of 2012. Read books throughout the summer and collect stickers. All children who read six books to complete the challenge will receive a certificate and medal – just like a real Olympian!

Look out for Story Lab events in museums and libraries.

All children taking part in Story Lab are entitled to free admission to Snibston and Bosworth Battlefield (one child per paying adult).

For more information about Story Lab call in at your local library or visit the website www.leics.gov.uk/storylab.

It's free to join the library and there's something for all the family to enjoy.

Syston Library Group, Opening times

East Goscote Library

Mon -9am - 1pm

Tues -2pm - 7pm

Wed -Closed

Thurs -2pm - 5pm

Fri -9am - 1pm

Sat -10am - 1pm

Thurmaston Library

Mon -10am-12noon & 3-5pm

Tues -2pm - 5pm

Wed -Closed

Thurs -2pm - 7pm

Fri -3pm - 5pm

Sat -10am - 1pm

Syston Library

Mon -9.30am - 5pm

Tues -9.30am - 7pm

Wed -Closed

Thurs -9.30am - 5pm

Fri -9.30am - 5pm

Sat -10am - 1pm



Leicester-Shire & Rutland Community Games

LRS is delighted to be supporting the Community Games project. Community Games is a national programme inspired By London 2012, aiming to encourage people of all backgrounds, from right across the country, to come together to play their part in the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

A Community Games event could be in a street, an estate, a local business, regular users of a park, or other public space - an event that is organised by the community, for the community. Community Games includes both sporting and cultural events, with some kind of ceremony, ideally an opening and/or closing ceremony.

Community Games Cash Fund

Leicester-Shire & Rutland Sport has created a 'Community Games Cash Fund' to help support local community / voluntary groups, clubs and Parish and Town Council's across Leicestershire, Leicester & Rutland to host their own sporting and cultural events inspired by the London 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Games.

Possible community / voluntary groups that could access these funds include: sports clubs, schools, youth groups, parish councils, PTAs, village groups, girl guides, scouts, faith groups etc.

If you would like further information on Community Games, and how to apply for funding, visit www.lrsport.org/communitygames

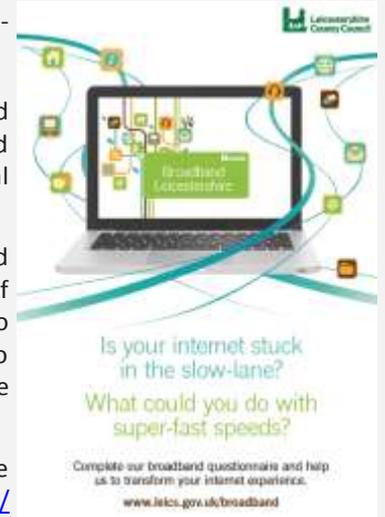
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Broadband connectivity is emerging as a critical issue in Leicestershire. It is estimated that over 190,000 residents mainly in rural areas, will not receive improved broadband as part of BT's national rollout programme. This includes 89,000 residential households and at least 3,800 businesses.

Leicestershire County Council is working in partnership with public, private and voluntary sector organisations to identify and deliver the connectivity needs of communities, businesses, and public sector organisations. The County's vision is to deliver super-fast broadband to all premises in Leicestershire by 2017, subject to securing necessary funding. Deployment of super-fast broadband will commence during 2013.

As part of the programme it is critical we understand current issues and future broadband aspirations. **We need your support.** Please visit www.leics.gov.uk/broadband to complete the questionnaire and help the County Council to transform your internet experience. The questionnaire has now finished, and the results should be on the website by now.

For more information please contact Matthew Kempson (broadband@leics.gov.uk, 0116 305 6179)



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BOROUGH COUNCILLORS ANNUAL REPORT

THE MOUND – UPDATE:

You may recall that back in November 2010 I contacted the Council seeking an update on the maintenance situation of the Mound. At the time Mr John Lenney who was in charge of Building Control at Charnwood Borough Council had been working on our behalf to get funding needed for the work that needed to be done. Last year I was advised that Officers and Management had been sent an email from the Group Accountant advising of a postponement of the New Capital Plan 2011/2012 to 2013/2014 although the Council were proposing a Capital Bid to have the work done and was also told that there was a very good chance of success. Mr Lenney did commission an independent survey for us and three options were highlighted as to the best way forward with remedial work. Unfortunately due to Management/staff cut backs, etc, Mr Lenney is no longer with Charnwood Borough Council and because of this we have missed the Capital Bid. However, I have since been dealing with Mr Simon Harvey, who has taken over Mr Lenney's responsibilities, outlining the situation and the agreements along with a copy of the Surveyors Report. Initially I managed to get Charnwood Borough Council to do the survey and agree to remedial work because they were the land owners and had taken responsibility in the past. Mr Harvey reminded me that it is actually the Parish Council who is responsible as the Lease Holders. However, on this occasion and because "he has a small pot of money left", Mr Harvey will honour the promise made to carry out any remedial works required within the next few months as was originally agreed with Mr Lenney. Following this, a Maintenance Regime will be put in place for the Parish Council to do what might be needed to maintain the Mound in good order in the future.

SMALLER BINS – UPDATE:

Charnwood Borough Council has no plans to replace the current black 240ltr bins with a smaller sized bin. However, new-builds or replacement black bins will be smaller at 180ltrs. This is to encourage more recycling and following research carried out across the county, people find that they have less rubbish now following the issue of the green recycling bin.

If you regularly recycle, you can if you wish, have an extra green bin at no extra charge. This can be requested via the Contact Centre. However, please note that if you do make a request, someone from the Waste Management Team will pay you a visit to take a look at your recycling before issuing you with the extra green bin. Charnwood Borough Council will not be purchasing any more 240ltr black bins in the future.

COUNCIL TAX/BUDGET:

Charnwood Borough Council has frozen council tax for the second year running. The Council's Cabinet approved the Plan as part of the 2012/13 budget proposals and which was ratified at Full Council on 27th February 2012. The budget also outlines how the Council has reduced its spending by £300,000 in the last 12 months – without impacting services. The latest Budget shows savings of

around £1.3 million.

The Council are also proposing a £150,000 new Grant Support Fund to help communities throughout the borough. The Council's total spending for 2012/13 is more than £500,000 lower than the level of 2006/2007.

Local Development for 2012-2015/Core Strategy/Community Infrastructure Levy

The Government has promised a radical reform of the planning system to give neighbourhoods far more ability to determine the shape of the places in which they live. Charnwood Borough Council's first priority will be to produce the Core Strategy development plan document for the area and then to identify necessary land allocations and the policies which will manage their implementation. Charnwood's Core Strategy will be out in draft in September 2012 with a 6 week public consultation period before it is submitted to the Secretary of State for examination. Work has been progressing during 2009 and 2010 to gather further evidence to enable a decision to be made about directions of growth.

The Core Strategy Development Plan Document will set out the strategic policies to deliver the Council's vision for Charnwood up to 2028 and will address the spatial implications of the Sustainable Community Strategy and the strategies of other key bodies.

Site Allocations and Development Management Policies development plan document will identify sites in the borough needed to accommodate the range of land uses necessary to implement the objectives of the Core Strategy. It will also set out specific criteria against which planning applications for the development of use of land and buildings will be considered, along with details of developer contributions.

A new Proposals Map will replace the Charnwood Borough Local Plan proposals map when the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies development plan document is adopted. The Statement of Community Involvement will be reviewed during the three year period of this Local Development Scheme. It should be noted that due to changes in regulations, statements of Community Involvement are no longer subject to examination.

In September 2011 the Council resolved to progress towards the introduction of a **Community Infrastructure Levy** charging schedule. The Community Infrastructure Levy is a new charge that local authorities can charge on most types of new development in their areas based on the size, type and location of the development proposed. Based on an Infrastructure Delivery Plan drawn up in consultation with neighbourhoods and stakeholders, the Community Infrastructure Levy will support the delivery of the housing and employment growth identified in the Local Development Framework. The Community Infrastructure will replace the current Section 106 Developer Contributions.

Core Strategy Stages of Preparation: (we are currently at stage 1 of the preparation – Pre Submission Consultation)

Stage 1: Pre-Submission consultation was undertaken on Issues papers in 2004 and Issues and Options in 2005, on Preferred Options in February 2006, Alternative Strategies in September 2007, Stakeholder Workshops in 2008 and

on the Core Strategy Further Consultation document in October 2008. Comments made at this stage will inform the preparation of the Proposed Submission Core Strategy document.

Stage 2: Pre-Submission Consultation – A formal six week period of public consultation on the Submission version of the Core Strategy will be undertaken. Only comments made at this stage are considered at the Examination.

Stage 3: Submission – Submission of the Core Strategy to Secretary of State.

Stage 4: Examination – Examination of the Core Strategy by an Independent Planning Inspector to assess the soundness of the Core Strategy.

Stage 5: Adoption – Adoption of the Core Strategy, making changes recommended by the binding Inspector's Report.

A paper would be submitted to the Cabinet and Full Council in August setting out the time-table for the LDF process. Unfortunately, the timescales for this had slipped due to a delay in response from Leicestershire County Council to approve the Transport Monitoring data. A suggestion was made at the last Area Forum that a meeting be arranged solely to discuss the Local Development Framework (LDF).

CREDIT UNIONS:

A Member Group has been established by the Council to look at the possibility of the Council working with a Credit Union for the benefit of people within the borough. Credit Unions play an important role in supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our communities by helping them in times of financial hardship. It is hoped that proposals can be developed over the next few months.

LOUGHBOROUGH BID (Business Improvement District):

Loughborough Bid is a group of retailers and businesses within the town centre who have joined forces to promote themselves by promoting Loughborough. It is financed by their own money, collected by Charnwood Borough Council as an addition to the business rates they already have to pay.

The Loughborough Bid group have come up with a "Love Loughborough" slogan for future promotional use and you will see a lot more of it in the coming months. You may also have read in the press recently about Mary Portas and her Consultation work for the Government to help all towns and traditional shopping areas in the country. As part of their initiatives the Government have put up a £1,000,000 fund to help up to 12 shopping centres who are leading the way with self-promotion so that they can use their experience to help others. The Bid Loughborough team think they have a good chance of getting a portion of the funding and have submitted a comprehensive entry.

COUNCIL ADVERTISING:

Advertising will be sold on Council assets as part of a new deal to generate cash and help maintain services. Charnwood Borough Council has signed a contract with Ashby de la Zouch based Socius which will sell advertising and sponsorship packages on Council buildings, vehicles, structures and publications, where appropriate. The contract could

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generate more than £100,000 in annual income which will

be pumped back into the authority to help maintain services and get better value for money for taxpayers.

KEEP BRITIAN TIDY:

Charnwood Borough Council's flagship environmental crime campaign "Don't Muck Around" has been crowned not only the most innovative, but also Britain's best environmental campaign for 2011. In partnership with North West Leicestershire District Council, the campaign won the Innovative category and the overall People's Choice title. It is the first time Charnwood has won a Keep Britain Tidy award. As you will be aware, the campaign ran over three months last summer and saw a 59% drop in litter, a 41% drop in reports of fly-tipping and a 47% drop in Dog Fouling incidents in Charnwood. To continue this good work and help embed the "Don't Muck Around" brand, the Council has launched the first ever "Don't Muck Around" Awards. The aim is to recognise good environmental practise and reward community groups, residents, schools, young people and businesses who take action to improve their local environment. There will be an award ceremony at the Radmoor Centre, Loughborough, in June.

DOG FOULING:

Last summer, Charnwood Borough Council's award-winning "Don't Muck Around" campaign targeted dog-fouling and helped to reduce incidents in hot spot areas using a combination of education and enforcement. The Council say's it is committed to tackling dog-fouling, but the figures illustrate how difficult it is to catch offenders and that we all need to take responsibility for our environment. However, national guidelines do not allow for targeted surveillance of individuals, which is why visible patrols are undertaken. Unfortunately, only seven Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued by the Council in the past three years, despite having hundreds of complaints. Charnwood Borough Council say's that it will continue to target irresponsible people, who continue to allow their dogs to foul and not pick up after them. I have requested that the Street Wardens visit East Goscote more often and to pay particular attention to the Jubilee Playing Fields, as well as making their presence known by visiting the Parish Office.

REMINDER:

My surgeries will be held in the Village Hall on the last Saturday of the month between 2pm & 3pm and I can be contacted any time on 01162929419.

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County Councillor's Report

It's been a privilege to be the County Councillor for East Goscote and I would like to take this opportunity to thank residents, your Borough Councillor, all the East Goscote Parish Councillors, and the staff that work so hard for the benefit of East Goscote, particularly Mrs Liz Pizer, the village is very fortunate to have a Parish Clerk of her calibre.

For more information on this Division please go to www.leics.gov.uk/houseman and click on the link Life and work as a County Councillor.

Some examples of the activity in East Goscote

RAF Flypast. I have requested a Flypast by the RAF at Syston's Queens Diamond Jubilee Festival at Central Park on 2.6.12. Syston Chamber of Trade are organising this event with the support of



Syston Town Council. The RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight have recently written to me and confirmed that, subject to various conditions, they will provide a Spitfire Flypast over Central Park, Syston on 2.6.12. I have forwarded the necessary information to Thurmaston and Thrusington Parish Councils as well as East Goscote Parish Council. Councillor Kelly Barber is requesting a free RAF Spitfire Flypast for the East Goscote Queen's Diamond Jubilee event on Monday 4th June 2012.

Plant a Tree. East Goscote, Syston, Cossington and Ratcliffe on the Wreake have all registered for the County Council's Plant a Tree for the Jubilee scheme and have been sent an application form to complete.

Concrete street lighting columns in Broome Lane. Leicestershire County Council are replacing concrete street lighting columns that have come to the end of their useful life. The new lanterns are designed to reduce the unwanted upward light pollution but, because of their design, an increase in height is necessary to achieve the required spread of light along the road to ensure an even light distribution. High pressure sodium lamps, which emit a 'golden' light, have replaced the previously installed monochromatic low pressure sodium (orange) lamps. The new lighting enables better identification of colours, such as the colour of clothing or cars and meets the British Standard.

Dropped kerbs. At the East Goscote Parish Council meeting on 8.6.11 Councillors raised the problems of getting to the Doctors for wheelchair users as there was a lack of dropped kerbs. I



arranged for a senior County Council officer to visit the village and to view the difficulties people in wheelchairs were experiencing. We established the priority areas along with Councillor Bob Black. The officer agreed that there was sufficient justification for 5 dropped kerbs. I

supported a successful bid for the funding which was prioritised through the 2011/12 Capital Funding Programme. The work has since been completed.

Snow Wardens. Two East Goscote Parish Council staff carried out training on 26.9.11 for snow warden duties. As a condition of the County Council's Snow Warden Scheme the routes that are treated are agreed in advance between both parties. Staff employed and insured by Town and Parish Councils may be deployed as snow wardens to assist clearing footways during times of severe weather and the costs are paid by the County Council.

Gritting and Salting. Since my intervention Long Furrow has been made a priority route for gritting and salting and it's now included in the gritting and salting programme as a gritting and salting Priority One precautionary route.

East Goscote Village Hall upgrade project. I was pleased to support a County Council Shire grant bid of £825 for improvements to the Village Hall. The upgrade included the replacement of the interior front doors and the renewal of the kitchen floor. This work has been completed and decreased the draughts and heating costs, and made the Village Hall more secure.

Bus Stop Clearway near Swallows Dale. The kerb has been raised to help the disabled, parents with push chairs and the elderly to access the bus. However, I have received a copy of a letter sent to East Goscote Parish Council requesting a Bus Stop Clearway at Swallows Dale because parked cars are, at times, blocking the area causing the bus to stop further away. I am seeking action on this.



Rearsby Roses site planning application by GEG Properties. After receiving a number of representations from residents I have written a letter to Charnwood Borough Council objecting to the outline planning application for 74 dwellings on this site.

Vehicle Activated Signs. East Goscote and Cossington Parish Council entered a partnership with another Parish Council outside my Division to fund equipment to help deter speeding and promote safer driving. They have shared the purchase cost of £3,000 for a portable speed activated warning sign and are sharing its use. This is to remind drivers to keep to local speed limits. Maintenance costs are also shared. This is a Parish Council/County Council initiative. The installed technology enables details of the times of activation to be downloaded and clearly identify and log when the speed limit is being exceeded.



Big Society. The County Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy includes commitments of grants totalling £500,000/year. For more information contact:

Nicole Rickard, Policy and Partnerships Team

Leader nicole.rickard@leics.gov.uk . See also:

http://www.leics.gov.uk/community_information/big society.htm

Area Forums. The County Council has agreed that it will fund for this year another round of participatory funding. Our forum is called the South Charnwood (Syston, Thurmaston and Wreake Villages) Area Forum and it will be allocated £12,500 this year for local communities to invest in local improvements of their choice. The County Council are looking for projects that can be delivered by March 2013. Applications need to be in by 8th May 2012. For application packs or advice, please contact officers via:

E-mail: leicestershireforums@leics.gov.uk Website: www.leicestershireforums.org

Fund raising. If you are looking for funding for other projects please go to www.fundingtoolkit.org

Super fast Broadband. Leicestershire County Council has a proposal to improve Broadband connectivity. This is planned to increase access to services, unlock the potential of Leicestershire's economy, support home-working and support innovation. Within Leicestershire there are about 89,000 residential households and over 3,000 businesses who receive insufficient broadband connectivity, mainly in rural areas. Please complete the broadband questionnaire and help the County Council transform your internet experience, for more information go to

www.leics.gov.uk/broadband

Your MP. To make an appointment to visit your MP Stephen Dorrell please ring 0116 2608609



Roadline. There are around 64,000 street lights in Leicestershire and over 11,000 illuminated traffic signs. If you spot a problem with our lighting, roads or pavements please telephone ROADLINE.



Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions on the services that Leicestershire County Council offers. I am available for home visits to discuss matters of a personal nature at mutually convenient times on request.

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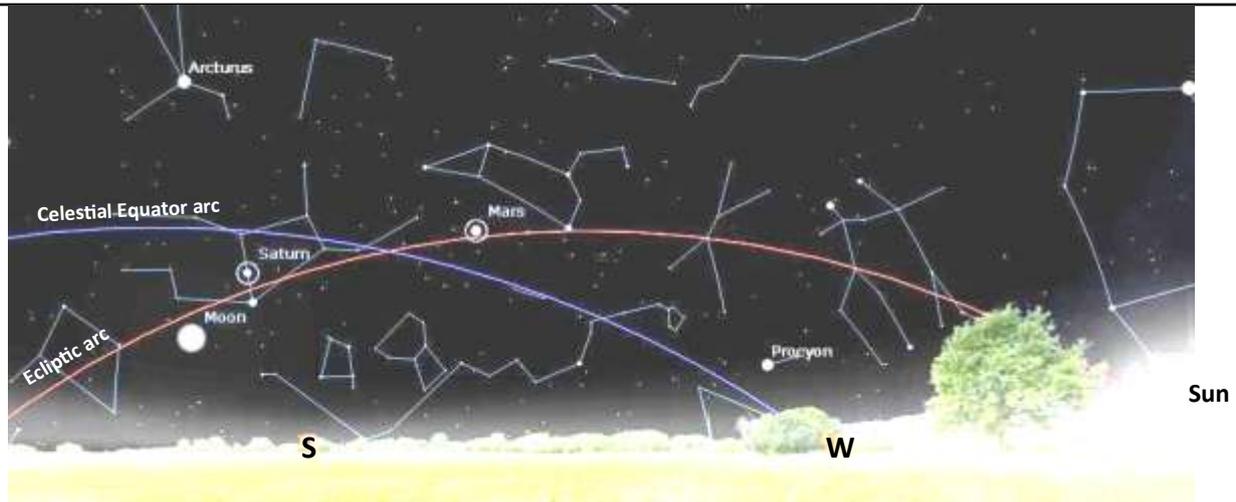
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Boys Brigade	Jeff Matthews	01664 850795	Neighbourhood Watch	Ellen Hewitt	2608224
BB Jnr section	Jean Bates	2606723	Pharmacy	Arvind Patel	2606734
Beavers	Johanne Draycott	07981101644	Sims (ex Plough)		2603388
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