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THE EAST GOSCOTE COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



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On Wednesday, 11th April, 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

1: Apologies For Absence	6: Finance Report – J Kyle
2: Confirmation of the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting	7: Borough Councillor's Report – C Duffy
3: Matters Arising from the Minutes	8: County Councillor's Report – D. Houseman
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5: Chairman's Report – B Black	

February 2012

Thrussington Fun Run

Entries are now being taken for **The 6th Thrussington Fun Run, to be held on Saturday 3rd March 2012.** This year's event promises to be an adventure and a challenge to first timers and seasoned runners alike.

The undulating course winds through rural country fields, stream crossings and takes runners over hay bale challenges. As always medals will be awarded to all finishers and there will be trophies presented post race in the village hall to winning individuals and teams. At the village hall runners can view their professional race photos, race results and enjoy well deserved hot dog's and cakes! New this year will be the sale of hot drinks available at the course to keep our wonderfully loyal crowd of supporters warm and cosy.

So what are you waiting for? If you and your friends want a goal for getting fit for the new year, If you enjoy cross country running already, but fancy the challenge of this unique course, If your family want to get involved , or if you think your school could rise to the challenge and steal the schools trophy then this is the event for you.....you've got to be in it to win it folks!

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This is an extremely popular event and places are limited, **no entries will be taken on the day** so please enter early to avoid disappointment.

Our fun run is part of the local mini-series of races. First off is Thrussington on the 3rd March, then Frisby on the 17th March and rounding things off with the Queniborough Stomp on the 31st March. A special achievement certificate will be awarded to all individuals completing all 3 events (completing all 3 events is not compulsory).

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EDITORIAL

The first edition of the new year, and as I look out of the window, the first snow of the new year. Always an exciting time . .at first . .especially for children, or young at heart . .but it doesn't last of course. However that is what makes the weather, and seasons, so interesting. Living in Australia for a while , I missed the changes in the seasons. . .sun all the time ?

The snow should be gone by the time the magazine is being delivered. There is always difficulty with events happening just before, or around the times of the delivery. Some articles I don't put in because the events occur before the magazine goes out. Sometimes it is difficult to keep up with so much happening in our lives. The library talk on "Where were you in '62" (p.11) takes us back to what we imagine was a slower pace of life. There was a time when TV only had 2 connections, power lead and aerial. There was a time when I remember being able to write my own computer programs on a ZX81 computer, with 16kB of memory. We can achieve so much more nowadays with advanced technology, but I wonder if we are in danger of immersing ourselves in a virtual world of technology. At some of our family get togethers over Christmas I noticed that at times half the group were immersed in tapping away on their mobile phones . .as if the virtual world was more important than the real world around them.

This is why it is so encouraging to see so many people involved in interacting with others around them, from clubs & societies, to voluntary organisations and council activities. As always, we have much to be grateful for when reading through what goes on in the village, but life can be hectic, and we all probably need times when we can withdraw. Times of solitude? In these busy times we can often feel uneasy when on our own, but perhaps we all need such times . .occasionally?

Take time to relax, and enjoy reading through the Long Furrow. Happy reading !

Dennis Bishop

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

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

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



The New Year at Rainbows looks like being a very busy one. To celebrate the London Olympics, Girlguiding UK has produced an excellent resource and set of badges called "On Your Marks". We will be working for three themed badges over the spring and summer terms. The first (bronze) has a sport theme and the rainbows chose three activities from this section which were to design a new Olympic sports kit, bake an energy boost bar (strange how they always go for food activities!) and to try some new activities to get healthy. We will then complete the Silver (Culture) and Gold (values) badges. We will also be doing crafts for valentines and Mother's day.

Sadly Sue Riley has decided to give up her role at Rainbows in February due to increasing family commitments. Sue has been a Rainbow leader for over 5 years and will be greatly missed by us all. We would like to thank her for all her help and hope that she will keep in touch.

Rainbows is therefore now looking for a new leader to join the team so if you could spare some time on a Tuesday evening to help us (5.15-6.30pm) we would love to hear from you.

We had said goodbye to two Rainbows last term – Mia and Aimee, we wish them well as they move on to Brownies. We welcomed Lois and Jenny to join our unit in January.

Thanks for your continued support

Sue Bowles (Cedar) Tel 2375475 for waiting list and enquiries

Erica (Cherry) and Helen (Pear).



Wreake Valley District

We are still looking for volunteers to help with our Guide unit in Queniborough. The Unit is currently being run by Sharon Lee who would love to continue running the unit with some others to help her. Would you like to join this Unit?

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A role in Girlguiding can certainly give your CV a boost! As a volunteer you will develop a whole range of skills such as communication and organisational skills, teamwork and leadership. If you become a Leader there are lots of other training opportunities locally and nationally. Perhaps you've always wanted to become qualified in First Aid or learn about event management. Volunteering with Girlguiding can provide you with the opportunity. You'll have lots of fun along the way! The guiding programme is packed with activities and challenges, and you'll have a chance to experience them along with the girls.

Volunteers are *vital* to Guiding and *you* can help make a difference.

For more information please contact:

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Rainbows benefits from Tigger's trip to the pub



A generous pub goer made a £300 donation to Rainbows in exchange for another customer's bouncy raffle prize.

Rearsby resident, Ken Holmes, won a giant Tigger tiger in a raffle organised by Melton Bowls Club. To celebrate his win, he took Tigger along to the Horse and Groom pub in the village for a quick drink.

While Mr Holmes and Tigger were sharing a drink, a gentleman sitting at the bar made them an offer they couldn't refuse. The man had been looking for the same Tigger toy for a gift and offered to make a donation to the charity if he could bounce home with the toy.

"It was nice to be able to increase the benefit for Rainbows," Ken said. "It was quite an amazing coincidence because the man who bought it only visits the pub once a year too!" (Landlady, Angie, Rainbows Chief Executive, Geoff Ellis and Ken Holmes)



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East Goscote JFC Club News:

Tournament 2011

Last summers Tournament had to be staged at Sileby due to a dispute with the Parish Council. We would like to thank all the teams that still turned up at Sileby with such short notice.

Also a big thank you to managers/Coaches and parents from East Goscote and surrounding villages who pulled together to make this Tournament a great success . All funds raised went towards the running of the club.

The Winners of the 9 V 9 U11's invitation Cup were Humberstone Rangers.

The Winners of the U9's 7v7 Champions League were Woodgate Lions.

The Winners of the U9's 7v7 Europa League were Woodgate Tigers.

Other age groups involved were at U8's /U7's received a medal for taking part.

Some splendid football was played on the day and we once again would like to thank all who took part on the day.

Committee Update:

We would like to thank Jackie Dixey who stepped down as Treasure of the Club in September for all her hard work and commitment to East Goscote JFC.

Also we would like to Thank Nick Clayton for his help and hard work at the Club who also stepped down as U8's Manager.

We would like to Welcome our new Treasure Alison Green, Also Tom Borland who has taken over from Nick Clayton as U8's Manager. Also a warm welcome to Justin Linney Manager of our New U9's Team.

Christmas Party.

Thank you to all of you that attended this years Christmas party, it was a great success with over 100 children attending, it was a very enjoyable evening.

Academy news:

Our Academy will be playing their first ever game on January 28th 2012, we would like to wish them all the very best and hope they have a great time.

Presentation Night:

This Seasons Presentation Night will be held at Syston Rugby Club on the April 20th 7pm – 1130pm.



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Our term leading up to Christmas was fun and busy as is usually the case at Bizzy Bees Preschool!

Since our last report for the Long Furrow we have had our Ofsted Inspection and are thrilled to be able to write that our grading was OUTSTANDING This Ofsted grading is very difficult to achieve and so we are really proud that all the excellent practice that goes on in and around the Preschool has been recognised.

The children thoroughly enjoyed making a Gingerbread man, which was our chosen book as the children love this story, for the Christmas tree festival in church. They especially loved applying lots of glitter, sticking on googly eyes and adding cherry lips to their creation.



One of the many highlights of last term was recreating the Christmas story in our role-play area....the children loved dressing up in costumes, we celebrated baby Jesus' birth many times and had some interesting discussions about why we have presents at Christmas.



We had our Christmas play in the church where the children dressed in their favourite character costumes or party outfits with the centre focus of Mary, Joseph, the donkey in the stable. The children were little stars, remembering the words they had learned to Away in a Manger followed by lots of Christmas songs with actions. Thank you to everyone who came to join in the celebration and for all the lovely feedback we had.



Our term finished with a fun filled party, where this year Dazzling Daisy came to entertain the children, Pepa pig visited the party and Santa brought everyone a present.

We have started the New Year off with role-play in our home; Garage and Chinese restaurant. Exploratory play so far has been through soapflakes, playdough, cornflour, paint and digging in the garden. Stories we have favoured have been Fireman Sam; Postman Pat; George and the Dragon; Zog and many more shared in the Library.

Until next time, Helen, Dianne, Sarah, Karen, Tasha, Lisa and Jayne.

CREWS WANTED – IS THIS YOU!

Living Without Abuse is holding its annual dragon boat festival on Saturday 26th May in Barrow upon Soar this event is an absolutely FANTASTIC DAY FOR ALL. Dragon boat racing is a truly exhilarating and enjoyable day...teams can be made up from work colleagues, friends, families or group organisations.



HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?

Go to www.dragonrace.org.uk or contact Michele on michele@lwa.org.uk

WHO CAN ENTER?

All ages can enter subject to our T & C [see website]. This year we are having a junior trophy for under 16s to compliment our adult competition so all ages can enter.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO ENTER?

This year we have various price packages to suit all ages and all pockets –

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Syston Library moved from Chapel Hall in Chapel Street to its current building in Upper Church Street in 1962. The library has changed a great deal in the last 50 years and in addition to the children's and adult's book collections it provides a DVD hire service and offers free internet and WIFI access.

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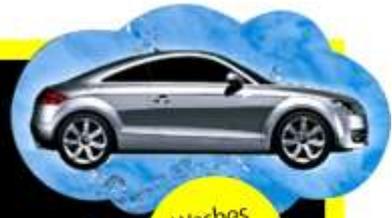
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On Sunday 29th January, 9 Air Cadets from 1181 (Syston) Squadron, Leicester, ventured out to RAF College Cranwell for some Air Experience Flying. This was the first flying allocation that the squadron had been given for 2012 and many cadets were keen to go! During the afternoon, the cadets flew in the Grob Tutor aircraft, a two seater light training aircraft. The cadets had the chance to use the aircraft controls, further their flying skills and all of them even got the chance to fly some aerobatics all with the help of the experienced pilots from 7 Air Experience Flight. One of the first time fliers was Cadet Studd who said "At first my nerves tried to take the best of me. But having being kitted up and getting in the aircraft, hearing the engine start made me excited! As soon as I was up there my nerves had gone and I even did aerobatics! An opportunity not to be missed!" Another one of the first time fliers was Cadet Sutton, "Flying was great! From the moment we got off the ground the excitement began! Climbing above the clouds my pilot suggested aerobatics and after getting used to the forces I got given the controls and did them myself (that was nerve racking, I think even the pilot was scared)! Great day, would recommend it to anyone!" 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 recruit new members and any interested parties should contact Flying Officer Kenyon on oc.1181@aircadets.org

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Staff, volunteers and patients at LOROS are celebrating the success of their Winter Warmer Raffle which has brought in over £125,000 this year.

Supporters had been invited to buy tickets with a chance of winning one of 8 prizes including a first prize choice between £10,000 cash or a brand new Peugeot 207 Access. Also ten lucky winners won £10 M&S vouchers in the early response draw held in October.

LOROS patient and former volunteer fundraiser Margaret Marshall drew the winning tickets when the draw was held at the hospice on Wednesday 21st December and the lucky winners have now been told the good news.

A representative from LOROS, Lottery Manager Liz Singleton said "The local hospice raffle is a fantastic way to raise funds for the hospice and also a way for LOROS to say thank you for support already received. The people of Leicestershire and Rutland have done it again. They have purchased tickets for our draw and made it a huge success, I really can't thank them enough".

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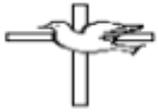


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St. Hilda's will host the Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday 2 March at 7.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Have you ever been to Launde Abbey. It is a beautiful place and there is a Snowdrop Spectacular there from 13 February to 18 March 2.00 -4.00 p.m. each day. Visitors can stroll through the gardens and wander amongst the magnificent display of snowdrops. Afterwards everyone is invited to relax in the refurbished dining room over tea, scones and jam. The cost is £5 per person which includes the refreshments, or a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children under 12) for £15 and under 3's are free. Visitors are advised to wear suitable footwear as some areas may be muddy. Their web site for more information is www.launde.org.uk

Our service times changed last year from 10.0 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. This enabled our minister to come and lead a service both at St. Hilda's and St. Michael's, Thurmaston on the same morning. So now we have our vicar Javaid each Sunday. The change has taken a bit of getting used to but it seems to be working well.

Last year the interior of the building was decorated and the floors repolished, so it is looking very smart. It is ideal for a wedding and the hall and kitchen are available to hire for the wedding reception if required. We have had 2 weddings recently and would like to see more.

Easter is fast approaching and there will be special services at St. Hilda's to celebrate. Please see the notice board for details.

Jane Mercy - Church Warden

2011 CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

I would like to say a very big THANKYOU to everyone for making the Christmas Tree such a success. Yet again I was amazed at the thoughts and ideas everyone put into decoration their trees. It makes you want to go out and re-read the books again. I was sad when the trees had to come down but then I love Christmas trees.

The money that was raised this time amounted to £198 this will be distributed to the following six groups.

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Get your thinking caps on for this years trees!!! Can you believe this will be our sixth year, and it cannot happen without your help so once again THANKYOU VERY MUCH. I am not sure as this goes to print what the theme will be so watch out for your summer issue of LONGFURROW .

Just a reminder that the SCARECROW TRAIL WILL BE TAKING PLACE IN APRIL AFTER EASTER.

God Bless you all Tricia xxxx

LOROS WINTER WARMER RAFFLE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Eight lucky LOROS supporters recently celebrated winning a prize in the LOROS Winter Warmer Raffle draw held at the hospice just prior to Christmas.

The first prize winner, Ruth, who wishes to remain anonymous, has been a supporter of the hospice for many years and a volunteer in one of the LOROS shops for the last 11 years. She was utterly amazed when she received a telephone call from Lottery Manager Liz Singleton telling her of her good fortune but delighted once the news had sunk in. Ruth then had a big decision to make; having been offered the choice between £10,000 in cash or a brand new Peugeot 207 Access, she consulted her family and after some deliberation decided to take the cash.

Liz Singleton commented "When the draw was made nobody realised that Ruth was a regular volunteer for LOROS, it wasn't until I telephoned with the news that I found out. I'm delighted that on this occasion someone who has given so much to LOROS over the years has won the first prize". The Winter Warmer Raffle brought in over £125,000, a fantastic amount of money which will help to maintain vital services both at the hospice and out in the community. Liz added "I would like to take this opportunity to thank our supporters for their generosity. The profit from this raffle will make a real contribution to patient care, both at the hospice and in the community".

The winning ticket numbers in the LOROS Winter Warmer Raffle are:

0532271: £10,000

0294277: £500

0191392: £250

0299031: £50

0211607: £50

0409575: £50

0405558: £50

0537322: £50

The next major LOROS raffle draw will be held in May 2012 with tickets being mailed to supporters during March. Tickets will also be available from all LOROS shops or the lottery office on 0116 2318430 from mid March onwards. Another £10,000 cash prize will be on offer along with 7 other prizes and following the draw even more lucky winners will be announced.

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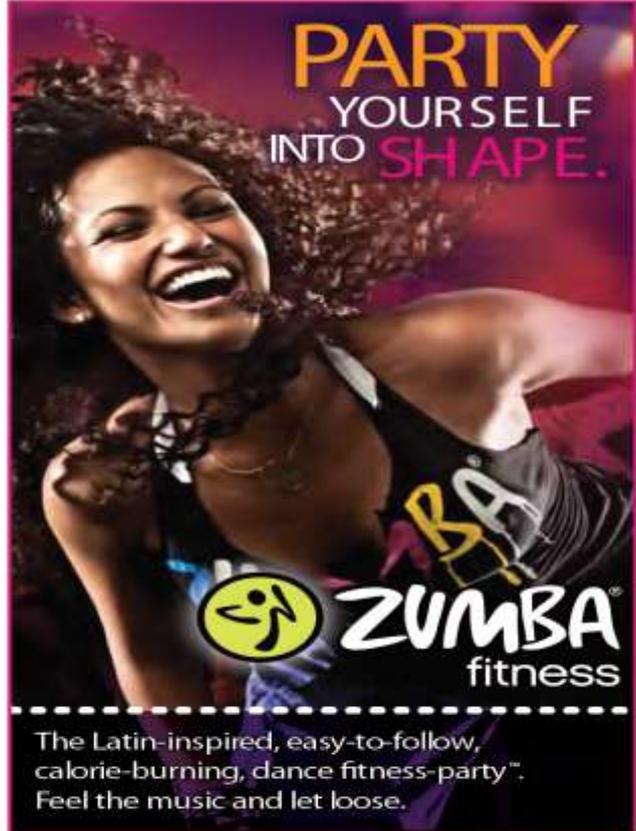
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The County Practice Dr. Hurwood and Partners Patient Participation Group

PRESS RELEASE

The County Practice Patient Participation Group was launched in May of this year. It is a group of people joining together in a voluntary capacity, to engage with the practice team to assist with the enhancement of services currently on offer, and to represent patient views. Through regular meetings, attended both by patients and practice staff, there is the opportunity to discuss topics of mutual **interest relating to the Practice. Essentially the PPG is the 'Patient's Voice'** and suggestions and feedback from patients are welcomed. It should be noted that this is not a forum for individual complaints; it provides the means for patients to make positive suggestions about the Practice and their own healthcare.

Acting as a representative group the PPG can be called upon to influence the local provision of health and social care. Discussions might relate to current services and future development of the Practice; ways of improving communication links; health awareness campaigns; self-help projects and much more.

In order to agree priority areas for both patients and the Practice, the PPG aims to collate patient views through the use of a survey open to all patients. Patients of The County Practice are urged to look out for the survey which will be available from mid November. Copies will be available at the surgery for patients to complete if they visit and an electronic version will be accessible on the practice website <http://www.countypracticesyston.nhs.uk/> for those who prefer to use the internet. All responses will be treated in the strictest confidence but are essential to assist the PPG in agreeing an action plan for the way forward. It is important that the group hear from as many patients as possible so whatever your age, sex, ethnicity the group needs your input. Look out for the survey and have your say!

The Patient Participation Group can be contacted on systonppg@yahoo.co.uk alternatively you may write to them care of the surgery.

THE GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE

RSPB GARDEN BIRDWATCH IN EAST GOSCOTE: Let's start off with the annual garden birdwatch. I've only done this recently but I really recommend it. Organised every year by the RSPB, it's a great opportunity to stop what you are doing for one hour. Sit down with warming mug of something (or may be a glass if the sun is over the yard arm ?) and wonder at the diversity of nature in your back garden or in a park if you don't have a garden. It helps if you put out some bird food first. Preferably the proper stuff. Wilko's have a good selection now and I find the Bill Oddie ones go down better than the own brand but anything will do. You can supplement it with scraps. Fatty scraps, bits of cheese etc are particularly welcome at this time of year but not too much bread. Fresh water is almost as important both for drinking and bathing. In freezing weather, a shallow plastic tub with a taper on the sides will enable you to keep emptying the ice blocks out and refilling it with clean water.

This year the event took place over the weekend of 28 and 29 January so if you missed it, make a note in your diary for next year. It's really well organised. You can download a sheet of common garden birds or find it in the Radio Times and check off the maximum number of each species in the garden at any one time. Binoculars and something nice on the radio add to the enjoyment if you are at home. If you feed back your results, the RSPB can then collate them into possibly the biggest survey of bird-life anywhere on the planet and you get a really relaxing, inexpensive and interesting hour.

This year we saw two each of blackbird, blue tit, chaffinch, collared dove and robin. Also 4 dunnock (hedge sparrows), 1 goldfinch, 3 house sparrows, 1 magpie, 1 starling, 3 woodpigeon and and joy of joys, 2 wrens. Most things were about the same but a real delight to have the wrens back after being decimated last winter. I'm putting out more insect type foods like meal worms now to try and keep them going. Not putting in an appearance on the day but the star of our visitors is a great spotted woodpecker who comes occasionally to the peanut feeder, I suspect when he is desperately hungry.

One final point with my Waste Action Volunteer hat on – the bird table is a great way if disposing of certain bits of food waste but you need to be selective and keep the bird table clean. Mind you, the birds would be best not to rely to heavily on food waste in our garden. We are baby boomers so not a lot gets wasted !



Mrs Blackbird enjoys a meal-worm and clean water is handy (left). Green cone food digester – free dig in offer ends in March (right).



KEEP THE COMPOSTERS COMPOSTING: You think you have heard all possible composting tips and tricks and then something new comes along. I've been using corrugated cardboard torn up into bits to add "browns" to the compost mix for ages. I've also wrapped the composter in bubble wrap and corrugated cardboard sheets as a winter overcoat. Then some of my Master Composter colleagues gave me this tip. When you empty your composter in Autumn, line the inside of it with corrugated cardboard sheets. This provides thermal insulation, helps to dry the contents which are usually on the wet side in winter, creates a great habitat in the little tubes for creepy crawlies and ultimately they can eat it when it gets warmer and starts to break down. An excellent way of recycling waste packaging. I recommend plain brown corrugated cardboard for this job rather than the printed stuff. I was too late to do this to an empty composter but managed to slide four separate sheets down the inside of my garden dalek. Keep your composter warm and take care to keep warm yourself. Spring is not too far away.

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 or advice on composting or recycling, contact David on 2606773, 07724891627 or david.cannon9@btinternet.com . Other useful links: www.recyclenow.com , www.lovefoodhatewaste.com , www.leics.gov.uk/index/environment www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/recycling .

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The LOROS Lottery has recently launched their latest scratch card game featuring two brand new designs. One card is based on an idea from a patient at the LOROS Manor Croft Day Therapy Unit, the other is designed with wedding favours in mind and features two champagne glasses.

Most importantly LOROS scratch cards play a vital part in raising funds for patient care at the hospice, Manor Croft and throughout Leicestershire and Rutland.

The ever popular scratch cards are now even brighter and both designs offer the chance to win up to £1000! Priced at just £1 each the new scratch cards are available from all 21 LOROS shops or for bulk orders from the lottery office direct on 0116 2318430.

Why not purchase LOROS scratch cards for your special event - they make fantastic table favours at weddings, corporate events, parties and much more or place them into birthday and special occasion greetings cards - the ideas are endless!

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Broomfield News



Reduce, Recycle and Reuse

On Monday 16th January, Year 6 had a visit from Alan, who was part of PAL's Productions, to teach us all about the 3 R's – Reduce, Recycle and Reuse.



We started the day by learning all about why it is important not to waste materials so we don't end up living in our own rubbish!

Alan then told us we had to learn and practice a play called the 'The Waste Watchers' and we would perform it to the entire school by the end of the day! We all had a part to play and everyone in the class really enjoyed it. Amber said, "I loved it, it was a brilliant experience" Another pupil commented, "It was a really fun day performing the play and singing funny songs, whilst still learning all about recycling!"

Thanks to Alan, Year 6 really learned a lot, but not only did the children enjoy it, the teachers did as well! Year 6 will always remember the motto: "Reduce, Recycle and Reuse ... do it and you will never lose!"



By Layla Corrall and Lucy Joshi

Botanical Gardens recount by Jessica Turner.

"On Wednesday 1st February, Year 2 went to the Botanical Gardens. We all got in to groups and did different activities. The first thing I did was hopscotch, which was in a pattern.

We had to find out lots of answers that we had to write down in booklets that we had been given. Next we went into a maze, and had to draw a shape that we could see, I drew a circle.

After that we went into a greenhouse and to had to find the smallest leaf.



Then we had to find circles and write them down. Afterwards we went into a Cactus house, but we had to be careful because they were as sharp as needles!

We looked for a leaf that we could fold symmetrically, we counted stairs and after that I found the sundial, but I didn't really know how it worked.

On the way to lunch, my group got lost, after looking everywhere we finally found the others and we all had lunch together."

We went back to school on the bus and my group sat on the top seats.

Botanical Gardens recount by Abigail Weale.

"On Wednesday we went on a trip to the Botanical Gardens. We saw lots of flowers and plants there. We did a numeracy job, it was fun. After a few hours it was lunch time, my lunch was yummy.



We went to the Cactus house, the cacti were as spiky as needles. We had to be safe in the cactus house."

STEP

Two Year 6 School Councillors from our school and all the schools in our area have been participating in STEP meetings to discuss how we can make the environment



a better place. STEP (Systeon and Thurmaston Extended Programme) is a family of 14 schools based in Systeon, Thurmaston and the surrounding villages.

Last year the meetings were about bullying. We all wanted to make sure that people could see how bad bullying is. We made a video to teach other pupils about bullying. We took all our ideas back to school and shared them with the whole school. All schools decided to make posters that were displayed all over Leicestershire. Layla who is 10, said "Since STEP has been promoting anti bullying I haven't noticed any bullying at all."

This year at STEP meetings we have been discussing how to improve our parks. We have decided that we are focussing on Elizabeth Park in Thurmaston and Central Park in Systeon. We would like to put in better equipment in the park for teenagers. We have also carried out questionnaires about the two parks to see how they can be improved.

We really enjoy our STEP meetings and would to thank all the schools and staff that are involved.

By Alisha Keogh and Mia Agar

Ling Peng



Broomfield had a visit from Ling Peng, who told us all a traditional Chinese tale in assembly. We enjoyed listening to the very long Chinese boy's name and joining in with the story.

Ling also played a traditional Chinese bowed instrument called an Erhu. She explained it is over a thousand years old and is partly made from snakeskin.



Year 1 and 2 made traditional Chinese door hangings with Ling.

CELEBRITY LUNCHEON WITH ANGELA RIPPON, OBE, IN AID OF RAINBOWS HOSPICE

Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People is delighted to announce that popular TV personality, Angela Rippon, OBE, will be the guest speaker at the charity's annual celebrity luncheon.

The event will be held at the Leicester Tigers Stadium, Aylestone Road, Leicester on Wednesday 28 March 2012. Doors will open at 11.30am giving guests an hour to enjoy some retail therapy at various stalls within the Tigers suite. BBC Radio Leicester presenter, Dave Andrews will be the Master of Ceremonies.

Angela Rippon has been a familiar face and voice in British broadcasting for 45 years. She will talk about her career, which has embraced an impressive variety of programmes on both radio and television for both commercial and BBC stations in Britain, and for major networks in America and Australia.

Her work has been recognised by the Royal Television Society and she has entered into their Hall of Fame. In 2002 she was voted European Woman of Achievement and in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2004 she was awarded an OBE.

After being trained as a journalist in her home town of Plymouth, Angela was soon appointed as the UK's first woman newsreader in 1975 and she made two memorable appearances in the Morecambe and Wise Christmas Shows.

She currently presents and appears on Cash in the Attic, Rip Off Britain and The One Show.

Tickets for the luncheon are £35 and are available from Dana Simons, Rainbows Appeal Manager on 01509 638028 or you can visit www.rainbows.co.uk/shop. Tables can seat eight, ten or 12



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The New Women's Institute in Charnwood

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A new friendly Women's Institute group has been launched in January 2012 in East Goscote. The Charnwood Women's Institute Girls are meeting on the last Thursday each month in the village hall and all new members will be made very welcome. Sharon Burditt, Natalie McKeown and Nikki Drew are launching the 'new style' WI group, which will be aimed at first time members from Syston, East Goscote, Queniborough, Sileby, Rearsby, Thurmaston and anywhere else in the Charnwood area! If you can make it to our meeting, you are very welcome!

Charnwood WIGs is a fun way to try new things in 2012 and meet new friends along the way. Members will get a chance to learn new activities including crafts, cooking, fashion, health and wellbeing as well as listening to speakers talk about a variety of subjects. Many women feel they have missed out on some traditional craft and cooking skills and we aim to give everyone a chance to try something new in a relaxed and friendly environment. Themes for the spring 2012 meetings include cocktail making, yoga and beginners crafts. In February, we will be welcoming Holly Bell from 'The Great British Bake-Off' who will be making cup cakes with the group.

Anyone interested in finding out more is welcome to attend a meeting free of charge as our guest. Our regular meetings will take place on the 4th Thursday of each month at 8pm. More information can be found via our Facebook group 'Charnwood W.I.' or via 0785 679 5124

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The service, which is completely free, is available by logging on to: www.pinewoodliteracy.co.uk then clicking on the Reading and Writing page. It begins with ideas to learn phonics and will move on to identification of vowels. This will be followed by blending letters then making the link between reading and writing. Weekly updates allow people to make regular progress. Steve explained that, "This method is successful because it depends on the parent's interaction with his or her child rather than upon a series of photocopied worksheets. It's an old fashioned approach, but it works!"

Library book sales

Syston and Thurmaston Libraries are both having a book sale. Old library books and DVDs will be sold to make way for the new stock and anyone who would like to have a browse should drop in to see if they can pick up a bargain. Syston Library's book sale is between Monday 13th February and Saturday 19th February. Thurmaston Library's book sale is between Monday 5th March and Saturday 10th March.

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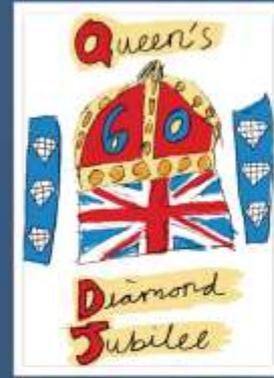
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BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT-
FEBRUARY 2012

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

Looking back:

Last year was very challenging for everyone involved in Local Government, but to quote the Leader of Charnwood Borough Council, "I think Charnwood has come through it well".

Here are just a few of the achievements the Council have gained during 2011:

- * Home Office backed award for Customer Service Excellence.
- * Received praise from the Audit Commission for soundly managing the finances.
- * Froze Council tax for residents.
- * Restructured the Council's senior management posts to deliver £427,000 in savings.
- * Hosted a major conference to share the Council's pioneering and award winning work to tackle anti-social behaviour.
- * The UK Corporate Games were held in Charnwood.
- * Completed the Eastern Gateway project.
- * Rolled our new green bins to make recycling easier.
- * Signed a new contract to sell recycle which will generate revenue for the Council.
- * Entered into a new contract to run the Leisure Centres and saved thousands of £s per year.
- * Gave out tens of thousands of pounds worth of grants to help voluntary and charitable groups as well as supporting talented athletes and sporting clubs.

Government Funding:

Charnwood have said that the long-awaited plans to boost Loughborough's economy, spark regeneration and improve safety can become a reality after a multi-million pound government cash injection. Leicestershire County Council has been told by the Department for Transport that its bid for £15 million has been successful.

The money will be used to complete the inner relief road, connect parts of the town centre cut in half by the A6, make environmental improvements and bring in better public transport facilities. Work could start on the project, which is also designed to cut accidents in the town centre, as early as next spring.

The improvements have been over 40 years in the making and as well as making the town safer and more attractive, will attract further investment, development and regeneration, and help to secure a prosperous future for Loughborough.

The plans were originally submitted in August 2007 but were put on hold following the government's spending review last autumn. It is hoped that the improvements will be complete by spring 2015.

Charnwood Borough Council said: "This project is a tremendous investment in the town and is fantastic news for businesses and residents alike as we hope it will bring new opportunities to Loughborough and to Charnwood."

Graffiti:

As you will no doubt be aware, back in January the Post Office walls in the village were covered in rather unsightly graffiti. Many thanks must go to the graffiti cleaning team at Charnwood Borough Council who turned out to clean it up in what was at the time, quite horrendous weather!

The Village Hall Management Committee have been working very hard as usual on behalf of the village, and as well as the normal functions that the Parish Clerk and Members carry out on your behalf, they have been successful in securing a "Staying Healthy Community Grant", along with the local Doctor. I hope that lots of you will support this project and attend the free events being offered – Look out for more details in the next edition of the Long Furrow.

Surgeries:

My monthly 'surgeries' will be held in the Village Hall on the last Saturday of every month, beginning March 31st through to October 27th, and between the hours of 2pm & 3pm. You are very welcome to pop in for a tea, coffee, etc...or just a chat!

However, you can always contact me at any other time by telephone or email.

Kindest regards,

Cllr. Cathy Duffy.

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~ Presentation to our retiring Councillors ~

Pictured above from left to right:

Vice Chairman Cllr June Kyle, Mrs. Maureen Loseby, Chairman Cllr Bob Black, Mrs Betty Allen.

The Chairman and Vice Chair of the East Goscote Parish Council made a presentation to two of our retiring Councillor's.

Mrs Maureen Loseby and Mrs Betty Allen have decided to retire having served the East Goscote Parish Council for 16 years, and 15 years respectively, to pursue their personal interests and have more time with their families.

Both ladies have done so much for the village and have worked tirelessly over the years having given up much of their free time. They will be very much missed by this Council.

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New Housing Development?

Dear Mr Thompson

Re: Planning Application Ref. P/11/2795/2

East Goscote is within the Leicestershire County Council Syston Fosse Division that I represent. I have been approached by a number of East Goscote residents because they are extremely concerned about the outline planning application that involves a proposal to build 74 dwellings on the former Rearsby Roses site. The land as you know is in the parish of East Goscote and forms a very narrow area of local separation. This proposal would, because of its location, scale and design, destroy the predominantly open and undeveloped character of the area.

The Borough of Charnwood Local Plan was adopted only 8 years ago in 2004 and it was stressed that areas of local separation were important and should be protected.

Local Plan Policy CT/4 defines this land is as an area of local separation and asserts that local residents have previously stated the importance of preserving the separate identities of communities. Also the Borough of Charnwood Local Plan recognises that these already narrow gaps should remain open and undeveloped to secure effective separation.

Although Charnwood Borough Council has not yet adopted a new Local Development Framework it cannot be sensible to take an irreversible decision to destroy the separate identities of Villages in general and East Goscote/Rearsby in particular.

Should development take place on this site future generations will be highly unlikely to understand why planners did not safeguard the unique identity of East Goscote. The Borough of Charnwood is spread over 280 square kilometres and only around 10% of this has been built on. There is plenty of land that does not form an area of separation which is more appropriate to develop. Also new emerging planning policies are to only promote residential developments close to existing urban infrastructure in order for them to be sustainable.

I urge you resist this application for a change of use and to recommend to Charnwood Borough Council's Planning Committee that they should refuse this planning application for the above reasons.

Kind regards.

Dave Houseman, Leicestershire County Councillor

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS FEBRUARY 2012

Rearsby Roses - Where do we stand?

At our last Meeting the Parish Council voted to reject the proposals for this project. The public consultation was inconclusive, but Plans have now been lodged with Charnwood Borough Council and can be viewed on the Planning Portal on their website www.charnwood.gov.uk - planning explorer by putting in the application number - P/11/2795/2

The Documents available include the results of a Geological survey conducted on behalf of the applicants (GEG Properties), a flood risk assessment, many supporting documents and details of correspondence to Charnwood Borough Council and Letters from Neighbours. I would strongly recommend that our readers look at these submissions. There was also a petition raised by a resident and leafleting of the village.

Rearsby Parish Council has also rejected the proposals and have leafleted their village as well. We all need to attend the planning committee meeting to voice our opposition to this proposal. The deadline for written objections was 3rd February 2012.

Parish Diary

In August, we sadly received resignations from two very experienced Councillors; you will see the picture of them being presented with a gift from the Parish Council elsewhere in the magazine.

November began with a flurry of activity with 2 new Councillors joining; Kelly Barber and Karen McCalman both bring new skills to the council.

I was also privileged to take part, along with our Chairman and Vice Chairman in our Remembrance Parade with the young people of East Goscote and was pleased to see our village so well represented by our Scouts, Various Brigades and organisations

The event finished with a service of remembrance at St Hildas and a march back through the village.

Also during November we were fortunate to have 5 dropped kerbs installed by Leicestershire County Council, thanks to the hard work on our behalf of Cllr David Houseman. This will make life easier for all those wheelchair/scooter users.

December we had our Christmas extravaganza with the Village hall trimmed up as Santa's Grotto, a Christmas Fair in Sims and the Traditional Christmas Tree exhibition in St Hilda's.

Santa was on hand to hear the children's Christmas wishes and each child received a selection box. A special thank you to all Councillors and volunteers who gave their own time to make this event special for the children of the village and to help raise valuable funds for the village Hall.

At our final meeting of the year thoughts are already turning to the challenges of the New Year and the upcoming Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of Her majesty the Queen, more details on that are featured in this magazine.

Creation of a Youth Committee

We are also planning to introduce a Youth Committee onto the village. We highly value the opinions of our young people and the committee will be open to anyone between the ages of 9 - 17, application forms will be available from the Parish Council Office along with a brief description of the committees aims, there will be a maximum of 10 places available, as well as 1 for a parent.

V.A.S

The village will be monitoring vehicles speeds using our Vehicle Activated Sign, for three months commencing in April.

Neighbourhood watch

NHood Watch – Our Co-ordinator Ellen Hewitt is trying to re-establish the contact list so that the village residents may be informed of crime as soon as possible. Please contact Ellen and volunteer to be your street contact.

New Office Assistant

We have a new Office Assistant Starting on January 30th, I am sure she will be familiar to many of you as it will be Cathy Duffy.

Our Council website has been updated with Councillor photographs. To look at our website please go to

<http://eastgoscote.leicestershireparishcouncils.org>

Look out in the May edition of the Long Furrow for a "Staying Healthy Communities grant" which the village hall committee are working hard to produce along with the local Doctor. Hopefully plans will be successful and the village will benefit from this project.

Finally we have a vacancy for a Councillor, following the resignation of Mr Porter. Any willing residents must write in indicating their interest in becoming a Councillor to the Parish Council offices.

Simon Bradshaw (Councillor)

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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
Beedles Lake Golf Club		0116 2606759	Police (Syston)		2222222
Borough Councillor	Cathy Duffy	2929419	Post Office		2606236
Brownies	Rosemary Fraser	2602912	Rainbow Guides	Sue Bowles	2375475
Broomfield School		2606704	Charnwood B.C. Recycling & Composting		01509 634563
Bizy Bees Pre School	Helen Batson	07971274405	Scout group/Hut	Steve Round	2607774
Charnwood B Council		01509 263151	Scouts	Phil Bott	2692018
Chiropodist		564321	St Hilda's Bookings	Tricia Marsland	2609088
Cubs	Jayne Disney	2608786	St Hilda's Vicar	Javid Iqbal	2692555
Afternoon Tea	Tricia Marsland	2609088	Syston Bowling Club		2692105
Country Western Dance		01949 881502	Syston Catholic Church	Fr Anthony Pateman	2608476
Daisy Chain	Natalie Palfreyman	2607923	Syston Methodist Church	Rev Dave Warnock	2607626
MP	Stephen Dorrell	2608609	Syston Model Railway Club	Chris Leach	2605760
E G Parish Council	Liz Pizer	2602202	Syston Volunteers	Kathleen Sommerfield	2607888
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U11's	John Palmer	07707050773	Twinning Association	Eileen Ellis	2605933
U10's	Neil Adams	07976533337	Village Hall Bookings		2602202
U9 Blues	Paul Dowell	07933060659	Village Hall Pre School	Sally Lander	2694835
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