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Wreake Runners.....always up for a challenge!!

For the members of Wreake Runners it has been a fairly quiet couple of months in the race diary with just the first of the Summer League races having started at the end of May. However, there have been some individual challenges happening along the way....along with a celebration.....

London Marathon

We had 5 Wreake Runners participate in this years London Marathon – Jane Mayes, Liz Goodbourn, Karen Court, Matt Noble and Nigel Theobold. Getting ready for the run involved some hard training throughout the bitter cold Winter months we experienced and they all had a set time in mind that they wanted to finish in. To help this, there was participation in the Ashby 20 and the Oakley 20 races, where good times were secured. On the day of the marathon, it turned out to be quite a heatwave and people were flagging left, right and centre, but the Wreakies battled through and made it to the finish line with smiles on their faces. A large amount of money was raised for each individuals chosen charity, which made it all the more worthwhile.

Edinburgh Marathon

We also had 5 Wreake Runners participate in this years Edinburgh Marathon – Sophie and Matt Noble, Lyndsey

and Phil Wilson and Jon Finnemore. Apart from Matt, they were all first time marathon runners, however, the training had been started earlier this year and all were on schedule for a good finish time. On the day they were faced with extremely windy conditions but they all did really well. Again a lot of money was raised for each individuals chosen charity. After this, the marathon bug was caught, as a few of them have now entered for the Dublin marathon taking place at the end of October

After the Ashby 20: L-R Lyndsey Wilson, Sophie Noble, Phill Wilson, Matt Noble, Jane Mayes, Karen Court, Jim Ketteringham



Wreake Runner Pete Kirby turns 80!!

If there was ever one thing to prove that running keeps you fit and healthy, you only have to look at our eldest runner, Pete Kirby. Pete turned 80 at the beginning of June and to celebrate his birthday he has decided that he'd like to take a number of Wreake Runners out on a 15 mile cross country run – one of his favourite routes. Pete is often spotted out and about and does some high mileage routes on a weekly basis. Keep it up Pete!!

Mixing it up....

A couple of our Wreake Runners members are also members of the Leicestershire Orienteering Club and they decided to treat us to a night of Orienteering at Watermead Park. A good night was had by all, and the usual competitive spirit was out in force.

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the July edition of the Long Furrow. It hardly seems any time since the last edition in May. Time flies . . . looking back. . . but seems to drag when looking forward to the future. Can you guess what the pictures on the front cover are portraying for a year's time? I leave it to you to puzzle out.

Time often catches us out, especially when something unexpected happens. We were saddened to hear of the sudden death of Mr Nichols, the headmaster of Broomfield School last week. Death has a sobering effect on us, and often we question the value and purpose of life as a result. All religions seek answers to those questions, and in particular Jesus' answer to the purpose of life in Mark 12:30,31 .. (love God, and love your neighbour as yourself) has been the traditional Christian basis of our society, until recently. The recent events in the media show how far we have deviated from that teaching. Yet there are still many who follow the G.P.S system (God, People, Self) and Alan Nichol devoted a large part of his life to developing the lives of our children. We will remember his fun-loving nature for many years to come. He will be sadly missed.

Many others in this community spend a large part of their lives for the benefit of others. You only have to read through the pages of this issue to realise that. There are many articles missing this time, simply because of the shortage of time. People are busy. I think we all feel the pressure of time, and I suspect long for more time to relax. I used to think I would rather "wear out" than "rust out" as I got older, but the older I get, I am not so sure of that anymore! !

We all need time to restore the balance in our lives. Perhaps a balanced G.P.S. system will provide the secure guidance we all need through life. I hope you all manage to find time to relax over the coming summer months.

Dennis Bishop

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This term we welcomed Charlotte, Florence and Daisy-Bo.

We have been very busy making sun dials, Father's Day cards and a sunflower height chart. The girls have also planted sunflower seeds and decorated their plant pots.

We have been working towards an 'Out and About' Badge, which has involved us completing lots of interesting activities: Community Support Officer, Laura Grimbly visited and gave a talk about being safe whilst playing out and 'Stranger Danger', also, we went on a nature walk to Watermead Park, where the girls had fun finding different animals and plants.

Queniborough Rainbows invited us to join them and Rearsby Rainbows to play some team games. Everyone received sweets and mini trophies for taking part.

We will complete our Rainbows Summer Term with a 'Beach Party'!

Sadly, we say 'Goodbye' to Hannah, Poppy-Ann, Eva and Heidi; we wish them well as they move on to Brownies after the summer.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sue Riley (**Rowan**) - Tel: 2600782 for all enquiries.

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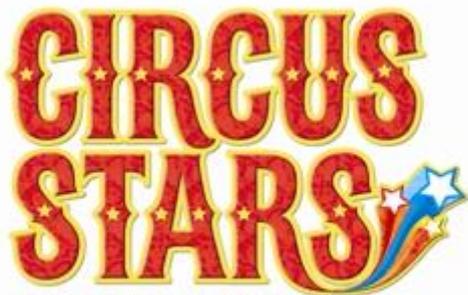


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Look out for Circus Stars events in museums and libraries.

Local Events -

East Goscote Library - Children and families can join in the fun on Wednesday 3rd August 10.30am – 11.30am at a 'Clowning Around' event. Places are limited so booking in advance is necessary, contact East Goscote Library on 0116 3053510 to book your place.

Syston Library - Children and their families can drop in on Thursday 4th August anytime between 10am – 12.30pm & 2pm – 4pm to take part in a Poetry event.

Thurmaston Library - Children and families can join in the fun on Wednesday 10th August 1.30pm – 2.30pm at a 'Clowning Around' event. Places are limited so booking in advance is necessary, contact Thurmaston Library on 0116 3053513 to book your place.

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Visit from Brooksby College

Continuing our theme on animals/mini-beasts/reptiles we were extremely fortunate to secure a date for Brooksby College to bring into preschool some examples of insects/reptiles. This really brought the theme to life; the children enjoyed this immensely and the adults overcame some of their fears!!!!

We were also lucky to have a visit from Indiana's Giant African snail...thank you.

Camp-site role-play

As many children have had holidays or are looking forward to them we thought it would be fun to create a big camp site in our garden. The children enjoyed making maps; making sandcastles in the sand tray; using nets to fish in our water trough; making picnics; using cameras/binoculars and sleeping in the tents!



Growing



The children have been looking at 'growing' and have planted strawberries, peas, lettuces, sunflowers and sweet peas in our lovely garden. Also the children created their own 'cress caterpillar' out of egg boxes/pipe cleaners/cotton wool and cress seeds. The children enjoyed 'The hungry caterpillar' story sack and dancing to the Ugly bug ball. After a few weeks of taking their caterpillars home some children brought photos or the caterpillar back in to show us how the cress had grown!

The future is busy and bright!

At the time of writing this we are really busy in Preschool with new starter inductions; visits from Reception teachers; children's visits into Schools; a Pirate theme; Teddy bears picnics; Sports day and Leavers ceremonies. We say bye bye to 21 children this summer and wish them well for their journey ahead at Primary Schools.

Looking forward to telling you all about the above in the next Long Furrow from Helen, Dianne, Tasha, Lisa, Jayne, Karen and Sarah.

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On 21st AUGUST 2PM - 7PM

During this time we will be serving Afternoon Tea until
5.30pm

We will then close the weekend with a SONGS OF PRAISE
at 6pm. If you would like a Hymn included in the service
please let us know and we will do our best to include it.

Please let me or Gill Morton know if you would like to
show a scarecrow so that we can include it in the map.
Let's see if we can top the amount we did last year. I was
so thrilled to see so many and such clever folk we have
living in our village. For further information or to hold a
stall on the Saturday please contact Tricia Marsland
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There will be a list in Mr D's shop to add your name to the
map.

Proceeds this year will be split between HELP FOR HERO'S
and ST. HILDA'S CHURCH to help with refurbishment.

Scarey Holiday Complaints

(submitted by a resident)

No-one told us there would be fish in the sea. The children
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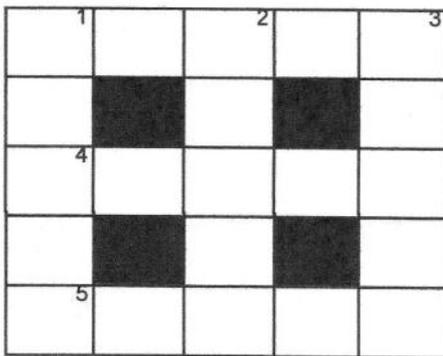
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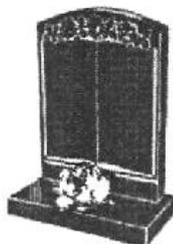
We booked an excursion to a water park, but no-one told us we had to bring swimming costumes and towels!

Topless sunbathing on the beach should be banned. The holiday was ruined as my husband spent all day looking at other women!

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We went to Fleury for the weekend 27/28th May - 30th May. Four cars went and 11 persons, 3 cars went on the Friday at different times, and the 4th car went early Saturday morning. We all had a good journey there.

The Saturday was spent with the families and also Sunday (some of us attended the Mothering Sunday celebrations at the old peoples home, and all the ladies were handed umbrellas - the joke was they had not had any rain since the end of January) until the evening, when the Soiree was held at a Logie de France at a nearby village, it was a splendid venue. All of the Fleury twinningers attended, drinks and canapes outside first, then we went in for a very good sit down dinner. We all left at about 11.00pm.

On the Monday morning at the old peoples home a brunch was served for those of the French that could attend and all the English, this was for a informal committee meeting to discuss the future of our twinning. One car then departed to go home, and the remaining returned at their leisure.

We could not have asked for better weather for the whole weekend, some got suntanned.

We are now looking forward to greeting them next year.

Yours sincerely

Terry Brown
Chairperson

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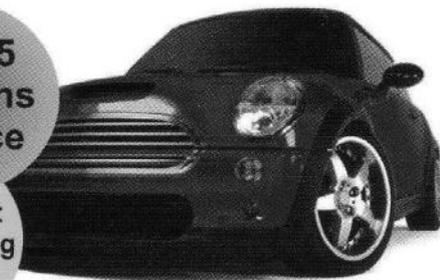
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On 3 July some of us joined with the people from St. Michael's, Thurmaston on a bus trip to Wicksteed Park. There was an outdoor service upon arrival followed by a big group picnic. Then everyone went their separate ways to enjoy the rides. It was a very enjoyable day and the weather was perfect. This now seems to be a yearly event.

Some people may have seen the church's stall at the Scouts Fete advertising 'Messy Church' and there were a number of people who turned up to the first one in June. Messy Church is for parents and children to get involved together with all sorts of craft work based on bible stories. There's also some singing, stories and food. Messy Church will be held at St. Hilda's on the second Thursday of the month from 3.30 - 5.30 p.m.

A Pet Service will be held on 7 August at 4.0 p.m. at St. Michael's, Thurmaston. This will be a short open air service followed by a walk and a barbeque. Donations to cover the cost of the barbecue are welcome. Everyone is welcome to come along and bring your pet which must be kept under control at all times. If you would like to participate in this please let Javid know on 07782169987.

A Scarecrow Walk combined with Church Fete is to be held

on 20 and 21 August. There will be various stalls on the Saturday and teas in the church. On the Sunday at 6.0 p.m. we will be having our Songs of Praise. We hope lots of villagers will come and join in on one or both days.

During the summer months there will be continuing work to improve the building. The hall, lounge and foyer area are to be painted and all the floors are going to be resealed and polished. I hope hirers will notice the difference when they return after the summer holidays! The P.C.C. has approved the plans for the new loos and we have now to wait for diocesan approval of these and then hopefully work can begin later in the year.

Harvest Weekend at St. Hilda's is 8 and 9 October. Harvest Supper is on the Saturday evening followed by our Harvest Service at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday. Again you are very welcome to join us.

Looking further ahead to November, St. Hilda's Day falls on Saturday 19 November. Bishop Christopher is going to be celebrating this with us and we invite all friends of St. Hilda's to celebrate with us also. It will be an opportunity for us to thank all those who have helped in any way to enhance the life of the church. There will be supper afterwards.

If you would like to know more about any of these events please telephone me on 2694057 - Jane Mercy (Church Warden)

September is again the time to promote opportunities and activities for Older People in Leicestershire and Rutland

A series of events and activities around the theme of 'Independence, Wellbeing, Community' will soon be underway across Leicestershire and Rutland. Booklets with listed activities, events and information are widely available from August – so you are encouraged to look out for them and take part!

To whet your appetite: Come to a launch event in Wigston, Leicester or Loughborough to find out more. Join in with one of the big information and fun days in taking place across the County. Go along to have your health checked and find out more about what is available at your local libraries. Come and listen to some useful speakers on topical subjects. Go to a singalong or just have a coffee and chat. Go on one of the many physical activities taking place throughout the month and perhaps try something for the first time!! Take advantage of the will writing promotion throughout September and October.... the list is endless!

For more information about getting booklets, advance dates of events and how to be involved and active, contact Liz McGregor, Engagement Officer for Older People on 0116 2334243 e-mail: liz@communitiesinpartnership.org.uk

John Walton

Mr. John Walton would like to say a very big THANKYOU TO EVERYONE for making his 60 year Celebration as a Lay Reader so very special. The event was well attended by over 70 people who all wanted to say thank you to John for all the support he has given to them since he came to our village in 1978.

Folk from all the surrounding villages came to say thank you for what he had done for them taking services of Evensong, funerals, and Morning Service during this time.

As a thank you everyone donated money to a present for John. I have to say he would have rather we gave him some toffee [so he could give them away] but we persuaded him that folk wanted to give him a gift which was of use to him. So he has gratefully accepted the gift of a new electric cooker.

We are including a photograph of John with Bishop Christopher and Canon Iqbal at the event.



Whist Drives

Whist Drives are held in St. Hilda's Church Hall on the fourth Saturday of the month at 2.0 p.m. Entrance £3 to include a raffle ticket and afternoon tea. Following dates are:- 23 July, 27 August, 24 September, 22 October and 26 November. If you can play Whist why not come along and join us, you will be very welcome.

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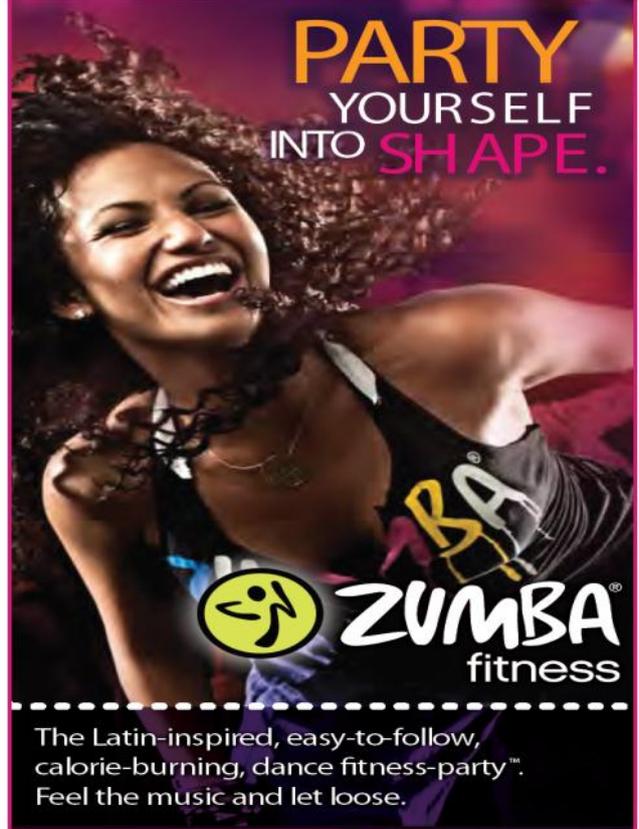


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THE GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE

HOME COMPOSTER COMPETITION: East Goscote Parish Councillors and Staff put huge efforts in the last year into a couple of climate action events which put East Goscote on the local green map and benefited the residents of our village who took part. One home composter was left over at the end and the Parish Council have kindly let me use it as the prize in this competition. It's a 220 ltr Blackwall plastic "Dalek" type composter, currently part of Leicestershire County Council's promotion at £8 plus £5.49 delivery. You can see it on the home composter page of the LCC website and the photo (left) below. The winner will receive the composter free of charge delivered at their convenience complete with advice on where to locate it and ongoing support on how to use it for maximum benefit. These are cheap and cheerful composters but I really like them because they can divert a surprising amount of household fruit and vegetable waste from landfill and are pretty much fail safe unlike some of the more complicated designs. All you do is answer the following questions: 1 How can you distinguish a male compost worm from a female one ? 2 What is your most environmentally friendly suggestion for dealing with unwanted green recycling bins and/or boxes ? (I've made some suggestions below to get you started). The competition is open to any resident of East Goscote of any age. If you are not the householder, please obtain their approval. Answers on plain paper to East Goscote Parish Council or email me (see Contact Us below) together with your name and address by 9 August, 2011. Entries will be judged by myself and representative(s) of East Goscote Parish Council. Result to be announced in the next Long Furrow.

Good luck.



CHANGES TO RECYCLING: You may have heard that plans are in hand to change the Recycling Service in Charnwood. Basically the purple sacks and green box are to be replaced by a green 240 ltr wheelie bin to be distributed in the six weeks commencing 5 September 2011. That's the same size as most of the black wheelie bins in Charnwood. The recyclable materials don't change in the main but they all go into the green wheelie bin together (co-mingled as they call it in the business) including glass bottles and jars and a household battery collection will be added. The MIND charity clothing collection remains unchanged. Information about the changes is promised via the CBC website, press and events. However household leaflets are not mentioned at this stage ! The cost and environmental impact of vast quantities of disposable purple sacks is phenomenal so this change is welcome in many ways and was always on the cards once the novelty of wheelie bins in Charnwood had settled down. However I will be asking CBC about whether 240 ltrs will be enough recycling capacity for some users given that a single sack equates to about 100 ltrs and there's the glass volume on top. Admittedly a lot of sacks are poorly packed but even so. I will also be asking what is the plan for "big" cardboard which can currently be flattened and put under the sacks bearing in mind the high load level of a bin lift vehicle and the health and safety of the crew ? And then there's the issue of re-use of redundant green recycling bins and boxes. Exciting times ahead for Recycling in Charnwood and hopefully the key to a step change in recycling rate providing the snags are sorted.

DIY CHARNWOOD MINI COMPOSTER & WORMERY: As a Leicestershire Waste Partnership Master Composter and recently Waste Action Volunteer, I am always looking for ways to promote composting and reduce waste, especially when I was partly responsible for procuring 600 odd tonnes of it ! Well times change and recycling bins and boxes are to be replaced by recycling wheelie bins which will reduce sack waste, speed the operation and hopefully increase recycling rate. I've been working on re-use ideas. Firstly if you turn your green recycling bin upside down, cut out most of the base with a jig saw and pop the lid back on, you have a mini-composter (photos right). Most households still have a second dustbin which gives you two mini-composters – one active and the other maturing - a powerful combination. Or leave the green bin the right way up, drop some mesh in the bottom followed by some gravel for drainage, add peat free compost for bedding and some tiger or brandling worms, ventilate the lid and you have a wormery. There's a bit more to it than that so contact me for details.

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

System Air Training Corps

On Sunday 12th June, Air Cadets and Staff boarded the minibus in Syston, Leicester, for what should have been a fairly straightforward journey to the Annual RAF Cosford Air Show.

The day started sunny and bright, but as we hit the M69 the rain began and did not stop all day! We queued for 2 hours on the hard shoulder of the M54 (most of us by the time we reached the air field had our legs crossed!).

The rain was by now bucketing down and to make matters worse, it was getting colder and windy, not ideal conditions for flying!

However, some brave souls made it to the skies. The Turbulent display team, Royal Navy Black Cats, SWIP Team, Augusta A109, Red Arrows, Hawk solo display, Tornado GR4 Role Demo, O' Briens Flying Circus and the Blades display team.

The display teams were, by and large, only able to do half of their usual display as the cloud base was far too low.

Congratulations and massive thanks to all the pilots who managed to put their aircraft into the air.

The Air Cadets and Staff were completely drowned but not downhearted. A good time was had by all.

On the return journey, we stopped at a local well known chicken shop to stock up on food supplies!

Then home to bed!!

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



Article written by CI Dan Reeves



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My friend: she doesn't like being deaf; she didn't want to be deaf. Again, just a few simple things make life so much easier: one example is making sure the hearing person let's her know when they want to tell her something; a gentle tap on the shoulder or a small wave of the hand in her vision range maybe. And it doesn't help if they babble on. She can grasp far more if the sentences are short and to the point.

Wearing a hearing aid helps her some of the time, but even the new fangled digital one isn't perfect. Again, there's a misconception about hearing aids. People think they correct dodgy hearing in the same way that glasses correct poor eyesight. If only that was true! In the end she gives up and becomes the smiling, nodding dog again. (Remember I told you about that in the first part). And, if you get stuck and can't get the message across, **please write it down**.

Using the phone! She's bought a special amplified phone (expensive!) to make life easier, but still makes mistakes. Let's try and laugh about it, shall we, because that usually eases the tension when you've had to say the same things ten times?

So, good luck with helping this dream to become a reality. It takes effort, thought and patience. I know, because my husband is partially deaf and, although my work is with people who are Deaf or hard of hearing, I still have to remember to do it at home! So the question is: "Do you consider that your family or friends are worth making the effort for?"

Joyce Langham

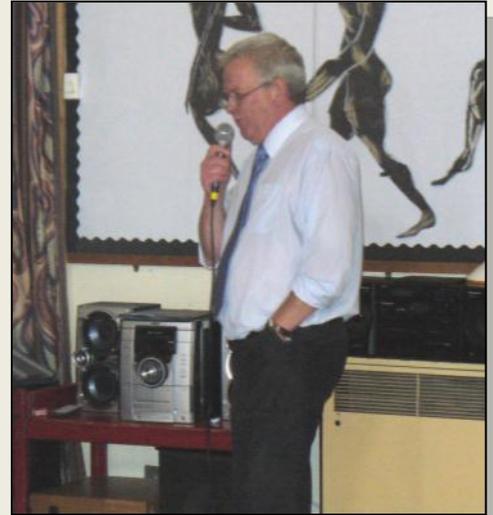


Broomfield News



Mr Alan Nichol
Headteacher at
Broomfield School
Will be sadly missed







BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT – JULY 2011

I would like to begin my report by thanking the residents of East Goscote very much for having faith in me and for returning me as your Borough Councillor for another term. It is my sincere intention to carry on working hard on behalf of the village over the next four years.

I have been allocated with new Committee Membership's by the Council and these are: Policy Scrutiny Group, Overview Scrutiny Group, Member Development Reference Group and a 'Reserve Member' on the Charnwood Highways Forum.

I will be leafleting the village with my new 'surgery dates' sometime early in August, however as before, I can be contacted by telephone or email at anytime.

Since my re-election I have been very busy dealing with several personal problems such as anti-social behaviour, and neighbourly disputes (some of which have carried over since my last term of office) as well as working with the Parish Council on 'Cleansing' issues. I have also been attending several 'refresher' Councillor Induction Courses which I find to be very useful as legislation, etc, is always changing.

This brings me onto my first report:

* Residents are being urged to have their say on anti-social behaviour and crime at a series of summer road-shows aimed at boosting community safety in Charnwood. The Charnwood Community Safety Partnership will be visiting 16 venues throughout the Borough to give people the chance to voice their concerns to Charnwood Borough Council, Leicestershire Police, Charnwood Neighbourhood Housing, local Councillors and other support agencies. Officers will be on hand to give information about how to report anti-social behaviour, how local agencies will respond to complaints and how residents will be supported to take a stand in their local communities to tackle issues.

The Road Show will be in East Goscote on Wednesday 14th September, at Merchants Common from 10am -3pm. If you have any issues or concerns, please try to come along to the Road Show for advice.

* Charnwood Borough Council has launched a 'Don't Muck Around' campaign – a 3 month blitz on car litter, fly-tipping and dog fouling. These three issues are the biggest source of environmental complaint the Council receives. Charnwood Borough Council has joined up with North West Leicestershire District Council and McDonald's with the aim of cleaning up the Borough and to deal with offenders.

Throughout July, the blitz will involve officers targeting patrols to catch fly-tippers and then in August the focus will turn to targeting dog fouling.

The Council has said that "every year they are faced with the same three issues and that they want to send out a clear message that they simply will not tolerate people treating the Borough as a dustbin".

If you have any information you would like to pass onto the Council then you call in confidence on 01509 634564 or email cleaner.greener@charnwood.gov.uk

* Charnwood Borough Council is introducing a new recycling service in September which will replace the current purple sack and green box system. Residents will no longer have to separate paper, card, plastics, metal and glass; all of these items can be disposed off for recycling in a **NEW** green wheelie bin. The new system aims to make recycling easier and to encourage people to recycle more. The green wheelie bins will be delivered across the Borough over a six-week period, starting on 5th September 2011, and collections will start two weeks after each bin has been delivered. Exactly two weeks prior to the bin being delivered, an information leaflet will be put through your door by the collection crews, along with a battery collection bag. A variety of communication techniques will be used to inform residents of the new system.

As the purple bags and green boxes are no longer required you are welcome to keep them to use as you wish. Should you not want to keep them, then they can be put out for collection on the first two green wheelie bin collections, and they will be re-used or recycled. For info: Should residents not want a green wheelie bin for recycling, and do not qualify for an exemption, they can opt out of the service, but will not receive a Council Tax refund, nor an additional black bin collection.

* More than £8 million will be invested in improving sports centres. Charnwood Borough Council has agreed a deal with Fusion Lifestyle, which will take over the running of Loughborough, South Charnwood and Soar Valley Leisure Centres. The 10.5 year deal will see £1.9 million spent on new attractions, £2.4 million on equipment and £3.9 million on repairs and maintenance.

The Council consulted extensively with customers, stakeholders and Councillors and their feedback was crucial in determining the terms of the new contract. Fusion Lifestyle said that as a registered charity, they are committed to providing the local community with high quality services at a price people are willing and able to pay.

Kindest regards,

Cathy

Cllr.Cathy Duffy
01162929419

cllr.catherine.duffy@charnwood.gov.uk



Knitters across the UK are being asked to support The Big Knit 2011 by getting creative and knitting little woolly hats which will sit on innocent smoothie bottles from 16th to 30th November. For each be-hatted smoothie sold, innocent will give 25p to Age UK's Spread the Warmth campaign, helping to fund national and local winter projects. Age Concern Leicester Shire & Rutland has been tasked with knitting 30,000 hats by 30 September and needs the help of people of all ages to help make this a reality.

Knitters can contact Age Concern Leicester Shire & Rutland to get a simple hat pattern and for those who don't fancy making a hat themselves, wool and needles can be sent to Clarence House at 46 Humberstone Gate (LE1 3PJ) or Lansdowne House at 113 Princess Road East (LE1 7LA), both in Leicester to help others reach their target.

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



Friends of Chernobyl's Children

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Friends of Chernobyl's Children is a registered charity which devotes its energies to raising funds to bring children, who are at risk, from Belorussia to the UK for a month every year. The charity targets children from orphanages or disadvantaged homes, aged between six and thirteen. These children are in great need and come from social situations that make it difficult for them to get the care they require at home.

For more information regarding our Charity please contact our Co-ordinator Val Hatherall on: 07855 279571 (mobile) or (0116) 2697110 or e-mail val@hatheralls.fslife.co.uk

The organisers have been busy planning a month of activities for the 12 children to take part in during their visit in September. Part of this programme of events will be a visit to Broomfield Primary School for the day. During the day, the Russian children will join Year 5 – who have been learning a bit about them and where they come from during Broomfield's cultural week.

We have also been busy raising the much-needed funds to pay for the children's air fare and visit whilst staying in the local area. They would like to thank local families for their support at these fundraisers. Without your help we would not be able to bring the children over, thank you. Our next fundraiser is a Triathlon on Sunday September 4th – contact Val (details above) for more information. We also need to ask a very big favour:

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Lottery

On what would have been her 58th wedding anniversary Dorothy Patchett found herself visiting LOROS to receive a cheque for £10,000 after winning the 2011 Local Hospice Grand Raffle.

Before he died Dorothy's husband, John, had been a patient at LOROS and whilst receiving respite care had commented to his family that he thought LOROS was a wonderful place. It was John who had originally joined the LOROS Lottery and after his death Dorothy decided to continue her husband's lottery number in his memory and she now plays the weekly lottery on a regular basis. When Dorothy received a call from Lottery Manager Liz Singleton telling her that she had won the annual Grand Raffle she really couldn't believe her luck. Her immediate reaction was to ring her youngest daughter and, Dorothy told Liz, they both ended up in tears.

As Dorothy received the cheque from Liz whilst sitting in the tranquil grounds of the hospice she explained that she has a grandson in Australia whom she has only ever visited once and said she would never go again, describing the flight as "like giving birth". But, says Dorothy, you get over the pain and she now can't wait to go back, her win enabling her to treat her daughter Carole to a seat on the plane too.

For just £1 per entry per week you could help LOROS continue their vital care for the people of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Paying by direct debit or cheque is easy and there is no need to claim any winnings as cheques are posted out within a week of the draw so what are you waiting for? To find out more just call 0116 2318430.



EAST GOSCOTE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There was a burglary in East Goscote at the beginning of June. The police have asked us to be extra careful at this time of year. They have noticed windows being left open when people are in their gardens and are worried about opportunist thieves taking advantage.

There has also been some vandalism around the village. Please can you report any suspicions to either myself or the police

Ellen Hewitt
0116 2608224



Digital Switchover Update

Most of Leicestershire and Leicester is switching over in August 2011. Check your dates by going to www.digitaluk.co.uk and entering your post code. A digital tuner is needed from a set top box, or built in to TV

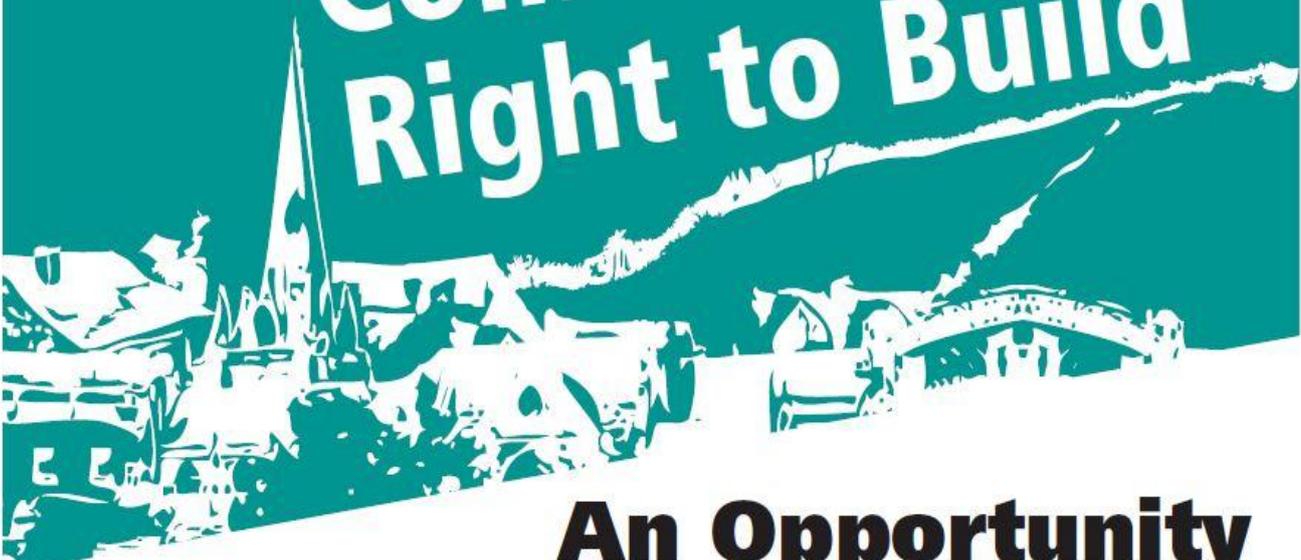
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Community Right to Build



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The Government is planning to give citizens more rights to decide what is built in their communities, including housing, local shops and community facilities.

Proposals for the Community Right to Build are currently before Parliament as part of the neighbourhood planning framework in the Localism Bill. If the Bill becomes law any successful proposal will need to be:

- from a community group such as a community interest company or a community land trust, etc
- independently assessed to see whether the proposals meet specific key criteria; and
- supported by more than half of the community that vote in a referendum.

If you're interested in a community-led development you should talk to your neighbours to get an idea about what sort of development the whole community would want to see. You may also want to talk to your local council, housing association or other community groups. You may also find it useful to get advice from people who already have experience of taking forward community-led schemes.

To find out more about the Community Right to Build visit:

www.communities.gov.uk/righttobuild
for further information.

If your community group is interested in using the Community Right to Build and wants to be kept in touch, tell us about your plans at:

righttobuild@communities.gsi.gov.uk

For information on community led developments, visit:

Community Land Trust Network –
www.communitylandtrusts.org.uk

Locality –
www.locality.org.uk

UK Cohousing Network –
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And finally . .

An East Goscote Joke (submitted by a resident)

Before the dual carriageway leading on to our village was resurfaced, it was in a terrible state, full of potholes, loose stones and rubble all over the place! The story goes that a village resident picked up a piece of loose tarmac, went into Sims, and said to the barman, “ A pint for me please, and one for the road ! “

The barman replied . .” Oh no, not that old chestnut again ! ! “

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YOUR BACK PAGE

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

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Boys Brigade	Jeff Matthews	01664 850795	Post Office		2606236
BB Jnr section	Jean Bates	2606723	Rainbow Guides	Sue Bowles	2375475
Beavers	Johanne Draycott	07981101644	Charnwood B.C. Recycling	& Composting	01509 634563
Borough Councillor	Cathy Duffy	2929419	Scout group/Hut	Steve Round	2607774
Brownies	Rosemary fraser	2602912	Scouts	Phil Bott	2692018
Broomfield School	Alan Nichol	2606704	St Hilda's Bookings	Tricia Marsland	2609088
Bizzy Bees Pre School	Helen Batson	07971274405	St Hilda's Vicar	Javid Iqbal	2692555
Chamwood B Council		01509 263151	Syston Bowling Club		2692105
Chiroprapist		564321	Syston Catholic Church	Fr Anthony Pateman	2608476
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