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# Hello...

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The magazine, sponsored by JOSIAH HINCKS, will not be publishing any commercial advertising and therefore we need to cut costs to be able to continue producing this valuable community information document.

If you know someone who enjoys reading LONG FURROW but has no internet access, please tell them about the changes.

The Editorial Committee would like to welcome Gareth Roberts who will be assisting in the preparation of LONG FURROW. He is a graphic designer by trade and his experience in the printing industry will be invaluable to the magazine.

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The Long Furrow Committee would like to thank East Goscote Parish Council and Josiah Hincks.

**Save the date**

## EAST GOSCOTE SCOUT GROUP SUMMER FETE

**Sunday 10th June 1- 4pm**

There will be a range of stalls and activities on the Jubilee Playing Fields

this year. If you are **interested in**

**having a stall** please contact

[chair@eastgoscotescouts.org.uk](mailto:chair@eastgoscotescouts.org.uk)

for an application.

## EAST GOSCOTE COMMUNITY LIBRARY ARE HOSTING PRESENTATIONS TO RAISE FUNDS

These will be on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm. These will be 'Pay as you feel' events (suggested donation £2) and will be a way of ensuring that the library receives the regular funding it needs to stay open.

**Wednesday May 23rd - Cyber Crime presented by a representative of Leicestershire and Rutland Constabulary.**

All you need to know about not being stung on the internet.

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# LIBRARY NEWS



The last year was a year of consolidation. From this month we will have a reduced income from Leicestershire County Council and therefore we have to be careful with our budget and rely on fundraising even more than in the past two years. It is estimated that our expenditure in this next year will be at least £3000. This expenditure now includes our fire and intruder alarms, Boiler Maintenance, Water maintenance checks and door servicing amongst others.

We have built up a balance of around £10,000 due to the generosity of various organisations and individuals within East Goscote and the surrounding area; including East Goscote and Queniborough Parish Councils, Rearsby Village Hall committee and various groups based at St Hildas.

The Santa event in the library proved a big success with the children and we thank the Parish Council for supplying the Christmas presents for those who attended. We also arranged the Afternoon Tea for the more senior of our residents. 40 residents attended and they enjoyed a tea and music from our guest pianist. Our waiters for the afternoon were a group of 6 keen Brownies who were supervised by Brown Owl (Rosemary Fraser). We would like to thank, Nick Shivers, Gillie Clarke, Sheila Jones and

Marie Pole for organising the event; and also Rosemary Fraser and East Goscote Parish Council who funded the event.

Laurie Needham has organised a series of talks in the Library; hopefully, they will be supported by residents and will continue.

Marie Pole runs a Coffee Morning on Wednesdays which is now well established.

Marie has also run a successful Christmas Raffle and Gill Taylor and Jean Calder organised one at Easter.

Once a month, Carole Clohesy runs a successful Romp & Rhyme group for preschool children.

We have a committee who are committed to keeping the Library open and also a team of volunteers who staff the library 6 days a week. I would like to thank them all. We would also like to thank everyone who has helped the library to continue to support the library in any way and we hope that this will continue.

*John Malpus*

# POCKET ROCKET PRE-SCHOOL



Pocket Rocket Pre-School is a new setting that opened in September 2017, which is open from 8am til 4pm and provides care for children aged from 2years. Pocket Rocket prides themselves in offering children experiences that will support them to reach for the stars; they achieve this through working in partnership with the community and this has been recognised through the Healthy Tots Programme commissioned by Leicestershire County Council as shown in the following case study.

## Case Study Pocket Rocket Pre-School

On the 22nd January we visited Pocket Rocket Pre-School in East Goscote. The newly set up Pre-School is run by Robyn Hill and her colleague Katherine Mackness. They met while studying for their early year's qualification and agreed to take the leap of faith in establishing their very own Pre-School after several years of working in other early year's settings.

This setting has demonstrated an excellent sense of belonging; this is evident with regards to their partnerships within their community. Children are encouraged to be sociable through interactions with a variety of people within their locality, particularly with those that they may have limited or no opportunities to interact with outside of the Pre-School. The activity and

progress made with increased visits to the Older Persons setting demonstrates understanding of themselves in relation to others, making friends and understanding the rules of society and behaviour towards others in the wider community.

Through the setting's enthusiasm and commitment to developing the children in their care, Robyn and Katherine have clearly demonstrated a whole systems approach in action and nurtured a sense of belonging for the children. This is enhanced by the strong relationship and understanding between the two staff. Demonstrating a dynamic place based intervention through written, verbal and observational evidence, not just to their immediate setting but to their wider community, environment, developing a mutual trust with the residents and managers of the care home.

### Why did you want to set up your own Pre-School?

It's always been a dream since beginning my career in 2005. Both I and Katherine progressed through the ranks at different settings. I started out as a nursery assistant and worked my way up. Now here we are.

**A real strength of this setting was the willingness to form partnerships and a wider sense of belonging for the children with the local community, demonstrated by your partnership folder, can you explain this?**





We wanted to be central to the community and this folder (The setting has a folder for parents that contains vast amount of local information and services) was best way to evidence this. My last employee didn't see importance of links with community so I knew from Day 1 we wanted to establish ourselves within our area and shine through in a brand new setting. In the folder we have contacts and information for parents and ourselves on GP practices, dentists, local sports clubs, care homes, supermarkets, community groups and events etc. We're always working towards more partnerships but what we have created so far enables the children to get a real life experience of their community.

**One example of the partnership you created was demonstrated in your accreditation visit, we were invited to observe a session you had organised where the children had the chance to play and interact at a care home, can you tell us how this came about and what you think the benefits are?**

I approached the care home in the first week and the manager was very willing to make this happen and saw the benefits. I had previously researched the opportunity of and benefits to children and elderly people collaborating and I'm very passionate in driving this as it ultimately benefits both parties. Some children don't have grandparents, some in the care home, don't have visitors. Another benefit for us is that it ticks off so many areas of EYFS curriculum.



We started in Lingdale care home now we're in Primrose care home as well. It also allows us the chance to take a back seat and observe the children as residents get fully involved and it's clear to see it makes a huge difference to residents, smiling, positive comments and regular interaction. I have to say I have found the whole process quite emotional. The children regularly ask 'are we going to see the ladies today' and it becomes part of the weekly routine.

**Finally, can you tell us how the Healthy Tots programme has influenced the development of your setting?**

We really enjoyed the training and the folder of evidence was very helpful as it allowed us to run with our ideas and add structure in our future planning when looking to make the setting healthier. We know it will help a lot when Ofsted come to visit and the whole process ticks a lot of their boxes too. We also knew we had a blank canvas at the start of our journey and we could be guided by the Healthy Tots resources and support. It gave us so many ideas around our focus on partnerships with parents and the local community. As a new setting we had the chance to put some real work into ensuring the setting improves and maintains the health of the children, staff and parents.

**We also asked for comment from Primrose Lodge Care Home:**

I think its brilliant, old people and young people just go together. They share similiarities, one being how they really care what people like you and me think. When the nursery children arrive the faces just light up, its brilliant, should happen every day, all week. Dementia patients can tend to forget what happens throughout the day, however they don't forget the postive feelings given by interacting with these children. They do ask on a regular basis if the nursery are coming over today.

We provide regular activities such as carpet bowls and board games, but the attention span can restrict how much they interact with these type of activities, similar to how a young child may act. I love it and would encourage every care home to do the same.

*Joanne Stuart – Primrose Lodge Care Home Assistant Manager*

# LOCAL POLICE BEAT TEAM



## CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE: REPORTING CRIME

### Emergencies

In an emergency always call 999. This is the fastest way to get through to us.

### Non-Emergencies

In a non-emergency call 101. This will put you through to a trained call taker who will take all the details of the situation in order to assess and prioritize and get resources allocated to deal with the incident.

Another way to report to us is through our website. [leics.police.uk/report-online](http://leics.police.uk/report-online) this will allow you to report crimes directly to us. It can also direct you to a more suitable agency for some situations which may give a more appropriate or faster response.

## INTELLIGENCE

If you know someone is committing a crime for example dealing drugs, or committing burglaries. It's important that you report any information to us. Any extra information can help us in building a case against a person. Even if it's a repeat of information we already know, hearing from a separate source can be enough to carry out a warrant on an address. This kind of intelligence can be reported to us through 101, online or anonymously through [crimestoppers](http://crimestoppers-uk.org) on 0800 555 111 or [crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org).

For the latest information on crime in your area please visit: [www.police.uk/leicestershire/NL61](http://www.police.uk/leicestershire/NL61)

Register your property free of charge at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) This allows us to get it back to you if it is ever recovered after being stolen.

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# EAST GOSCOTE CUBS. WE NEED YOU.

Like having fun with your mates; then Cubs is for you.

### What do we get up to?

Camping, hiking, making fires, learning new skill, gain badges. Have fun, play widegames, get muddy! and much more.

We currently have spaces for Boys or Girls aged 8 to 10. We meet Wednesday evening.

For more details go to our website or phone Jayne on 07443870791.

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# BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

The Plough has re-opened giving a better welcoming scene to the village, Ed Argar helped a heck of a lot in getting it sorted. When I wasn't pleased about the replies from both Jelson's and Enterprise Inns, I contacted Ed to see if he could help James and myself get it sorted. It had been an eyesore for far too long, and after a couple of weeks Ed emailed me to say that 'things' were on the move. Sure enough, the greenery (weeds) were uprooted. An erection if a fence followed soon after, and the actual pub was renovated and is an asset now to the village.

Dare I mention the name Gladman, I am bound by rules so I can only say at this stage very little. As soon as it went on the web, I called it in. That means it goes for the committee to decide, first they visit the site and

are told and shown the plan that has been submitted. The committee then return to Charnwood to have a detailed talk explaining the planned development. This part of the process, members of the public can be present. At this stage an objector is given 5 minutes to state to the committee their objections. Then a spokesperson from the land agent or developer will have 5 minutes, followed by a parish Councillor and then Ward Councillor. The 2 councillors will both be allowed 5 minutes each to speak, it will then be up to the committee to vote for or against the planning officers recommendation. I will keep the residents of East Goscote informed of every step that is taken.

On a lighter side, all borough councillors have been given a grant starting at £250 up to £1000. It is to be spent by the villagers on a project or anything that will be beneficial to others and the village. If you would like to put an idea forward, I will be happy to convey it to Charnwood. New goalposts for the football team, a new strip for the team. Cricket equipment, anything that you the villagers think it will be good to have.

*Sue Gerrard*

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP



**Edward Argar MP.  
Member of Parliament  
for Charnwood**

I know proposed development in and around the village, in nearby Queniborough, but particularly in East Goscote itself, continues to be the major local concern of many in East Goscote, and it will not surprise readers of Long Furrow that a number of village residents have contacted me with their concerns.

I recently met with the organisers of 'Keep East Goscote Green', Parish Councillors and local residents in the Church Hall to discuss Gladman Development's proposals for 270 new houses on the edge of East Goscote, behind Rearsby Roses, and encroaching on the Area of Separation between East Goscote and Rearsby, and joined one of the drop-in sessions in the library to discuss the proposals.

The development proposed in East Goscote would significantly increase the size of the village, taking precious green rural space around the village, and would, in my view, significantly increase pressures on local infrastructure and services, particularly local roads, pressures that we are already beginning to see, as well as having potential land drainage/ flood risk implications. I have to say, having read the proposals and spoken with local residents, I entirely share the view of local people that this proposal for 270 houses is not right for East Goscote, and will be supporting Councillor Gerrard and residents in their objections to it.

I have always been clear about the fact that planning applications and planning matters fall within the powers and responsibilities of the local Council, and are generally therefore, rightly, issues for the local Councillors rather than for the MP. However, where an application or proposed development is of a scale that would fundamentally alter the character of a town or village, or where it would present significant pressures to local infrastructure, I believe it is right that as your MP I become involved and support local residents to make their case, working in partnership alongside East Goscote's excellent local Charnwood Councillor, Sue Gerrard, to ensure those local voices are heard.

I have already written to the Leader of the Borough Council to express my concern that Charnwood's required '5 year supply' of housing has fallen below that level, leaving it open for developers to attempt to gain planning permissions in locations that I believe are unsuitable, asking what steps are being taken to address this. I am also finalising my objections to the specific application that has been submitted. While I hope that the Council will reject this new development, the issue is of course wider than this particular application.

Everyone accepts the need to ensure that there is sufficient housing locally, of the right mix of types of housing, to meet local needs and to ensure housing is affordable, but I believe we must, at a national level, try to avoid nationally-determined targets being set for our, and other, areas which do not reflect local demand, or developments that risk harming the very character of a community that makes it attractive in the first place. East Goscote is a fantastic place to live, and has an amazing sense of community; We must ensure that any changes or development preserve and enhance this rather than putting it at risk, and I will do all I can to ensure that remains the case. I will continue to argue that our local area has already absorbed its fair share of large housing developments, and to help Keep East Goscote Green!

# DAVID CANNON'S GREENER GOSCOTE

MAY 2018

## PROPOSED NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

By now you are probably aware of the proposal by Gladman Developments for up to 270 houses off Melton Road. The site is to the East of the recent developments with a single access road nearly opposite Broome Lane. The case in favour and against is set out far better than I could by Gladman and by the Keep East Goscote Green group respectively. Just to say it is important to research this proposal fully, consider how it will affect you and to contact Charnwood Borough Council, the planning authority, with your comments. See Contact Us.

## PLASTICS IN THE ENVIRONMENT

The more you think about this subject, the more you realise how these materials, on which we have depended for so long, find their way into the open environment, especially soils and water, into the food chain and ultimately into us. Blue Planet II has opened our eyes, in a way that nothing else has, to this worrying cycle. We are told that the 10 most polluting rivers on the planet are all thousands of miles away. They are the Nile and Niger both in Africa and, in Asia, the Indus, Ganges, Amur, Mekong, Pearl, Hai he, Yellow and Yangtze. All very long rivers with very large populations living close by.

Of course, that doesn't absolve us of doing what we can to mitigate this situation. The big players are starting to move towards reducing the use of plastic and switching to alternatives such as paper-based containers and starch-based glues. Government promises action on plastic straws, stirrers and cotton bud stems etc – the kind of products that find their way through filtration systems, into open water and onto beaches. Coffee shops are considering discounts for users of re-useable cups and improving the recyclability of disposable ones. Hallelujah. What has taken us so long? Just recognising the scale of the problem? So what can we do?

To add to the confusion, there is the usual muddled debate going on in the media. Enzyme processing of PET bottles is discussed, illustrated by an image of mixed plastic waste in the ocean. There is a tenuous link, which is that if recycling becomes more profitable, less plastic should escape into the environment but there is already a strong market for good PET so it shouldn't be there anyway. It's human carelessness that causes the problem. Products and systems will improve over time but at the end of the day we have to take personal responsibility and take what action we can here and now.

## HERE'S MY TOP TIPS:

**REDUCE** avoidable consumption. "Do I really need this thing I am being encouraged to consume?" Is there a better alternative product which is more recyclable or less wasteful? E.g. Co-op cotton buds with safe cardboard stems and Fairtrade cotton buds. What's not to like?

**RE-USE** where possible. Is there a way of me or someone else re-using this item? My favourite is an Onya carrier bag which folds down to nothing and is always there. Plastic carriers and "Witches' knickers" hanging in the trees could be things of the past.

**RECYCLE** what is left. Recycling systems locally are second to none. Know them and use them. Charnwood Borough Council's Recycling Collection, Leicestershire County Council's Recycling and Household Waste Sites, our local recycling banks and Charity Shops are all brilliant for this.

**REMEMBER** (I had to make it another R somehow!) that composting at home is recycling for fruit and vegetable kitchen and garden waste par excellence.

Having done all of that, dispose of any remaining waste (which will not be much) appropriately. Littering and fly tipping should not exist in a civilised society like ours. There is no excuse for it and it is criminal activity. Litter, much of which is plastic, now takes on a new perspective. Plastic in the open environment will disintegrate to a degree but only in the sense of breaking down into smaller pieces which will find their way into soils and water courses and be taken up by living organisms of one sort or another. Plogging (Picking Litter whilst Jogging) or for the more sedate of us Plalking (Picking Litter whilst Walking) are the latest lifestyle trends to sweep Scandinavia. Keep Britain Tidy have a "Don't Be A Tosser" campaign targeting roadside littering! Anybody fancy joining the East Goscote Wombles?

## CONTACT US

Master Composters and Waste Action volunteers promote home composting and sustainable household waste management on behalf of the Leicestershire Waste Partnership. For free, impartial information and advice on composting and recycling, contact David on 2600239, 07873852372 or david.cannon9@btinternet.com.

Other useful links: [www.lesswaste.org.uk](http://www.lesswaste.org.uk), [www.lrrn.org](http://www.lrrn.org), [www.completewasters.co.uk](http://www.completewasters.co.uk), [www.recyclenow.com](http://www.recyclenow.com), [www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com), [www.leics.gov.uk](http://www.leics.gov.uk), [www.charnwood.gov.uk](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk), [www.keepbritaintidy.org](http://www.keepbritaintidy.org), [www.your-views.co.uk/eastgoscote/](http://www.your-views.co.uk/eastgoscote/), and search Keep East Goscote Green.



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# EAST GOSCOTE SCOUT GROUP



*COOKING ON WINTER CAMP.*

## SCOUTS

We have been up to many things. There was a winter camp for the older more experienced Scouts. They cooked on open fires and did many basic camp skills activities. On Monday evenings we have done archery, shooting and more. Scouts are working towards their photographers badge and doing many activities towards their challenge badges.

## CUBS

With it being a short term we still managed to cram in a full programme of activities. The Cubs had their own version of the winter Olympics with curling, skiing, tobogganing. Along with our own medal ceremonies. They have also done the Disability awareness badge.

Where they learnt how to sign their name. Also they completed the Local Knowledge badge which included finding out about East Goscote and creating their own coats of arms. We are looking forward to the lighter night so you will see us outside more do lots of fun activities.

## BEAVERS

Beavers have had another fun filled packed programme and have all worked hard towards various badges.

They are also looking forward to getting out and about in the lighter nights.

**All sections are looking forward to the new term. For more details visit [eastgoscotescouts.org.uk](http://eastgoscotescouts.org.uk)**



*DRAWING WITH YOUR MOUTH*



# BIZZY BEES PRESCHOOL

Big and amazing changes ahead! Many of you will know that from the Autumn term this year Bizzy Bees Preschool will be in the safe hands of Rachel Laverty. Rachel is known to many as a local Childminder with a very successful small business and has experience in Nursery settings. She has a fantastic support network and team who will certainly respect the outstanding work that already exists at Bizzy Bees but has really exciting ideas for the growth of the group.

Rachel has secured extra garden space, and this will undergo a big makeover during the summer holidays. Sessions from the Autumn term will run from 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday.....how exciting is all that?!!! If you know of anyone interested in a place at Bizzy Bees Preschool, please ring Rachel on 07908781652.

Wow what a fun packed time we've had since we last updated you. Our Chinese New Year activities were a real joy where the children painted some amazing dragons; role-played in our Chinese restaurant; made dragon dens with construction and used chopsticks to explore rice/pasta.

During the term we have really explored our physical skills both indoors and outside. We've tested our fine motor skills with scissors, pens, threading, hammering tap-it shapes, using tweezers and with small lego. Our larger physical skills have been used on our climbing cube, balancing beams, stilts, ride-ons, ball games and using the larger space on the School grounds, also using School equipment.

Our Easter celebration in church went brilliantly once again, helped by a practice we had where we went into

Broomfield school to sing to reception children and Mrs Waldron. In church children paraded in amazing bonnet/hat creations and sang beautifully the songs that they had learnt, the favourite we believe was Down in the jungle, the Easter chick and bunny washed their clothes! Thank you to all the parents, Grandparents, childminders and friends who came along to share the Easter celebration with us, we are certain you were all as proud of the children as we were.

Sadly at the end of the term we will be holding our Leavers ceremonies and saying goodbye to the children going on to Broomfield, Queniborough, Rearsby, St Peters and St Pauls, Swithland, Cossington and Barkby Schools. We will however be celebrating the journey of learning and lots of fun we've had together.

It will not just be a sad time to say goodbye to the children but a very sad one for Dianne and Helen. We have had 15 amazing years of running Bizzy Bees Preschool. We began our journey meeting each other on our Diploma training in Thurmaston and made a connection straight away. St Hilda's playschool was being sold and so we brought the group from Chris and Dorothy. We have developed a genuinely fantastic partnership which has led the group to years of outstanding care for hundreds of children. It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to this fantastic Preschool but we are confident that Rachel and the team will lead the setting on to greater achievements.

Thank you to everyone in the community who has been so supportive of ourselves and the Preschool we really have appreciated this.

*Goodbye from Helen and Dianne*

**Bizzy Bees Preschool  
The Bungalow, Broomfield School,  
East Goscote, LE7 3ZQ  
Rachel Laverty-07908781652**



## KEEP EAST GOSCOTE GREEN GLADMAN LAND DEVELOPMENT

1st March 2018 - alerted to the proposed Gladman development by the Syston Town News Facebook page. The post by Syston Town News shared Gladman's link to their website inviting feedback and also stated that Gladman had sent out brochures notifying 400 affected residents in the area. Gladman were to hold an exhibition at East Goscote Village Hall on Wednesday 7th March 2018.

The proposal is for 300 homes adjacent to and at the rear of the Rearsby Roses/Lilac Way in East Goscote. Gladman Land/Developments are a land promoter and generally

work on a 'no win-no fee basis', applying for planning permission on the landowner's behalf and then taking their commission when the land is sold to the highest bidder. BBC One's Countryfile recently described Gladman as 'speculative' and criticising them for not considering the needs of local people.

A group of neighbours in East Goscote were discussing the Gladman plans and found that they were all strongly opposed to the development and decided to hold a meeting to decide what to do about the proposal.

The main issues around the development are:

- A 30% increase in residents in a rural village without any proposed plans for new infrastructure or services eg. doctors, dentists, schools
- Loss of identity between the Wreake Valley villages
- Increased traffic in the local area
- Destruction of local wildlife and open space
- Increased pollution and reduced air quality



The meeting uncovered that none of the residents had received a brochure from Gladman. They decided to deliver leaflets to as many of the residents of East Goscote and Rearsby as possible, informing them of the plans and Gladman's exhibition. It seemed clear that Gladman wanted to keep the exhibition (and its plans for development) as quiet as possible so as not to attract opposition.

The group decided to set up a Facebook page to gather support for their campaign and set up 'Keep East Goscote Green' – which now has 371+ members. The group also now have a website page (<https://keepeastgoscotegre.wixsite.com>) The group also spoke to the committee leader of 'Keep Rearsby Rural' and was deeply encouraged by their advice and support following their own campaign in Rearsby. KEGG and Keep Rearsby Rural have offered to support each other wherever possible in their respective campaigns.

Over a three-day period, and with the help of many Facebook group volunteers, leaflets were delivered to the residents of East Goscote and Rearsby.

It wasn't until 5th March that some brochures from Gladman were received by the residents of East Goscote (none were received in Rearsby, residents of Broome Lane or the central village).

Due to the Facebook campaign there were approximately 200 residents at Gladman's exhibition. Not one person who spoke to KEGG was in support of the proposed development. Lots of residents realised the need for housing across the country but felt that it was entirely inappropriate in the area, particularly taking account of recent past development in East Goscote, Syston, Queniborough and Barkby.

At the exhibition, there were three Gladman representatives. None of the representatives took notes of the feedback from residents, weren't able to answer many of the questions asked, and couldn't provide examples of where their past developments had been shaped by residents' feedback.

Also in attendance at the exhibition was Parish Councillor Sue Gerrard and County Councillor James Poland who were in full support of KEGG's campaign and echoed the objections of the group.

On Saturday 10th March, Councillor Sue Gerrard held a local surgery, with record numbers, at East Goscote village hall with Edward Argar MP. Edward Argar had done his research into the proposal and made it clear that KEGG would have his full support in opposing the plans. He made it clear that, although he had no influence in local planning matters, he completely understood the concerns of the local residents and would be writing to the Council with his objections as soon as the planning application was lodged.

Huge amounts of work are now going on behind the scenes at KEGG to prepare material objections for when the planning application is submitted by Gladman. Although the Gladman exhibition was dressed up as a 'consultation', attendees were told that the proposal would be formally submitted to the Council within a month – a 'done deal' in effect. KEGG hopes to continue to welcome the fantastic support they have so far received from East Goscote residents – they couldn't continue their campaign without their heart-warming support. KEGG believe that although the fight to protect the village may, at times, get tough – the community will prevail and these nonsensical plans will be refused.

At a parish council meeting on Wednesday the 14th of March a representative of KEGG made a 5 min representation to the council outlining our concerns at the inadequate way Gladman have conducted the public consultation and the detrimental effect this development will have on the local community.

At this time and based on the current plans the parish council were opposed to the development.

# FALSE CLAIMS OF TELEPHONE PREFERENCE SERVICE:



Leicestershire  
**Police**

Protecting our communities

Fraudsters are cold-calling victims, falsely stating that they are calling from one of the well-known UK telecommunication service providers. They call victims claiming to provide a 'Telephone Preference Service' - an enhanced call-barring service, which includes barring international call centres.

The fraudsters ask victims to confirm/provide their bank account details, informing them that there is a one off charge for the service. Victims instead see monthly debits deducted from their accounts, which they have not authorised. The fraudsters often target elderly victims.

In all instances, direct debits are set up without following proper procedure. The victim is not sent written confirmation of the direct debit instruction, which is supposed to be sent within three days.

On occasions when victims attempted to call back, the telephone number provided by the fraudster was either unable to be reached or the victim's direct debit cancellation request was refused.

During 2017, there were 493 Action Fraud Reports relating to this fraud.

## Protect yourself:

There is only one Telephone Preference Service (TPS). The TPS is the only official UK 'do-not-call' register for opting out of live telesales calls. It is FREE to sign-up to the register. TPS never charge for registration. You can register for this service at <http://www.tpsonline.org.uk>

- You will receive postal confirmation of genuine direct debits. If you notice unauthorised payments leaving your account, you should contact your bank promptly.
- Always be wary of providing personal information, or confirming that personal information the caller already claims to hold is correct. Always be certain that you know who you talking to. If in doubt hang up immediately.
- If you have been affected by this, or any other type of fraud, report it to Action Fraud by visiting [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040.

The information contained within this alert is based on the results of research carried out by the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) concerning incidents of fraud. One of the key objectives of sharing fraud data between the NFIB and partners is to prevent fraud.

## EVENTS AT ST HILDS'S

**Afternoon Tea** at St. Hilda's Church Centre every Tuesday afternoon 2-4pm Just pop in or stay all afternoon We have board games to play or just chat with friends you will make. We have a meal together once a month. We will be celebrating the royal baby's birth and the royal wedding we enjoy a party. For further info call Tricia on 0116 2609088 or better still just come along. Tricia Jessie Dawn Glenys.

**Crafty Crafters:** We are a group of ladies that meet Tuesday evenings 7-9pm at St Hilda's Church Centre. We knit, crochet, and cross stitch, for charities at the moment we are supporting Intercare a local charity based in Syston who send Teddies, blankets, jumpers, cardigans, baby hats. If you would like to learn how to knit etc please come along and join us. We pay £3 per session to cover the cost of hiring the room and a drink of tea or coffee, we also go out as a group for an evening meal a couple of times a year. Just come along to see what we do or give me a ring Tricia 2609088.



# EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (ABRIDGED)

## Planning Applications:

During the year 16 planning Applications have been received and considered by the Parish Council. The next few months will be dominated by the proposal by Gladman Land to have up to 300 houses built north and east of the Lilac Way and Rearsby Roses developments. The Parish Council have agreed to work with the Keep East Goscote Green campaign group.

## Section 106 Funding – Rearsby Roses

Two bus shelters have been situated near the Rearsby Roses development; one in each direction. A litter bin has been placed adjacent to the northbound shelter. Unfortunately, a replacement for the Broome Avenue/Melton Road bus shelter which was to be included meant that the cost took the project over budget.

- The Parish Council also refurbished the Brook bus shelter out of its own budget.
- The Tennis Court is still popular with 92 members. During the winter the court has been closed to protect it and the moss has been cleared from its surface by Nick and Charlie.
- The library was allocated £380 some of which has been spent on teen and pre-teen books.

## Vandalism

The cost of vandalism for March 17 – March 18 amounted to £370. This was mainly damage to the wet pour areas in the play areas.

## Dog Fouling

This continues to be a constant complaint received by the Clerk and Councillors, this is despite the fact that over 70,000 dog poo bags have been issued to residents this year and there being a plentiful supply of bins around the Village.

Allowing your dog to foul without clearing up afterwards is totally unacceptable behaviour and we need YOUR help to catch those people responsible for spoiling our streets and green spaces. If you know an environmental offender, call 01509 634564 or email: [cleaner.greener@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:cleaner.greener@charnwood.gov.uk).

Details of the issue of dog bags	2014	2015	2016	2017
Free issue Dog bags	30,900	32,950	41,700	48,900
Purchased Bags	13,800	16,400	20,400	25,350
<b>Total Bags Issued</b>	<b>44,700</b>	<b>49,350</b>	<b>62,100</b>	<b>74,250</b>
Total Net Cost (exc VAT)	£535.30	£432.24	£681.88	£643.40
Total income purchased bags			£227.00	£253.50

We have now made it easier for residents to collect their dog bags, by giving them out at the village library. This gives easier access and more times for collection (hence the large increase in number given out).

## Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee are still doing a great job maintaining the hall, and managing the bookings and finances.

The car park has been lit throughout the winter from 5pm – 9pm giving users a much safer environment when getting in and out of their cars. The committee have raised funds to replace the roof with a new Kingspan composite sheeting roof. This is eco-friendly and will thereby reduce the village halls carbon footprint. The insulation will also be greatly improved by having the roof replaced. They hope to install the new roof in the summer. The Parish Council are trustees and have allocated funding towards this project.

The hall has also been awarded a Climate Change Grant and has had all the lights changed to LED lights. The committee work very hard to keep the hall upto a very high standard and are continually working at improving our village hall.

## Parish Phone App/New Website

Due to the continued success of the website and the App the council have agreed to be the guinea pig for a new WEBAPP designed by the App Office. Look out for more news of this over the coming months.

We would like to thank the App Office for their continued confidence in demonstrating their products. This Neighbourhood Watch campaign to the rest of the village after the success of its introduction to Rearsby Roses, but there was apparently no interest when it was advertised.



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## Outdoor Equipment



The fitness equipment mentioned at last year's meeting has been installed and is proving very popular. We will be looking to replace the old play equipment on Lilac Way with new items. This equipment was installed in 2001 and is in need of updating.

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## Snow Warden Scheme

East Goscote Parish Council are registered with the County Council Snow Warden Scheme. This means that they supply salt and pay the parish council for clearing snow and ice around the village where it is considered dangerous. Charlie and Nick have worked hard spreading the salt whenever we have had snow this last winter.

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## Trees

Mr Martin Webbon is continually checking trees around the village and reporting back to the council. During the year, the Memorial Oak tree has been replaced free of charge and a dead tree adjacent to Lilac Way has been removed.

The hedgerow at the side of the mound has been replaced as the old one had failed in places.

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## Leases

Over the last few months the council have been liaising with Charnwood Council about the renewal of the lease concerning the land around the pavilion and the Scout Hut. By the time you read this the lease should have been signed and the sub-lease between the council and the scouts should be close to completion. This will allow us to use the land for the next 25 years.

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## Speedwatch

There have been several complaints about speeding in and around the village. A number of volunteers have come forward to train as Speedwatch operators. Once the training is completed, they will be out and about with speed cameras checking your speed.

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## SIMS



Considering the frontage of Sims was unsuitable for the image of the village as visitors entered by Chestnut Way was a danger to the public, the Council, Borough Councillor, County Councillor and our MP, Edward Argar, applied pressure to Enterprise Inns to get the public house tidied up. At the time of writing, a new tenant has been appointed and major work has been done to the exterior of the building and the frontage has been improved. The Plough, as it is now called, was due to open mid-March.

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## First Aid Training

When the council was approached with regards to siting a Defibrillator, the council felt that free First Aid training for residents would be more applicable. Approximately 20 residents showed interest but when Wreake Valley Academy indicated that they would raise the money for a Defibrillator for the village, the training was postponed until it was in place. A raffle was held in the Chemist and Cllr Gerrard is holding £100 funds raised to be put forward to the defib project.

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## Next Year's Projects Include:

For next year we hope to continue with the high standard the village being maintained, including a donation for the village hall roof replacement and we are looking to replace the 18 year old Play equipment on Lilac Way. Finally, we will again be considering a Christmas event of some sort this year for the elderly of the village.

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## Parish Rate

This year, there is a small decrease in the precept charge to East Goscote residents. The precept has a decrease of 3.74%. From April 2018, the cost per average household (Band D property) has decreased from £62.91 to £60.56 per annum. Our total budget for 2018/19 amounts to £82,300, however 'using some of our reserves, we can reduce our requirement to £57,200. Then, considering the Charnwood Grant of £640, the precept requirement was reduced to £56,560, this figure is divided by the Council Tax base to arrive at £60.56 per Band D property.

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*John Malpus - Chairman*

# WATERMEAD CHALLENGE 2018

**Wreake Valley and Syston Rotary Clubs are holding the eighth Watermead Challenge charity run at Watermead Country Park on Tuesday 3rd July 2018.**

The fairly flat three and five mile course around the park's attractive lakes offers experienced and novice runners the opportunity to set a personal best time. Full details of how to enter can be found at [www.wreakevalleyrotary.org.uk](http://www.wreakevalleyrotary.org.uk).

Chris Batty, Race Director commented: "last year we had nearly five hundred entries for this popular event. This year's proceeds will be shared amongst three charities: Dementia UK, Leicestershire Childrens Holiday Centre and HCPT pilgrimage holidays. Venue restrictions mean numbers are limited to 500. Please enter early to avoid disappointment."

## Watermead Challenge 2018

**A charity  
5 mile run &  
3 mile run**

*Now with  
chip timing!*

**Tuesday  
3rd July 2018, 7pm at  
Watermead Country Park  
Syston Leicester LE7 1PD  
(north entrance)**

Sponsored by

**whitegates**

Supporting

- [Leicesterchildrensholidaycentre.co.uk](http://Leicesterchildrensholidaycentre.co.uk)
- HCPT pilgrimage holidays
- Dementia UK

with special thanks to the Rangers of Watermead Country Park.

Presented by  
**The Rotary Club of the  
Wreake Valley and the  
new Syston Rotary Club.**

Trust Fund Charity No. 001119549.



**Entry Details at  
[www.wreakevalleyrotary.org.uk](http://www.wreakevalleyrotary.org.uk)  
Entries accepted until 6.30pm on the night.**



## Syston and District Volunteer Centre

“Linking local volunteers with local needs”

# “WHAT’S IN IT FOR YOU?”

## A groundbreaking exhibition event for residents of Syston and neighbouring communities

“What’s in it for you?” is the theme of a groundbreaking exhibition, organised by Syston and District Volunteer Centre, to be held in the Syston Community Centre on Saturday 9th June 2018 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no charge for admission and free refreshments will be on offer.

The exhibition will feature the wide range of organisations and companies, based in Syston and neighbouring communities, which offer to all ages social, cultural, medical, sporting, educational, financial and emotional support - and opportunities to get involved - thereby easing problems and enhancing lifestyles.

Derek Burdon, Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Volunteer Centre, says: “*So many within our local communities are currently suffering unnecessarily. Great comfort and support could be gained from a wide range of local professional and volunteer service providers. The main problem*

*is that not enough people know about what is on offer. This event is a serious attempt to address that issue, bring all the organisations involved under one roof to advertise and promote their services and benefits. The Volunteer Centre is happy to produce and co-ordinate it as part of our 40th Anniversary celebrations.*”

The Volunteer Centre promotes and sustains personal independence and community and family ties through the provision of subsidised transport and other volunteer-led services, harnessing and directing local volunteer energies and skills to best effect within the community.

Any organisation that would like to be involved should contact Centre Trustee, Anne Carter (Tel: 07521 393137 email: grannyanniex3@aol.com).

18 School Street, SYSTON, Leics, LE7 1HN  
Registered Charity No: 510412

Afternoon Tea	Tricia Marsland	0116 2609088
ATC Plt Officer	Andy Gaunt	0742 5171549
Boys Brigade	Jeff Matthews	01664 850795
BB Jnr Section	Jean Bates	0116 2606723
Beavers	Johanne Draycott	0798 1101644
Beedles Lake Golf Club		0116 2606759
Borough Councillor	Sue Gerrard	0116 2600906
Brownies	Rosemary Fraser	0116 2602912
Broomfield School		0116 2606704
Bizzy Bees Pre School	Helen Batson	0797 1274405
Charnwood B. Council		01509 263151
Charnwood W. I.	Sharon Burditt	0771 2468580
Cubs	Jayne Disney	0116 2608786
Country Western Dance		01949 881502
Daisy Chain	Natalie Palfreyman	0116 2607923
MP Edward Argar		0116 2693789
E G Parish Council	Liz Pizer	0116 2602202
E.G. Stores		0116 2606236
E.G United Football Club:		
Academy (Foundation Yr 3)		07486531608
Girls teams membership		07486531608
U11 boys (Sch. Year 5)	Jon Day	07794973216
U14 boys (Sch. Year 8)	Tom Borland	07801535040
Friends of Broomfield	Debbie Cottam	0791 9092341
Friendship Club	Gill Morton	0116 2601977
Guides	Julia Bolton	0116 2608524
LCC Councillor	Dave Houseman	0116 2600848
LCC Mountsorrel Tip		0116 3050001
East Goscote Library		0116 3053510
Mahavir Medical Centre	Dr B Shah	0116 2601007
Messy Church	Rev Tim Day	0116 3486896
Neighbourhood Watch	Kevin Preston	0116 269 4662
Pocket Rocket Pre-School		07414253969

Pharmacy		0116 2606734
Plough		0116 2603388
Police: Emergencies dial 999, non emergency dial 101		
Rainbow Guides	Claire Osborne	0116 2693665
Charnwood Recycling & Composting		01509 634563
Scout Group/Hut		0116 2605457
Scouts	Dawn Manning	0784 312 2313
St Hilda's Bookings	Tricia Marsland	0116 2609088
St Hilda's	Vicar Rev Tim Day	0116 3486896
Syston Bowling Club		0116 2692105
Syston Catholic Ch.	Anthony Pateman	0116 2608476
Syston Methodist Ch.	David Warnock	0116 2607626
Syston Model Railway	John Malpus	0116 2609789
Syston Volunteers	Mark	0116 2607888
Tree Warden		0116 2602202
Village Hall Bookings		0116 2602202
Waste Action	David Cannon	0116 2600239
Wreake Runners	Dave Palmer	07710 448253
Wreake Valley Lions	Mrs C Grimes	0116 2608412
Wreake Valley Rotary Club	John Squire	0116 2592788
Wreake Valley Youth Club	Carol Baxter	0116 2608858
Village Faults/Emergences		07739553380

*If you're a member of a group which is providing a service to the community please contact us with up to date details.*



Available on  
EAST GOSCOTE P.C APP



### EAST GOSCOTE LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

Monday	9 am until 12 noon
Tuesday	2 pm until 6 pm
Wednesday	10 am until 12 noon
Thursday	2 pm until 5 pm
Friday	9 am until 1 pm
Saturday	10am until 1 pm

Website: [eastgoscotelibrary.webs.com](http://eastgoscotelibrary.webs.com)

### East Goscote Parish Council Offices are at the side of the Village Hall

Monday	09.30 to 12.30 hrs
Tuesday	09.30 to 15.00 hrs
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	9.30 to 12.30 hrs
Friday	Closed

Contact Liz Pizer 0116 260 2202

Website: [eastgoscotepc.org.uk](http://eastgoscotepc.org.uk)

## ROMP & RHYME

for tiny tots will be held on the first Friday of each month between 9:00 and 10:00am in the East Goscote Library. The next one will be held on February 5th.

### EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings of the East Goscote Parish Council are generally held at 6:30pm on the second Wednesday in each month. Any variation of date or time can be found on the noticeboards, the apps or the website. Information about these means of communication can be found above on this page.