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Wednesday, 14th April, 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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| 2. Confirmation of the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting | 8. County Councillor's Report Councillor James Poland |
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EDITORIAL

My last editorial for the foreseeable. Difficult times for all of us but I have learned a lot. Ours is a special place. The first new proper settlement in Leicestershire since the Domesday Book, the Great Survey of the 11th century. A place which played a significant role in WWII. Still evolving into one of the most liveable villages in the County. An industrious hard-working place where people still find time to care for each other and the shared environment. Covid has brought about years of change in months. The virus probably arose out of a careless relationship with nature so room for improvement there unless we want to keep going through this? We'll get through it better if we are kind and caring. Take care and stay safe. Check with organisers for latest arrangements.

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IN THIS EDITION

As always we hope you find something to interest you and maybe prove useful in these tricky times. Here we go:

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BOROUGH COUNCILLOR LAURIE NEEDHAM



I hope that everyone managed to have a safe and happy Christmas, despite the sad situation with Covid restrictions. These are testing times for us all with much change and uncertainty about when we will be able to live life as normal again. We are now in what seems to be the worst phase of this pandemic, and I urge people to take every precaution.

The lockdowns have taken a huge toll on all of us, particularly our mental health and financial stability. If you are struggling, please reach out. There are many charities who can provide mental health support and there may be grants to support your business or benefits you can access if you have lost income. If you need assistance relating to any of these things, please do email or call me and I can signpost you to the relevant places.

Despite the hardships, it has been great to see East Goscote's ever present community spirit. Neighbours are still helping one another out and people have been so supportive of our local businesses.

I would usually be out in the community, volunteering and finding out if there are issues in the village and I'm sad that I can't do that at the moment. Please do get in touch if you have anything I can help with - contact details below or you can use the QR code to fill in the form. I hope by the next Long Furrow issue things will be looking brighter! Stay Safe.

Laurie Needham 07807399879.

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The Management Committee are pleased to confirm that the village hall re-opened for Pocket Rocket pre-school.

With regards to Children's Parties, we are constantly reviewing Government guidelines. We remain closed for parties until we feel it will be safe to offer this service.

We have also registered for fundraising via Amazon Smile. It is very simple to donate to the village hall by purchasing via smile.amazon.co.uk. Simply choose the village hall as your charity and make your purchase as normal.

East Goscote Village Hall Management Committee.



CHURCH LIVE SERVICES ON HOLD

Unfortunately due to the National COVID-19 Lockdown situation the Vicar and Church wardens of St Hilda's Parish Church have decided to suspend live services throughout January. The situation will be reviewed towards the end of January but it looks unlikely that services will resume for some time. Although the Government and Church of England guidance allows for COVID secure public worship we feel that the current situation, being far worse than the first National Lockdown when services were suspended by the Government, means the most sensible and safest course of action is to suspend live services.

We will still be holding online services each week which can be accessed through the links on our Facebook page and Website, and we hope that you will be able to join us. On Face-book search for St Hilda's East Goscote or visit our website www.achurchnearyou.com/church/5260/

THE CHRISTMAS TREE TRAIL

I would like to thank you for the effort you all put into the displays. It was well worth doing - I knew you wouldn't let me down.

As we start this New Year in sombre mood with many of us shielding again I am looking forward to thinking of something for Easter. I hope you are all keeping safe. All the things donated as part of the Tree Trail have been delivered to the Foodbank and they were very grateful. We have decided to keep the box open and Annie's has very kindly told us we can use them as a drop-off point. I would like to say thank you to Dawn who delivered all

the food and has said she is happy to continue taking any donations to the Foodbank. I am proud to say I am an East Goscote Village resident. You are all fantastic.

Happy New Year to you all. **Tricia Marsland**

BROWNIES

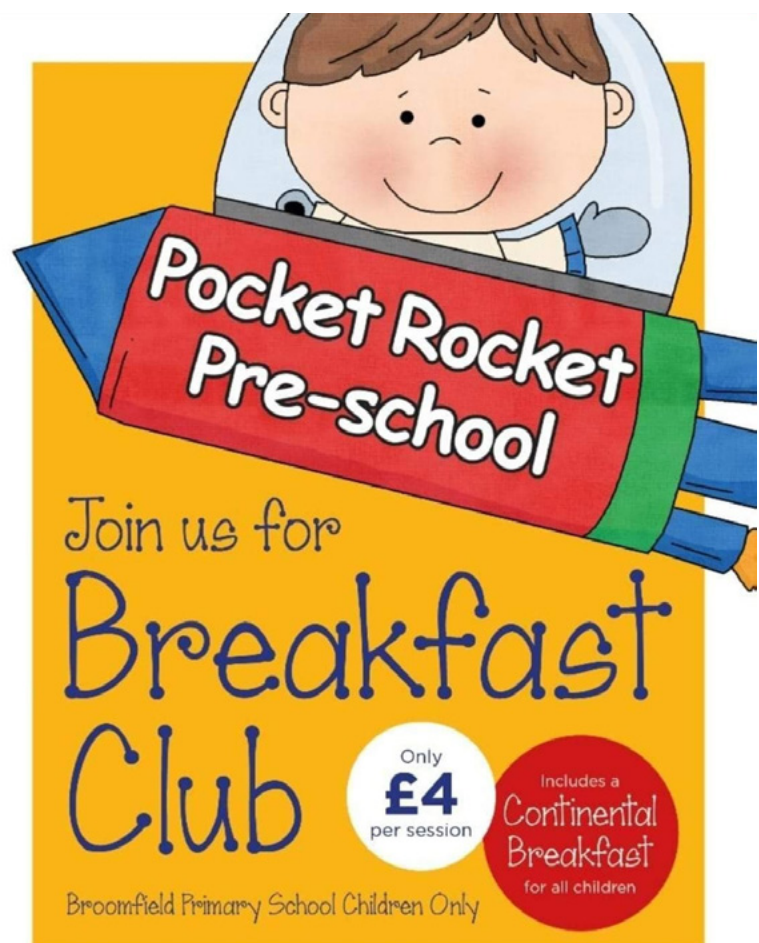


Happy New Year to everyone. Let's hope it's not too long before we have more freedom. Sadly we have not been able to restart our Brownie meetings yet. We miss the Brownies so much, they are always full of enthusiasm and energy.

I am currently looking at badges that can be worked for at home. We did this during the first lockdown and it was really successful. I know some groups are running meetings via Zoom. However I feel that with all the school meetings going on, we need to take time away from screens.

I hope that Pack Holiday in May is still going to happen. We all need something to look forward to. Let's hope this is the last magazine article I write before we start back again.

In the meantime stay safe and continue to be amazing. If you know anyone between 7 and 10 years old who enjoys adventures, please call me on 07981812955. **Brown Owl**



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So what did you do on New Years Eve ?

I was listening to the radio the other day and there was the replaying of a conversation that many might have had about Christmas and especially New Year's Eve. The question went, 'So what did you do on New Year's Eve then', one of the presenters replied, 'really you don't need to ask that question, because it was pretty much the same for all of us, we stayed in and watched TV'. Now of course I know many of people were also working that night in our hospitals and other places of care, and the emergency services were on duty. But for many nothing really happened, certainly the usual ways of celebrating were largely absent.

Which provides something of a dilemma when you come to write an article for the Long Furrow. Nothing much has really happened over the last couple of months in our regular church life either. Although of course much has happened in our nation and the world around us, as we have lurched from Tier 3 to Tier 4 to Full Lockdown. But our Christmas service was a simple and short service of Holy Communion in a COVID safe environment with about 20 people present. Christmas Messy church was cancelled, as was the Christingle service, the carol service and the Nativity service, there wasn't a Scout Carol Service at St Hilda's. For many, Christmas plans were ruined as only a limited number of people were allowed to gather, difficult and often painful decisions as to who to gather with were made, and even then the rate of infections has grown alarmingly.

It would be a fair question to ask a Christian, where is God in all of this turmoil difficulty and sadness. The honest answer is often we don't know. God has set us in this world where there are diseases and disasters. Theologically this is because, to put it simply, we were chucked out of the intended perfect world because we messed up and decided to go our own way! Now be that as it may God hasn't left us alone. We have just celebrated the most obvious demonstration of that as we remembered Jesus' birth at Christmas, the Son of God given to us.

But how do we live day by day especially at times like these. It is through faith in a God who sent his Son to die for us on the cross that the Christian can hold onto this promise,



God is not absent in our life or our world. St Paul in his letter to the church in Rome writes this, 'And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him'. This is often misinterpreted as, 'God causes all things to happen to us, even the bad things', and we might have heard people say, 'there is a reason for everything'. But that isn't what the verse means. It means even in our darkest moments of difficulty God wants us to rely on him, to trust him and to have faith that he can shape our lives for our good even in the most trying of circumstances.

Of course we give thanks for the scientists and medical staff looking after the sick and developing a vaccine which will protect people from COVID-19, and that is fantastic but in the end it is only a temporary fix to our lives, hopefully a long temporary fix! That is why we often read the verse from St Paul at funerals with the question hanging there, if God works for the good of those who love him, how then do we come to be having a funeral service at all? It is because we know that God works for our good in the difficult times, and our own funeral is perhaps seemingly the most difficult of times, that we can hold onto the hope that even at our end God still works for our good. What does this mean? It means that as Jesus promised 'there are many rooms in my Father's house, and I go to prepare a place for you', that the hope we have is an eternal one! We know that as we live our lives God will be working to make us better people, to bring us a better understanding of ourselves and inspire us in serving others but at the end he will bring us home to the place where he dwells; we often refer to that as heaven. It is a promise that I hope we won't dismiss or forget as we travel together through this time of crisis and throughout the rest of our lives.

I pray and hope for a Happy New Year for all.

Revd. Tim Day. Vicar, East Goscote & Thurmaston.



EAST GOSCOTE SCOUT GROUP

SCOUTING IS BACK IN EAST GOSCOTE

All sections managed to have some face to face meeting before yet another lockdown. So here are a few highlights of what we got up to. All sections are looking forward to the New Year, hoping that restrictions will let us all enjoy Scouting. Wishing everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year.



Scouts resumed face to face meetings. All meetings they had were being held outside with a small group, while the others had an activity on zoom. This has involved brushing up outdoor skills like fire lighting, cooking on Trangias, shooting and an outdoor Christmas party with a Scouting staple of toasted marshmallows.



Cubs also managed to return to face to face meetings if only for a few weeks. Managing to do fire lighting, making bird feeders, Wide Games and enjoy a fun evening of Christmas games. Christmas crafts were sent home for all to enjoy.



Beavers returned for a few weeks to enjoy doing activities outside. They finished off their year with Zoom meetings. Creating many fun evenings, the biscuit making went down really well.



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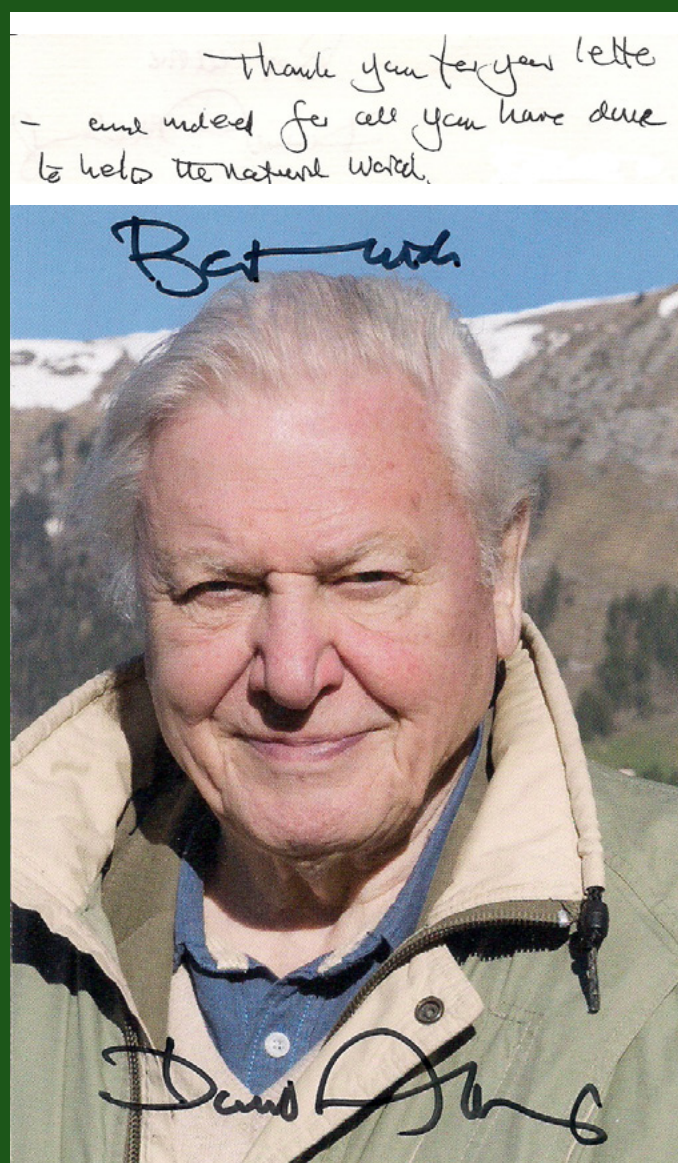
- a) In front of the car ?
- b) Behind the car ?
- c) Alongside the car ?

The answer is elsewhere in Long Furrow.

THE GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE

BEST WISHES FROM SIR DAVID !

Just once in a blue moon, something happens that is beyond your wildest dreams. It happened to me in November. My confidence was boosted by Rod Axon's excellent article on Biodiversity and a couple of other references in the last Long Furrow. So I plucked up courage and wrote to Sir David Attenborough including a copy of the mag. You never know your luck — we might get a signed photo? Not just a signed photo ! A kind, thoughtful, hand-written letter from one of the most enlightened people on the Planet. So I must share his thanks and best wishes with you ...



THE BIRDS AND THE BEES

As part of our County Council's bid to improve biodiversity (the range of flora and fauna that lives alongside us), partnership projects have been set up with many Parish and Town Councils to create areas of wildflowers in urban settings. Our Parish Council has proposed a section of the Long Furrow brookside straight and we await a survey from Nature Spot, the County's consultant. Assuming it goes ahead, Greener Goscote volunteers will be involved in preparing the ground, seeding, raking and clearing mowings. This is a small scale trial. If successful it will become an area of great beauty as well as benefiting all of us from the diversity of nature.



IN OTHER NEWS

Greener Goscote are now looking after the raised beds at the entrance to the Jubilee Playing Field and trial areas of wildflowers will appear in other mowed areas.

USEFUL CONTACTS: Environment 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.

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Background: Gladman Land is a company acting as agents for landowners. Essentially they specialise in securing outline permission in order to make land saleable to developers. They look for weaknesses in a local Borough's planning laws and allocation of housing land to push through development on usually green field land. They always appeal if rejected.

In 2018 Gladman Land applied for outline permission for 270 houses on land up to the bypass and on the landfill. The application was for Access to be determined and all other matters re-served. This was refused so they went to appeal. **Their appeal was rejected and Charnwood Borough Council (CBC) had spent a lot of your tax money fighting it.** Inexplicably, despite the money spent by CBC, they then placed the land into the next draft local plan for housing. This has encouraged Gladman to speculate on a swift approval and they submitted a proposal on the 18th December, just two days after a Zoom meeting to 'consult' with our Parish Council.

The map of the land shows the old landfill area in red. The houses built in the 2000s alongside the landfill site are very safe and built on foundations designed to very high gas proof standards as a precaution. They are also set back a minimum of 5 metres from the landfill. During construction of these houses the site was monitored and CO2 was slightly higher than normal and methane around normal. Recent tests (from Nov 2017) have shown the CO2 now at acceptable levels.



Some history: In May 1941 Holloway Bros and Pick, Everard, Keay and Gimson were chosen to build the Royal Ordnance Factory no. 10 between Melton Road and the Wreake River. The quarry appeared during the phase of rapid construction of the factory. The quarry floor was likely used to burn factory waste of all kinds and to dump ash from two 4-boiler turbine houses.

Secrecy laws from the 1920s meant that the ordnance factory, this quarry and the Rearsby Taylorcraft factory were not shown on Ordnance Survey maps until 1958/9.

KEGG has seen numerous documents from the previous planning application and in the National Archive relating to the war time era of Queniborough and Rearsby and believes this land was safely capped before a second phase of landfill. We think the first phase contains contaminants related to ordnance manufacture. Residents say that burning also took place in the pit during the post-war years. Why disturb this currently safe land to create a risk to you and your environment?

Although needing a little more detail, broadly, the first phase of landfill from 1941 onwards appears linked to the war time production of munitions, the subsequent decommissioning of the Royal Ordnance Factory and subsequent RAF depot no. 78. This phase is thought to have been capped with clay by 1950, after ploughing of the waste and contaminants in to the then surface of the quarry. This was the standard method of decontamination of munitions burning and test grounds outlined in a 1950 document held in the National Archives.

A second phase filled the remaining void and consisted mainly of inert waste. It began in 1978 and ended in 1982, when the land was safely returned to agriculture. Records of landfill contents are notoriously patchy before the 1980s. None can yet be found detailing the precise contents, but the list of potential contaminants is huge and ranges from asbestos to hydrocarbons, heavy metals, mercury and lead compounds.

Around 90 of the proposed 270 houses would be built on this contaminated piece of land. (see Gladman's proposed layout on next page).



For these houses the land could be treated in one of two ways:

1. It would first need remediation before any house is occupied using heavy machinery to sift through 180,000 cubic metres of material at a depth of up to 2 metres and at a distance of just 5 metres from existing houses.
2. Or, as suggested by Gladman's Professor Stephen Black at the 2019 enquiry, house foundations could sit on piles driven into the tip. (IOCO thereby disturbing the contents and providing pathways for contaminants and pockets of gas to escape).

We believe that both of these options would be an unacceptable risk to the environment and human health. Even Gladman's own consultants might agree...

In a separate report by Wardell Armstrong for Gladman concerning the Minerals present on site, it states that when it concerns potential sand and gravel extraction :-

"The processing plant is noisy and could not be located within close proximity to residential buildings without causing an unacceptable impact on the amenity of residents." It also described the site as being too small for the use of such machinery without severe loss of amenity to nearby residents.

The equipment needed to drive piling, remediate landfill, remove waste, sift contaminants and suppress dust will be an equally unacceptable detriment to amenity. Remember that this could take place just 5 metres from where existing families live plus the building phase for 7 years or more. This is an entirely speculative proposal that would harm the environment and the wellbeing of nearby residents for years to come.

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As a first step please write to: Councillor Richard Bailey who is the lead Councillor on Planning for CBC cllr. richard.bailey@charnwood.gov.uk . Please ask him why the land has been included in the new draft development plan for Charnwood and ask for its removal from the draft local plan. Also please write to your MP the Rt Hon Edward Argar MP

edward.argar.mp@parliament.uk asking for his support against harmful speculative development of our village.

Then, please write again to CBC when comments are allowed on the Planning Explorer portal.

Your Borough Councillor Laurie Needham, the Parish Council and KEGG, the Keep East Goscote Green group are all fighting this proposal. Your support is greatly appreciated.

For information, advice or to offer your support please email KEGGUTA@gmail.com.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Pavilion Car Park has been in a state for some time and was in need of repair. During November our contractor was asked to extend the road around to the Scout Hut and resurface the car park. This work will benefit the users of both the Pavilion and the Scout HQ. The work was financed by the Parish Council and Wilson Homes Section 106 funds.

At the end of November, some of the Parish Councillors planted 30 trees, donated by the Woodland Trust, on the side of the Mound. The Parish Council thanks the Trust for their generosity. Meanwhile Leicestershire County Council have been running a Wildflower Verges initiative. The Parish Council chose the verge alongside the brook on Long Furrow to trial wildflower verges. All of the households opposite the verge were consulted and there were no objections. We now await a survey and then hope to see wildflowers in the future.

The swings on the Lingdale play area are very old. The Parish Council have ordered replacements as part of our ongoing upgrade of play equipment which we hope to have installed in the spring. And last Autumn, Charnwood Borough Council supplied a Cycle Rack which was sited outside the Village Hall. The Parish Council have asked Charnwood Borough Council for a second one which will be located near to the Pavilion. Four new village boundary signs have been ordered for Melton Road, Broome Lane and Craftmans Way. Each of these signs will show the speed limit and the village name.

Gladman Land are to apply for 270 houses on the site where their previous applications have been turned down. The Parish Council have formed a committee and are keeping a close eye on the situation. Once the application is made, residents will be able to make their comments to the Planning Department at Charnwood. Follow the situation on the Parish Council website.

On January 4th our Chairman, John Malpus, stood down as a parish councillor due to family commitments. He has served the parish for over 20 years, in four separate terms of office, including 5 years as Chairman. There is now a vacancy for a Parish Councillor.



NEWS FOR BOOK WORMS

What a year 2020 became !! Due to COVID 19, the library was closed for just over 5 months. At time of writing we have remained closed after the Christmas holiday. The library will reopen once the Tier 4 status has been lowered. Watch out for occasional self-service dog bag sales outside the library.

When the library is open again customers will have a 4-week loan period but there are no reservation bookings. Once the stock transfer system restarts fully, reservations will be accepted.

The library needs two more Trustees to assist in it's management. Without a group of Trustees, the library may not be able to continue. The Trustees normally meet three or four times a year but because of COVID, they have not been able to meet since February 2020.

We would like to thank all of our volunteers who came back to the library after lockdown as well as Angela who setup a self-service dog bag stall on several occasions during lockdown. Unfortunately some volunteers could not return due to underlying health issues. Let hope that 2021 will be a better year as things start to return to some sort of normality. Please note our new website address: <https://east-goscote-community-library.webador.co.uk/> and you can find us on our Facebook page.



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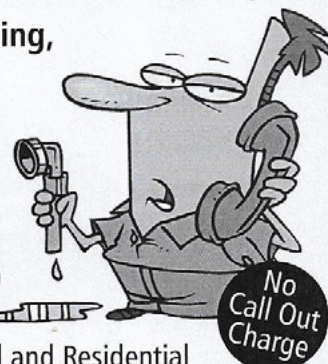
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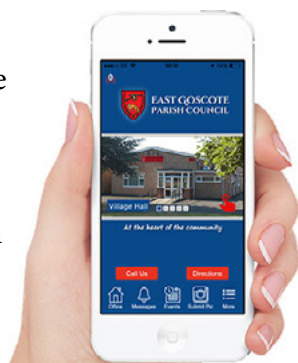


Parish Phone App/New Website

The success of the website and the App continues. The website has had 9809 page views over the last 12 months and the parish app has had a total of 889 downloads.

DOWNLOAD IN THE APP STORE.

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EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings of the 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 notice boards, the apps or the website. Currently, the meetings are held remotely.

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

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