# February 2014 Long Furrow

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| 2: Confirmation of the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting | 7: Borough Councillor's Report – C Duffy |
| 3: Matters Arising from the Minutes | 8: County Councillor's Report – D. Houseman |
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# Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of 2014, we hope you enjoy it As always our local community groups were busy over Christmas organising events for our village, this year we had a full programme of events from the Parish Council and St Hildas Church, not to mention our young people's Organisations. I hope you were able to enjoy some of the events and join with me in thanking those that gave up their time voluntarily.

On a sadder note this edition contains an article about Don Matthews who passed away recently, as many will know Mr Matthews was responsible for establishing the 22nd Leicester Boys Brigade which still runs today under the guidance of his son Jeff.

As you will see in this latest issue there are a good number of events coming up on our village and if you are a local organisation with an event to publicise please let us know and we will try and help.

Kind Regards

Simon
and
Steph Bradshaw

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exec@eastgoscotescouts.org.uk, or East Goscote Scout Group, c/o 2 Foresters Row, East Goscote, LE7 3ZF.

# East Goscote Village Pre-School

A big hello from all the staff and children at Pre-School.
We have had a wonderful start to a new year at Pre-School. A year which I know will be full of activities and adventures which will allow our imaginations, independence, educational learning goals and social skills to flourish and grow.

We look forward to travelling the world in our role play area exploring different cultures, foods and special events.
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*Sally Lander (07756312171), Lisa, Elaine, Leigh, Donna & Vicky*


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Queniborough will follow a week later on 15th March and Frisby will be held on the 5th April.

**Thrussington Fun Run** is a smashing local x-country course with water crossings and

haybale jumps. The event is over 5 races and allows for all age groups as well as family and school teams. For more info and entry form see

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Race 3 = 3pm – school year 5 and 6

Race 4 = 3.20pm – school year 7 – 17 years of age

Race 5= 3.40pm – Adults and VET 50+

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Our week of baking was a real success....the children loved making a variety of cakes throughout the week to sell at the end of each day supporting children in need, where the amazing amount of £75 was made....well done everyone. The following week the children explored baking resources and equipment to freely create.....this resulted in some surprisingly interesting cakes, buns, biscuits that the children then tasted at snack or circle time.

The children thoroughly enjoyed making a Bee in a Christmas hat for the Christmas tree festival in church. We then all walked round to St Hilda's church to place the bees on our tree.

Towards the latter part of the term we set up our role-play area as a stable and the children had fun recreating the Christmas story....the children loved dressing up in costumes, we celebrated baby Jesus' birth many times over.

We held our Christmas play in the local church where the younger children dressed in their outfits and others dressed in Christmas story costumes. The children all looked so happy, they were little stars remembering the words they had learned to Away in a Manger followed by lots of Christmas songs with actions. Thank you to everyone who came to join in the celebration and for all the lovely feedback we had.

We finished the term with a lovely Christmas party where the children joined in doing Zumba and other party games with Penny, followed by yummy party food and Santa bringing a gift for everyone.

We have started the New Year off welcoming new children to our Wednesday afternoon sessions and existing children were soooo excited to stay with us for their packed lunch. Our role-play has so far been a home corner; Garage and Clothes shop. Stories we have favoured have been Bob the builder, The Hungry Caterpillar, The Gingerbread Man and many more shared in the Library.

Until next time

**Helen, Dianne, Jayne, Sarah, Tasha, Lisa and Karen.**

# Obituary: Don Matthews 1935—2014

After moving to East Goscote in late 1966 Don realised that there was a need for a boys brigade company. With the help of Roy Clarke, 22nd Leicester Boys Brigade was formed in April 1969, meeting in an outbuilding at Threeways Farm Queniborough. It started with 12 boys and leaders After the building of the village hall at East Goscote the company moved premises and grew to 20 in number. The company moved base again once st Hildas Church was established. By this time there was a need for something for younger lads. Although Boys Brigade nationally did not have a section the East Goscote Company formed (The Cabin Boys) for 5-8 year olds, and soon had 25 members in this age group! Every evening Don was busy with parade night, PT, Football, Swimming and more. At its peak in the late 70s and early 80s the company had 150 members. Although other officers took charge as company captain over the years Don was always heavily involved until his retirement from BB in 1994. shortly after Don and Jean moved to Melton Mowbray and passed the reins of the 22nd Leicester boys Brigade company to his son Jeff. The company still meets at St Hildas each week although in much smaller numbers. This year they celebrate their 45 year anniversary and now include a girls section.

*Our Photo shows the 1st Church parade on East Goscote for the 22nd Leicester East Goscote Boys Brigade in 1970. Mr Don Matthews leading the company.*

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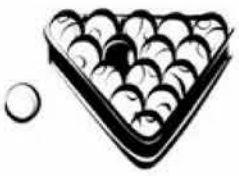

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Rainbows

Firstly we would like to say a warm welcome to Abbie and Sophie who joined 1st East Goscote Rainbows at the beginning of term and farewell to Jenny who left us to move on to Brownies. We hope they all have fun and enjoy themselves in their new Girlguiding ventures.

Secondly we are very grateful to East Goscote Scouts who are now accommodating us in the scout hut on Monday evenings. We are looking forward to the summer months in order to get the girls outside and make use of the excellent Jubilee playing fields.

We have a fun packed diary taking us up to Easter which includes Chinese New Year games and crafts, taking a trip around the World for World Thinking Day and having a Rainbows favourite pyjama party. The girls have also chosen activities to carry out to achieve a Roundabout Rainbows badge.

We currently have spaces for new girls, if your daughter is between 5 and 7 years old and thinks she would like to join us, please contact me on the number below.

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Mel, Emma, Alex, Grace and Anna

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We also have teams for older age groups. Club chairman John Palmer 07707050773

Goscote Gunners F.C.

# Broomfield News

## Broomfield Bloggers

We are a group of year 5 and 6 children who are called the Broomfield Bloggers and it is our job to inform you what we are doing at school. We interview adults and children to find out what they have been up to and then write reports for the Long Furrow Magazine. We also write a page in the school's bulletin which is emailed to parents and we are hoping to write a page for our brand new website shortly.

Charlie, Gemma, Lucy, Demi-Leigh, Anna,

## Design a stamp

***For our homework the whole school designed a Christmas stamp for the royal mail competition. There was someone who was in the top one hundred who won a £100 for herself and £100 for the school, her name is Mia. She drew a snowman next to a Christmas tree whilst it is snowing. Mia was seven years old when she did this.***

Mia's stamp

***The school would like to say well-done to Mia and good luck in the next round!***

***By Harvey***

## Wicked Website!

On Friday the 20th of September, Broomfield Primary School launched a new website (www.broomfieldprimaryschool.co.uk). It has all sorts of information for parents and games for children, it was exciting for both pupil and staff but there were 2 particular children we interviewed. Harvey, year 1 and Oliver, year 3 both had basically the same opinion about it. They both thought it was brilliant that it was released and Oliver has already played on it. Harvey hasn't had the chance to go on it yet, but he said he hopes to play on it soon. There was a designing competition on what the new website will look like. The winners of the competition were Finn and Darragh, in year 1 and year 3. They were so surprised that they won the competition! The new website is just fantastic! So let us just advise you, go on it, it's great!

By Fin and Jack

## The ball is in the net

The sport of netball is a great game as said by the interviewed children who played it at the after school club. They all said that they enjoyed the game. The children went to their first matches and tried their hardest but sadly lost every match. Netball took place lasts term after school on Tuesday until quarter past four, it was for year 5 and 6 but this wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for Miss Jex the teacher who taught us the game.

# Mingle with Music

Since 2012 violin lessons have been taking place to develop children's instrumental skills. Sadly, the wonderful teacher, Mrs Dyer had to leave us to move to Wales. Luckily, we got an amazing replacement, Mrs Jackson. Hannah attended violin so she could play her first, proper instrument and now is a brilliant player. Nell the new comer has just started using the bow and is glad, because she wants to become a professional!

This year piano/keyboard lessons have been taking place with our new teacher, Mrs Evans. Our interviewees Isla and Calum have been playing for one week and are thoroughly enjoying it. Calum says he likes reading music and Isla just enjoys

Isla, JaimRose & Olivia

***Fantastic Football***

***Football club is on straight after school and it finishes at 4:30pm for year 6 and year 5s.***

***Mr Beeby is our football coach.***

***All the football matches are home and away.***

***Oliver likes the training and thinks we're a really good team.***

***Zach thinks we will win a lot of games with a longer time to train.***

**Kai really enjoys training and thinks we are the best team.**

***By Harvey***

**We were very busy last term raising a fantastic £867.49 for several very worthwhile charities including Farm Africa, Macmillan, Vista and Children in Need .....**

# sky lights!!!

Our resident artist Vanessa has returned! She has come to make the school brighter by decorating a piece of plastic that will fix onto the sky lights.

Teachers have chosen 2 children from each class to help make and design the sky lights. First of all they drew a rough copy of the picture onto a GIANT piece of paper. Second of all Vanessa copied the pictures onto a piece of plastic with some special black paste. Then the children painted the plastic with extra runny paint.

The children who made the plastic squares Quoted "we enjoyed it and we wonder what we might be going to do next".

Hopefully Vanessa will come back when she has done this project and help us do something else for the school.

By Gemma & Charlie

# Jazz up your jumper!

On the 13th December 2013 the school had a jazz up your jumper day to raise money. The school raised £167.40! We asked 4 children (Ben, Izaak, Keira and Jack) what they wore and if they enjoyed the day. Ben quoted " I wore a jumper with a Santa on the front and a snowman on the back." Also Jack quoted "I wore a green jumper with baubles hanging off it." All of the children said that they enjoyed the whole day. Some of the children's highlights of the day was colouring and doing Christmas crosswords. Izaak quoted " I wore a reindeer jumper" The last quote is from Keira " I wore a Rudolph top and my favourite part of the day was doing Christmas puzzles" So that was all about our jazz up your jumper day!

By Charlie and Gemma

# ST HILDA'S CHURCH NEWS

Happy New Year from St. Hilda's to all Long Furrow readers. It seems a long time since we had Javaid here with us – nearly a year. He came for a visit at the beginning of January and several of us from St. Hilda's and St. Michael's went to meet him and Mussarat at the Hobby Horse where some of us stayed for a meal. It was lovely to see them again and catch up on each other's news. They have settled in well to their new parish and it is an entirely different kind of village to here or Thurmaston. It is in the commuter belt for London and there are well over 100 people in the congregation every Sunday.

The advert for the new vicar has at last been put on to the diocesan website so we are hoping that we get suitable applicants replying to that and if so interviews will take place at the end of February.

Our church garden is looking very spring like with the bulbs poking through and the polyanthus starting to flower. We are very grateful to Geoff Hickling for all his hard work in keeping the garden looking so nice.

Easter is quite late this year – 20 April. There will be a Holy Communion Service at 9.30 a.m. on Easter Morning. There is also a special Mothering Sunday service on 30 March, also 9.30 a.m. Visitors are very welcome to come along and join us on these or any Sunday morning. Holy Communion is always 1st and 3rd Sundays and Morning Worship or Family Service on the alternate Sundays.

Jane Mercy Church Warden

**WOMENS WORLD DAY of PRAYER** will be held on Friday 7th March 2014.

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in High Street, Syston and, in the evening, with a 7 pm service at St Michael

and All Angels' Parish Church in Rearsby.

All are welcome.

Please see the posters for further details.

Thank you

Judith Dalton

2014 Organiser

The Parish Church of St. Hilda, East Goscote

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The players and their brothers and sisters enjoyed the Christmas party in December which was very well supported with each player receiving a gift from the club. We would like to say a huge thank you for donations of fantastic raffle prizes which included a 4x4 off road experience and a behind the scenes tour of the King Power Stadium.

Our girls' teams were busy before Christmas guiding Santa around the village (ensuring he knew his way around ready for the big day) and helping Melton Round Table raise £350 all of which goes to local charities. They have recently taken part in a Leicester Riders development day where they enjoyed a basketball training session, watched the Riders play and had a chance to meet the players at the end of the evening.

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# Supporting the education of the children of East Goscote

Hello and happy new year from FOBS, though the Christmas holiday seems like a distant memory!

Last term was a busy and successful one for FOBS. Our first school disco of the year in October made over £400 and the first round of the Great Broomfield Bake off made £118! Well done Clover and thank you to all those parents and children that helped out and took part in both events.

The highlight of the Autumn Term was the Broomfield Christmas Fair. As this was the first time any of us had been involved in running this type of event at the school we were all a little anxious as to how it would go. But with the support of local businesses (see later), parents, friends, staff and children the Fair was a great success and of course we couldn't have done it without Santa!! It was lovely to see so many people turn out to come and browse the stalls, enjoy a mince pie and say hello to our special visitor and in total the event and raffle raised over £1000 to support the school in improving its IT provision.

When we were trying to come up with prizes for the Christmas raffle we wanted to offer something that would really make a difference at Christmas. Well done to Alison and Jenny for winning the first and second prizes of a £200 Toys and Us voucher and £100 Asda gift card respectively, the other prizes of a £50 M&S giftcard, £25 Next gift card and £25 and £15 Tesco gift cards were also claimed on the day. The raffle prizes were quite expensive but we are very lucky to have some very kind hearted and generous businesses on the village who sponsored the purchase of these. We would like to express huge thanks to M-Square, Maple Ark, East Goscote Pharmacy, East Goscote Carpets & Blinds, East Goscote Post Office and Stores, Pink Pages, Green Thumbs Lawn Treatment, Sapphire Kitchens, Asfordby Doors, SIMS, Mr D's Quality Meats, Express Assemblies, Slimming World, Baileys Direct, Triumph Needle Company, Andrews Hydraulics, The Radiator Factory, The White Slice, Cafe Choo Choo, and CleanCom for their incredible support.

Thanks also to the many stallholders and the East Goscote Fish and Chip Bar who donated prizes for the entry prize draw. Tickets were handed out on entry and a number of prizes are still to be claimed. The winning tickets numbers are 214, 145, 73, 192, 183, 232, 63, and 105. If you still have your tickets and are one of the lucky winners please collect your prize from the school office as soon as possible!

There are two events looming large this half-term. The second heat of the Great Broomfield Bake Off will take place on Friday 07 February giving all the budding bakers in FOXGLOVE a chance to show off their skills and the end of term disco will be taking place on Thursday 13 February.

Finally, if you have any ideas for fundraising, you would like to come and help at a particular event or would like to join the Committee please get in touch. You can also keep up to date by looking us up on Facebook, just search for Friends of Broomfield, East Goscote. Please 'like' us and 'share' us with your friends! Thank you for your continued support!

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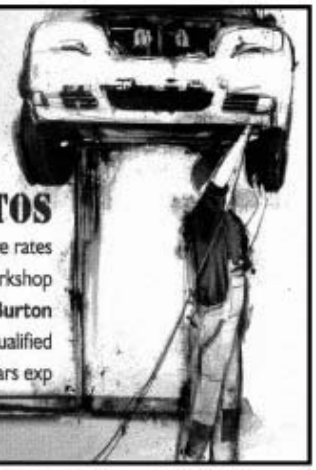

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## East Goscote Parish Council News

**Christmas Events**

The Parish Council's Christmas event was a fantastic success.

There were a lot of excited children with big smiling faces as they visited Santa in his grotto. Outside was magical with the fairground rides and stalls. This event ran alongside the Christmas Tree festival at St Hilda's Church. The church was full of trees decorated by the groups of East Goscote. All in all the whole eventing was a great community event.

I would like to thank everyone who gave their time and supported us. All money donated will be put towards a new roof for the village hall – a valuable community asset.

(Written by Parish Councillor Sally Lander)

**East Goscote Post Office**

I'm sure that by now many of you are aware that our Post Office is on the move!

Councillors June Kyle, Roger Merry-Howe and Michelle Cadle met with a Post Office services representative. This meeting enabled the council to ask questions which had been raised by the public, which allowed us to gain a better understanding of the situation. One concern was that we could lose this valuable service. However this fortunately does not appear to be the case. The Post Office is in consultation regarding its move to the White Slice. The white slice will continue to operate its normal service, alongside the post office services

### Dog Fouling

Continues to be a problem on the village, particularly around the Weavers Wynd area. We had cleaned the area up, and Charnwood will be sending out street wardens to monitor the area. Fixed Penalty notices of up to £80 can be issued to dog walkers who fail to clean up after their pets. If you know an environmental offender please call 01509 634564 or email; cleaner.greener@charnwood.gov.uk

**Annual Parish Meeting**

Will be held on Wednesday April 9th at 7.30pm in the village hall. The Borough Councillor, County Councillor and police should be present along with your Parish Councillors. Please come along if there are any village issues that you may wish to raise.

### Street Lighting

As mentioned in the last Long Furrow, East Goscote's street lighting was under consultation. Many residents were concerned as this could result in some parts of the village being in complete darkness.

Following this, Councillors Robert Black and Derry Walton met a representative to raise these concerns and to discuss further. The Parish Council felt that this meeting was a success as they have succeeded in keeping 13 of the intended part night lights to remain switched on. These lights are mainly around the Weavers Wynd area. The Parish Council has received permission to paint some of the concrete bollards around the village in Yellow. This will help when the lighting is reduced.

**Police News**

We have a new officer for East Goscote, Beat Officer PC Miranda Gent, badge number: 4330. The Parish Council continues to work alongside the police as recently the village has been experiencing some anti-social behaviour, which is closely being monitored.

Leicestershire Police have after consultations decided to close the front counter service at Syston Police station as from April 2014. The alternatives for Charnwood residents are Loughborough and Keyham Lane.

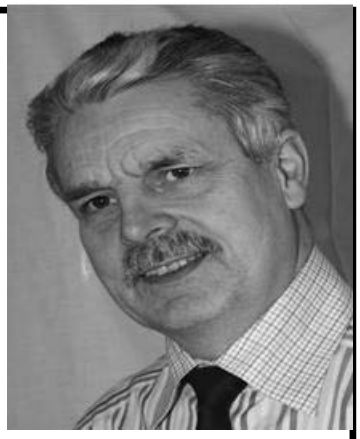
**Parish Council Office**

Revised opening hours are as follows:

Monday 9.30am-12.30pm, Tuesday 9.30am-3.00pm, Wednesday Closed, Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm, Friday Closed.

Please note that for the time being the office will no longer be opening on a Friday, however the village caretaker will still be available.

## County Councillor Dave Houseman's Report



**Community Climate Change Grants**

Community organisations are reminded that grants are available to help keep their venues cosy.

Leicestershire County Council is offering Shire Community Climate Change Grants of up to £5,000 to improve energy efficiency in community buildings in Leicestershire.

Charities, faith groups, village halls, sport / community buildings, committees and parish councils can apply for the grants which will also enable them to reduce their energy bills.

The grants could cover practical projects such as the installation of energy efficiency measures including new heating systems, roof or cavity wall insulation, solar panels and improved lighting systems.

They are also available for community events or projects that promote awareness of the issues of climate change, and training courses relating to energy efficiency and climate change.

To apply and for full details, including examples of projects that have benefited from a SHIRE Community Climate Change grant, go to: www.leics.gov.uk/climatechange_grants.

*To apply for a practical project, applicants must first either have undertaken an energy audit or hold an Energy Performance Certificate.

Recent grant offers include £5,000 towards an air source heat pump at Illston Village Hall and £5,000 for solar PV Panels at Countesthorpe Village Hall. For further information please contact the below.

Nailesh Ramaiya, Climate Action, 0116 305 8111, nailesh.ramaiya@leics.gov.uk

**Lend a Hand in Leicestershire**

At the Leicestershire County Council meeting on 4.12.13 the Leader made a position statement which included an update on the Leicestershire County Council Mortgage Scheme which commenced in September 2012. He said he was pleased to report that under the scheme:-

£7.4 million has been lent by the County Council as backing for mortgages;

312 mortgages have been approved, and of these 236 have already been completed.

The total value of mortgages that have been agreed is £35m.

The Government's Help to Buy Scheme has now been launched and although it is not focussed solely on first time buyers, it is likely to have an impact on the take up of Lend a Hand as it means that mortgages where only a 5% deposit is required will be more widely available (albeit at higher rates than are available under Lend a Hand.

Lloyds TSB have agreed to continue offering Lend a Hand within Leicestershire for the time being, while they assess the demand for it, and Leicestershire County Council will continue to fund it.

The Council's scheme has undoubtedly been a success within Leicestershire and has allowed many first time buyers to enter the housing market with much lower deposits than would otherwise have been required.

**Dave Houseman**
**Adult Social Care Cabinet Member**

## Leah Clarke: A Thank You

Leah Clarke and her family would like to say a big Thank you to all of you who supported us during a fundraiser to get Leah the special Tricycle she needs. We reached our goal! So once again a Big Thank you one and all. It means a lot to us especially Leah

# BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2014

**Charnwood Growth Plan:**

Councillors voted to submit Charnwood Borough Council's proposed Local Plan Core Strategy to the Secretary of State so an examination in public can take place. The vote was cast at a Special Full Council meeting which was webcast live across the Borough on Monday (October 28, 2013) for the first time ever in Charnwood. A total of 28 councillors voted in favour of submitting the draft plan, 17 voted against and two councillors abstained. The draft strategy outlines how the Borough could grow over the next 15 years in terms of housing, employment opportunities, schools, parks and other facilities. The Inspector will decide whether the Council's plan can go forward with or without amendments. If the plan is approved by the Inspector, councillors will then have to decide whether or not to officially adopt the draft plan later this year. The plan has been developed in light of evidence and following extensive consultation over the last eight years to identify the main areas of proposed development.

**Appeal Launched After Biggest-Ever FLY-Tip in Charnwood:**

An investigation is underway after about 30 tons of waste was dumped in Charnwood – the biggest fly-tip ever recorded in the Borough. Charnwood Borough Council enforcement officers are appealing for witnesses after a mountain of waste was dumped at the Burrows Industrial Estate, East Goscote, sometime between 10:30pm on December 11 and 7am on December 12, 2013. The rubbish pile contained wood, metal, plastic, children's toys and a range of other household and commercial waste. The Council is one of the most proactive local authorities for prosecuting fly-tippers in the East Midlands and is hoping someone may have seen something that could help trace the offenders. The Council have said that the annual Don't Muck Around campaign aims to raise awareness about fly-tipping and how they will not tolerate it in Charnwood. They will pursue all lines of enquiry to bring the offenders in this case to justice. If you have any information please contact the Enforcement Team on 01509 634563 or email **cleaner.greener@charnwood.gov.uk**. The council has done a lot of awareness raising and education around the penalties and impact of dog fouling, yet it is still the number one source of environmental complaints they receive. A total of 64 fixed penalty notices were issued last year. Charnwood Council's flagship 'Don't Muck Around' enviro-crime campaign has received national recognition. The award-winning campaign, which runs every year, targets fly tipping, dog fouling and litter and it has now been shortlisted for another accolade in the Local Government Chronicle Magazine Awards. Winners will be announced at a ceremony in London on March 12.

**Most of Icelandic bank cash returned to Charnwood:**

Charnwood Borough Council has so far received 94% of the £1m it lost in the failed Icelandic bank Landsbanki. It invested the sum with its UK subsidiary Heritable on January 30, 2008, with a maturity date of January 28, 2009. But the company was placed in administration on October 7, 2008. A review of the authority's treasury and investment strategy states that £975,000 of it has been recovered. The Council has said that they are still waiting for an update from the administrators about the likelihood of further dividends. The review also states that the council is to terminate a contract with banking and assets management group Investec which is up for renewal next month. Investec currently invests £9.7m of the council's asset portfolio, but the Council is expected to receive just 0.1 per cent interest from it in 2013/14. The council's own in-house investors will take over having earned a 1.31 per cent interest in their own investments in the six months preceding September 30.

**Council Tax - Council offers help to struggling residents:**

A £110,000 package of support is being offered to residents in Charnwood who need help with their finances. Charnwood Borough Council has approved a £30,000 fund to offer specialist money management and debt advice services on top of an £80,000 fund to help struggling residents pay Council

Tax bills. The move comes as the Council approved an updated Local Council Tax Support scheme which will mean people in receipt of Council Tax Support will be asked to pay 15% towards their Council Tax bill as part of the Government's welfare reform measures. Pensioners and war widows are not affected by these changes. Councillor Jenny Bokor, the Council's Cabinet Member for Revenues, Benefits and Customer Services, said: "We know we still live in very challenging times and as we have had to increase the amount people have to contribute towards their Council Tax bill, it is important that we can offer this kind of help. "I would urge anyone who has concerns about how welfare reforms impact their finances to get in touch with us. Our staff are ready and able to offer help and advice." In 2013, the Government abolished Council Tax Benefit as part of the Welfare Reform Act and reduced the amount of money the Council receives to help pay to support benefit recipients on the lowest incomes. Council Tax Benefit was replaced by a locally designed Council Tax Support scheme which meant anyone of working age and in receipt of benefit had to pay up to 8.5% towards their Council Tax liability in the first year. That has now been increased to 15% to help cover a shortfall in public finances. The contribution will work out at about £2.80 per person per week. For the full report, visit: https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/files/papers/cnl_13_january_2014_item_071_localisation_of_council_tax_support/Cnl%201

**Shelter can help:**

Shelter knows that 1 in 12 people in the East Midlands fear they won't be able to afford to pay the rent or mortgage at the end of this month. Yet many people in this situation would feel too ashamed to ask for help. Shelter's helpline receives too many calls from people in desperation, and on the brink of losing their home, because bills and notices have been left unopened and problems have piled up. They are encouraging those at risk to seek advice from Shelter and avoid problems spiralling out of control. They have asked me to let constituents know how to get help from Shelter via their online advice and free telephone helpline number - www.shelter.org.uk/advice 0808 800 4444 for the latest Shelter views visit their Policy Blog: blog.shelter.org.uk

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VACANCY ! Doesn't time fly when you are having fun ? I have been writing The Greener Goscote Page for 5 years or more. This year we are hoping to move house and although we will not be losing touch with East Goscote entirely, it's probably time that someone else, with a feeling for our local environment, took over the reins. Possibly someone younger (that won't be difficult !) or someone with a bit of time on their hands and a desire to help our community become even greener. If you are interested, get in touch for a chat (see Contact Us below). I am more than happy to give any help needed. As Kermit the Frog said "It isn't easy being green" but it's not that difficult either. There is so much that needs doing and it is very fulfilling. Your biggest opportunity to make a positive impact on the environment is where you live, where you work and where you play.

RECYCLING AND HOUSEHOLD WASTE SITES – the times they are a changing (with apologies to Bob Dylan). We are blessed with 14 brilliant Recycling and Household Waste Sites in Leicestershire (the Tips to you and me). They are all of a very high standard now but unfortunately have not entirely escaped the cuts. From October to March the tips are now open five days a week from 9 am to 4 pm. Our nearest tips at Mountsorrel and Melton both close on Tuesday and Wednesday. If it's urgent, the Loughborough tip closes on Thursday and Friday. From April to September all tips are open seven days a week from 9 am to 7 pm. Reduced hours but still a very effective household waste management service. For opening days of all tips and masses of other useful information visit the Leicestershire County Council website (see **Other useful links** below).

THE RSPB GARDEN BIRDWATCH: The biggest annual survey of bird-life on the planet took place again over the last weekend in January. If you missed it this year, do make a note for next year. An hour of pure relaxation watching garden wildlife. The bird table is one way of putting food waste to good use but be selective:

1/ Put out no more than will be eaten during the day to avoid encouraging rodents

2/ Chop food up or grate it so that small birds and chicks can cope

3/ Avoid salty food (can be harmful to birds) and unsaturated fats (messes up their feathers)

4/ Not too much bread - cut off any mould and soak it a bit to prevent choking

5/ Suet, saturated fats, hard cheese, cooked potato, fruit and pastry are all good

Fresh, clean water is almost as important as food and a floating ping-pong ball will reduce freezing.

Left: Mrs Blackbird has to keep well fed to get through the winter and be in good shape to start a family.

Right: When the chicks arrive, as amazingly they will, they'll need clean water to drink and for bathing and bite sized food for little beaks.

**BITS AND BOBS** 1 Composting Corner at The Green Place, 6 Cossington Road, Sileby will be opening again on March 22nd. I'm usually there from about 2 pm on Fridays if you fancy a chat about composting or household waste in general. 2 My regular feature "Talking Rubbish" on Melton Community Radio 103 The Eye has moved to the fourth Sunday in the month at 10:15 am. Amongst a string of fascinating studio guests, I met Captain John Nowell, Appeal Director of the Arrive Alive Appeal which aims to provide lightweight aluminium helicopter landing pads at specialist children's hospitals raising funds by recycling aluminium cans and foil. Clever eh ? Watch this space.

CONTACT US: Master Composters and Waste Action volunteers promote home composting and sustainable household waste management on behalf of the Leicestershire Waste Partnership made up of Leicestershire County Council and the seven Districts of Leicestershire with Leicester City Council as an associate member. For free, impartial information and advice on composting and recycling, contact David on 2606773, 07724891627 or **david.cannon9@btinternet.com** . Other useful links: **www.lesswaste.org.uk** , **www.completewasters.co.uk** , **www.recyclenow.com** , **www.lovefoodhatewaste.com** , **www.leics.gov.uk/index/environment** **www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/recycling** , **www.satradingco.org**

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| Organisation | Person | Telephone |
|---|---|---|
| Afternoon Tea | Tricia Marsland | 0116 2609088 |
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| 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 | Cathy Duffy | 0116 2929419 |
| 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 | | 01949 881502 |
| MP | Stephen Dorrell | 0116 2608609 |
| E G Parish Council | Liz Pizer | 0116 2602202 |
| E.G. Village Preschool | Sally Lander | 0116 2694835 |
| E.G United FC . . . . | | |
| Club Chairman | Tom Borland | 07801535040 |
| U7's Manager | Jon Day | 07794973216 |
| U8's Manager | Tom Borland | 07801535040 |
| U10's manager | Nick Clayton | 07745546850 |
| U11's Girls Manager | Simon Riley | 07903378614 |
| U13's Girls Manager | Paul Kirk | 07860585056 |
| Friends of Broomfield | Diane Aston | 07968450577 |
| Friendship Club | Gill Morton | 0116 2601977 |
| Guides | Julia Bolton | 0116 2608524 |
| LCC Councillor | Dave Houseman | 0116 2600848 |
| LCC Mountsorrel Tip | | 0116 3050001 |
| Library | | 0116 3053510 |

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|---|---|---|
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| Long Furrow Adverts | Steph Bradshaw | 07729 235169 |
| Mahavir Medical Centre | Dr B Shah | 0845 0450381 |
| Messy Church | Sally Lander | 0116 2694835 |
| Neighbourhood Watch | Ellen Hewitt | 0116 2608224 |
| Pharmacy | Arvind Patel | 0116 2606734 |
| Sim's (ex plough) | | 0116 2603388 |
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| Post Office | | 0116 2606236 |
| Rainbow Guides | Sue Bowles | 0116 2375475 |
| Charnwood Recycling & Composting | | 01509 634563 |
| Scout Group/Hut | Steve Round | 0116 2607774 |
| Scouts Scouts | | 0116 2602018 |
| St Hilda's Bookings | Tricia Marsland | 0116 2609088 |
| St Hilda's Vicar | | |
| Syston Bowling Club | | 0116 2692105 |
| Syston Catholic Church | Fr. Anthony Pateman | 0116 2608476 |
| Syston Methodist Church | Rev David Warnock | 0116 2607626 |
| Syston Model Railway | Chris Leach | 0116 2605760 |
| Syston Volunteers | Kathleen Sommerfield | 0116 2607888 |
| Tree Warden | Roger Merry-Howe | 07443050168 |
| Village Hall Bookings | | 0116 2602202 |
| Waste Action/Compost | David Cannon | 0116 2606773 |
| Wreake Runners | Matthew Noble | 0770 8021436 |
| 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 | | 0790 8504757 |

The 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: 09.30 to 12.30 hrs

Friday : Closed

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