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Vanessa Savage with some of the exhibits for valuation.

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EDITORIAL CONTENT

Unfortunately, due to the high volume of articles sent to us for this edition, we have had to omit some. We apologise for these omissions and any inconvenience caused.



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Follow us on Twitter @CharnwoodPolice.

Facebook: Charnwood Police

Contact details

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You can contact the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

SYSTON MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

Present its annual exhibition at Sileby Community Centre, High Street, Sileby on February 16th & 17th 2019.

There will be approx. 13 working exhibits alongside a number of specialist traders, Admission £4 for adults and accompanied children under 14 go FREE.

LIBRARY NEWS

Fund raising for the library continues at a pace.

The recent Fashion Show organised by Marie Pole raised just short of £300 which was shared equally between St Hilda's and the library. Marie wishes to thank everyone who assisted in the running of the evening, especially the caterers and the models.

Love Food - Hate Waste

This interactive talk by Malcolm Heaven was attended by a record number of residents who found it very interesting. Malcolm emphasised the amount of food wasted and indicated how this waste can be reduced.

The Antique Valuation Event in St Hilda's was very successful; raising over £350 for library funds. 176 items were valued and some surprised the owners and some went away disappointed. We would like to thank the owners for be so patient and all those volunteers who assisted in the running of the event. Vanessa Savage has agreed to return next year.

November 17th: 11am

Indoor Car Boot Sale. It was felt that last years Garage Sale was not a big success for the stall holders because the addresses were spread too far apart; and so the idea of an Indoor Car Boot was put forward. With the help of Laurie Needham there has been a lot of interest in the event.

Afternoon Tea: 1:30 - 4pm

In conjunction with East Goscote Parish Council, the library volunteers are again running an Afternoon Tea for the 65+ age group. Entertainment will this year be provided by Paul Kirton-Smith and Friends. This event is free and tickets are available in the library. Please provide proof of age and that you are an East Goscote resident.

Santa's Visit: 6pm

The final event, organised jointly with St Hilda's, the Parish Council and the library Trustees is the visit of Santa to the library. Children resident in the village will be able to meet Santa and collect a small Christmas present. This event will take place on the same evening as the Craft Fayre in the Church Centre.

Christmas Raffle

The library Christmas Raffle will commence on November 1st.

Details of these upcoming events can be found in the adverts in this issue of **Long Furrow**.

Important Notice

The library will be closed for Christmas and the new Year from 1pm on 22nd December until 10am on Wednesday 2nd January. All loans will be stamped accordingly.



What is it?

- monitoring/alert call emergency response 24 hours per day 7 days a week every week
- on call warden 24 hours per day 7 days a week every week
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£7.00 per quarter fall detector – if required

£0.08 pence per day

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All you need to get started is a live landline telephone point and an electrical plug socket which we can use to power the Lifeline alarm unit. It does not affect your existing telephone or internet connection.

If you want a free, no obligation demonstration of Lifeline in your own home you can book an appointment at **01509 643970**.

Mandy Green

At the beginning of the year I joined the team at St Hilda's Church as a Children and Families worker. Since then I have had lots of people to get to know and names to remember. I have been made very welcome by the church family and the community alike.

So what have I been doing in the last few months? Along with getting to know people, along with a small team, I have been running Little Fishes which is the church toddler group that meets on Monday afternoons 1.30-3.00pm. We have lots of toys for babies and pre-school children, and there is always a craft linked to a Bible story.

I have also been going along to Daisy Chain playgroup on a Thursday afternoon, which runs in the church hall, where I chat to parents / carers and engage the children in some craft or creative play. They love getting involved with cutting & gluing being a favourite activity.

On Sunday's, I have been involved in the family services on the fourth Sunday of the month at 9.30am, and ensure there is some activity for the children at all services throughout the month whether it be colouring or a craft.



Along with the help of a small team of people I have taken over the running of the Messy Church which meets on the second Thursday of the month from 3.30 – 5.30pm. This is a great family church that begins with craft and messy activities for all the family to do together, followed by a short celebration where we link the craft to the Biblical theme for the week. We then share in fellowship with a hot meal together which is prepared by Liz.

I have run some Messy Church style events. The first one being during Holy Week in March, where we held an Easter Messy Event where 5 craft stations depicting the Easter story kept the young and not so young busy. The most popular being making the Easter garden, which I have been told lasted not only over Easter but well into May too, unlike the chocolate nests which didn't even make it home!

May half term saw Messy Church May Madness: In the Beginning, with 7 craft stations based around the theme of the creation. Even the toddlers enjoyed creating animals from craft sticks & cardboard tubing and painting day & night plates with lots of stars and glitter.



During August I again put on activities for children and families, we started with a messy fun afternoon with more craft stations based around the Sea of Galilee, followed by a picnic in the park, with beanbags, hoops and parachute games. Our final activity was a private Fun and Floats session at South Charnwood Leisure Centre Swimming Pool, where families had fun playing with balls and floats.

My time is split with St Michael and All Angels Church in Thurmaston where I have again been involved in two toddler groups, church services and 'Messy Church' events.

Along with Tim, our vicar, I have also been into three schools in Thurmaston and Broomfield Primary school in East Goscote every half term taking assemblies and getting to know the staff and children alike. At Broomfield school I helped at the film night and put on some activities at their summer fair. Along with a few members of the church we also had a stall at the Scout and Guide fair where children could plant seeds, take them home and watch them grow over the summer months. I bumped into one mum at the end of August who told me their sunflower had grown to a good height and was doing well.

So what next? Toddler groups and Sunday services will continue and the Messy Church events will pop up at different times of the year, so keep your eyes on the church website and notice boards.

I am holding a "Light Party" on 31st October at St Hilda's Church at 5.30pm, an alternative to trick or treating for families of the village, so keep your eyes on the website and Facebook for more information.

Christmas is also approaching and there will be lots for families and children to be involved in. And who knows what else is in the pipeline, so watch this space and get involved.

If you see me around, please introduce yourself and say hello, I am not good with names but always remember a friendly face.

Blessings
Mandy Green
Children and families worker

East Goscote Scout Group

What have been up to...

Scouts

Have enjoyed summer camp in Oxford and now are planning for camping in October. They have had many exciting meetings including Ready Steady Cook. Please look out for our Christmas card posting at Lydia Jons Hairs dressers. Save you feet let us do the job for you. A small cost goes along way to help the Scouts.

Cubs

We have come back after the summer full of energy. The Cubs have been gaining badges already doing the home safety and photographers badge. We have learnt Scout promises from other countries and tasted the food they eat. A visit to the Climbing stations was a popular choice.

We have planned a visit to the Fire Station and more badges in the pipe line.

Busy busy busy. After the summer we have enjoyed lots of games, made dens and kites. We also have had a walk round Cossington meadows.

The Beavers have also been working towards Challenge badges and Activity badges. We are looking forward to lots more fun at Beavers.

Also Cubs and Beavers enjoyed a join camp in September. With a space theme we blasted off to Willesley Campsite. Many missions were completed such as pot holing, carting, wide games, crafts and much more.

Lots of sleepy Cubs and Beavers at the end, lots of fun had. Big well done to Wren who completed her nights away permit.



Scout Ready Steady Cook



Pot holing on camp

Local Police Beat Team Crime Prevention Advice.

Avoiding Scams:

Scams exist in many forms. Whether it is high pressure sales at your door or emails pretending to be your bank requesting your bank details. There are far too many different forms of scams to fit in one small article.

With any online, email or mail scam you will have time to ask for help or to look it up online and I would suggest you take your time and check the UK Police scam website www.actionfraud.police.uk where you can find tips to identify and report scams. It is always worth checking before you pass over any details to any potential scammers.

One type of scam that is going around our area at the moment is tradesmen knocking on doors, normally doors of the elderly or vulnerable and employing high pressure tactics in order to obtain cash or bank details.

They may do this by knocking on your door and suggesting they're passing by and have spotted something on your roof or driveway which requires a small repair and quote a small fee, upon starting work they will then pretend to notice something more substantial which they claim must be fixed straight away but will cost much more. It's normally at this stage when they will refuse to take no for an answer and will

employ high pressure tactics to make sure they leave with exorbitant amounts of your money normally without even doing any work.

To avoid this do not let anyone into your home until you are confident you know who they are and what they want. If you have a chain on your door leave this on and speak to them through the gap. If they claim to be from a major company they should carry some form of I.D with them and if unsure you can phone the company main line to check if the person is legitimate. When doing this don't phone a number that is given to you by the person as this may just be the number for another scammer, find the number online or in the phonebook. If they are legitimate they won't mind waiting.

Don't let any traders begin work. If you aren't sure, ask someone else or phone the police on 101.

If this ever happens or you believe it is happening to your family or neighbours please let us know so we can send someone to check these people out. If they then leave the area try to take note of any vehicle registrations or identifiable markings.

EAST GOSCOTE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Present an



INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE

In aid of library funds

Saturday November 17th 11am - 3pm
East Goscote Village Hall
& St Hilda's Church Centre

Admission - 50p, children FREE.
Sales at £5 per 6 foot frontage. Advanced Booking
essential to reserve a space. For more info phone
07948419664 or email eglibrary@mail.com

CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN EAST GOSCOTE



December 7th to 9th
St Hilda's Church Centre

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



This years theme is
"Plants and animals from
the Bible"

December 7th and 8th
St Hilda's Church Centre

CRAFT FAYRE

Friday: 5pm until 9pm
Saturday: 10:30am -
3:30pm

Morning Coffee and
Lunches will be available



East Goscote Scout Christmas Fair

Sunday 25th November 11am - 2pm

East Goscote Scout hut, Jubilee Playing Fields, Long Furrow, East Goscote, LE7 3ZS



You'd be **CRACKERS** to miss it!

Tombola

Raffle

BBQ

Refreshments

Cakes, Jewellery, Teddy Bears, Stocking fillers, Christmas
decorations, handmade gifts, wooden gifts, and pamper gift sets

50p Admission per person to be paid on the door
(Free for under 2's)

Free car parking access also available.

Enquiry for stalls contact chair@eastgoscotescouts.org.uk

December 7th
East Goscote
Community Library

SANTA

will be handing out
presents for the children
of East Goscote

6pm - 8pm

Courtesy of East
Goscote Parish Council





What is Charnwood Community Lottery?

Charnwood Community Lottery is a weekly online lottery. All funds raised go to good causes that benefit the local communities in Charnwood. You can help the fund raising for East Goscote Community Library by registering with this Lottery and you could win up to £25,000.

How does it work for supporters?

Charnwood Community Lottery is a weekly online lottery. The draw takes place every Saturday night at 8pm.

Each ticket costs £1 per week and consists of six numbers. The more numbers you match in a draw the bigger the prize you win.

Players choose who their ticket purchase will support. They can either support the central fund (funds are distributed to the local community by a committee) or they can choose a specific good cause to support.

There are a range of payment options. Players can pay:

- a: Monthly via Direct Debit
- b: Monthly via Debit Card (VISA, Mastercard etc.)
- c: One off payment via Debit Card of either:
 - Three months
 - Six months
 - Twelve months

Players are notified by email when they win. To claim their winnings they log in to the Charnwood Community Lottery site and choose to either have the winnings paid directly into their nominated account or donate their winnings back to the good cause.

How does your £1 per ticket get spent?

- 50% to your chosen good cause eg. East Goscote Community Library
- 10% to other good causes
- 20% prizes
- 20% administration.

What are the prizes?

Matching numbers: you must match the first or last numbers drawn. The odds of winning any prize is 50:1

- Match all six numbers - £25,000
- Match the first or last 5 numbers - £2000
- Match the first or last 4 numbers - £250
- Match the first or last 3 numbers - £25
- Match the first or last 2 numbers - 3 free tickets.

For more information, go to www.charnwoodlottery.co.uk



It's almost that time again! The group is in full rehearsal for our two one-act plays, "Albert" by Janice Sampson and Plan B! by Robert Scott, and things really are going well. The two casts have been rehearsing separately, on Tuesdays and Thursdays and are yet to see each other 'in action', apart from our new member, Erika Notman, who has a part in both plays! Both plays are being directed by me with Greta McManus as Assistant Director. I hope that you will put the dates in your diary!! The plays will be performed from Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th November. As usual, the evening will start at 7.30pm and we shall be serving refreshments and holding a raffle every evening. For ticket enquiries, please contact Dorothy Surtees on 07989 960014.

The first play, Albert by Janice Sampson, has a cast of 5; Paul Puttnam plays the title role of Albert, Dorothy Surtees plays his sister Sandra, Donna Gunn is his daughter Jennifer, Russell Webster plays his grandson Robert and Erika Notman plays Gwendoline. You'll have to come along to the play to see what her relationship is to Albert!!! Before flying out to Sacramento to visit his ailing brother, Albert leaves a recording of a few confessions in case something happens to him. There has been a plane crash, and Albert's valedictory address is watched by his grieving sister, daughter and grandson, who learn a few surprising things, but are in for an even bigger surprise! If any of you came along to see our production of Bill back in May 2016, Janice Sampson wrote that too!

The second play, Plan B! by Robert Scott, has Erika playing Susan, Ron Berry as her husband Richie and Gillian Bowler playing Belinda. Richie's had a bit of an accident while preparing the anniversary dinner, and he and Susan are now waiting in the A&E department of their local hospital. Susan is more than a little disappointed, but maybe some words from the eccentric Belinda might help?

Both plays are comedies and are guaranteed to have you leaving the theatre in a very happy mood. Add to that a glass of wine and a win on the raffle and you'll have the perfect evening out!

For those people who aren't sure where you are heading, here is a reminder of where The Old Chapel is! It is situated on Chapel Street, a turning off the High Street, almost opposite Hair Design by Wayne. Gamble's Funeral Directors is on the corner. There is a free car park next to the Chapel and plenty of other free parking nearby. (continued on page 7)

EAST GOSCOTE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
and
EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL
Present

AN AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 1st December 1:30 - 4:00
East Goscote Village Hall



Enjoy Food, drinks
entertainment and a natter
free of charge!

Entertainment by Paul
Kirton-Smith and friends.

Tickets are available at the
library.

All applicants must be
65+ and residents of East
Goscote.

All applicants must produce
ID.

Closing date for tickets is
November 26th November



St Hilda's Church

On the Saturday before our Harvest Festival church service on 23rd September, our congregation and friends enjoyed a Harvest Supper. We were entertained by the Caroline Sharpe singers on the evening.

The choir and audience then sat down to a simple but enjoyable supper. Part payment of the admission was a donation for the food bank. The collection point for this is at Rothley Baptist Church. Everyone was most generous and we were delighted by the response. Even more pleasing was that BusyBees Playgroup and Broomfield School each had a food collection and added their donations to ours.

We were able to deliver a magnificent amount of food to Rothley. We thank everyone for their excellent gifts. It was a real village contribution from all at East Goscote. (see above)

Gill Morton - Church Warden

East Goscote Scout Group CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY SERVICE

East Goscote Scouts are Delivering Christmas Cards to East Goscote and Queniborough to spread some Christmas cheer!

Each card will cost 20p and will need to be dropped in the boxes located at either S & J's Newsagents in Queniborough or Lydia Jons Hairdressers in East Goscote.

We will be collecting cards from 24th November till 17th December and are guaranteed to be delivered before Christmas.

The money raised will go towards our future camps. From East Goscote Scouts, thank you very much for your support and we wish you a very merry Christmas!



System QT Theatre Group (continued)

Don't forget that our website is now live!!!! There is all sorts of information on there and it's well worth a look. Our website address is www.qttheatregrp.co.uk and our email address is qtsyston@gmail.com. Also don't forget that we have a dedicated phone line too – 07388 593 913

We always need new members, not only as actors but also to help with backstage work, props, lighting and sound, etc. If anyone is interested in joining the group, or would like further information, please feel free to contact Gill Bowler on the above number or me on 07702 879 006 or, alternatively, email us! Or why not just pop in on a rehearsal night? We'll always be pleased to see you and you'll be able to see, first hand, what we are about. And also get a sneak preview of the plays, of course!

Judith Latham – Chairperson, QT Theatre Group



HOME SECURITY

With the dark nights and mornings once again upon us now would be a good time to remind ourselves of some of things we can do to help secure our homes and possessions.

Remember:

Most burglaries are opportunistic.

Always close and lock doors and windows when you go out - even if just for a short time - and when you go to bed at night. Don't forget doors into garages or conservatories.

Make sure your locks and security measures comply with your insurance requirements. More information can be found at www.securedbydesign.com and www.locksmiths.co.uk.

Join a Neighbourhood Watch scheme! Membership of a scheme is a proven deterrent to burglars.

Keep keys, including shed and car keys, in a place where they're not visible to anyone looking in. Don't leave keys in the door and never hide a spare key outside.

Keep valuables hidden and not visible from windows.

Take photos of your valuable items for insurance purposes and keep them with your policy.

Window locks and visible burglar alarms can act as a deterrent to criminals.

Never leave packaging from new goods visible with your general rubbish. Criminals may see it and target your property.

Draw curtains in the evening and leave your lights on a timer switch if you're going out.

Never give your keys to anyone you do not know well. Change locks in a new property so that you know exactly who has keys.

Never keep large amounts of cash in the house.

Consider keeping expensive jewellery, house deeds and other important items in a home safe anchored to the brickwork.

Register valuable items free of charge with www.immobilise.com, a property register that helps police identify your property and catch criminals.

Cllr. Kevin Preston - Neighbourhood Watch

EDWARD ARGAR MP

Member of Parliament for Charnwood

“As part of my regular programme of visits to schools across the constituency, I recently visited Broomfield Primary School in East Goscote at the kind invitation of the Headteacher. I was given a very interesting and informative tour of the school by members of the School Council and heard about the school's success, the work pupils are currently doing, and how they enjoy going to Broomfield. It was a pleasure to visit the school and it was so encouraging to chat to pupils, whose fondness and admiration for their school and its teachers was evident, and who were a great credit to Broomfield.

Whilst I enjoyed being shown around the school by the pupils, it was also a good opportunity to have a more in depth conversation with the Headteacher, Ms Alex Allison, about the school's plans for the future. Whilst it was encouraging to hear about the ambitious vision for the school going forward, we also discussed the number of available places for pupils across each year group. The school has achieved a rating of 'good' from Ofsted in recent years, but there is still capacity for the school to accept more pupils, and there are concerns that because of the school's location, away from the main road, people outside the village may not be as aware of it as they could be. And of course more pupils would increase funding which follows pupils, which would, in turn, give the school greater financial flexibility.

One of the Headteacher's sensible suggestions to help address this issue was to introduce signposting at the entrance to the village, which might help raise awareness of the school and help parents in neighbouring villages identify and consider Broomfield as a possible option for their children. I have taken this suggestion up with County Hall, and whilst I recognise the need to ensure that any new signposting is in keeping with the local area, it is also important, I think, to make Broomfield Primary School accessible and open for all, and to take every opportunity to highlight the achievements of the school and its fantastic educational offer for children who choose to go there.

I look forward to hearing back from the County Council and in the meantime wish the staff and pupils at Broomfield Primary School the very best for the rest of 2018 and beyond, and look forward to visiting again soon.”



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



The Parish Council has welcomed a new member, Mr. Keith Gregory who was co-opted at the 12th September meeting.

Unfortunately we also have received a resignation so another vacancy is being advertised.

Gladman New Development Proposal

Along with the council and action group Keep East Goscote Green (KEGG), local residents were delighted that the planning application for 270 homes by Gladman Land was refused. Concerns included additional traffic on already congested roads, loss of greenspace/wildlife, flooding and how local doctors and schools would struggle to cope with the huge numbers of new residents. Charnwood Borough Council took into account over 200 objections and refused the application, stating that they are over their five year housing supply and therefore meeting government targets. The Local Plan shows East Goscote has been classed as being in the 'Other Settlements' category and therefore only suitable for small scale opportunities within defined limits of development. A development of this size is clearly not small scale and a local housing need had not been demonstrated. The application also failed to provide evidence there was sufficient compensation for the adverse impact upon biodiversity, as it would not conserve or enhance the natural environment and is therefore against council policy. Gladman have until 23rd February, 2019 to appeal the decision.

Bulky Waste Collections

Residents have become concerned regarding the increased incidents of fly tipping, particularly in the area of the car park behind the shops. It is a timely to remind residents that Charnwood Borough Council will collect bulky items for free. This can be arranged online through the council website at www.charnwood.gov.uk or by telephone on 01509 634563.

Recycling Takeover

The much used recycling area at Merchants Common has been in existence since 1995 and has included banks for bottles, paper/cardboard, textiles and cans. However,

recent changes initiated by Charnwood Borough Council has resulted in a decision that it, and many others in the Borough, will no longer be managed by Charnwood.

It has now been agreed that the Salvation Army textile bank will remain and provide a great benefit to the village hall. The paper/cardboard and bottle bank will also remain. Although this will not provide an income, it will be a useful continuation to this popular service, which will now be managed by the Parish Council who will be monitoring the workload involved. It is also possible that the can recycling facility will also remain, but we are working on this.

Lilac Way New Play Equipment

The equipment on Lilac Way continues to be popular with local children, but as it was installed back in 2001 it was in desperate need of updating. We have now updated the area and 3 new pieces of play equipment have been installed which includes the repairing of the sunken area.

Village Hall Roof

The roof has now been replaced with a new Kingspan composite sheeting roof which is eco-friendly. As a result there is much greater insulation and makes the building more environmentally friendly as a result. The hall will be continuing to improve and the village hall committee are having new radiators fitted to the kitchen, and are looking at a complete refurb of the kitchen next year.

Christmas Funding

The Parish Council has agreed to fund a Christmas event for the elderly, following on from the success of last year, which saw 45 residents attending. This will take place on Saturday 1st December in the village hall. It has also been agreed that a Santa event will also be funded by the Parish Council and will take place on Friday, 7th December, at 6.00pm.

Speedwatch

A big "thank you" to all the volunteers for giving up their time to take part and help in making a contribution to keeping the village a little bit safer. There was definitely a positive impact during the two weeks the scheme was running, with anecdotal evidence that drivers were generally slowing down.

Over the 21 sessions that were completed, 206 vehicles were recorded and reported to the police, with an average speed of 39.3mph.

Once again, thank you; we couldn't have done it without your support.

Lamp Post Poppies

Lamp Post poppies have been installed around the village by the Parish Council in support of Remembrance Sunday.



TEN INTEREST-FREE LOANS DELIVERED TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN LEICESTERSHIRE

The Sir Thomas White Loan Charity has revealed a total of £121,283 has been approved in interest free loans in September

The Sir Thomas White Loan Charity is delighted to announce that a total of £121,283 has been approved in interest-free business and education loans following the latest round of interviews with applicants.

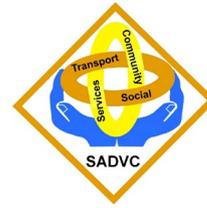
One of Leicestershire's oldest charities, The Sir Thomas White Loan Charity provides interest-free loans to people aged between 18 and 35 within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Prospective borrowers may access up to £20,000 in order to establish or develop a business within the county (provided they live in Leicestershire and the business will also be run in the county), or £10,000 to fund postgraduate study anywhere in or out of the United Kingdom – again, provided the applicant is from Leicestershire or has lived in the county for three years or more.

Of the total approved in September 2018, **£81,283** will be used to establish five businesses locally, including a fitness and wellbeing studio, courier service and domiciliary care provider.

Meanwhile, a further **£40,000** has been approved in the form of education loans, which will aid postgraduate study in the fields of poetry, international relations theory and finance.

Ahead of The Sir Thomas White Loan Charity's next round of interviews, which take place in November; applications are being welcomed and can be submitted ahead of the next application deadline, which is **Monday 1 October**.

For more information on business loans, please visit www.stwcharity.co.uk/business-loans or www.stwcharity.co.uk/education-loans for details on education loans.



System and District Volunteer Centre
"Linking local volunteers with local needs"

VOLUNTEER CENTRE CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE

Invitations have been issued to all past Trustees, staff and volunteers to attend a party celebrating the 40 years since the Syston and District Volunteer Centre was launched. The event, a cheese and wine party, will be held in the Brookside Suite of the Community Centre on Friday 16th November starting at 7.30 p.m.

Current Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Derek Burdon, says: "We are delighted to have the opportunity to recognise and express our thanks to the impressively long list of people who have played a part in the development of the Centre over the past forty years. We have done our best to identify and contact those involved over the years. However, we would be pleased to hear from any readers who have been involved but whom we might have missed and who have not received invitations. Please contact Trustee Anne Carter (Tel: 07521 393137; email: anne@syston-vc.org) for your name to be added to our list of guests.

In spite of pressures on our budget, as local authorities are under pressure to make significant savings, leading to reductions in our grant support, we stand on the brink of exciting developments which will launch us into the next forty and ensure our continued financial health and stability. In the meantime our core transport service, involving our social car service and use of our small minibus fleet, will continue as usual. Details of our full range of services and opportunities for you to get involved as a volunteer are available from Centre Manager, Mark Smith (Tel: 0116 260 7888; email: mark@systonvc.org).

In accordance with our mission statement, we plan to continue to promote and sustain 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."

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BARKBY, BEEBY & BACK

A sunny morning, the elder folk of the 3rd Battalion the U3A Walking Group (nickname "The Mountain Goats") met in Barkby - an outing to Beeby and back. Armed with bottled water, sandwiches and an optimistic splosh of sun cream the group gathered around Deputy Head Sherpa Barbara. "But where was Head Sherpa Rob?" At home, feet up, recovering with a cup of tea. So Barbara set off, armed with a 9 year old map and we followed, a muscle straining, buttock clenching walk along bye-ways and paths to our resting place (no not the final one) - at Beeby church, where we'd recuperate and return.

She led with a clear sense of direction. It's as well, as some of us hadn't a clue where we were. "We'll stay together in a group". Fat chance. "Gather round, I'll tell you where we're going. Down here, turn right, cross the field, aim for those trees over there. See where I'm pointing?". We'd no idea where but we nodded Yes. A walk through pleasant pasture, ploughed fields, and over one stile. Jackie ("I hate stiles") picked the walk especially for its lack of climbing, grunting, and straining. "Stiles are alright but they're a nuisance when all you want's a nice flat walk". Being short in the leg I have to agree.

Four fields, a sharp turn here, a gate there, not a hint of being lost, we reached Beeby. After all that chatting we needed a break: it was sandwiches out, Vimto uncorked, and oranges sucked. There's not a lot to Beeby, but it has an old church dating from the 13th century. You'd be old as well if you went back that far. There's a tale about two brothers who built the church - they argued over whether

it should have a spire or tower. One shoved the other off the roof and that was the end of it. And the end of one of the brothers too. Soon we were off, sinews straining, eyes peeled. "Stay together crossing this road, can't see what's coming round these bends". A firm hand and quite right. She takes her responsibility responsibly. Backmarker Barry had his work cut out with stragglers and diddle dawdlers.

The birdwatchers spotted Buzzards and Red Kites, three of them. One red kite belonged to a lad playing truant but the others circled above looking for lunch in the stubble below. Pheasants waddled about, or they might have been partridges. And partridges, or they might have been pheasants. We chuckled a fair bit too. Kelvin made us laugh with tales about lost luggage on cruise ships, and his wife Alma made us laugh with tales about Kelvin.

Back to Barkby, some went home, duty called - dog walking, peeling carrots, shouting at grandchildren, and the rest went to the Mash Tun cafe: tea and scones at the converted double decker bus, an antiques shop full of bits of this and that, allsorts, but not a liquorice one to be seen anywhere.

By the end 15 were counted out and 15 counted in. Backmarker Barry was relieved they'd made it without strains, sprains, or alien abductions. He told Deputy Sherpa Barbara that she'd led the walk really well. Barbara said thank you and blushed.

For more information about the "Mountain Goats" go to the U3A at <https://u3asites.org.uk/syston>

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Firstly I'm very pleased to announce that Charnwood Borough Council has given planning permission to Leicester City Football, they are now the owners of the former Seagrave Golf Club and will turn it into a Football academy/trading and leisure establishment. The building that was the golf club house will be demolished with new buildings erected, these are modern and very practical buildings tastefully set in the grounds. There are over 3000 trees being planted, sadly quite a few of the existing so trees will be felled to make way for the new buildings.

I would like to thank the people of East Goscote including the Parish Council, for all the letters etc in opposition to the Gladman application. In particular I would like to give special thanks to Rod Axon, Robert & Helen Measures and Ryan & Rebecca Franklyn. Their help in giving me more information was a boost to the list to take to the planning officers at Charnwood, all what they gave me I forwarded

to Charnwood with their names still attached. Gladman's now have till the end part of February to appeal, we will be ready for them.

I attended our party's conference in Birmingham again this year, I searched the stands and asked a few people about Fracking. There were no stalls from the fracking companies, nor was there any information about it. I too am against it. A lot has to be tried and tested before I make my mind up.

Not much has happened since the last publication, both the Scouts and Brownies have put in for and received monies from my grant of £1000. As I still have &300 left for a community project, anything you know would help the village or group then please let me know.

Kind regards, Sue Gerrard

DAVID CANNON'S GREENER GOSCOTE – OCTOBER 2018

EAST GOSCOTE RECYCLING CENTRE RESCUED!

A good news story for the community and for the planet. East Goscote Parish Council have agreed to adopt our village recycling centre, at least for a trial period of six months. This follows Charnwood Borough Council's decision to end their support for this and 60 odd other local recycling centres right across the Borough. CBC's case is that this will save £20,000 pa and there will be no loss of recycling performance – all the materials concerned being transferred to the green bin service or to Leicestershire County Council's Recycling and Household Waste Sites such as Mountsorrel and Melton.

Well, cans and paper have been included in the recycling collection service since 1995 and glass bottles & jars and cardboard since 2004 and yet recycling centres such as ours have remained popular and productive throughout that time so I don't buy that. I took my concerns to our Parish Council and they responded positively, constructively and quickly so a very big thank you to them. New arrangements have been made with the landowner, Smurfit/Kappa who operate the big paper/cardboard bank and Berryman's Glass who operate the new bottle banks. The popular Salvation Army textile bank is already the source of a regular donation and should benefit from the removal of the uninvited guest clothing bank which appeared as if by magic! A replacement can bank and sign boards are on the way.

We are into new territory here, hence the wise decision to make it initially for a trial period but here's where you can help. The majority of the cash saving claimed by Charnwood Borough Council comes from withdrawing de-littering and fly tip removal from sites such as ours. So it's important to recycle only paper & cardboard, glass bottles & jars, drinks cans and textiles in the appropriate banks and leave nothing else. Sometimes people leave other materials in the hope they will be recycled by the Recycling Fairy. They won't! If you see anyone fly-tipping in the area, please note any evidence such as vehicle registration, time and date and let the Parish Council know but do look after your own safety. Fly-tipping carries very heavy fines and offenders can get very defensive.

We will be monitoring the site much more closely from now on. The main challenge and cost to the Parish Council and the volunteers involved will be dealing with fly-tipping so your support is vital. On the other hand, if we can keep the quality and quantity of materials high, our local recycling centre will generate a small but useful cash boost to the Village Hall – one of the hubs of our community. With your help we could host the best recycling centre in the Borough.

PROPOSED NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT - UPDATE

The proposal by Gladman Developments (application P/18/0709/2) for up to 270 houses off Melton Road has been refused by Charnwood Borough Council (the Planning Authority for our area). The refusal was, of course, on the basis of a range of sound planning considerations. It is worth reading the reasons for refusal on the CBC Planning Portal. No appeal is currently lodged. I believe this result is due to hard work by local organisations and individuals representing the long-term interests of our community and our environment. For those with long memories, it's like Interfuse all over again!

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	www.lrrn.info
www.completewasters.co.uk	www.recyclenow.com
www.lovefoodhatewaste.com	www.leics.gov.uk
www.charnwood.gov.uk	www.keepbritaintidy.org



^ New Bottle Banks



< Salvation Army Clothing Bank



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www.charnwoodlottery.co.uk

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Beavers	Johanne Draycott	0798 1101644
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Brownies	Rosemary Fraser	0116 2602912
Broomfield School		0116 2606704
Bizzy Bees	Rachel Laverty	07908781652
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Academy (Foundation Yr 3)		07486531608
Girls teams membership		07486531608
U11 boys (Sch. Year 5)	Jon Day	07794973216
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Friends of Broomfield	Debbie Cottam	0791 9092341
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Guides	Rachel Laverty	07791731828
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Pharmacy		0116 2606734
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Police: Emergencies dial 999, non emergency dial 101		
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.



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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

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

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.