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### Editorial

Welcome to the November edition of Long Furrow. Quite a few changes have occurred recently. Sadly Clipper Print is no more, and so this edition is printed by Chartwell Press. Also, this edition has been prepared on an Apple computer instead of PC. I hope the changes are successful. Change is in the air as well! The first frosts are appearing, and Christmas is on the way.

Christmas can be a joyful, but also stressful time. For children the arrival of Santa (front cover) and the Christmas Tree Festival in the Church (p14) build up the excitement. But, the extra shopping involved can be stressful, physically and mentally. The provision of "Safe Havens" (p21) seems an interesting initiative, but the mental stress is often more difficult to deal with. Some people will be on their own, perhaps for the first time, others will be overwhelmed with people. I received an interesting article from RelateLeicestershire, (p20) on how to do with various difficulties at Christmas time. Unfortunately there is not space to print it all, but I have copies which I am happy to print out, or email to people if they contact me ( long\_furrow@yahoo.co.uk or 212 Broome Lane).

We welcome the arrival of PCSO Brian Geeson to assist PC Tom Longdon with their oversight of the village. The article on p.17 gives some background to their work. Of course their work would be easy if there was no vandalism or crime, but life is not that easy ! However the efforts of the young people in helping the police (p10) was very welcome, and rewarded. A sensible initiative to protect car number plates is being promoted by the police (p17), and other sensible precautions are outlined in the Neighbourhood Watch article on p.11.

Some interesting developments are outlined in the Parish Council report (p.25) . .no new houses at Rearsby Roses, an email list for villagers to be kept up to date , and energy saving kits available from the council, are some developments.

Finally, I wish you an enjoyable Christmas time, and hope we can all celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Dennis Bishop

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We have travelled the world in our role play area with all kinds of multicultural food and dressing up, in our creative area's we have painted, glued and used all kinds of exciting materials to allow budding artists to get messy.

A big hit has been our Zumba dance sessions, we have wiggled and boogied ourselves fit with our fantastic qualified instructor Penny.

We have explored our local environment with visits to the shops to buy our healthy snacks for snack time, an event I know that "Dave" our local butcher and greengrocer loves when we arrive with the entire pre-school!!!!, the nature walks to collect real spiders, visits to the park and library have also been very much enjoyed.

2012 has been another successful partnership with Wreake Valley and Leicester College as we provided valuable work experiences and training for their students.

As we head into the Autumn term we look forward to new experiences and discoveries which will include bonfire night, interactive dvd filming with KidsKlub and our Christmas party and workshop.

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We look forward to meeting you and helping your child's learning journey to begin, who knows what we will learn together.

Till next time

Sally Lander (2694835), Lisa, Elaine and Caroline



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We are in urgent need of several volunteers to be part of the team that distributes the magazines to houses in East Goscote. Each round is usually about 50 houses, and takes about 30 to 45 minutes. If you can help please contact any of the Editorial Panel, shown on page 3



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We also welcomed the arrival of 13 new children, in addition to those who started at Easter time, into Preschool where we supported them to help them feel settled within their new learning environment which we are proud to say has worked very effectively. It has been wonderful building up positive relationships with each unique child and parent.

The garden area is always popular with the children and is freely accessed throughout the whole morning. Children have challenged their physical skills with ball games, ride-ons, slide, balancing beams and stilts. Children played co-operatively in our role-play 'Garage' where bikes/cars were repaired using our tools and refilled with petrol. We caught fish, ducks in the water tray and sorted then counted them. Digging for worms is always a favourite and we examined specimens found using magnifying glasses.



Visits to the Library proved an opportunity to talk about road safety and fire drills accompanied discussions about 'People who help us' especially Fireman Sam!

Indoors we have enjoyed role play in our supermarket, buying and selling using coins, ICT equipment. Playing in our Teddy Bears Hospital was fun using the bears to help our understanding of how to care for others. Using the play dough, we have made sausages, worms, cakes to name but a few creations and children used the paints to create pictures of themselves after looking in mirrors.



Phew.....haven't we been busy!!!

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

## We Urgently need Befriending Volunteers

We write in anticipation of your help in promoting our Befriending service, as we currently have a number of blind and partially sighted people in your area waiting to be matched with a suitable volunteer. Being a Befriender can be extremely rewarding and make a world of difference to someone's life.

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Six young people from East Goscote have received certificates of thanks from the police for their help in finding some missing road signs.

Sometime between 1pm on Monday July 16th, and 10am on Tuesday July 17th, the 'No parking' signs on the Jubilee playing fields in East Goscote were pulled out of the ground. It was reported to the police but there were no suspects, no CCTV, no witnesses and no forensic evidence.

On Friday July 20<sup>th</sup>, PCSO Brian Geeson went to the park and spoke to a group of children who were playing on the BMX track. He asked them if they knew about the missing signs and they told him they'd seen one in an area of trees that borders the Warren Industrial Estate. They took him to the site and the sign was still there well hidden in undergrowth. Brian later found the second sign and was able to return them both to the parish council who were delighted to have them back as it would have cost £200 to replace them.

On Tuesday August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the six young people, who are all eleven, received a certificate of thanks from the beat team at the Jubilee playing fields. PCSO Geeson said "It is nice to recognise the positive contribution young people make to society and these youngsters were delighted that they were able to help the police recover the missing signs. They are all good friends playing together on the park and were so helpful and polite that I thought it would be nice to present them each with a certificate to say thank you"

The six young people are; Alex Thatcher, Louie Brant, Lucie West, Sophie Dalby, Georgia Baker and Georgina Bolton.



Rainbows finished the summer term with a trip to Twinlakes. We completed the Olympic "on your marks" badge and the girls were presented with their Gold badges. We said goodbye to 4 Rainbows at the end of term and hope Isobel, Megan, Florence and Lois have a great time at Brownies. We welcomed Kimberly, Izzy, Lucia, Emily, Rio and Ava to Rainbows in September.



This year Rainbows have been celebrating their 25th birthday (East Goscote Rainbows started 18 years ago). We had a Birthday party to celebrate both in September. We have been working on a 25th Birthday challenge badge during the Autumn term and have enjoyed making silver coins love bugs and edible jewellery. We will be joining Rearsby and Queniborough Rainbows for a Halloween party. With Christmas fast approaching we will soon be decorating a tree for the Christmas tree festival at the church and making festive cards and crafts.

Cedar, Kingfisher and Pear.



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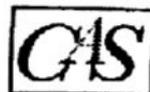
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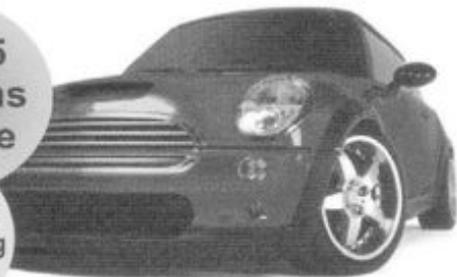
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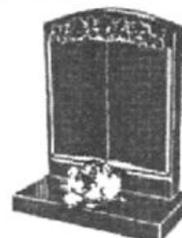
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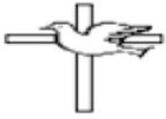


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The church looked splendid for Harvest in September. We had a lady from Coventry who arranges flowers come to our Harvest Supper and she made all the beautiful arrangements whilst relating lots of amusing stories. The displays were then put into church ready for the Harvest Festival the next morning.

The Christmas Tree Festival this year is from Friday 7 December and the theme is poems. We hope there will be a good response again this year from the various organisations in the village. The church will be open over that weekend with refreshments served on Friday evening and all day Saturday. There will be a Carol Service on Sunday 9 December. starting at 4pm and it will be followed by refreshments. Everybody is welcome.

Jane Mercy - Church Warden

### Annual Christmas Tree Festival

This year the theme is Poems and Poetry. Get your thinking caps on. I just know that you will come up with some great trees.

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Please let me know if you intend bringing a tree so we can make sure we have enough room for you all. I just know you will do our Village proud once again

Thank you, Tricia

### Annual Scarecrow Trail

A BIG THANK YOU to the folk of East Goscote you raised £155.47, and your front gardens looked fantastic. As you all know the money was going towards the new Toilet facilities at the Church Centre - well worth a visit. It all looks fantastic.

At this point I must say Natalie your front garden looked fantastic thank you for all your hard work. We liked the Wizard of Oz front garden too Elaine. Would you like us to do it again next year? If so please let me or Gill Morton know so we can organise a date.

Tricia and Gill

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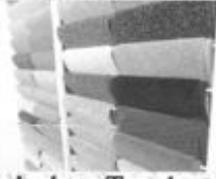
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You may have seen a new PCSO on the beat over the past 6 months. This would be me, PcsO 6507 Brian Geeson. I have been in the role for the past 9 years working a number of different beats and gaining much experience and knowledge along the way.

Pc Tom Longden and I are dedicated to looking after the interests of residents living in East Goscote and we will do all we can to keep you safe and keep the village as crime free as possible.

We thank residents for their continued vigilance in looking after their personal safety, property and their family homes. We ask that this continues because the threat of becoming a victim of crime always remains. Crime prevention is the key and if you ever need advice on the subject we ask that you contact us straight away.

Offences against people and their properties are for many people the most serious as it can have a long term affect on recovery and the feelings of safety to return once more. East Goscote is a great place to live and work and with a strong feeling of community spirit with neighbours and friends looking out for each other. Long may this continue and it will with the police and community working together.

As the nights are getting darker we would encourage all parents to remind their children about road safety and to wear something bright and reflective when walking along a pavement, particularly when walking to school. Also we would like to see cyclists young and old with reflectors and lights on their bikes when cycling at night to see and be seen.

PLEASE NEVER leave your VEHICLE UNATTENDED WITH THE ENGINE RUNNING IF DEFROSTING THE WINDOWS. Across the county each year people do this and some of them find that someone jumps in the drivers seat and drives away. PLEASE DON'T become a victim. DON'T make it easy for a car thief who may be in your street on the look out for the unsuspecting motorist.

Finally Pc Tom Longden and I have arranged an event on 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER at The Warren Industrial Estate. In partnership with the AA we will be fitting FREE security screws to any vehicles registration number plates. There is a steady increase of reports of these plates being stolen from cars and refitted to other vehicles to be used in crime. Filling up with fuel and not paying for it is a common use for them. Security screws make their removal so much harder for the thief. The Police don't want people to suffer the inconvenience and expense of having to replace them.

SANTA is on his way to East Goscote soon and we would like to wish residents a very Happy Christmas and a safe new year.

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## THE GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE

**CHARNWOOD'S ZERO WASTE STRATEGY** is out for consultation as I write this page. If you are reading this on line and are really quick you may still be able to have your say. Visit [www.charnwood.gov.uk](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk) and follow the Zero Waste Strategy link on the home page. The consultation ends 16 November 2012. If you miss that date, it's always worth talking to your Borough Counsellor and keeping an eye on the CBC website for consultations.

So what is Zero Waste about ? We are talking about household waste in this context and Charnwood has the duty to collect it and the County Council to provide for its disposal. Given the nature of household waste, there will always be a proportion of it, albeit small, which has to go for disposal to landfill or other methods. So Zero Waste doesn't mean no waste. It is really shorthand for a new way of looking at waste. It means seeing it as a potential resource to be minimised and then tapped into to recover the embodied raw materials, energy etc. and to reduce the residual waste, which really must be disposed of, to the absolute practical minimum.

A key feature of this new approach to waste is an up to date version of the long established Waste Hierarchy:

1. Prevention - if you can't prevent it, then ...
2. Prepare for reuse - if you can't prepare for reuse, then ...
3. Recycle - if you can't recycle, then ...
4. Recover other value - if you can't recover value (e.g. energy), then ...
5. Disposal - landfill if no alternative available.

The Draft Zero Waste Strategy sets all this out in far more detail and can be accessed on line at the CBC website. It can also be accessed through the libraries and our Parish Council has a hard copy. Here in Charnwood, and in East Goscote especially, we have been quite good at applying ourselves to the challenge of changing the way we look at and deal with household waste. The Zero Waste Strategy takes us a stage further and if you are not going forwards in this business, you are going backwards as waste gets ever more complex and costly.

**NEW ZEALAND BOX COMPOSTER** I promised to keep you posted on progress regarding my New Zealand Box composter. Well it's still a work in progress largely due to running out of suitable scrap materials especially sheets of wood but I have made a start. As you can see, I have had to improvise with cardboard etc but that will be replaced over time with more scrap wood. The old plastic dalek type composter has been emptied and moved. Applying the zero waste strategy, that will be re-used on a family allotment. The site has been cleared and the embryonic NZ box moved into position and filled with the mature and semi mature compost from the dalek.

Because of space limitations in composting corner, I scaled my NZ box down to  $\frac{3}{4}$  size from the standard pair of one metre cubes. I was surprised to find just how much compost was contained in the old dalek so if you are having a go at building one of these and you have the space and materials, consider making the full sized version. New Zealand boxes were first widely promoted by visionary Auckland Dentist, Dr Guy Chapman in the first half of the last century as a way of improving the diet using home grown vegetables. The big advantage of the NZ box is that you can access, turn and aerate the compost easily thus speeding the process. 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](mailto:david.cannon9@btinternet.com) . Other useful links: [www.recyclenow.com](http://www.recyclenow.com) , [www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com) , [www.leics.gov.uk/index/environment](http://www.leics.gov.uk/index/environment) [www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/recycling](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/recycling) .



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## Don't dump it, donate it!

The build up to Christmas and the New Year is causing acute problems for Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland. Whilst their shops are doing

particularly well on sales, they are running into problems with donations of saleable items and are desperately short of stock, particularly furniture and bric-a-brac but also books and clothing.

“During and after the festive season, many people will be contemplating how they will make space for their presents or dispose of household furniture in order to accommodate new purchases made in the sales. Our motto is: ‘Don't Dump It, Donate It!’ “says Peter Ralphs of the local Age UK.

“All I can say is that we desperately need help from the public so that we can continue to help needy local older people through the money which is taken through our shops. All of our 23 charity shops around the two counties will gladly accept donations whilst furniture can also be collected from homes by calling 0116 2781208

# £10m scheme to help first time buyers

Leicestershire County Councillor Dave Houseman told 'The Long Furrow' that a £10 million scheme to help more than 400 first time buyers was launched on 11.9.12 thanks to Leicestershire County Council and Lloyds TSB.

Leicestershire County Council is lending £10 million, to enable the bank to provide affordable mortgages, through the "Lend a Hand" scheme.

The council has provided an initial loan of £2 million to Lloyds TSB – which could help up to 90 first time buyers and boost the economy, by enabling them to purchase a home with a deposit of just five per cent.

The full £10 million will enable more than 400 first time buyers enter the housing market. It should result in a further 2,000 house moves, by freeing up houses for rent as more people buy their own homes.

Launching the scheme at Lloyds TSB in Loughborough, the council's Leader, Nick Rushton, said: We know first time buyers are struggling, so it makes sense to lend the bank some of our reserves, to help them get on the property ladder.

This helps people into homes, boosts the economy and enables the council to get its money back, with interest, from the bank."

Stephen Nooks, mortgage director at Lloyds TSB, said: With the launch of "Lend a Hand" in Leicestershire, we're making the housing market more accessible to more people.

Helping people to buy their first home is crucial in achieving and maintaining a sustainable housing market."

How the scheme works:

- The council lends money from its reserves to the bank
- The money allows the bank to offer mortgages of up to £142,500, reducing the size of deposit that first-time buyers have to find to just five per cent
- After five years, the bank repays the money, plus interest, to the council

For further details and conditions, or to apply for a mortgage, please see staff at any Lloyds TSB branch in Leicestershire.



## Relate Leicestershire

Talking openly to family members in the lead up to Christmas could contribute to a more stress free festive period this year is the advice from Relate Leicestershire, the relationship counselling organisation.

High expectations, money pressures and spending the break in confined quarters are challenges we all face. However, time taken out thinking about what you want and discussing it with your partner could be as beneficial as other planning and preparation done during the weeks before Christmas.

Having your presents wrapped in advance is one job off your list but will you also discuss any family dynamics that could be different this year such as a new baby, extra family members as a result of a new relationship or family members being away?

And if your relationship should suffer over the holiday, don't forget that Relate is always there to turn to for help in the New Year. To contact Relate Leicestershire, ring 0116 254 3011 or see the website [www.relateleicestershire.org.uk](http://www.relateleicestershire.org.uk)

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When we arrived they gave us an intriguing tour of the unit and especially the Eurocopter EC-135 police helicopter.

The Staff on duty at the ASU then gave us the privilege of sitting in the helicopter and using the equipment, such as their £750,000 camera that has multiple functions which includes thermal, low light and normal camera options. The camera was also so versatile they could zoom into the moon and see the craters on the lunar surface! Cdt Stevens Z was then asked to run around the area to demonstrate the effectiveness of the thermal imaging camera! It was impressive to say the least! Law breakers beware !!!



They then took us into the hangar where J/Cdt Bolton (because he was



wearing black and white striped socks!) was selected for a surprise! He was told to lie down on a specialised stretcher which then had all the air pumped out of it holding it in place tightly around his body. This demonstrated how effective it would be in supporting someone with a severe injury such as a broken leg, as he couldn't move at all whilst on the stretcher.

We then went into the operations room where we were shown a selection of videos of police incidents and pursuits which the unit had personally recorded. Many thanks to the ASU Team for allowing us to climb all over their helicopter. Thanks also to Sgt A Strong ATC for

setting up the visits. And many thanks to Mrs Rickman for driving the bus.

Written by Cdt's Stevens J, Stevens Z, Harding, Freer, Clarke and Bolton.

1181 Squadron meet on a Monday and Thursday from 19:00hrs to 21:30hrs and are based in the ATC hut in the grounds of Wreake Valley College. We are actively recruiting new members and any interested parties should contact Flight Lieutenant Kenyon on [oc.1181@aircadets.org](mailto:oc.1181@aircadets.org)



### "Safe havens" launch in busy shopping areas

A total of 178 "keep safe places" have been established in busy shopping areas across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Set up in libraries, stores, Age UK shops and businesses, they provide temporary havens and offer

immediate reassurances to people who are feeling vulnerable, upset, scared or distressed in town centres.

Special keep safe place stickers are on the doors of all organisations that have signed up to the scheme which has been developed by Leicestershire County Council in partnership with Age UK Leicester Shire and Rutland, the police and local community partnerships.

Joe Orson, Leicestershire County Council Cabinet Member for Safer Communities, said: "It is reassuring for people to know there are places to go if they are feeling upset, confused or worried while out in town centres.

"Staff can offer basic support, including a place to sit down and contacting friends or relatives if necessary - or the emergency services if required.

Chief Inspector Richard Keenan of Leicestershire Police said: "Keep Safe Places is an important step forward which could only have been achieved with the support of partners and caring local businesses. Together we have created spaces which welcome and reassure vulnerable people who suddenly feel they need a safe place."

To find out more on the Keep Safe Place scheme visit: [www.leics.gov.uk/keepsafeplaceschs](http://www.leics.gov.uk/keepsafeplaceschs)



# Broomfield News



Broomfield has been bursting with activity this term. We are so busy enjoying our learning that the time is flying by and Christmas is almost here!

## Year 3 & 4 Egyptian Day

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October, The Specialists Company came in to talk about the Egyptians with Year 3 and 4. A lady was Cleopatra V11 and her scribe was Satti, which means snake.

First, my group played a market - place game. We had to ask questions of where the items we needed were and you had to trade what they needed. We needed silver and resin and we had jewellery and wine to trade. We then drew a picture of someone in a tomb using measurements. Then we had to build a pyramid and it looked amazing with the Sphinx in front and then we swapped over.

Next we learnt about mummification. Harry Bland was the Priest with an Anubis mask on. Joe had to pierce the brain and it turned into goo and then he threw it away. Next we had to take the organs out, except the heart and we put them in canopic jars. Once they were all out and in the jars, Drishal blessed the mummy by reading special words. After that, the mummy went into the sarcophagus and then we went to play.



A little while later, we learnt about lucky charms, we also did hieroglyphics where we wrote a secret message and then decorated it.

By Jack Weale Year 4

## Cresswell Crag

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of September, the year 5 and 6's went to Cresswell Crag in Derby. It was a long journey, but we occupied ourselves so we didn't get bored. We had to get to school for 8:30; 15



minutes earlier than usual. We arrived at Cresswell Crag at 10:05.

Our class was called 'The Mammoths'.

The first activity our class did was caving. We had to wear white, hard helmets with lights on the front because the caves were really dark. There were lots of caves but we only went in one of them that was called the Robin Hood Cave. The leader who took us into the caves was John. He talked to us about the cave and also the Neanderthals that used to live in there.

There were lots of spiders inside the cave, big and small. John showed us a really big cave spider. It was a female. The spider had laid some eggs and had made a nest for them as well. The nest was hanging from a rock, which made it look like it was a mini disco ball. It was amazing! We also went deeper down into the cave. Then John told us to switch our lights off. All we could see was a little bit of daylight. Most of us were scared.

Next we went to the shop. I bought two bracelets. One was made of gems and the other made of shells. After that we went for a walk around the lake. The footpath was very muddy so our shoes got very dirty. Then we fed the ducks with some bird food that Miss Osmond bought from the shop.

The last activity we did was survival skills with Rob. Firstly, we had to build a shelter that our



group could fit in.

We had split into three groups. We had to make them out of branches. My group's was pretty good.

Luckily we didn't have to stay in them over night. It wouldn't have been very warm. Next we had to throw a wooden spear at a picture of a mammoth. We managed to catch a few. After that we had to try and make a fire, but nobody could!

It was a superb day and all the children had a great time!

After a fun day at Creswell Crags it was time to go home. Everyone really enjoyed the trip. We didn't want to go home. It was a really exciting experience.

### Harvest Sing Up

On the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2012 Broomfield Primary School, Key Stage 1 and 2 held a Harvest 'Sing Up'. It was a time where our parents had the opportunity to see us sing and play instruments, and we revealed our beautiful voices!

As the parents sat down the pressure was on. Each class performed their harvest festival song and of course, we all sang our hearts out. We hope the parents enjoyed the sing up as much as we did.

By Isabella Fosberry and Jodie Coltman

### Our Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival took place on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2012. It was held at St Hilda's Church. The whole school went to celebrate our harvest festival. It was magical!

Each class sang a song or did a little poem. Some classes made props and hats to go with their song. The little ones were very cute! Some people in Year 6 played an instrument.

At the end of the school day we held our Harvest sale and nearly sold everything. Year 6

helped to sell the produce and it was fun. The money was given to the Rainbows Hospice. We raised a grand total of £60.

Hopefully the teachers enjoyed the harvest celebration as much as we did.

### Tony Parkinson Music Assembly

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of October a London percussionist, called Tony Parkinson, came to Broomfield to introduce us to some electronic and handmade percussion instruments.

Tony demonstrated many kinds of outstanding musical presentations such as: James Bond, Michael Jackson and the Simpsons. Many pupils volunteered to play and act out the music that Tony had either played or was playing. This was such a great experience for many people, to have helped out Tony and joined in with the fun.

Whilst Tony was performing, it was wonderful to join in with the singing and even more wonderful to watch. Broomfield was delighted to have Tony come to this school and we hope that other schools will be able to have the same opportunity as us.

Written by Sophie Howard and Lucy Dilkes

### Broomfield Football Team

Broomfield's football team have had a great start to the season; they have not lost a game yet. The first game Broomfield played was a cracker of a game! The other team had a massive goalkeeper that we couldn't score past, but we had all of the possession.

After this we played Churchill Juniors. At half time they were 2:0 up but Alfie Glover came storming through to equalise.

Our best performance was the match against The Pochin. We won 3:2, all thanks to a fantastic goal scored by Harley Brown!

Let's hope we continue to end the season as well as we started.

## Ernest Cook Trust Woods

Foundation Stage children went to the Earnest Cook Trust Woods to see Percy the Park Keepers friends. Squirrel, Badger, Mole, Rabbit



and Hedgehog were very lucky because the children eagerly built new homes for them deep within the fallen trees, large logs and autumn leaves. The outdoor experience enhanced their understanding of the natural environment.

Year 1 and 2 will also be visiting the woods in November.

## Sing Christmas



Sing Christmas is an interactive sing along carol concert organised by **BBC Radio Leicester**, Leicestershire Churches Media and the Diocese of Leicester, and will be broadcast live on Monday 17 December 2012 at 7pm - 8pm. Broomfield School is joining in with Sing Christmas this year.

There'll be lots of well-known Christmas carols to sing along with, interactive elements and special guests - all celebrating the real meaning of Christmas.

<http://www.singchristmas.org.uk> .. for more information.



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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS NOVEMBER 2012

**Rearsby Roses** – Application for 60 houses. Councillor Bob Black & Councillor Cathy Duffy attended the Plans Committee. Charnwood Plans Committee chose to refuse the application. You can view the grounds for refusal on the East Goscote Parish Council's website. The Parish Council would like to thank Mr John Lambert who spoke on behalf of Rearsby and East Goscote. The appeal by GEG Properties for the previous application for 74 houses has been withdrawn.

**Youth Committee** – The next meeting will be held on Monday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in the Village Hall at 4.30pm. For further information contact Cllr.Sally Lander on 07756312171. The remaining meeting for this year will be 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

**A Village e-communication Mailing List** – Cllr Karen McCalman put forward a suggestion of creating an email Newsletter. This would enable the Parish Council to inform residents of Events, Neighbourhood Watch information and News. If you would like to be included in the mailing list all you have to do is send an email to:

[karenmc5555@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:karenmc5555@hotmail.co.uk) putting 'Mailing List' in the subject line of your email.

**Speedwatch** – Please help! Are you concerned about the speed of some vehicles on our roads? Could you spare a little of your time to help make the roads of East Goscote safer for everyone? Then join our Community Speed Watch Programme today. We are looking for volunteers for the programme of running speed gun trials. If you can help please contact Kelly Barber on Tel: 07773022149 or [kellybarber@live.co.uk](mailto:kellybarber@live.co.uk). Alternatively call the Parish Council office on 0116 2602202

**Outdoor Fitness Equipment** – Councillor Kelly Barber is working extremely hard to try and secure funding for some new exercise equipment on our Jubilee Playing Fields. Could you please complete the questionnaire in this edition and post it in the box at the Post Office or at the Parish Council offices.

**Village Hall** – The Village Hall Management Committee have managed to secure a grant towards the installation of outdoor lighting and CCTV to the Village Hall Car Park, to enable their users to feel safer. This work was completed during half term ready for the winter nights. 50% of the cost was awarded from the Leicestershire County Council Shire Grant Scheme. Many thanks to the County Council for their generous support.

**Plant A Tree For The Jubilee** – A tree will be planted on our Village Green to mark the occasion of HM Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee 2012. A grant of £200 was secured by the Parish Council from the Stepping Stones Project, Leics County Council. Many thanks for their support. The tree will be blessed during the Remembrance Sunday Service at St. Hilda's Church

**Energy Efficient Programme** – The Parish Council has previously offered energy saving kits to our residents. We have some left-over stock, and during December residents can claim their free TV power-downs or radiator panels from the Parish Council offices. First come – First served.

**Santa** – Santa has again remembered East Goscote and will be visiting on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. To complete the evening, why not visit the Church to see the Christmas Tree Festival.

A wonderful Christmas and a peaceful New Year to you all.

J. Kyle  
Parish Councillor

**EAST GOSCOTE PROPOSED OUTDOOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT  
FOR THE JUBILEE PLAYING FIELDS.**

Dear Resident,

Recently, East Goscote Parish Council became aware of the possibility of funding for some outdoors exercise equipment and has been investigating the possibility of applying for the equipment. It is for that reason that I am contacting you now.

Part of the application process requires us to provide evidence that there is a need for the equipment and that it would have a positive impact on our village.

The company providing the outdoor exercise equipment is called Fresh Air Fitness. Their web site is [www.fresh-airfitness.co.uk](http://www.fresh-airfitness.co.uk) If you would like to take a look. I have received a quote for 7 pieces of equipment which would be located on the playing fields where the current trail is. The funding is for a maximum of £10,000 from The Big Lottery Fund, Awards for All, which would cover the total cost of the equipment and installation.

This is where I need your help to try and secure the funding by explaining how much the outdoor exercise equipment would benefit the residents of our village.

If you could please answer the following questions and forward your responses onto myself at [kellybarber@live.co.uk](mailto:kellybarber@live.co.uk) or to Liz Pizer, parish Clerk at the Council Office, East Goscote Village Hall, or into the box at the post office.

**Question (1) Your age group**

Under 17,            18 – 30            31 – 50            51 – 70            71 and over

**Question (2) Employment Status**

Are you            Employed,            Self-employed,            Unemployed,            Retired

**Question (3) Exercise routine**

Are you a member of a Gym or Sports Club ? .....

How many times a week do you exercise ? .....

**Question (4)** What type of exercise do you do ? .....

**Question (5)** If we were granted funding for the outdoor exercise equipment, would you consider using it ? .....

How often ? .....

How do you think this equipment would benefit you or members of your household ?

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*THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE*

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