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**On Wednesday, 8th April, 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

1. Apologies For Absence
2. Confirmation of the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
4. Report from the Police
5. Chairman's Report – J Malpus
6. Finance Report – C Duffy
7. Borough Councillor's Report – Laurie Needham
8. County Councillor's Report – J Poland
9. East Goscote Village Hall
10. East Goscote Community Library
11. Matters Arising by Permission of the Chairman.

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# Hello...

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The Long Furrow Committee would like to thank East Goscote Parish Council for their support in producing LONG FURROW.

## 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.

## WANTED

Long Furrow needs a volunteer to accept all articles, most of which arrive by email. This person will paste the articles into a template to ensure we do not have too many or not enough pieces of news. This data will then be passed to Gareth who will design the finished magazine.

If you are computer literate and feel that you can handle the position please contact John Malpus on [long\\_furrow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:long_furrow@yahoo.co.uk).

## BREAKING NEWS

In the last edition we informed you that Josiah Hincks would not be holding any more clinics in the library. They have, now, changed their minds and the clinics restarted in December.

Further dates are :

Thursday 6th February 2:30 - 4:30

Thursday 5th March 2:30 - 4:30

Thursday 9th April 2:30 - 4:30

Thursday 7th May 2:30 - 4:30

## FREE WIFI CHANGES IN THE LIBRARY

FREE Wi-Fi is now available in the library without membership being required. Bring your own LapTop, smartphone, etc and just select "LCCFreeWi-Fi" and click and connect.

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If you care for your village and your community you have the chance to have your say.

Meetings are normally held once a month on the second Wednesday.

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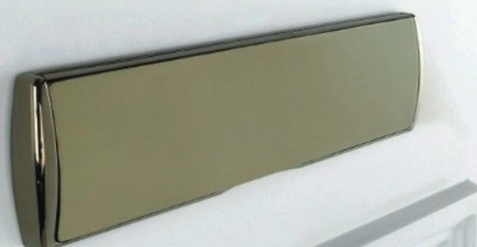
# WANTED

## LONG FURROW COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

NEEDS A VOLUNTEER SUB-EDITOR TO HELP PUT TOGETHER THE MAGAZINE! (See the previous page)

Distributors and advertisers are also needed in order to allow us to deliver to every house and business in the village from May.

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# LOCAL PATIENTS ADVISED TO USE THE MOST APPROPRIATE SERVICE



With NHS services across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland experiencing very high demand, we're being advised of the best routes to take to get the medical help we need.

The three Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust and East Midlands Ambulance Service are reminding us that hospital emergency departments are for potentially life threatening emergencies and very serious conditions.

If you don't have this type of condition – in other words if it's urgent but not life-threatening – you are likely to experience long waiting times whilst also increasing demand on services.

Instead, you could be getting better sooner by using another local service.

## NHS 111

You will be directed to 111 if you call your normal GP service out-of-hours, but 111 is available 24/7. If you've called 111 you will be assessed by a team of highly trained call advisors and clinicians. Depending on your condition you could receive a home visit from an Out of Hours GP or one of any number of other outcomes based on your telephone assessment. You can also visit [111.nhs.uk](http://111.nhs.uk).

## Urgent Care Centres

Urgent Care Centres (in Leicestershire County and Rutland) and Health Care Hubs (in Leicester City) are run

by healthcare professionals and many have x-ray facilities. They can deal with a range of health issues including sprains, suspected fractures and breaks, minor head injuries, cuts and grazes, minor scalds and burns, ear and throat infections and more.

## Community Pharmacies

Pharmacists are highly trained clinicians. They can give expert advice on common illnesses including coughs, colds, aches and pains and they can answer questions about prescribed medicines. They can also advise on treatment of minor injuries and many have private consultation rooms.

## Self Care

You can be prepared to treat minor illness and injury at home using a well-stocked stocked medicine cabinet.

You can find more self-care advice on the CCG website: [www.leicestercityccg.nhs.uk/self-care](http://www.leicestercityccg.nhs.uk/self-care)

Professor Fahad Rizvi, GP and Urgent Care Lead for LLR, said: "By knowing more about the different health services available and what they offer, you can get yourself and your family the right treatment much faster.

"As a GP, I know that when my practice is busy, some of my patients aren't sure what to do when they need immediate health advice or care, but it's not a 999 emergency. There are a range of alternative services available locally. By phoning NHS 111 you will still be able to speak to a GP or other clinician whenever you need to, and they will be able to get the care that you need."

NHS 111 is free and gives confidential health guidance and advice, 24 hours a day 365 days a year.

Run by Derbyshire Health United, they will also direct you to other local services where appropriate.

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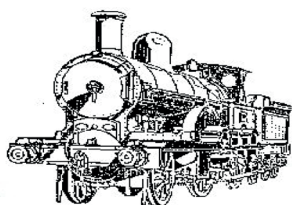
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## EAST GOSCOTE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The trustees of East Goscote Community Library wish to thank everyone who supported the library during 2019.



# Syston Model Railway Society - Homeless Again

Syston Model Railway Society has been in existence for 40 years this year. Earlier this year the club had to leave its premises of 30 years due to electrical problems. They moved to the Earl of Stamford, Birstall.

Now, due to a change of ownership, the club is again searching for new premises. The club requires about 120 square metres floor space with water and electricity. There would not be any problem sharing toilets. Although it would not be used 24/7, access to the premises may be required at other times and so it would require a single user agreement.

The members would like to thank the landlord of the Earl of Stamford for his help over the last few months. If you can help in any way, please contact Chris on 0116 2605760 or email [eglibrary@mail.com](mailto:eglibrary@mail.com).

Syston Model Railway will still be holding its Silver Anniversary Model Railway Show at Sileby Community Centre, High Street, Sileby on February 15/16th 2020. There will be a number of layouts in various gauges as well as the usual specialist traders. Refreshments will be available. Admission is £4 per adult and £3:50 per unaccompanied child. Accompanied children go free.



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## Our new PCSO - Lesley Richards

I am pleased to have completed my training and on the beat now with my colleagues; Sgt Wharton, Pc Malik, PcsO Sanghera and Pc McCaffrey. I look forward to getting to know people on my area and helping to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour. I am keen to build strong links with community groups to make Charnwood a safe place to live, work and visit.



## AGE UK SYSTON.... NEEDS YOU !

Age UK Syston charity shop, Melton road is in urgent need of stock: we heavily rely on the generosity of donations from the public.

Clothing, Books, DVDs, Bric a Brac, etc that you donate raise vital funds. So, if you have any unwanted Christmas presents, or just having a general clear out, please feel free to drop your donations off at the shop.

Alternatively if you have any spare time why not think about volunteering to help.

Age UK Leicestershire & Rutland is a local charity with a national name therefore money raised is used **LOCALLY**, where it is needed most.

Did you know there is approx 1,017,697 people living in Leicestershire and Rutland. 160,502 are over 65 and at least 38,062 of people aged 50-65 provide unpaid care. An interesting fact is that 47,325 people over 65 live alone.

We are committed to the welfare of older people and recognise their value as individual and our main

aim is to develop sufficient and relevant services that reflect the needs and wishes of older people living in Leicestershire and Rutland.

Thanks for all your support throughout 2019 and looking forward to a great year ahead in 2020.





# THEN & NOW!



Above is one of the sketches of the speed reduction scheme as displayed in the village hall in 2001. Below is the finished article.



## East Goscote Scout Group News

Yet another year over, ending our year with our annual Christmas carol service which was well attended by members and their families. A rendition of 'we three kings' by the Beavers certainly made use all laugh.

The Scouts never stop not only have they done 4 camps one of which was an International camp and many other activities in the year. but getting 8 yes! 8 young people through their Chief Scout Gold Awards. A real great achievement by the Scouts and Leaders.

Cubs also managed to cram as many things in as possible with a trip to the Fire Station a big highlight, especially as they could use the hoses. We have also gained many activities badges and even survived a sleepover at the Scout Hut. Cubs also have achieved 5 Chief Scout Silver awards this year. Well done Cubs !

Busy Beavers. With another fun filled packed year they have managed many activities and badges. More recently have a trip to Leicester on the train to see the Christmas lights. Definitely finished off their year on a high. Beavers gained 3 Chief Scout Bronze Awards, clever Beavers.

The Group as a whole is full of life and we are looking forward to next year being just as busy and fun.

Happy New Year to you all.



@EastGoscoteScoutGroup



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## COMMUNITY NEWS, 50 YEARS AGO... AILS AND HAILS

by Rev Dudley Gummer.

Very few families escaped either the Mumps, Chicken-pox or 'flu.

The extent of contagion is mirrored in the village school attendance register. During the week ending 19th December, absentees from school averaged 41 each day.

The flu tended to leave adults 'sagging in the middle and feeling very low spirited. But, somehow things carried on. And it ought not to be out of place to specially praise all tradesmen and the lads and lasses delivering newspapers, who did their daily rounds against the hazards of snow, ice, frozen fingers and... FLU.

In this noble band, we must include Mrs Betty Simpson and Mrs Elizabeth Woolman; our post ladies. They were first class in plodding from Syston through the snow with their heavy loads of mail.

## LONG FURROW, 25 YEARS AGO... ADVICE FROM MAHIVIR MEDICAL CENTRE

Like the whole of Leicestershire, our village has been hit by the Winter Virus which is persisting and causing Flu like illness, persistent cough, tiredness and fever. Our advice to you is to take Paracetamol, drink plenty of fluids and, if the fever is not settling, cool yourself with cold sponging. Use any cough mixture for relief of the cough (our chemist is always helpful in advising which to buy). Rest is the key to recovery from viruses. Antibiotics don't work and they decrease your bodies power to combat the viruses. Of course, if in doubt, please see your doctor. Our patients are mostly seen the same day if they ring and make an appointment.



# GREENER GOSCOTE

FEB 2020

## GREENER GOSCOTE COMES OF AGE:

We've been publishing articles in Long Furrow and carrying out activities under the Greener Goscote brand since November 2005 – over 14 years. Here's what we said way back then:

### **GREENER GOSCOTE – AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE**

*As promised in the last Edition of Long Furrow, here's a brief update on Greener Goscote – an idea which emerged from the East Goscote Parish Plan 2003 (good grief, was it that long ago?).*

**EAST GOSCOTE – A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE.** Most of us would agree that East Goscote is a great place to live ...

Well now it's time Greener Goscote finally came of age. The climate crisis demands that, as young Greta says, "We need to translate words into actions". So Greener Goscote has become a proper group so that it can apply for funding to raise its profile, recruit more members and carry out more practical work to make our village even greener. With your help we can make a real difference. A couple of examples - we could do one of our special litter-pick and recycle events village-wide and put the plastic where it really belongs. Or we could run a village swap shop event with repair and recycle on hand.

New members of any age are welcome, especially young people who will have to cope with the consequences of climate change for longer. (Children under 16 can get involved under direct supervision of a parent or guardian.) No membership fee is required but donations are invited. Most of all, your imagination, skills and energy are needed and we know from past experience that East Goscote has no shortage of that. And as Greta nearly said "No village is too small to make a difference".

This edition of Long Furrow goes out in February 2020. In March let's see what response we get to this appeal and get started, hopefully with the help of new members. Look out for updates on social media and at the recycling centre. If you would like to chat about any of this, please contact David.



## 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 [da-vid.cannon9@btinternet.com](mailto:da-vid.cannon9@btinternet.com)

## OTHER USEFUL LINKS:

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# EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

## New Councillors

No new councillors have been co-opted since the last report so we now have three Parish Councillor vacancies which we would very much like to fill. Applications are invited from women and men of all ages who are keen to serve the community in this way. Contact the Parish Clerk for details.

## In October...

Defibrillator training took place in the Village Hall on the 22nd. Thirteen volunteers came from local football teams, village hall users and Parish Councillors. The general feeling from volunteers was that the event was very helpful.

Councillors Needham and Nelson investigated ways of slowing drivers down using "20's Plenty Bin Stickers" in key areas – possibly Ling Dale and Long Furrow. Councillor Nelson offered to visit residents with a view to asking them to apply the stickers to their wheelie bins. Also banners will be appearing at various locations around the village asking drivers to "Stay at 30".

## November saw...

Eighty lamp-post poppies put up by Councillor Webbon and our Caretaker for Remembrance Day. Councillors Duffy and Needham attended the Remembrance Service at St Hilda's Church.

New Play area signs have been installed on the Mound and Village Green sites. Councillor Nelson and volunteers planted bulbs around the tennis court on the 24th November. And a copse area of 30 trees provided by the Woodland Trust will be planted in the spring in the dog walk area.

## December...

Brought the installation of the village Christmas lights.

A second village defibrillator was fitted to the Village Hall, the money having been donated by an anonymous donor. Thanks to East Goscote Electrics for installing the defibrillator free of charge.

PCSO 6098 Lesley Richards was recently appointed to her post to replace our previous PCSO, Matt Harburt.

The Parish Council considered its response to the Charnwood Draft Local Plan 2019-2036 consultation. The council agreed to use the services of a planning expert to assist with our very detailed response to this important consultation.

On Saturday the 14th of December, just under forty villagers attended an afternoon tea in the village hall served by the Brownies. The residents were entertained by the Brownies singing carols, Paul Smith DJ, a trio of musicians and Queniborough choir. The Brownies held a draw for a Christmas raffle with the proceeds going to library funds. Thanks to Councillors Martin Webbon and Laurie Needham, along with Mr Nick Shivers for planning the event.

A Resilience Project meeting is to be held in early 2020. Resilience is intended to prepare our initial response to events such as flooding until the emergency services take over.



Paul's Queniborough Choir

# EAST GOSCOTE VILLAGE HALL

## East Goscote Village Hall Report: December 2019

To begin: Party bookings are looking very healthy over the winter period and also for the coming New Year!

As an update: The Committee have purchased 6 x new 6' x 2'6" plastic tables to replace the heavy wooden trestle tables.

Currently, we are now looking at the costs of replacing the Village Hall blinds, and a new outside light has been fitted by the kitchen door. All important jobs that needed to be carried out have also been done.

A defibrillator was fitted at the front of the Village Hall and this was fitted "free of charge" by East Goscote Electrics on 21st November 2019. **The defibrillator was kindly donated to the village by an anonymous donor!**

A new boiler is scheduled to be fitted in the Village Hall in early April 2020 (unless it breaks down before this date).

Finally, I would like to thank all of the Members of the Village Hall Management Committee for generously offering their time and support, and I would also like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy New Year. May peace, love, and prosperity follow you always!

### **Cllr. Cathy Duffy (Chairman)** **Village Hall Management Committee**

I'm in the process of starting to write my community safety partnership update for January 2020 this evening, looking at the overall picture I'm really please to say that overall crime is down in Charnwood. The teams are briefed tonight and already out and about dealing with incidents however we are already looking forward to next year and planning on how we will decrease crime and anti social behaviour and importantly increase residents confidence in your local police in Charnwood.

In relation to crime over the past few weeks, we saw an increase in vehicle related crime especially the theft of catalytic converters from Toyota and Mercedes vehicles. This thankfully has slowed down locally, other neighbourhood areas are still having reported offences however I like to think that the team here have been



visible, the public have been listening to messages we have been generating and together we have made a difference. We have made some really significant arrests of late concerning those criminals involved in burglary offences, drug related offences as well as working hard with partners to deal with anti Social Behaviour in the borough.

In the new year I will be intensifying my efforts to promote neighbourhood link, I've fallen short of my ambitious 10,000 members in Charnwood however I will get there. Please speak to neighbours and friends in Charnwood, it would be great if you could spread the word about this facility which we will be using ever more frequently moving into next year.

Charnwood Watch update - we managed to secure funding for Charnwood Watch, there were a few delays in respect of signs and related items however I'm confident that this will launch in January 2020. I have designated PCSO Lisa McNeill to the project as well as Sgt Chris Wharton, I'm looking forward to seeing how this watch scheme spreads across the borough. As I have said before, this isn't meant to encroach on existing NW schemes which have been running for years locally, I hope we can work along side each other and share crime prevention info on this forum. Clearly this is why I'm keen to sign as many people up as possible so the crime prevention messages reach far and wide.

I don't know why the NL system asks members to rate messages, I don't wish to be rude however I may place a full stop in the wrong place which clearly infuriates some.

Also please don't use NL to report crime, 101,999 or online please.

Finally, please have a safe and peaceful evening and I hope 2020 is everything you wish for it to be.

Thanks, Mark

Mark Botte  
(Police, Inspector, Charnwood)





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Charnwood Recycling and Composting		01509 634563
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Friends of Broomfield Debbie Cottam		0791 9092341
Friendship Club	Gill Morton	0116 2601977
Guides	Rachel Laverty	07791731828
	Michelle Baker	07872066509
LCC Councillor	James Poland	07764966677
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### **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.