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Editorial

Dear Readers, welcome to the
August Edition of The Long Furrow,
this is the last Edition we will
produce as editors and I would like
to thank everyone connected with
the magazine for their support over
the last 2 years, I would also like to
thank our readers, particularly those
who sent us thank you e-mails, it is
nice to think that our hard work is
appreciated by so many people on
East Goscote. Unfortunately as we
go to press no-one has come
forward to take on the role of Editor
so this edition might well be the last,
if you are interested in taking on this
role please call either myself or a
member of the editorial panel for an
informal chat.

Kind Regards

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and
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Along with everyone else, East Goscote Brownies have been enjoying the lovely weather.

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We have been upcycling t-shirts and making fabulous funky scarves. The girls loved it and became so creative, they were making belts,

hair ties and bracelets by the end of the evening.

We had a wacky Brownie sports, which involved some of the girls getting very wet in the water relay.

We finally finished the term with our annual fishing trip in Rearsby brook.

The weather was brilliant which kept our Brownies laughing as they raced through the water and got thoroughly soaked.

A small cup was presented for the largest fish.

We all had a great time and will look forward to seeing them all back on September 10th.

There are a number of places available in the pack next term, so if you are between 7 -10 years old and free on a Thursday night,

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LIBRARY NEWS

The work involved with transferring the library over to the Management Committee is progressing and by the time that you read this, the Business Plan will have been submitted.

We need two more volunteers to make up the full committee.

Once the Plan has been sent in the search for volunteers to staff the library will recommence. All who have previously indicated a willingness to volunteer will be contacted and measures will be taken to add to that number. To that end, we shall be holding an Autumn Fayre in the Village Hall on Saturday 10th October from 10am to 12noon. Village organisations will be invited to have stands and we shall be promoting the Library with a view to finding volunteers. It is hoped that this event will also raise some vitally needed funds for the Library. The committee will be serving refreshments at this event as well as promoting the library. What we will need is a cake or two donated to be served with the tea and coffee. If any organisation wishes to attend this event please contact us on 0116 2609789 or email eglibrary@mail.com for more information. Further events will be planned in due course.

We are currently in negotiation with several businesses with regard to much needed sponsorship for the Library.

One way in which we shall be continuously fund raising for the Library is to sell donated books, DVDs and Jigsaws. To this end, if you have any reasonable quality books, unscratched DVDs or complete Jigsaws, please contact us at 0116 2609789.

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We are now in full rehearsal for our next play, "Ghost Writer" by David Tristram, and things are going well. It is described by the writer as "a haunting comedy"!! It is very funny and will appeal to all audiences. With a cast of six, this production is being directed by Greta MacManus with me as Assistant Director. Please put the dates in your diary!! The play will be performed from Tuesday 10th November to Friday 13th November. Tickets are priced at £8.00 each with £7.00 for concessions. As usual, the play 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 0116 260 6561.

If anyone is interested in joining the group, or would like further information, please feel free to contact me on 07702 879 006, or our Secretary, Margaret, on 0116 260 9663. Alternatively email me on qttheatregroupsysyton@yahoo.co.uk

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EAST GOSCOTE VILLAGE PRE-SCHOOL

A big hello from all the staff and children at Pre-School.

So what have we been up to?

Summer Term - was super busy

- We enjoyed the warm weather with trips to the park and our secret garden.
- We looked at people who help us such as the police, fire service and doctor's, all these were explored in our role play areas. We had an amazing visit from PCSO Brian Geeson who even allowed the children to speak to the police control on his radio, they thought this was fantastic.
- The children loved creating a campsite holiday, using tents and our new camping equipment including a BBQ, this linked beautifully to our outside expedition to look for bugs.

Transition

Our children moving onto big school spent lots of time getting to know their new teachers and explored the school during visits. We also spent time ensuring all the areas of learning for each child were shared. We said a big goodbye to all our school-leavers with our graduation ceremony where all the children shared songs with their parents. A big goodbye to all our leavers and wish them all the very best with their continued learning journey.

Autumn Term

We look forward to the new term and welcome our new starters along with their families working together to begin their learning journey.

Ofsted

Ofsted report December 2014 said "Safeguarding in the setting in excellent".

We look forward to meeting you and helping your child's learning journey begin.

If you would like to know more, come and join us, give us a call or visit us any morning 9am-12pm Monday-Friday.

Sally Lander (07756312171), Lisa, Leigh and Vicky.



Charnwood Wigs

The speaker of the month was Donna from melt-on.co.uk bespoke luxury alcoholic ice-cream. Donna and Dave gave us an interesting talk having been first introduced to alcoholic icecream in America they made it their mission to recreate it back in Britain with great results. They brought with them a very large cool box which certainly kept the ice cream at the right temperature. There was a variety of flavours for example Gin' on

Greengage, Eat' On Mess, Amarett' On Ginger etc.

After the demonstration the members were able to taste samples which of course they thoroughly enjoyed and generally it all went down a storm. More details on the web-site melt-on.co.uk

The walk of the month was the Barrow Fossil Trail which was held on Tuesday July 7th. It also encompassed a lot of Barrow history which was very interesting. On the way round we passed a building that is now a child's nursery which was once a public house known as 'The Trap' which was a snare to part working men from their wages. Also known as the Lime Kiln, it was a popular pub with the employees of Barrow's lime works.

Halfway round the President of Barrow WI invited us into her home for a delicious supper of Pimm's and Strawberry cakes. Some of the Barrow WI ladies accompanied us on the walk which made it far more interesting as they knew so much more about the history of Barrow than we did. One of the ladies young sons' who came with us was a veritable source of knowledge about the Fossils! The second half of the walk which is by the river will be completed on the next occasion in August. The Charnwood Wlg's like to liaise with other WI's in the area to create good community relations.

At the beginning of the meeting our President Sharon relayed the events that will be taking place later in the year. Saturday September 5th the members are attending a Tribute night in Loughborough which will coincide with the Centenary Celebrations and replace the Christmas party.

The usual trade stalls were in evidence with tea and coffee organised by Margaret or a drink from the bar for those that so wished. The raffle was held by Jan and Michelle gave us further information on the monthly news letter.

Our next Meeting Thursday August 27th 7.30pm

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As this looks as though it will be the last edition of the Long Furrow magazine I would like to advertise our Harvest Weekend 26/27 September. Our Harvest Supper is on the Saturday evening and the Little Big Band are coming once again to entertain. They are very popular and everyone hugely enjoyed the evening last year so it should be a good evening again this year. Tickets are £6 the same price as last year and that includes a supper. The Harvest Festival Service is on Sunday morning 9.30 a.m. and the congregation are invited to bring a harvest gift if they would like to. Also in September there is a Scarecrow Walk on Saturday 19 and if you would like to exhibit a scarecrow in your front garden please have a word with Tricia Marsland for further details.

It seems too early to talk about Christmas but this may be the last opportunity to inform villagers through this magazine that we have a Christmas Tree Festival again this year from Friday 11 to Sunday 13 December. The weekend will be rounded off with the Carol Service on the Sunday afternoon at 4.0 p.m.

Remembrance Day Service is Sunday 8 November and is always well attended by members of our youth organisations and villagers too. St. Hilda's offers a warm welcome to all to any of our services and all special services are advertised on both of the notice boards either side of the church.

Jane Mercy – Church Warden

Getting Married in Church!

As the wedding season is upon us perhaps this is a good time for a Vicar to answer some of the usual questions about getting married in a church and at St Hilda's. So here goes.

Q: Can a couple who are not churchgoers get married in church?

A: Yes of course, as the state church it is our duty and our joy to welcome any from the Parish who wish to marry in their Parish Church. There are many qualifying connections that allow this, if you live in the Parish is the most obvious, if you live elsewhere but worship in the church and if you or your partner were Baptised in the Church. There are other ways too which allow you to choose St Hilda's as your wedding place.

Q: Can we get married if one of us is divorced?

A: Yes it is possible to marry in Church if one or both partners are divorced. 'The Church of England agreed in 2002 that divorced people could remarry in church under certain circumstances. The Church believes that marriage is for life, but it also recognises that we are human and that sadly, some marriages do fail. The best way forward would be to talk with the Vicar and together we can discern if a church wedding is the right thing for you.

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A: No, again the Church of England welcomes all who wish to be married in church, and if you would like to explore the possibility of being baptised as well that would be great. Perhaps not on the same day though!

Q: We're new to the area, can we come to look around the church?

A: It would be great to welcome anyone both new to the area or long standing residents into the church for them to see if it was the place for their big day.

Q: Can we have the ceremony recorded on video? Is the photographer allowed in Church?

A: Yes the ceremony can be videoed, there is a fee for a video license, and as many photographs as you like may be taken as long as it doesn't intrude on the service. There are a couple of really good vantage points to take photographs during the service without being too obvious!

Q: How much does it cost to get married in church?

A: The typical cost is around £450 and there are additional costs if you would like an Organist, a choir or a video license.

Q: Who should I contact for more details?

A: In the first place contact me, the Vicar on either 0116 348 6896 or if you prefer by email at revtimday.fosseteam@gmail.com. I would love to be able to discuss any aspect of marrying at St Hilda's with you. A really good website to look at would www.yourchurchwedding.org. May God Bless you this summer and particularly if you are getting married.....Tim

Reverend Tim Day

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Wow, what a great start to the new academic year we've had with lots of new children starting who have on the whole settled-in with ease and have been supported by their key person who they have been developing a strong bond with from day one. Our existing children returned full of their summer holidays stories and many have shown great kindness towards the new children in helping them to settle.



During our settling-in period we enjoyed role-play in our home corner; garage; a supermarket and babies nursery. The children listened to traditional stories and joined in traditional rhymes

A focus on 'Goldilocks and the three bears' led to role-play in the three bears cottage; porridge for refreshments; constructing with a variety of resources models that were big, medium, small and learning the Goldilocks and the three bears song doing the actions alongside.

We spent a week of activities themed around Diwali. This included dancing with sticks and scarves; role-play in our Indian restaurant; creating Mendhi hands; enjoying rice and mangos for refreshments and making rangoli patterns with chalks.

Some of our older children enjoyed a session at Broomfield school listening to stories read by older children and having a biscuit with a drink. Sessions such as this help the children become familiar with a school setting to aid transition and enhances links.

As is appropriate for this time of year we centred some of our focus on Autumn which involved village walks and collecting leaves to do leaf printing with and using in our parachute play. We explored our Interest table, using magnifying glasses to look at leaves, conkers, pine cones and more.



Phew.....bizzy by name, busy by nature!!!

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



Broomfield News



The school has been very busy over the last term with lots of trips and activities!



The Boys Football team played very well and were the runners up in the competition losing closely to Church Hill Juniors. Well done on playing so well!



The school has achieved 4 fantastic Awards this term. We achieved the Artsmark, Food for Life Bronze, Green Flag Eco Status and renewed our Beyond Bullying Award.



The Year 6 children visited their new schools and we welcomed new arrivals for Autumn too. The Year 6 children had a visit to Twycross Zoo and a leaver's party as well as giving the school and families a brilliant performance called 'Do you remember the first time?' Lots of smiles and tears filled the hall! We wish them the best of luck.

Lots of our children competed in the Multi-skills competitions at Loughborough University and were a credit to the school.

We had a finale to the term when we were fortunate to have a fabulous performance by World Champion Unicyclist Witty Look and Cheeky.



**Have a fabulous summer - from
the staff and children at
Broomfield**

Broomfield Primary School - - - Governing Body Vacancies

As the current Chair of Governors at Broomfield, and a governor for over 12 years I can honestly say that being a school governor is both a rewarding and challenging experience. It has provided me with a real sense of purpose and satisfaction, and the opportunity to meet many new people. I enjoy it.

School Governors provide strategic leadership and work in partnership with the headteacher and senior leaders in the school to ensure that every child gets the best possible education. We are very proud of our achievements at Broomfield yet at the same time strive to be even better for the benefit of the children of East Goscote.

The Role of the Governing Body

The governing body is responsible for the conduct of the school as a business and must promote high standards of educational achievement at the school. We have a strong focus on three core strategic functions:

- 1) Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- 2) Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff.
- 3) Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

In order to do this, governors need to gain knowledge of how the school operates through attending meetings, reading school documentation, analysing data and engaging in regular visits to the school. The role of the governing body is one of oversight and it is not involved in the day to day management of the school, operational responsibility lies with the headteacher and school employees.

How the Governing Body Works

Governors are expected to do far more than merely attend meetings. Effective governors attend the school regularly to see and understand how the school operates. They undertake governor visits for a particular purpose and produce reports for their governor colleagues. Governors will be expected to receive and understand reports from the headteacher and senior leaders so that they can question, challenge and support, thereby improving the quality of the whole educational provision.

The governing body operates a code of conduct which sets an ethos of professionalism and high expectations of governors. This is provided as part of governor induction into the school and all governors are expected to work within it, since a governing body operates as a corporate entity with corporate responsibility.

Skills and Experience

Governing bodies rely on a range of skills and experiences. You will need a strong commitment to the role, the inquisitiveness to question and analyse, and the willingness to learn. Good inter-personal skills, a basic level of literacy in English and sufficient numeracy skills to understand basic data are essential.

Training and Support

The governing body is committed to developing the skills and experience of governors to promote success in the role. All new governors attend induction training and a programme of further training to help them fulfil the role. We also offer additional support to new governors in the form of a mentor, tour of school and induction pack.

Continues from over

We are currently looking to recruit 2 community governors.

Community governors are members of the public from the local community, who have an interest in local issues such as education.

It is not necessary for community governors to have children at the school, in fact most community governors (like myself) do not. (Parents of children are invited to apply for position of Parent Governor when they become available).

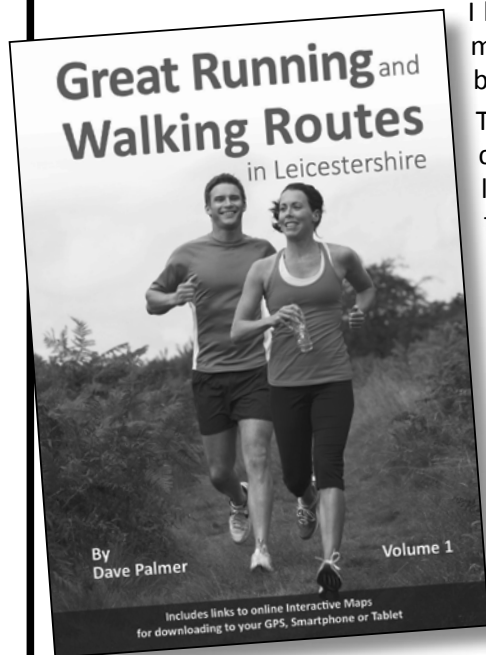
At this time we are particularly keen to recruit someone with financial skills as this is a skill area that we have identified as lacking in our current membership.

If you think you might be interested in volunteering for this role, even if you have no financial skill, please contact me by email and we can arrange for an informal chat.

Kevin W. Harrup
Chair of Governors

If you enjoy a great run or a good walk this book is for you!

When sitting one evening in a classroom at Wreake Valley College in September 1981, talking about the possibility of setting up a running club, little did I think that over 30 years later I would still be involved with Wreake Runners and be thinking about putting a book of routes together. Being a lover of maps and discovering new footpaths, for many years I have been the unofficial 'Routemaster' for the club and many times it has been pointed out that I should produce collections of these local routes for posterity.



I have finally produced the first Volume of 10 routes all using local footpaths, mostly starting at a variety of hostelrys which could provide refreshments before or after the run/walk.

There is a shorter and longer route option from each starting point, so you can cut the journey shorter if fitness or the weather prevails. I occasionally join local walking groups and therefore know that these routes would also be ideal for such parties.

For each of the routes photos of points of interest and some that reassure you that you are on the right track have been included. Sometimes notes on local history are interspersed with the route description.

Given the rapid development of GPS technology, Smartphones and Tablets, some people may like to download the interactive route to their device and, to this end, you will find on each map and at the back of the book the links for each route.

The book is spiral bound and A5 in size, making it easy to keep the Map pages flat and small enough to carry without being a burden.

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To get your copy of this book please email dave@runwalk.co.uk or check out www.runwalk.co.uk also available soon on Amazon.



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JUST GENTS HAIR RAISING CHARITY DAY WAS HUGE SUCCESS FOR MIND !!!!!

Saturday 4th July Just gents barbers in Syston kindly donated its entire day's takings to mind matters charityz.

Customers new and old came in their droves to show support to father and son team Tony and Joe clayton by having a hair cut knowing their money that day went towards raising awareness of mental health issues. Tony was more than happy to help and said "the day was about helping others and Syston today showed a real sense of community spirit." Along side the team at Mind, Melton road Syston, they set up a stall in the town square where raffle tickets were sold and tombola with AMAZING prizes donated from local stores in Syston.

We've been humbled by the generosity of not only just gents for driving this charity event day but by the support of the local shops in Syston which in total raised a whopping £824 towards vital funding for mental health.

Mind offers information and advice to people with mental health problems and lobbies government and local authorities on their behalf. Mind also works to raise public awareness and understanding of issues relating to mental health.

We would especially like to thank all the people of Syston for supporting us. Great day really was had by all. To see more picture of our charity event day see www.adampassingham.com

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Must be over 18 years old. The job entails sorting and pricing, customer service and till work plus general work around the shop.

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Please contact Mrs Bev Powell, the Shop Manager on 0116 2609878 or call at the shop for an application form. The E-mail address is oxfamshopf1716@oxfam.org.uk.

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EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

THE PARISH COUNCIL

Six people were nominated for the Parish Council elections in May and therefore all were elected unopposed. Since then five more people have shown an interest in joining the Council. Unfortunately, at co-option one had to miss out. The current Council consists of Sally Lander (Chair), John Malpus (V.Chair), Kevin Preston, Peter Hickling, Sue Gerrard, Roger Merry-Howe, Darren Eden, Lisa Castle and Elaine Garner and Cathy Duffy. The Chair thanked Mr Harold Screaton for showing an interest in joining the Council but he was the unfortunate one who missed out on co-option.

A training session has already been held for some of our new Councillors and other councillors will be undertaking training in due course. All Councillors are given a fully comprehensive list of training courses available to them.

We have a new Borough Councillor, Sue Gerrard. We would like to thank Cathy Duffy for all the excellent work she has done for the village since 2007 sorting out many problems for our local community. We wish Cathy well for the future.

TENNIS COURT

By the time that you read this the Tennis Court should be almost ready to be used. The procedure for using the court is set out below.

Keys can be obtained from the Parish Council Office: a deposit of £5 for residents of the village or £8 per non East Goscome user will be required for each key. Bookings for the court, which are free, can be made at the office no more than two weeks in advance. The deposit will be repaid once the key is returned. For full details contact the Parish Council Clerk on 0116 2602202 or clerk@eastgoscoteparishcouncil.org.uk.

There is a separate advert giving details of other joining/membership events being held at our library.

PLAY AREAS

We are fitting new gates to the Lilac Way play area. The old ones no longer complied with the BS/EN specification and had to be replaced.

By October/November, the play equipment on the Village Green will have undergone an upgrade. Some of the old equipment will be removed and replaced with new modern play equipment.

Members of the Council are working on this project and will be consulting local groups as to their ideas for improvement.

NOTICEBOARDS

Village noticeboards are having a revamp and a complete new front is being fitted to the noticeboard on Lilac Way.

GRASS CUTTING

Some of our village grass is the responsibility of Leics County Council who are only cutting their areas 5 times this year due to funding cut backs. The Parish Council agreed

To supplement this and paid for an additional cut to the front of the village (Melton Road) and the area in front of the Village Hall.

TREES

A professional survey of all our village trees was carried out and two trees were removed for health and safety reasons.

MEET YOUR NEW BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

I'm Sue Gerrard your elected Borough Councillor, and your voice at Charnwood Borough Council, Regardless of how you voted.

I will strive to serve the residents of East Goscote, and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the coming months at local events.

I intend to hold a surgery for residents on the 2nd Saturday of each month, with the first surgery scheduled for Saturday 8th August 10am - 11am at the village hall. Your MP, Edward Argar will also attend the August surgery.

I have hit the ground running, by helping out with a couple of local issues, as well as residents queries.

I am settling in nicely at the Borough Offices, and have spoken on behalf of, and asked questions for the residents several times at Council Meetings. The committee's at Charnwood I serve on are Plans, Overview Scrutiny Group, Budget Scrutiny Panel and an outside group The Fair Trade Panel.

I have retired from work, but I'm not resting. I go swimming at least twice a week, swimming 1000 metres each time I go. Walking is another hobby, I walk up to East Goscote and walk round the village quite often. Knitting, crochet, dress making and cooking are my other hobbies. I have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

If you need to contact me, my number is 07929 906042 or email Cllr.sue.gerrard@Charnwood.gov.uk



Sue Gerrard

Surgery scheduled for Saturday

8th August 10am - 11am at the village hall. Your MP, Edward Argar will also attend.

From the Office of Edward Argar MP



Meet Your New MP

Welcome to the first of what I hope will be many contributions to Long Furrow as your Member of Parliament. Firstly, thank you very much for electing me as your MP. Regardless of how you voted I will always endeavor to assist you when you seek my help, and to work for the whole community – it has been an incredibly busy and active two months in the constituency and in Parliament since being elected, and it is a pleasure and privilege to serve the people of East Goscote and the whole Charnwood constituency. Parliament has now started its summer break, but that doesn't mean the work stops! The letters and casework still flow in, but the break in parliamentary business means more time to get around even more events and meetings back home here in Charnwood. So....please do let me know if there are

any community events you are organising over the summer that you'd like me to come to, or local community causes you feel I could support you with!

I already meet regularly with your hard-working local councillors, Borough Councillor Sue Gerrard and County Councillor Dave Houseman, and look forward to continuing to work closely with both and with the Parish Council in the months and years ahead to ensure East Goscote's voice is heard loud and clear.

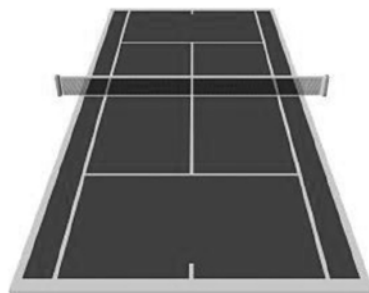
Reaching the end of the 'summer term' in Parliament has given me the opportunity to reflect on the first couple of months as an MP. As well as dealing with the casework and many hundreds of letters and emails each week and setting up a parliamentary office from scratch (for the first month or so newly elected MPs have no office and telephone, and only get a locker and the hope of finding an empty desk in a corridor or Committee Room!) there has been a very busy schedule in the Chamber of the Commons, with legislation, statements, and questions.

It has often been said that Parliament is a little like Hogwarts School in the Harry Potter books and films, and there is a bit of truth in this but it is also a wonderful place in which it is a privilege to sit as your MP, with a lot of important work to do. And, despite the seemingly odd traditions, it does work as a forum for real debate. In the weeks since I was elected I have spoken on over a dozen occasions, on topics ranging from broadband in the Wreake Valley and electrification of the East Midlands Main Line to the Iran nuclear deal, mental health care, and most recently in the Budget debate. When Parliament returns in September I will be leading a debate on a subject that affects many in our community, and beyond - dementia care - and I would welcome any personal experiences that you would like to tell me about as I prepare for that debate – do feel free to write to me or email me.

If you feel that I can ever be of assistance to you as your MP, or if you want to invite me to a community event, please do feel to get in touch with me by emailing edward.argar.mp@parliament.uk or by writing to me at: Edward Argar MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. In addition to my routine MP surgeries, over the summer I am also holding a series of local surgeries in each of the villages with the local councillors to make it easier for people to meet us, and as I write this am looking forward to the first of these on 8th August in East Goscote Village Hall when I will be joining Councillor Sue Gerrard at her surgery.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming months, and in the meantime I wish you all a very happy and pleasant summer, & hope to see many of you in the course of it!

EAST GOSCOTE TENNIS COURT OPENS THIS SUMMER



Dreams of playing at Wimbledon can now come a bit closer as East Goscote now has its very own Tennis Court situated on the Jubilee Playing Fields.

Membership forms and keys are available from the Parish Office for the small fee of £5 per resident and £8 per non-resident.

To promote membership of the tennis court Council staff will be available on Saturday 22nd & 29th August between 10 am and 1 pm in the Library so that you can register for our excellent new facility.

Membership can also be carried out through the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9.30 am – 12.30pm.

The court is available to be booked in one hour slots by telephone, **0116 2602202**, or by email, carolinemjt@virginmedia.com, giving your name and key number.



THE GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE - JULY 2015

"THIS MAY BE THE LAST TIME" in the words of the great Mick Jagger and The Rolling Stones. You may have read elsewhere in the Long Furrow that there is some uncertainty about the future of the Magazine. However we travel in hope and there are possibilities of our Community Magazine continuing in some form. Just in case perhaps keep the Contact Us section at the end of this article so you know where to come for advice on all things green.

GREEN JOHANNA COMPOSTER I promised to report back on the success or otherwise of the Green Johanna composter. Well it has been brilliant taking all the fruit and vegetable kitchen waste from our household together with many other "waste" materials. These include processed food scraps, every tea bag, all coffee grounds, every egg shell, all kitchen towels, toilet roll and kitchen roll cores, all vacuum cleaner dust, hair and nails etc etc. The list is almost endless. The composter is still less than 20 % full after several months and the black bin is nearly empty every fortnight. They are expensive but the ability to process such a wide range of materials in one small unit may make them attractive to gardeners with limited space for planet saving.

GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE ! Urban and semi-urban gardens such as we have in our village are now vital to the survival of wildlife so a few things to bear in mind when gardening. Start at the bottom of the food chain. Composting at home will maintain a structure and diversity in your soil which will support a range of invertebrates - the stuff of life for birds and small mammals. These will also keep down pests and help your garden to flourish. Check out



Composting at home is an excellent way to reduce waste and create something really valuable for your garden. All it takes is a bit of effort and a little patience. Check out Leics County Council website for offers.



the RSPB, Big Butterfly Count and Leicester Hedgehog Rescue for ideas. We excel in this area in Leicestershire. Leave an untidy bit in your garden for winter hibernation of insects and mammals.

THE GREEN PLACE at 6 Cossington Road, Sileby is well worth a visit and so close that it will not cost the Earth. A little oasis of sustainability right on our doorstep. If you are interested in composting at home and a greener approach to managing household waste, you will find me there in Compost Corner most Friday afternoons. Drop by for a chat and check out the café, ethical gift shop and beautiful wildlife garden while you are there.

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 2600239, 07724891627 or david.cannon9@btinternet.com. **Other useful links:**
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