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EAST GOSCOTE HISTORY GROUP

Are you interested in forming an History Group within the village: if so, send an email to the Long Furrow address. If there is enough interest, we can arrange a meeting in the library at a convenient date.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Listed below are details of forthcoming library events:-

Thursday August 15th - Treasure Trails for toddlers and Under 12s

Tuesday September 24th - Fashion Show

Saturday October 12th - Antiques Evaluation Day. Vanessa will be returning to value your prize possessions.

Saturday November 22nd - Indoor Car Boot. Cost to sellers is £5 per table; prepaid.

Friday 6th December - Santa Evening for residents children.

Saturday December 14th - Afternoon Tea. Paul will be returning to entertain the over 65s.

For more information please contact the library nearer the time of the event.

Pocket Rockets Playgroup are now tending part of the Library garden. Currently, they have a multitude of plants growing there.

East Goscote Village Hall

WHAT AN AMAZING YEAR OR SO, IT HAS BEEN FOR THE EAST GOSCOTE VILLAGE HALL!



The new roof has now been replaced with a new Kingspan composite sheeting roof which is eco and environmentally friendly. The roof has also been fitted with 2' of insulation making the hall more energy efficient. 14 solar panels have also been added. We have had LED lighting fitted throughout. The new kitchen has now been fitted along with new radiators and we are hoping to install a more energy efficient boiler early next year. Replacement CCTV equipment has been installed. The car park will be lit throughout the winter months from 5pm until 9pm. The village hall itself has been repainted and is still being kept clean to high standards by our cleaners, and monitored on

a monthly basis by the Village Hall Committee. The hall can accommodate up to 100 persons, and has a disabled toilet. East Goscote village hall is a spacious multi-purpose hall that currently hosts many clubs and which also offers a 3-hour Party Package that includes bouncy castle hire, village hall hire and cleaner hire.

Bookings can be made at the Council Offices Tel: 01162602202.

On behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee
Cllr. Cathy Duffy, (Chairman)

CHURCH NEWS

TEA TIMERS every Tuesday afternoon. 2-4pm at St. Hilda's Church Centre. Come along and join a very friendly group of folk for a chat refreshments meet new friends. We have a group who love playing Rummicub, a very addictive game. We have a meal once a month. Just call in. *Tricia Jessie Glenys.*

CRAFTY CRAFTERS - We are a small group who meet Tuesday evenings 7pm. We knit and crochet for charities. If you would like to come along and learn or if you are a seasoned crafter please come along and join us. The cost is £3 a night this is to pay for the hire of the room provide refreshments and save up to have a social meal out usually twice a year. *Tricia, Glenys.*

LETTERS PAGE - Dear folk of East Goscote I would like to express my thanks for all the support Norman and I have been during this very difficult time. Your support and prayers are keeping me positive. Thank you for all the cards and gifts they are very much appreciate. I hope and pray that by the end of the year I will be well enough to take part in village life once again. Thank you to you all. *Tricia and Norman.*

Borough Councillors Report



I am delighted to have been elected as the ward representative for East Goscote and extend my heartfelt thanks to all those who voted for me. I will continue my hard work for the village and will represent all of the people who live here.

I would like to use my first report to thank my predecessor, Mrs Susan Gerrard, for her service to

East Goscote and her time on the Borough council. I also thank the other candidates who ran in the local elections, for a clean, civil and hard-fought campaign. I look forward to continuing to work with them, as colleagues, on the parish council.

This month saw the Planning Inspectorate inquiry, held in Loughborough. This pertained to the planning decision about the 270 houses, which Gladman Land are seeking planning permission for on the edge of our village. Many residents and members of our County, Parish and Borough council all spoke against this planning application. It was great to see people turn out and express their deep concerns, that profits of land developers could be put before the wishes of residents. We have done all we can do as a village now, in voicing our opposition. I really hope that the decision is upheld and that these houses do not go ahead. It would be of such detriment to our village and see a huge increase in traffic, damage to our wildlife and strain on our services.

I would like to express my deep appreciation to all the residents who have objected, councillors which have supported the fight and all members of Keep East Goscote Green, past and present, who organised the opposition. I have been glad to be one of the people leading the way with that fight. East Goscote has shown what a spirit it has!

We should have the result of the planning Inspectorates decision within 1-3 months.

My first few weeks at Charnwood Borough Council have been taken up with training and I have been appointed to two committees, one of which scrutinises planning and housing policy. I am glad to have been appointed to this particular committee, given the local concerns in our village around house building and the wider concerns over the A46 expressway.

If any residents have concerns that they wish me to raise at the borough council or have case work for me, then I would be delighted to hear from them. I can deal with most issues. Even if it's not within my remit I can usually direct you to the right person.

Lastly, I shall mention the Members Grants scheme which opened last month. Each ward member for Charnwood Borough Council is allocated £1000 to grant to charities or community groups of their choice. These groups can request the full amount or any other lesser amount (provided that it is no less than £250). More information can be found on Charnwood Borough councils' website and I would be happy to discuss it with anyone who cannot access the site.

As I said at the start, I am honoured to have been elected and I am looking forward to getting to work for East Goscote.

Cllr Laurie Needham

Editor: Laurie will be holding surgeries at the library on the following dates: Tuesday 23rd July 6-8pm Saturday 31st August 10-12pm Tuesday 24th September 6-8pm. The library will be open to customers during the Tuesday evening surgeries.

BREAKING NEWS

The planning appeal by Gladman Land for 270 houses at East Goscote has been dismissed by the Government Inspector.



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BIZZY BEES PRESCHOOL

New extended and transformed garden opening from the Autumn 2018 term!

Hot and cold meals provided by Broomfield school available from the Autumn 2018 term!

New extended opening hours from the Autumn 2018 term!



County Councillors Report (Edited) - June 2019

Mandatory school 'keep clear' lines

A public consultation is currently underway on whether to make the yellow 'Keep Clear' lines outside Broomfield Primary School legally enforceable – at present the lines are only advisory. The consultation closes on the 26th June. If this is enacted, drivers who contravene the yellow lines could face action and the County Council has a number of Camera Enforcement Cars which travel around schools fining drivers who park illegally on these lines.

If anyone has any objections to this proposal they are asked to email jane.x.moore@leics.gov.uk, otherwise this is likely to be in place in time for the next school year.

New plan to support people with disabilities launched

A new plan to support people with disabilities to live as independently as possible, access support and develop skills has been launched by the county council. The Whole Life Disability strategy, which launched in May, sets out how the authority works alongside disabled people of all ages as well as their families and carers. One of the key focal points of the strategy is to empower those who need support to take more control of their own health and wellbeing. The plan – which was shaped following engagement with more than 1,000 people – also aims to help prevent and reduce the need for long-term care services and support people to lead independent and fulfilling lives.

The plan also focuses on young people, in particular, those aged between 13 and 25, who have an Education, Health and Care Plan, with the aim of achieving a smooth transition from school to further education, training and work, together with continuation of support to meet health and care needs.

The plan emphasizes the early work which agencies, schools and colleges can do to help young people:

- Become more independent;
- Be active in the community;
- Develop new skills; and
- Discover services appropriate to their needs.

James Poland

SYSTON MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

Syston Model Railway Society have a new home!

After a long and hard search, we have acquired a room at the Earl of Stamford in Birstall. Various work has had to be completed before we move into the premises fully but once this is completed we will transfer all of our equipment from our storage base to our new room.

Only at that time will be ready to recommence work on our layouts. We are hoping to hold an open day early next year.

We would like to thank Tony Shuttlewood and the Landlord of the Earl of Stamford for the help that they have given.

BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS

Training of basic computer skills will be available in the library from 11am until 1pm on August 17th.

This will include:

Word Processing - writing of letters and documents.

Emails - sending and receiving emails.

Internet browsing - Searching and using websites.

Files - organising and saving files.

Places will be limited and so booking is required.

For more information call in at the library or ring 0116 305 3510. Donations for the library will be appreciated.

A message from Laurie Needham

(Very slightly edited)

I have been giving some thought to my workload over the past few weeks. It is with a heavy heart, that I have decided to offer my resignation from both the board of trustees for East Goscote Community Library and also the fundraising committee.

The library is well run with the current board and volunteers and I do not feel like I play an integral role to its survival. With that in mind, I do not feel that the library would suffer as a result of my resignation.

I am genuinely very sad that I have had to step back from the library. Cuts to public services are something I feel very passionate about and the library is where it all began for me.

My feelings around the cutting of funding to library services are well known and that I fully support East Goscote Community Library. I hope that my new role as Borough Councillor will give me plenty of opportunities to champion local libraries (ours in particular) and I will continue to support the library in anyway I can.

Laurie Needham (Borough Councillor)

GREENER GOSCOTE

AUGUST 2019

THE GREEN SCENE:

These articles have helped to keep the green light burning here since 2005. In 2019 it feels as though, at last, there is sea change. Climate change is no longer “if” but “how fast?” In Blue Planet II, local hero Sir David Attenborough showed us the scale of discarded plastic in the oceans. Hugh and Anita brought the issue home in War on Plastic. Idling engines are about as welcome as secondary smoking. We have solar panels on the Village Hall and own very own Recycling Centre. Keep East Goscote Green (KEGG) used the green theme in their powerful campaign and our village elected Charnwood's first ever Green Borough Councillor. We are already a green village in many ways. We are now all set to become **Even Greener**.

EVEN GREENER:

In this Special Edition of *LONG FURROW* we'll talk rubbish as always ! We'll also talk about our mysterious World War II history and how our unusual village came to be. We'll explore the pages of 50 years of *LONG FURROW* magazines and its forerunner, *COMMUNITY NEWS*, not to mention many of our regular features. Let's set the scene to be even greener over the next 50 years. By the way we will be needing younger legs to distribute the *LONG FURROW* !



TALKING RUBBISH:

For most of us, we can have the biggest effect on the environment where we live, where we work and where we play. That's where we can do our bit without it costing us too much time and money. We might even save ourselves a bit of cash. But let's start at the very beginning ...

Reduce

Do I really need this or am just getting myself a quick fix from the market? Do I need it this way, this big, this many, will I really use it before it goes out of date and out of which date – Best Before, Use By, last year's colour? Check out the useful links below for ideas on reducing.

Re-use

Can someone else use this? How can I find out and get it to them? Charity shops (we are fairly blessed with them in Syston and Melton) and the internet can help us to sell or give away the stuff we no longer need. Don't forget our Sally Army clothing bank – re-use right on our doorstep.

Recycle

In Charnwood it's taken us nearly 30 years to get from a recycling rate of less than 1% to 45.5% in 2017/18. It's been a long haul and over time the range of green bin materials gets better and better. Today it includes almost all cardboard and paper, steel and aluminium tins, cans & foil, glass bottles & jars and plastic bottles, pots, tubs, trays, carrier bags and packaging film. But there are exceptions and it does change from time to time so best to check the CBC website. Their Big Recycling Guide is very useful.



The worst offenders are food waste or anything contaminated with it, disposable nappies etc., clothing, paint and basically anything not included on the “Yes Please” list. If you are not sure, don't put it in for luck. Check it out, it's never been easier. And don't be put off by

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the negative stuff in the media about exporting waste for recycling. Here in Charnwood all our green bin material now goes to Casepak on Sunningdale Road, Leicester for sorting into a high-quality product. All materials have audit trails wherever their final destination.



OUR RECYCLING CENTRE

Our Recycling Centre at Merchants Common is another piece of the jigsaw. We nearly lost this when Charnwood pulled the plug on it but with a bit of vision from the Parish Council and some hard work from volunteers, we have hung on to it. The good news is that it is more popular than ever. Here you can easily recycle big cardboard and paper, a party load of cans, glass bottles and jars (you can leave your tops on here !) and clean, dry, wearable clothing and shoes.

COMPOSTING

Composting is nature's own recycling whether you do it with the help of a home composter (see the Leicestershire County Council offer) or a brown bin or maybe both. In the home composter, more or less anything that began life as a plant (apart from perennial weeds) plus eggshells scrunched up will turn, as if by magic, into a useful soil conditioner. The brown bin does something similar but the magic takes place at Lount. See the Big Recycling Guide again for details. Some Councils like Charnwood charge garden waste collection users and some spread the cost across everybody even if you live in a flat, own

a window box or don't use the service at all. I still think CBC's is good value and about in the middle of the range for Leicestershire.

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THERE'S SO MUCH MORE to being green than household waste but it's a good place to start. There's climate, energy, transport, conservation, housing, employment, economics, education, health and wellbeing and more – every aspect of life connects to every other and we decide whether to work with the grain of nature or across it. It would be good to have more people bring their knowledge and experience to the Greener Goscote Page. East Goscote is a little green gem. It just needs a polish occasionally to show it at its best.

CONTACT US:

Master Composters and Waste Action volunteers promote home composting and sustainable household waste management on behalf of the Leicestershire Waste Partnership. For free, impartial information and advice on composting and recycling, contact David on 2600239, 07873852372 or david.cannon9@btinternet.com.

OTHER USEFUL LINKS:

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EAST GOSTCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

New Councillors:

Welcome to Councillor Michelle Nelson who was co-opted to the Council in June. Councillors Preston and Gonulalan have stood down and have been thanked appropriately for their service. So we still have two 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. Welcome and congratulations also to our new Borough Councillor, Laurie Needham.

Gladman Appeal Inquiry:

The Parish Council and the village as a whole were well represented at the inquiry relating to Gladman's first planning application. A number of Parish Councillors, our Clerk, Borough and County Councillors, members of KEGG and residents represented our community during the three-day inquiry. The Inspector remarked on the strength of local representation. A decision is not likely before publication of this edition.

Neighbourhood Watch:

Kevin Preston who was responsible for co-ordinating and extending the Neighbourhood Watch village-wide has now relinquished that role and management of the scheme has reverted to the Parish Council. The scheme is free to join and a consent form is required. Contact the Parish Council for details and see separate advertisement.



Christmas Events 2019:

The Parish Council has funded two Christmas events this year. Santa is obviously quite busy so will be making an early start by visiting on Friday 6th December. Afternoon tea for over 65s will be held on Saturday 14th December. More details nearer the time.

Defibrillator:

The Parish Council hope to have the defibrillator installed at the Pavilion over the summer holidays. Many thanks to Harold Smith and all who helped him raise the majority of the money. The Council helped to make up the shortfall.



Community Speed Watch:

A new scheme will go ahead between 14th and 27th September this year providing we have enough volunteers. Contact the Parish Council office or Councillor

Roger Merry-Howe if you are interested. See separate advertisement.

The Parish App:

Usage of our popular App increases every month. To download it and keep up with local news and events search East Gosscote Parish Council.



Graffiti wall:

The wall has unfortunately been damaged by our mowing contractor. What remains has been made safe and we are working with them and their insurers to have it rebuilt.

Bus Shelters:



Two replacement bus shelters are being installed to replace existing ones by the Jubilee Playing Field and "Broome Avenue". Don't panic or start doing cart wheels at the prospect of a new bus route along Broome Avenue. It's the name we give to the Melton Road bus shelter near Broome Avenue.

Flower beds:

The flower beds originally built by the National Citizen Service have been planted with summer bedding plants.

Recycling Centre:

A second Salvation Army clothing bank will help to cope with the generous scale of donations and contribute financially to Village Hall projects. See separate article on recycling and household waste.

BREAKING NEWS

The Mahivir Health Centre will be closing on September 27th.

East Goscote Scout Group News

Thanks to all who supported our Annual fete. We raised more money than ever which goes to help the young people to carry on enjoying their activities in their sections. The day was made even better by the British weather being very kind to us.

BEAVERS



We have completed two Challenge badges and are in the midst of completing another one, we have also completed five activity badges two of which are new to the Beaver programme. One of the new badges is the 'Builder Badge', the Beavers had to design a model of either a Spaceship, Robot or Rocket, make a list of the items needed for the following week and then had to make their models. We were impressed with their creations and we all found this a really fun badge to do. We did our Photography badge too, we took the Beavers for a walk around the village and they all had to take several pictures with the cameras provided, the following week they had to make up a story from the pictures they had taken. We did our Cooks badge and invited all the Parents to come and taste the delights of their cooking, I think the Parents enjoyed it! We took part in the Charnwood District Swimming Gala back in March, lots of fun was had by all and we came 2nd, there were some very pleased Beavers from East Goscote with that result. We have been on our annual camp to Oaks in Charnwood, great fun was had by all, we did Archery, Bouldering wall, the Black Hole and the Jungle trail as well as some games and activities provided by the leaders and we got to roast marshmallows too.

We visited the Cub and Scout District camp in May for the day too, we only had seven attend this event and boy did we have a great time, it was fun packed the whole day and we were on the go all the time our only break was to scoff our packed lunches.



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cubs

Back in September we had a joint Beaver and Cub camp off in to space we went. The weekend was full of activities such as pot holing, zip wire, karting and a super Sandy camp fire. The evenings have been full of lots of activities. With trips to the climbing station and Birstall fire station. We have also crammed in lots of badges fire safety, DIY making bug houses, home safety and communicators to name few.



Other activities we have done include a local walk round Watermead, sewing badges, making hot drinks and playing Pub games. The Cubs have also enjoyed archery and shooting sessions all run by our Scout leaders. Cubs also to part in the District bowling joining over 200 Cubs as part of the world jamboree.

Scouts

Over the year the Scouts have been very busy with 8 Scouts being awarded their Chief Scout Gold award. Where they have to complete challenge badges, and expedition and local service just to name a few bits of what they had to do. We are off to Camjam international camp in Cambridge in the summer. The Scouts will experience an international camp and many activities. To help fund this they have done many bag packing sessions at our local Tesco and helped at Queniborough Bonfire.



12 Scouts enjoyed regular shooting sessions in which they all gained their master at arms badge. The Scout have also done many activities including fire lighting, cycling, go karting, athletics badge and more.

Jane Disney (Cub Scout Leader)

Photos - Beavers: Bouldering Wall, District camp visit
Cubs: Archery | Scouts: Cycling.

Broomfield Primary School

Summer Term News

Anti-Bullying Award Success!

Mrs Parish and our School Council have worked hard this year to renew the 'Beyond Bullying Award'. The school has managed to achieve the Silver Award for its work in this area. Miss Jex and Mr Strong (Parent Governor) attended an award ceremony in Leicester with Megan, Ava and Amber from the School Council to collect the award.



there was a wide variety of stalls and a packed tombola stall and brilliant raffle prizes. Our Year 6 pupils also ran stalls this year as part of an Enterprise project. FOB's gave an amount of money to small groups who had to plan and run their own stalls with a view to making a profit. It was a fabulous afternoon – thank you FOB's.

Broomfield at 50!

This year the children have been learning more about the school and the village as Broomfield opened its doors to pupils in August 1968. Village walks have been undertaken and lots of map work completed. Naturally there was lots of interest in the World War 2 tunnels at the mound that still remain a bit of a mystery! We opened our doors to families to celebrate our 50th birthday by displaying our pupils work as well as looking at old maps, plans and photographs. The children have really enjoyed learning more about the history of the village.

FOB's Summer Fair

Despite some very rainy weather earlier in the term, FOB's managed to run a very successful Summer Fair in glorious weather. Some of the staff ended up in the stocks again – a chance for the children to get their own back! As always

Wreake Valley Curriculum Day – Year 5

Our Year 5 pupils had an amazing time at Wreake Valley this term when they had a curriculum day. It was an opportunity to take part in science activities as well as using some technical machinery in the design lab. They had a great time.



KS1 visit to Twycross Zoo

To link with their topic on animals, our KS1 pupils went for a visit to Twycross Zoo. They had lots of opportunities to get up close and personal to many animals including the penguins. A fun time was had by all.

Vandals wreck the playgroup garden

Over the weekend on 15th/16th June, some mindless youths wrecked the raised beds in the library garden. The garden has been tended by the Pocket Rocket children during the summer and the children were devastated when they arrived on the Monday morning.

One bed was full of pansies and the other contained two sunflowers and several types of herbs. These were pulled out and thrown about. For what reason would anyone do this?

The positive side to this, though, is that the playgroup had several offers of plants and money to revive the beds. And Robyn would like to thank everyone for their offers.

Over the same weekend, the same youths were seen in the school grounds doing damage and also on the garage roof. They were caught on CCTV and so the police knew who to look for.



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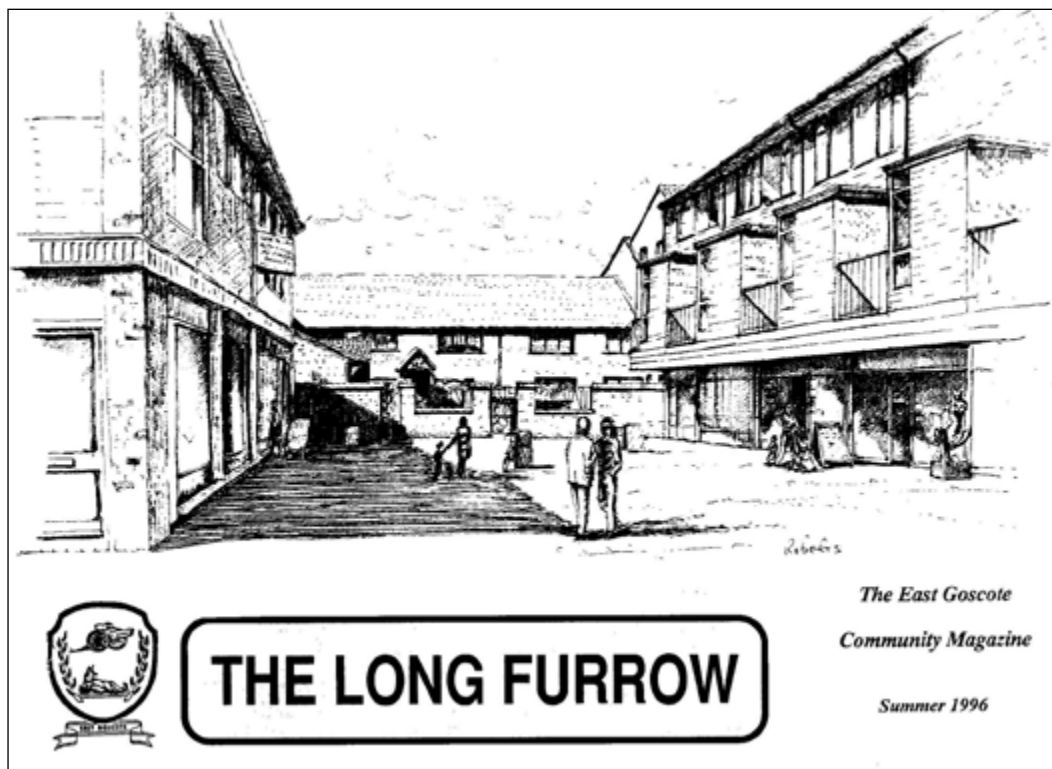


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AN EXPLOSIVE PAST

An Early History of East Goscote

East Goscote – Jelson's Bold Concept Village

Ever since we moved to the village 32 years ago we have loved the open spaces, our large gardens, the parks, the many village facilities and the safe environment in which we have brought up our two children, Lucy and Thom.

It is common knowledge that our village was built on a disused munitions factory. Like many newcomers we heard all the stories about tunnels deep beneath the village still full of bombs and bullets, of mysterious goings on at the bunkers under the mound, the storage of chemical weapons and the sighting of mysterious lights and UFOs. What is the truth about this patch of land and what is really Urban Myth?

Rearsby, Ratcliffe, Queniborough, Syston, Old Dalby

These places played a critical role in the WW2 defence of the UK at a time when Germany was just two days away from invading Britain. Around the time of the Dunkirk evacuation of June 1940 an ordnance depot was set up at Old Dalby. Weapons were also dispersed around the nearby green lanes including, it is believed, chemical and biological weapons which were to be used as a last resort against the invaders. Those weapons would not have been stored here at that time because the factory was only completed in September 1942.

Ratcliffe aerodrome was used by the Air transport Auxiliary to ferry aeroplanes around the country from early 1940. Rearsby Aerodrome produced Taylorcraft/Auster aircraft from the site east of Rearsby and was also repairing Hawker Hurricanes and sending out mobile repair crews to airfields during the Battle of Britain. Factories in Syston built the fuselages of Auster Aircraft.

Queniborough was the site of (most likely) the last of the re-armament phase factories to be built, 'Factory 10', which eventually became East Goscote in the 1960s. This area played a vital role in the war time defence of the UK and the eventual victory.

Critical War Time Production

In Spring 2018, Gladman Land proposed a large development of 310 houses to the East of the village. Their land surveys did not find out that 454 acres were requisitioned by the Ministry of Supply in 1941 and that Royal Ordnance Factories (ROF), no 10 Shell Filling Factory Queniborough had been running from 30th September 1942 to the end of the war in 1945 when production ceased. It is believed that a variety of munitions were made here. 500lb bomb cases were made at Holwell Works Asfordby and most likely filled at Factory 10 by

melting RDX explosives and pouring in to the heated cases.

Building Factory 10 involved around 4000 people on site from May 1941 to its completion. Lever Brothers managed production at the site for the Ministry of War. In production the factory employed 6000 people, some living on site. A typical make up of the work force would have been 60% female, mainly manual labourers. 32.5% were semi skilled men and only 7.5% were skilled craftsmen. Some were refugees from Europe. A typical work week was 55 hours for women and 60 for men.

Our unusually straight southern boundary was created in spring 1942 mainly as a flood defence by diverting Queniborough Brook, but also part of water supply operations. A lot of water was needed and there were 5 pumping stations and several reservoirs on site.

Where was waste from Factory 10 dumped?

All of the sand and gravel used to build the depot came from a 2.7Hectare quarry east of Melton Road on the proposed Gladman development. The 6 metre deep hole was filled with ash from the two boiler houses which supplied steam for every process carried out on the site. It was likely used as the general waste site for the factory. Explosives have a limited life and these were believed to have been destroyed by burning on the quarry floor. Post war aerial photography shows that the quarry was capped, and later test boreholes suggest it was with clay.

Factory 10 continued post war as Command Ordnance Supply Depot no 78, possibly RAF, but only on the triangle of land bounded by Broome Lane, Melton Road and Broome Ave. The rest essentially was left to decay until it was auctioned in 1960. The area where Watgate is now, was an accommodation building in brick and concrete for female service women up to 1945 which they amusingly named 'Riverside Cottage'.

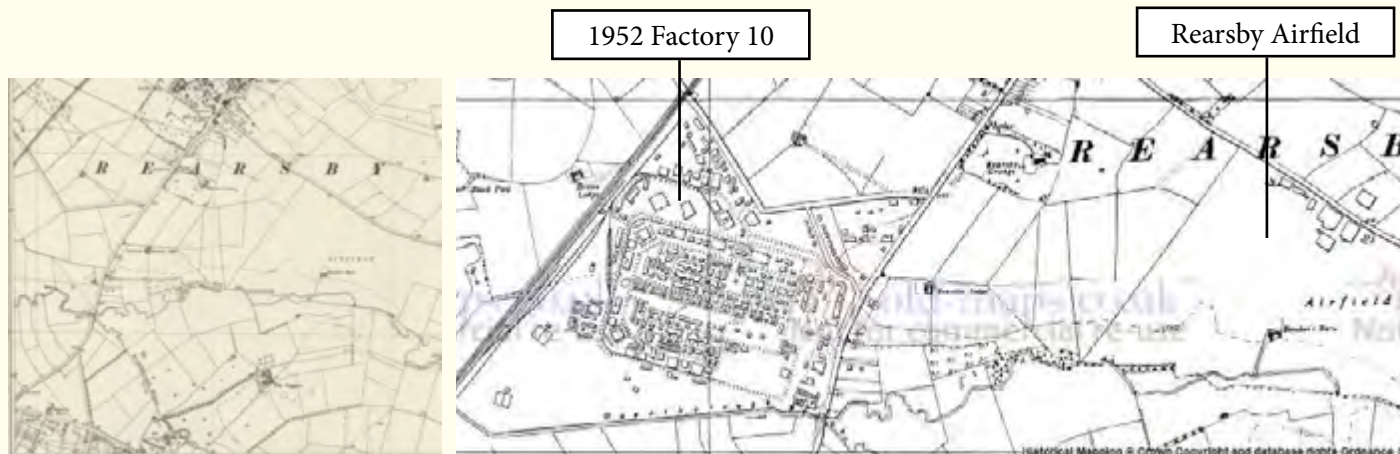
Gladman Land described 282 permanent structures in their main land survey as - 'by 1958 Unspecified commercial/industrial buildings erected 216m west of site, on the western side of Melton Road'. The only remaining buildings are two under the mound and also pumping station no 5 on the River Wreake. The rumoured 'tunnel' from there under the railway is actually a 36inch concrete water main.

Somehow Gladman Land could not find evidence of such a big industrial complex and its true purpose. The reason why is...

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Secrecy laws from the 1930s

Take a look at the map from 1952 when the Rearsby Airfield aircraft factory and the munitions factory were already in the landscape and compare it with 1958 They were 'made to disappear' due to secrecy laws from the 1930s.



1958 The Development of East Goscote

Factory 10 became a derelict eyesore and Jelson fought hard to get plans approved by Barrow upon Soar Rural District Council. There was concern that the separation between villages would be too narrow and it was contrary to Leicestershire's plans for housing. There was also some hope that agriculture could resume. Jelson's plans went to inquiry and then to minister Sir Keith Joseph with a recommendation to approve. Where did all those old buildings go to? The answer is that sand and gravel were excavated from near the railway. The buildings were demolished and the rubble placed in to the excavated land and it was covered to a good depth. That place is now the playing field. Is there still a complex of usable tunnels under Goscote? Highly unlikely, but there are probably pipes and voids still in place like the one from building no 5 under the railway. And I'm certain that this place was cleared of munitions and so far I've not seen any UFOs.

There is so much more to tell about this place during the Cold War, about the planning application by Jelson, the construction of East Goscote as well as its more recent history, but that will have to wait for another time.

Early plans for Goscote



EAST GOSCOTE COMMUNITY MAGAZINES

Community News

In 1969, Rev Dudley Gummer and Stewart Walker produced the first edition of a magazine known as Community News. The magazine was properly printed as Stewart was in the printing trade, and it contained very few pictures. It was produced in A5 page size. This initial edition contained 16 pages, had an A5 page format and it was published 6 times per year. Between 1969 and 1982 it slowly became more professionally produced and contained more pages and more photographs.

Community News became more expensive and as it was being given away free, decisions had to be made about the way forward. The advertising income did not cover the production costs. Residents were asked if they would be prepared to pay a small sum per edition, but this solution was not accepted. Eventually, production ceased in 1982 after 79 editions.

Long Furrow

The first edition of Long Furrow was published in June 1988 – 31 years ago. The editorial panel was Nigel Richardson, Ron Jenkins, Chris Peel, Halina Richardson and Jeanette Peel. They were assisted by Lynn Palmer. The Magazine, in A4 page size, was put together by typing articles and then cutting them out and pasting them in to another sheet of paper. The ads were photocopied and transferred to the copy in the same way as the text. The whole thing was then photocopied and stapled at Wreake Valley College. This was a time consuming exercise!

Since then the magazine has evolved under successive editors – Lynn Palmer, David Cannon, John Malpus, Dennis Bishop and Gareth Roberts – into the publication you are reading now. It is surprising that there have only been five editors over this 31 year period. Over the last 31 years many other residents of the village have assisted with the magazine and we would like to thank them all.

In 2000, Long Furrow was awarded first prize in the Notts News Best Newsletter competition.

Whereas Community News featured church and village organisation news, Long Furrow also featured controversial subjects such as Interfuse, Mcleans and Gladmans planning applications as well as the Rearsby Bypass opening and Brooksby pit. Looking back through these magazines, you can see how the village evolved and extended.

Bound copies of all the Community News magazines and Long Furrow up to 2016 can be found in the library.



A copy of the first Community News cover



The first cover of Long Furrow

THE STORY OF EAST GOSCOTE

By Malcolm Coltman in 1991

Our thanks go to the many contributors to the 1977 issue of "East Goscote Community News" issue no 49 and Malcolm Coltman for the following information. Leicestershire's newest village possesses one of the oldest county names. What then is the origin and meaning of the name Goscote? We must go back more than 1000 years to the time of Alfred the Great, 871 - 901. It was during his time that England was divided into shires or counties. Over the years the counties were divided into a series of Tythings. Every ten of these formed a Hundred. In each group, roughly ten smaller communities varying in size from a town like Leicester - then with perhaps a population of 1000 - to a small village. Leicestershire originally had four such Hundreds within its boundaries, Framland, Goscote, Gartree and Guthlaxton. By 1346, the population had increased considerably and the Goscote Hundred was divided into East and West.

The derivation of the word Goscote has at least two possible roots.

One; Goss or Gorse is an old English name which means an area of waste land. The word Cote could be derived from the old name for a settlement or group of huts. Two; Cote is the old French for "the side of". So Goscote could mean the land by the side of waste or gorse.

Remember that the huge Sherwood Forest came down very near to the boundaries of Leicestershire. Some people have old maps on which the spelling is GOSCOATS, back in 1610 spelling was still developing and was very much phonetic! This could almost be called 'map makers licence. In Burtons History, a book dated 1622, there is a map in the front showing GOSCOATE and in the main text GOSCOTE. We can safely ignore the map spelling.

Queniborough Ordnance Depot, as it was called, started life in November 1941. The Ministry of supply purchased some land from V Pochin esquire and within 12 months all the rest of the area had been conveyed. The brook ran a different course then and meandered around somewhere along the line of Ploughmans Lea. In 1941/42 the brook was straightened out into its present concrete bed. An area around 141 acres was developed as a Royal Ordnance Factory. By 1961 the depot outlived its life and was put up for auction.

When Jelson bought the land, the boundaries were the railway line (the station had been demolished), Broome Lane and Broome Avenue through to the main

entrance where the guard house stood. This was used by Jelson as a site office. Avenue was an original road with wooden bungalows which Jelson let to his employees until demolition a few years later. The opposite side of Broome Avenue (Greensward etc) was owned by the Ministry of Transport and wasn't sold to Jelson until a number of years later. There were a number of bunkers which were demolished, apart from the largest one which remains today as 'The Mound'.

Outline planning permission for the building of the new village of East Goscote was given in May 1964. Detailed plans were approved a year later. Building began almost immediately at a total estimated cost of three and a half million pounds. By December 1965, the first new villagers were moving in. House prices ranged from £2,600 for a three bed semi to £4050 for a four bed detached. Higher priced houses were envisaged at the northern end of the village flanking Broome Lane. In 1965 a writer in a Leicester magazine, Harry Martin, described East Goscote as the most ambitious project ever undertaken by a single contractor. Why? Because Jelson were creating a completely new community with a separate identity of its own.

TOMORROWS HISTORY BOOKS HAVE YET TO BE WRITTEN, WHAT WILL THEY SAY ABOUT EAST GOSCOTE



Building site looking towards Melton Road from a mound of soil where Wayfarer Drive is now. Some of the old buildings can be seen in the bottom left hand corner and the fence bordering "Broome Avenue" can also be seen.

(Trevor Summerland Collection)

MEMORIES OF EAST GOSCOTE

by Robert W Boswijk

(Taken from 1991 edition of Long Furrow)

I was born in East Goscote 29 years ago come this June. How can this be? Well, I was born in the white house along the driveway to what is now Wyevale Garden Centre but was then Williks Roses and Shrubs. Although this was then in the parish of Rearsby and, incidentally, our phone number was Rearsby 6, this later became the parish of East Goscote and I was now a resident of East Goscote. I guess that I am the oldest member of the Goscote community to have been born here, in the village. There are many stories that I can conjure up from those days; here are a few.

My first memories are of the shanty huts across the road from us behind large barbed wire fences, although this didn't stop us crawling through them as kids. One exploration included making dens in the undergrowth of gorse that surrounded the site and all along the Leicester/Melton Road. There were great banks to negotiate at that time but they have now all gone. Venturing further in to the site one came across the bunkers or air raid shelters. These were well spooky inside, made with concrete and reinforced with wire. Grass grew on the top of them and you could see for miles from the top. Wintertime, 1965, was a fun time with lots of snow for sledging unless you had a mother who just had to break a leg doing just that.

Going down Broome Avenue onto Broome Lane and towards the railway there were wild rhubarb beds which we used to cut rhubarb from. Great for pies or crumbles or just eaten raw.

The village did have people living there but I cannot remember just at this time who some other than the white house at the bend on Broome Lane which was occupied by the Swanton family. Across the road on the Willik's side, 1771 and 1773 Melton Road were occupied by the Willik and Cockayne families.

I do remember that the first house occupied on the village built by Jelson was a house on the left as you go into Ploughmans Lea at the front end of it. A Polish lady lived here with whom I made friends as they were practically our neighbours. I haven't heard from her in over 20 years now. Other events in the village were when Massey's house, that is now part of Merrimans, was flooded each time the floods rose. This was when Mr Massey had a wall built to stop the floods coming into his new home. We have some pictures at home of the Midland Red no. 169 going through the floods on Melton Road by the brook. In fact we had a field of roses there at the time which were also under a foot of water.

1967, I started school at Rearsby as Broomfield was not yet built. Mrs North was my teacher. I and my sisters used to take the Midland Red 169 to Rearsby and cost us a half penny each way. Then, in 1969, the school in East Goscote was ready. I was one

of the first pupils to set foot in the school. We were all to take off our shoes and put on our "plimmes" and sit and play with some "Base 10". (At the time these were thought to be building blocks but as time progressed we were to learn that they were a teaching aid for decimals.

Mrs Keech was my teacher, and there was also Mrs Davies and Mr Bond (good old 007). The Headmaster was Mr Bradley at whose cane I had the misfortune to get to know after having been climbing on the interesting climbing frame without permission. It was at this time that I got to know the Coltman family, being in the same class as Glenn and as there were only a few boys we were soon making friends. He would come up to the nursery after school to play. There were some excellent places to muck around on the nursery; old tractors that started up for no reason, customers trolleys that were excellent getaway vehicles, peat bales making brilliant dens and so on. On other occasions I used to go after school to the Coltmans for tea and we would find something to occupy us; messing around in incomplete houses, or on the mound and various other things that we shouldn't mention. Glenn, if you read this, don't give in to the pressure. (It's funny how glass can break). 1971, our farm moved to Rearsby from 1669 Melton Road so I was now reinstated at Rearsby school and back with old friends.

It wasn't until 1983 that I became a full resident of East Goscote again I had worked for my dad at the Garden Centre during this time and had a number of friends from East Goscote whilst at Wreake Valley College but in 1983 I bought a house in the village. Then in 1986, my parents also moved to the village, living opposite the new nursery what had set up called Rearsby Roses. Many villagers are aware of where that is, I hope, and may come and make a visit at some time if they wish. We at Rearsby Rose and Plant Centre hope that we can help in making East Goscote a brighter place to live in and in that vein, I would like to offer the village 25 rose bushes named Silver Jubilee to mark the occasion (councillors please note).

So ends this dissertation on memories of the village only to add that I just remembered when the lights went on for the first time on the Greek Plough. I could see these from my bedroom window. That was a special occasion.

As a footnote, I would like to wish everyone in the village a happy Jubilee Year and to help brighten our village by popping in to your local plant centres and buying roses, trees or shrubs. Also, it would help if garage owners would give them a lick of paint - some are still with their original coat!



Community Speed Watch

East Goscote Parish Council is working with the Leicestershire County Council and Leicestershire Police to monitor speeding vehicles in our village.

To do this we need volunteers, just like you, to help the scheme succeed.



Learn to use a Laser Speed Gun

Last year's campaign resulted in over 200 drivers receiving warnings from the police for speeding through our village.

The next campaign will be held in September.

Sessions are usually 1 hour, if you have some time free to help, please contact Councillor Roger Merry-Howe

Tel. 07443050168 or

Email Clerk@eastgoscotepc.org.uk

Sign up for East Goscote's Neighbourhood Watch Scheme!

The Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Britain started in the early 1980s and has since grown to 150,000 watches covering 6 million households and roughly 10 million people.

Neighbourhood Watch is the coming together of residents and the police with support from various authorities such as the local council and Police Authority. Its strength comes from the community looking out for each other involving simple, neighbourly tasks:

- Reporting suspicious activity to the police
- Sharing information on recent local crimes with neighbours (increasing vigilance & crime prevention awareness)
- Checking on vulnerable neighbours after an incident (creating a caring community)
- Discussing ongoing concerns with neighbours

Earlier this year East Goscote Neighbourhood Watch held a presentation evening where people were given information on the benefits of the Watch in local communities. The overall response was extremely positive with most signing up there and then!

We are now looking to expand the scheme within the village. Membership is FREE.

In order for you to receive lots of information regarding crime, scams and helpful tips and advice, please make contact (details below) and we will send you a Neighbourhood Watch consent form.

For further information or to become a member please contact 0116 260 2202 or via email (clerk@eastgoscotepc.org.uk).



HISTORY OF EAST GOSCOTE

Whilst the focus is on Rod Axon for his digging into the past of our village, we thought that it would be relevant to print some photos from the past. Photos from the Trevor Summerland Collection.



The rear of the shops on Merchants Common with the Plough in the background.



Can anyone tell us where this is?



Another view of the Plough and the shops being constructed.



Goscote Services under construction.



The mound prior to being filled. You can judge the height of the entrance from the size of the children. The roof is approx. 2 feet thick but the walls were much thicker. If an explosion had occurred in the factory, it would blow the roof and not the walls. An eye witness who went into the chamber before it was filled said that there were two thick pillars holding up the roof. There was a thick bund wall in front of the opening to nullify any blast that came outwards.

Summer Reading Challenge 2019.

Space Chase

There will be lots to explore at your local library this summer! Children aged 4-12 years can take part in Space Chase, an exciting free reading challenge taking place in all Leicestershire libraries including mobiles from the 6th July until the 7th September.

Space Chase is an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. Children can join in the fun by reading or listening to six library books or e-books throughout the summer and will be able to collect six special stickers - including some smelly ones - for their colourful collector's folder. Participants will also be rewarded with a special incentive as they read their books and a certificate and medal when they complete the challenge.

All children taking part are entitled to free admission to Bosworth Battlefield and Donington-le-Heath Manor House by showing their Space Chase folder at reception (one child per full-paying adult).

Look out for Space Chase events in your library. For more information about Space Chase call in at your local library or visit the website: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/libraries



EAST GOSCOTE GUNNERS



I would like to tell you my story about the success of our local football team.

As a local business, Express Assemblies Ltd, we are proud to sponsor this great little team.

I am delighted to say that it was a pleasure to take this talented bunch along to a professional environment at the home of Derby County, Pride Park to compete in an on the pitch tournament.

They all took it in their stride, putting in some wonderful individual and team performances throughout the day, eventually coming away with the trophy as the Under 7s champions.

The footballers involved were:- Ben Strong, James Wise, Charlie Ward, Jacob Dilley, Clayton Waudby and Ben Nelson. (see above right)

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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.