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

CORRECTION

In the last edition we stated that Rev Dudley Gummer and Stuart Walker published the early editions of Community News. In fact, Stuart took over from Dudley when he left the village in 1979.

In addition, the magazine was not delivered free of charge; it cost 10p per edition or 50p per year.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November 16th: The annual indoor boot sale will take place in both the Village Hall and the Church Centre.

6th December: Santa will be in the library and a Craft Fayre will take place in the Church Centre

St Hilda's Christmas Tree Festival will also start on this date.

December 14th: Afternoon tea for the elderly will be held in the Village Hall.

Details for these events can be obtained at the library.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

DVD & BOOK SALE – Our Christmas sale has begun with a large number of donated books, DVDs and Jigsaws; all in aid of library funds.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS – The Santa evening this year will be held on December 6th from 6pm. Santa and his helper will be there to distribute gifts to the children of East Goscote residents. The book sales and loan s will be available during the evening as well as the annual Christmas Raffle.

The Afternoon Tea event, will be held during the afternoon of December 14th. As usual, there will be food, drink and entertainment for East Goscote's senior citizens.

Both of these events would not be possible without the support of East Goscote Parish Council.

EAST GOSCOTE BOOK HUNT: .The library held a Book Hunt around the village for children aged under 12. This proved a great success with approximately 50 children taking part.

All of these events are organised by the Library Fund Raising Committee.

By the time you read this the tree between the library and the school will have been felled. This should deter vandals from using the tree to get on to the library roof or into the school grounds. In addition, with the aid of Laurie Needhams members fund, we will have installed CCTV cameras around the library.

JOSIHA HINCKS: Please note that Josiha Honcks have informed us that they will not be holding monthly clinics in the library any more.

CHURCH GROUPS NEWS

TEA TIMERS - we meet every Tuesday afternoon 2-4pm at the church hall. Some play board games others just chat a cup of tea or coffee is always ready. We are starting a bit of a knit and natter for those of us that want to do something while we sit so all welcome to come and join us. We have a lunch once a month usually the first Tuesday of the month just come along or if you want to know more ring Tricia 2609088. Tricia, Jessie and Glenys

CHARITY CRAFT GROUP - we meet on a Tuesday evening at the church hall 7-9pm. We knit crochet and chat. We mainly knit for charity but if you have a project you need to get on with just come along, also if you want to learn there is always somebody willing to show you. It's £3 per night coffee and tea always on the go. We also go out for a meal a couple of times a year. For further information call Tricia 2609088.

TREE FESTIVAL 6-7th December at St. Hilda's Church Centre the theme this year is Christmas Carols, Songs, Stories. If your group would like to join in and place a Christmas Tree in Church we would be very pleased. We will have a range of stalls both days and Refreshments will be available. Tricia 609088 for further details. If you would like a stall please contact 07943491548

Below is part of an email sent to Long Furrow By Lesley Summerland

Firstly, thank you for doing the talk and enabling me to attend. The Village assembling to discuss their own claim to a unique Village history has been a long time coming ! I have not much been back since the loss of my Mum - so it was nice to be there for a little time again. I firstly visited EG in 1965 to dance on the foundations of the home bought 'off plan' at Jelson's Loughborough Rd Leicester Head Office. I left in 1974, but my parents stayed on for the rest of their lives - this despite a difficult start in a deserted Lunar Landscape with barely a handful of houses and occupants in early 1966 - and a virtual curfew given Queniborough Parish refused to agree to pay the bill to allow the streetlamps to be switched on - and no shops. We were not a welcome new development to the existing Villages of Rearsby and Queniborough - and that unexpected prejudice was a puzzling discovery for a child to encounter. Life in the new Village was austere - I had to walk alone to Rearsby Junior School - and then back to EG with no street lamps on at EG - and there wasn't a single other girl my own age for a long time - all of which seems utterly incredible now.

There were two historical points raised that caught my attention because I hold a different understanding. That is not to say I'm right - it's just a contribution to a discussion:- 1. I do think there was a plan to demolish the two Magazines - and 2. I think it's possible the infamous tunnels were simply short reinforced concrete corridors into the 'bunds' - (the many grass blast embankments).

TWO MAGAZINES - the word at the time of our arrival early in 1966 was that these were to be demolished - but later, it transpired that they could not be. The site Foreman said it was not that they couldn't be razed by explosives - rather it was the case Jelsons Head Office had left this too long and half the houses would be lost if they used enough explosive to bring them down. That is corroborated in the Owen Dissertation on East Goscote - I provide the reference to that report below - but it may well already be held in your Library.

That the mounds were Magazines was also well known in the early days, and it's interesting to read on occasion that nowadays, some believe those two grassed over mounds were the actual factory. They were open when we moved in - there was a rail line spur right by them, inside was a lorry weigh bridge, and a raised office. The larger part of the interior was literally too black to see into - but there was the constant noise of trickling water that had presumably penetrated the roof. We did venture up to the roof - but it was dangerous so we didn't re-turn. They were not earthed over - it was a regular looking very old worn out bitumen flat roof with lots of moss. Whether the roof had been cleared by Jelsons to investigate whether they could demolish those structures I can't say- or indeed, whether the MOD in later years of their occupancy had attempted repairs to those roof structures and thus removed soil and grass is also unknown. It does seem logical that those huge structures would have been camouflaged in war time in the same way the sides were with soil and grass - but in 1966 the bitumen was visible. I've subsequently read that the roof structure of Magazines was designed to be relatively thin as compared with the extremely thick side walls in order that any accidental or enemy blast was funnelled upwards - not outwards across the rest of the factory site.

It's a useful exercise to compare the structures with other historical filling factories - eg. Thorpe Arch - ROF8. Their Magazine has been turned into a Carpet Warehouse - which struck me a quite funny as a comparison with the treatment at East Goscote. I've attached the pic. The entrance is identical to the former appearance of those at EG. The WW2 Filling Factories appear to be lain out in much the same way - rather as Roman marching camps were. That makes the history of others a valuable cross reference to inform on EG. From time to time, driving by the 'Mounds' I have wondered quite what was done to secure the roof structures of the giant Magazines at EG before they were grassed over - and whether several decades on this can still be relied up-on. It's hard to see how those huge cavities can possibly have been fully filled up removing all danger of voids.

TUNNELS. I'm personally confident there is no labyrinth of hidden underground tunnels - unless Jelsons employees were en mass asked to sign the official secrets act - and then prepared to drive their Dumper trucks all over the tops of them for several years. Massive areas of the site were dug out several feet below current ground level - especially by the mounds - nothing was hidden - nothing was a secret - no tunnels emerged. The latter day fascination with such secret tunnels is very amusing - and clearly very seductive as it refuses to disappear, and some will hear no logical argument against it (no matter they were not present in the early years when everyone knew there were no tunnels). I've come across some bits of information that might illuminate. There is a written account of Queniborough Villagers post war using the tunnels for 'cuddling' - and if true, they cannot have been structures full of water.

There is also a reference to 'tunnels' at another decommissioned Filling Factory site - (Renfrewshire or Chorley - can't recall off hand) - and this references to 'tunnels in the bunds'. Prior to those structures being demolished at EG I played on many a smaller bund (grassed mini mound) - there were loads of them - and in some there were small dank tunnels set rather as an Anderson shelter is constructed - a little below ground level but with an entrance above. These were all short 'tunnels' with dead ends, and it seems likely that either they were where the current day's completed munitions were temporarily stored - or perhaps dangerous ingredients they would use in each small blast proof working area surrounded by bunds - or they might even have been air-raid shelters. I suspect that is the origin of any real basis for the tunnel 'myth' - but obviously it's just a theory I have. The build plans for the Ordnance factory are held in the National Archive - available on request - that might illuminate further. I suspect the recent origin of the tunnel myth is a bored but imaginative Wreake Valley student. However, if an underground labyrinth of tunnels - with electricity still working as per details on Wikepedia is subsequently discovered, I'd like to be first in the queue for a ticket for a visit :-) I note the claim the Parish Council actually stepped over dead bodies in these tunnels was edited out of the entry some time ago :-)

THE BIRTH OF EAST GOSCOTE SHOPPING PARADE

By M. Coltman in 1991

As a tenant of Jelsons occupying one of their shops at Birstall, and as fruiterer, I was informed that there were plans to build a complete new village on the ex Ordinance Depot near Rearsby and I was invited to open a fruit shop in the proposed shopping area. After negotiation I agreed and duly received plans. At that time the plan showed the shops where the pub now stands and the pub where the shops are, but this was not acceptable to the brewery and so were changed round to their present positions. Where Fleury Court stands was to be multiple store but was later abandoned as there was no tenant to occupy it (it became the site for the library - but that's a different story).

Approximately twelve months later, building commenced with houses, and Long Furrow was the first to be built (Melton Road end). I Believe that Mr and Mrs Sumpter (no 6) were the first East Goscote occupants. A few months later building commenced on the shops, these were erected entirely by themselves and when they were finished looked like a prison block in the "middle of an oasis, surrounded by bunkers and mounds. At this stage the single unit shops fish and chips, chemist etc) were not built; these were constructed some five years later.

On September 15th 1967, we opened the fruit shop and Mr and Mrs Gray opened the MACE store next door. At this time there was no Post Office - it was a few years later that this was included in the Mace shop. Approximately one month later Fourbouys opened with managers Mr & Tabbener, leaving three units empty for about 12 months when Mr Pegg opened the butchers and Mrs Alton the hairdressers. Finally came the opening of the haberdashery shop to make a total of six units open for business. After a few of the shops had been open for a few months, the council decided to put a name to the "precinct and invited' us to their meeting, which at those days, was held in Queniborough Infant school. Prior to this meeting the. shopkeepers were led to believe that it was to be called THE PRECINCT, and had stationery printed. etc. When it was announced "that is was to be called MERCHANTS COMMON we all protested strongly, but to no avail. However, the following evenings headlines in the Leicester Mercury read EAST GOSCOTE TRADERS DON'T LIKE COMMON NAME.

For the first twelve Months, business was very slow due to only a few houses in Long Furrow, Keepers Croft and Ploughmans Lea area being occupied. We started to have neighbours; the school was constructed and then the pub and after a few years the other four shops were built to complete the precinct. At that time the shops played a very important role in as much the village atmosphere revolved around the precinct, until the village hall was presented to the villagers by Jelsons, and then the Church and Centre were built. 'The atmosphere at that time was one of a very close community and I am pleased to think remained so although the later years saw a rapid change in home ownership. Faces came and went, but I still have an enormous amount of friends at East Goscote.

After 22 years I decided to retire on 17th July 1989 and Mr and Mrs Towsend took over the fruit shop.

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

Another view of the Plough and the shops being constructed.

CHURCH NEWS

St Hilda's Church celebrated their Harvest Festival in the middle of September. Instead of fresh food, we had a collection of tinned and dried food which we have sent to the food bank.

Feeding the Community

Broomfield School and Bizzy Bees have added their collections to ours.

Once again, East Goscote has sent a magnificent amount of food for those suffering hardship. Please accaept our thanks for your generosity.

If you are alone or feel lonely, please contact a member of the Church as we are trying to address the problem by making social times and outings for those who need company. There are regular meetings in the Church rooms which might interest you.

ACTIVITIES available at St Hilda's:
Adults - Seated exercise, Zumba, Tea-Timers, Whist and the Friendship club.

Children - Little Fishes, Messy Churchand Ignite.

FOOD BANK: If you would like to make further donations to the Food Bank, there is a collection point in the entrance hall at the Church. Annies Cafe have also agreed to support a further collection point in their cafe. Your gifts would be gratefully accepted.

Gill Morton (Church Warden)

Leicestershire Police
Protecting our communities

"Leicestershire Trading Standards Service" has received recent reports of cold callers operating in the Loughborough area offering government grants to put towards a new boiler if your existing boiler is old or if you receive credits for example pension credits. The callers state they are working with an energy company and Leicestershire County Council's Environment department. They are not working with Leicestershire County Councils Environment department. Be vigilant when dealing with traders on the doorstep.

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See their advert at front for contact details.

INDOOR BOOT SALE

EAST GOSCOTE VILLAGE HALL & St HIDAS CHURCH CENTRE

Saturday November 16th 11:00-3:00.
£7 per table or £5 if you bring your own

Bookings must be pre-paid.
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CLIMATE EMERGENCY:

Just a few words first on this, the biggest and most exciting challenge facing us. As young Greta says, "Our house is on fire". So this is not the time to start arguing about whose job it is to put the fire out. We all have a part to play - as individuals, as businesses ranging from the corner shop right through to multinationals and, of course, public bodies from our own Parish Council through Borough, County and Central Government and Internationally.

We can do this. We need to do this. We can make lifestyle changes which may seem quite small but factored up to millions of people, really make a difference. Energy in the home, diet, daily transport, everything we choose to consume or not to consume, everything we waste and how we dispose of it, all have a part to play. We can exert influence as consumers and as voters to bring about the changes we need. Everything we do now needs to be viewed through the prism of Climate Emergency. If we get this right we are at the start of a better chapter working in harmony with nature rather than against it. If we get it wrong … It doesn't bear thinking about.

DON'T LET YOUR RECYCLING GO TO WASTE:

We are good at recycling in Charnwood and in Leicestershire in general but as with all things, we can do better and there is a direct link to the Climate Change issue mentioned above. When you recycle something well, amongst many other benefits, you save energy and therefore carbon emissions and for organic materials like paper and cardboard, you avoid the methane generation associated with landfill.

Now Leicestershire County Council have teamed up with the Borough and District Councils in a new **DON'T LET YOUR RECYCLING GO TO WASTE** campaign to improve the quality and quantity of recycling throughout the County. Six of the seven Districts (North West Leicester does its own thing) supply the Casepak Materials Reclamation Facility (MRF) on Sunningdale Road right here in Leicestershire. That makes life easier in terms of making it clear what can be recycled and what to avoid and brings long sought for uniformity across most of the County. It means online information can be consistent and clear. The following are available for download or on request from the relevant organisations (see useful links below) or if you can't get hold of them, just let me know and I will help.

And don't forget our local Recycling Centre on Merchants Common is available for recycling paper & card-board, glass bottles & jars (you can leave your tops on), drinks cans and clothing & textiles. All proceeds benefit our village. Please don't recycle glass there after 8 pm.

www.lesswaste.org.uk

www.charnwood.gov.uk

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

OTHER USEFUL LINKS:

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www.hubbub.org.uk
WasteNot Leicestershire on facebook

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

New Councillors

No new councillors have been co-opted since the last report 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.

Resilience Project

With the help of the Resilience Partnership Trust and Leicestershire County Council, work has begun on a Resilience Project for East Goscote. Parish Councillors and other residents met to begin the process of creating a Resilience Plan to be used in the event of an emergency such as flooding. This is so that our first response is planned and places us in a good position until emergency services take over.

Long Furrow

The Special Edition of the Long Furrow published in August and delivered to every household and business in the village proved very popular with lots of positive feedback. The Long Furrow team will return to a web-based publication with a printed copy run of 250 for the next two editions. They will be bringing a proposal to the Parish Council for a return to a fully printed and delivered magazine next financial year. The team are looking for help with distribution. If you think you could help the community by delivering a small round, please get in touch with the Long Furrow or the Parish Council.

Mahavir Surgery

It is with much regret that we report the closure of the Mahavir Surgery. Dr Shah has served our village (and many people in the neighbouring villages) well for 25 years. The Parish Council was truly sad to see him retire and wishes him well. Attempts to interest a new GP or merge with the Jubilee practice proved unsuccessful. At the request of the Parish Council our Clerk organised a send off event for Dr Shah.

Neighbourhood Watch

The scheme is free to join and a consent form is required for data protection purposes. Contact the Parish Council for details. Councillor Cathy Duffy is co-ordinating the scheme.

Police

Our PCSO Matt Harbutt reported his intention to spend more time patrolling the village given recent trends.

Christmas Events 2019

The Parish Council has funded two Christmas events this year. Details elsewhere in this edition.

Defibrillator

The first defibrillator has been installed at the Pavilion. Councillor Sue Gerrard handed over a second donation from an anonymous donor. This will cover most of the cost of a second defibrillator to be installed at the Village Hall, the Parish Council again making up the shortfall and the Village Hall Committee the running costs.

Community Speed Watch

The scheme planned for September this year has regrettably had to be cancelled as, despite strenuous efforts, we were unable to find the number of volunteers required to run the scheme. A similar scheme may be considered next year if sufficient support is available.

The Parish App

Usage of our popular App for Apple and Android systems and visits to our website increase every month. To download the App and keep up with local news and events search East Goscote Parish Council.

Graffiti wall

The graffiti wall has been rebuilt, the mowing contractor's insurance covering the full cost.

Bus Shelters

Two replacement bus shelters, by the Jubilee Playing Field and Melton Road near Broome Avenue, have been installed to replace existing ones, which had seen better days.

Recycling Centre

We still await a second Salvation Army clothing bank which will help to cope with the generous scale of donations and contribute financially to Village Hall projects. In the meantime, the Salvation Army have increased the frequency of their collections to minimise overflows. The recycling centre as a whole continues to perform very well with weights of 8 tonnes of glass bottles & jars, 16 tonnes of paper & cardboard, 20 tonnes of clothing, shoes & textiles and literally thousands of drinks cans. Please help us to keep our recycling centre tidy by not fly tipping anything else there. Thank you.

Charnwood WIGs

During our August meeting, we welcomed Gary Farnfield, a community fundraiser for Rainbows Children's Hospice in Loughborough. This year, the charity is celebrating their 25th Anniversary! It was moving to learn how the charity was founded by Gail and Harry Moore for their daughter, Laura. Rainbows provides care (through referrals) for children and young adults with life-limiting illnesses as well as support for their families. Their aim is to create memories to treasure for all families as they offer a range of activities based at the hos-pice: making use of their new multi-sensory room, swimming pool, vibrant craft room, outdoor areas and 'Esmeralda'- their old-fashioned gypsy caravan. Families are able to stay with their children as the hospice contains purpose-built flats and a team of professionals provide 24-hour care. Although Loughborough based, Gary informed us that the charity covers the whole of the East-Midlands and is currently supporting 400 children and their families – amazing!

As a charity, Rainbows needs 6.2 million pounds of funding per year. Without the support of volunteers, fund-raisers and donations, they would only be able to stay open for 8 weeks of the year! This brought home to many of us, the importance of supporting our local charities – every little DOES help! To do our bit, at Charnwood WIGs, our lovely members knitted a kaleidoscope of flower broaches which will be sold in Rainbows charity shops – keep a look out for them! We also didn't need to be asked twice to purchase a few handbags through the charity's handbag amnesty! I hope you've been inspired to do you bit for this fabulous charity.

Our September gathering took us back in time where we came under the watchful eye of Matron and her three 'trusted paupers', Hannah, Mary and Sarah from The Workhouse in Southall, a National Trust property in Nottinghamshire. The workhouse was established in 1824 and pioneered the social reform movement across the country. People were categorised into two groups, the 'deserving poor' who were sick or old and the 'undeserving' who were able-bodied and lazy! It was a very entertaining and animated talk which led us into the lives of some of the people who stayed there, describing their ordeals, although it wasn't all bad. The best story ended with Matron saying: 'Carrots in a cake, it'll never take on!' Little did she know!

The National Trust acquired the property in 1997 and has just renovated 'The Infirmary' to illustrate compari-sons between its use in 1871 and 1971. Did you know that the last patient left there in 1985? This is certainly a worth-while place to visit and another good cause to support.

Fancy seeing what else we get up to at Charnwood WIGs? You're welcome to come along to our meetings! We meet at 7:30pm at Beedles Lake Golf Club.

Thursday 28th November: Chocolate!

Beedles Lake Golf Club East Goscote LE7 3WQ £4 a guest/ visitor For more information please contact: Sharon Astill on 07849888752

Scouts
East Goscote Scout Group News

The Scouts have started back after the summer with a very different looking Troop. It really has been 'out with the old and in with the new'. Seven of our oldest scouts departed for Explorers and were re-placed by an intake of cubs.

We are currently working through the skills that all scouts should have in preparation for our Autumn camp in October. This will be a great weekend in the Leicestershire countryside and we're still on target to get 100% of our Troop attending.

Following this we will again be supporting the November 5th Commit-tee with the Queniborough Fireworks on 2nd November and the scouts will be putting their new skills into action with several outdoor evenings planned up to Christmas.

At the end of the summer term the Cubs held a charity night in aid of Rainbows and raised £66,by having a short fun run for them and some parents. Also sold cakes and had a raffle. A good time had by all.

cubs

The new term has started with gusto. With the Cubs already gaining their Environmental Conservation Badge by learning how to recycle clothes ,even making our own bags to collect them .

The Cubs have also been designing Acorns for a new gateway at the Oaks Campsite which our District supports , lot of brilliant ideas

We are looking forward to going on a night hike and having a sleep over in the next few weeks.

Winning Acorn

Recycling clothes

BEAVERS

To be honest, it's all been a bit of a blur we've been so busy. Just before the summer break we took our teddies on a picnic and we practiced 'tummy breathing' with them.

This is really useful in helping us to stop for a minute or two. We watched our teddies rise up and down as we took breaths in and out. Sometimes the ted's took a tumble, but we learnt to relax and listen to what was around us. The grown up's called it mindfulness, we just thought it was a hoot!

We also had a visit from a nice lady from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

She taught us how to float to stay safe and even let us get dressed up like the Lifeboat men and women. It was soooo hot!

We brought in donations as we knew this is such an important job and we would be going on our summer holiday's soon.

We raised a whopping £88.91 – Thank you Beaver parents!

You're amazing.

We've come back from our holiday's all refreshed and got straight into decorating yummy biscuits.

We're off to Sundown with the District Beavers soon, so we're really excited for that. Can't wait! There's something about cooking on a baked bean tin with candles and pancakes next week – WHAT?! Wonder how much mess we can make? Oh, and we're going to learn how to roll our neckers properly. Who knew there's a proper way? Better do that first before we get pancakes and chocolate everywhere We're really pleased to welcome Jackdaw and Finch too – our new young leaders too. We're prepared – are they prepared for us!

@EastGoscoteScoutGroup

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www.eastgoscotescouts.org.uk

MESSAGE FROM REV TIM DAY

It's always a privilege to be able to write an Article for the Long Furrow, it has served the community for many years now and I hope it will continue to do so for many more years.

At St Hilda's we have had an exciting new Youth Group added to the events that are happening at the church, it is called Ignite and is for school years 5 to 8, but we can be a bit flexible with the age range. The group includes playing games, doing craft activities and a discussion time. Ignite runs on alternative Thursday evenings, look out on the church notice boards and we site for further details.

On another subject I have been following the debate in the social media about a drive to end Worship during assemblies in state schools, both faith schools and community schools, particularly those which receive public funding. Many of those who comment on the debate describe the Christian Faith as irrelevant, mythology and superstition. I guess it's a common view in the 21st Century, things from the past, particularly in the area of faith, can seem largely irrelevant. It got me thinking about how we challenge that view. During a recent conference I took the time to listen to a seminar from a Doctor from Oxford University set out the case for, 'Why Trust the Bible', in fact it was about trusting the New Testament. He wasn't necessarily asking people to believe what it was saying, but to establish that it was written by who it claims to have been written by and soon after Jesus' ministry on earth.

The arguments he gave included the fact that no serious historians debate as to whether Jesus actually existed and that the gospels tell his life story as it happened. He adds that the details in the Gospels and the book of Acts could only have been written from eyewitness accounts because they write about building features and names and titles of people that couldn't have been known by people later on. Archaeological evidence has shown that the writers wrote from personal knowledge of places and buildings lost soon after Jesus 'life. He also spoke about the independent writers from the time, both Christian, Jewish and Roman who mention Jesus and many of the people in the New Testament accounts. It was a fascinating talk based on years of research and archaeological discovery. It doesn't lead you to believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead, but it does say that those who wrote the New Testament either witnessed the events themselves or spoke to those who did. Maybe that's enough to want to take it to the next step and investigate it further.

As we try and get by day by day, the routines which can be a struggle, the hopes and dreams that occupy us, perhaps we can lose sight of a search for our origins and purpose and the promises that Jesus made that he had 'come so that we might have life and have it to the full'.

If you would be interested in exploring the basis of the Christian faith further then look out for the next Alpha course starting in January 2020 at 4pm in the Church centre, it is a great place to start. So if it appeals to you do come along, it is a friendly atmosphere and people are invited to just listen or to ask questions as you prefer. Hope to see you there.

See our website
www.thefosseteam.org/east-goscote/alpha/ for more details of future courses.

Tim Day - Vicar

Broome Lane at enterence to Beedles Lakes

Leicester Marathon cancelled due to flooding

The Leicester Marathon was cancelled this year after heavy flooding across the county including the route through East Goscote. The event, which was first held in 1979, was due to take place on Sunday 6th October but deemed unsafe by event organisers. We would like to thank all East Goscote residence who volunteered to help marshal the event through our village. We look forward to the event in 2020.

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DOCTOR SHAH

Friday 27th September marked the retirement of Doctor Shah. He had been the village doctor for over 25 years,

Doctor Shah was introduced to East Goscote Parish Council in 1983 and he indicated that he was willing to open a surgery in the village. He bought a house and had it converted to what we have known as the Mahivir Medical Centre which opened in May 1984.

For the past 25 years Dr Shah has dedicated his life to providing an excellent service for this village and surrounding villages.

He is a superb doctor and we have heard many stories about how he visits his patients at home, just to check how they are doing, without them arranging for him to come.

Many patients will be deeply saddened that Dr Shah will no longer care for them - his patients feel very privileged to have had him as their doctor for so long. Lots of patients tell us that the personal touch that Dr

Shah offered will never be offered by another doctor. Not only was he a doctor to many, but he became their friend as well.

A party was held in the Plough to celebrate his retirement. Over 100 friends, family and patients attended this event which was organised by Liz Pizer, Chair of the PPG and supported by East Goscote Parish Council.

Brownies

East Goscote Brownies

We have had a busy start to the term, including lots of cake. We have welcomed the new Brownies and look forward to their promise ceremony. We have been busy growing sunflowers over the summer and the girls have gained their "Grow your own" badge. We are also working on our "Be well" themed badge, which the girls are really enjoying. Although Christmas should still feel a long way away, we have already confirmed our places for the pantomime in December. We will once again be taking part in the Remembrance Parade and service, which is one of the most important dates on our calendar. Is there anyone out there, interested in restarting the Rainbow unit in East Goscote. We have a thriving Brownie and Guide Pack and it would be lovely to have Rainbows again. If you are interested, please go to the Girlguiding website and register your details and we will contact you to discuss it.

Regards Brown Owl

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Website: **eastgoscotelibrary.webs.com**

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Contact Liz Pizer 0116 260 2202
Website: **eastgoscotepc.org.uk**

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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.