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East Goscote's Community Magazine

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This issue's great cover image is of a Glossy Ibis, an unusual visitor, spotted locally - read more on *page 13*.

Well done Ava for completing last issue's puzzle and winning £10 in the draw.

We hope YOU might find something new in these pages - if not, perhaps you could send something in for others to discover?

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November was a quiet month. The outdoor exercise equipment was installed on the Pavilion playing fields and has been well used. This type of equipment is now seen in most public spaces and hopefully will benefit the health and fitness of the residents of East Goscote.

The parish council was represented at Remembrance Sunday by Councillors Castle and Duffy, who laid a wreath during the service.

The village hall has had some changes to its regular use. Unfortunately the preschool that was due to open in the New Year will not now use the hall, due to lack of numbers. However some new groups, such as Rainbows will now be using it on a regular basis, providing welcome revenue. It continues to be well used by community groups and the Village Hall Committee do a great job in ensuring that it remains an asset for us all.

The Christmas festival at the church went well as usual, thanks to the support of the public and parishioners.

This year Santa was hosted at the Community library. The Parish council funded the purchase of the presents for Santa to give out. Around eighty children visited Santa and received a gift. The library also raised some much needed funds at the event and hope to host this every year.

The British Oak has now been installed on the Chase, completing the Queen's Bithday celebrations for this parish.

Some budget has been spent on replacing the swings on the Mound playing area. These had been in situ since 1995 and had considerable wear and tear, so we hope you'll agree that it was needed!

The bus shelter by Willowbrook Way is due to be replaced also and a new bus stop opposite the Rearsby Roses development should be installed soon, to better serve the requirements of passengers (currently the stop is very far down, almost into Rearsby) This will be funded from the Section 106 money that the Council can use on specific projects, which was granted as part of the planning conditions of the Rearsby Roses site.

Our caretaker has been trained as a snow warden so we are ready to grit the agreed route (footpaths) in the event of any snowfall.

If you are ever interested in how decisions are made on behalf of East Goscote, all council meetings are minuted and documented and these records are freely accessible on request from either the parish office or on our web page.

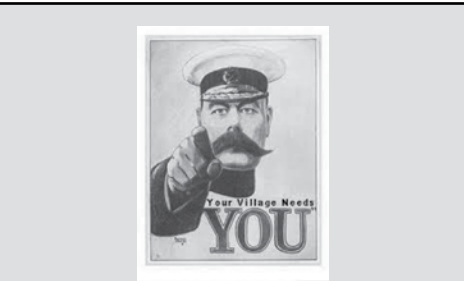
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Please also remember that we have an app! This can be downloaded for free on both android and iPhone and it will keep you up to date on all events and changes such as road closures etc that affect the village.

We hope that you all had a Merry Christmas and look forward to a Happy New Year.

See the agenda for our Annual Parish meeting in April it would be lovely to see you there.

East Goscote Parish Council.



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Neighbourhood Watch - looking out for each other

During December East Goscote launched its newest Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

Following a meeting held at East Goscote village hall, the residents of the newly built Rearsby Roses development decided to form their own Neighbourhood Watch group.

With plenty of volunteers and eye catching street signs, the scheme got off to a flying start with almost half of all homes on the development signing up within the first few weeks!

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 and crime prevention awareness)
- Checking on vulnerable neighbours after an incident (creating a caring community)
- Discussing ongoing concerns with neighbours

Should you wish to form your own scheme, or revive an existing one please contact Councillor Kevin Preston at mailbox@eastgoscote.org.uk, or by visiting the Parish Council office.



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We had a busy time at Rainbows last term and enjoyed many fun activities. We also participated in local events one of which was walking in the Remembrance day parade. A poppy was made by each child to coincide with marking Remembrance day. The Rainbows

also took part in the annual Christmas tree festival. This year the girls made sheep using popcorn and cotton wool, this was enjoyed by all. On our last meeting before Christmas we had a party and also had a surprise visit from Santa. Sadly we also said goodbye to Amy, Maisey, Sara and Sophie, we wish them all a great time at Brownies.

We have four new members who have joined our unit and we are looking forward to getting to know them better and having fun in the many exciting planned evenings to come. We have now also completed our move to the Village Hall.

Blossom (Claire), Rose (Amie), Sunflower (Alex), Pansy (Josie) and Daisy (Isabel)

East Goscote Junior Gunners

Let me start by wishing everyone a happy new year. It's been a busy and exciting first half to the season. The under 15s have moved up to the adults pitch and are showing that they can cope with the extra leg work. The under 9s have been involved in some thrilling high scoring games and it is great to see their progression continue with them showing a marked step up from last season in all areas of the pitch and the players are all showing the ability to play a number of positions, well done to them all.

But special mention has to go to our under 8s who won their first trophy, hopefully of many, in the Lutterworth tournament, losing only one game in their progression to the final which they won commanding 4-0. Fantastic effort, and they had clearly learnt a lot on how to celebrate by watching Leicester's magnificent trophy lift in May, champions, champions!!!

The coaches were also pitted in a fearful match of laser quest against the u9s and u8s before Christmas which I think we've only just recovered from. Imagine being locked in a darkened maze and hunted down by a swarming kids militia, terrifying.

Final mention goes to our academy who are enjoying their training sessions showing a great desire and keenness turning out in all weathers and are developing in great strides, they have also played their first matches with u7s, u6's and even the u5s, playing their parts in some exciting games, what has been particularly impressive in these games is how involved all the children have been in some impressive results.

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Just as we were about to give up hope, the wanderer returned. One evening, Dora appeared on our driveway after almost 4 weeks missing! Although very thin and a little worse for wear, Dora soon fattened up and has now returned to her normal (very vocal) self. If only she could tell us where she has been!

We would like to thank everyone who checked their garages, kept an eye out and helped us to find Dora.

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David Cannon - there's more 'green' items on *page 19!*

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East Goscote Scout Group



Scouts In November four more scouts from East Goscote were presented with their Chief Scout Gold Award.

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The Scouts have also been working hard to gain badges and awards and learning new skills.

The Scout Christmas card delivery service went well raising over £70. Which goes towards the Scouts Camp fund. Many thanks to all who used us and to the Scouts for delivering them.



Cubs Well the Cubs have been very busy over the past few months. They have planted bulbs outside the Scout hut and collected bath gel etc. to make a hamper. Which we presented to Lingdale Lodge just before Christmas.

Dave the bearded dragon came down for a visit, where the Cubs learnt how to set up a vivarium and care for him. They also made bird feeders out of egg boxes helping to feed the birds at home.

We made candle decorations for the Christmas Tree festival, with the theme celebration, the Cubs posed a celebration of Leicester Tigers, Christmas Birthdays and the most popular Leicester City Football.

Beavers The Beavers have been on a nature walk to spot bugs and creepy crawlies. They also enjoyed looking for bags of sticks to create their own stick man. Beavers also made bird feeders out of fir cones to help our birds in the cold weather.

An evening was spent making boats and then floating them down a water way in the hall. Making a mess and having lots of fun at the same time.

Beavers also learnt about road safety and how to be safe near roads. All their hard work earning them lots of badges.

For more information please visit eastgoscotescouts.org.uk



Chief Scout Presentation



East Goscote Scout Group
Summer Fete
Sunday 11th June

There will be a range of stalls and activities on the Jubilee Playing Fields this year.

We are also hosting a talent contest !

If you are interested in taking part or if you are interested in having a stall please contact chair@eastgoscotescouts.org.uk for an application.



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Discover more! Drop into the library!



Library Opening hours are...

Monday	9 – 1
Tuesday	2 – 7
Thursday	2 – 5
Friday	9 – 1
Saturday	10 – 1

TEA / COFFEE

Did you know that you can have a hot drink in the library? Help yourself to a coffee or tea in the library for a minimum donation to library funds of 50p.

JIGSAWS

There is a Jigsaw Corner where you can sit, relax and work on the Jigsaw that someone has previously started.

BOARD GAMES

We are beginning to gather together a collection of board games for you to play in the library. Why not bring someone along with you and have a go.

SANTA'S VISIT TO THE LIBRARY

On Friday 9th December Santa visited the Library to distribute gifts to the children of East Goscote. 78 children visited Santa during the evening. They also enjoyed the Thomas the Tank Engine model railway layout on show. The trustees of the library would like to thank Nick Shivers, Kerry Costello and Angela Malpus for their involvement on the night, which proved a big success. We also wish to thank EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL who provided the gifts for the children.

BOOK STOCK

The book stock continues to be revised. In December all obsolete stock, with the exception of Local History, was removed from the shelves along with dirty and damaged books. This will allow us room for extra newer books.

FUND RAISING

To keep the library open we need financial assistance. It costs approx. £7000 pa to keep this library running. Currently we get a grant from your parish council and a larger subsidy from Leicestershire County Council. The rest, we have to find ourselves using events and library service charges. Over the next three years, the LCC subsidy will be gradually reduced to zero and therefore make the financing of the library more difficult.

If you and your friends could make out a Direct Debit or Standing Order for a small donation per month it would ease the pressure on our Bank Account.

Please enquire about this in the library.

Recently, Jean Calder and Marie Pole organised a Christmas Raffle which raised just under £200. We would like to thank Jean and Marie as well as all the people and businesses who donated prizes.

Once again we must thank St Hilda's Church for donating some of their proceeds of the Christmas Tree Festival and their Carol Singing in the shopping precinct.

Yard Sale...??

Have you a garage full of "junk"? Have you some unwanted presents/gifts? You could get rid of some of these unwanted items by having a garage sale. If there is enough support for a village garage sale, we are prepared to organise one. You would pay us a fee to organise it and print maps. These maps would be sold to the visiting public to help them find the vendors. Please contact the library if you would be interested in taking part.

Comments and suggestions...

If anyone else can help with organise a fund raising venture, we would love to hear from you. The trustees and volunteers are always open to suggestions and comments providing they are constructive. There is a suggestions book in the library that you can fill in; alternatively, you can speak to one of the volunteers, email us at eglibrary@mail.com or call us on 0116 3053510. Our website is at eastgoscotelibrary.webs.com

I would like to thank the following for their help and support since we reopened the library: The volunteers, the trustees, East Goscote Parish Council, the various St Hildas organisations, Leicestershire County Council, Karen (the hairdresser) Josiah Hincks, Tesco, Wilkos, all who have made donations of various types and, of course, our customers.

John Malpus

We throw away 7 million tonnes of food and drink every year from home, costing us £12.5bn a year. **The average family could save £700 a year, simply by throwing away less food.** Find out why it's important to reduce food waste and the simple actions you could take to save money.

EAST GOSCOTE LIBRARY
present two talks

Friday 24th February at 7pm
David Cannon will be
TALKING RUBBISH

Friday 24th March at 7pm
Malcolm Heaven will present
**LOVE FOOD,
HATE WASTE**

*These are Pay As You Feel events.
Donations will be used to fund the library.*



ROMP & RHYME

First Monday in the month at 9:00am

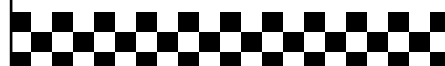
Romp & Rhyme. An activity for the very young. This will be followed by another session for the 4 to 5 year olds at 9:30.

*Romp & Rhyme is a Pay As You Feel event.
Donations will be used to fund the library.*

Watch out for our BOOK SALES
held from time to time in the library
PICK UP A BARGAIN!

POLICE MATTERS

First TUESDAY of each month, PCSO Brian Geeson holds a regular surgery in the library between 6-7pm. You can **come and talk to him informally**, about your problems and concerns. All conversations will be in the strictest confidence.



East Goscote United Girls FC

New girls welcome! "We have places for all ages..."

Our football 'academy' is designed for children from school foundation age, and our teams start at school year 3 (Under 8s). At an early age girls are introduced to the sport of football, we believe that they should be able to fall in love with the game and have fun, whilst learning the rules and developing skills.

At EGUFC kids have great fun & really enjoy their football in a relaxed friendly environment, not only improving their skills, but growing in confidence too!

We meet Wednesday evenings, at the new 3G pitch at Brooksby College over winter, and during summer at Jubilee Playing Fields (The Mound) East Goscote.

Just give our membership officer a call 079 0337 8614 or message us via Facebook!

Facebook @eastgoscotegirlsfc Twitter @EGU_GIRLS_FC

All of our coaching staff are FA qualified, between them holding FA Level 1, 2 & 3 qualifications. All DBS checked and have attended the FA Safeguarding Course.

We also have a dedicated Child Welfare Officer.



The Charnwood Wlgs

New Year, New You!

Calling all ladies 18 and over. Looking for a fun and entertaining way to make new friends and gain new experiences in 2017? Think you know the WI? Think again!

Formed in early 2012, The Charnwood Wlgs WI group offers women of all ages the opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills and discover new talents! It's a chance for women to leave their responsibilities behind for a few hours and engage in a bit of fun and 'me-time' with other like-minded women. With its roots in the traditional values of companionship and community and an eye to the future, our modern WI group allows women to rediscover 'lost' crafts, experience the latest trends and address current issues affecting them and their families.

Our group meets on the last Thursday of every month (Jan-Nov) at 7.30pm in Beedles Lake Golf Club and we offer a wide range of activities as well as regular supper club, walking group and social events.

We have over 60 young and young at heart members and you can be sure of a warm welcome. Annual, pro-rate subscriptions apply but visitors are welcome to attend at a cost of £4 per visit with no obligation to join. No booking is necessary, just turn up and join in!

Please see our 2017 programme below or for more information call Sharon on 07849 888 752.

The Charnwood Wlgs: where wonderful women meet.

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INSPIRING WOMEN



Our Programme of Activities for 2017

January 26th - Hats From The Hall
A passion for bespoke millinery.

February 23rd - The Cocktail Shaker Boys
Because staying in is the new going out.

March 30th - Ukulele Workshop
Come along and have a strum with us.

April 27th - Resolution & Social Evening
Campaigning and Conversation.

May 25th - The Jerusalem Jammers
Dancing - with a difference!

June 29th - Our Annual Fashion Show
Putting the fun into fundraising.

July 27th - Pukka 'Pacas Learn more
about Leicestershire's premier alpaca farm.

August 31st - The Life of Coco Chanel
Entertaining tales about the first lady of fashion.

September 28th - Britain's Best Bakery
Learn the art of bread making.

October 26th - Annual Committee
*Meeting & Christmas Crafting,
plus vote for 2018 Committee!*

November 30th - Entertainment and Sing-
*along with 'Our Flossie.' Join us for our
End of Year Celebrations.*

Events may be subject to change at short notice
due to unforeseen circumstances

Wreake & Soar Valley AC

A running club for all the family
Get Fit in 2017!

**Beginners/Learn to Run session begins
Saturday 11th February.**

Wreake and Soar Valley AC in Syston are well known for their success with its large and talented junior section both in middle distance and now with a well organised and growing sprinting group.

However did you know that the club also offers opportunities for adult runners of all standards? Perhaps you have a child over the age of 7 you would like to join the running club? In such case our adults section meet at the same time so the whole family can take their exercise simultaneously!

On Saturday 11th February 2017 (10.30am) we will be beginning our beginners/learn to run sessions which will initially run for 10 weeks though without doubt ongoing support will be available after that! The cost is £20 which includes club membership (with full insurance) for a year.

If you are already a runner and are looking to improve we also have groups where you will find someone to run with.

The club meets at Wreake Academy, Parkstone Road, Syston 10.30 every Saturday.

For more details please contact jen.skevington@hotmail.com



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1-5 Weds, Thurs & Fri.
Pop in for an application
form and ask for Vienna or
Natalie.**

**Make a
difference this
year.**



Borough Council News

A Happy New Year to every one, and hopefully a peaceful one. Also that every one enjoyed a lovely Christmas.

Well another year has passed and personally I think that Brexit, had about the most impact on our daily lives. In my view we will be better off out than in, our hands will not be tied behind our backs under some EU ruling. We have not always been a EU member, we did exist quite healthily before coming a member.

The effect of the American election, that we must wait and see. Whether President Elect Trump will set up a new business partnership with the UK, only time will tell.

The new outdoor gym equipment is certainly proving a big hit with every one, it is really nice to see it used so much. Not only is it well used, but it is lovely to see so many people keeping fit. It is a fun

way to do exercises, and it is free to use every minute of every day of, the year. Keep up the healthy life style, and we have had new playground equipment installed. Thank you Sally and her team.

Very little has happened at Charnwood concerning East Goscote, I am attending a Sports Meeting on the 1st of February this year. I am hoping to get further details of a grant for re-furbishment of the pavilion. Although not familiar with the procedure of this committee as I have only attended one meeting, (I replaced another councillor) I have been given a mentor who will guide me through the procedure.

My land line is now working, and I can use my laptop again. I had to verbally speak to the officers at Charnwood to get the jobs done that I had been given, and I found that these jobs were being

done. Technology, terrible when it breaks down. But on the other hand, it is nice to talk to people and actually having to write things down to send.

Yesterday I was proud to introduce Trish Marsland to our MP, Ed Argar. He was astounded at the number of children that Trish has helped, he wished her well and pleased to have met her.

I'm still waiting for news reference the opening of the road between the Fosseway and the old A6, and I have been told that the Melton Road railway bridge at Syston will not now be closing. As there are well over a thousand journeys over the bridge, it is a very busy route. Lets hope it stays open and they go another way to electrify the railway line at that juncture.

Sue Gerrard

*Charnwood Borough Councillor
for East Goscote*

LOCAL FOCUS

After last issue's great cover shot of Goscote from the air, courtesy *Image Opus Ltd*, this time we're getting up-close with a great cover shot from local wildlife watcher Bob Garratt. *If you' think you might have something we could feature - just let us know!*

Local wildlife watcher Bob Garratt has supplied this issue's cover shot, and what a capture it is! Bob has a great collection of photos of local wildlife. He says it's a hobby that takes a little patience and dedication, but just taking time out to take a second look at what's around us is often surprisingly rewarding. Bob tells us below about the rare visitors we have been getting on our doorstep.

Are you interested in nature?

Situated a short distance from our village is Cossington Meadows Nature Reserve, Syston Road, Cossington. The reserve is owned and managed by The Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust and it is one of many in Leicestershire and Rutland - see more at www.lrwt.org.uk

The reserve has a large number of common wild birds such as, ducks, Geese, waders, Hawks, Owls, Finches, Warblers etc, and in warmer months, butterflies, moths and dragonfly. There are also resident Exmoor wild ponies

Occasionally we are treated to a rarer visiting bird such as the Glossy Ibis, (see the front cover picture) this one arrived in October 2016 and has remained for many weeks. This bird is found mainly in Europe and particularly in Spain. Despite its 20 or so sightings in the UK each year, it has never bred here.

This rare visitor followed another, an American Wigeon which was spotted on one of the lakes amongst a group of common wigeon, and latterly in December 2016, a Siberian Chiffchaff was seen, this bird is seen in Western Europe in Winter, however it breeds in Siberia and winters mainly in the Himalayas.

At least one of our short eared owls has also just arrived for winter.

Access to the reserve is free, and dogs are welcome on leads. However, should you wish to become a member of the trust to help keep these important sites for future generations, subscriptions can be obtained for as little as £4 per month.

Bob Garratt



Photo: R Garratt

"Occasionally we are treated to a rarer visitor such as the Glossy Ibis"

We are fortunate to have great habitat locally and Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust do a great job. Their vision is *to protect and enhance the wildlife and wild places of Leicestershire and Rutland and to engage people with nature; inspiring people and safeguarding wildlife and wild places*

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Hello from everyone at Bizzy Bees Preschool, we hope you enjoy reading about all the fun times we've had recently...



We had a week thinking about safety tying this in with our fire drills and Bonfire night. During this week children enjoyed doing one of their most favoured creative activities which was junk modelling, with some making rockets as we discussed



fireworks, many using their imagination and creating models of their choice. The children explored not only their creative talents but also their mathematical skills when creating models with a variety of construction toys and big builder resources.

During week commencing 24th October we had lots of fun in our Indian Restaurant role-play area; we chalked rangoli patterns in the garden; the children used their hands to create mendhi hand pictures; we tried mangos/rice at snack time; we loved doing Indian stick dancing and shared stories relating to Diwali to develop our understanding of this event.



For 'Children in need' this year the children loved dressing up (so did the staff) to come to preschool and donated money. We raised £80.70 and were thrilled that Pudsey bear visited us one morning! Well done everyone.

Our Autumn term drew to a close with focused activities on Christmas, such as our role-play area was a stable and then transformed to Santa's grotto....we had lots of children dressing-up as Santa/Santa's helpers and delivered parcels



on a sleigh. Our Christmas celebration in church was one of the highlights of the term, where our simple play with children dressing-up and singing their hearts out made us so proud of each and every one of them. The term's finale was our Christmas party where the children were entertained by Lily the clown/entertainer, the children enjoyed some party food and were then delighted when Santa gave each one of them a gift.

Until the next Long Furrow, bye for now from Helen, Dianne, Lisa, Sarah, Jayne, Angela and Tasha.

Bizzy Bees Preschool,
 The Bungalow, Broomfield School,
 East Goscote LE7 3ZQ
 Helen 07971274405, Dianne 07505 355193



Do you...

- Enjoy meeting new people?
- Enjoy sampling new experiences?
- Enjoy learning about local and worldwide projects?
- Like to give something back to the local community?

If you said yes to any of the above, then Syston Rotary Club would like to meet you.



WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary International is a worldwide organisation that supports international and local causes either by fundraising or giving practical support. The emphasis is on having fun in good company. Rotary can also provide excellent business networking opportunities.

LOCAL ROTARY

Syston Rotary Club has developed as a 'satellite' club of the well-established Wreake Valley Club and we hope to attract people of all ages, from all walks of life to join our fortnightly meetings.

One meeting a month is a planning meeting, we discuss the projects we would like to support, how and when we can contribute to them. In the last year, we have worked with the Wreake Valley club Watermead Fun Run to support Alex's Wish, a local charity that supports research into treatments for Duchennes Muscular Dystrophy. We also organised a beer festival. All beers were supplied by Leicestershire breweries, thereby supporting local businesses and proceeds were donated to the Soar Valley Music Centre.

Our second monthly meeting is a social event; we have undertaken a variety of activities from meals out; sausage making at local butchers, Gamble & Hollis; walks with the Leicestershire Wildlife Trust ranger at Cossington Meadows and an evening at Beedles Golf Club. We've supported other Rotary Clubs in quiz teams, meals and a sponsored walk of the Leicestershire Round to support the new visitors centre at Bradgate Park. So, there is something to suit everyone's taste. You don't have to do them all but we won't ever stop you from joining in!

The great sense of achievement you will experience in helping the local community and others around the world will be matched by the fun you'll have doing it.

Our next meeting is 7.30pm at the Hub café on Monday 13th February 2017. If you are interested you can contact Fiona on 0116 3672892 or Paul on 07720374510 or just turn up – we will be delighted to meet you.

St. Hilda's Church

Everyone at St. Hilda's Church wish you all a very happy 2017.

Before we forget 2016, I would like to thank the Uniformed Organisations for their contribution to the Village Remembrance Day Service. It was our pleasure to welcome you all, children and families, and we hope you enjoyed the Service. We must say a Big Thank you to Andrea Day Reader for Leading our Service. We hope, most sincerely, that you will join us later in the year for the Service of Remembrance.

The Christmas Eve Family Service was delightful, we were joined by some members of our "Little Fishes" group. They were most industrious providing pictures which contributed to the service, they popped balloons to tell the next part of the story.

Christmas Morning Family Service was very well attended. Again a bit different at one point we were making Origami Stars as we heard the Christmas Story told in a very different and thought provoking way.

Now for 2017 as a church we will continue to pray for peace around the world. We pray for our country, our village and our families. If you have a need for special prayers please approach one of us and we will include them in our services. There is no need to divulge personal details. We will be starting a new ALPHA COURSE at the end of January it will take place on a Sunday Afternoon look out for the posters, this is a chance to find out about Christianity and how it fits into today's world. A chance to ask questions what ever they might be.

We have a few ideas for some Social Evenings and when we have finalised details of them we will publicise them on the Church Notice Boards. Everyone is most welcome to join us.

Gill Morton, Church Warden.

Afternoon Tea Timers

We meet every Tuesday afternoon 2pm-4pm. We have a cup of tea a chat some play board games and if you really want to we have a weigh in to keep us in check weightwise. We also meet for lunch once a month. Get out and about and pop in don't be shy you will find a warm welcome from everyone. Jessie, Tricia, Glenys and Dawn will be happy to serve you with tea and cakes.

Tricia 260 9088



Charity Crafters

We are a group of ladies who meet, 7pm-9pm, every Tuesday evening we have a chat sit and knit put the world to rights and help local charity's by knitting teddies, cardigans, jumpers, blankets, baby hats and coats, as we sit with a cup of tea or coffee. Give us a ring or just pop in on the night.

Tricia 260 9088



ST. HILDA'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Once again I have been amazed at the trees you all brought into St. Hilda's Church for our special weekend. The theme as you know was "Come on and Celebrate" had a few folk thinking at first till they actually read the song and you all came up with some fabulous ideas, THANKYOU SO VERY MUCH. As you all know any donations this year were going to our Community Library and with the Festival and the Carol Singing in the Shop Precinct you raised £307.73 pounds, so very well done.

The Tree Festival weekend ended with the Carol Service as usual unfortunately I was unable to attend due to illness

As you all know the trees stay in church till Epiphany so the folk that come into church over the Christmas Period get to see all your trees.

Thank you once again everybody, who placed a tree, came to see the trees and everyone who helped make the weekend such a success.

Tricia Marsland

East Goscote Friendship Club

If you would like to meet new friends then the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every Month are open to you at the church rooms 2pm-4pm for ladies and gentlemen. It is a pleasant 2 hours, with good speakers sometimes a quiz or bingo, always a cup of tea. Do come along and give us a try and meet friendly people and have a social time.

Gill, Jessie, Lynn, Glenys

Break in at the Church (In Thurmaston!)

It seems a long time ago now, looking back to remembrance Sunday in November but it was a day that we won't forget in a hurry at the other Parish I look after, Thurmaston. The church was broken into the night before the Sunday Remembrance service causing an awful mess. This meant that the remembrance service was held entirely outside and it thankfully worked extremely well. As I wrote at the time on our Facebook page, 'We were blessed with such a beautiful morning and the service marked the sacrifice of so many in the usual dignified way thanks to everyone's flexibility and spirit'. Following the break in the expressions of support from the local communities were fantastic and many groups and individuals made donations and offers of help.

Of course there have been many burglaries in our area recently along with the strange case of the utterly pointless vandalism to car windows and tyres over New Year. But we are in good company with our experiences, someone broke into the Bishop of Leicester's office over Christmas. The Right Reverend Snow said "I don't know who it was, and I don't really know what they were looking for but they created quite a mess, wish I could say that they broke in order to sit in my chapel and pray"!

At the Thurmaston service of remembrance I prayed a prayer of forgiveness for those who had broken into the church. I know it may seem odd to express a desire to forgive people who have caused hurt, damage and at the least inconvenience to our lives, but strangely that is at the heart of the Christian message. Jesus' mission from that first Christmas to the Cross of Easter Sunday and into the future was to enable the way to be open for anyone who seeks a new start in life, knowing that God can and will forgive them once they decide to genuinely turn their lives around. It is an incredible message and one which I would encourage anyone to investigate. This can be as simple as picking up a bible and reading Mark's Gospel, which takes around 2 hours, or looking out for a course such as Alpha.

Just to finish, may we as the church express our commiserations to any of you who have been a victim of a break in at home. If you would like one of us to come and pray with you and pray a prayer of blessing in your home then we would be pleased to do so. Just get in touch through revtimday.fosseteam@gmail.com or call 0116 348 6896.

May God bless you in 2017.

Tim - Vicar of East Goscote and Thurmaston



It was wonderful to see so many families... getting creative together.

Broomfield Gets Festive

Broomfield Primary School has been a hive of activity over the last few weeks as it prepares for the festive season.

The school held its annual decorations afternoon for parents and families. The whole school was buzzing as children made stars and bells decorations to go on the school tree. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying time with their children and getting creative together.

We have also had fabulous Christmas performances given by all of our children. Key Stage 1 started the ball rolling with an amazing performance of 'Hey Ewe' which was based on a curious sheep wanting to know what all the fuss was about in Bethlehem.

Key Stage 2 then provided lots of laughs with their production of 'Away With The Manger'. A nativity story with a difference. The story was centred around two robbers who broke into Ivor Bunion School to hide their jewels and ended up being Santa and a fairy in the school's Christmas fair.

Finally our Foundation children performed their Christmas play called 'A Christmas Recipe'. It really was a wonderful mixture of singing and outstanding performances by our youngest children.

It has been a busy term at Broomfield as always and we look forward to what 2017 has in store for us!

The Premier League Trophy Visits Broomfield Primary School



To support reading across the school, we have signed up to a reading programme led by Leicester City Football Club. As we are part of this scheme we were very lucky to have the Premier League Trophy come into school for the morning. It arrived in a large black box with an entourage of people. It had to be handled very carefully by the club's staff who had to wear white gloves. All of our children had their photo taken next to it along with many staff! It was an absolute privilege and the children thought it was amazing.

"The trophy was bigger than I thought it would be - it was massive. It is the best trophy I have ever seen" said Harry K



Takeover Day

In November the school was taken over by our Year 6 pupils for a day. The aim of the day was to give the children an insight into the world of work. The children had to fill in a CV, complete a formal letter of application and some pupils were then interviewed for different jobs around the school. We had a new Headteacher for the day as well as new teachers and a variety of support and office staff.

"It was scary teaching the children to start with as I was worried that I might do something wrong however I got used to it and enjoyed it a lot!" said Kiana (Year 3 teacher)

The children had their own staffroom for the day and even brought in their own mugs!

"The day was amazing. The best bit was answering the phone - doing the dinners however was the hardest bit" said Sam (School Secretary)



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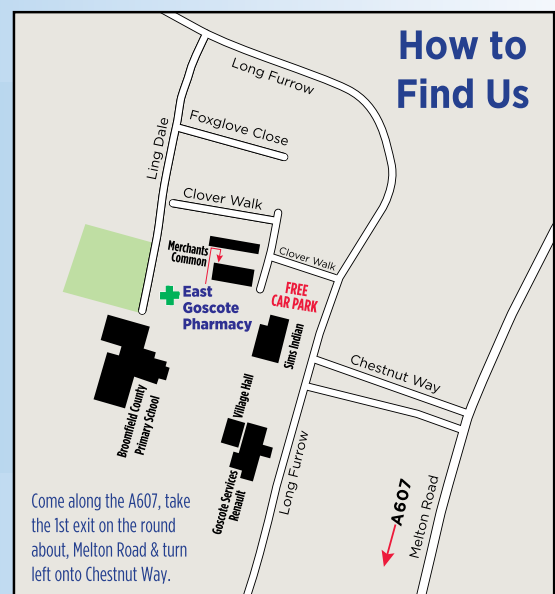
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HAPPY NEW YEAR Have you made any New Year Resolutions ? I've made loads. I do every year. Most of them will be abandoned by the time this edition comes out. You know the sort of thing. Learn Spanish (yet again), get my bike out and take more exercise generally (yet again), learn to play the guitar (yet again) etc etc. Perhaps if I lowered the bar a bit ?

Spring is just around the corner and one really easy thing you can do, if you are not already doing it, is to have a go at composting at home. All you need is a bit of garden (which almost all of us in East Goscote are lucky enough to have) and some form of home composter. There's a really good offer available from the Leicestershire Waste Partnership (*see details on page 7*)



The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch was on Saturday and Sunday 28th and 29th Jan. Did you take part this year? If so you may have enjoyed a blissful hour of peace and tranquillity.

I happened on this annual event quite by chance a few years ago and now look forward to one of my favourite hours of the whole year.

Visit www.rspb.org.uk for details, bird recognition chart etc. If you missed this year, make a note in next year's forward planner. It's too good to miss and costs next to nothing.




By the way, were we seeing things or did we really see the Dusky Thrush in East Goscote on its way to Derbyshire?

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For my money 'composting' just about the simplest most positive thing you can do to make your life that bit greener.

Here are the plus points.

-  Composting at home costs you very little or even nothing if you make your own composter.
-  Every day, every week, every month, every year you can cut your impact on the environment.
-  If you do it right, about twice a year you can get a useful product for your garden.



Here's a few points to get you started.

-  Decide what kind of home composter you are going to go for. Check out the LWP Special Offer - *see page 7!*
-  Countless alternatives and DIY options are available on the net or Contact Us.
-  Locate it where it will get plenty of sun and for easy access e.g. near a path.
-  Fork the soil well to allow the creepy crawlies in.
-  If possible, kick start it with a fork full of someone else's mature compost.
-  Add some twiggy stuff at the bottom, then vary its diet like this:
 - “Green” stuff like grass, fruit and veg kitchen waste - not much structure, rot down quickly.
 - “Brown” stuff like twiggy garden waste, toilet & kitchen roll cores, shredded paper etc.
-  Most composters have too many greens, not enough browns. Balance it with corrugated card.
-  My rule is if it began life as a plant, it's fair game.
-  Then weird things like household vac dust, hair, nail clippings, eggshells (scrunched up) etc.



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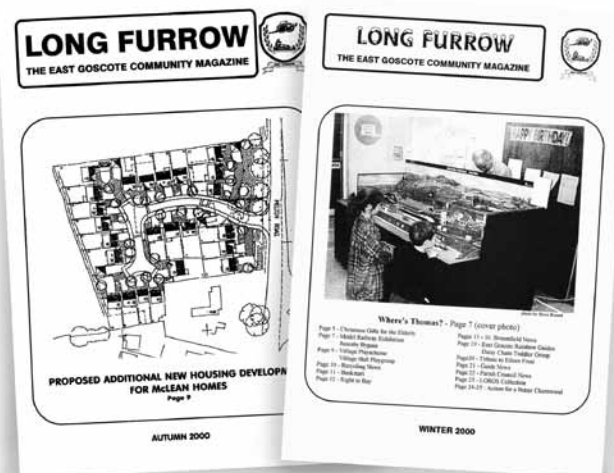
Master Composters and Waste Action volunteers promote home composting and sustainable household waste management on behalf of the Leicestershire Waste Partnership made up of Leicestershire County Council and the seven Districts of Leicestershire with Leicester City Council as an associate member. For free, impartial information and advice on composting and recycling, contact David on 2600239, 07873852372 or david.cannon9@btinternet.com

Other useful links: www.lesswaste.org.uk , www.lrrn.org , www.completewasters.co.uk , www.recyclenow.com , www.lovefoodhatewaste.com , www.leics.gov.uk , www.charnwood.gov.uk .

THE LONG FURROW - Past Covers

The year 2000 saw the introduction on the cover of issues relating to the village. The last issue of that year featured a photo on the cover for the first time. The cover was also printed on coloured paper for the first time.

Most issues of the COMMUNITY NEWS and LONG FURROW magazines can be seen in the Local Studies section of the community library.





LONG FURROW PUZZLE

This issue's puzzle is Sudoku. Simply enter numbers into the blank spaces so that **each row, column and 3x3 box** contains the numbers 1 to 9. You can do it!

			3	5		1	7
	2				7	3	6
3	1	6				5	
		3	5	9			
8	6					4	5
			6	1	8		
		7			2	9	1
1	5	9	7				2
4	3		9	1			

In the prize-draw from last issue's correct entries, the staff in the library drew out Ava's winning entry, for the £10 prize, well done Ava and well done all!

Again, all the right answers will go into a prize draw, and the lucky winner will receive **£10 PRIZE!**

As last time, simply give your answers in at East Goscote Library by the end of March with your name, address & telephone number.

Name

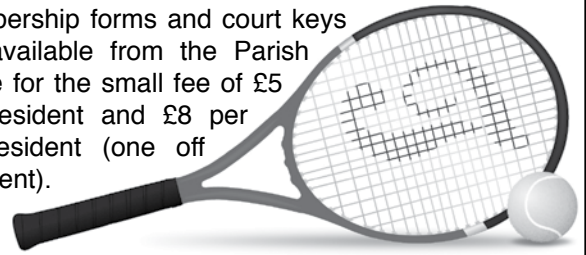
Telephone Number

Address

East Goscote Tennis Court is a huge success!

East Goscote now has its very own Tennis Court situated on the Jubilee Playing Fields and since opening has approx. 50 members.

Membership forms and court keys are available from the Parish Office for the small fee of £5 per resident and £8 per non-resident (one off payment).



Membership can be carried out through the Parish Office on Mon, Tues and Thurs 9.30 am – 12.30pm.

The court is available to be booked in one hour slots by downloading the Parish App and selecting your slot.



Alternatively you can telephone the Parish Council office on 0116 2602202, or by email to, caroline.taylor44@talktalk.net, giving your name and key number.



East Goscote VILLAGE HALL

VILLAGE HALL HAS SPACES AVAILABLE TO HIRE!

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 - Parking spaces
 - Lighting to Car Park
 - Badminton Court available
 - Disabled toilet
 - Baby-changing facilities
 - *2 hr Bouncy Castle Party Package
 - £90 per standard castle for Residents
 - £100 for Non-Residents
- Guides
 - Tetsudo
 - Brownies
 - Zumba
 - Dog Agility
 - Parties*
 - Carpet Bowls
 - Meetings
 - Weddings
 - Events

The Village Hall will be trialling a new integrated booking calendar that will be available via the Parish Council Website.

Long Furrow, East Goscote, Leicestershire LE7 3ZL **0116 260 2202**
email caroline.taylor44@talktalk.net web eastgoscotepc.org.uk

FREE DOG BAGS



As from 1st July the Parish Council Free issue Dog Bags can be collected from our Community Library.

All residents are allowed
1x pack of 50 FREE and
1x pack for 50p per month.

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