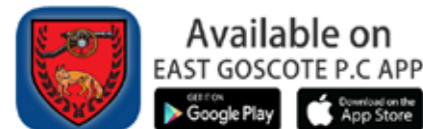


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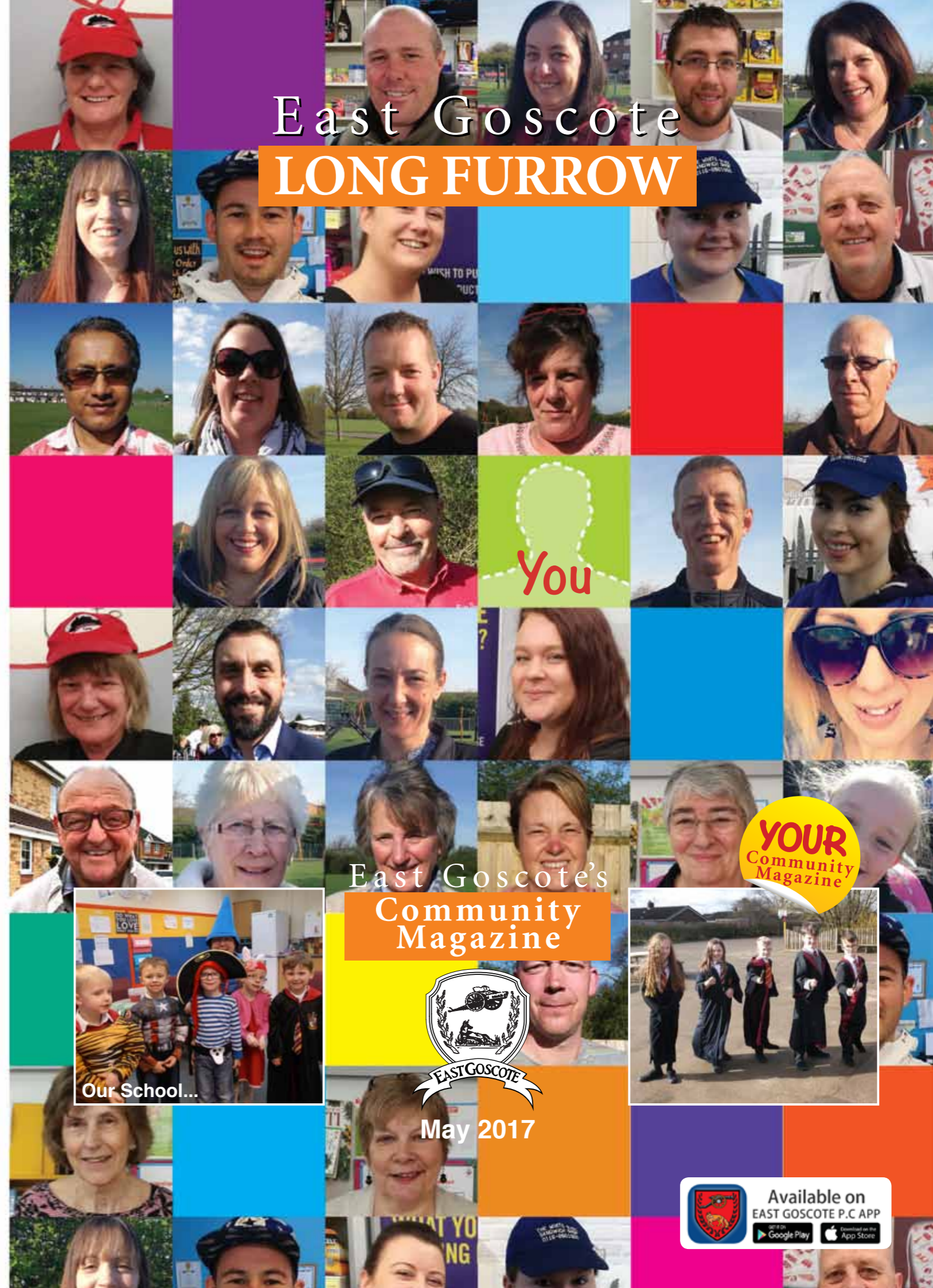
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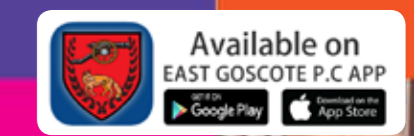


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The people on this issue's cover were snapped from a few random walks around the village. As well as the folk we met, YOU are part of our community. We frequently pass each other when walking the dog, picking up the kids, popping to the shop for milk or to Mr D's for chops! East Goscote's good, you are good... together 'we' can be even better! It's our East Goscote!

This newsletter's another place to share your news, to share your passions, to share your business, to share your views; if you have something to share with the village, let Long Furrow know. We can feature a bit about what and why you do what you do! Drop us a line.

Why don't you have a go as editor. I came on board four issues ago, to help make this mag 'look' better. Looks are one thing, but content's another. Content is down to you. If there's a need and purpose for this mag it's for you to say. *What do you think?*

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East Goscote Parish Council, Chairman's report. April 2017

Council and Staff:

This has been a very productive year for the East Goscote Parish Council having had a new website, a Big Lottery Grant for fitness equipment, new park benches, new swings and a new bus shelter, but to name a few of the projects this year.

Throughout the year the Council saw a change in Councillors.

Cllr Eden was unfortunately disqualified (due to lack of attendance) in April – and we co-opted Cllr Gonulalan in June.

We now have a full complement of 10 Councillors.

Our staff team continue to work extremely hard to ensure the village was provided with the support and services it needed.

Our Administration Assistant –Caroline Taylor has been in post since March 2015 and is thoroughly enjoying the role. Caroline is now managing the app, website and village hall and is continuing to learn all aspects of Council administration.

It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to our long serving caretaker Nick Shivers. Nick joined the council in April 2003 and left at the end of April 2016 to enjoy his retirement. He has served this village extremely well for 13 years and is loved by many village residents. Also our assistant Caretaker Peter Rowllatt resigned in December – he had worked for us since April 2011. Currently we are not replacing this role with a permanent member of staff, and are looking at temporary employment.

We have appointed our new Caretaker Charlie Cadle (May 2016), who is doing a great job and is enjoying working for the village. Charlie's quality of work is excellent – he is currently working 4 days (Part time hours) per week.

The Council had all our Full Council Minutes bound in red leather books from 1976-2016. This will keep them safe and readable for the future.

Planning Applications:

During the year 16 planning Applications have been received and considered by the Parish Council.



Further information regarding any of the above can be found by visiting the Parish Council website...
eastgoscotepc.org.uk

Section 106 Funding – Rearsby Roses

The tennis court located on the Jubilee playing field, was constructed in the Summer of 2015. Charles Lawrence completed the works to an exceptionally high standard and the court is being well utilised. It is available to residents and non-resident for a small one off fee, which allows you to access the court. Bookings can be made anytime via our Parish phone app and to date we have



issued 73 keys. This was a resounding success and a great addition to the facilities on our village - all funded by the Section 106 contribution from the Rearsby Roses site.

We are also working with LCC to improve the bus stops and install bus shelters outside the Rearsby Roses site. It has been approved to add an additional stop heading into Melton nearer to Broome Lane from its current position on Melton Road in front of the field. We hope to see this work completed by the end of May 2017.

Village Hall:

The Village Hall Committee are still doing a great job maintaining the hall, and managing the bookings and finances. Although party bookings have been down of late, there are still many users of our village hall.

The car park has been lit throughout the winter from 5pm – 9pm giving users a much safer environment when getting in and out of their cars.

The committee have installed new curtains this year, to make the hall more homely and improve the sound quality.

The committee have applied to Charnwood Borough Council for a "Community Facilities grant" for 50% of the costs of replacing the roof with a new Kingspan composite sheeting roof. This is eco-friendly and will thereby reduce the village halls carbon footprint. The insulation will also be greatly improved by having the roof replaced. They hope to hear if they have been successful by the end of April and works to install the new roof will hopefully begin in the summer. The Parish Council are trustees and have allocated funding towards this project.

The hall is also to house a new Pre-School commencing in September which is offering care from 8am to 4pm Monday – Thursday, and morning care on Friday. This will see a great benefit to the hall in terms of income and a great facility for the children of the village.

Dog Fouling:

This continues to be a constant complaint received by the Clerk and Councillors, this is despite the fact that over 50,000 dog poo bags have been issued to residents this year and there being a plentiful supply of bins around the Village

Dog Bag issues	2014	2015	2016
Free issue bags	30,900	32,950	41,700
Purchased Bags	13,800	16,400	20,400
Total Bags Issued	44,700	49,350	62,100
Total Cost	£535.30	£432.24	£681.88

Allowing your dog to foul without clearing up afterwards is totally unacceptable behaviour and we need YOUR help to catch those people responsible for spoiling our streets and green spaces. If you know an environmental offender, call 01509 634564 or email: cleaner.greener@charnwood.gov.uk.

We have now made it easier for residents to collect their dog bags, by giving them out at the village library. This gives easier access and more times for collection (hence the large increase in number given out).

Vandalism:

The cost of vandalism for March 16 – March 17 amounted to £230 which is very low compared to other years. This was mainly damage to the wet pour surfacing on the play areas. In 2015/6 the vandalism cost to the village was £100.00.



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Parish Council Chairman's report - continued

Parish Phone App/New Website

The launch of the new Parish council smart phone app continues to be a success. This allows information and services to become more accessible, engaging and convenient for all ages. The app gives the ability for residents to instantly submit a photo if they see a problem on the village, the Clerk can send out instant notifications of any news and key events on the village, and the tennis court can be instantly booked on the app. The app allows you to view council information and read the latest Long Furrow. The number of people who have installed the app stands at 240 although we expect this to keep growing. We hope to work with local organisations and the police to be able to send out more village information and crime alerts. To download the app find details at the end of this report.

Our website was re-designed in 2016 and is very user-friendly and easy to navigate through. This is another way in which we communicate with our residents and inform them of events, news, road closures etc. that may affect them.

Bus Shelter

The Parish Council has funded a new bus shelter on the Melton Road (Towards Leicester).

Next Year's Projects Include:

For next year we hope to continue with the high standard the village is maintained, mainly donate to the village hall roof replacement and we have enrolled the staff into a pension scheme as the new law was enforced.

Finally we will be considering a Christmas event of some sort this year for the elderly of the village.

East Goscote Scout Group
Summer Fete
Sunday 11th June

There will be a range of stalls
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Jubilee Playing Fields this year.

We are also hosting a
talent contest!

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Big Lottery Grant for Fitness Equipment

We are very excited to announce our success in being awarded a lottery grant to install an outdoor gym at our Jubilee Playing field. Our office staff worked very hard to achieve this grant and it is much appreciated by all. This area will be a 24/7 open access fitness area to encourage the community to become fitter, reduce obesity and to help improve the general health in our village. This project will improve facilities for adults and youngsters alike, encouraging them to exercise and improve their well-being. It is also hoped that the provision of fitness equipment will offer an alternative, positive activity for youngsters reducing the incidence of Anti-Social behaviour.



Other improvements to our play equipment this year were a new set of flat swings for the mound, and new benches to the Mound play area and village green play area.

Thank You's:

Thanks to all Councillor's past and present for all their support, my Vice Chairman John Malpus, thanks to our County Councillor Dave Houseman MBE and Borough Councillor Sue Gerrard

Thanks to a brilliant Staff team: Charlie Cadle, for his hard work in keeping this village up to an extremely high standard for East Goscote Parish Council.

To Parish Clerk Mrs Liz Pizer for all her hard work in managing the village, the pavilion and the village hall, and for her personal support to me this past year, and to Caroline Taylor, the admin assistant for her support to Liz.

To PCSO Brian Geeson for the time he spends on our village,

Thank you to the East Goscote Library volunteers and committee for their service to our residents in keeping the library open, and for working so hard to make the East Goscote Christmas celebrations a great community event once again.

And finally to all the people of East Goscote who have not only supported me, but the Parish Council, throughout this year to ensure our village continues to flourish.

S Lander
Chairman

East Goscote Library

Mr J Malpus formed a volunteer group and Management Committee who took over the library at the end of May. It is now a "community-run library". The parish council gave a £1000 donation to the management committee to help with the start-up costs although LCC still retain ownership of the building and are giving funding to the library for the first two years. The takeover has been a success and residents are now collecting their dog bags giving a better service to them. Anyone interested in getting involved in the running of the library should contact Mr Malpus.

Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Preston has worked hard to form a new "Rearsby Roses neighbourhood Watch group. New signs have been installed around the area and a facebook page has been set-up by its members. There are currently 29 out of the 60 houses signed up to the scheme. A notice was placed in the Long Furrow asking for any residents who wish to set up new areas on the village to contact Cllr Preston for help and advice.



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WHAT IS A PRECEPT? The Parish Council receives a small proportion of the local Council Tax. It does not receive any direct funding from central government. The funding collected pays for the running of the Council and the services it provides.

HOW IS IT CALCULATED? The Parish Council makes an estimate of income and expenditure for the next financial year, including some for future planned projects and/or unexpected events. It is then calculated as an amount per Council Tax Band D Property and added to the Council Tax Bill of all the dwellings within the Parish area.

HOW IS IT RAISED? Charnwood Borough Council collects your Council Tax on behalf of the Borough Council, County Council, Police, Fire and the precepts for any Parish/Town Councils in their district. It is important to note that East Goscote Parish Council's precept is just a small percentage of your overall Council Tax Bill.

HOW MUCH IS IT? This year, there is a small increase in the precept charge to East Goscote residents. The precept has an increase of 5.32%. From April 2017, the cost per average household (Band D property) has increased from £59.73 to £62.91 per annum. This is a rise of £3.18 per property for the year. Our total budget for 2017/18 amounts to £83,150, however using some of our reserves we are able to reduce our requirement to £59,350. Then taking into account the Charnwood Grant of £1,020, the precept requirement was reduced to £58,330, this figure is divided by the Council Tax base to arrive at £62.91 per Band D property.

WHY HAS IT GONE UP? Along with having to continue to absorb cuts to Central Government support grants, we have allocated a budget towards the replacement of our village hall roof, and the staff pension fund. Last year our Parish precept had a reduction of 4.4%.

HOW IS IT SPENT? Your precept is spent on maintaining the provision of all facilities and services the Parish Council offers as shown in the graphic.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS Village improvements (2016/17) include a new bus shelter on Melton Road, new swings on the Mound play area and 6 pieces of fitness equipment on the playing field. Also a new website was built and we had new benches to both Play areas. We have also had our minutes professionally bound along with the Long Furrow magazines and Community News.

During the next year (2017/18) we hope to run a Christmas event for the elderly and continue to support the Library. One of our biggest costs will be a donation to replace the Village Hall roof.

Policing East Goscote

Pcso 6507 Brian Geeson has given a detailed report to the Council AGM on the 12th of April. Details of which can be read via the Parish Council website.

"It's so important that residents take all steps necessary to protect their property from intruders. Basic crime prevention advice is to make sure that all locks to doors windows, Sheds, gates are strong and well fitted ... I would encourage residents to contact the local beat team for advice on how to make their homes extra secure. The Police will continue to work hard to prevent residents becoming victims of crime. We are dedicated and here for you"

On the 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**. All conversations will be in the strictest confidence.

Number of crimes in East Goscote for February 2016 – January 2017 is 92
 Number of crimes in East Goscote for Feb 2015 – Jan 2016 was 115

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Oct 2016	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
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Jul 2016	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
Jun 2016	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	8
May 2016	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Apr 2016	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Mar 2016	4	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Feb 2016	3	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	8
Total	32	15	0	9	15	1	14	1	0	0	4	0	1	0	92

Statistics taken from UK Crime Stats, the leading public resource for analysis and reporting of monthly crime data in England.

Team supervisor: PS 4681 Laura Millward

Current local beat officers for East Goscote: PCSO 6507 Brian Geeson, PC 1928 Ian Perry, PC 2217 Danielle Mistretta, and PC 4106 Peter Stacey,

Current local beat officers for Syston PCSO 6612 Jo Freeman, PC 1928 Ian Perry, PC 2217 Danielle Mistretta, and PC 4106 Peter Stacey.

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East Goscote Brownies

Brownies We have had another busy term, involving a French night with food facts and a home made Eiffel tower, courtesy of our new Owl Wendy who has now taken her promise with us and is officially ELF owl. We are so happy to have her in the team, she is so creative and has a huge amount of enthusiasm to add to our already great team.

We had an afternoon tea and the girls invited a special female in their lives. It was a lovely time and the cream scones were gorgeous. We are working towards a fundraising badge and the girls are filling smartie tubes with 20p pieces to raise money for a local girl Ellie who does horse riding and has been put forward for the special Olympics later this year. We are also raising money for the McMillan nurses by walking a mile around Long Furrow. A huge congratulations to Roxy Chaplin who has raised over £500 by having her

hair cut short, we are so proud of you. We are busy getting ready for our pack holiday at the beginning of May, always an exciting time for the Brownies and leaders. The girls received Easter rabbits as we finished for the holidays. I've no doubt the Summer term will be just as busy and hope we have lots of sunshine for our outdoor projects. If you have a girl between 7 and 10 years old who would be interested in joining, please call me on 01162602912
Brown Owl

East Goscote Scout Group



Scouts The Scouts have been busy as normal, never a dull moment. At the end of January the Scouts went to Walesby Scout Camp site for their winter camp. This involved many team building challenges and even sleeping in a bivi for the unlucky few.

The annual sleep over at the hut was another popular choice. With wide games and other activities and not much sleep!

Two evenings have been spent learning or enhanced their rifle shooting and archery skills at the Scout hut.

The Scouts always have a packed programme and have recently packed bags at Tesco, Syston to raise much needed funds for them to enjoy all what they do.

Cubs We have enjoyed many activities since last time you read about us. We have also had a night or two learning how to Rifle shoot. Also the Cubs walked a very muddy walk around Beadles Lake and cooked hot dogs half way round - which were all demolished in quick speed. We have learnt some basic First aid skill by completing our First aid badges stage 1 and 2. On a not so starry night the Cub did their Astronomers badge learning about constellations, planets and more. We are looking forward to the lighter nights so we can get out and about even more!



Beavers Hi there! We love sharing with you what's been happening at East Goscote Beavers apart from fun and friendship. We have had an action packed term looking at everything from international flags with flag puzzles, food from around the world and games that young people play across the world to the environment, which is where our pictures are from. We learned about the water cycle and how the earth makes water clean by letting the water drip through mud – amazing! We took part in our Log Chews which is where we share ideas with each other and the Leaders, and we thought long and hard about what it is to be a friend to each other. We have worked towards our Teamwork Challenge badge, our Global Issues badge and our International badge. Who would have thought that we could gain so many badges and have so much fun? We do have a few spaces available at the moment for young people aged between 6 – 8 years, so why not come along and join in the fun? It doesn't matter if you don't know anyone to start with – when you leave you'll have a whole new group of friends.

For more details of the East Goscote Scout Group go to eastgoscotescouts.org.uk



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New Opening Hours for the Library

From 26th April, the library opening hours will change to:

Monday	9am - 12noon
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Wednesday	10am - 12 noon
Thursday	2pm - 5pm
Friday	9am - 1pm
Saturday	10am - 1pm

The library will still stay open for 19 hours per week but will allow customers more choice about which days they visit.

Easter Raffle Some of the library volunteers ran an Easter Raffle in April in order to raise funds for the library. We would like to thank all who bought tickets and also everyone who donated a prize; including the landlord of the Wheel at Rearsby.

E-Books, E-Audio Books, E-Magazines & E-Newspapers

If you want to download any of the above it will cost you nothing in a lot of cases but If you do it in the library using your library card, it will cost you nothing.

E-Books can be downloaded from BORROWBOX through the Leicestershire County Council library website. Loans last for 21 days but can be extended if necessary. There is a chance to review before downloading.

E- Newspapers and magazines can be downloaded from the PRESSREADER website, again through the Leicestershire County Council library website.

Details on how to use these sites can be found in the library.

There are also a number of popular reference pay as you go websites which are free if you link to them through the Leicestershire County Council website.

East Goscote GARAGE SALE

Saturday June 10th

What is it? Residents of East Goscote have a second hand stall at their home similar to a stall at a car boot sale. The residents pay the library for having the stall and in return, the library will produce and distribute maps for customers, indicating where each stall is situated in the village.

The cost to residents for the stall - £5

Cost to public for the maps - 50p each.

This is a good way of getting rid of some of your clutter without loading up your car and driving to a car boot sale or even the tip!

For further details or to book a stall, call in at the library or email eglibrary@mail.com or ring 01163053105.



Have you been into the library recently?

If not, pop in, who knows where a good book might take you?



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East Goscote GARAGE SALE

Saturday June 10th

Sell your goods from your own home for a fee of £5 in aid of East Goscote Library funds. Your plot will be put on a map which the public will purchase for 50p

Maps will be on sale from the library.

For further details Ask in the library or Email eglibrary@mail.com



ROMP & RHYME

First Monday in the month at 9:00am

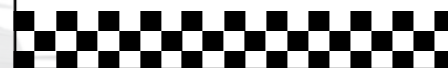
Romp & Rhyme. An activity for the very young. This will be followed by another session for the 4 to 5 year olds at 9:30.

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 MEET & GREET

PCSO Brian Geeson will be holding Meet & Greet police surgeries in the library during May, June and July; watch out for the dates. He will be in the Library between 6 and 7pm. Please be aware that he may be called away at short notice.



Watermead Challenge 2017

This year's Watermead Challenge charity run is being held at 7pm on Tuesday 11th July 2017.

There are the usual five and three mile courses. Race Director, Chris Battye commented " the two distances appeal to a range of abilities from novice runners to the more experienced. The flat lakeside course is popular as it offers the chance to achieve a personal best time."

This year's proceeds will be shared between the Leicester Branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA) and Loughborough based Mosaic Disability Services.

The event, organised by the Wreake Valley and Syston Rotary Clubs, attracted about 400 runners in 2016.

Full entry details can be found at: www.wreakevalleyrotary.org.uk.



Roundhill Sailing Association FREE Open day!

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Come to our free open day at your friendly and local sailing club.

Sunday 21st May: 9.30am – 5pm

at Roundhill Sailing Association Fosse Pool, Fosse Way, Syston LE7 1NH (in between George Walker's wood-yard and The Gate Hangs Well pub)

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Please donate your clothing and shoes to the Salvation Army Clothes Bank (Merchants Common) who are working in Partnership with the Village Hall to raise funds for a new Roof

Thank You for your support



The Charnwood Wlgs

Our March meeting gave us an insight into how to play a ukulele. With a 20 strong orchestra, "Go Ukelele Crazy - Newbold Vernon" entertained us. We had lots of favourites to sing along too including, Abba, Josephs amazing technicolored dream coat, and of course a ukulele wouldn't be complete without "I'm leaning on a lamp post"! A donation was made to intercare Syston in lieu of payment. We were then helped by each member to play the ukulele all together! It's great fun if your looking for a new hobby .

Further Activities for 2017 ...

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

and... **June 29th**, by popular demand we will be hosting **SOS FASHION SHOW** at beedles lake golf club. 7pm. Tickets £5 are available from Sharon 07849 888 752

Come and bag yourself a cheap chain store bargain ! Drinks from the bar, tea & coffee available from the Wlgs just 50p.

July 27th - Pukka 'Pacas, Leicestershire's premier alpaca farm. We're looking forward to hearing about alpacas!

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

Join us on the last Thursday of every month (Jan-Nov) at Beedles Lake Golf Club 7.30pm -10.00pm. Women aged 18+ Visitors welcome £4

For more information contact Sharon 07849 888 752

Watermead Challenge 2017

A charity 5 mile run & 3 mile run

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Tuesday 11th July 2017, 7pm at Watermead Country Park Syston Leicester LE7 1PD (north entrance)

Supporting MNDA and Mosaic



with special thanks to the Rangers of Watermead Country Park.

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Hosted by East Goscote Utd Girls FC, this project is run in partnership with the Leicestershire and Rutland FA and Wreake Valley Academy

East Goscote United invest in the FA's **Coach Mentoring Programme** which sees the development of coaches as central to the development of the game, it helps accelerates learning and supports coaches' development. As a **Charter Standard Development Club** we are continuing to expand and develop teams for children of all ages.

To find out more check **@girlsminisoccercentre** or give us a call on **07486 531 608**

BROOMFIELD Primary School

World Book Day.

On World Book Day in the morning we all made a front cover for a new edition of our favourite book as well as a blurb.

We all dressed up as a character from a book e.g Dennis the Menace, Harry Potter, Robin Hood and different types of Princesses. Everybody looked fabulous as well as the teachers. For example Mrs Round was a crayon from The Day the Crayons Quit, Mr Rowley was Shaun the Sheep and Miss Duffin was Little Red Riding Hood.

We also had an assembly where we all got given a free £1 book token. We watched a 10 minute story called that's My Monster which we all really enjoyed! After that we all had to guess what the teachers were dressed up as [it was really funny] then Mr Rowley, who was leading the assembly, showed us a selection of books that we could buy with our tokens e.g Blob by David Walliams, Peppa Pig for little children and other brilliant books! At the end of the assembly the teachers picked the best dressed person in each year and most of the people who got picked were dressed amazingly. In every lesson we wore our costumes even when we went outside. That was our fun day for World Book Day!

Tilly Goodwin, Dios Forbes and Darragh Smith-Year 4.

Brooksby Lambing Trip

On the 24th of March, Foundation went on a fabulous trip to Brooksby Melton College. We met two very funny farmers, called Farmer Carol and Farmer Rose who gave us a tour of the farm. To begin with we were allowed to run across their field as long as we promised to meet them at the gate they were walking towards. Once at the gate we sat down on a huge bench. Farmer Rose told us we had just missed the giant, who was sitting on the bench, eating his lunch. While sitting on the bench, Farmer Carol told us all about poo and why it is so important to the farm. We then got up and carried on walking until we found badger sets and mole hills. Farmer Rose showed us pictures of badgers and moles and she even pulled a mole out of her pocket! We then went into the farm yard and separated into two groups. One group went to look at a very pregnant pig and the other group looked at the animal feeders. Once we had done both activities we then walked to the very smelly cow shed. On our way out one of the cows did a big poo which we were happy about because poo makes the grass grow. Finally, we went into the lambing shed which was full of lovely new lambs. Farmer Rose got a lamb out and allowed us to stroke it (its wool was very bumpy). As we left, two lambs had just been born and we were lucky enough to get a glimpse of them. The afternoon was very enjoyable and we all had a brilliant time.



Trip to Beaumanor Hall



When we arrived at Beaumanor Hall we went into the base room and put our suitcases in there. After, we got straight on with our activities with John which was orienteering. In the evening we had dinner inside Beaumanor Hall and then we went to play hide and seek in the dark cellars. This was so much fun! On Wednesday we learnt survival skills in the woods. We had to make a den and then James threw water on it. The best bit was when we had hot chocolate around the fire. Then, before we left we got to have our photo taken inside Beaumanor Hall on the stairs.

Riley Hill and Jessica Jha (Year 3)

Shakespeare's Birthplace and the MAD Museum

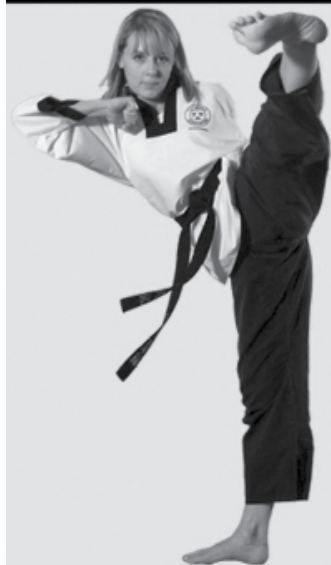
On Monday 6th February Year 5 and 6 went on a school trip to Stratford-Upon-Avon to visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and the MAD Museum. First, Year 6 went to visit the MAD Museum whilst year 5 went to visit Shakespeare's Birthplace.



At the mad museum, we learnt about mechanical art, there were exhibits such as marble runs and moving robots - everything had buttons to make them move. We stopped for lunch and then Year 6 went to Shakespeare's Birthplace whilst Year 5 went to the MAD Museum. At Shakespeare's Birthplace we did some roleplay in groups, next we performed it to Miss Allison and some tourists from other schools, we then had a look around Shakespeare's house/birthplace. Next we went back to school and we all went home. We enjoyed this trip very much and are grateful that we got to visit Stratford and its historical places.

By Ruby-Illana Branston and Kiana Bharakhada (Year 6).

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BROOMFIELD on Red Nose Day



**RED
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Friday 24 March

On red nose day people came dressed in something red, the people that came dressed in red gave a donation of £1. Leading up to red nose day red noses were on sale around the school for £1. There were lots of different red noses you could get. Frankinose was one of the rarest noses this year. In our class we made posters about red nose day, to make people aware of where the money goes and how much it can help someone. On 'Red Nose Day' other classes did similar activities. The whole school had an assembly about where the money we raised was going to. We learnt about the major issues that people around the world were dealing with and how our money would help people like that with similar conditions. We watched a video about a little boy who had lost both his parents and it helped us to understand what we were raising money for.

Since last red nose day, money has enabled charities to help people across Africa tackle issues such as immunization, malaria, education, maternal health and many others. Just £2.50 can buy an insecticide-treated mosquito net to protect a child in Africa from contracting deadly malaria while they sleep. £25 could pay for a child care assistant to work with young vulnerable children in a nursery for a week. £20 could fully vaccinate five children in Africa against five deadly childhood diseases. In the UK, just £20 could pay for a night's emergency accommodation and support for a family who've fled domestic violence. In the UK one in four people will experience mental health issues over the course of a year. £25 could pay for someone, who's battling with mental health issues, to attend counselling and learn coping strategies that will help them recover. All the money goes to different places over the world to treat different illnesses, poverty and other issues similar.

By Olivia Layton

On red nose day we had the choice to wear something red. The people that came dressed in red and gave a donation of £1. Our red noses sold greatly using over 3 boxes. The red noses in 2017 were, Dr Nose, Nose-it-all, Snuffles, Sniffer, DJ Boogie, Norse Nose, Snootankhamun, Sneezecake, The Snorcerer and Frankinnose. The rarest nose to find was Frankinnose. In our class we made posters about red nose day and learnt about where the money goes and how much it could help someone. Other classes did similar activities. On red nose day the whole school had an assembly about where the money, that we raised, would go. In the assembly we learnt about the major issues people around the world were dealing with and how our money would help people with similar conditions. We watched a video about a little boy who had lost both his parents and it helped us understand what we were raising money for.

Red nose day is a time of year to help people who suffer from malaria, mental health, domestic violence, immunisation, and education. The most effective way to deal with a problem is to fight it before it starts. We raise money to help people all over the world which suffer illnesses poverty or other illnesses.

I think red nose day is a successful event and helps people from across the world fight illnesses, poverty and other issues.

By Nell Atkins





Greetings from St. Hilda's Church

East Goscote has looked beautiful this spring. I have been thrilled with the church garden, all thanks to Geoff Hickling. He has worked very hard to produce a very colourful show. "Little Fishes" has really taken off, it's an enjoyable time for both adults and children. The children under Andrea's guidance, produce some excellent work. Everyone present has a relaxed, social and rewarding time. Messy Church, for older children, is equally successful. WELL DONE to all who attend in whatever role you do.

Maundy Thursday was extra special for our church member Jessie Hawes a long serving church member, in fact she was here before the actual building was built!!

Jessie has been invited by the Queen to the Cathedral to meet her and receive the Maundy Purses, one red and one white. Jessie really deserves this honour.

Our invitation to join us in church is still open, if distance or mobility issues are preventing you coming then please contact the churchwardens and we will be pleased to arrange transport. We would be so pleased to see you.

Watch out for posters of Church Activities, you will be greeted with pleasure, and of course, you are very welcome.

Gill Morton & Ian Clarke

East Goscote Friendship Club Would you like to make some new friends, learn a bit, laugh a lot and enjoy a friendly chat over a cup of tea? If you think "YES" East Goscote Friendship Club is for you. We meet the 2nd and fourth Wednesday afternoon every month 2pm-4pm

We try to have a lively programme that is very varied and endeavour to cater for all tastes both men and women, its ideal on a grey wet day, its a pleasure on a sunny day. Why not give us a try its only £2 on the afternoon which includes tea and biscuits – plus annual subs of £5 if you try us and would like to come again. If you have problems getting to the club let Gill Morton know and she will arrange transport for you. A warm Welcome awaits.

Gill, Lynn, Jessie, Glenys

An INVITATION for ALL! We are a caring friendly and happy set of people. We would love to welcome your family into our church.

Messy Fishes! It's a strange title for an article perhaps, but what else could we call the combining of two of the groups who meet at St Hilda's church when they came together to celebrate a couple of important days in our calendar.

Little Fishes is our parent/carer and toddler group which meets at St Hilda's every Wednesday afternoon from 1.30pm to 3.00pm in term time. We play, chat, and enjoy refreshments, sing songs and the children do a craft activity which reflects the theme for the afternoon. Last term we were looking at 'God knows all about me' and had great fun. Messy Church meets every second Thursday in the month from around 3.30pm to 5.30pm for parents/carers and children, we play games, do craft activities, listen to a bible story, pray, sing and make as much mess as the church wardens will let us get away with and then share a meal together.

So when we decided to join together for a Mother's day event 'Messy Fishes' had to be the name. We had a fantastic afternoon making some lovely crafts, chatting and enjoying cream teas in the church with over 60 people coming along. Our second event leading up to Easter day was also a time of craft activities with an Easter theme, there was an edible Easter garden, a quiz following through the story of Jesus' week from Palm Sunday to his joyous resurrection on Easter Sunday, sand art and pizza making were also a great hit as were the refreshments of cakes, hot cross buns and drinks. Again the event was very well attended and made the amazing story of Jesus' death and resurrection accessible to all in a thought provoking and engaging way.

Messy Church and Little Fishes are open to anyone and we would love to welcome you there and also at our special events, so keep a look out for our new Facebook page and see what's happening.

God Bless

Tim (Vicar of St Hilda's)

Afternoon Tea Timers

We meet every Tuesday afternoon 2-4pm for a chat, tea and cake, board games and much more. This last Tuesday everybody came with an Easter Bonnet for our parade and enjoyed Easter cakes and laughter. Thank you all who took part your hats were fantastic, I must make a special mention Dawn came dressed as a bunny girl very fetching well done. Once a month we all have a meal together. Please feel free to come and join us you never know you might have a new board game or card game to teach us or just pop in for a chat and a happy afternoon.



Charity Crafters

We meet every Tuesday Evening 7-9pm in the church Centre. We knit and crochet for local charities. We have one lady who cannot attend but sends a big bag of knitting in jumpers, blankets, and hats for which we are very grateful. If you would like to join our friendly little bunch just call in on a Tuesday evening. If you can't knit or crochet but would like to learn we have ladies who can show you how.



A warm and friendly welcome awaits. We send a lot of our items to a local charity called Intercare based in Syston, Some goes further afield we have sent knitted mice to Battersea dog and cat rescue Teddys for children who need something to cuddle when everything else is swept away.

Tricia, Jessie, Dawn & Glenys
0116 260 9088



Your news from Bizzy Bees Preschool.

Well we have had such fun challenging our physical skills; exploring our community; engaging our creativity and demonstrating our caring skills in our play to name but a few of the things we have done.

At Preschool we daily keep very active in our lovely garden, have tried balancing on beams; negotiated space with the ride-ons; Kicked/thrown balls at targets or in nets; balanced on stilts and played chasing games. Alongside all of this we have explored space on the School playground; explored the School equipment and enjoyed playing on the village play area.

Some of you may have seen us out and about in the village as we have enjoyed using the Library and enjoyed some village walks, especially exploring our local shops, one shop keeper created a treasure hunt for the children; the Butcher talked to the children about what he sold and The Pharmacist told us about what they do. Thank you for being so welcoming!

Alongside our usual creative experiences of painting, collaging, singing/instruments, playdough we have challenged these abilities further by creating dens in our garden and exploring cornflour/soapflakes mixing in food colourings, glitter to mix colours/textures. It goes without saying that the messier the better for some children, they absolutely wallow in these creative/open ended experiences.

Many of our children have a keen interest in animals and as such we focused some learning opportunities on this topic. We cared for many poorly animals in our Animal Hospital; we played with an assortment of other animals on table top areas, animals in circle time such as Kim's games, Who's nose is whose; we painted animal pictures and shared lots of animal related stories.

It's always busy, but most importantly great fun, at Bizzy Bees!

Bye for now from Helen, Dianne, Sarah, Tasha, Lisa, Jayne, Angela and Vicky.

Bizzy Bees Preschool,
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Syston QT Theatre Group

Only a few weeks to go now before we present our next play, "The Opposite Sex" by David Tristram! The play will be performed at The Old Chapel, in Chapel Street, Syston, from Tuesday 16th May to Friday 19th May. As usual, the play will start at 7.30pm and we shall be serving refreshments and holding a raffle every evening. Tickets are priced at £8.00 (£7.00 concessions) and there is wheelchair access. For ticket enquiries, please contact Dorothy Surtees on 0116 260 6561.



'Gillian Bowler, Paul Puttnam and Sally Portsmouth will be appearing, with Ron Berry, in "The Opposite Sex" by David Tristram.

David Tristram summarises the play with these words: "Mark, Vicky, Judith and Eric only have one thing in common. And when they find out what it is, all hell's going to break loose!" The four characters are played by a wonderful team of actors; Ron Berry, Sally Portsmouth, Gillian Bowler and Paul Puttnam. Rehearsals have been a joy for me to direct and, even after several weeks, we are still bursting out laughing at many of the lines and the actors' facial expressions. Why not come along to see the play and find out for yourself?! It is a very funny play but it does have a few risqué moments so I would suggest that it is not suitable for under 15s.

Once again, here is a reminder as to where The Old Chapel is. Situated on Chapel Street, a turning off the High Street and almost opposite Hair Design by Wayne, there is a large free car park next-door and plenty of other free parking nearby.

Do you fancy having a go yourself? We always want new members, not only as actors but also to help with directing, backstage work, props, lighting and sound, etc. If anyone is interested in joining the group, or would like further information, please feel free to contact me on 07702 879 006, or our Secretary, Margaret, on 0116 260 9663.

Judith Latham – Chairperson,
QT Theatre Group

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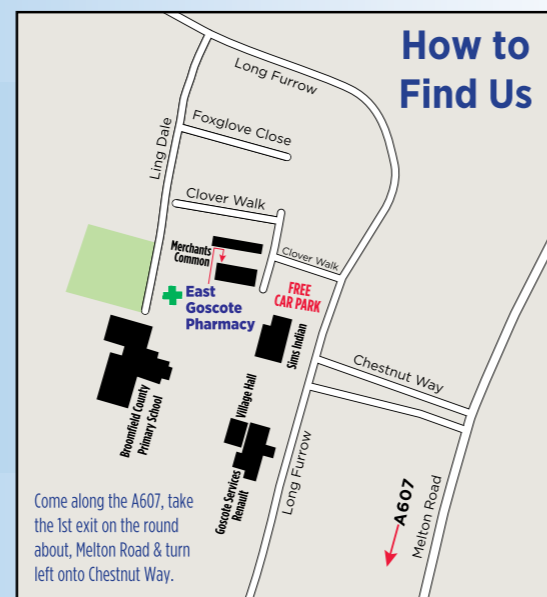
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SPRING IS SPRUNG Nature is bursting into new life all around and that includes the mainly well-kept gardens of East Goscote.

If you haven't tried composting yet, now is a good time to get started.

A bargain price composter (or two) is still available courtesy of the Leicestershire Waste Partnership Special Offer. See the Get Composting promotion below. If you have space for them, I recommend one or two of the 330 ltr bins. Black is slightly more efficient in attracting solar energy and green is perhaps slightly more aesthetically pleasing but the real beauty is in what it does, not what it looks like.



If you have been composting, now is a good time to make use of the mature compost. Here's what I do:

- Don't bother with the little door – it's useful for small samples only.
- Spread out a tarpaulin or sheet of polythene next to the composter.
- Put your gloves on to stop the micro-organisms from creeping underneath your finger nails!
- Remove the lid, grab the top of the bin and rock it to and fro until it comes loose.
- Lift the bin off the heap and relocate the composter if possible.
- Slice off the top third of the compost with a garden fork and put it back into the composter.
- You can riddle the mature compost and use the fine stuff for potting or top-dressing.
- Use the rest as a mulch to improve soil structure, fertility and water retention.
- If you were able to relocate the composter, grow something new in the old location.



THE GREEN PLACE at 6 Cossington Road Sileby (next door to Chine House Vets) is open again and is home to my practical Compost Corner demonstration area. Over the Winter we have been working to improve Compost Corner and indeed the whole visitor centre which is a demonstration of all things Green. It's a lovely oasis for all the family to explore. There's a Fairtrade Café, ethical gift shop, cosy yurt, wildlife garden, craft days, workshops, events, outdoor films, tree-house hideaway, second-hand books etc. The great thing for us at East Goscote is that all this, which is unique in the area, is just a few minutes away so it doesn't cost the Earth.



A CHANGE TO TEXTILE RECYCLING Until recently Charnwood Borough Council had an arrangement with the MIND Charity to distribute textile recycling sacks which could be left out for collection next to your green wheelie bin. This has not worked well for various reasons and has now been withdrawn. So what to do with clean, dry, wearable clothing and textiles (but not duvets), paired wearable shoes, handbags, gladrags, soft toys etc? Well my first choice is always direct to the charity of your choice of which there are many in Syston for example but don't leave them on the doorstep when the shop is closed. Secondly, in East Goscote, we have the excellent Salvation Army clothing bank which is emptied by Sally's Army staff and goes to local SA shops or to Sally's plant at Kettering for sorting and redistribution. Third choice is other clothing banks and innumerable charity sack collections. Textiles of this type should never go in either black or green wheelie bins.

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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.

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East Goscote United FC



We've reached the end of another busy season here at East Goscote United F.C. and our managers and coaches would like to congratulate all our players on their continued hard work and dedication.

We are absolutely delighted to have been nominated this year for two FA Community Awards supported by McDonalds; the FA Charter Standard Development Club Award and the People's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Community Football. Our chairman Simon and the club's committee have been working tirelessly to increase girls' participation in the sport. Simon started coaching when his daughter Anna was just five years old and he soon realised the limited opportunities that were available to her in the local area as she progressed through the game. Simon decided to do something about this and thanks to his efforts East Goscote United now includes around 45 girls who will play next season in teams at U15s, U13s, U11s, U8s, U7s and an ever-expanding academy for our youngest players. Alongside this, one of our younger volunteers, Alex, has established the club's mini soccer center, held on Tuesdays at Wreake Valley Academy, where girls can develop their interest in football in a fun environment without the commitment of joining a team.

We are always looking to strengthen our squads, so whatever your level of football from complete novice to playing competitively, we are the right club for you, so why not give us a call.



Two of our girls' teams will once again be attending the SSE Women's Cup Final held at Wembley Stadium in May and our U15s are embarking on a journey a little further afield as they travel to Barcelona in June to participate in an International girls football tournament.

The girls are very excited about this opportunity and I am sure they will do the club proud both on and off the pitch.

Finally, we are pleased to announce our newly established partnership with Loughborough University to offer coaching opportunities for four Sports Development Undergraduates on a rolling contract and are delighted to welcome to the club Henry, Safi, Suhaib and Bison for the remainder of this academic year.



East Goscote Tennis Court

East Goscote now has its very own Tennis Court situated on the Jubilee Playing Fields

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

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Sue Gerrard *Charnwood Borough Councillor for East Goscote*

May I take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Dave Houseman OBE who is stepping down as the County Councillor for East Goscote, I wish him well and hope it is not the last we see of him. Many thanks Dave for all that you have done for many of us and your support you have given to me. Thank you.

Concerning the work being carried out by contractors for **Virgin Media**, I have received several complaints about the workmen using foul language. Also the mess they leave behind, Stuart who's phone number is 07779586868 would like to hear of any complaint no matter how small. He is a complaints manager at Virgin, and he listens to what people are saying. So please get in touch with him, as Stuart said *'This is not acceptable from the people we give contracts to'*.

Rearsby Roses – Traffic calming, papers have been agreed and the 278 has been signed. The work should be programmed in with the County Council, and I will be updated when the time scale for the works to take place. I am still working with the Enforcement officer at Charnwood regarding the children's play area.

Street lighting – County Hall say "Street/road junctions are the only areas which have street lamps on all night." I was informed other street lighting is turned off at midnight, unless an incident takes place. I'll be asking for our county councillor to lobby for more street lighting after midnight.

Dog Show: On May 20th this year, Gill Morton is holding a dog show at St Hilda's Church. It will be a fun show, a Vet from Melton will be judging. Please bring your pooch along and support Gill. All the proceeds will go to the Cinnamon Trust which takes care of pets, at no charge, when any single person goes into hospital.

The library has just had another very successful raffle, this time it was Easter orientated. Easter eggs decked the counter at the library. A big thank you to those who donated a prize. Without your help, money could not be raised to help keep the library open. Also thank you to the volunteers who work shifts at the library, well done & keep up the excellent work.

The Watermead Regeneration Corridor; although the boundaries of East Goscote do not touch the riverside – jobs will be created for the surrounding villages and towns. **Loughborough University Science Park.** Land on the old AstraZeneca site is already being developed, it is envisaged that thousands of jobs will be created. Also the upgrading of the M1 at junction 23, will make it easier to both access and leave the motor way for the Science park.

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