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Much has happened over the last few months. Of course, some big news is that our Library is now open again and controlled by the East Goscote community - see the centre pages >>

Broomfield School is seeing changes, and we wish all the best to some longstanding members of staff who are moving on. Our kids will never forget you guys - thanks, and best wishes for the future!

We hope you might find something new in these pages - if not, perhaps you could send something in for others to discover? It's your East Goscote, it's your Long Furrow.

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# Parish Council Report May-July 2016

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An equally friendly face, however will now continue that role - Mr Charlie Cadle. We wish him the best of luck as our caretaker and are delighted to welcome him on board.

We have also seen a new councillor co-opted, Mr Mehmet Gonulalan, on 8th June. Cllr. Gonulalan has lived in East Goscote since 2015 and has a background in law and ethical compliance. Our AGM on 11th May saw Sally Lander re-elected as Chairman and likewise John Malpus has been re-elected to serve as vice chairman for another year.



Cllr. Mehmet Gonulalan

We now have a full council again with enthusiastic councillors holding a wealth of skills and talents to serve the needs of the village.

East Goscote Parish council has also been busy improving our green spaces and buildings. The village hall has had roof repairs and the pavilion has had some interior decoration and improvements.



We received feedback from residents on the new Ling Dale play area equipment and many of you said more seating was required. Well you asked, we listened! A new circular picnic bench was installed at the end of June. We felt that the choice of blue was very apt considering success of Leicester City Football Club.

The Parish Council website has also had a revamp and can be found at [eastgoscotepc.org.uk](http://eastgoscotepc.org.uk) Do check it out as it has a wealth of information useful to village residents. For real time information and alerts, don't forget our very popular parish app. It is the first of its kind in the country for a village council, with downloads increasing each month. You can check events, meeting times, contact the council and even advertise your own group or event. Available for iPhone, android and tablet users.



Free dog waste bags are now exclusively available from the community library during its usual opening times and will NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. Any village resident may take a pack of biodegradable dog bags for free once a month and purchase an extra pack for 50p. We encourage all dog owners to take advantage of this service and remind them to pick up after their furry friends to ensure our village remains a clean and pleasant one.

The community library has got off to a fantastic start, all thanks to Cllr. Malpus, Angela Malpus and the dedicated and generous volunteers. See the centre spread Page 10-11. Both the library and the village hall rely on charitable donations. If you wish to contribute to either of these worthy causes details can be found on Page 13.

Finally, the council planted some lasting tributes to HM Queen Elizabeth on her 90th Birthday. An oak tree was planted on the Chase and the children threw seed bombs of native wild flowers and cornflowers (See full article on Page 15). We hope that they will continue to flower in subsequent years as a reminder of the celebrations. The flowers should be in bloom soon along the side of the tennis courts.

The tennis courts are available for use by booking and placing a key deposit. A great idea to keep fit or entertain children over the summer (see info on Page 20)

East Goscote Parish Council is here to reflect and serve the needs of its residents. If you have any comment or complaint, please get in touch via the clerks or councillors. Contact details can be found on the website, app or public notice boards.



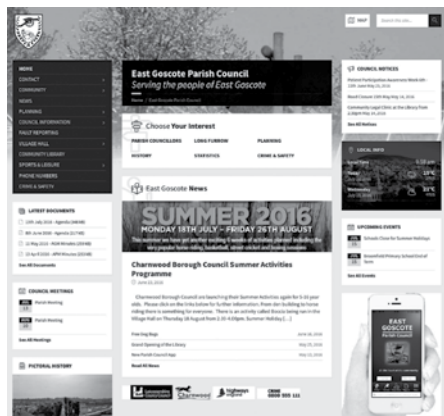
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## News from Borough Council.

**The new cemetery on Millstone Lane** in Syston is proceeding well, and I'm on the panel that is helping to guide the development. It will be known as the Syston and District Cemetery, the entrance is on Millstone Lane in Syston.

**Invitations to the Queens Garden Parties** at Buckingham Palace, used to be for the chair and the clerk of parish councils. Earlier this year the LRALC which organises this changed this arrangement, it was passed that now it is two deserving persons that can be nominated. So if you have one or two names, could you pass them to Sally (council chairperson) Liz the clerk, or myself. All the names are put into a hat, and then names are pulled out and notified. Also on the same format, Charnwood Borough Council has asked all Borough Councillors to forward names of "Unsung Hero's". I have asked Trish Marsland, and she has accepted the invitation, there are others to follow as well. If you know of a person that fits the "Unsung Hero" can you let me know please so I can forward them to Charnwood.

**Speeding**, this is something that we are concerned about. At last the police have taken speed checks on the Melton Road, where the County Council and David Wilson Homes are in talks about traffic calming. Yes I am fully supporting this, but also I have asked the Parish Council to have on the agenda about reducing the village speed limit to 20 miles per hour.

**Melton Road in Syston** will be closed for 6 weeks. From Millstone Lane to Parkstone Road. Starting from August 2nd of this year.

**The library** hand over went very well, I managed to get our MP Ed Argar along to it. He was very impressed with what John Malpus, Laurie Needham and the volunteers have achieved, well done all of you.

Finally I would very much like to thank every one who has supported the two raffles I set up, so far you have raised £100 for a defibrillator. Thank you and if any one had a idea on fund raising, then please let me know.

Sue Gerrard

East Goscote Borough Councillor

## Broomfield School

Since last September Broomfield's Garden Club has been extremely busy growing, looking after and harvesting lots of produce. The whole school has been involved by planting the seeds for Garden Club to nurture. We also planted seeds and plants to attract bees and butterflies into our School Garden. These helped to pollinate our fruit and vegetable plants giving us lots of delicious produce. Perhaps you have seen some of the plants at the front door and in Nichol's nook as well as the kitchen garden?

We plan to put the produce to good use when school starts back in September by making soups, chutneys, jams, tarts and perhaps much more.

**All this delicious food will be available for purchase at our 2nd Farmers Market to be held on Thursday 6th October – more details will be available on Broomfield Primary School's website [www.broomfieldprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.broomfieldprimaryschool.co.uk)**

**If you would like to have your own stall at our Farmers Market or you wish to help in any way**, please call the office (0116 2606704) when School returns after the summer break or come in and see us when School starts again on Tuesday 30th August.

**Other news:** We said a very sad farewell to two long-standing teachers at Broomfield. Mrs Grainger, who has been at Broomfield for 24 years and Mrs Bramley who joined Broomfield 14 years ago. We wish them both well for the future and thank them for their dedication and commitment while with our school. We will remember, with great fondness and laughter, your farewell song during our last celebration assembly of the year.



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### Inspiring and educating

We invest in the future by helping people of all ages to gain a greater appreciation and understanding of nature. Children can take part too – our junior club Wildlife Watch is for young people who want to find out more about wildlife, make friends and have fun.

### Research and survey

We monitor, study and survey the wildlife of our counties to identify special places and important species, to inform management and promote nature conservation; and to protect local biodiversity.

### Speaking out

We campaign for wildlife, protecting threatened habitats like wildflower meadows and rare species such as ospreys, otters, bats and water voles.

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Please note that we do not offer a 'learn to run' group at the present time

## A fresh start from the new Syston Rotary Club

A new Rotary Club is being formed in Syston to cover the north Leicester area.

It's for men and women who want to make a difference in the local community whilst having fun and meeting new people.



Recent events have included a Curry Night, Sausage making at Gamble and Hollis in Syston, the July Watermead Challenge charity run supporting Alex's Wish and a sponsored walk from Bradgate Park to Mountsorrel in aid of the new Bradgate Park Visitor Centre.

Future events include a September Beer Festival in Syston on 2nd and 3rd September to tie in with Syston Carnival.

The new club is being sponsored by the existing Wreake Valley Rotary Club. You can find out more at

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Photos show sponsored walkers at the Bradgate Park Visitor Centre and the Mountsorrel Buttercross, and sausage maker Fiona Pimm with butcher John Gamble.



## East Goscote Cub Pack



The Cubs have been up to many activities over the past few months and have worked hard towards many badges. Recently they have completed their Athletes Badge and Blackwood cooking badge, where toasting marshmallow and cooking bread were a highlight. We visited a Hindu temple as part of their world challenge badge.

They also joined in the District It's a Knock out where they all experienced many types of bouncy castles and lots of water. Even Akela got dragged into the fun and has the scars to prove it.

The Group is celebrating 40 years and all the sections Scouts, Cubs, and Beavers descended on Oak Campsite. The weekend had many activities for all to join in including widegames, cooking, archery and a traditional campfire. A good time was had by all and it was great to see so many members there.

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## 1st East Goscote



The Rainbows have been very busy this term working towards the Rainbow Roundabout Seasons badge. The girls made bean bag bats using black socks



and lentils, marshmallow igloos and popcorn bird feeders. To celebrate Father's day, we invited

dads and grandads in to join us for a Daddy/Daughter quiz night, won by Megan and her dad, and to join us for a cup of tea. We are hoping to complete the term with a trip to Watermead Country Park for games and a barbecue (weather dependent). This term we say goodbye to Emily, Sara and Megan and wish them well as they move on to Brownies.



I have taken the decision to step down as Rainbow leader at the end of term and I am delighted that Claire and Amie have agreed to take over responsibility for the unit in order to allow it to continue. There has been a Rainbow unit in the village for 21 years, which has allowed the youngest members of the Girlguiding family to meet once a week and have fun with their friends. I am very grateful to Amie and Claire for agreeing to continue and am sure they will bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the unit.

Both Alex and Josie have agreed to continue as helpers and I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to them both for all their hard work and support. A massive thank you also to Millie and Kirstie, who will both be leaving for university in October. They have been an absolute asset to the unit and a pleasure to work with, I'm sure the girls will miss them both. We would all like to wish them the very best as they begin their life at university.

Sue Riley (Rowan) - Millie (Daffodil), Amie (Rose), Alex (Sunflower), Josie (Pansy) and Kirstie.

## East Goscote



It's been quite a term at East Goscote Brownies, starting on April 1st with a trip to the BBC studios and the Imperial War Museum, both based at Media city in Manchester. The coach left East Goscote at 8am with some very excited Brownies on board. We arrived half an hour earlier than our tour time, so our driver took us for a drive around the outside of Old Trafford football stadium.

The tour began with a chance for the girls to sit in one of the chairs that appear on "The Voice", followed by a photo by Dr Who's Tardis, a chance to present on CBB's, reading the weather on Newsround, a look around the sound effect studio and lots more. Our picture shows half of our group in the Blue Peter studio's which I was really excited about and I had worn my Blue Peter badge from when I was a child. We then went around the museum which was really interesting. We arrived back around 8pm after a wonderful day.

In May we celebrated her majesty the Queen's 90th birthday, making crowns, bunting and table decorations and after a lovely chorus of the national anthem, the Brownies tucked in to quite a feast.

We have had a very busy time and we finished off with our annual fishing trip to Rearsby brook. The Brownies were soaked within the first ten minutes and managed to find lots of tiny fish.

Although it was cloudy, we were lucky that it was warm and the girls could sit outside when they'd dried off to enjoy a drink, crisps and sweets given out by the Brownies leaving our pack to start Guides. The week was completed by my surprise for Laura (Fluffy Owl) who has just celebrated her 21st birthday. I took her off in the pouring rain with no idea where we were going. Fluffy is mad about Owls and has a huge collection, so it seemed appropriate to take her to the Owl centre in Rutland. Despite the weather we saw all the owls in a natural habitat and as the rain stopped we had an opportunity to choose an owl to hold. Fluffy picked a huge one called Scooby.

I would recommend a visit over the holidays if you have time to spare.

I would like to wish all the Brownies good luck as they move to guides and we will look forward to meeting our new Brownies in September.

Brown Owl



Brownies in the Blue Peter studio's



Brownies and the Queen's 90th birthday,



Brownies' annual fishing trip

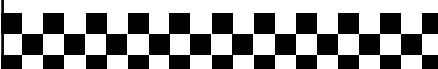


Laura (Fluffy Owl) and Scooby.

### POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Brian Geeson will be holding a surgery in the library between 6pm and 7pm on Tuesday 30th August.

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# Library News

The training of volunteers was completed on May 28th and the staff of East Goscote Community Library were ready for action!

The handover of East Goscote Library to the community officially took place on Saturday 4th June and normal lending service recommenced on the following Monday. The library was officially reopened by Gemma Denham, a local illustrator and author of childrens' books.

After the cutting of the ribbon, the public were able to go into the library to see the changes that have been made to the layout of the shelves. They were also able to sample cakes donated by Charnwood WIGS and a hot drink.

On Sunday morning John Malpus made his way to Melton to appear live on 103TheEye. He was interviewed about community libraries and East Goscote in particular.

Initially, few changes will be made until all of the volunteers are confident with the management system. There are plans to introduce various activities to the library, the first of which will be Romp & Rhyme, an activity for the very young. This will be held on the first Friday of each month starting on July 1st at 9:30am.

The Trustees would like to thank the following for their help in whatever way - Leicestershire Council, East Goscote, Rearsby and Queniborough Parish Councils, Voluntary Action Leicestershire, Charnwood WIGs, The retiring librarians Ruth and Alison, The various Church organisations, Tricia Marsland, Josiah Hincks, members of the communities of East Goscote and the surrounding areas, East Goscote Pharmacy and our volunteers.

The library still needs volunteers especially on Saturdays. Even 3 hours once a month would be a help. Funds are also needed and so we ask that you try to support our events. With regards to this, would a Friends of East Goscote Library be supported by residents? A suggestion that has been made would be that each member pays £24 per year and each quarter a draw would be made and the winner of the first three draws would win a minimum of £50 and the winner of the fourth draw would win a minimum of £90. For this to work we would need a minimum of 20 members. Comments please to the Library.



John and Angela Malpus being presented with the keys to the library by Lorraine Selby

## Your Community Library is now back on stream. The old, traditional library services are still with us but we are planning to offer more!

From July 1st we have been holding our monthly ROMP & RHYME for the tiny tots. This is a session for young children who are told poems and stories as well as singing along to their favourite nursery rhymes. Each session, which is held on the first Friday of the month, will start just after 9:15 and will last approximately 30 minutes. We expect a donation for this service which will go into library funds.

Also from July 1st, we have been distributing dog bags on behalf of the Parish Council. The cost is the same: one free bag per month and 50p for any extra.

In the near future, we will be holding talks as well as games evenings, quizzes and a Book Club if there is enough interest. There are several other ideas we are looking at.

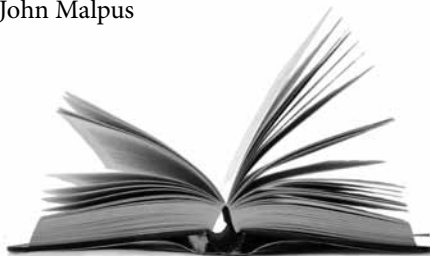
Did you know that you can hire the library for meetings: call into the library for details.

There are several free services on the library computers which are normally chargeable on your personal computers! Most of the online newspapers are available as well as a lot of popular magazines. In addition Ebooks and Eaudios are available free; as well as some of the family history sites and many reference books. Call in for more info.

In the library, we have second-Hand books and DVDs for sale as well as new childrens' books and 8Gb flash drives for the computer experts. In addition to the above, you can also sit and work on a Jigsaw in the Jigsaw Corner.

To continue, the library needs your support. You can register with the library free of charge and take out up to 12 books at a time for up to three weeks. The library also needs to pay its way and so any contributions will be welcome. In the last edition, we showed how purchasing goods on line can help us. Easyfundraising is easy to use and no personal information is asked for.

John Malpus



Library Opening hours are...

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Tuesday	2 - 7
Thursday	2 - 5
Friday	9 - 1
Saturday	10 - 1



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*“the moment  
that we persuade  
a child, any child,  
to cross that threshold,  
that magic threshold into  
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their lives forever,  
for the better”*,

President Barack Obama



The language in books will enrich a child's vocabulary. It's often far richer than our daily conversational range and style.

A richer vocabulary only helps boost self-esteem  
and communications skills

## I love my library because...

A few years back, Leicestershire County Council's 'Communities and Wellbeing Service' surveyed library users...

...everyone makes me feel welcome, I get to talk to someone new and meet new friends, have a go at different activities I wouldn't probably think about i.e. knitting, sugar crafting and meeting authors at specific events. Thank you to you all.

...without it I couldn't read all the wonderful books which I love so much.

...to read the books, relaxes me, to gain sources of knowledge of which has helped me throughout my life. Many thanks for the help of the staff.

...I step through the door and I am no longer in Coalville. I'm in 18th century Britain or a parallel world. The authors provide escape.

...where would we be without books?

...I can't ever afford to buy all the books I want to read, and how would I ever discover new authors?

...as an elderly pensioner I enjoy the books, they are so nice ordering books for me it makes it an enjoyable social outing when I come in ALL libraries should remain open. Once closed they will never re open when the economy booms again (and it will) we will have no libraries!

...it helped keep my children (now all in their 40's) amused, educated and quiet – my grand children are now benefiting.

...it's a peaceful environment, educational and entertaining and most importantly free!

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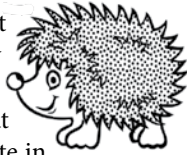
**Romp & Rhyme** This activity for tiny tots features music, rhyme and story. Each session, which starts at 9:00 and will have a theme:

Sept 1st Opposites                      Oct 6th Animals & Birds  
Nov 3rd Fireworks/Celebrations    Dec 2nd Winter Weather

These are followed at 10:00 by another group for 3 to 6 year olds.

**Gemma Denham**, a local author and illustrator of childrens books, will be reading to children in the library on Thursday August 25th at 3:00pm

**Hedgehogs.** Hedgehogs are one of our favourite wild mammals, yet their numbers are fast dwindling. How much do you really know about them? The Library's holding a talk on 24th August for the public to learn more about this fascinating mammal, and how to participate in the growing movement to conserve its population in the UK.



**Where in the World.** An illustrated quiz asking where in the world are we will be held on Friday September 8th at 7pm

**Reading Group! Reading Together for Relaxation & Refreshment.** We would like to start a reading group. A shared reading get-together bringing a sense of well-being which will refresh and renew you! Lasting about one hour to include tea/coffee. We simply ask you pay as you feel - a suggested donation towards your library, £2.00. To find out more call or email Carole on 07724089164 carole.clohesy@gmail.com

We would also like to start a **book club**, and if anyone is interested in this or perhaps suggesting another group or idea for the library, please just let us know at the library.

More hedgehog info page 19!

## FRIENDS of EGCL

We are considering starting a Friends group - a means of raising library funds. We need at least 20 members to make it viable.

**Win £50?** Each member pays £24 per year or £6 per quarter. Three times per year we will draw out a members name and that person will win a minimum of £50. A fourth draw made just before Christmas will result in a minimum of £90. The more members we have, the higher the prize money. If we get enough members we could increase the number of prize draws.

If anyone is interested, please leave your details at the library.

## Easy Fund Raising [EASYFUNDRAISING.CO.UK](http://EASYFUNDRAISING.CO.UK)

Whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to holiday, and business purchases - you could be raising a free donation for East Goscote Community Library?

Nearly 3,000 retailers are on board ready to make a donation; Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline, Viking, Parcelforce, DHL, Staples and Sainsbury's - *it doesn't cost you a penny extra!*

**It's really simple**, all you have to do is:

- 1 **Join.** Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/eastgoscote/> and sign up for free. No personal or business details are required.
- 2 **Shop.** Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.
- 3 **Raise.** After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to EAST GOSCOTE COMMUNITY LIBRARY for no extra cost whatsoever!

**There are no catches or hidden charges and East Goscote Community Library will be really grateful for your donations.**

## Local author and illustrator Gemma, loves books... and rabbits, and hugs....

We all love a good book, that time of quiet cosiness where we are lost in another world, and the great thing about reading? It is one of the few activities that is totally ageless! And it's never too early to start. Reading to your child from birth, even for just a few minutes a day, is so beneficial. Not only does it help to develop their language and imagination, but who can resist that great bonding time when you are snuggled up together on the sofa or under the duvet immersed in a good story.

I am local author/illustrator Gemma Denham. I have been a children's book illustrator for the past 14 years and recently turned author, launching my 1st solo books, which are both written and illustrated by myself. 2016 brings 'Joshua's Rabbit' and 'Huggle' both picture books told in rhyme, alongside beautiful illustrations.



'Joshua's Rabbit' is the heart-warming tale of a little boy and his imaginary friend. The story follows through the days of the week, showing the wonderful imagination of children.

'Huggle' uses beautiful engaging illustrations to bring to life the tale of a simple hug. The story follows many different animals and their hugs, in a huggable, lovable tale.

I have to admit I'm a sucker for a rhyming story, so a lot of my stories are written in verse. They have such a wonderful rhythm that children love and are a joy to read aloud.

Over the past few weeks I have had the pleasure of being invited into many of our local nurseries to do readings of my books. The children have loved the stories and been very animated throughout the story sessions. Some of you may also have seen me at the reopening of East Goscote Community Library. Libraries are such a valuable resource that we are lucky to have, so be sure to pay them a visit!

Look out for my next title 'As I was walking' which is due out this summer, and be sure to visit the Loogabaroo festival in October where I will be running an illustrative workshop.

'Joshua's Rabbit' and 'Huggle' are partnered with local charity Evan's Trust, donating 25p for each copy sold through direct sale. Evan's Trust raises money for Leicester Hospitals Neo-Natal units.

Gemma Denham

More information can be found at [www.gemmadenham.com](http://www.gemmadenham.com) or facebook: [gemmadenhamauthorillustrator](https://www.facebook.com/gemmadenhamauthorillustrator)

Gemma will be visiting the Library at 3pm on August 25th to read her books to younger children. This session is open to all.



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We need as many hats as possible by the end of November to meet the challenging target of 42,000

Each winter, one older person dies needlessly every eight minutes because of the cold. The Big Knit has raised vital funds to help older people keep warm and well in winter.

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## Your news from Bizzy Bees Preschool

Our Summer term at Bizzy Bees Preschool always seems to fly by and this one was no exception. The term was packed with some fabulous exploratory play through our topic of Life Cycles. . . The children loved checking-in each day to observe the changes to the frog spawn. Very soon tadpoles developed and then Helen was surprised one morning  when opening up, as there sat a frog on the log in the tank! Alongside this excitement the children explored mini-beasts in our soil tray; created frogs out of paper plates; fished for frogs in our water tray; played a lily-pad game and shared stories such as the Teeny Weeny tadpole, The Hungry caterpillar and many more.

We have been very busy challenging our physical skills during the term by playing football in our garden; engaging in movement to music with Miss Janet and we were so lucky that one of our parents who is a team GB Paralympics coach for



Archery ran 2 sessions for the children to have a try at this sport.....”that was wicked” one of them told us! Sports day took place on the School field after the first arranged date was rained off. It was delightful to see all the children take part and have such big smiles on their faces. The parents, Grandparents, Childminders turned out in great numbers to support the children, some of them running in the mums/Grandmas and the dad’s/Grandad’s races.



Feedback was fabulous “that was so well organised, I loved it” one mum said.

Towards the end of our term we enjoyed a Superhero/Princess week, then on our last week we had fun with our Teddy-bears picnics and held our Leavers ceremonies. We reflected on the fun and exciting journeys that we’d had with the children and wished them the very best for continued learning at Broomfield, St Michaels Rearsby, Gaddesby, Queniborough, Barkby and Thrusington.

We look forward to all our new children starting with us very soon and wish you all a wonderful Summer.

Helen, Dianne, Sarah, Tasha, Lisa, Jayne, Angela and Vicky.

Bizzy Bees Preschool - The Bungalow,  
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 Helen 07971274405, Dianne 07505 355193

## From little seeds...

East Goscote Parish Council wanted to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday in a way that was lasting, sustainable and included the children of the village

Previous ways that the village has celebrated Royalty, suggested that floral displays were in keeping and very popular.

So with all this in mind, it was decided to make seed bombs of cornflowers (a favourite flower of the Queen) for the children at Broomfield school to throw on the pavilion playing fields.

Seed bombs are made from clay, with compost and seeds inside. Once they are dry, they either explode when they hit the ground, releasing the seeds, or melt in the rain. (Picture?) They are great fun to make and throw and they create a lovely carpet of flowers.

By planting these native seeds, the children got a little lesson in the life cycles of plants and, it is hoped, civic duty and become invested in caring for their village.

They had such fun doing this and will have a lasting pride in the tribute which should return year on year.

Our great thanks go to Broomfield school for facilitating the mornings activity, the children of KS1, and to Nick Shivers, Caroline Taylor and Liz Pizer for helping to make the seed bombs.

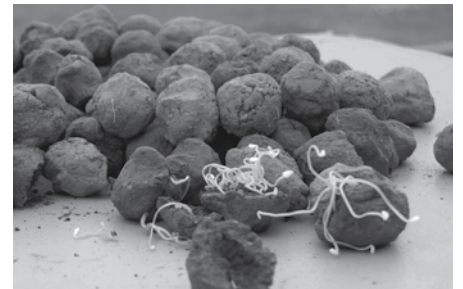
Weather and wildlife permitting, the flowers should bloom along the banked earth by the side of the tennis courts.

Cllr. Laurie Needham



## Fancy making your own seed bombs?

Take some air drying clay and shape into a thin, flat circle around 10cm in diameter. The thinner the better.



Put a large pinch of compost and a small, sprinkle of seeds in the centre. Then close the clay, like a parcel, around the mixture. Roll into a firm ball using your hands.

Leave the bombs to dry for a few hours or overnight, in a dry place. They will then be ready to throw on to a sad patch of ground or brighten up a garden.

Make sure you use bee friendly, native wildflowers and give our wildlife a helping hand !

## WARNING

The current fad amongst children at the moment is climbing onto and playing on flat roof buildings such as the library and garage blocks. Parents, please warn your children that this practice is very dangerous and could be costly to the owners of the building!



## “Hello!” from St. Hilda’s Church

You might look at St. Hilda’s Church building and say *“This is not a real church.”* Step inside and you will see that what is more important than the building is the congregation who attend. We are a caring friendly and happy set of people. We would love to welcome your family into our church.

Very young children are equally welcome. We accept chattering, playing and crying as not unusual behaviour for young children. Many of us are parents and grandparents and if they choose to walk about we will not look aghast. We will even find activities for them.

After the service we enjoy a social chat over tea or coffee. We hold this time in the hall, so if the little ones wish to stretch their legs there is plenty of room and they will be in your sight.

### An INVITATION for ALL!

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

At the end of May our church warden retired after 8 years working tirelessly for our church. I have taken her place - a hard act to follow!

In June we joined the scouts at their fete and were able to offer them the results of our sales of cream scones. Straight after that we enjoyed a wonderful service at the church to celebrate the Queen’s birthday and we were all given a beautiful book about her reign.

In September we will celebrate Harvest with a supper and entertainment. Details will be posted on church notice boards nearer the time.

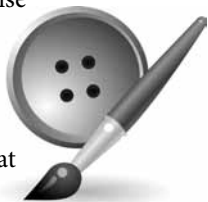
**Whatever we do and whenever the church is open, you are welcome.**

Gill Morton Church Warden

## Charity Crafters

**At St. Hilda’s Church Centre on Tuesday evenings 7pm-4pm**

We are a group of ladies who meet every week for a knit, crochet, chat and a coffee. We support Intercare a local charity in Syston who organise Medicines, we knit Teddys for them and cardigans jumpers and blankets also. We also support any cause that asks for our help.



We usually go out for a meal about twice a year. For further information please ring Tricia 2609088 who will be pleased to answer any queries or just pop in and see us one Tuesday night you will find a warm welcome.

## Afternoon Tea Timers

**At St. Hilda’s Church Centre on Tuesday afternoons 2pm-4pm**

Hi everyone just to invite you all to join us for tea coffee and cakes on a Tuesday afternoon for a chat or play Rumicub, dominoes, etc.

Once a month we all have our lunch together usually the first Tuesday of the

month. We would love to see you a warm welcome awaits you.

Tricia, Jessie, Dawn, Glenys

For more information please ring 2609088 or just call in and see us.



## St Hilda’s Church Annual Christmas Tree Festival

The time is here to announce the theme of the festival, it’s a bit different this year. We have chosen a Christmas Song as the theme. The trees will be on display on Fri 9th & Sat 10th December.



### “Come and join the Celebration”

We’re simply asking you to choose a line from the song and use that as the basis for your decoration of your tree.

For example; ‘Special Day’ celebrations or ‘Wise men’, ‘Shepherds’ or ‘Stars’. I know you will all come up with some fantastic trees, you always do.

**Anyone’s welcome to submit a tree! We’d love to have one from your group or organisation!** We look forward to seeing them. We will have stalls as usual and light refreshments. Please contact Tricia 0116 260 9088 if you would like to place a tree in the church this year.

This year, why don’t you...

### Come and Join The Celebration

*Come and join the celebration  
It’s a very special day  
Come and Join the celebration  
There’s a new King born today*

See the shepherds  
Hurry down to Bethlehem  
Gaze in wonder  
At the son of God who lay before them

Wise men journey  
Led to worship by a star  
Kneel in homage  
Bringing precious gifts from lands afar,

God is with us  
Round the world the message bring  
He is with us  
Welcome all the bells on earth are peeling

## Thrussington Village Fayre and Scarecrow Trail Weekend of 17th and 18th September.

**There will be a traditional Village Fayre** on the Saturday from 11am to 3pm, at the Village Hall. Thanks to Ratcliffe Equestrian there will be pony rides for children, as well as performances, craft stalls, cream teas (cream kindly donated Manor Farm from the village), a fancy dress parade and much more!

The event is a fundraiser for the village school and church and the funds have never been more important as the ever popular school looks to furnish a much needed extension and the church continues with its programme of restoration and maintenance of its listed building.

On both Saturday and Sunday there will be a chance to follow the scarecrow trail around the village and see if this year’s entries can match the highly entertaining entries of previous years.

Do make a note in your diary and look out for the posters nearer the time. **This year’s event sounds like it will be a corker and we do hope you will join us!**



## Changes at the Church!!

Church and Change are usually two words which seldom go together, change is often seen as unwelcome, making differences to things that we want to remain the same for our own comfort. But in the words of US President J.F. Kennedy 'Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future'.

I had the privilege of leading assemblies at two of our local primary schools just before the end of term and used the theme of change. At school, particularly primary school, change is what the children experience both daily and at the end of each year. There are new things to learn, new classes, new teachers and new schools in many cases. The children expect it and seem to take it in their stride. I wonder why as adults we find change so disturbing and often oppose it without considering that without it we may well miss a much brighter future.

At St Hilda's we have seen positive change in our building recently, this has included new windows to the park facing side of the church and new internal screens. We are also anticipating change in the coming year both to the building and in the groups we offer. These include improvements to the sound system and further replacement windows. Alongside this we are planning a new group for Under-fives and their Carers called Little Fishes, it will meet on a Wednesday afternoon starting 14th September from 1.30 until 3.00, it will include bible stories and songs, crafts and play, and of course refreshments. Do look out for further details.

We don't want to miss the future God has for us as a Christian community by holding on too tightly to the past or present. If this seems disturbing then can I end with the prayer that I prayed with the children in School and invite us to add any changes in our own lives.

*Dear Lord,*

*Thank you that, wherever we go and whatever we do, you are always with us.*

*As we get ready to leave this school, or as we move up into our next class, thank you for all the happy memories and all the lessons we have learned.*

*Thank you that we do not leave you behind, but you will be with us at our new schools, too.*

*Amen.*

May God Bless you over the coming months

Reverend Tim Day

## Thank you for 13 years.



Nick Shivers, Caretaker for the Parish Council, retired after 13 years dedicated work to the Village.

He was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation, a card and a village fund which residents donated to thank Nick for all his help to them at the Parish Council AGM in May.



Sally Lander, Chair of the Parish Council, presenting Nick Shivers with his Certificate

## New Caretaker starts work for East Goscote Parish Council

Charlie Cadle joined East Goscote Parish Council on 10th May 2016. He works 3 days per week. He will be wearing his East Goscote Parish Council clothing so please do not hesitate to stop him with any parish concerns.



## LONG FURROW

email [long\\_furrow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:long_furrow@yahoo.co.uk)

Dear Long Furrow,

I am writing this letter to you because I want to tell all about Broomfield Primary School. I am telling you this so that maybe your children, grandchildren will know it's great.

The Head teacher is Miss Alison, and the Deputy Heads are Mr Rowley, Miss Jex. We also have Mr Tyler, Miss Jelly, Miss Trowbridge, Mrs Bond, Miss Parish, Miss Chapman, Miss Orrill, and Miss Jones.

Mrs Granger and Mrs Bramley leave this year - they have been great! I really want to tell you this because it is a brilliant school and I think your kids will enjoy it. We would like to thank all the teachers for a great year.

By Phoebe Age 9 - Broomfield School

Hi Long Furrow

My water conservation set up.

It started out as a way of saving money on water bills by having water at hand for watering the garden during (dare I say it) 'hot sunny spells of dry weather'.



I purchased one 120 ltr water butt and caught the water from two sheds, this turned out to be too little as in dry weather tomato plants need an awful lot of watering. With this in mind I purchased a second water butt and this soon filled with water on rainy days.

I now have 12 water butts which, after a few weeks of heavy rain now contain over 1600 ltrs of water.

Noel - East Goscote



# East Goscote United FC

East Goscote United are delighted and excited to have recently been selected to participate in the FA Coach Mentor Programme which provides coaches with an opportunity to work collaboratively with the FA in order to accelerate learning and improve coaching in grassroots football. Over the next 12 months all of our coaches and managers will therefore receive advice and support from a Professional FA Mentor in order to ensure a high standard of coaching across the club.



The club would like to congratulate all of the children on their achievements over the last season, parents, coaches and managers are all very proud of them and the way they play the game with respect and camaraderie, this was reflected in our recent presentation evening and also in the comments below from team managers

**Our Academy** welcomes all girls and boys from foundation to year 2. Since November we have grown to have six young dynamic little ladies, who have not only improved their football skills, but have grown in confidence too.

**Under 9 girls** (soon to be under 10s) first season has been nothing but positive. The girls are very supportive of each other in every way. We have had a few very successful friendlies against local teams where each girl has played to their full potential! At this age, girls are introduced to the competitive sport of football however this is not the main focus: we believe



that girls should be able to fall in love with the game and explore a range of positions whilst learning the rules and developing skills.

**The Under 9 boys** had another successful season and recently came second in a tournament at Aylestone. Well done to you all.

**Our U11s girls**, soon to be U12s for the fast approaching new season is a growing team in more ways than one as they becoming a very tough and strong team to beat, fantastic season only losing 5 league matches out of 16 played and narrowly losing out on penalties in the semi-final of the league cup. The girls have great fun in training and really enjoy their football in a relaxed friendly environment.

**The U13 girls** remain a division one team, they are a great group of girls who enjoy each other's company both on and off the pitch and recently took time out from training to join a record crowd at Wembley arena to watch the Women's FA cup final.

East Goscote United FC are delighted to announce the return of Tom's team who will be joining us as U13 boys, we would like to wish them every success for the coming season.

As a charter standard development club East Goscote United are continuing to expand and develop teams for children of all ages. We welcome new players particularly in our new academy and U10s girls team.

If you are a girl interested in playing football and will be in foundation, year 1, 2, 3 4 or 5, why not come along and join in the fun. Training during the summer months is on Wednesdays on the Jubilee Playing Fields (The Mound) and through the winter on the brand new 4G pitch at Brooksby College from 6:30pm – 7:30pm.



## Girls Footy in Syston

Syston Town Juniors F. C.

Syston Bees Girls under 16s train on a Saturday morning 9-30-11 and Wednesday night 6-7 at Necton Street Syston. We're a friendly fun loving team who have a great time playing football. We will be school year 10 and 11 in August. So if you fancy joining our lovely team, contact Paul Kirk 07860 585056 or come down to Necton Street on Saturday or Wednesday. We look forward to welcoming you to our team! We also have an academy for ages 5-8, and a under 12s team.

# Greener Goscote

## HEDGEHOG RESCUE !

My granddaughter, Poppy, loves hedgehogs. I'm not sure why, that's just the way it is. So when we found out that Coleen Powell, the founder of Leicester Hedgehog Rescue, would be explaining all about them and best of all, bringing along a real hedgehog, we simply had to go. The Hedgehog Event was held at The Green Place in Sileby. Children and adults alike were fascinated to hear all about these wonderful little animals and how to help them.



Poppy meets Mrs Tiggywinkle

### Here are a few hedgehog facts:

- They have been around for about 15 million years – far longer than we have.
- They are distantly related to the shrew and they are warm-blooded mammals.
- They are called hedgehogs because they were often found in hedgerows and they have a snout.
- They have about 6000 hollow spines or quills which are for defence from predators.
- In our climate they need to hibernate in the winter and must build up their weight to survive.
- Hedgehogs in the UK are thought to be declining at about the same rate as tigers globally !
- They're mostly nocturnal so if you see one in the daytime, it's probably in trouble.

### And here are a few things which make life difficult for hedgehogs:

- Toxic slug pellets containing metaldehyde (usually blue in colour) – see links for alternatives.
- Ponds without a shallow end, a ramp or a way to scramble out. They can swim but need an exit.
- Litter or netting in which they get tangled up or get their heads stuck.
- Gardens without an untidy bit and with fences all round, especially concrete gravel boards.
- Bread and milk left out by well-meaning people. Non-fishy cat or dog food and water is best.

Here are some useful links for fascinating facts & solutions to hedgehoggy problems:



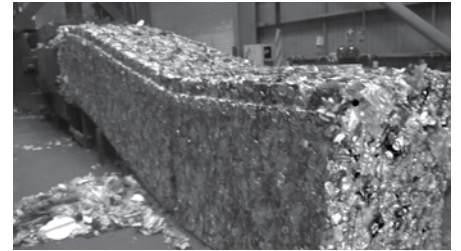
[www.leicesterhedgehogrescue.co.uk](http://www.leicesterhedgehogrescue.co.uk)  
[www.hedgehogstreet.org](http://www.hedgehogstreet.org)

A “RUBBISH” VISIT to the brilliant Casepak Recycling Factory at Sunningdale Road, Braunstone Frith recently.

I was treated to a guided tour of this state-of-the-art plant where mixed dry recyclables from Charnwood's green bins is sorted and prepared for shipping to waste processors in the glass, paper/ cardboard, plastic and metal industries UK and worldwide. Every child should see this – it's a real eye opener. The sheer scale, volume, weight, speed, noise and yes, smell of the process, will change your attitudes and habits for life. For a flavour (without smelly-vision !) check out [www.casepak.co.uk](http://www.casepak.co.uk) and its various descriptions and videos but if possible contact them and organise a visit for your group especially if you are involved with young people, but really with any demographic.



Human touch raises the final quality



Baled aluminium cans for shipping

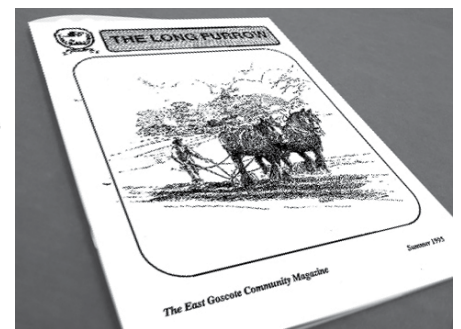
It's so good to know that RCVs (Refuse Collection Vehicles – you know “Trashy” and his mates named by Charnwood Primary School kids) leave our round and tip directly onto the tipping floor at Casepak. A group of experienced ladies pounce on the load sampling it, analysing it and knowing where it came from, feedback to CBC officers in Loughborough. From my own observations, I don't think East Goscote has too much to worry about but as always it's worth mentioning to keep out the food waste. Empty containers are what is needed. The bulk of the load then enters the system leaving a minimal percentage of residual waste. The economics of the plant rely on keeping that element to a minimum.

**CONTACT US** Master Composters & Waste Action volunteers promote home composting and sustainable household waste management on behalf of the Leicestershire Waste Partnership. **For free, impartial information and advice on composting and recycling**, contact David on 0116 260 0239, 07873852372 or [david.cannon9@btinternet.com](mailto:david.cannon9@btinternet.com). Other useful links: [www.lesswaste.org.uk](http://www.lesswaste.org.uk) , [www.lrrn.org](http://www.lrrn.org) , [www.completewasters.co.uk](http://www.completewasters.co.uk) , [www.recyclenow.com](http://www.recyclenow.com) , [www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com) , [www.leics.gov.uk](http://www.leics.gov.uk) , [www.charnwood.gov.uk](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk).

## The Long Furrow



In 1993 David Cannon took over the editor's position from Lyn Palmer. He continued to use actual cut and place techniques and he used the adjacent drawing as his regular front cover. Prior to David taking over, each edition was photocopied at Wreake Valley College but David used Clipper Print instead.



### How long's a long furrow?

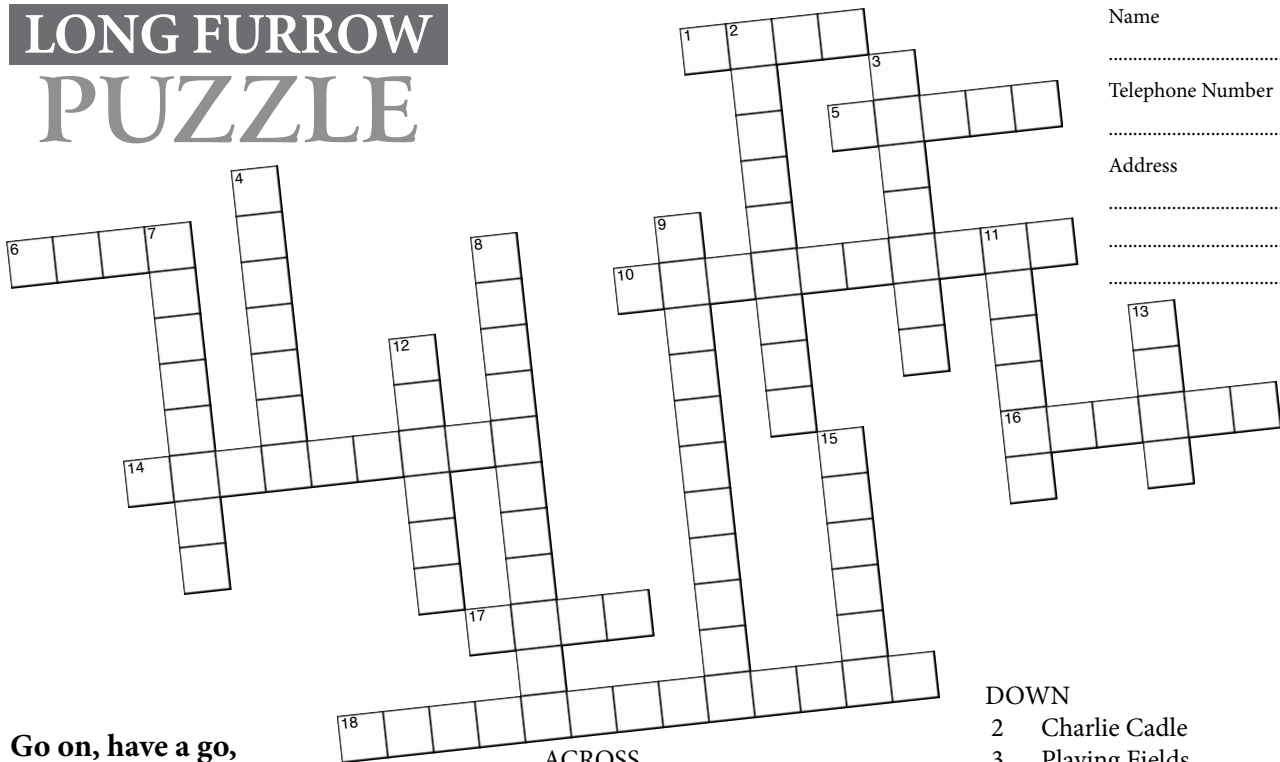
When plowing with horses or cattle, it was standard practice to rest the animals, and the farmer, after plowing a furrow 1/8 mile long. An eighth of a mile therefore became known as a furrow-long or furlong (660 feet, about 200 metres).

Forty rounds of the horses, 80 furrows, would have been ~66 feet across. This became known as an Acre; a long furrow 660 feet x 66 feet; 43,560 square feet. This was considered a good day's work with a walking plow!

*“You cannot plough a field by turning it over in your mind.”*

**A long furrow's a good thing.**

# LONG FURROW PUZZLE



Name .....

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**Go on, have a go,  
you know you want to!**

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

Simply give your answers in at East  
Goscote Library by 30th September with  
your name, address & telephone number.

### ACROSS

- 1 Brian Geeson
- 5 A club at the village hall
- 6 Our butcher
- 10 Books can enrich a child's
- 14 An illustrated talk in August
- 16 Rainbows' marshmallow whats?
- 17 Rotary festival in September
- 18 A festival at St Hilda's

### DOWN

- 2 Charlie Cadle
- 3 Playing Fields
- 4 About 660 feet
- 7 Local Wildlife Trust Anniversary
- 8 13 years dedicated work
- 9 In the seed bombs
- 11 Joshua's imaginary friend
- 12 Fluffy Owl met who?
- 13 on the log at Bizzy Bees
- 15 Bouncy at the Village Hall



## East Goscote VILLAGE HALL

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## 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.

Library opening hours are

**Monday 9 - 1**  
**Tuesday 2 - 7**  
**Thursday 2 - 5**  
**Friday 9 - 1**  
**Saturday 10 - 1**

# We're excited to announce the launch of the Parish Council's **NEW MOBILE APP** for you & East Goscote.

**Download it now!**  
[eastgoscote.org.uk](http://eastgoscote.org.uk)

## Why a parish app?

It's a fact that more adults use mobile apps and access the internet from mobile devices; this inspired the Parish Council to harness the power of mobile in providing information and services that are more accessible and convenient for all.








The app will be interactive with key functions to allow access to information 'on demand', so residents can engage with parish representatives and the local community, whilst 'on the go' or in the comfort of their own home.

In essence the Parish app is a great opportunity for residents to connect, be informed, book facilities, share news and promote local events, bringing the community together.

Great features include the ability to instantly submit a photo via the app of local events or report issues in your community. Stay in the loop with instant notifications of local news and events. Also, stay updated with what's going on at the village hall.

The app also allows you to view council meetings, planning applications, village contacts and read copies of our Long Furrow magazine, plus much more.

**Download the app now...** spread the word and get connected! <http://eastgoscote.org.uk>

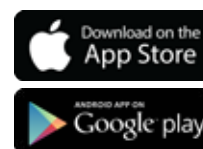
-  **Events** – Information on local events
  -  **Notifications** – News & event alerts
  -  **Photo** – Submit photos of issues & events
  -  **Council** - meetings, agendas & reports
  -  **Bookings** – Live Tennis court booking
  -  **Info** – Local news, facilities, planning, etc
  -  **Forms** – Bookings, fault reporting, etc
- Plus many more features...

Any suggestions let us know via the app!



***"Better communication leads to better communities. Engaging in local events, sharing news and ideas, helps make a better neighbourhood."***

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## 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](mailto:caroline.taylor44@talktalk.net), giving your name and key number.