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Hello...

EDITORIAL

LONG FURROW is the Community Magazine for East Goscote. If residents wish to see the magazine continue, we must have articles. There are several groups within the village and if each contributed, we would easily fill each edition.

We would not like to see it fold, and so, please contribute and long may LONG FURROW continue.

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IN THIS EDITION

As always we hope you find something to interest you and maybe prove useful in these tricky times. Here we go:

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SUMMER SPORTS CLUB



Thanks to a funding grant from the National Lottery, the Parish Council were successfully able to organise a free summer sports club for the children of the village.

The club took place on the Jubilee Playing Fields for 3 weeks during the summer holidays and children aged between 5 and 12 years old were able to participate in a variety of sporting activities and games such as tennis, dodgeball, yoga and ultimate frisbee.

The feedback from parents/carers and children has been nothing but positive with comments such as “the boys absolutely love sport, so they are having the best time” and “it’s been great to keep J active during the holidays.”



CHURCH NEWS



TEA TIMERS

Sorry we don't have a start date yet but hopefully OCTOBER. We will try to keep you up to date.. Tricia and Jessie.

EAST GOSCOTE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We are reopening on the 13th October 2pm. We won't be having a speaker for the next couple of meetings. Remember to bring your own

cup. Gill & Jessie.

LITTLE FISHES

We have reopened: 1.30pm until 3pm. Come and join us and meet other new Mums. We have toys, chat, drinks all covid safe, singsong and story time and colouring, little crafts. Baby to school age. Any information please contact the vicar Rev. T. Day; or otherwise just turn up any Monday during term time.

EAST GOSCOTE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The library is run by volunteers from East Goscote and surrounding areas.

Currently we are operating at reduced hours and we need more volunteers to run to our contracted hours; especially Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturdays. Without additional help we may have to close the library.

If you are able to give up a little time to assist us, we would love to hear from you. All Training can be done on site by current volunteers or by our County Council Support Officer.

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Library Open Afternoon

Following a survey held in September, it appears that there are residents in the village who did not know we had a library. On November 10th, we will be holding an Open Afternoon between 2 and 5pm to allow residents to come to the library and see what we can offer. There is also a chance for prospective volunteers to see how the library works.

The library is in the mobile at the end of Lingdale next to the school gates opposite the play park.

Free tea and coffee will be available.

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The club is hugely grateful to everybody who has been involved with, and supported the club throughout its 20 year history. All members, past and present, their friends, family and supporters, runners at our events, as well as a huge number of other clubs, groups, organisations and individuals: **You've all helped us get to where we are today, and we couldn't have done it without you all. Many thanks!**

We're of course looking forward to the future with exciting plans in progress which we hope will help continue to develop the club as a fun, supportive, and enjoyable place to develop as a runner, contribute to the local community, as well as work towards our next milestone celebration!

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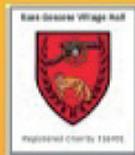


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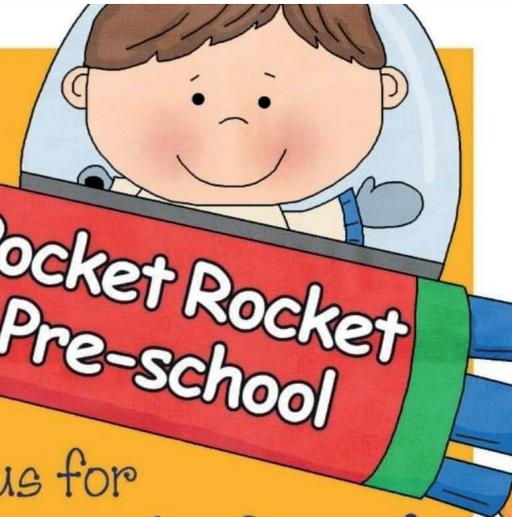
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Dear Residents,

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6th February 1952 when Her Majesty was only 25 years old.

Throughout the year, Her Majesty and members of the Royal Family will travel around the country to undertake a variety of engagements to mark this historic occasion culminating with the focal point of the Platinum Jubilee Weekend in June.

An extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June, will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone.

The four days of celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service.

It would be wonderful to come together and have our own celebrations to mark this huge historical event and celebrate the work of our monarch, as a result it is my intention to put together a team of East Goscote residents to organise and coordinate the event's from 2nd June 2022 to 5th June 2022 inclusive.

If this is something you would like to get involved with or you have ideas of how we can make this a long weekend to remember then please contact me on 07845 196421 or via email at cllrmousley@gmail.com

I look forward to working together as a village.
Shane.

Shane Mousley
Parish Councillor
East Goscote Parish Council
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RESULTS OF THE VILLAGE SURVEY 31ST AUGUST 2021

There were only 16 responses to the Village Survey organised by the Parish Council and published in the last edition of Long Furrow, so not statistically significant. However, those households took the trouble to respond and there are some interesting trends. Numerical results first in order of popularity:

Moving house in the next 5 years?

Other (happy to stay) 5, Smaller 3, Larger 2, Out of area 2.

Priorities for the Village?

Green Spaces 11, Facilities Children & Young 10, Speeding 9, Community Spaces 9, Sporting Facilities 9, Facilities Elderly People 8, Facilities Adults 7, Littering 6, Public Transport 4, Active Travel 4. Rather than repeat all the textual responses we've presented them as word strings with emphasis:

What type of housing is needed in our village in the next 5 years?

BUNGALOWS, NONE, Starter homes, Semis, Family, Larger.

What are the top three things you like best about our village?

GREEN OPEN SPACES, COMMUNITY, Road access, Size/Location, Amenities, Shops.

What are the top three things that you think should be improved?

CHILDRENS' & YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAY, POLICE/ASB/CCTV, Family Pub, Speeding/Parking.

What additional activities would you like to see?

VILLAGE EVENTS came out a clear winner followed by a wider range of sports.

There were many other interesting ideas. If yours has not been mentioned here it hasn't been forgotten and will be taken into account in deciding what to do next when surveying village opinion.

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EAST GOSCOTE SCOUT GROUP

After a year of ups and downs it is time for our Group AGM, so as leaders we have given you a round up of the year, hope you enjoy what you read.



The last year has certainly been an unusual time for the Troop. With lockdowns and Covid restrictions preventing normal meetings for the majority of the last 12 months we had to learn how to do things differently. Remote meetings via Zoom and outdoor, socially distanced, gatherings was what we could do and that is precisely what we offered. From Monopoly runs to debates and problem solving the Troop survived and I'm delighted to say it has come through in great shape. We even managed to get four more scouts through their Chief Scout Gold Award! The last part of the Award, the Expedition, being done just before the November 2020 lockdown. The only difference to normal being that the Scouts were collected in the evening and had to sleep in their tent in their back garden to comply with Covid restrictions. They were then dropped back off the following morning. Many Congratulations to Sam, Sam, Finn and James - you will be on the honours board shortly. I am really happy to say that we are now back to normal and scouts is running as it's meant to be run. A shortened summer camp of three nights was completed in August and climbing, tomahawk throwing, laser tag, open fire cooking and many other activities were undertaken. A large intake of cubs in August have boosted our numbers to back over twenty and we're all looking forward to our Autumn camp that is scheduled for late October. Planning is well under-way for this event and 100% attendance is what we're aiming for.



Well what another interesting year! From lockdown to meeting face to face and back again but we did it. Firstly I would like to say how proud we are of all the Cubs for sticking by us in these weird time (also parents too.) So what have we been up to. Way back in October 2020 we managed to have four weeks back with the Pack split in two. Where we did fire lighting, cooked marshmallows and made hot chocolate. Then the Cubs made bird feeders. Wham bang back into lockdown, this is where we reverted to weekly tasks being sent home to do. Getting emails and pictures updating me what they were doing was great to see. Some of the things they did was making a Poppy wreath for Remembrance, Christmas crafts, recycling project and even managing to complete their Navigators badge, Well done to all. Thank-fully in April we were back again meeting at our Scout hut. And did we start back with a bang, gaining 6 new members in the first few weeks. They managed to plant seed to grow sunflowers, make pioneering scarecrows and have our own Olympic games where they completed the Athletes badge. Summer came far too quick but we ended with a USA themed night and a BBQ. Sadly before we came back in April, Lucy decided to step down from her role as a leader. She has been a leader nearly 30 years and was a Venture Scout back in the day. Her support, help, ideas and more will be missed.



It's been a challenge this past year but we succeeded well, take a look at what we have been up to. We got up to all sorts during our Zoom meetings, we made Christmas Tree Cakes (see above), Wren undertook our Experiment badge Egg style, the Beavers were sent a list of all the items required and joined in with the experiments, it really was quite egg-straordinary! We made kites, we built castle dens, we made rock cakes, we made a boat to sail on a watercourse, and we did our musician stage one badge all on Zoom. But now we are back at the Scout HQ and the fun continues. We started off with grass sledging on the mound. We have done Archery, we have been doing our Team Challenge badge and are in the middle of our Book Reader Badge and just starting our World Challenge badge, which has seen us welly wanging, tossing the caber and challenging our strength with tug 'o war, and we have learnt how to do some country dancing.

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EAST GOSCOTE BROWNIES



Well this term really did start with a bang. We had our first meeting on Thursday 2nd September and then off on Pack Holiday the next day. Our theme this year was "The Greatest Showman" and the Brownies absolutely threw themselves into it. They took on every challenge with smiling faces and even had fun washing up. We were so proud of them, especially as eleven of the girls had not slept away from home before. This was a huge step for them and it was lovely to see with the older ones taking care of them.

After a busy weekend, we settled back in to our normal meetings with a game of Beetle Drive.

Autumn is normally a busy term for us, with badges to work towards, crafts, Halloween and of course dare I say Christmas.

As you are probably aware, we have now re-opened the 1st East Goscote Rainbow unit for 4-7 year olds. Well done to Alex and Emma the new leaders, for showing such enthusiasm. We will look forward to meeting the Rainbows when they move up to Brownies.

We currently have places for new Brownies aged 7 to 10 years old. If you are interested, please call me on 07981812955 or visit the Girl guiding website and register your interest.

ST HILDA'S CHURCH NEWS

It has been around 8 months now since half of St Hilda's church started being used as a COVID vaccination centre. I believe the Mr Pickford's team have completed over 40,000 vaccinations which is an amazing number. There have been so many positive comments about the professionalism and the care that the team working from St Hilda's have displayed, well done to them all. Very many people from around the county and beyond now know where East Goscote is too.

We now know that a phase 3 programme of booster vaccinations for those with underlying health conditions, all adults over 50 and certain other categories of people has started as the autumn approaches. We were planning on the church being returned to its normal use as a joint church and community centre from the end of September but Mr Pickford's Pharmacy Group who run the vaccination centre struggled to find suitable alternative accommodation. We therefore felt that as a church we wanted to enable this vital work to continue in the midst of our community so that people who needed the booster vaccine wouldn't have to travel too far. What this has meant is that those of you who normally hire, or were planning to hire the church centre won't be able to do so until sometime in February 2022 for which I apologise but hope that you understand our reasons.

Whilst most of the church centre is concentrating on vaccinations the worship space is still available for us to use for church activities, such as the Sunday morning service at 9.30 and our parent and toddler group Little Fishes which meets at 1.30 on a Monday in term time. We will also be commencing our Messy Church monthly event in October and hope that either Tuesday Tea timers and/or the Wednesday Fellowship group will start again soon.

At Christmas we plan to have a scaled down Christmas programme of events and services which we will announce soon. It would be great to welcome as many of



the community as possible to any of the church activities. See our website www.achurchnearyou.com/church/5260/ for details.

Just to finish; we often get calls at the Vicarage in Thurmaston for people coming for vaccinations at St Hilda's as the Vicarage number crops up on a simple Google search for the church. I had an interesting if somewhat unusual call the other day, the caller simply asked, is the vaccination centre at St Hilda's Church near to me!! You might have to think about that for a while. Whilst I was thinking about it recently, it brought to mind a passage from the book of Acts. Paul is taking to people who are searching for spiritual meaning in life and he says about God, 'From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.' I did establish how far St Hilda's was from where the person was calling from but I wish I had answered, 'God is not far from any of us'. Perhaps a trip to the church for something other than a vaccination might be the start of a renewed spiritual life and a relationship with a God who is never far away, you just have to start looking!

Tim Day - Vicar of St Hilda's

SANTA IS COMING

Santa will be visiting East Goscote Community Library on Friday December 10th at 6pm. He will be distributing free gifts to East Goscote children. In addition, there will be a Book, Jigsaw and DVD Sale in the library. The library Christmas Raffle tickets will also be on sale.

This event is supported by
East Goscote Parish Council.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I have recently been tasked with a re-launch of East Goscote Neighbourhood Watch, the aim is to appoint a coordinator for every Street / Area in East Goscote to make us a complete Neighbourhood Watch Village.



East Goscote Neighbourhood Watch Includes all areas in the village:

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Facebook Manager	To Create and keep The East Goscote NHW Facebook Page up to date.	VACANT
Twitter Manager	To Create and keep The East Goscote NHW Twitter Page up to date.	VACANT
Coordinator	To look after a street or street's	Many Vacancies across the village
Resident	To embrace the NHW scheme and keep Distributors and Coordinators up to date with any information that may be of help.	All of Us !!!

I hope this goes some way to explaining how the Village will eventually be recruited once all the roles are filled.

If you or if you know of anyone who may be willing to take on any of the above vacant roles or take on a street or two please get in touch. If you are already in a Neighbourhood Co-ordinator capacity, please get in touch with the details of your watch so I can add it to the list.

It is not essential that a volunteer lives on the street they are looking after, all willing volunteers are welcome. I look forward to hearing from you via Phone 07845196421 or email cllmousley@gmail.com

Best Wishes

Shane. Mousley

The Parish Council have recently partnered with local charity the Sustainable Land Trust (SLT) as part of their national Centre for Nature & Society to help us improve the natural environment in our local area. We are looking to address biodiversity loss and climate change and identify how nature supports our society initially focussing on The Mound/Jubilee Playing Field area. The project is also being run in several other parishes across Leicestershire and Rutland and we will share our knowledge and findings, so we can all benefit. This pilot project is fully funded so there is no financial cost to the Parish Council. For more information, click on the link for SLT's website and see the next edition of Long Furrow. <https://sltrust.org.uk/our-work/centre-for-nature-and-society/>



COVID 19

Home Testing kits are now available, free of charge, at East Goscote Community Library.



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It's certainly been a busy few months, council meetings are back to in-person (we held all our meetings virtually through the pandemic) and Leicestershire is facing some really key challenges (some of which I refer to below). Part of my role is to scrutinise the work of the Cabinet – to examine the decisions they have to make and to critically analyse the work the County Council does. My most important role though is representing all the residents of East Goscote and the rest of Syston Fosse at Leicestershire County Council and to that end if I can be of any help to you my contact details are at the bottom of this article.

Applications for September 2022 school places now open

Parents with children due to start at primary schools or go up to secondary schools in September 2022 can now apply for places at their preferred schools. There is no automatic entry system for any school in the county, so parents should also ensure they exercise their right to apply for three school preferences and are aware of the closing date as late applications have the lowest priority and are processed after those made on time.

Parents of children starting primary school have until Saturday, 15 January 2022 to submit their applications.

Parents of children starting secondary school next year need to apply for their preferred schools by Sunday, 31 October 2021.

More information about schools in Leicestershire and the application process can be found here:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions>.

Council finances continue to be hit by covid

Leicestershire County Council is preparing itself to address 'extremely difficult' financial challenges caused by the continuing pressures of Covid-19, growing demand for services, and its position as one of the lowest funded authorities in the country. The council's cabinet discussed the latest position with its four year medium term financial strategy (MTFS) at its meeting in September. The council has previously said it needs to find savings of £80 million by 2025, with £23 million of that sum still to be identified.

It says the situation has been worsened still by the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the national economy and the increasing costs of supporting growing numbers of vulnerable adults – particularly those discharged from hospital who need extensive care packages. Current forecasts suggest the gap between the council's income and what it spends on services could rise by between a further £10 million and £20 million by 2024/25.

As well as the impact on its day-to-day revenue budget spending, the council faces growing pressure on its multi-million pound capital programme. The capital plan aims to deliver major infrastructure projects in Leicestershire over the next four years and costs are expected to rise by £35 million over that period, with the possibility of further costs. The council says it is planning a review of its MTFS over the autumn before it carries

out a public consultation on its next proposed budget review in December.

Help identify diseased ash trees and help keep Leicestershire green

Leicestershire residents are being urged to play their part in keeping the countryside green by helping the county council identify and manage diseased Ash trees. The authority's scheme to plant a whopping 700,000 trees – one for every resident in the county, is already underway; but the council is also dealing with the challenge of Ash dieback.

The highly destructive disease is caused by a fungus and can lead to infected trees shedding branches or limbs, or potentially falling as the tree dies. There are no exact figures of the number of Ash trees in Leicestershire, but it's estimated there are over 500,000 in the county, with over 120,000 of them next to roads.

As many of these trees are on private land, the council has launched a campaign to raise awareness of the issue among residents, businesses and landowners to remind them of their responsibility to ensure their trees do not become a hazard to road users or people using adjacent pavements. Ash dieback enters a tree through the leaves and bark and young trees die within a couple of years, but mature trees usually take longer. However large trees can become dangerous long before they die, so owners must take action to ensure safety.

An infection at a point close to ground level can cause whole trees to become unstable and dangerous over much shorter periods with no obvious dieback symptoms in the crown. Diseased trees will show dead tips; sometimes dis-coloured and also a 'pom-pom' effect with clumps of living leaves around the areas affected by Ash dieback.

For more information go to: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/conservation-and-sustainability/ash-dieback

Leicestershire is one of the least wooded areas of the country, currently around 6% woodland – well below the national average of 10%. The county council currently manages around 321,000 trees, but with diseases such as Ash dieback placing more trees under threat, the authority's strategy and action plan, adopted in May 2020, will see the number of trees across the county increase dramatically.

The county council offers a free tree scheme for landowners affected by Ash die back, in partnership with the Woodland Trust. The scheme aims to replant native trees across the county to replace trees lost in the landscape.

If you need my help with anything please do get in touch.

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LAURIE NEEDHAM - BOROUGH COUNCILLOR: MESSAGE FOR AUTUMN 2021

Gladman application approved

I'm sure many of you will have heard the disappointing news that the Gladman application for 270 houses in our village was passed last month. Like you, I am concerned that this will create more traffic on an already dangerous road, spoil the character of our village and those surrounding it and add pressure to our already stretched services.

Due to these worries, I 'called in' this application, meaning that it would be heard in front of the Council's Planning Committee, with the hope that this might give us a chance to put our concerns before a panel of Councillors. Although myself, Cllr Poland (for Rearsby) a KEGG representative and a parish councillor made sound cases for it to be refused, it was unfortunately approved. This was mainly because Charnwood Borough Council is no longer meeting the housing targets set by central Government. I find this deeply frustrating as this is the wrong type of housing, in the wrong place. It will do little to provide the affordable housing that people need.

I want to thank residents, campaigners, councillors and the Parish Council for all the time and effort they have put into this issue over the years. We will continue to work hard to ensure that the worst harms from any future building are kept to a minimum.

How you are represented at Charnwood Borough Council is set to change

The Local Government Boundary Commission is currently looking at changing the way you are represented on Charnwood Borough Council. These reviews happen every so often to make sure that the number of people represented by each councillor is roughly equal across the Borough, as over time, population figures can change and become unbalanced.

I expect you're wondering "What's this got to do with me?" – well, quite a significant change is proposed for East Goscote. Our village currently makes up one 'ward' on the Borough Council and every four years, elects one councillor to represent it. The new proposals recommend joining up East Goscote with part of Syston, Queniborough and the Wreake Villages and electing three councillors to represent the whole of this new, larger area. The final consultation for this closes on Nov 8th. If you want to have a



say on the proposed change and find out more information, please visit the website.

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/east-midlands/leicestershire/charnwood>

Community Grant still available – time is running out to apply!

Every year the Council allocates £500 for each elected Councillor to give to community groups in their area. At the time of writing I still have £250 to give to a group. If it is not used by February the money will go back to the Council, so if you have a group that could use this money, please apply quickly! All the information you need can be found at https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/member_grants

Get in touch – I'm here to help

I am frequently contacted by residents for advice or support with a whole range of issues - one of my main roles as your councillor is to help! I can usually find a solution or put you in contact with someone who can. If you have any problems or questions, please do get in touch using the details below. 07807 399879 cllr.laurie.needham@charnwood.gov.uk



EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



- The village survey in the last two editions of Long Furrow yielded only 16. Too small to be statistically significant but worthy of analysis (see separate article). Thank you to all who took the trouble to respond.
- We responded to a request from the Junior Football Club to provide a pitch for the U13/14 team. This involved many hours spent finding a way of accommodating the team without risking undue wear to the pitch. This is very much a one-year trial which we will review at the end of the season when we know how well the pitch has stood up.
- Trial variations to the mowing contracts on part of Long Furrow and The Mound have been agreed with Leicestershire County Council and our own mowing contractor in favour of biodiversity. More details on the Greener Goscote Page.
- The whirlybird roundabout and the Sports Wall on the Jubilee Playing Field will be replaced with new equipment. The old roundabout has been loved so much it is wearing out and it was not possible to get the Sports Wall refurbished as previously hoped so new kit.
- We have pulled some strings and arranged for Santa to visit the Library on Friday 10th December from 6pm. All children who live in the village, accompanied by well-behaved adults, are invited to come and see Santa and receive a small gift.
- A free afternoon tea and sing-along in the Village Hall on Saturday 18th December at 1:30pm will be provided for residents aged 65 and over. See the advert and ticket for details.
- Over the long weekend from 2nd to 5th June 2022 we will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth,

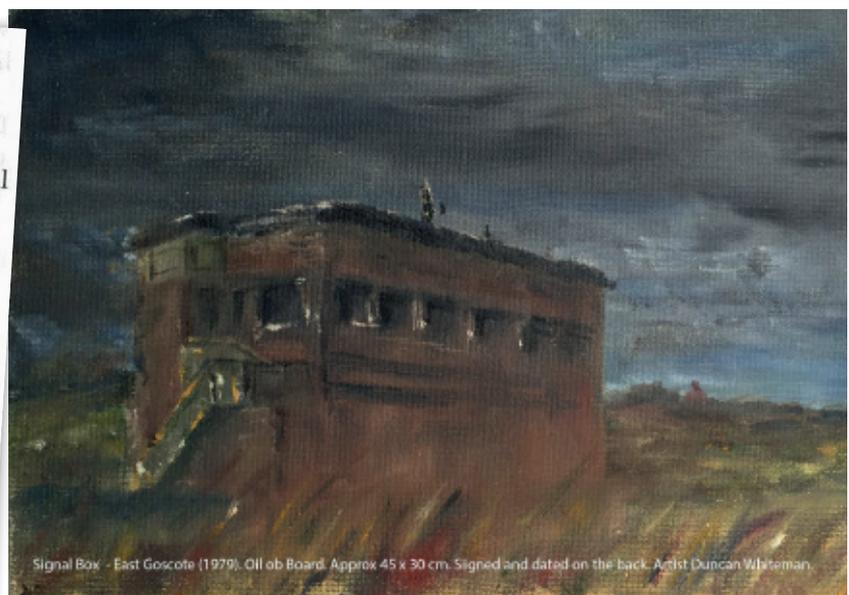
our longest ever serving monarch. We hope to establish a Working Party led by Councillor Shane Mousley to co-ordinate activities – see separate article.

- After careful consideration, taking up references etc. we have agreed to a visit from a Family Circus next Spring. They will be setting up their Big Top on the Jubilee Playing Field for performances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10th to 12th June. Something to look forward to, especially for young families and the young at heart.
- Neighbourhood Watch can play a part in creating a safe and caring community. It's free to join and brings you all the latest on scams and how to make you and yours that bit safer. See the Advertisement elsewhere in this edition.
- The Free Summer Holiday Sports Coaching Club for children from 2nd to 20th August was a success – see separate article
- Leicestershire and Rutland wildlife experts Nature Spot now have a web page devoted to East Goscote Village. This page is funded by Leicestershire County Council as part of our Urban Wildlife Verge project. The trial verge on Long Furrow brookside has been surveyed by Nature Spot ecologists and 39 species already added to our page. Buzz over to www.naturespot.org.uk for more.
- Despite two Gladman planning applications for 270 houses being refused, Charnwood Borough Council's (CBC's) Pre-Submission Local Plan still calls for 223 houses in East Goscote. This is a consequence of a big increase in the Government's assessment of housing need for this Borough.
- Gladman Update. The current application for 270 houses in East Goscote has been approved by the Charnwood Planning Committee, despite many hours spent trying to prevent this from happening. Thanks to Cllr Rod Axon for his excellent reports and evidence against this proposal.

A railway station will be built at East Goscote. The Borough Council will press for the early implementation of this station and will expect detailed proposals to ensure satisfactory off-street parking for cars and cycles to facilitate rail bred park and ride. The location of the station offers the prospect of complementary car parking provision.

The Borough Council, in co-operation with the County Council and other funding agencies, will direct available resources to improve and extend cycle routes, both on road and as off road green ways. A cycle route will be provided between East Goscote and Syston. For further information, please contact the writer.

Ron Jenkins, Borough Councillor of East Goscote. June 1996.



Signal Box - East Goscote (1979). Oil on Board. Approx 45 x 30 cm. Signed and dated on the back. Artist Duncan Whiteman.

East Goscote Signal Box painted by of Duncan Whiteman who grew up in East Goscote

THE GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE

CLIMATE CHANGE HITS EAST GOSCOTE!

By the time this edition reaches you, COP26 (the UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties) will be well under way in Glasgow. It will be very much in the news so you won't have missed it. Climate Change affects everywhere and everyone on the planet. Decision makers from across the globe will be setting targets and making commitments which will affect us all. A couple of thoughts. The quicker we make progress in reducing carbon emissions, the easier the task will be. Otherwise we are adding to the problem all the time. Secondly it can't all be done top down. There is a need for some bottom up action from all of us. That's what Greener Goscote is about. Working with Nature to make East Goscote a more sustainable place to live in the true sense.



EAST GOSCOTE NATURE GARDEN

Over 30 species identified already in the Nature Garden. More work to be done now with the aid of a Shire Environment Grant.



MOWING FOR BIODIVERSITY!

You may have noticed that a section of the Long Furrow brookside verge either side of the bus shelter has been managed in favour of biodiversity. By agreement between the Parish Council and the County Council, the mowing schedule has been suspended this year until the end of the season. The resulting hay has then been left to allow seeds to fall before raking the grass and removing for composting with help from Greener Goscote. This prevents the grass from enriching the soil and will help the wildflowers to come through next year. Scarifying and seeding will complete the process. Check out <https://bluecampaignhub.com> and www.naturespot.org.uk/East_Goscote for details. A similar approach is being taken on the mound.



USEFUL CONTACTS:

Environment Action Volunteers promote home composting and sustainable household waste management on behalf of the Leicestershire Waste Partnership. For free advice on composting, recycling and for information on Greener Goscote contact David on 2600239 or 07873852372 or david.cannon9@btinternet.com.

Other useful links: www.lesswaste.org.uk, www.lrrn.info, www.completewasters.co.uk, www.recyclenow.com, www.lovefoodhatewaste.com, www.leics.gov.uk, www.charnwood.gov.uk, www.keepbritaintidy.org, www.hubbub.org.uk WasteNot Leicestershire & Weigh Hey Charnwood on Facebook. <https://bluecampaignhub.com>



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Thank you for picking up a lateral flow home test kit.

This type of testing can help identify people who are infected but do not have symptoms. This helps to prevent the spread of the virus. By choosing to get tested, you're helping to keep yourself and those around you safe.

About the lateral flow rapid test

Lateral flow tests are for people who are eligible (see criteria below).

To take the test, you are required to rub a long cotton bud over your tonsils and then inside your nose. This type of test can give you a result in 30 minutes and does not need to be sent to a lab for processing or analysis.

Eligibility

The test should only be used if you meet all of the following criteria:

- You do **NOT** have symptoms of Covid-19, which can include:



A high temperature



A new, continuous cough



A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

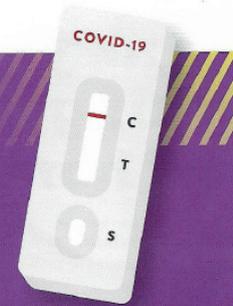
- You have **NOT** tested positive from any type of Covid-19 test within the last 90 days
- You have **NOT** been in close contact with a positive case in the last 10 days

If you currently have symptoms, you must book a PCR test online at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test (not a lateral flow test) or by calling 119 and you must remain in isolation until you receive your test result.

What's in the kit?

A test kit box contains a step by step guide for the self-test and includes information on:

- Storing your test kit
- Contents of your test kit box
- Setting up your test
- Taking your swab
- Processing the sample
- Interpreting your result
- Reporting your result
- Safe disposal of your test kit



A step-by-step guide is also available in different formats via the following links:

- Easy read and large print:
www.gov.uk/government/publications/instructions-for-covid-19-self-test
- Different languages:
www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-self-test-help#self-test-instructions
- A video on how to self-test:
www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-self-test-help#self-test-instructions

Frequency of testing

You should test yourself every three to four days (twice a week).

Your box of test kits contains seven tests.

For information on where to pick up your next box of kits, please visit:
<https://leicestershire.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/findatestcenter.html>

For information on lateral flow test sites in Leicester City, please visit:
www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council/coronavirus/coronavirus-in-leicester-latest-news/covid-19-rapid-tests/

COVID TEST KITS ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM MR PICKFORDS PHARMACY AND EAST GOSCOTE COMMUNITY LIBRARY



This area is the site of the Gladmans development on Melton Road. As previously reported, Charnwood Borough Council planning committee approved this development by 6 votes to 4.



CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA & SING-A-LONG

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL INVITES ALL EAST GOSCOTE RESIDENTS AGED 65+ TO A FREE AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 18th December from 1.30pm at the Village Hall
Food • Hot drinks • Raffle • Music • Sing-a-long

To apply for tickets, please fill in the form opposite. You will need to bring this in person to the Parish Office between 10am - 2pm on November: 15th, 16th, 18th, 22nd, 23rd, 25th, 29th, 30th.

Closing date: Dec 2nd 2021. Max. 60 residents



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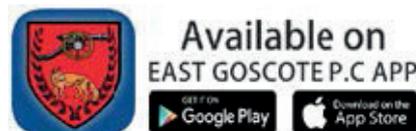
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Beedles Lake Golf Club		0116 2606759
Bizzy Bees	Rachel Laverty	07908781652
Borough Councillor	Laurie Needham	07807399879
Brownies	Rosemary Fraser	07981812955
Broomfield School		0116 2606704
Charnwood B. Council		01509 263151
Charnwood Recycling and Composting		01509 634563
Charnwood W. I.	Sharon Astill	07849888752
Cubs	Jayne Disney	0116 2608786
Daisy Chain	Natalie Palfreyman	0116 2607923
E G Parish Council	Liz Pizer	0116 2602202
East Goscote Stores and Off-Licence		01162606236
E.G United Football Club:		
Academy (Foundation Yr 3)		07486531608
Girls teams membership		07486531608
U11 boys (Sch. Year 5)	Jon Day	07794973216
Environment Action	David Cannon	07873852372
Friends of Broomfield	Nicola Drage	07813132715
Friendship Club	Gill Morton	0116 3199678
Greener Goscote	David Cannon	07873852372
LCC Councillor	James Poland	07764966677
Guides	Rachel Laverty	07791731828
	Michelle Baker	07872066509
East Goscote Library		0116 3053510
LCC Mountsorrel Tip		0116 3050001
Messy Church	Rev Tim Day	0116 3486896
MP	Edward Argar	0116 2693789
Neighbourhood Watch		01162602202

Pocket Rocket Pre-School		07414253969
Pharmacy		0116 2606734
Plough		0116 2640444
Police: Emergencies dial 999, non emergency dial 101		
Scout Group/Hut		0116 2605457
Scouts	Dawn Manning	0784 312 2313
St Hilda's Bookings	Tricia Marsland	0116 2609088
St Hilda's	Vicar Rev Tim Day	0116 3486896
Syston Bowling Club		0116 2692105
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Weigh Hey		07823889088
Wreake Runners	Dave Palmer	07710 448253
Wreake Valley Lions	Mrs C Grimes	0116 2608412
Wreake Valley Rotary Club	John Squire	0116 2592788
Wreake Valley Youth Club	Carol Baxter	0116 2608858
Village Faults/Emergences		07739553380

If you're a member of a group which is providing a service to the community please contact us with up to date details.



Parish Phone App and Website

The success of the website and the App continues. The website has had 9809 page views over the last 12 months and the parish app has had a total of 889 downloads.



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EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings of the Parish Council are generally held at 6:30pm on the second Wednesday in each month. Any variation of date or time can be found on the notice boards, the apps or the website. Currently, the meetings are held remotely.

East Goscote Parish Council Offices are at the side of the Village Hall

Monday	09.30 to 12.30 hrs
Tuesday	09.30 to 15.00 hrs
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	9.30 to 12.30 hrs
Friday	Closed

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