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**Wednesday, 13th April, 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

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| 1. Apologies for Absence   | 6. Finance Report - Councillor David Cannon              |
| 2. Confirmation of the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting | 7. Borough Councillor's Report Councillor Laurie Needham |
| 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes                              | 8. County Councillor's Report Councillor James Poland    |
| 4. Report from the Police  | 9. East Goscote Village Hall Update                      |
| 5. Chair's Report - Councillor Laurie Needham                    | 10. Matters Arising by Permission of the Chair.          |

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# Hello...

## EDITORIAL

The time is approaching when the library trustees have to look at renewing the lease on the library. This is an important issue for the village and the surrounding community. Currently, the footfall is only about 50% of pre-pandemic levels. Now is the time to consider whether community needs this and other facilities and community groups. If they are not supported, they will close. Having said this, it is good to know that the Rainbows have been resurrected.

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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:

- Syston Model Railway Society
- Queens Platinum Jubilee
- Mental Health
- East Goscote Community Library
- 1st East Goscote Rainbows
- East Goscote Brownies
- East Goscote Parish Council
- Greener Goscote
- St Hilda's News
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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.

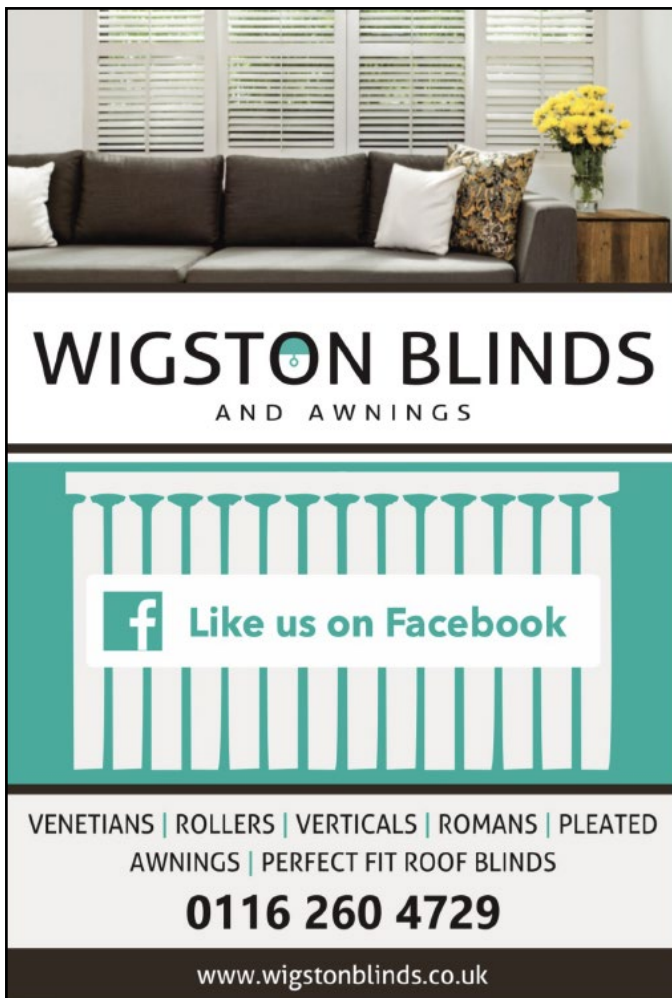
The four days of celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service.

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 Gosscote 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 [cllmousley@gmail.com](mailto:cllmousley@gmail.com)

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

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Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, the organisation responsible for providing most of the mental health services in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, is today launching an awareness campaign to make people aware of one of its key mental health services that's available to them when they're in a crisis.

The Trust introduced a 24-hour, seven day a week phone line at the start of the pandemic, which takes calls from people who are in a crisis about their mental health or are calling on behalf of a loved one.

Now, ahead of the anticipated winter pressures that the NHS is expecting, LPT want to make sure that all residents in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland are aware of all the support.

Fiona Myers, interim director of adult mental health at LPT said: "We've been developing many of these services over the past 18 months, some of them in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, so that people had more support during this incredibly stressful time. Now, as we move into the busy winter and Christmas time, we want to make sure that people know about the support that is out there and most importantly, how to get hold of it."

The support that's available from LPT includes:

### **A 24-hour, seven day a week phone line**

The Mental Health Central Access Point – for anyone to call in a crisis, for themselves or a loved one 0808 800330 and a poster to support this.

### **Crisis Cafes**

A new network of drop-in centres that provide a safe space, emotional support and one-to-one sessions for people struggling with mental health issues. No appointment needed.

### **A Crisis House**

A place of safety where people can go and stay in a crisis. This is open to anyone in a crisis and people are referred there once one of LPT's members of staff have assessed them.

Fiona added: "We are urging everyone to use our services and not to struggle on their own. We are expanding our network of cafes so there will soon be one close to where most people live, but for now, the cafes we have are open to all."



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# 1<sup>ST</sup> EAST GOSCOTE RAINBOWS



**We're back!** The Rainbows unit in East Gosscote has just completed its first term since re-opening and we have had a blast! Due to all the girls being brand new to Girl guiding we held a promise party in line with Covid-19 guidelines where all 15 girls completed their promises and we celebrated with parents, loved ones and best of all, cake.

We then quickly settled into weekly meetings with a very busy term including cooking, crafts, Halloween, Bonfire Night, Children in Need, badge work and all things Christmas! We also had a select few representing the unit at the Remembrance Service in the Village.

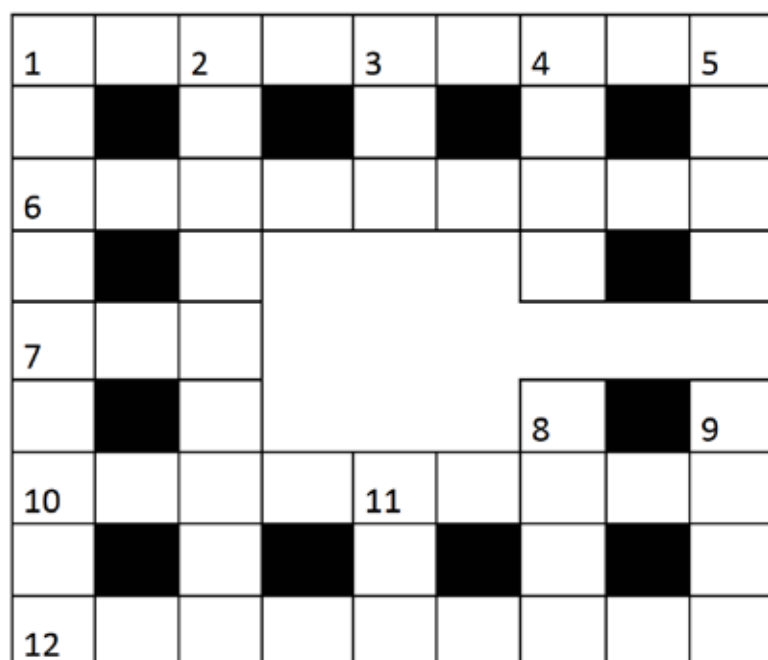
With Christmas fast approaching we managed to secure spaces for the Rainbows Winter Wonderland and had a magical day completing crafts and games. For a lot of the children, this was their first day out since recent lockdowns.

At our last meeting we had a visit from Santa (a huge thanks to Melton Roundtable for making this happen) to finish a fantastic term in the best Christmas mood.

If you are interested in getting your daughter involved with Rainbows, we currently have spaces for girls aged 5-7. Please call me on 07894055128 or register your daughter on the Girl guiding website.

We are so proud of the girls for accepting and following new guidelines, being kind every week and taking everything in their stride. We waved a couple of girls off to Brownies this term and we wish them the best of luck. Finally, a huge thank you to the wonderful support we have received since re-opening and a personal thank you to Emma and Carla who it would not have been possible without. I am also extremely grateful for Sami who will be joining us in the new year.

Happy New Year!



## QUICK CROSSWORD

### Across

- 1: English City
- 6: Herb
- 7: Axe
- 10: Concerns
- 12: Major users of 5 Down

### Down

- 1: Fruit
- 2: Another English City
- 3: 70's pop group
- 4: Neat
- 5: Currency
- 8: Continent
- 9: Thames
- 11: Ticking off

For answers see page 12.





## EAST GOSCOTE BROWNIES

We have had such a lovely time this term and have welcomed 5 more girls. Although we didn't have a parade for Remembrance Sunday, we were able to attend with just a small group of girls, including the flag bearer and colour party. One of the Brownies laid a wreath for us and we were very proud of how well behaved and patient they were, despite having to be silent for ten minutes.

We had a pamper night for our last night before Christmas, the girls arrived in Pyjamas and did each others hair and makeup.

We finished the evening with Christmas story telling whilst the Brownies enjoyed hot chocolate and marshmallows.

We had some very sad news at the end of October. One of our former Brownies, who is now a young leader at Guides, was diagnosed with a serious illness. She was then admitted to the teenage ward at the Leicester Royal Infirmary, where she underwent a six hour operation, followed by weeks of treatment. Having spoken to her Mum, I decided we should do some fundraising to buy crafts and books etc for the children's ward. The leaders from Rainbows and Guides agreed and we sent all the children home with tubes of Smarties, that they were to fill with 20 pence pieces once they had eaten the Smarties.

Close friends and family also contributed and on Tuesday 21st December I was able to hand over vouchers totalling £780 to be given to the hospital. Thank you everyone for helping towards this amazing amount, proving that the girls think of others before themselves. So proud of you.

Moving forwards, we will be re-planning 1st East Goscote Brownie Packs 50th Birthday that was originally planned for 2020. I have a list of previous Brownies that have requested a commemorative badge and there are a few left, so if you were in our pack and haven't contacted me for one, my details are on the back page.

This year I will be celebrating 40 years at the pack. I can't tell you how fast this has gone and I love it as much now as I ever have. I have met so many lovely children, who have gone on to have children of their own join the pack. Its hard to believe that one of the guiders, who is now 46, was a Brownie at the pack when I first started.

I have always found East Goscote a warm and friendly village and it has been an absolute pleasure to be a part of your community.

I look forward to many more years of fun with the children and can't wait for Pack Holiday in May.

Thank you also to the team of Guiders who have been with me over the years and shared my enthusiasm and sometimes crazy ideas.



## SANTA WAS HERE

Our Santa evening organised by the Library Trustees in conjunction with East Goscote Parish Council was a great success considering the COVID situation. 50 children received free gifts from Santa which was almost the number given out prior to the pandemic. We would like to thank everyone involved in organising the Santa Evenings each year.

Our Coffee Mornings have restarted and we would like to thank Elaine for organising these weekly sessions. Each week, on Wednesday, between 10 and 12, we have hot drinks and cake available for the public to consume at a cost of £1:50 per drink and a piece of cake.

Over the last few months, we have been distributing COVID test kits from the library. Unfortunately we have run out on occasions. In future, when we have them in stock, we will have to limit them to one kit per person to enable more people to access them. Please remember that your first port of call for these kits should be the Pharmacy.



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Santa visited the Library on Friday 10th December from 6pm. All children who live in the village, accompanied by well-behaved adults, were invited to come and see Santa and receive a small gift. 50 children came along and enjoyed seeing Santa.

The afternoon tea and sing-along in the Village Hall on Saturday 18th December unfortunately had to be cancelled. The uptake was very low and, in view of the new COVID variant, we felt it was the most appropriate thing to do.

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. Cllr Mousley continues to work hard in reviving this scheme.



The wildlife verge on Long Furrow brookside has been surveyed by Nature Spot ecologists and 39 species already added to our page. In December a Parish Council/Greener Goscote team prepared the ground and sowed yellow rattle, annual and perennial wildflowers. Look out for colourful diversity this year in this and other areas of the village.

The council are obtaining quotes to repair our multi sports court in the spring.

We have been successful in obtaining a grant from LCC to plant more trees around the village as part of the national Treescape project. The next stage is for Councillors to negotiate the species, quantities and location details with the LCC Forestry Team.

Next years precept and budget has been considered and approved and for next year our budget will be £82,520.00 with a precept of £63,000 which is an increase of 6.65%.

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# THE GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE



## WALK ON THE WILD SIDE!

Teamwork from Nick and Charlie (EGPC) Scarifying the Blue Heart stretch of Long Furrow ready for wildflower seeding. Achieved with the help of an LCC Shire Grant and volunteers. Check out <https://bluecampaignhub.com> and [www.naturespot.org.uk/East\\_Goscote](http://www.naturespot.org.uk/East_Goscote) for details. Similar trial projects can be seen either side of the pavilion drive and on The Mound. It's over to Mother Nature now. Winter frosts should activate the seed and create a splash of colourful native wildflowers in Spring and Summer.

## “BACK TO THE GARDEN”

A final rake off and scarify prepares the Nature Garden for seeding. Yellow Rattle helps to control the grass and give the other species a better chance. This stage is funded by LCC Shire Grant. Many thanks also to Cllr. Laurie Needham for her Member Grant to fund the next stage.



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## CHURCH NEWS

The members of St. Hilda's Church and Friends sang Carols for the old folk of Lingdale and Primrose. We all had a great time the residents and staff were singing along and clapping it was great to see them all smiling. We normal went in to do a little service once a month before the pandemic we can't wait to get back to normal.

TEA TIMERS- Unfortunately we are not able to open yet as the COVID Centre is continuing until the end of March. We feel it is a better outreach for us at the moment.

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## RIISING INFLATION AND ESCALATING PRICES THREATENS STANDARD OF LIVING FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland believes rising inflation and escalating prices are now threatening the standard of living for many pensioners on low incomes, creating uncertainty and anxiety as winter begins to bite.

With around one million older households across the country already living in fuel poverty and tens of thousands more teetering on the brink, the charity is extremely concerned that rising energy prices and living costs will lead to some of the poorest pensioners, including those across Leicestershire and Rutland, rationing their heating this winter in order to afford higher energy bills.

Commenting, the Executive Director Anthony Donovan, said:

"It is clear that, as things stand, some older people will have to choose between cutting down on food or turning down their heating, once the cold weather sets in. Doing either is a potential risk to their health, especially if they are living with serious underlying health conditions. That's why we need the Government to do everything possible to safeguard the health and wellbeing of pensioners on low fixed incomes during periods of extreme cold weather".

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

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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.

### 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