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Hello...

EDITORIAL

What a wonderful day we had on Jubilee Day. The organising committee should be thanked for the effort that they put in to make it an enjoyable event. The Circus was also well attended.

With all the troubles of the last two years this was what we all needed. If you attended or had your own event, please send us your photos to Long_furrow@yahoo.co.uk

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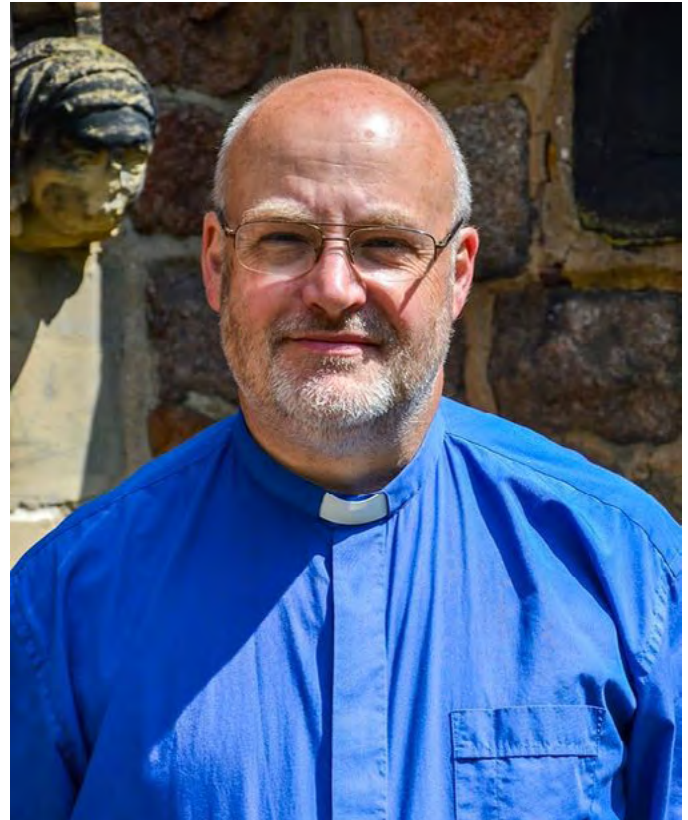
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SANTA IS RETURNING

Santa has agreed to return to East Goscote Community Library on December 9th. He will arrive at 6pm and will stay until all children have received a free gift. Also in the library that evening we will be running the annual Christmas Raffle and Books, Jigsaws and DVDs will be on sale.

We would like to thank Santa for coming as well as Pam, Angela, John and Richard for their help and also Nick who has helped for the last few years but has now retired.



FAREWELL TO THE VICAR

On August 21st we had to say goodbye to Tim Day who was our vicar for eight years at St Hilda's Church.

Throughout the Pandemic he worked so hard for anyone in need and always with a smile. He established the Foodbank both here and at Thurmaston.

Tim is moving to the Parish in Thorpe Acre, Loughborough. It is definitely their gain and sadly our loss.

His wife Andrea is amazing too; working equally hard and totally supporting Tim. She gave us great hospitality. Andrea is an excellent cook and always worked hard for every church function here or in Thurmaston.

The two churches joined together to give them a leaving party to show our appreciation for all they have done. We wish them well. Whether you attend St Hilda's or not, I am sure some aspect of the Ministry will have touched you in some way.

Gill Morton - Church Warden



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'CHATHEALTH' IN THE FINALS OF NHS INNOVATION AWARDS

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust's (LPT) confidential ChatHealth messaging platform is a finalist in an NHS England awards programme, to recognise excellence in health and care innovation, in the Innovation Spread category.

Initially developed in 2012, ChatHealth's safe and secure technology and best practice has been rolled out across the Trust to enable service users in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to reach healthcare professionals via confidential messaging.

LPT's ChatHealth-powered healthcare messaging services include:

- Healthy Together 0-19 (Health Visiting and School Nursing) ChatHealth, for young people aged 11-19 and Parentline for parents and carers of 0-19-year-olds
- The Specialist Autism Team (SAT) ChatAutism offer, for anyone over the age of 14 who has an autism diagnosis
- The Perinatal Mental Health offer, Mum's Mind, for new and expectant mums
- Central Access Point offer, ChatMentalHealth, for anyone needing mental health support
- Musculoskeletal (MSK) Therapy service, which used mass messaging to contact waiting list referrals.

In recent years and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, interest in LPT's ChatHealth innovation has grown nationwide. Around 70 other NHS Trusts and healthcare organisations have adopted the shared technology and best practice to implement ChatHealth-powered messaging services across

their own localities.

Predominantly used in public health nursing services – 60% of school nursing teams and 35% of health visiting teams now offer ChatHealth services in the UK – its potential has further spread to different types of services such as:

- Sexual health services in Wolverhampton, Bradford, Kirklees, Northamptonshire, Dorset and Lincolnshire
- Mental Health Support Teams (MHSTs) offering mental health support for young people at selected schools in North Yorkshire, Gloucestershire and Bromley
- Specialist care services for patients referred for treatment for children's diabetes and dialectical behaviour therapy (DBT).

In 2021-2022, a combined total of 87,132 messaging conversations took place nationwide, between healthcare professionals and service users via ChatHealth. Feedback from service users is overwhelming positive, with them often saying how it's a more convenient, comfortable and easier way to get help – and showing appreciation that messaging conversations can be carried out anonymously if preferred.

Angela Hillery, chief executive of LPT, said:

"We are extremely proud of this innovation. ChatHealth has gone from strength to strength since it was developed by our teams in LPT, and it benefits children, young people and parents across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland due to its confidential, secure messaging platform to access expert clinicians.



It has been particularly vital in supporting those who may not normally reach out for help in any other way. We would like to congratulate all the teams behind its success, including NHS Trusts across the country who have adopted ChatHealth to benefit more than six million people a year.”

Laura Serra, marketing manager for the Digital Health Transformation Service based at Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, the support team behind ChatHealth, said:

“We are so proud that ChatHealth has been selected as a finalist for The Innovate Awards. We want to achieve recognition for the inspiring health teams who have adopted ChatHealth nationwide, making it easier for service users to reach local healthcare professionals to get advice and support. This was particularly invaluable during the COVID-19 pandemic, when we saw a greater level of interest in our digital products.

It’s incredible to witness first-hand how tried and tested innovations can be utilised across different

types of health services to meet the same goals and achieve positive change. We’re honoured to be building a strong community of digital health professionals who are committed and passionate about offering digital care for more convenient and easy access for service users.”

The Innovate Awards is a collaboration between the AHSN Network, which operates as the innovation arm of the NHS in England and acts as the collective voice of the 15 academic health science networks (AHSNs); and NHS Confederation, the membership body, representing healthcare in the UK. The Innovation Spread award category recognises innovations that have made the greatest impact and have been scaled and adopted widely and rapidly. Winners of the awards will be announced at a ceremony to be held on Thursday 29 September 2022.

Further information about ChatHealth and a list of ChatHealth messaging services ran by local NHS services, can be found at www.chathealth.nhs.uk



DOG FOULING

To all Dog Owners of East Goscote,

The amount of Dog mess has increased dramatically on our village.

Can you please ensure that when you or any persons are walking your dog, they always have with them a poo bag. All litter bins and dog bins are for the use of wrapped dog mess and dog bags are available at 80p for 50 bags from the village library.

If your dog is caught fouling and you do not remove it, you can be liable for an on-the-spot fine. **We particularly ask that you ensure dog mess is cleared from the Jubilee Playing Fields, especially on the sports pitches where many children play.**

We also ask that dog owners ensure their dog is under control at all times.

DOG FAECES CAN CONTAIN THE EGGS OF THE ROUNDWORM, “TOXICARA”.

If they are ingested or inhaled by Humans it can cause great health risks.

If everyone takes care and is responsibly looking after their dogs, we will have a much cleaner village.



If you witness an owner who does not pick up after their dog please report it to 0116 2602202.



EAST GOSCOTE BROWNIES

Well, we start the Autumn term with some exciting news. You may remember that the Brownies all sent a letter to Her Majesty the Queen, congratulating her on her Platinum Jubilee. Imagine my surprise when a letter came through my letter box, franked with Buckingham Palace on it. Not only did we receive a standard thank-you card from Her Majesty, but a personal letter from Balmoral Castle, written by her lady in waiting. It is so lovely for the girls to receive conformation that their letters were appreciated.

Our first week back, the Brownies were given their own owl money box to paint. We sure have some artistic girls.

We have been teaching the girls DIY; including decorating. These are skills that really ought to be taught in school. However, its great that in Girl Guiding they can have these experiences and even get a badge.

This term is always a busy one as we celebrate Halloween and start thinking about crafts for Christmas.

Also, Tawny Owl and I have just completed a training on Bushcraft skills. We really enjoyed learning how to build fires and light them without matches. We were taught how to teach this safely with 7 to 10 year olds, so we hope to have an evening toasting marshmallows on our own fire. If you would like information on starting Brownies, please call me on 07981812955.

Cheers Brown Owl



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Ms T-S, May 2021

ST HILDA'S CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WORKER

It's been a funny few years for me, what with Covid and then my health taking a bit of a battering. But I am well now and it's good to be back at work. So, here's a few things happening in the next few months.

Little Fishes Stay and Play Toddler Group runs during term time on Mondays @ 1.30 – 3.00pm at St Hilda's Church, Ling Dale, East Goscote. We have lots of toys for little ones, craft activities, story time, and refreshments, all for just £1 per family. Come along and meet up with old friends and make some new ones too.

On Monday 31st October, 5.30 – 7.00pm we will be holding a Light Party in St Hilda's Church Hall. There will be lots of craft activities, games and refreshments for the whole family to enjoy. Come into the warm for lots of fun, you can even come dressed up if you wish. There is no charge for this event but donations towards costs are gratefully appreciated.



Our Christingle Service will be held at St Hilda's Church at 3.30pm on Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December. Put this date in your diary and come along to find out more about the Christingle and totake your own Christingle home with you.

For further information on any of these events and more, please see St Hilda's Church website, Facebook page or contact me on mandy.green@thefosseteam.org.

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Little Fishes

Baby and Toddler group



St Hilda's Church

1:30-3pm

Every Monday - during term time

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Green

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Saturday November
26th at 7pm

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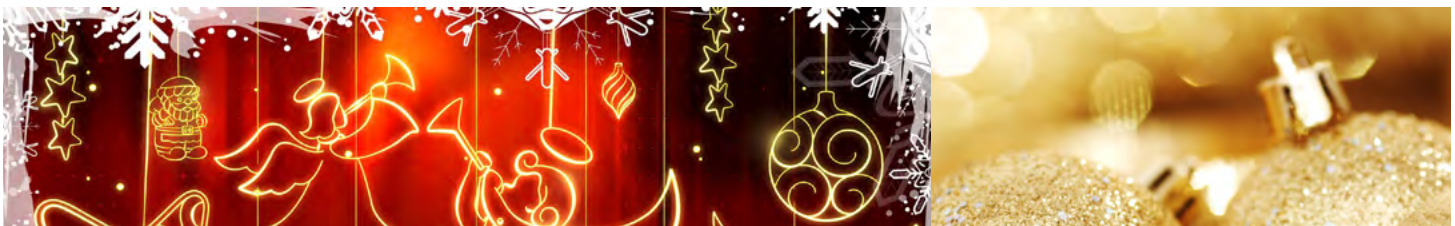
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East Goscote Scout Christmas Fair

Sunday 27th November 11am - 2pm

East Goscote Scout hut, Jubilee Playing Fields, Long Furrow, East Goscote, LE7 3ZS



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Tombola

Raffle

Refreshments

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gifts, and pamper gift sets

50p Admission per person to be paid on the door
(Free for under 2's)

Free car parking access also available.

Come and join us

EAST GOSCOTE - ANOTHER VIEW

I was born in Rearsby in March 1940 and lived there until October 1968 when I moved to Badgers Corner East Goscote. I regularly visited East Goscote to see the progress on the property that I had purchased and noticed that during the summer of 1968 they had started to demolish the mound. However after a number of attempts they had only appeared to scratch the surface of the side of the mound facing the playing fields, due to the fact that it was so heavily reinforced and it became obvious that it was going to be impractical to demolish.

During Jelson's attempt to demolish the mound one of the entrances to same, facing the playing field, had been left open and during the summer of 1968 I went inside the mound. It appeared that from the inside had been constructed and divided into either two or three sections which were completely divided by heavily reinforced walls. The open section that I entered contained a platform, as in railway, and below the platform there was provision for a single rail line (the track having been previously removed). My impression was that the mound had been used for the loading of ammunition onto railway wagons and if there happened to be an explosion in one section of the mound when loading the ammunition the design was such that the other one or two sections would probably not be affected due to heavily reinforced dividing walls.

Subsequently the open section that I had used, which was large enough to accept at least three or maybe four railway wagons in length, was sealed off and the area on the side of the mound that Jelson had previously attempted to demolish was recovered in earth. Also if I remember correctly from early East Goscote magazines, Jelsons did not seal the Air Vents on top of the mound and a child became jammed in the top of one of the vents. The vents were then, obviously sealed off.

With regards to the "Red Roofs" property, I had always understood that it was the residence of the Military Commander responsible for the Ordnance Factory (I was too young to remember it before it was requisitioned by the Ministry) and how many Military Commanders that may have been resident in the property I also do not know, but I remember that one of them had a daughter that attended Rearsby School; the same School that I attended and also that a Mr Arthur Slater from Rearsby was a Gardener at the residence.

With reference to the large "Flat Roofed" White House with large windows, just along from "Red Roofs" towards Rearsby; I believe that this was built by Willik Bros Ltd (Rose Growers) and was occupied by a Mr Van de Velde, his wife and son Robert. He was a Director of Willik Bros Ltd and my mother was engaged by them as a cleaner/ housemaid. I would occasionally go with my mother and play with Robert as he was the same age as myself. Subsequently Mrs Van de Velde passed away and their son Robert emigrated to South Africa. Mr Van de Velde sold the property and moved to Bleakmoor Close in Rearsby, just off Station Lane near the railway and my mother still cleaned for him. I believe Mr Van de Velde passed away on a visit to his son in South Africa and as far as I am aware was buried there. Mrs Van de Velde during her life In the White House was prominent in the

village of Rearsby as she always arranged an Annual coach outing for the children of the village, the first one being to Whipsnade Zoo and subsequently each on-going year after to Drayton Manor Park, where a cricket match was arranged between two teams of Rearsby village children, with the winners receiving an award. She was also a member of the Rearsby village cricket team committee and I remember her occasionally acting as Umpire when required.

In the 1950's I also remember a detachment of the Pioneer Corps being based in buildings that were part of the Ordnance Depot which were situated at the right hand side of the A607 main road when travelling to Leicester, just before the bridge that spanned the Queniborough Brook. They would occasionally be exercised by marching to Rearsby, turning left down Brook Street, turning left again into Mill Road then up to the A607 main road turning right and back to base.

Also in the early 1950's when attending Secondary School in Melton Mowbray the School Bus, which originated in Melton Mowbray would deliver workers from Melton Mowbray to the Ordnance Depot, which it appeared to be then called, and then collect us as school children from opposite the Horse and Groom public house in Rearsby, then turn right to Gaddesby and after collecting more children from Gaddesby, Ashby Folville, Barsby, South Croxton, Thimble Hall, Twyford, Thorpe Satchville and Great Dalby, would return to the A607 just to the East of Kirby Bellars, then turn right to Melton Mowbray. After school finished in the afternoon, the School Bus would make the same trip in reverse, to enable the collection of the workers from the Ordnance Depot and subsequently taking them back to Melton Mowbray.

Also the land corner of the Ordnance Factory with the boundaries of Broome Lane and the A607 was used in the mid to late 1950,s by a company with the name of Murphy Bros who repaired Heavy Duty commercial vehicles, with one of the brothers living in Rearsby House in Rearsby, the entrance to which is the long drive on the left just prior to the Horse and Groom public house in Rearsby when travelling to Melton Mowbray. A number of buildings situated in this same corner plot of land were also used by Auster Aircraft Ltd for storage of surplus aircraft spares and actual dismantled aircraft. When working for Auster Aircraft Ltd after leaving school in 1956 I was occasionally asked to assist in the delivery and collection of aircraft from these buildings. Another long term feature of this plot of land was an extremely high mound of sandy soil with an almost vertical side facing Broome Lane, this vertical side being the home to hundreds of Sand Martins during the Spring/Early Summer nesting period.

I also personally consider the following of personal interest: When living in Rearsby I lived next door to the day-shift stoker who worked in the Ordnance Factory Boiler House and upon moving to East Goscote I found

that my property had been built on the area, or adjacent to the area, where the Boiler House apparently once stood (my garden still contains ample quantities of clinker).

The signal Box for the Ordnance Factory sidings which was active until it closed in the early 1970's and was manned by a Mr Harry Baxter from Rearsby, whom I often saw cycling to and from work through our bedroom window which overlooks the railway and the access road to Beedles Lake. I knew Mr Baxter and his family and his eldest daughter still lives on East Goscote.

When the late Queen Elizabeth II visited Leicester, I believe it may have been 1958, the Royal Train was parked in the Ordnance Factory sidings where the Queen slept overnight, prior to her visit to Leicester the following day.

Hoping the Editor of "What is under the Mound" may find something of interest in the above. (Address supplied)

Ed: I moved here in 1979. At that time, Murphys was where the Willowbrook estate is now. Can anyone confirm that is where it had always been or was it at one time, as the article above states.



EAST GOSCOTE VILLAGE HALL

An opportunity has arisen for a regular user to have weekly use of the Village Hall.

If you would like more information, or to discuss availability, please contact Charlotte Turlington on 0116 260 2202 or email egadmin@talktalk.net.



EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL INVITES ALL RESIDENTS OF EAST GOSCOTE AGED 65 AND OVER TO A FREE AFTERNOON TEA.



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- Lizzy Rushby Vintage Singer

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EAST GOSCOTE RAINBOWS



At Rainbows we have been busy, busy, busy since we last checked in! We have continued to grow as a unit, waving goodbye to a few as they begin their Brownie journey and welcoming newbies to our madness!



We have done lots of celebrating at 1st East Goscote Rainbows, we decorated magnificent mugs for Mother's Day and terrific tiles for Father's Day along with bright colourful cards. World Thinking Day came around very quickly in February and to celebrate this we thought about other girls in different rainbow groups all over the world, along with those who may not be as fortunate as ourselves. We then thought about how we can help our local community and spoke about the importance of recycling! Some Rainbows even wore their Rainbow uniform to school.

As a unit we earned our very first theme award. The Rainbows worked extremely hard to earn this badge, within the unit activities and doing their own work at home, so of course, this was celebrated too!



We had a massive celebration for the Queen's Jubilee with a unit teddy bear picnic. Every teddy was invited (they even got their own royal throne!), we worked on how to act like Royals, made Royal crowns and then ate a Royal banquet. Even Olivia, our Rainbow mascot, had a Royal outfit hand-made by Sue Riley to look the part! The Queen was a patron of Girlguiding and a wonderful role model to every girl involved in Guiding. As a unit, we were extremely sad to hear about the passing of Her Majesty the Queen and we extend our love to the Royal family at this upsetting time.



We had a change of scenery, put on our wellies and raincoats and went fishing at Rearsby Brook. The weather was not on our side, but as the girls reminded me, we were going to get wet either way so they didn't let the rain ruin their fun!



To celebrate our last meeting before breaking up for summer we had a Rainbows' Seaside Summer Fair outside the Village Hall, with fairground games, prizes and best of all a slip 'n' slide for the girls to cool down after the glorious weather! The Rainbows' families then joined us at the end of the meeting for chips 'by the seaside'.



We have turned 1 so we had a 1st birthday party for the unit! I cannot believe we have been up and running again for a whole year, the weeks have flown by and it has been such a privilege to run such a wonderful unit full of brilliant Rainbows.



This has to be my favourite term of the year as we get to do so many fun things with Halloween, bonfire night and best of all Christmas! We have a wonderful term lined up with many exciting opportunities for the Rainbows! Finally, a huge thank you to Carla,

Sami and Sue and to our new additions Laila and Becky, your help is so appreciated! If you are interested in getting your daughter involved with Rainbows, please register on the Go Girlguiding website.

Happy Birthday!

The photo on the right features staff and children at the party celebrating the first birthday of the revived Rainbows.



THE GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE



Raking the hay from the Nature Garden and Wildlife Verge for off-site composting reduces the fertility of the soil which is better for wildflowers.

WHAT NEXT FOR GG?

It's been fairly busy this last quarter. Raking, off-site composting, and caring for the Nature Garden and Wildlife Verge. QGC trees and raised beds to look after through a dreadful drought. Litter picking and recycling at the Spectrum charity football match and at Syston Fayre and maintaining a busy Recycling Centre. We've held our first proper AGM and secured a little money from grants and donations to help make our village more sustainable in the true sense. We all face the most challenging winter. Can GG play a part in helping our community to get through this difficult time in a greener way and save ourselves much needed money at the same time?



Over 30 of the 38 Queen's Green Canopy trees will make through to next year thanks to GG Volunteers.

QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

Following the sad news of the passing of Queen Elizabeth, the new patron of the Queen's Green Canopy, King Charles, has asked that the project be extended until March 2023 enabling more trees to be planted in memory of the Queen. This has been a challenging year in so many ways and establishing young trees in the hottest and driest weather is one of them. Our volunteers have persevered and although we will have lost a few of the trees, over 30 of the 38 will make it through to next year. Many thanks to all volunteers who watered during the drought. Any trees that don't make it will be replaced and all will be registered in October on the QGC Map.

CONTACT US:

Greener Goscote exists to promote environmental sustainability in our village. For free advice on composting, recycling, biodiversity and climate change and for information on Greener Goscote contact David on 07873852372, email greenergoscote@outlook.com or find us on Facebook.

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Working with Nature



Are you working part time, nearing Retirement or already Retired? Does the thought of time without work routine seem daunting? Is there time in your life to fill? Joining a local U3A is a fantastic opportunity to meet other people, and participate in a wide range of activities.

'Syston & District U3A' is open to everyone including those living outside Syston area. There are U3A Organisations all over England and some overseas Countries as well which you can pop into whilst on holiday or spending time with family and friends elsewhere.

Our website www.systonu3a.org.uk offers current information on almost 40 different group activities from which to choose and includes Bird watching, Painting, Singing, Walking Football, Snooker, Photography and many more. Unable to find anything which interests you there? Answer - join 'Syston & District U3A' for £15 annually (29

pence per week) and form a new Group to share interests, knowledge and skills or simply 'have a go'! Included in Membership subscription is the option to attend a monthly meeting with fascinating Speakers, receive U3A quarterly Magazine delivered to your door and enjoy a perfect opportunity to try something new, meet a diverse range of people and have FUN. Most activities cost approximately £2 to attend which covers room hire and are usually 2 hours duration. Outdoor activities offer car sharing possibilities too. In addition there are also unique Workshops, Theatre visits and days out at additional cost.

'Syston & District U3A' covers many local Villages (including yours) so look on our new, comprehensive, easy to use website www.systonu3a.org.uk for more information. Take a chance, contact Group Leader of your choice and arrange to join a 'taster' session OR attend our monthly meeting at 'Syston Community Centre' on the second Wednesday of each month 10 am to 12 pm and talk to others to find out more plus enjoy a 'good talking to' as well. Everyone is equal & a warm welcome is assured. Thank you for reading this.

The rest, like life, is up to YOU!

FIFTY YEARS AGO:































The value of an average three bedroomed semi-detached house in East Goscote went from approx. £4000 to £8500 during 1972.

Towards the end of the year, Alan and Hilary Norton returned from a holiday in Scotland to find a FOR SALE notice outside their house. The Leicester Mercury carried a for sale ad: East Goscote: four bedroomed detached house with double garage, central heating, interior needs attention - 11, The Headlands. £7500. At the time the house was valued at around £13,500. Forty two interested people descended upon the house to view this bargain property. The practical joker responsible was discovered but their name was never published.

The Headteacher of Broomfield School, Mr Dennis Bradley, flew out to Wilmington, Delaware, during August to spend twelve months introducing aspects of British primary education to six primary schools in the area.

£250 for the Village Hall Extension Fund was raised at the village fete.




 **AUTUMN** 
 The corn was green, but now gold 
 The harvests in before it's cold 
 And Summer sun was warm and bright 
 Whilst days were long and nights were bright. 
 The harvest moon shone very bright 
 Harvest hymns were sung with choiry might 
 The fields all ploughed and seeds all scattered 
 So all is done that really mattered. 
 The autumn now then comes along 
 And birds all sing a quieter song 
 Whilst many start to fly away 
 Just to return some Spring day. 
 Ernest Barkworth (2000) 




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EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

OUT AND ABOUT

Following a lot of work on trees and invasive roots, and replacing the safety surfacing, our Lilac Way play area has re-opened. Replacement playground signs are being purchased for Lilac Way and the Village Green play areas. Staying with trees, we have had the regular professional survey of all of our trees carried out and Leicestershire County Council have also undertaken extensive tree work.

The Parish Council have commissioned a fire risk assessment for The Mound following the exceptionally hot and dry summer. The Long Furrow Wildlife Verges is a partnership project with Leicestershire County Council. We are working to make further improvements next year by adding to the existing wildflowers and bringing more colour and biodiversity to the verges.

Unfortunately, dog fouling is on the increase. Most dog owners are responsible and pick up after their dogs and affordable bags are available at the Library. However, some dog owners clearly don't pick up. On the positive side, the Parish Council, with help from the Rainbow guiding unit, have planted some daffodil bulbs in the shape of a crown on the Melton Road – look out for this next Spring.

THREE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

The Library are hosting the Children's Santa event which will take place on Friday 9th December. The Parish Council are arranging a get together for the Over 65's in the village hall on Saturday December 10th (see separate article) and we have re-booked the well received James Richards Circus for October 2023.

TRAFFIC MATTERS

We are hoping to arrange a meeting with Leicestershire County Council to discuss the traffic on the A607 and an improvement to the traffic and active travel scheme for the new Redrow development. And we have been successful

in our application to Councillor Poland regarding a grant from the members highway fund. As a result the Parish Council have agreed to install a vehicle activated sign on a more permanent basis on Long Furrow adjacent to the brook.

AND FINALLY

The Parish Council are considering how best to consult the residents to ask what they feel our parish priorities might be.

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EAST GOSCOTE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Unfortunately, the leaders of the East Goscote Friendship Club have decided to retire.

We are looking for someone to take over the running of this friendly club.

This person would be responsible for arranging a programme that would be interesting and enjoyable.

The members pay a sub of £3 a meeting. This covers the cost of a speaker and a contribution to the Church to cover heating, lighting and general upkeep.

All outgoings are paid by cheque and someone will be needed to pay money into the Bank or Post Office.

The leaders would be responsible for ensuring the safety of all members. It would also entail the responsibility of ensuring the building would be treated properly.

At present, the club meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

If you are interesting in becoming the new leaders please contact Gill Morton 0116 3199678 or Jessie Hawes 0116 2606581.

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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
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Neighbourhood Watch		01162602202
Pocket Rocket Pre-School		07414253969
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Rainbows	Alex Riley	07894055128
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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Syston Model Railway	John Malpus	0116 2609789
Syston Volunteers	Mark	0116 2607888
Village Hall Bookings		0116 2602202
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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
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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

Contact Liz Pizer (Clerk) 0116 2602202
Website: www.eastgoscotepc.org.uk