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Monday 17th April 2023 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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EDITORIAL

Due to the Coronation of King Charles III, we are hoping to include articles about the Coronation in the next edition of Long Furrow. Because of this, we are bringing forward the copy deadline date to March 14th.

If anyone wishes to contribute to this edition, please ensure that the deadline is not missed.



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

- History of East Goscote
- Coronation Event
- Greener Goscote
- Winter wildlife
- Parish Council News
- Afternoon Tea
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There are a number of litter bins around the village. Those which are black are the responsibility of CBC and the others are the Parish Council's responsibility.

LIZ COMPLETES 30 YEARS

In December 2022, Liz Pizer reached the outstanding milestone of 30 years service as the Clerk to East Goscote Parish Council. Councillors presented Liz with gifts to say thank you for her hard work, dedication, good humour and professionalism over the years.




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Donors can take pride in the knowledge that all money raised from the sale of goods donated is used to support local, vulnerable older people in the community through services such as be-friending for the lonely and isolated, information and advice for those struggling to pay their bills and respite services to support older carers.

Anthony Donovan, Executive Director of Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland commented:

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Donations can be dropped off at any of Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland's shops during opening times (full list here: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/leics/shops/>) and collection of furniture and larger items can be arranged by calling 0116 299 2233.

LIBRARY NEWS

Once again, the Santa evening in the Library, was a big success. 54 children were given presents by Santa. The event, which was funded by East Goscote Parish Council and organised by East Goscote Library was held in the Library. We were assisted by Pam Hunt, Barbara Liversedge, Richard Kyle, Angela Malpuy and, of course, Santa Claus.

Jean Calder organised a fund raising raffle which raised £119 and we would like to thank everyone who donated prizes including TESCO in Syston and BEARDLEYS CAFE in Rearsby. We would also like to thank everyone who bought raffle tickets.

We would also like to thank everyone who has supported the library in any way during 2022.



Friendship Club
Easter 2002

MORE EAST GOSCOTE HISTORY

As you are aware I mentioned Murphy Brothers in the article "East Goscote - Another View" in the last Long Furrow magazine. As I stated, Murphy Brothers during 1955 were rebuilding Commercial Vehicles on the corner site where Broome Lane joins the A607. Also some of the existing buildings on this corner site were also being used by Auster Aircraft Ltd who were based on the airfield at Rearsby; just for storage purposes.

Murphy Brothers also had a Civil Engineering section of their business which was situated on the site where the Thurmaston Shopping Centre now stands and they also built a prominent new Headquarters Building, from which they ran a Haulage business, which was situated facing the original A607 road (Pre Thurmaston By-Pass days) on the right hand side of same where the original A607 entered Thurmaston village when travelling towards Leicester. This site as you are no doubt aware is now a large business complex.

The Murphy's to whom you are referring were situated in the area of Willowbrook Way and appeared on the scene sometime later; they were Timber Merchants. It just so

happened by coincidence that the two companies operated under similar names, but in no way were they connected.

Another minor item I forgot to mention was that the Ordnance Factory had its own Fire Station situated adjacent to the main entrance to East Goscote and in the late 1940s every Sunday morning at 11 am they would test their Air Raid warning siren which could be clearly heard in Rearsby village.

Also one of my friends in Rearsby purchased one of the first batch of houses built in the village in Ploughmans Lea, but as it was not ready for occupation Jelson's allowed him to live in the original existing Fire Station House which was situated adjacent to the Fire Station until such time as the property that he had purchased had been completed. The Fire Station and adjacent house were subsequently demolished.

Editor: The timber yard where the Willowbrook development now stands was actually owned by Masseys and not Murphys as I stated in the last edition.



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 £1 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.



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Ms T-S, May 2021



EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH PRIORITIES: PRIORITIES FOR OUR VILLAGE

We are committed to providing you with the best standards possible and have been asked by Charnwood Borough Council to feedback what your priorities are for our village. This does not mean that they, or we, can deliver on them but if the opportunity arises, it's important to know what your priorities are. We would welcome your comments. Please fill out this questionnaire and return by 10th March to the Parish Council offices or place it in the box in Annie's Café or the Community Library. You can also scan or take a photograph and return via email to clerk@eastgoscote.org. Thank you.

Community Buildings – Our village has a Village Hall, Library, Scout Hut, Pavilion and Church. What improvements would you like to see to our community buildings?

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Would you be interested in an allotment if we could find available land. (1 being low priority, 5 being high priority.)

1 2 3 4 5

How important is it for East Goscote to have its own cemetery/ garden of remembrance? (1 being low priority, 5 being high priority.)

1 2 3 4 5

Children's Play Areas – EGPC maintain 3 play areas which are Jubilee Playing Fields, Lilac Way, and Play Area outside the School. Do we need more areas for children to play? (1 being low priority, 5 being high priority.)

1 2 3 4 5

How could we improve our children's play facilities?

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Young People's Facilities – What facilities would you like to see the council provide for young people?

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Leisure Facilities – Are there any outdoor sports you would like us to provide at East Goscote?

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Leisure Facilities – Are there any indoor sports you would like us to provide at East Goscote?

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Public Art – Is public art a priority for our village? (1 being low priority, 5 being high priority.)

1 2 3 4 5

Parks and Gardens – Would you like us to make any improvements to any of the green spaces in the village?

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Green Spaces – Would you like to see additional green spaces on our village? (1 being low priority, 5 being high priority.)

1 2 3 4 5

Improvements to the natural environment and sustainability – For example: rewilding, connecting green corridors, active travel routes, waste minimisation, energy advice, educational opportunities (1 being low priority, 5 being high priority.)

1 2 3 4 5

Please share any additional comments or suggestions.

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Your Name:

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Christmas Celebrations

Afternoon Tea on Saturday 10th December



A **HUGE** Thank You to the 1st East Goscote Brownies for their help and the Parish Council for their time and hard work in putting on this event for the village.





WARM SPACE SCHEME

East Goscote Community Library is pleased to be able to offer a Warm Space to those who need it over the coming months.

We have a desk space available for you to bring your own laptop to work, or just come along and enjoy some quiet reading time in the comfort of the library.

Tea and Coffee will be able to purchase at a cost of £1 per cup.

This scheme will run during normal library opening hours.

- Monday: 9:00-12:00**
- Tuesday: 14:00-17:00**
- Wednesday: 10:00-12:00**
- Thursday: 14:00-17:00**
- Friday: 9:00-12:00**
- Saturday: 10:00-13:00**
- Sunday: Closed**



For more information, please call into the library and speak to one of the volunteers.

A familiar sight.
The Queniborough Brook



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.

DOG BAGS

Approximately 4 years ago, East Goscote Community Library took over the distribution of Dog Bags in the village. The intention was to assist funding the library through any profit made.

Unfortunately, up to the end of the year we were making a loss due to the increase in in the wholesale price of the bags. For this reason, we have made the decision to increase the cost of the bags to £1 per pack. It should be noted that this is the first time we have increased the price.

The quality of the bags will remain the same and are still very good value.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

On December 16th, the school choir of St Michael and all Angels, Rearsby visited East Goscote community Library to entertain customers and others to a session of Christmas carols. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the programme of songs.

The staff and children from the school were thanked for attending. Thanks also went to Barbara Liversidge and Kitty Nyul for liaising with the school.




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EAST GOSCOTE SCOUT GROUP



Scouts have been up to many activities as normal. This has included them doing their Master at arms badge. Where they have learnt to re bow an archery bow. In October Scouts went camping, where they went on a Zipwire and cooked in Dutch ovens. Also learning various First Aid skill by having insidents to build these skills. Congratulations to Jack for completing his Chief Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award they can achive in Scouts so a Well done.



Crazy Cubs have been up to loads as normal. This last term they have learnt knife skills, where they cut up various vegetable to make a vegetable soup at home. Again, they all had a go at Archery with many improving on their skills. We have done many badges, one being the communicators badge. They sent messages in Morse code, wrote an article for a Newspaper and made a code of their own. We also learnt about Thailand's Krathong festival, making lanterns, tasting food and playing a traditional Thai game. We also have planted acorns in the hope they will grow a new generation of trees for the Oaks campsite.



Beavers have been busy, busy doing many activities and gaining Badges. They have been out and about conker picking and den building To end the year Beavers and Cubs went to see Dick Whittington Panto at Melton. All had a good time, oh yes we did!!

The Group had a great turn out for this years Remembrance Parade, with all sections being well represented. It was great to be able to Parade as normal and show the village how well all our Uniformed organisations are doing.

As a Group we ended the year with a very well supported Carol service at the Church. Lots of singing and fun was had by all.

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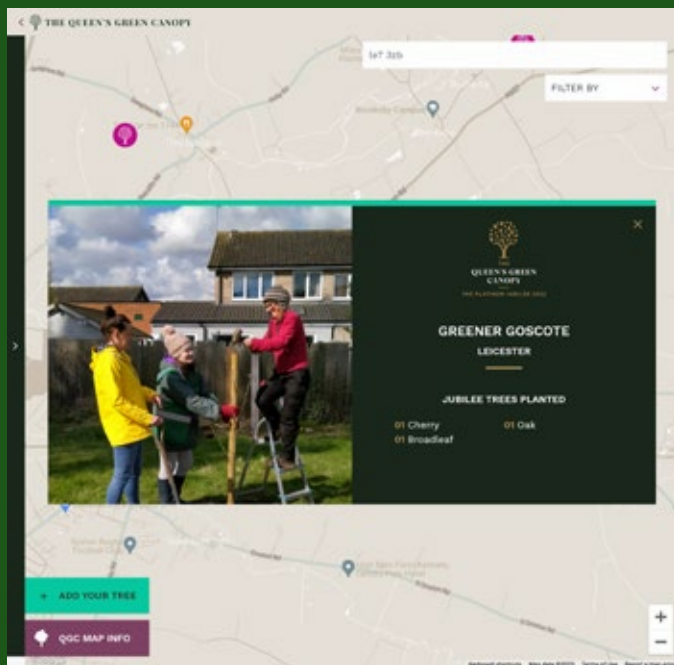
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THE GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE

GOOD QGC NEWS

Together with our expert Tree Warden, Rod Axon, we have surveyed all 38 of our Queen's Green Canopy trees and only three are definite casualties of last year's drought, 2022 probably being the hottest year on record for the UK. Many thanks to volunteer tree waterers for nursing them through their first year. There will be a bit of trimming and tidying to do but this adds up to an exceptional survival rate. We would expect to lose about 11 in a normal year. Any losses will be replaced and more planted so help will no doubt be needed again this spring and summer. Contact us if you are interested in being a tree carer. Young carers are given a wooden heart to decorate and identify their tree.



Search queensgreencanopy.org and enter your postcode on the map for details of our Greener Goscote and Parish Council trees. Approximate locations are shown on the 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, or email greenergoscote@outlook.com or find us on Facebook.

Our new notice board at the Recycling Centre spells out the message. Courtesy of Central Co-op Community Dividend.



OUR PLANS FOR 2023

There's lots to do this year to help make our village even greener. Here are a few volunteering opportunities:

- Preparation of wildflower areas
- Tree planting
- Litter pick Park before foliage
- Plug planting and seeding
- Great British Spring Clean
- Coronation Event
- Tree caring, watering
- Syston Summer Fayre
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- The Recycling Centre
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THE MAKING OF EAST GOSCOTE - ROD AXON

It was really fascinating to see the article 'East Goscote -Another View' about the mound in the November issue of Long Furrow in response to my previous article. The contributor's memories of the people and places really has been helpful and very interesting.

Since then I was asked to give a presentation on the development of East Goscote to the University of the Third Age (U3A) in Syston and I found more evidence about Jelson's work in this area.

On the day I met a number of people who gave me descriptions of their adventures inside and around various derelict buildings on the Jelson site at East Goscote. I also met the surveyor, who then became the project manager for the whole village. I hope to hear more from him about how the village was built. He said that at the busiest time of construction, Jelson employed around half of all construction workers in Leicestershire on site. An aerial photo of the site in April 1968 exists in Parish Council records showing the scale of building and my photo of it is below.

You can see that the site was cleared piecemeal, the new houses being built from the south and east. Various old structures are evident even after the new road system had been set out. Remember that the planners had on two occasions originally insisted

that 'all buildings and structures' were to be demolished and removed from the site. From original Architects plans Jelson always intended the mound buildings to be landscape features and you can see rubble and soil around the buildings at this stage. You can clearly see where the quarry is, now the playing field east of the railway, where demolition rubble was placed. Also visible is another quarry where the fishing pond now is, just north of Broome Lane, near to the Lodge farm. The new sewage works is already built which also served surrounding villages. It retained one of the existing Factory 10 double reservoirs that were for fire fighting purposes. (shown as a rectangular structure divided in two near the round treatment ponds).

It is hard to believe now that Jelson's building site was open to all, even the active sites where building was taking place! Everything on a modern site is strictly controlled and all areas of a former industrial site would be fenced off for remediation before building work commenced.

One person at the U3A in Syston described going inside the mound buildings - a large open space inside the mound with the sound of dripping water. I believe the two buildings may be different types so it is difficult to decide which memory relates to which building. Peoples' memories of the exact



structure inside were not clear but photographs on a web site called **Subterranea Britannica** do show the interior of the standard magazine design for Filling Factories. Swynnerton in Staffordshire was a similar factory to Factory 10 (Queniborough) and contained the same designs of building as ours. Perhaps these photos may help re-awaken those memories?

The contributor to the November issue explained about the platform and rails that he had seen. Their description tends to confirm the type of standard magazine design with galleries emerging from the side on to the platform. Due to copyright I can't share these photos but the web site www.subbrit.org.uk has the photos of the interior of the Swynnerton Magazines. if you search for Swynnerton and follow the 'images' link you will find them. Everything on a munitions site was designed to minimise the risk of explosion and minimise the effect of a disaster e.g. thick blast walls but thinner roofs (max. 6 inches).

I can also confirm the contributor's memory that our vent shafts were filled; also mesh was placed over them and that the mounds are entirely safe to walk over; however, without knowing precisely the condition of the whole structure, the mound will need continued monitoring for any movement or changes. Avoiding damage by not using heavy machinery on the roofs should keep this area open as an amenity for decades to come.

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BROWNIES

Last term we started a project called Live Smart. The Brownies had an opportunity to try out different tools and learnt the correct tools for various jobs. They also learnt basic decorating skills and made their own rooms with wallpaper and carpets. We held an evening teaching road safety and another learning the values of money. The girls found the prices of everyday items quite surprising because the weekly shopping is paid for by card, therefore they are less aware of cash and change. They all received a well deserved badge at the end of the project.

We made potions for Halloween and had sparklers for bonfire night.

The highlight of the term was our comical production of the 12 Days of Christmas. The Brownies completely threw themselves into it and we had a great time rehearsing. The little show was watched by over sixty parents and children and put us all in a lovely festive mood.

Thank you to all the parents who give us such support and thank you to all the Brownies for being so amazing.

Happy New Year to All.
Brown Owl



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| Afternoon Tea | Tricia Marsland | 0116 2609088 |
| ATC Plt Officer | Andy Gaunt | 0742 5171549 |
| Beavers | Johanne Draycott | 0798 1101644 |
| Beedles Lake Golf Club | | 0116 2606759 |
| Beehive Baby & Toddler Group | Natalie Palfreyman | 07720738820 |
| 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 |

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| 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 | | |
| 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 |
| Syston Catholic Ch. | Anthony Pateman | 0116 2608476 |
| Syston Methodist Ch. | Daniel Yovan | 0116 2603296 |
| Syston Model Railway | John Malpus | 0116 2609789 |
| Syston Volunteers | Mark | 0116 2607888 |
| Village Hall Bookings | | 0116 2602202 |
| 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 |

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Meetings of the Parish Council are generally held at 6:30pm on the second Monday 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

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| 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
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