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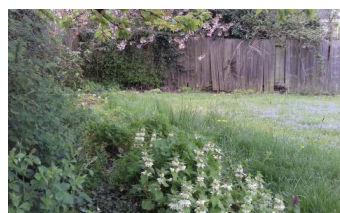
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This is the edition featuring the details of the Coronation of King Charles III. As well as the details listed on page 7, there are details of an event here in East Goscote. There was a slip up with deliveries of the last edition of LONG FURROW which was eventually sorted so that you all should have received your copy.



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WORD CHAIN



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Please note that the library will be closed 7th, 8th, 10th and 11th April for the Easter Holidays.

WORD CHAIN

Starting from the word **PORK**, change one letter at a time, finish with the word **BEEF**. See how many changes you have to make.

ANAGRAMS

Find the football teams contained in the anagrams below:

- MOST TONING FATHER
- WEEDY FEEDS FLASH DIN
- GREENS SQUARE PRANK
- I AM STEWED HUNT
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NEW DETAILS REVEALED OF 256-HOME ESTATE 'THAT WILL JOIN UP' TWO LEICESTERSHIRE VILLAGES



came after council officers warned that the lack of an up-to-date local plan - a document which sets out which areas should and should not be built on - for the area meant the authority would struggle to defend a decision to refuse the application if it went to appeal.

The properties will comprise 10 one-bedroom homes, 44 two-beds, 87 three-beds, 94 four-beds and 21 five-beds, with 77 of the houses to be set aside for affordable rent or shared ownership, according to the application. There will be a section of community parkland across the north of the site, including open grassland, woodland, two bodies of water and a children's play area, the documents add.

At the committee meeting in 2021, borough councillor James Poland warned the planning committee: "If you grant this application today, make no mistake, East Goscote and Rearsby will effectively be joined up, and that will cause substantial and permanent harm to the character and identities of both villages."

But after hearing that the lack of an up-to-date local plan made it more difficult to refuse an application, councillors decided to approve outline permission for the scheme, once the developer had pledged suitable contributions to local infrastructure and other facilities to help the area cope with the influx of new residents, known as a section-106 agreement. Six councillors voted for the plan, and four against.

Planning documents submitted with the new application on behalf of Redrow Homes read: "The site at East Goscote will provide a unique and attractive place to live. The development will provide a mix of house types, tenures and densities to reflect a wide range of household requirements, creating a varied character which responds positively to local vernacular and providing much needed housing to Charnwood. The scheme will make use of its proximity to the village centre, where local services and key community infrastructure are located. Redrow will make use of the existing landscaping to create beautiful green spaces promoting social interaction and a sense of ownership."

(Courtesy of Leicester Mercury)

New details have been released about a planned, controversial 256-home estate accused of joining up two Leicestershire villages. Outline permission was granted for the development, on fields off Melton Road, East Goscote, by Charnwood Borough Council last year in the face of vocal opposition from residents and from a borough councillor, who said the village and neighbouring Rearsby would "effectively be joined up" if the proposal went ahead.

The council received 176 objections to the proposal, originally submitted by Gladman Developments, but with the land since being bought by Redrow Homes East Midlands. But at a meeting in August 2021, planning committee members agreed the development should go ahead. The decision to approve

1ST EAST GOSCOTE BROWNIES

Well, it was lovely to see the Brownies again after our Christmas break.

So far this term, we have made Chinese dragons out of recycled rubbish, held a promise ceremony for the new ones and have been learning first aid.

We have had a back to front evening, which the girls found funny and confusing. We celebrated Mother's Day with a Body Shop and Prosecco evening. This gave everyone chance to try products out and spend a lovely evening with their Mum's. We are getting prepared for Pack holiday in May and a trip around

Leicester City Football stadium.

We are looking forward to some sunny warm weather, to enable us to go outside exploring.

If you are interested in joining us and are aged 7-10 years old, call me on 07981812955 or go on the Girl guiding website and register your interest.



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TEA TIMERS

I can't believe we are starting March already!!! Don't forget we are open every Tuesday 2pm till 4pm. We have games to play as well as the important chat with a cuppa and cake. Everyone is very welcome. At the moment we are also having soup on Tuesday at 12 noon we are thinking of changing to sandwich and cake when the weather warms up.

We will be having an Easter party 11th April we enjoy a party come and join us.

We will be joining with village for the Coronation events the village are organising. We will also be having a Tea Party on the 8th May all welcome.

I am sorry I missed last the Long Furrow to say a big thank you for all who placed a tree or came to see the trees; it was lovely to have them all back in the church. We will, of course, be doing it all again this December as we once again join in the Village tree light up and Santa visiting.

If you want any information please ring Tricia 01162609088.

Tricia Marsland.

VOTER ID

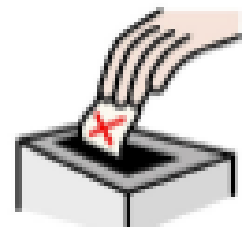
Why has voter identification been introduced in polling stations?

We have always had a form of identity check – this is not new. What is new is the production of photographic identification as part of the ongoing developments to ensure the integrity of the election. The policy decision by Central Government flows from a manifesto pledge in the 2017 and 2019 manifestos.

What will be acceptable identification in polling stations?

A voter must present one of the following forms of photographic identification in order to vote in person at the polling station:

- A passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
- A driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or an EEA state (includes a provisional driving licence)
- A biometric immigration document
- An identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- A Blue Badge
- A national identity card issued by the EEA state
- An Older Person's Bus Pass
- A Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- An Oyster 60+ Card
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- A Scottish National Entitlement Card issued in Scotland
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- A Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card issued in Wales
- A Senior SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- A Registered Blind SmartPass or Blind Person's SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- A War Disablement SmartPass or War Disabled SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
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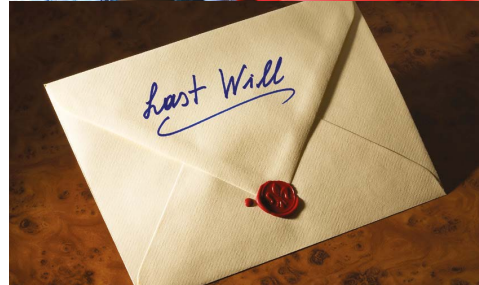
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Mrs G, April 2021



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Ms T-S, May 2021

Coronation Weekend



Saturday 6th May 2023

The Coronation Service at Westminster Abbey

The Coronation Service will take place on the morning of Saturday, 6th May 2023 at Westminster Abbey. The Coronation is a solemn religious service, as well as an occasion for celebration and pageantry.

Their Majesties The King and The Queen Consort will arrive at Westminster Abbey in procession from Buckingham Palace, known as 'The King's Procession'.

After the Service, Their Majesties will return to Buckingham Palace in a larger ceremonial procession, known as 'The Coronation Procession'. Their Majesties will be joined in this procession by other Members of the Royal Family.

At Buckingham Palace, The King and The Queen Consort, accompanied by Members of the Royal Family, will appear on the balcony to conclude the day's ceremonial events.

Sunday 7th May 2023

The Coronation Concert at Windsor Castle

On Sunday, 7th May 2023, a special Coronation Concert will take place at Windsor Castle. Produced, staged and broadcast live by the BBC and BBC Studios, the Coronation Concert will bring global music icons and contemporary stars together in celebration of the historic occasion.

Attended by a public audience including volunteers from The King and The Queen Consort's many charity affiliations, the concert will see a world-class orchestra play interpretations of musical favourites fronted by some of the world's biggest entertainers, alongside performers from the world of dance. The performances will be supported by staging and effects located on the Castle's East Lawn and will also feature a selection of spoken word sequences delivered by stars of stage and screen.

Through a national ballot held by the BBC, several thousand members of the public will be selected to receive a pair of free tickets for the Coronation Concert at Windsor Castle.

Alongside the stars of the concert, the show will also see an exclusive appearance from The Coronation Choir. This diverse group will be created from the nation's keenest community choirs and amateur singers from across the United Kingdom, such as Refugee choirs, NHS choirs, LGBTQ+ singing groups and deaf signing choirs. A new documentary exploring the formation of The Coronation Choir will tell the stories of the people representing the many faces and voices of the country. The Coronation Choir will appear alongside The Virtual Choir, made up of singers from across the Commonwealth, for a special performance on the night.

The centrepiece of the Coronation Concert, 'Lighting up the Nation', will see the country join together in celebration as iconic locations across the United Kingdom are lit up using projections, lasers, drone displays and illuminations.

The Coronation Concert will be produced by BBC Studios, broadcast live on BBC One, BBC iPlayer, BBC Radio 2 and BBC Sounds.

Further details about the concert, the national ticket ballot and the line-up will be released in due course.

The Coronation Big Lunch

Neighbours and communities across the United Kingdom are invited to share food and fun together at Coronation Big Lunches on Sunday 7th May 2023, in a nationwide act of celebration and friendship. From a cup of tea with a neighbour to a street party, a Coronation Big Lunch brings the celebrations to your neighbourhood and is a great way to get to know your community a little better.

Thousands of events are expected to take place in every corner of the United Kingdom this May as people take to their streets, gardens, parks and community spaces to join the Coronation celebrations and mark this historic occasion.

Free downloadable resources will also be made available online by the Big Lunch team at CoronationBigLunch.com, to help people and communities start their Coronation Big Lunch planning.

Monday 8th May 2023

The Big Help Out

The Big Help Out will be held on Monday, 8th May 2023 and is being organised by The Together Coalition and a wide range of partners such as The Scouts, the Royal Voluntary Service and faith groups from across the United Kingdom. The Big Help Out will highlight the positive impact volunteering has on communities across the nation.

In tribute to His Majesty The King's public service, The Big Help Out will encourage people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas. The aim of The Big Help Out is to use volunteering to bring communities together and create a lasting volunteering legacy from the Coronation Weekend.

LAURIE NEEDHAM - BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

REDROW

The final stages of consultation on the layout & design of the site closed in March.

I have worked very closely with the Parish Council in responding to the plans. Our concerns, like you, are:

- the number of houses
- traffic, road safety & access issues
- preservation of open spaces & wildlife
- loss of privacy & disturbances to residents
- ensuring the land is safe to build on.

Many thanks to Cllr Rod Axon again, for his tireless research and work that has enabled us to provide a well evidenced, robust response.

I met with Redrow earlier in the year to discuss the problems caused to residents and damage to trees by contractors on the site. I hope to have regular meetings with them to ensure we have the most up to date information about what's happening on site and to give me an opportunity to raise any questions and concerns from residents.

Speeding

Speeding figures have been obtained for the problem areas around the village, which showed cars regularly breaking speed limits. Cllr Shivers and I have raised this with Leicestershire County Council and the police to see what measures can be taken to calm the traffic. Some temporary awareness signs have also been installed around the village following a request from the Parish Council.

I know that traffic and speeding is one of the main worries for people in East Goscote and it is something that I shall continue to prioritise.

Local elections

Elections for Charnwood Borough Council will take place on May 4th . As mentioned previously there will be two significant changes this time around.

One, is that you will no longer elect just one councillor to represent East Goscote. A change by the Boundary Commission means that East Goscote will become part of a new voting area comprising a part of Syston and many of our neighbouring villages. You will be asked to vote for three candidates who will represent not just East Goscote, but for this entire new area.

I will be standing for re-election, along with my colleagues Chris O'Neill and Sandra Woodward. I hope that you can support us.

Secondly, is that photo ID will be required to vote at a polling station from now on. Please see the government website for valid forms of ID, or get in touch and I can provide you with a list. Please take particular care to check this list if you are a younger person, as things like student cards and passes are not accepted. You also have an option of applying for a postal vote which does not require photo ID.

If you do not have valid ID and do not want a postal ballot, then a free certificate can be applied for from Charnwood Borough Council. Either contact them online or 01509 634546 for information on how to apply.

Thank You.

Finally, I wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you. It is an enormous privilege to be your councillor. There have been many challenges, not least the huge effort that myself, other councillors and residents put into trying to stop the new housing development. I continue to do my very best to ensure that the negative impacts on our village are kept to a minimum and that residents are listened to. I am proud to be able to help so many people and to have been a part of so many community projects and events. It's an honour to serve the village and I sincerely hope to be able to continue for another four years.

Thank you to residents, volunteers, councillors and staff who make East Goscote wonderful community and a great place to live.

Get in touch

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



GOING AWAY ON HOLIDAY

Just a few tips in time for the "Great Summer Get away"

Do ask a neighbour or friend to keep an eye on your home whilst you are away, you can do the same for them if they are away on holiday.

Cancel the milk and newspapers, and ask the same friend, to come in and remove the post and free papers from the hall so that anyone looking through the letter box, thinks that you are at home.

Leave lights and a radio to come on at various times by buying a 24hr timer.

Make sure that you lock all doors and windows. Don't leave curtains closed whilst you are away, if a would be thief walks by the house on several occasions and sees closed curtains, he or she will know that no-one is at home.

Don't announce to the whole village that you are going away.



HELLO FROM BROOMFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL!

Life at Broomfield Primary School is super busy and fun as always. Have a look at what we have been up to recently!



Our Year 2 and year 6 children are currently been taught how to play inclusive sports with Mark Beeby. So far they have played Boccia and next they will be playing seated volleyball. It gives the children a real insight about how sports can be adapted for all people to be inclusive.

Year 4 have been learning Djembe drumming. We have the Leicestershire Music Service come and provide lessons and the children are doing brilliantly. They can copy and repeat rhythms very effectively and can play in time with each other!



Our Young Voices choir performed at the Resorts Arena in Birmingham along with 900 other children and the special guest – Heather Small!

A great opportunity and a brilliant performance by everybody.

We have done so much and there is too much to share but we also have:

Had cricket taster workshops Leicestershire Cricket Club.

Celebrated World Book Day

Raised money for the Turkey/Syria earthquake.

Year 4 have visited the Shri Swaminayaram Mandir temple in Leicester

Year 5 have been to the Space Centre as part of their science work.

We have visited the village library to take books out.



Our children have benefited from having Commando Dale at school. During the activities led by him, the children have to be respectful, show good teamwork and communication as well as being problem-solvers.



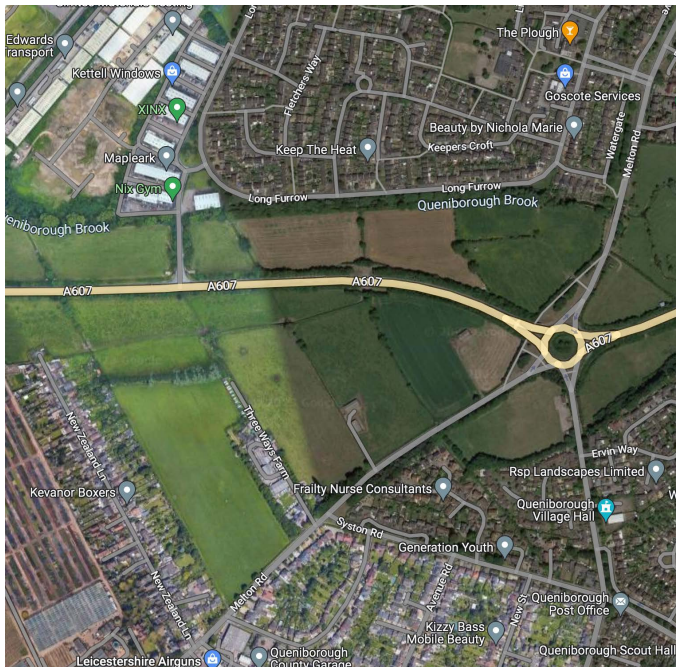
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PLANNING APPLICATION

There is another planning application for this area - between the junction of the Leicester Western by-pass and Melton Road. The application can be found on the Charnwood Borough Council Planning Explorer ref P/22/2310/2. The development, if approved, will consist of up to 99 dwellings. Access to the site is to be from Melton Road.

- My feelings are that traffic and pollution levels will rise.
- Syston Health Centre is at full capacity and due to a national shortage of GPs, they cannot add to facilities at the Centre.
- The area of separation between Queniborough and East Goscote will almost disappear
- Can the schools in the area cope with the additional pupils?

I encourage everyone to object to the proposals.



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.

Former Chairman of East Goscote Parish Council, Keith Gregory, unfortunately passed away during 2022.





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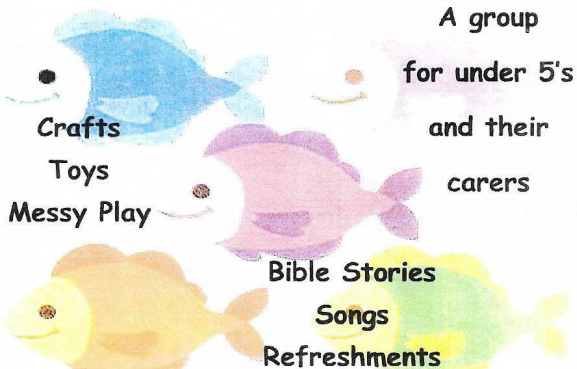
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Little Fishes

Baby and Toddler group



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Mandy.green@thefosseteam.org

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Toddler group meets on a Monday afternoon at 1.30pm in St Hilda's Church. Come along and meet with old friends and make some new ones. We meet term time and there are lots of toys for babies, toddlers, and pre-school children, with refreshments for everyone, all for just £1 per family.

In February half term St Hilda's ran a Messy Church Craft afternoon. We made lots of things relating to the Lord's Prayer, including a crown & world mobile, a stained-glass window and had a go at edible bread painting. Everyone, young and not so young, got involved with the craft and enjoyed tea and cake too.

We run various Messy Church events throughout the year including Easter, May half term, the summer, and our popular Light Party in October. For more information, please keep a look out for posters at the church or contact mandy.green@thefosseteam.org

Mandy Green
Children and Families worker St Hilda's Church

VILLAGE BLOCKS PLAN

CHANTING banner-waving protestors greeted members of Charnwood Borough Council planning committee as they inspected an East Goscote site proposed for a heavy industrial plant.



MP ALAN DUNCAN displays his support.

site and have now come to look at this site. We cannot see too much wrong with the site, but the road works may cause a problem as there is not adequate access for the lorries.

Residents turned out in their hundreds to put forward their opinions over plans by Interfuse, part of the Jelson organisation, to build a factory to convert industrial waste into building blocks.

They claim the factory will not only look unsightly with its four giant towers, but will create dust problems and bring 70 lorries a day through their village.

Interfuse wants to move from Syston to East Goscote to bring its factory in line with environmental measures due to be introduced in 1996.

During the site visit, Mr Bill McCombe, chairman of the planning committee, said: "We have looked at the old

"The village is 100 per cent against this and we obviously have got to take that into consideration. It is now up to the full planning meeting in about seven weeks time," he added.

After the protest, parish council chairman Councillor Ron Jenkins said: "It has

By: JAYNE FREER

certainly given them something to think about. At the end of the day, it is against the Charnwood Borough Council Structure plan. This is not the end of the fight."

Meanwhile, Melton and Rutland MP Alan Duncan has put his weight behind the protest campaign.

Wearing his East Goscote Blockbusters badge, created by the protest group, Mr Duncan said: "I think the manner in which the action group has protested is amazing. Ninety-five per cent of the village is behind them."

"There would appear to be a breach of the structure plan and I have decided that I will forcefully represent the interests of those in East Goscote to Charnwood Borough Council."

"I will also present their petition to the House of Commons in the proper way. To have 2,100 names out of 2,250 off the electoral roll is a clear statement of the village."

2004 - Melton Times

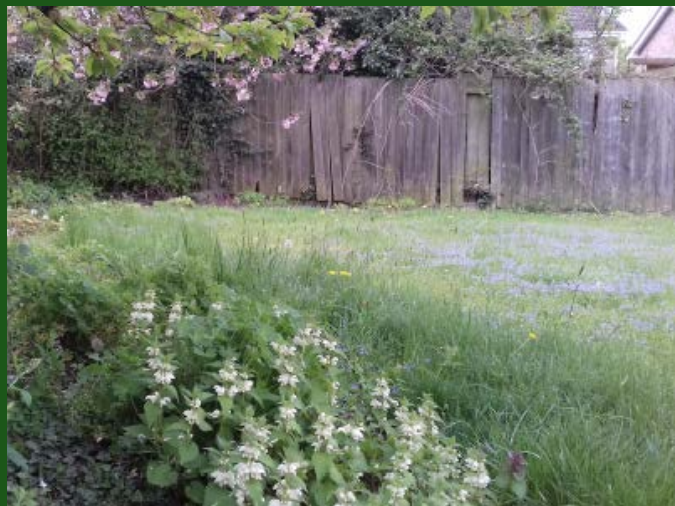


Recycling point in East Goscote

THE GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE

WHERE YOU LIVE ...

Someone (can't remember who) once said "For most of us, the place we can do most for the Planet is where we live, where we work and where we play." Have you been watching Wild Isles presented by local boy, Sir David Attenborough? Don't miss Episode 6, only on iPlayer. The message is the same. Where we live and how we live is our biggest opportunity. Create a wild corner in the garden. You will be amazed who moves in. Let some of the grass grow longer. Saves you some time and energy and keeps the vital insects buzzy. Take a stroll through the Park with a litter picker and a carrier bag. You'll soon fill it and put plastics back where they belong. Getting close to Mother Nature lifts your spirits and does you good and it literally doesn't cost the Earth.



The Nature Garden. Mow a bit less and Speedwell, Forget-me-not, Stinging Nettle, Creeping Buttercup etc. appear as if by magic.

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.

Fill Me With Hope says the new Sally Army Bank



OUR SUPER RECYCLING CENTRE

Admittedly, it doesn't look very Super at times but it's more about what it does than what it looks like. We believe we are the only village recycling centre in Charnwood following CBC's decision to withdraw the service in 2018. In an average year about 15 tonnes of paper & cardboard, 8 tonnes of glass bottle & jars and 12 tonnes of clothing etc. is diverted from waste in the greenest possible way. If the right materials are placed in the right container, the recovery rate will be very close to 100%. Let's try to keep it looking Super.

Useful links:

- www.lesswaste.org.uk
- 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 and Real Refills on Facebook



Working with Nature



EAST GOSCOTE SCOUT GROUP



Over the past year Scouting has finally started to feel normal again for our young people and leaders. We have had 3 brilliant camps where our Scouts gained valuable skills and experiences. We have undertaken many cooking, survival and teamwork challenges alongside braving the safari park! We started our Master at Arms Badge back up over winter, incorporating archery for the first time This badge is obtained by showing continual improvement throughout the weeks. It's safe to say we have some very good shots. We have been fundraising for our spring and summer camp by assisting the Queniborough Bonfire Committee and running the BBQ at our Christmas Fete. We have 3 Chief Scouters currently planning their expeditions, and patrol camps for the upcoming months. They have already been working on other elements of this award including supporting the local community, personal skills and challenges.

Scouts have welcomed two new leaders to our ranks, so a big shout out to Peter and Liv.



What a busy start to the year. The Cubs have been doing several badges this term. Starting with the Chefs badge where they learnt safety rule for in the kitchen and how to cook food. Once they had done this they all make baked apples and Pizzas, taking them home to eat. The next badge they all achieved was the Pioneers badge, learning how to do various knots and then creating a chariot with pioneering poles and transporting themselves around on in. This caused much hilarity as some stood up better than others. We also have worked toward their Personal Challenge Badge all completing the leader's choice of gaining an activity badge. Many have completed the full challenge by doing a personal challenge at home, from making their bed daily, to keeping the bedroom tidy. We are looking forward to being outside more and going on our camp in June.



Our year so far has been really busy, first up we have done our builders badge, we had to design our very own transport and then make a model of it, it was lots of fun, the room was full of cardboard boxes and different bits and pieces to make our creations.

Next up we have taken on our Global Issue badge, we have learnt about recycling, how to save energy, we made banana chocolate treats (yum) and have made some animal masks, a polar bear, tiger and gorilla to use for playing a game to learn about endangered animals, we made a water filter using a plastic bottle, the beavers were fascinated how it all worked.

Next up we are going for our Digital Maker badge, this includes designing our very own computer character and then creating a maze game for it. First time undertaking this badge so we are all very excited to see how it works.

We have our district swimming gala coming up, where all the beavers from the Charnwood District take part in fun swimming games.

We are also doing our 'on the water' badge and have booked an indoor kayaking evening, which we are all really excited about.

And lets not forget our summer camp which we are just about to plan.



@EastGoscoteScoutGroup



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www.eastgoscotescouts.org.uk

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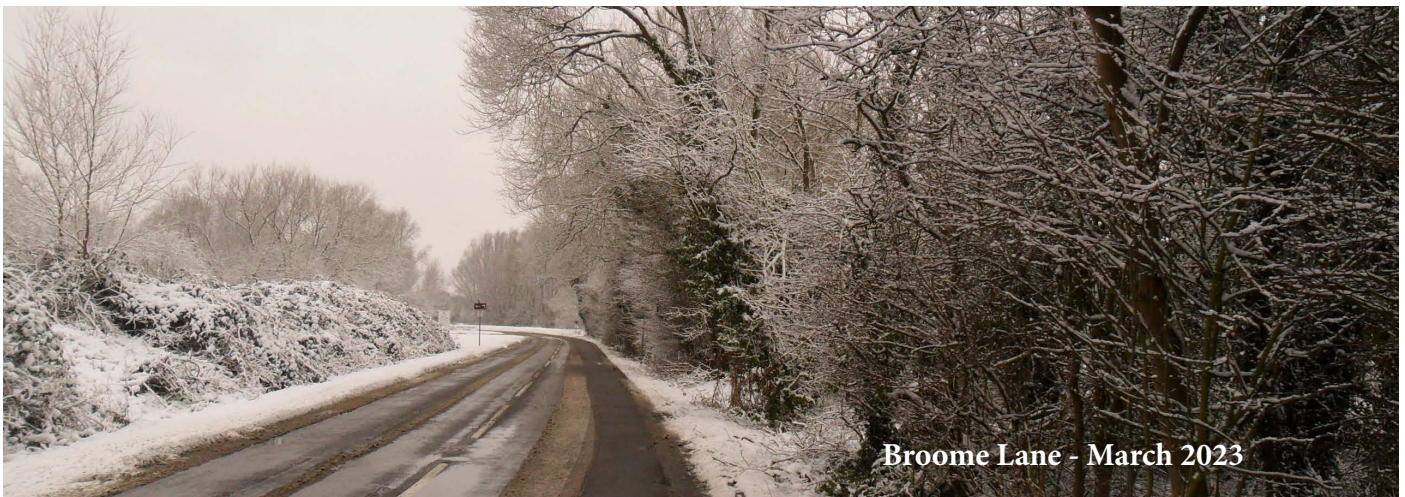
ANAGRAMS

NOTTINGHAM FOREST	PORT VALE
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	ASTON VILLA
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BOWLING'S EXCITING NEW FORMAT LAUNCHED

The "Bowling Bash" – an exciting new format for beginners and experienced players alike - is to be launched on the bowling green in Central Park in Syston on Saturday 22nd April starting at 2.00 p.m.

Cricket has its T20. Bowling has now developed a similarly ex-citing short-form format to attract more players to what is quite wrongly identified as a game reserved for the older generation.

The game is suited to all ages and genders. Each game lasts no more than an hour. Participation is free of charge and no special equipment – other than footwear without heels - is required. The club-house Bar will be open for players and spectators.



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Picture Quiz Answer

The picture features Broomfield School being built.



EDWARD ARGAR MP

“I write this latest update for readers of Long Furrow amid continuing (at the time of writing) Press commentary on some supermarkets having limited purchases of some salad items, like lettuce, tomatoes or peppers. The issues that have been experienced relate to supply issues, that have come about due to a combination of two external events - firstly, the bulk of these out-of-season salad products are imported from countries like Spain, Morocco and Tunisia at this time of year, but those countries have been hit by very harsh winter weather which has significantly reduced their harvests, with intense night frosts, and also incidences of the tomato brown rugose virus killing tomato plants. In parallel, it appears that high energy costs, resulting from the conflict in Ukraine, have impacted on production in Northern European countries which, at this time of year, rely on heated greenhouses to produce salad etc but given the very high energy costs of doing so many have reduced the volume they have planted/ produced.

But, while there are very specific production factors that have caused these issues, it does also highlight an important debate on food production, and farming in the UK as we have seen recently at the NFU Conference. While we all like to be able to enjoy particular foods all year round, even when they are out of season in this country, we should also be clear that that makes us more dependent on out-of-season imports from overseas. That breadth of choice is great, we should not neglect seasonal, locally produced food. While normally in the Gazette I seek to focus on very local issues, given the importance of farming to our country, but also in the area around East Goscote, I wanted to write about something relevant both locally and nationally – supporting our local farmers through buying more locally sourced, seasonal, produce.

When it comes to food, I want people here at home and abroad to be lining up to buy British. I will always champion our excellent British food and drink, from our microbrewery, cider and gin industries, our world-leading beef, lamb and pork produce, to our pork pies and many varieties of fantastic cheeses. We are indebted to our farmers who produce excellent quality food with incredibly high standards of food safety, animal welfare and sustainability, but who in doing so they are also stewards of our precious countryside & rural environment, helping to protect and enhance it for future generations. From start-ups to family farms, to larger agribusinesses, our farming and food and drink sector offers us sustainability and increased food security, and our own farming communities in Leicestershire are among those leading the way.

The Government’s Food Strategy promotes more locally sourced food and commits to maintaining the current level of food we produce domestically and increasing production in sectors with the biggest opportunities, such as horticulture, alongside a clear commitment to improving labelling rules to ensure that consumers can be confident that they are buying British food. Through working with producers and supermarkets through the Food Data Transparency Partnership, Defra will improve the data collected on where



our food comes from to make British products more easily recognisable to international buyers. We produce 61 per cent of all the food we need and 74 per cent of that which we can practically grow in the UK. These figures have changed little over the past 20 years. The UK is largely self-sufficient in wheat production, growing 81 per cent of all the wheat that we need here. We are 86 per cent self-sufficient in beef, fully self-sufficient in liquid milk and produce more lamb than we consume. Further, we are nearly 100 percent self-sufficient in poultry, eggs, carrots and swedes. Sectors like soft fruit have seen a trend towards greater self-sufficiency in recent years with an extended UK season displacing imports, but there is still more to do. Its vital we maintain and boost our food security, strengthening the resilience of our supply chains, but crucially boosting domestic production to help protect against future economic shocks, and boosting the consumption of local, seasonal food.

Around our county and beyond, we are incredibly lucky to have farmers who not only produce world-class quality food for our tables, but look after our countryside while they do so. It is important we all play our part by buying local, seasonal produce where we can, and supporting local farm shops, and local shops who source fresh local produce. Wherever you choose to shop, where you can, support our fantastic local British farmers.

As ever, if you feel I can be of any assistance to you as East Goscote’s local MP, please do either write to me at Rt. Hon Edward Argar MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, or email me at: edward.argar.mp@parliament.uk

BIRSTALL AND DISTRICT ART SOCIETY

MARCH 2023



Our Early Evening Art Sessions are now up and running at Wanlip Village Hall on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

They are an informal get together, in a friendly atmosphere for anyone to come along

and paint or draw in their own style and medium, at their own pace. Although it is not a teaching class, it is hoped to have some workshop sessions from time to time.

The cost is £3.00 per session (to cover the hall hire costs and refreshments).

No booking is required – Just turn up. You really will be most welcome.

In addition to the Wednesday evening sessions, members can meet every Friday morning from 9:30 to 12:00 at Birstall Co-op Sports & Social Club, for an informal painting / drawing session. No booking is required – Just turn up. You really will be most welcome.

Anyone wanting to see if our art sessions (Wednesdays and Fridays) are what they are looking for, can come for up to three weeks for just the £3:00 session fee. After that they would need to join the society to be able to continue coming. Our members can be any age, but anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied to meetings by a responsible adult.

We hold evening, Live Art Demonstrations once a month and full details are on our website

www.badas.uk The next one, which will be on 11th April, is by Sallyann Brackett, making a welcome return to us. Her subject will be British wildlife.

She employs a technique that uses pen & ink on tissue paper which is then collaged onto a background canvas. Old maps and book pages can be used in the background. Highlights and hints of colour are added afterwards using watercolours and acrylics.

The demonstration evenings are held at the Tara Palmer -Tomkinson Centre at the Cedars Academy Birstall. The charge for non-members is £4. They start promptly at 7:00pm and finish at 9:00pm.

On the 9th of May, it will be a local artist, Lesley Brookes, providing the live art demonstration. She will be producing a landscape in acrylic and the subject will be the Norfolk Broads.

We also run a few series of art classes during the year as well as one day art workshops.

Although our name is Birstall and District Art Society, our members come from all areas of Leicestershire, including Rothley, Syston, Thrussington, East Goscote, Groby, Quorn and many others. Please visit our website for full details of all our activities.



GARAGE SALE
The library took part in the
Garage Sale last year.

GARAGE SALE



Would you like to have a Village Garage Sale in September?

The aim is to provide a few hours for residents of the village to buy or sell pre-loved items. Recycling is vital to this planet's future, but if your items still work or can be of benefit to someone else then why not make a few pennies, or even pounds, rather than throwing them in the green bin!

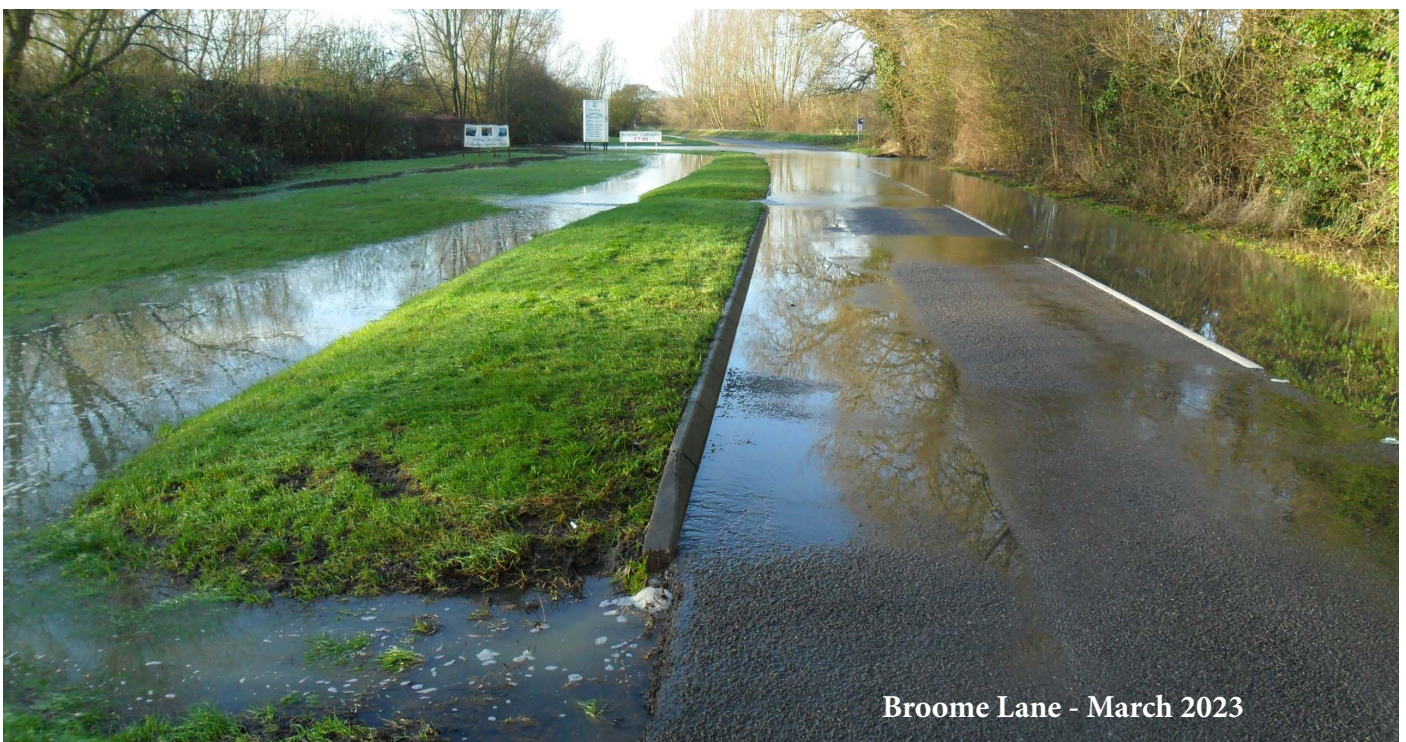
To participate would be free, but for your location to be included on the official map a small charge would be incurred, which will cover the costs of posters and advertising; with any leftover cash being donated to a local charity.

To register your interest please contact Cllr Carren Tate:

By phone 07769497355

Or By email cllr.carren.tate@gmail.com

Further details will be made available should sufficient interest be received.



Broome Lane - March 2023

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



TRAFFIC MATTERS

Community Speedwatch took place in December and January. Average speeds are still excessive. We are following up with the Police on the data supplied. We will be installing a vehicle activated sign

on the Long Furrow in April.

Regrettably, the Swallows Dale bus shelter has been vandalised. We will be repairing it in due course.

OTHER MATTERS

Redrow Housing Development We have submitted our comments to Charnwood Borough Council (the Planning Authority) which can be found on the CBC website Planning Explorer. Search for P/22/2279/2 . An application has been submitted to the Reaching People Environmental Fund for an Ecological Survey of our parish so we know the value of our environment and guided walks and a hedgehog highway to inspire us, especially our young people.

For feedback on the Parish Priorities survey, please see separate item.

AND FINALLY.

If you would like you, can give something back to the community and help to make our village an even better place to live, why not find out about being a Parish Councillor? Contact us on 0116 2602202 or egadmin@talktalk.net.

OUT AND ABOUT

Thanks to The Woodland Trust and Leicestershire County Council Free Trees, we acquired 15 each of young oak, crab apple and hazel trees together with free stakes and guards. These have been planted by volunteers around the village and will add to our Queen's Green Canopy trees of last year. Let's hope we avoid a drought this year!

The Long Furrow Wildlife Verge, either side of the brookside bus shelter, will see the addition of local provenance black (lesser) knapweed, oxeye daisy and lady's bedstraw plug plants in April. These are perennials and should diversify the verge over time. We are working on new educational signs for the Jubilee Playing Field to cover dog issues. Dogs are, of course, more than welcome on the Playing Field provided they are under the control of responsible owners. The signs will also cover risky activities such as golf, horse riding, trail biking, quad biking.

EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday May 4th is Election Day. If you intend to vote in person, you will need an approved photo ID. For details go to: How to vote : Overview - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).

Our Coronation event is on Monday May 8th . See separate poster.

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH PRIORITIES

FEEDBACK

Thank you to all those who took the time to respond to the Parish Priorities Survey. The Parish Council has now reviewed the responses.

We received 24 forms back, and although this is helpful to a certain extent, it is difficult to make any conclusions on what your priorities for the village are.

If you would like a detailed breakdown of the feedback, please email egadmin@talktalk.net

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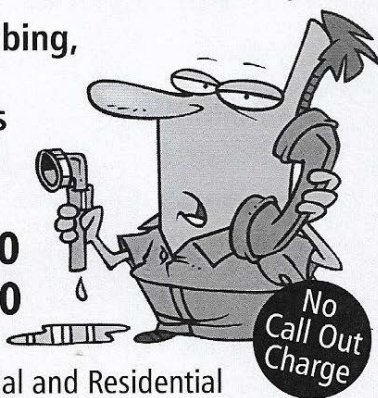
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East Goscote Parish Council Offices are at the side of the Village Hall

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