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Below you will find a small selection of items included in this edition - as always we hope you find something of interest.

Wishing all our readers a wonderful Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year!

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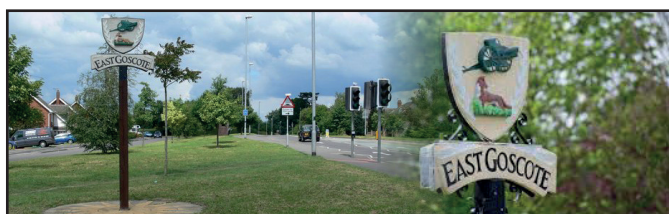
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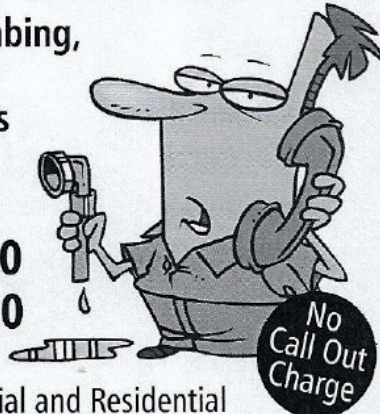
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VILLAGE CHRISTMAS EVENTS

8th - 10th December

SANTA IS RETURNING

Santa has agreed to return to East Goscote Community Library on December 8th. 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 the volunteers who will be there to assist in the library.



St Hilda's Church Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival is on the 8th December this year and also open on Sunday 10th in the afternoon.

Please contact Tricia at the Church if you wish to place a tree this year. The proposed theme is Old and New Christmases.

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



- Saturday 9th December from 1.30pm at the Village Hall
- Food and hot drinks
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- Lizzy Rushby Vintage Singer

To apply for tickets, please fill in the form opposite. You will need to bring this in person to the parish office on the dates listed.

Closing date 1st December 2023.
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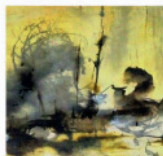
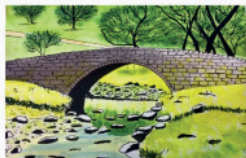
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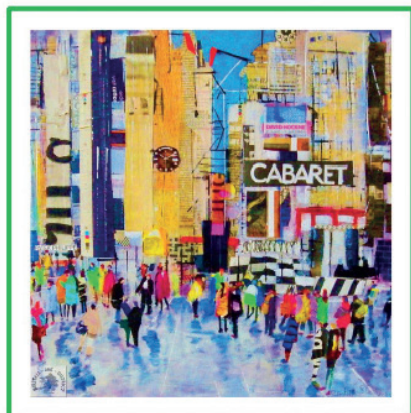


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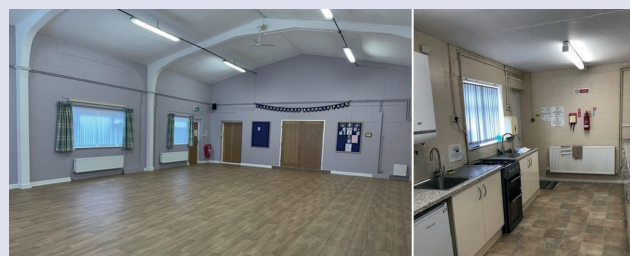
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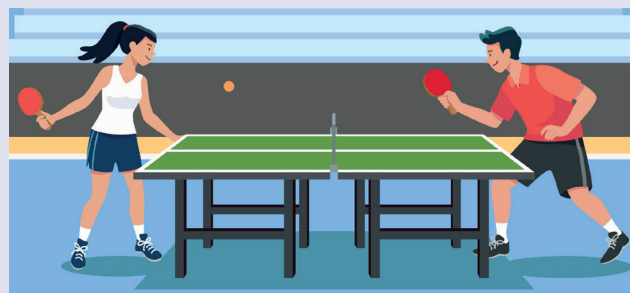
As well as being available for occasional use, we have the opportunity for regular users to have weekly use of the Village Hall.

The hall is maintained to a high standard and as well as being freshly painted earlier this year, a new floor has been fitted over the summer.

With a large open space, the hall can accommodate up to 95 people and has:

- A kitchen with crockery and cutlery
- A variety of tables and chairs
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To discuss availability or arrange a viewing, please contact:

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Borough Councillors Round-up

- Laurie Needham, Sandra Woodward & Chris O'Neill



More information about the project can be found elsewhere in this edition of Long Furrow, so if you are interested, please get involved. We are looking forward the Homes for Hibernators craft workshop on Saturday 25th November and the upcoming Hedgehog Streets project.

Broome Lane, traffic concerns

We have been contacted by residents living on Broome Lane about the speed of some cars on this road. This is a long-standing problem and one which needs a lasting solution. There have also been reports of HGV's regularly using this route and concerns that this may become worse when construction of new developments in the area begins.

Laurie has been in touch with the police about what steps could be taken to prevent HGV's using the road, if there could be better signage and

possible deterrents to the speeding.

Please contact us if you have further reports/information that we can pass on.

Banking hub opens in Syston

A lot of people in East Goscote use Syston as the main shopping and service centre and in recent years, the demise of banking services has impacted many.

We were, therefore, very pleased to see that a new banking hub has opened. It will be temporarily sited in Syston Community Centre and is open Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.30am, with a view to moving into the old Santander unit as a permanent hub in the future. The hub was set up by Cash Access UK which is an organisation seeking to ensure that people have access to cash. The Post Office will run the counter where customers of any bank can carry out day to day transactions. If people need to speak to a representative from their own bank, the following banks will be available on a rotating basis:

- Monday – Santander
- Tuesday – Natwest
- Wednesday – Lloyds (afternoon only)
- Thursday – HSBC
- Friday – Barclays.

Application to build houses on Rearsby border returns

Residents of Rearsby and East Goscote were shocked to see plans return to build on land off Melton Road. The proposed site is at the 'Cow Field' on the border with East Goscote and would see 56 houses built on this important green buffer between the two villages, which is a valued green space and walking spot for many. Almost identical applications have been refused twice in both 2015 and 2017, including by an independent government inspector at Appeal in 2018.

Rearsby Parish Council and local volunteers mounted a doorstep campaign to enable as many residents as possible to have their say on the plans.

Many residents in East Goscote share concerns and have lodged their own objections.

Laurie, Chris and Sandra are also available to help people with queries about the application and will be speaking against the proposed development when this goes to Plans Committee (currently scheduled for November).

Village Nature Project

We were pleased to join the guided nature walks in the village this summer, organised by the Parish Council, with the support of Greener Goscote, and funded through an external grant. It was fascinating to learn about just how much wildlife and plant life there is around the village and why and how this can be preserved and enhanced.

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A MESSAGE FROM RT. HON EDWARD ARGAR MP FOR CHARNWOOD

It was a pleasure to join local councillors and local residents at St Hilda's Church in East Goscote recently for the service to install the new vicar of Syston and East Goscote, Revd Ros Harper, in her role and to welcome her to the area. It was a moving service, with a big turnout to mark the start of her ministry for local people.

Another development which will benefit people is East Goscote was the recent opening of the Banking Hub in its temporary home in the Community Centre in nearby Syston, before it moves to its permanent home in the town later this year. Recent years have seen the local bank branches in Syston close down, leaving the town and surrounding villages without a bank within easy walking distance. While the local Post Office does a fantastic job of providing some banking services, there was a clear need for a banking hub - a location which could house the major banks on a rota basis, providing face-to-face access for people to their bank in a local location.

The delivery of this Banking Hub is great news for Syston, East Goscote, and the surrounding villages, and is down to a lot of work, by a lot of people, over a number of years. As the local MP I have been campaigning for this Hub since 2021, and working with partners to deliver it, most recently early this

summer brokering a meeting in Syston with the Town Council and Cash Access UK (who set up the hub) to find ways to overcome remaining obstacles to delivering the Hub.

Alongside Cash Access UK, huge credit must go to Syston Town Council and its former Chair and current Chair, Cllrs Tom Barkley and Mark Cherry, Town Manager Catherine Voyce, former Borough Councillors (and current Town Cllr) Sue Gerrard and Simon Bradshaw who campaigned hard and determinedly for this hub, the team at the local Post Office, and many others, who should all, rightly, be proud of this collective achievement, and without whom it wouldn't have happened.

The Hub is open Monday to Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm, with staff from Santander being available on Mondays, NatWest on Tuesdays, Lloyds on Wednesday afternoons, HSBC on Thursdays, and Barclays on Fridays.

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



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE CREATION OF AN ELECTRIC CAR CLUB IN EAST GOSCOTE?

The Parish Council is considering establishing an electric car club in conjunction with Green Fox Community Energy Co-operative, a local not-for-profit organisation who have secured funding to develop four electric car clubs in Leicestershire.

An electric car club allows users to access an electric vehicle without owning one and can offer a flexible, cost-effective alternative to private car ownership or leasing.

Initially we think this could be very beneficial to our community; as it would reduce emissions, assist people who don't own a car, help with reduced public transport, and help tackle the cost-of-living crisis. As part of the project, fast charging points would be installed in our village.

How does it work?

Residents pay a monthly membership fee and an hourly rate to hire a car. A member books the car, picks it up from a dedicated parking bay, drives it and returns it to the start location at the end of their hire.

What's next?

At this early stage we need to discover if residents would be interested in using an electric car club, so the Parish Council would like to gather feedback through a resident's survey. Ideally, we would like as many people as possible to complete the survey, as the larger the response, the more representative the sample. Please use the QR Code to access this. Should you require a paper copy please contact the parish office.



In order for this project to run effectively the Council would also need the support of a group of residents interested in helping set this up. If this is something you would be interested in, then please get in touch with the parish office on 0116 260 2202 or email egadmin@talktalk.net.

Please complete the survey by Thursday 30th November 2023



EAST GOSCOTE SCOUT GROUP



In the heart of August, while many youngsters were glued to their screens, our Scouts ventured into the great outdoors for a week-long adventure in Hellesdon, Norwich. A thrilling journey packed with experiences our Scouts will cherish for a lifetime. The Scouts paddled canoes in unison, navigating tranquil waters to hone their teamwork and coordination skills. Crate stacking, saw them reaching for the sky. We had a challenge awaiting them. Scaling towering walls and descending with style during abseiling sessions. Archery required patience and concentration while air rifle shooting demanded accuracy and precision. Of course, no camp is complete without fun! A visit to Great Yarmouth Pleasure Beach brought laughter and joy. Thrilling rides, challenging games, and mouthwatering treats made for a day of pure delight. As we dive into the new term, our Scout Troop is stronger than ever with over 20 enthusiastic Scouts, eager to embrace new challenges and further develop their scouting skills. We are gearing up for yet another thrilling camp at the end of October. While we can't reveal all the details just yet, we promise more scouting skills to master, more teamwork to cultivate, and more unforgettable moments to create.



A round up of our year in Cubs. Over the past year the Cubs have worked hard gaining many badges such as; International, Science, athletics, communicators and pioneering. They also completed their Chefs badges where they learnt how to cook and prepare food. Making pizzas and baked apples all gaining important knife skills. Also, thanks to having qualified instructors in the group the Cubs enjoyed Archery and Air rifle shooting at the hut. Christmas came fast as normal, the carol service being a great success and the Cubs doing a brilliant rendition of 'Little snowflake', all the perfect angels! Also, we joined the Beavers and went to the Panto at Melton. A fun night was had by all. OH! Yes, we did! In the new year we had more packed evenings working hard on areas for the Chief Scout Award. These included: team work games, knotting challenges, being creative making bird feeders and as normal a popular hike. The dandelion field being a great spot for all to have a run around and get covered in dandelion seeds. We also celebrated the Kings coronation with our very own street party and games night. We camped at Johns Lee Wood in June with the theme of Cowboys and Indians. The children had the chance to use axe and saws, do widegames and much more. We ended our year with a presentation night of 9 Chief Scout Silver Awards, which is a great achievement.



We have some exciting activities lined up for our Beavers this term, first up we are doing our World Challenge Badge. We had an evening of Korean Games, we are making Welsh Cakes, learning about Diwali, meeting a nurse so we can ask her all about her job, growing a plant from seed and learning how to keep our community tidy. We are also doing our Creative activity badge this term too, performing a song to all our grown ups, we sing this every week but for this performance we have included some actions to go with it, all good fun. We created our own Super Hero and will be doing some themed craft activities in the coming months. Our experiment badge is up next, Wren wants to make arm pit fudge, yes you read that right, not sure if that will be edible though! Hopefully the other two leaders will conduct more traditional experiments....not much fun though I hear Wren say. We have indoor kayaking soon, yes that's right indoor. We are heading over to New Parks Leisure Centre and will be kayaking in a swimming pool. First time we will be doing this activity so we are all really excited. We also have a trip to Sundown Park to look forward to in November with lots of other Beavers from our District, fingers crossed for nice weather.



East Goscote Scout Group Christmas Fair 26th December 2023: if you would a stall please contact via our Facebook page 'East Goscote Scout Group' or Email: chair@eastgoscotescouts.org.uk Telephone: 07825757218



East Goscote Brownies

We started our term with colouring and birthday cake and have been busy with badge work.

We have welcomed 3 new Brownies and have a further 4 starting after half term. We have already purchased tickets for the Loughborough pantomime, which suddenly makes you realise how near Christmas is. We have crafts planned for Halloween and den building for Bonfire night.

We will hopefully be attending Remembrance Parade and St.Hilda's church on Sunday 12th November. Our Christmas crafts will involve Mosaic coasters and jars, before finishing with our popular pamper night. May we take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year.

Brown Owl



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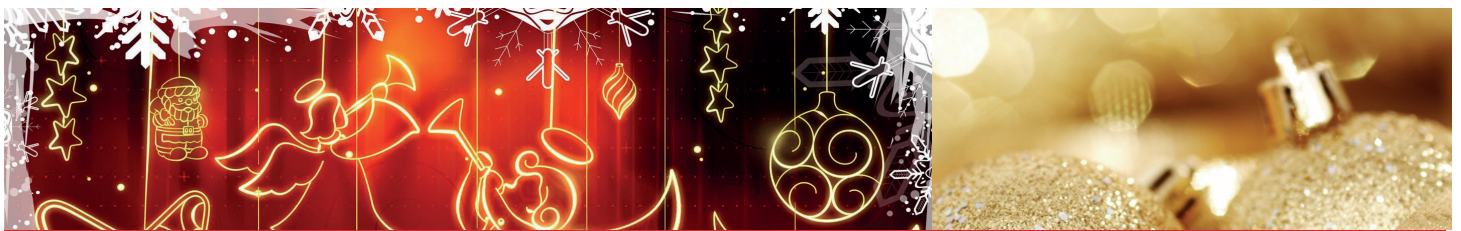
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East Goscote Scout Christmas Fair

Sunday 26th November 11am - 2pm

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



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ST HILDA'S CHURCH NEWS

We welcomed Revd. Ros Harper, our new vicar, on 7th September, at a Service of Licensing at our village church. The church was full to support her.

We are now joined with Syston St. Peters & St. Pauls as we begin what is called Minsters; eventually we will be part of a larger group, we are at the beginning of this process. We are blessed she chose to lead us and Syston. We are making friends with the congregation there.

In fact I know some are coming to help Mandy with the Light Party on 31st of October it starts at 5.30pm - come along and join in the fun.

On 15th December at 7.00 p.m. we welcome the Caroline Sharpe Singers. Entry will be by donation or a non-perishable item for the Food Bank.

A message from the new Vicar for East Goscote...

Autumn is always one of my favourite times of the year. I love watching the leaves change colour on the trees and being cosy at home as the nights begin to draw in. As a former teacher Autumn for me is also a time of new beginnings, a new school year with a new class, new people to meet and new things to learn.

This Autumn has also been a new beginning for me as on 7th September I was licensed as the new Vicar for St Hilda's Church in East Goscote and St Peter and St Paul's Church in Syston. The service took place at St Hilda's and I received a very warm welcome from both churches and from representatives from the local community. As I begin my new role I'm looking forward to getting to know more people and becoming part of the wider community.

St Hilda's is your parish church for the people of East Goscote. The main Sunday service is at 9:30 and everyone is welcome.

There is also lots going on at the church during the week. On Mondays at 13:30 we have our Little Fishes Toddler Group and on Tuesdays from 14:00-16:00 Teatimers meet for tea and chat.

We are also hosting a Light Party on Tuesday 31st October from 5:30 -7:00. For more information about events and services have a look at our Facebook page (search St Hilda's, East Goscote).

If you would like to ask about baptisms, weddings or funerals then please do get in touch.

Maybe this Autumn you too would like to make a new beginning and see what your local church has to offer. You can be assured of a very warm welcome.

Blessings,
Revd Ros Harper
0116 286 7925



Welcome to the Rev Ros Harper (second from right) Pictured with some of our congregation at East Goscote



TEA TIMERS

We meet every Tuesday from 2pm till 4pm; everyone is welcome to join us for tea and coffee and most importantly chat.

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EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:

SANTA will be in the Village Library on **Friday 8th December at 6.00pm** (See article). And on **Saturday 9th December** there will

be an **afternoon TEA event** for Seniors. The application form for your ticket is featured in this edition. By the way, did you enjoy James Richards Circus in October?

OUT AND ABOUT

Melton Road flower bed has been adopted by the Village Hall Management Committee and has been replanted. Many thanks to VHMC. Look out for a new “kissing gate” at the entrance to the playing fields. Quotes have been sought. Charnwood Borough Council have surveyed The Mound and we await feedback.

OPPORTUNITIES

Tennis court bookings and other phone app facilities are now via the website. The App is no longer being provided due to a software issue. A rare opportunity has arisen to hire the village hall on a regular basis. The VHMC have also acquired two table tennis tables for hirers to use. A new floor was fitted in the summer along with a new sound system. And would you like to be involved in a steering group to set up a village Electric Car Club? See separate article for details. We are also looking for a volunteer tree warden. If you are interested in this, please contact the office (see separate advert).

ENVIRONMENT

Our volunteer flood warden attended an event and has lots of information available. Please contact the office if you have any questions about flooding. A dog warden will be visiting our village green and playing fields (see separate article). He will be offering dog bags where needed and speaking to dog owners about the importance of cleaning up after their dogs and keeping them under control. The Reaching People Environment Fund / Leicestershire and Rutland Community Foundation have funded an ecological survey of the village, three guided walks (two great walks down, one to go in the Spring) and a Hedgehog Streets project. And look out for a Homes for Hibernators craft workshop in the Pavilion on Saturday 25th November, 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Greener Goscote (GG) volunteers organised rakeathons of the Long Furrow brookside Wildlife Verge following an early strim and the end of season mow. Check out the GG Page for more info on some of these items.

AND FINALLY

If you would like to 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? We currently have four vacancies.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER TREE WARDEN FOR EAST GOSCOTE

The Parish Council is currently looking to appoint a volunteer tree warden. Tree wardens are volunteers who play an active role in conserving trees and woods in their communities.

Tree Wardens plant, protect and promote their local trees. The types of activities that tree wardens can get involved in include:

- surveying local trees and gathering information about them
- liaising with the local community
- protecting trees and woods
- organising activities, such as planting and caring for new trees.

No training or experience in tree management is needed – just a love of trees and a few hours to spare. You will be able to join the Leicestershire Network of Tree Wardens who organise training and social events for Tree Wardens as well as offering practical support and advice.

If you would like to be considered for this role, please contact the parish council office on 0116 260 2202 or email egadmin@talktalk.net



THE GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE

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REACHING PEOPLE

GG is giving full support to this Parish Council project funded by **Reaching People Environment Fund/LRCF**. Local ecologist Dr Helen O'Brien is conducting a scientific survey of the village. She has led two great guided nature walks and we look forward to a third in the Spring. She is also planning a hands on Homes for Hibernators craft workshop in the Pavilion on Saturday 25th November, 2.00 - 4.00 pm. Discover how to make and take home seasonal habitats for hibernators. If you love critters, this is for you.



And did you know hedgehogs can trundle a kilometre or so a night in search of food? Let EGPC know if you see one or you are interested in taking part in the Hedgehog Streets project. Visit www.hedgehogstreet.org for loads more info.

CONTACT US:

Greener Goscote exists to promote real 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.



How to help hedgehogs



LET THEM IN!

Give hedgehogs access to your garden with 13cm x 13cm square Hedgehog Highways in or under your fence, and encourage neighbours to do the same.

GARDEN FOR HEDGEHOGS

Wildlife features like log piles, leaf piles, compost heaps and an undisturbed 'wild patch' will provide shelter and insect food for hedgehogs.

MAKE YOUR GARDEN SAFE

Remove hazards like litter, netting and chemicals, and check thoroughly before strimming and mowing. Ensure ponds have a sloped side or escape ramp for any hedgehogs that fall in.

BED AND BREAKFAST

Hedgehog houses can be bought online or built with our instructions. Supplementary food is also a great way to help – meaty cat or dog food and a shallow dish of water!

Find out more and become a Hedgehog Champion at www.hedgehogstreet.org



Check your bonfire for my mates!

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.hubhub.org.uk
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Working with Nature



Our regular opening times are now:-

- Monday: 9 - 12
- Tuesday: 2 - 5
- Wednesday: 10 - 12 (COFFEE MORNING)
- Thursday: 2 - 5
- Friday: 9 - 12
- Saturday: 10 - 1

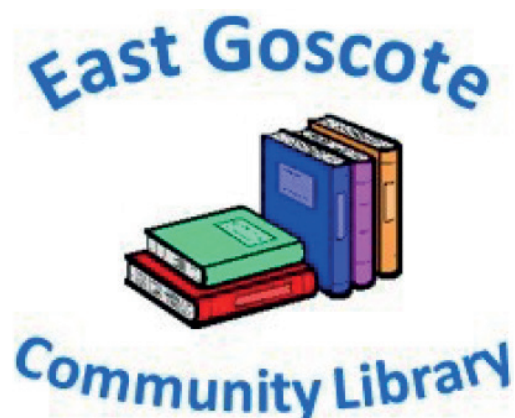
Once again, East Goscote Community Library joined other libraries in Leicestershire for the SUMMER READING CHALLENGE. This year a record number of children started the challenge. With the parents permission, photographs of some of the finishers were displayed on the noticeboard.

We should thank Kitty and Barbara for organising the East Goscote section of the Challenge.

Kitty Nyul is leaving East Goscote. She has been a stalwart of the library as a volunteer and a trustee since 2015. Along with Barbara Liversedge, she has been responsible for organising locally the Summer Reading Scheme. This includes visiting local schools to tell the pupils all about the scheme.

Kitty will not be lost completely to the library as she has promised to visit the library occasionally to complete the odd shift.

Of course, we have to cover Kitty's loss and to that end we need more volunteers. If you are willing to volunteer for a shift we would welcome you. We are able to train you as we have several competent volunteers who have been working in the library for over eight years.



YOUR VIEWS...

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to bring to your attention that we/us at our address and in the local area, have a problem with the increasing number of pigeons taking roost on my/our roofs.

We live in a bungalow and have counted on my roof, as many as 25 causing a nuisance.

At around 4 am they are very noisy and with the light morning, are causing a disturbance.

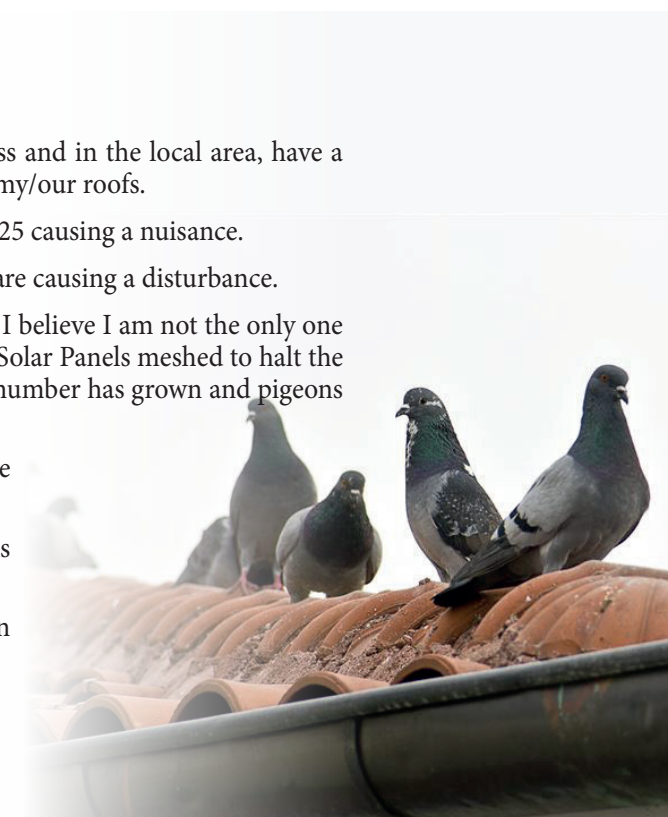
We at home have Solar Panels and the pigeons have taken roost. I believe I am not the only one in the local area to have the same problem. Yes, I am having the Solar Panels meshed to halt the problem increasing, but that will not cease the problem as their number has grown and pigeons are a homing bird so the number is increasing problematically.

We have lived in East Goscote for nearly eight years now and the problem has got worse over time.

We also have to put up with the mess that they create, which has also caused a concern.

I hope that this problem will be dealt with and rectified as soon as possible.

Many Thanks, G. Stevenson (Thatchers Corner)



HOMES FOR HIBERNATORS EVENT



East Goscote Parish Council have secured £2000 from the Reaching People Environment Fund to fully fund an ecological appraisal of the village and to engage the community by means of guided nature walks and a caring project for our prickly friends.

Local ecologist, Dr Helen O'Brien, will be visiting East Goscote on

Saturday 25th November

Time: 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

Venue: East Goscote Sports Pavilion

She will be engaging with our residents to show them how to create homes for hibernators, and you will be able to make one for your garden or as a gift.

Spaces for the event are limited – if you are interested in taking part, please get in touch with the Parish Council on 0116 2602202 or egadmin@talktalk.net.

It would be great to have you on board with this project.

HEDGEHOG STREETS



Hedgehogs hold a special place in our hearts but are under tremendous pressure for a variety of reasons. This is especially true in rural areas so urban gardens are now very important for their survival. They need a much bigger territory than you might think to forage and find a mate, so making gardens hedgehog friendly and interconnecting them is vital for them to thrive. Check out www.hedgehogstreet.org for lots more.

East Goscote Parish Council is considering a Hedgehog Streets project for our village with the help of our Reaching People Environment Award. If you are interested in taking part or if you see a hedgehog trundling around the village (or sadly, a casualty), please inform the Parish Council (see below). We can then build up a picture of where hedgehogs are and where people are interested.

If you are interested in taking part in Hedgehog Streets or have spotted one of our prickly pals, please get in touch with the Parish Council on 0116 2602202 or egadmin@talktalk.net.

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DOG CONCERNS

The Parish Council receives a lot of complaints about dog fouling and concerns with dogs off leads. As you may have seen additional signage has been installed around the Jubilee Playing Fields.

JUBILEE PLAYING FIELDS

THIS AREA IS A SHARED OPEN SPACE FOR ALL TO USE AND ENJOY. PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER USERS AND BEAR THE FOLLOWING IN MIND:

- **Dogs must be under control at all times and within your view** - if you have no voice control over your dog, please keep them on a lead.
- **Please clean up after your dog** - there are health risks to others using the area.
- **Dangerous activities are not permitted** - including Trail Biking, Quad Biking, Golf and Horse Riding.

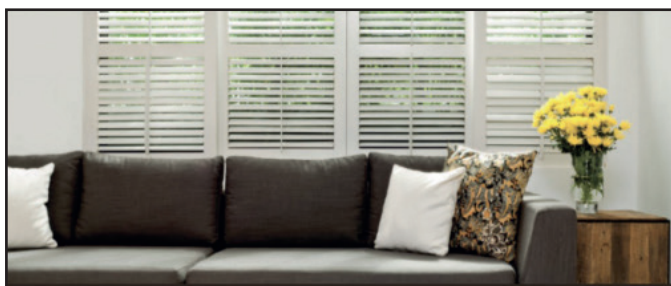


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In addition, the Parish Council is employing the services of a Dog Warden to visit the Jubilee Playing Fields and Village Green on an ad-hoc basis for a trial period of 6 months. He will be available to discuss any concerns and has dog bags on hand should you need one.

You can also report issues with dogs to Charnwood Borough Council using the following link:

https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/report_a_dog_problem



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Beavers	Johanne Draycott	0798 1101644	Messy Church	Mandy Green 07792734115
Beedles Lake Golf Club		0116 2606759	MP	Edward Argar 0116 2693789
Beehive Baby & Toddler Group	Natalie Palfreyman	07720738820	Neighbourhood Watch	01162602202
Bizzy Bees	Rachel Laverty	07908781652	Little Fishes	Mandy Green 07792734115
Borough Councillor	Laurie Needham	07807399879	Pharmacy	0116 2606734
Brownies	Rosemary Fraser	07981812955	Plough	0116 2640444
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Charnwood B. Council		01509 263151	Rainbows	Alex Riley 07894055128
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LCC Councillor	James Poland	07764966677	Village Faults/Emergences	07739553380
Guides	Rachel Laverty	07791731828		
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If you are a member of a group which is providing a service to the community, please contact us with up to date details

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