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EDITORIAL

As always, thank you to everyone that has contributed to this edition of LONG FURROW; as you will see we have a round up of 2023 and some exciting activities taking place in the village in 2024. The magazine is for everyone to share their news - if you would like to submit an article, advert, or letter of interest please contact us using the details below.

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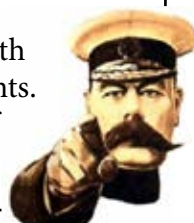
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Parish Council Village Events



James Richards Circus Comes To Town

The Council arranged for the Circus to visit the Jubilee Playing Fields during October Half Term and it was lovely to see so many residents there.

Unfortunately, we were unable to take any photos during the show but those that were lucky enough to attend will know there were some fantastic acts, including a drumming juggler, ariel routines, and a heart stopping trio performing a unique balancing act! The clown kept everyone entertained, and it was great to see his unsuspecting volunteers get involved.



Christmas Afternoon Tea

A fantastic afternoon was had on 9th December when nearly 50 residents attended the Afternoon Tea event - as well as the fantastic sandwiches, cakes, and homemade scones there was plenty of music and dancing, and a great game of bingo!



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 these events for the village.



BROOMFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

A busy Autumn term as always at Broomfield, packed with visits, PGL, visitors, Christmas festivities, sports events and amazing learning – too much to mention!



As part of Anti-bullying week, our school has made a noise about Bullying. Our children know we do not tolerate any form of bullying and we use the Several Times On Purpose idea to reinforce what bullying is.

As part of their History work looking at changes, Year 1 visited Newark Houses to learn how toys have changed since the Victorian era to today. They learnt how the materials they were made from have changed and enjoyed playing with older toys too.



Our children have taken part in many sports competitions from the football league to sportshall athletics. Our children always represent us proudly whatever the result. Resilience and respect always shown!



Our children have enjoyed visiting our local library too this term. We have a school card so they can take books out if they have forgotten their own card.

Year 2 have been developing their bridge and claw cutting techniques to make pizza as well as their grating and snipping skills too. They were lovely and really enjoyed making and eating them.

'Delizioso'



Year 3 have been learning about Andy Goldsworthy and been inspired by him to plan and create their own artwork from natural materials.



Our decorations afternoon was a real success again where we welcomed over 100 family members to join their children in their House Teams to create red and green decorations for our tree. The House Captains did a great job and also enjoyed serving tea and coffee at the end.



Year 4 experimenting with different liquids to see the effect they have on the enamel on our teeth!



Our new Foundation starters have settled in well and are developing good reading habits already!

Borough Councillors Round-up – Laurie Needham, Sandra Woodward & Chris O'Neill



The recent withdrawal of the application for 56 houses on the field between East Goscote and Rearsby has brought a sense of relief to local residents. The community had voiced their worries about the existing pressure on roads, the excessive traffic, and the shortage of school places.

However, the good news from Rearsby has since been dampened by news from Queniborough. David Wilson Homes successfully appealed the refusal of an additional 150 houses behind Avenue Road. This verdict has left many deeply upset, as we face the challenges of coping with so many new housing developments in this area. The strain on roads continues to worsen, with an increase in traffic causing frustration and safety concerns.

Adding insult to injury, the local GP surgery in Syston did not receive any financial contributions from this housing development. The surgery already faces a high number of patients and desperately needs to expand its facilities. The lack of monetary support from the housing development only adds to the strain on the surgery, making it increasingly difficult for residents to access appointments. We have spoken to various agencies to see how we can help ensure the surgery gets its fair share of contributions in future.

One of the reasons that we are seeing so many applications in this area is the lack of a Local Plan. This has again been delayed as the Inspectors have requested more public hearings to be held in February. Until this plan is adopted by Charnwood, the balance will continue to be in favour of more

housing over other considerations, leaving this area vulnerable to decisions such as the one in Queniborough.

We've also seen an increase in Appeals, where the decisions are taken out of local hands and are instead made by Government appointed Inspectors. This is deeply frustrating, and we are working hard to support local residents and to try and prevent this happening however we can.

Traffic issues are regularly raised with us and we've had quite a lot of reports about dangerous parking. We always pass these to the police and ask that they check areas where there are persistent problems. Speeding remains a problem and there are planned speed checks for the new year. Laurie has made enquiries about a Speedwatch scheme, and we hope that one can be arranged through the Parish Council later in the year. It's been some years since East Goscote had Speedwatch and the scheme does provide some short term results and helps to build a case for further measures such as signs or crossings, in future.

Some residents have expressed worry that there are issues around Merchants Common in the evenings. Whilst we appreciate that sometimes people are concerned about reporting, it is important that they do, so that the Police are aware. Reports can be made online for non-emergency situations or alternatively, anonymously to CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111.

Finally, floods have again caused disruption in the area, with a serious incident in Syston in October, as well as in surrounding villages and Broome Lane. East Goscote has a Resilience group, comprised of a small group of volunteers who work with the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Resilience Forum. A major flooding event in the village is unlikely but houses in the flood zone have previously been issued with advice and a supply of 'hydrosnake' flood barriers. Leicestershire County Council are the lead flood authority, but if you have any concerns or would like further information and advice please get in touch and we'll do our best to help.

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Birstall and District Art Society

The Birstall and District Art Society 28th Annual Exhibition was a huge success, thanks to the artists, helpers, and support from members of the public. We had over 150 visitors each day. The exhibition, held on Saturday and Sunday 4th and 5th November, featured paintings by 37 members of the society. Judging in four categories took place on the evening of Friday 3rd November by professional artists. Winners are as follows:

Category 1 – Still life, abstract/experimental and flowers was won by Pauline Brindley for her painting ‘Sunset, Rhossili’. This was also selected for the Judges’ Best in Show and received the Norman Simms trophy, named for BADAS’ founder.

Category 2 – Townscape, waterscape and coastal winner was Charlotte Stephenson for ‘Market Day’. Charlotte also received the prize for Category 4 – Landscape and gardens for her painting ‘Wanlip Trees’.

The Category 3 – Portraits, figures and animals, winner was Rachael Powell for ‘Pondlife’.

Highly commended was awarded to David Walmsley for ‘Embankment’ in Category 1 and for ‘The tide rises...the Tide Falls’ in Category 2. Highly commended in Category 3 went to Betty Chamberlain for ‘Shelly’ and in Category 4 to Fred Parrott for ‘Gate – Felley Priory’.

The Junior prize was awarded to Krystin Spearey for ‘Angus’.

The visitors’ Best in Show will be announced at the BADAS AGM in December and on the website www.badas.uk.

BADAS are grateful to judges Debbie Bird, Maxine Dodd, Amanda Jackson and Tim Fisher, and to Cllr Robert Vincent, Chair of Birstall Parish Council for formally opening the exhibition and providing his support over the weekend.



EAST GOSCOTE SCOUT GROUPS

SCOUTS

This October we had our final camp of 2023, even though it was rather wet, the scouts had a blast, learning useful camp skills they will keep for life and taking part in many teamwork challenges. Our Monday nights have also been packed with fun at the scout hall with a MasterChef inspired cooking night, mechanic's badge, pumpkin carving and a night at John's Lee Wood playing some wide games. The scouts were also invited back to help build the Queniborough bonfire and help at the fireworks' display. For this they were rewarded with front row seats for the display! Let us not forget we had another successful Remembrance Parade where all local scouting and girl guiding troops came together for a fantastic service in St Hilda's church. The scouts returned to St Hilda's again in early December for our annual Christmas carol concert where we sang some festive favourites and gave out some well-deserved awards. Congratulations to Riley for winning our Scout of the year award and to Liv for receiving her Wood badge meaning she is now a fully qualified leader. And what better way to wrap up a great year than with our Christmas trip to Laser Quest where the scouts got competitive, and our Christmas party packed with festive games and party food.

cubs

The Cubs have been busy as normal, way back in October we all went for a walk round Watermead with the Cubs following a quiz finding out interesting facts as they went. In November we all took part in the local Remembrance Parade, which was well attended and the Cubs behaved impeccably. Later on in November we embarked on doing the Cub DIY badge. This gave the children an opportunity to use drills, hammers, nails and make a mess! The end product from this was they all made a keep safe box. Along with this they have made hot drinks, learnt how to sew on a badge and iron their neckers, all

useful skills. The year ended with our Christmas party where we had lots of fun and games.

BEAVERS

As usual the Beavers have been very busy. They have had a trip with the District to Sundown Park. Where a great time was had by all, even then leaders had a fun day too. Beavers have had an archery session at the hut, all of them learning new skills. Other activities include making Diwali sweets, grass head pots, Santa decorations and many more all going toward some well earned badges. They finished the year with a trip to Pizza Hut, in which a lot of food was consumed and a fun time had by all.



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EAST GOSCOTE BROWNIES

Brownies

We started the year by welcoming the new girls who will make their promise in February.

We are working on our "Express Yourself" theme this term, which includes badges for performing, baking or painting. This is an ideal badge to achieve during the winter months when it is dark and cold outside.

We hope to start using our new Bushcraft kit when the evenings become a little lighter.

I plan to try it all out over Christmas, with a log fire, hot chocolate and smores biscuits.

The planning continues for pack holiday in May. It always surprises us how fast that comes around.

If you have a daughter who would like to join us, please visit the "Girlguiding" website and register your interest. Alternatively, call me on 07981812955.

Cheers for now, Brown Owl

Flood Warden Update - January 2024

Heavy rain storms all day and into the night on Tuesday 2nd January caused flooding in the village - the likes of which hasn't been seen in the last 20 years. As well as the horse field on the other side of the road flooding, resulting in water coming across the main road and causing the underpass to flood; the drains on Long Furrow by the brook did not take the volume of water and started to flood. These were reported to Highways.



Thank you to Nick Shivers and John Malpus for these photos.

ST HILDA'S CHURCH NEWS

Tricia Marsland

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who decorated a tree we couldn't hold it without your support. Thank you to everyone who came on the Friday evening to look at the trees and to Mandy for organising crafts for the children. We are glad to have been supported by stalls on the evening and that everyone enjoyed the refreshments. It was a really good time—lots of chatter and making new friends. I am amazed every year at how clever folk decorate their tree. The weekend closed with the tea time followed by the Advent Carol Service.



TEA TIMERS

We start back 9th January— I know that date will be passed when you read this. We are having a Valentine Tea Party on 13th February and we will be having a spot of entertainment. It's under wraps at the moment but it will be good, please come and join us if you can.

We meet every Tuesday 2-4pm. Some play board games, others just like to sit and chat, and some knit or crochet. We are a friendly group please call me 2609088 if you have questions, otherwise just come along.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We meet at the St. Hilda's Church Hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday every month 2-4pm.

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EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Tennis court is now closed for the Winter for safety and maintenance.

The Circus visited in October for our residents - see the separate article.

Santa Visited the Village Library on Friday 8th December and the event was enjoyed by 61 children.

On Saturday 9th December there was an afternoon tea event for Seniors. 55 tickets were given out and the seniors enjoyed a great afternoon. Many thanks to the hardworking team who made this event possible. (See separate photos).

Electric Car club – following our article in the last edition only 4 responses were received of which 1 was positive. The Parish Council agreed not to pursue this idea.

Our Wildlife Audit, fully funded from the Reaching People Environment Fund, is nearing completion. Look out for the Final Report on our web site.

The Homes for hibernators event in November, led by Dr Helen and linked to the above, was lively and great fun, creating winter homes for the critters.

Hedgehog highway is another part of the Wildlife Audit project indicating where and how we might help our prickly friends. Please get in touch for details.

The Long Furrow Wildlife Verge has had its end of season mow, rake off and seed. Winter maintenance lies ahead before Spring hopefully brings some surprises.

The Community Response Plan, often referred to a Resilience Plan, is being reviewed and brought up to date with the help of our new Co-ordinator.

The new “kissing gate” has been installed at the entrance to the playing fields and following resident request has had a light spring attached to it.

A survey of the mound has taken place, we are awaiting the feedback from Charnwood Borough Council.

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. The committee are offering residents the chance to enjoy bingo in the hall on Thursday 25th January at 2pm – see separate article.

A new tree warden has been appointed by the Parish Council. You may see him walking around keeping his eye on any tree issues that arise. Have a word with him if you notice anything tree related.

We have updated our dog fouling article to include a direct QR code to report any issues or concerns found on the village footpaths. These will be directed to Charnwood Borough Council and dealt with accordingly.

This year’s Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 8th April – please do come along, see front page.

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. Contact us on 0116 2602202 or egadmin@talktalk.net

THE GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE

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LOOKING BACK OVER 2023

- 15 or more events and activities starting with promoting the RSPB Birdwatch.
- On the Wildlife Verge, raking off leaves and grass to deplete fertility in favour of wildflowers, plug planting, seeding and maintaining.
- Litter picking plus recycling at the Tidy Britain Spring Clean, Coronation Event, Scout Fete and Syston Summer Fayre.
- Supporting the Parish Council's successful Reaching People Environment Fund application for a village UK Hab Ecological Survey. Plus Guided Nature Walks (group pictured and Dr Helen and toadlet, Homes for Hibernators Workshop and Hedgehog Streets project.
- Raking the Nature Garden and managing it along with the Raised Beds.
- Managing a busy Recycling Centre (15 tonnes of cardboard, 8 tonnes of glass bottles and jars and 12 tonnes of clothing/textiles) - the last village recycling centre in Charnwood ?
- That's a lot of words adding up to a lot of Working with Nature. Not every village has that.



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2024

- The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch is already under our belt. What did you spot this year?
- Replacing Queen's Green Canopy trees that haven't made it due to drought etc.
- Doing more of what we do better and letting people know all about it.

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LIBRARY REPORT

Our regular opening times are now:-

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Thursday: 2 - 5
Friday: 9 - 12
Saturday: 10 - 1



Friday 8th December saw the annual visit of Santa Claus to East Goscote library. After parking his sleigh behind the library he entered the library ringing his bell. The long queue followed him in where he gave away 61 free presents to East Goscote children donated by East Goscote Parish Council.

During the evening, Santa was assisted by Bella, Barbara, John and Angela. Our thanks to Santa for taking up his time to visit us again this year. The evening was a tremendous success and we expect Santa to return again next year.

The Trustees of the library would like to thank everyone who has assisted the library in any way during 2023, especially the hard working volunteers.



Articles from the Archives

MAY 1982

PAVILION OPENED

On Monday 4th May, 1981 at 12 midday, Mr Paul Dodge of the Leicester Tigers and the British lions Rugby Football teams opened East Goscote's Sports Pavilion on the Jubilee Playing Fields. A buffet luncheon was provided for invited guests which included the past members of the Parish Council who did a lot of the groundwork towards the planning of this facility.

We hope that the Pavilion will be a useful asset to the village and be used for more than just changing accommodation, as a large clubroom is also available to hire.

The site is not finished as there is still some landscaping to be carried out in front of the Pavilion. By September the Pavilion should be in full use and it is hoped that all who use it will

treat it with respect, so that it will give pleasure to many people in the years to come.

PROTECT AND SURVIVE

In the event of a Nuclear War there would be no Central Government and the responsibility for running the village would fall upon the Parish Council. The surrounding villages will work together in order to survive the 14 days after attack. Information Centres, feeding centre, rest centres etc will be set up, selected are asked to assist the Council with these matters. Two people will be trained for radiological reporting, Queniborough is the principal Radiological reporting post in this area.

During pre-strike, arrangements would be made to include that householders have: food and water for 14 days, batteries for radio sets and torches, plastic bags and buckets for sanitation, simple door to door communication systems, local signals for passing messages.

Thank you to John Malpus for submitting these.

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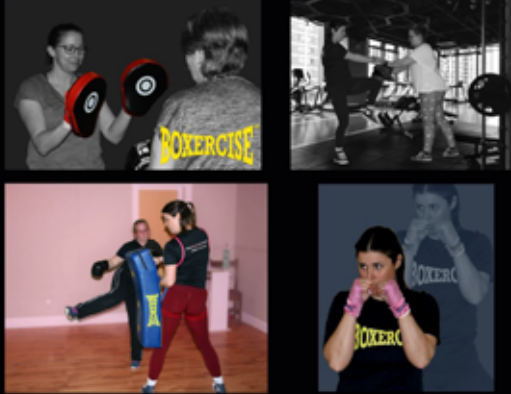
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| Afternoon Tea | Tricia Marsland | 0116 260 9088 | Help Through Hardship | | 0808 208 2138 |
| Anti-Social Behaviour | | 01509 634533 | Highways | | 0116 305 0001 |
| ATC Plt Officer | Andy Gaunt | 07425 171549 | Leicestershire County Council | | 0116 305 4556 |
| Beavers | Johanne Draycott | 07981 101644 | Library | | 0116 305 3510 |
| Beedles Golf Club | | 0116 260 6759 | Mountsorrel Tip | | 0116 305 000 |
| Bizzy Bees | Rachel Laverty | 07908 781652 | Messy Church | | 0116 286 7925 |
| Borough Councillor | Laurie Needham | 07807 399879 | MP Edward Argar | | 0116 2693789 |
| Borough Councillor | Sandra Woodward | 07823 889088 | National Grid (Gas) | | 0800 111 999 |
| Borough Councillor | Chris O'Neill | 07855 812620 | Neighbourhood Watch | | 0116 260 2202 |
| Brownies | Rosemary Fraser | 07981 812955 | NHS Advice | | 111 |
| Broomfield School | | 0116 260 6704 | Pharmacy | | 0116 260 6734 |
| Charnwood Borough Council | | 01509 634560 | Plough Pub | | 0116 264 0444 |
| Charnwood Recycling and Waste | | 01509 634563 | Police Non-Emergency | | 101 |
| Charnwood WI | Sharon Astill | 07849 888752 | Rainbows | Alex Riley | 07894 055128 |
| Children's Social Care | | 0116 305 0005 | Scout Group/Hut | | 0116 260 5457 |
| Citizens Advice Bureau (Legal Advice) | | 111 444 | Scouts | Dawn Manning | 07843 122313 |
| County Councillor | James Poland | 07764 966677 | Severn Trent (Water) | | 0800 783 4444 |
| Cubs | Jayne Disney | 0116 260 8786 | St Hilda's Booking | Tricia Marsland | 0116 260 9088 |
| Crime Stoppers | | 0800 555 111 | St Hilda's Vicar | Rev Ros Harper | 07851 573236 |
| Daisy Chain | Natalie Palfreyman | 0116 260 7923 | Syston Bowling Club | | 0116 269 2105 |
| East Goscote PC | Liz Pizer | 0116 260 2202 | Syston Catholic Ch | Anthony Pateman | 0116 260 8476 |
| East Goscote Stores and Off-Licence | | 0116 260 6236 | Syston Methodist Ch | Daniel Yovan | 0116 260 3296 |
| EG Utd FC Academy | | 07486 531608 | Syston Model Rly | John Malpus | 0116 260 9789 |
| EG Utd FC Girls Teams | | 07486 531608 | Syston Volunteer Bu. Mark | | 0116 260 7888 |
| EG Utd FC U 11 Boys Jon Day | | 07794 973216 | Village Faults / Emergencies | | 07739 553380 |
| Environment Agency | | 0800 80 70 60 | Village Hall Bookings | | 0116 260 2202 |
| Floodline | | 0345 988 1188 | Weigh Hey | | 07823 889088 |
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| Fire Service Non-Emergency | | 0116 287 2241 | Wreake Runners | Dave Palmer | 07710 448253 |
| FOBs | Nicola Drage | 07813 132715 | Wreake Valley Lions | Mrs C Grimes | 0116 260 8412 |
| Friendship Club | Gill Morton | 0116 319 9678 | Wreake Valley Rotary | John Squire | 0116 259 2788 |
| Greener Goscote | David Cannon | 07873 852372 | Wreake Valley Youth Club | Carol Baxter | 0116 260 8858 |

If you are a member of an organisation which is providing a service to the community, please contact us with up to date details

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

If you have any concerns or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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