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**Monday 28th April 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

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## EDITORIAL

This edition sees some changes to our editorial committee, as after many years Ian Clarke has decided to retire. He has been a valued member of the team, acting as Treasurer and Logistics Co-ordinator. We thank Ian for his hard work and dedication to the village magazine and wish him well for the future.

In this edition, as well as a round up of the varied Christmas events that took place, you will also find details of an exhibition and talk by a local resident and enthusiast about the history of the village.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us should you wish to include an article or advert in the next edition.

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# EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Welcome to Carren Tate - our new Councillor who was co-opted on 16th December 2024. We currently have two vacancies. If you are interested in finding out more about being a Parish Councillor please don't hesitate To contact us or scan the QR Code opposite.



dates, including evening surgeries held in the Village Hall. Beat surgeries are a good opportunity to meet the local policing team and discuss your concerns.

The Tennis court remains open all year round following its refurbishment so members can continue to enjoy playing on sunnier days.

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April – please do come along. More information can be found on the front cover.

Our website has a new domain name – to find us please use [www.eastgoscote-pc.gov.uk](http://www.eastgoscote-pc.gov.uk)

Santa Visited the Village Library on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December and the Parish Council were once again pleased to donate the gifts for the children. Please see the separate article from the library on page 15 for more details.



On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December there was an afternoon tea event for seniors. 62 tickets were given out and the residents enjoyed a great afternoon.

Many thanks to the hardworking team who made this event possible. See the following page for photos of the event.

A rare opportunity has arisen to hire the village hall on a regular basis. The committee continue to run weekly table tennis sessions on Tuesday mornings and monthly bingo afternoons in the hall – see the separate article from the Village Hall Management Committee on page 6 for full details. The Village Hall has also had new CCTV cameras Installed to the front and side of the hall donated by the Parish Council following a recent act of vandalism.

Police Beat surgeries are being held in the Library on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March between 11.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon. Please see our website for future

A new 'Surf Rider' has been installed at the play area at Ling Dale.

As per our wildlife audit, our tree warden has planted lots of new hedge whips along the hedgerow on Long Furrow to thicken this out, and sown wildflower seeds at land on The Meadows. Thanks to Councillor Shivers and TLB for helping with this.

If you would like to get involved in the Council's hedgehog streets project and receive a fence FREE label then please visit our website.

Please see page 14 for the direct QR Code to report any dog concerns, including fouling and issues with dogs off leads, to Charnwood Borough Council who will deal with these accordingly.

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January, the village saw the worst flooding it has ever experienced. The Council did what it could to assist on the day, giving out sandbags to those in need. Please see the front cover for how to sign up for flood alerts.

Wishing everyone a very happy new year!

**For further information about the Parish Council please contact the office on 0116 260 2202 or email [clerk@eastgoscote-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@eastgoscote-pc.gov.uk)**





# Christmas Celebrations

A wonderful afternoon was had by all who attended the Afternoon Tea Event on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December. There were plenty of sandwiches, cakes, and scones to go around, as well as a fantastic performance by duo Velvet Souls. A HUGE thank you to the East Goscote Brownies for their help on the day and the Councillors involved for their time and hard work organising this event.



There were some lovely prizes donated for the raffle, which raised a fantastic £93! The Parish Council have agreed this will be donated to Broomfield Primary School.

# Brownies



What a busy term it has been. I was away for the first part of term so Tawny Owl took charge, along with Snowy, Barn, Badger and Fox - So very grateful to have such a great team.

We took part in the Remembrance Parade and church service. We are always so proud of the Brownies and so pleased we had such a good attendance.

Along with Christmas activities, the girls worked really hard to complete their badges. 4 more girls completed their Gold badges, which is the highest award you can achieve at Brownies. Good luck to all the girls who have now transferred to Guides.

We were visited by Amanda from the RSPCA, who told us lots about looking after pets. She asked if we would like to get involved in providing boredom boxes to give to the animals on Christmas day. As always, the girls stepped up and produced so many boxes, that they had to send a van to collect them all.

We were invited to help at the East Goscote afternoon tea again this year. I went along with 8 Brownies, who served over 60 people all afternoon, then took to the kitchen to do all the washing up. They were amazing and we were given a donation of £20 from a gentleman who was attending.

We attended the pantomime at Melton theatre and felt it was the best we had been to.

On our last night, Amanda came back to thank everyone for their kindness and to collect even more boxes.

We gave out gifts and sang carols and the girls leaving jumped over our toadstool.

Wishing a very Happy New Year to everyone.

Brown Owl



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**When do we meet?** Last Thursday of the month  
(Jan - Nov) 7.30pm

**Call Claire on 07751642141 or come along to one of our meetings, you can come as a visitor (£4 charge) up to 3 times before deciding if you want to join us. We hope to see you soon!**



## **EAST GOSCOTE VILLAGE HALL**

For more information about hiring the hall, or any of the activities taking place, please don't hesitate to contact us on 0116 260 2202 or email [admin@eastgoscote-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@eastgoscote-pc.gov.uk)

### **KEEP FUN, KEEP FIT**

Join East Goscote Village Hall's Social Table Tennis Club.

The sessions take place weekly on a Tuesday between 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon, at a cost of £3.00 per person which includes tea and coffee - beginners welcome.

### **BINGO AFTERNOONS**

Doors open 2.00 p.m.,  
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**Dates for 2025: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

## **QUIZ NIGHT AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March from 7.00 p.m.

£5.00 per person to include nibbles  
(max 6 people per team)

Tickets available from the Parish Office.

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

**East Goscote Village Hall Management Committee meets several times a year to discuss the work of the hall, including current and prospective user groups, maintenance requirements, and legal responsibilities. If you would like to be involved, come along to our next meeting on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 1.00 p.m.**



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# County Councillor Update - James Poland

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope you all had a great Christmas. 2024 was certainly a busy year politically with the General Election last summer resulting in a significant shift in national politics. Last month the government published a Devolution White Paper which seeks to abolish the structure of local government we have in Leicestershire and replace it with a unitary Council – in short to scrap Charnwood Borough and Leicestershire County Councils and replace them with one single council (in order to be more efficient and bring down costs). At the time of writing proposals are being worked on to take forward to government but this year is likely to see at least the start of a process which will be the biggest shake up of local government in Leicestershire since the 1970's. I will keep readers informed about these changes in future articles.

## County Council's budget consultation

People across Leicestershire are being asked for their views on a new budget plan. Leicestershire County Council has launched a consultation after publishing proposals showing that rapidly rising demand for services, and inflation, are increasing costs by £217m. This compares to expected extra income and savings of £122m. The plan includes earmarking just under £100m more to support vulnerable children and adults, £12m more to fix potholes and repair roads and a 4.99 per cent Council Tax increase. The authority is set to balance the books next year by using reserves to manage a small gap. By 2027, this gap is forecast to increase to £42m and rise to £95m by 2029.

Unlike many other councils, Leicestershire County Council is not at crisis point. Tough decisions and major re-designs of services have stood the council in good stead and are bringing down costs, but pressure on local government is continually ramping up. With three-quarters of the County Council's budget now spent on supporting vulnerable people, funding reform is more important than ever.

The council's yearly budget totals £616m – the authority is one of the biggest organisations in Leicestershire, spending around £10m every week on crucial services for Leicestershire residents. The consultation runs until 19 January and can be found at: [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/budget](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/budget)

Residents' Council Tax bills include levies from district councils, police, fire and parish and town councils who all set their own budgets. The County Council's proposals at a glance:

- **The books balance for next year by using reserves to manage a small gap** – with a budget gap of £42m in 2027, rising to £95m by 2029
- **Just under £100m more to support vulnerable people** – in response to huge increase in demand
- **An extra £12m of capital to help fix potholes and repair roads** - taking the total spend on roads, major schemes and tackling flooding to £125m

- **A Council Tax rise of 4.99% from April** – generating an extra £20m which covers only the National Living Wage and National Insurance increases



- **£33m of savings** – including redesigning services, reducing the cost of back-office support services by maximising digital technology and smarter procurement, plus £52m to bring spend on SEND more in line with Government funding
- **A £380m four-year capital pot** – to fund one-costs of building roads, social care accommodation, new school places needed to support new housing, and more.

## Council and Age UK team up to support pensioners this winter

More pensioners are getting support to claim pension credit this winter, helping them to stay warm and well, thanks to a new partnership between Leicestershire County Council and Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland. Leicestershire County Council is using a slice of its Government-funded Household Support Fund to help Age UK. This means the charity can help more people check if they're eligible for Government support and complete the application process.

The charity has been over-subscribed with requests this year and the move is supporting them to deal with the surge in calls. Recent figures show that 6,500 Leicestershire residents are at risk of missing out on pension credit - over half of those who qualify. Navigating the application process for pension credit is not straightforward. And with colder weather kicking in, the County Council wants to help as many pensioners as possible to have that money in the bank.

In November the council also opened up its wider Government-funded £3.6m Household Support Fund, enabling eligible households to apply for an average of £200 for food and energy costs. Under the scheme, more than 19,000 children will receive a £15 food voucher during holidays, food banks across Leicestershire will receive £200,000 to support with purchasing food and white goods.

**If you need my help with anything please do get in touch.**

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# EAST GOSCOTE SCOUT GROUPS



The Scouts ran their October Camp at Fox Covert where the scouts endured a slightly colder weekend, but



this was made warmer when they were able to bake brownies and use their excess energy climbing up and down the campsite's climbing wall. They were also tested with their knot tying skills which would be put to use later as they were tasked with making a catapult which would be used to fire water balloons at their leaders. The catapults were great, the scouts aiming...not as well so fortunately for the leaders they managed to stay dry! But either way the day was finished with an amazing treat, pizza for tea. Once again the firework display by Queniborough was amazing as always and an amazing bonfire was built by the scouts who were thanked with front row seats to admire the display, we hope next year will be as good as previous. Recently we attended our annual carol concert where many awards were handed out to the scouts, young leaders and even leaders. And we've just had our last two weeks of scouting before the Christmas holidays! The scouts have had fun at our Christmas party playing mini games against each other and with a buffet style tea to follow. The following week (and final) we attended a skittles night as our Christmas trip where the scouts bowled, played indoor tomahawk, connect 4 and a Christmas themed quiz with many categories to get them thinking. Congratulations to Owen and Liam who have achieved their Chief Scout Gold Award, the highest award in scouting. Another congratulations to Dom who has achieved his young leader's acorn, and to Jack who has completed all his modules and missions and has been awarded his young leaders belt buckle. And another massive congratulations to Phil our Scout Leader who has achieved 20 years in service.



Another busy term, the Cubs have done their International badge, learning an Indian game, trying Indian food and learnt facts about the county. We even used India to do the Christmas tree decorations for the church. Now we know they put on banana leaves and cotton wool on their trees. We have had two themed

nights one being Halloween, where we played spooky games and the other was a Pub games nights, playing dominos, darts and skittles. We have just started our home safety badge, so far learning about how to keep the house safe and what to do if there is a gas leak. Remembrance Parade was well attended and all looked very smart. The Pack is looking forward to next year, we already have ten pin bowling and archery planned.



We have had a fantastic time this term and we have just finished our End of Year with a great activity (more on that later). Firstly, I will tell you about some of the activities we have undertaken towards earning our badges, first up was our Healthy Eating & Fitness, we had to design our own poster to promote good foods and exercise, we worked up a sweat with some games so we could record how fast our pulses were and the best bit was creating a monster face with fruit! For our Adventure challenge we went hunting for Conkers, we had a go at Archery, we built some dens and hid from our leaders. We roasted Marshmallows around an open fire, which was great as it was a very cold night. We played on the Park in the Dark too. We took part in a Remembrance Parade and felt honoured as we marched through the village to remember all those that gave their lives for us. We have done our Space badge too, looking up in the night sky and trying to identify where some of the planets might be and how far away. We built our own solar system using fruit for the planets. So, for our finale we took to the trampolines at Jump Giants, boy we had so much fun, even the Leaders had a go, one hour of non-stop jumping around and throwing ourselves into foam pits, we had the best time and would love to go again.

**Beavers and Cubs currently have spaces, if you are a boy or girl aged 6-8 for Beavers and 8-10 for Cubs, why not come along and see what we do. See the back of the Long Furrow for contact details or visit our website.**



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



Over the past couple of months we have enjoyed taking part in various community events in the area. We attended Remembrance Sunday services in November and a number of Christmas events during December. We are always amazed by the time and effort that volunteers put into these events, which are always a success, and very much appreciated by the community.

At Charnwood, we used November’s Full Council to support a motion to write to the Chancellor to call for a rethink on the changes to the Winter Fuel Allowance. The dramatic and sudden cut off has left some people worried and struggling, particularly when their income is just a few pounds over the limit. There are organisations that can help, including the Citizens Advice Bureau, which we secured extra funding for in last year’s budget. You can visit the CAB in person every Tuesday 9.30-3pm at Syston & District Volunteer Centre. Call 01509 649605 for an appointment. Some people may be eligible for Pension Credit too, so if you are affected, please do check if you or a family member could qualify.

We are also calling for Charnwood Borough Council to communicate planning changes and processes, much more clearly to affected communities. We are doing this after it emerged that some villages are missing out on important funding for local services during the ‘s106’ process and that Queniborough’s neighbourhood plan was deemed invalid because of changes to national planning policy. Parishes and community groups are not experts in planning law, and we hope that by requiring the planning department to

let them know when a major change will affect them, communities will be able to secure the best outcomes possible when large scale development is planned for their village or town.

We are also working on greater transparency around who is responsible for the drainage ponds which are installed in new developments to help protect against flooding. These are required to try and offset increased flood risks when new housing is built, but since last years floods, we have found that a number of these are not being maintained well, or that the ownership of them is very unclear. This makes it difficult to get action when they don’t work or know where to report problems.

The Redrow site remains in limbo. The final planning stage was refused by Charnwood because they did not feel that there were enough smaller homes planned for the site. We had been told that Redrow were going to appeal that decision, but at the time of writing, nothing had yet been submitted.

We are also set to see some major changes to the way local councils operate in the next few years. The new government is proposing to abolish ‘two tier’ systems, getting rid of borough councils and instead having large unitary councils covering much larger areas and to ‘combine’ these authorities and have mayors. Our concern with this is that the local connection between councillors and their communities could be lost. By being close to our areas and it’s residents, we know the challenges each unique community has, which makes it easier to speak up on the things that matter to you. As this all unfolds, we will be looking to ensure this important layer of democracy is not lost and that huge amounts of power don’t end up in the hands of Mayors. For residents, right now you will see no real changes to your services or council, it will be very much business as usual, but there could be significant challenges ahead.

As always, if you need to contact us, do feel free to get in touch and we will try to help where we can. Wishing all a happy and healthy 2025.

**Laurie, Chris & Sandra**

### Get in touch

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# St Hilda's Church News

This year is a very big year for our church, we are holding our 50th Anniversary of the opening of our church by the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire on the 1st of February. We are having a celebration concert on Saturday 1st February and on the Sunday we are holding a very special service and celebration. If anyone has any old memories or memorabilia would you let us have it as part of a display, please contact either the vicar Ros Harper or myself, Tricia 0116 260 9088.

Thank you for all your support for the Christmas Tree Festival; it was beautiful as it always is - you villagers never fail me. I am in the process of getting a photo book made of all the trees. I am already planning for the next one - watch this space!



## TEA TIMERS

We are open every Tuesday 2 till 4 pm - everyone most welcome. We have board games to play, but mainly we enjoy the drinks and cakes, just pop in rather than being on your own. Further information contact Tricia 01162609088.

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

This meeting runs on a Wednesday afternoon 2-4 pm on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. They have speakers, trips out, chat, friendship as well.

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# Library Update

Our regular opening times are now:-

Monday: 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon

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Wednesday: 10 am - 12 noon

(COFFEE MORNING)

Thursday: 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Friday: 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon

Saturday: 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

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## SANTA'S VISIT

On a cold wet night in December, Santa visited the Library to give Christmas gifts to the children of East Goscote. Due to the weather the number that turned up was a little down on previous years, but everyone enjoyed the evening, and thanks to the Parish Council the gifts were free for each child. Thank you to everyone who donated a prize, or purchased a ticket for the Christmas Raffle, a fantastic £138 was raised for the library funds. Thanks go to our hardworking team Jean, Barbara, Pam, Angela, John and Santa for their time to make this event possible.



## LIBRARY ACCESS

For some time there has been a lot of wood rot leading up to the library entrance. This was reported to Leicestershire County Council. LCC has visited the library and agreed that the ramp needs replacing. The cost of replacing the ramp and accessories will cost between £7000 and £14000 depending on whether the replacement is wood or steel. This cost is to be discussed by LCC. We apologise for any inconvenience and hopefully all of the wood-work will be replaced very soon.

## WARM SPACE

Don't forget the Library is a welcoming Warm Space should you need it. Hot drinks are available to purchase.

The  
REAL  
History of  
East Goscote



East Goscote  
Library

March 1st -31st  
2025



An Exhibition and Talks at East Goscote Library by Rod Axon



**Rarely seen aerial Photography** - Wartime requisition of land - The Willick Brothers Farm "This is not a farm?! - Original documents from the National Archives & Leicestershire Records Office - Architect drawings of the New Village - **The Mound, what really lies beneath?** - What's left of Factory 10, What did it cost to build, How long did it take? - Queniborough Station is not in Queniborough - Why is Queniborough Brook so straight? - **When is a tunnel not a tunnel?** AND MORE!  
Talks with Q & A Sessions.

DISCLAIMER: This exhibition and talks are by a resident of the village who has a keen interest, but please be advised that there is no affiliation with the Library, Long Furrow Magazine or Parish Council.

## Letters to the Editor...

My wife, Joan and I have lived in the village since its building 56 years ago and for the first time we decided to go to the old people's tea in the village hall and we had a great time.

We are very pleased we did and would like to congratulate everyone for the organisation and service, but especially the Brownies who did the waitressing serving tea and coffee etc and keeping us 'topped up'.

This should go towards an award of a 'WAITRESSING BADGE'.

Excellent, excellent.

Thank you,  
Joan Healy & Noel Healy  
MA

## BRAIN TEASERS

1. What occurs in once a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?
2. The capital and the former capital of a certain country are anagrams of each other. Which is this country?
3. Even if they are starving, natives living in the Arctic will never eat a penguins egg. Why?
4. There are 15 birds sitting on a fence and you shoot one. How many are left?
5. What goes on and on with i in the middle?

**Thank you to John Malpus for submitting these - Answers on the back page.**

# THE GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE

## February 2025 (No. 78)

2025 brings big change for Greener Goscote. David will step down as Co-Chair in the autumn so there will be a vacancy, opportunities and need for more engagement and new ideas. Rod is leading the way on the Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) and it would be good to have leaders in place for the Nature Garden, Planters and Recycling Centre. If you are interested or know anyone who might be, get in touch. See Contact Us. By the way, 2024 has been a great year for the Recycling Centre with 15 Tonnes paper & cardboard, 8 Tonnes glass bottles & jars and 15 Tonnes clothing diverted from waste.



Rod and Laurie plant hedge whips on the Mound QGC after carefully moving Mr or Mrs Toad to safety.



**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](mailto:greenergoscote@outlook.com) or find us, and maybe join us, on Facebook?

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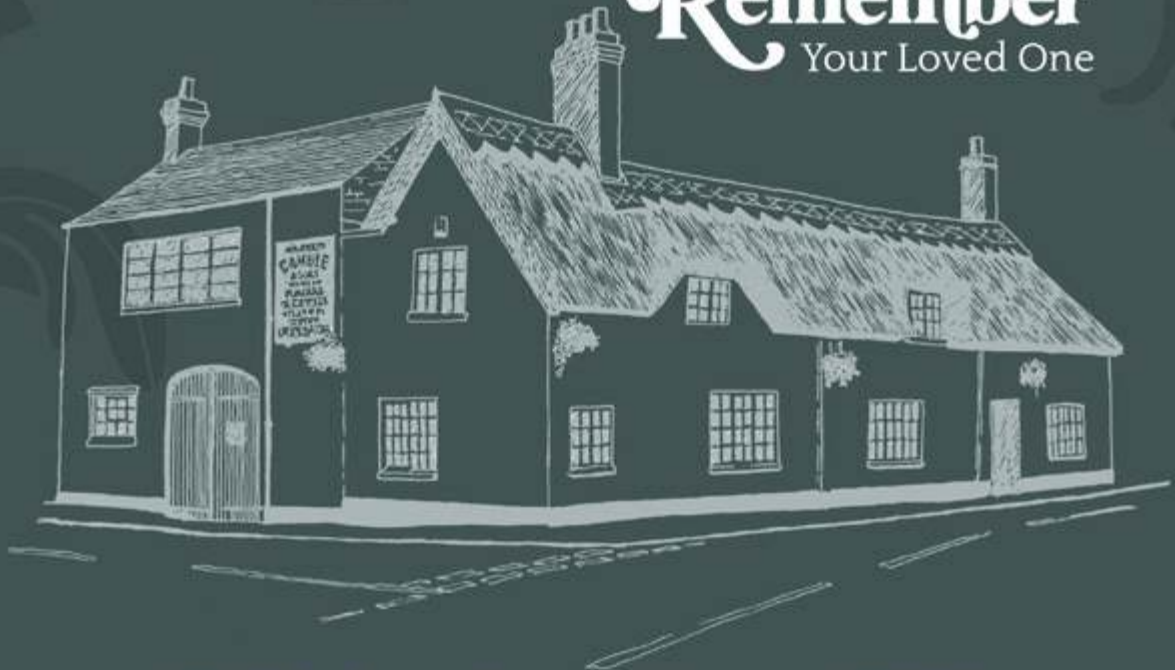


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***If you are a member of an organisation which is providing a service to the community, please contact us with up to date details***

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