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11th December
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11th December
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12th December
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CHRISTMAS BINGO AT THE VILLAGE HALL

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Community Resilience & Flooding Drop-In Event.
Monday 9th November at the Village Hall.
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Hello...

EDITORIAL

This issue of Long Furrow highlights the strength and spirit of East Goscote. We celebrate dedicated service - from Laurie Needham's decade of leadership with the Parish Council to Nick Shivers' well-earned Community Heroes Award.

Christmas is already in full swing, with Santa's visit to the Library, St Hilda's Christmas Tree Festival, the Parish Council's Afternoon Tea for older residents, and the Scouts' Christmas Fayre bringing festive fun to Jubilee Playing Fields.

Local groups are thriving: Brownies, Guides, Scouts, Beavers and Squirrels share lively updates full of learning, community pride and seasonal activities. Bizzy Bees Preschool brings Harvest to life with hands-on experiences, while the Eco Hub continues its sustainability work through litter picks, wellbeing walks and practical advice.

We also look ahead with the Parish Council's Memorial Garden survey and important guidance from the Resilience Group on flood preparedness. Alongside news from local businesses, St Hilda's Church, the Village Hall and the Library, this edition shows a village that is active, caring and wonderfully connected.

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Thank You, Laurie



After more than ten years on East Goscote Parish Council, the last five as Chair, Laurie Needham has stepped down for personal reasons.

In August 2026, Laurie Needham announced her resignation as Chair of East Goscote Parish Council. It was a difficult decision, and not one she took lightly.

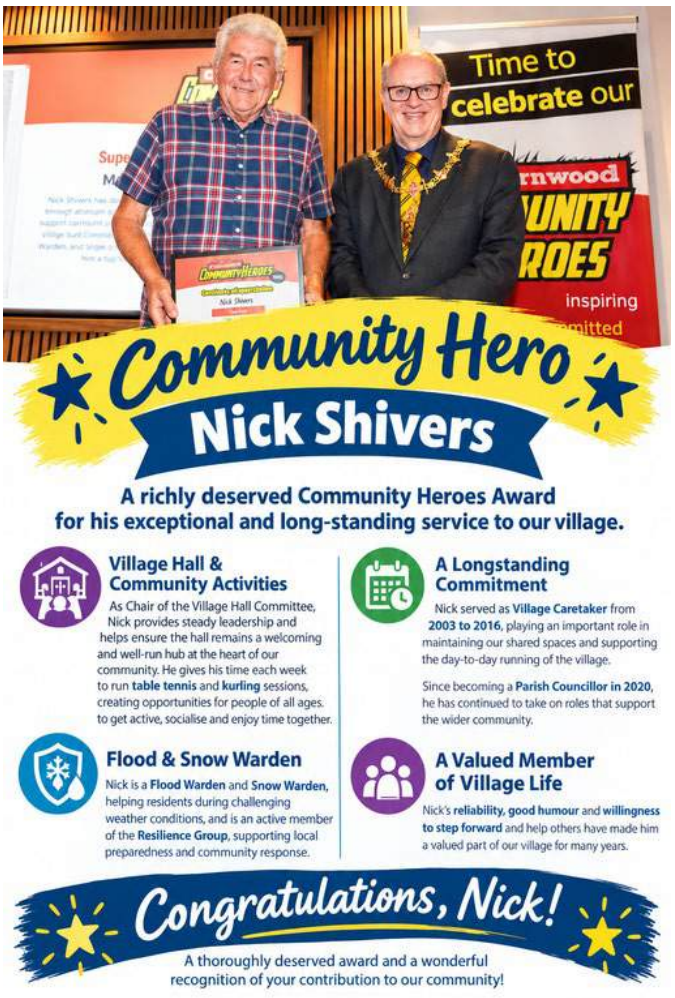
Laurie joined the council in January 2016 and became Chair in 2021. Throughout that time, she was the person residents turned to with a problem or a question, and they could count on her advice. Her knowledge of council law and policy was second to none, and she gave her time generously, always putting others first.

Her contribution to village life reached well beyond the council meetings. Among many other things, Laurie:

- laid the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council on Remembrance Sunday
- served on the Staffing and Finance Committees
- took an active part in Greener Goscote, joining planting schemes, litter picks and clean-ups
- helped at the Christmas event for the elderly
- worked with Charnwood Borough Council to secure funding for the village flood locker
- met regularly with Redrow about the proposed new development
- helped keep the library running after its funding was removed
- pushed for safer speed limits in the village and volunteered with the Speedwatch campaign.

On behalf of the Parish Council and the whole village, thank you, Laurie, for everything you have done to make East Goscote the lovely place it is. Your service will be greatly missed.





VILLAGE CHRISTMAS EVENTS

11th and 12th December 2026

SANTA IS COMING

Once again, Santa Claus is coming to East Goscote to distribute gifts for the children living in the village. He will be visiting the Library from 6 p.m. on Friday 11th December, and there will be no charge for each child that Santa will meet.

As well as Santa being present, there will be a raffle and sales of books and DVDs.

Thank you to the Parish Council for the donation of gifts, and to Santa and his team of volunteers who will be assisting in the library.

ST HILDA'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Taking place from 5 p.m. on 11th December, the theme for this year's Christmas Tree Festival is "**CHARITIES**"

Dress a tree with your favourite charity and place it in the Church Centre. Contact Tricia on 07845111782 for more details.



CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL INVITES ALL RESIDENTS OF EAST GOSCOTE AGED 65 AND OVER FOR AFTERNOON TEA

- Saturday 12th December from 1.30 p.m. at the Village Hall
- Food and hot drinks
- Raffle
- Prize Bingo
- Entertainment by Velvet Souls Duo



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.
Voluntary Contribution: £3.50 per ticket

Closing date 26th November – Max. 60 residents

AFTERNOON TEA TICKET APPLICATION

Name:

Address:

Date of Birth (proof required):

Contact details:

Dietary Requirements:

Please take your completed form to the Parish Office between 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on the following dates in November: 9th, 10th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 23rd, 24th, 26th

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An update to the Merchants of Merchants Common

A new arrival: PAT'S BREAKFAST AND BRISKET.

A wonderful new cafe serving all the usual foods and drink with the added bonus of my favourite slow cooked beef, Brisket!
The cafe is run by Claire, who is recovering from cancer. Now 5 years in remission. This new venture is based upon her belief that quality food sourced locally and served at reasonable prices in a warm friendly environment (or take it away!) will provide an essential service to some and a community meeting place for all, including your dog.

The cafe is named after Claire's mother, Pat who passed last year.
The other important parts in this project are,

Bruce – The baker
Gracie – The Chef & Admin
Diane – everything else!





And other local businesses we shouldn't ignore

THE PLOUGH

Managers, Tony, Joe and Lyon
Bar, Kitchen and cleaning staff, - Too many to name, sorry.
Resident vicious guard dog – Betty, only joking she is a lovely friendly dog.

The new owner took over this public house just two years ago, the changes are not massive visually, but the atmosphere has changed significantly. The choice of lagers and beers is impressive, with more to come, to satisfy all tastes.
The biggest change, I'm told, is the food, I've not tried this yet but others have all praised the quality and prices. I'm told that the food is traditional good pub grub, also a surprising range of snack's are available at the bar.

The bar is open, Sun – Thurs 12,00 – 23.00hrs
Fri – Sat 12.00 – Midnight
Food is available, Tues – Sat 12.00 – 15.00 and 18.00 – 21.00
Sunday Lunch, 12.00 – 16.00

Above the bar is a good sized Function room which can be hired for any occasion.

The bar has three pool tables and two dart boards which are used by the very competitive pool teams and currently three darts teams, a fourth is currently being put together, so if you like to play for fun or compete amongst other local hostelries then visit soon and ask the staff for details.

GOSCOTE SERVICES

This garage has been an essential part of this village for over 50 years.

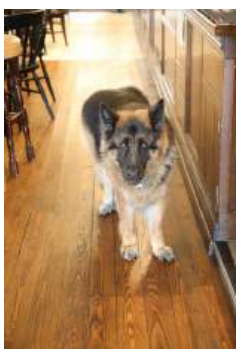
The Manager – Danny
Receptionist and fuel sales - Charlotte
Mechanics – James, Paul and Dan
Service Manager – Alan
Car Sales – Kyle

All are very friendly and helpful offering all the usual garage type things!, servicing, MOT's, served fuel and car sales. The fuel prices are often higher than the larger oil companies and supermarkets, but the servicing and repairs are all very reasonably priced and the advice is always accurate and free!
The Photo is of Charlotte and Alan in the reception area.









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INSPIRING WOMEN



Where wonderful women meet!

Who are we? The Charnwood Wlgs are a less traditional, fun & friendly, women's institute group.

What do we do? We enjoy a wide range of interesting speakers, activities and crafts.

Where do we meet? Beedles Lake Golf club, 170 Broome Ln, East Goscote, Leicester LE7 3WQ

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 (£5 charge) up to 3 times before deciding if you want to join us. We hope to see you soon!





Welcome to our Autumn term at Brownies.

We started the term, welcoming 5 new girls, who have mixed with the other girls so well.
We have started work on a new badge, which has included making bubbles, miming and planning a Promise party.
After half term, we will have sparklers and hot chocolate for bonfire night and then will be attending the parade and church service, for Remembrance.
We will spend November, practising for our little Christmas play.
We are also joining our District and sleeping over at the Space Centre in Leicester.
December will also see some of the girls helping serve teas at the over 60's afternoon Tea event.
Quite an active term again.
Many thanks for all the support from parents.

Brown Owl

East Goscote Guides Giving Back to Our Community



1st East Goscote Guides

It has been a busy and rewarding start to the term for East Goscote Guides as we have been working towards our Community badge and thinking about the different ways that we can play a positive part in the community around us. One of our first challenges was to get out and about in the village for an evening of litter picking. Armed with litter pickers, bags and plenty of enthusiasm, the Guides set off to see just how much rubbish we could collect from our local area. We were amazed by how much we found! By the end of the evening we had collected bags and bags of litter, and the Guides were rightly very proud of what they had achieved. As well as the usual wrappers, cans, plastic bottles and bits of packaging, we came across some much more unusual finds. The Guides were particularly interested in finding broken pieces of pottery with different patterns on them, alongside things such as discarded water bottles and other odds and ends that had found their way onto our paths and green spaces. It turned into a really enjoyable evening, with lots of conversation along the way about litter, looking after the environment and why even small actions can make a difference. It was lovely to see the Guides working together and taking such pride in leaving the area a little cleaner than they had found it.

Our community work hasn't stopped there. We have also been collecting donations for Leicester Animal Aid, focusing particularly on useful items for the dogs and cats in their care. We are really looking forward to welcoming a visitor from the charity to one of our Guide meetings on 6th October, when the girls will be able to find out more about the work they do, the animals they support and how the items we have collected will help.

We are also preparing for another lovely part of our community challenge – this time supporting the younger members of Girlguiding. Our Guides are getting ready to plan and run a fun session for our local Rainbows, giving them the opportunity to take some responsibility, share their ideas and give something back within our own Girlguiding community. It will be wonderful to see the older girls taking the lead and creating an evening for the younger girls to enjoy.

There is still lots more to look forward to this term too! Our annual Halloween party is coming up, which is always one of our favourite evenings of the year. We are looking forward to plenty of Halloween fun, including getting creative with some spooky food making. After that, we will once again be taking part in our local Remembrance Day parade. This is always an important occasion for our unit and a wonderful opportunity for the Guides to join with other local groups and members of the wider community to remember and pay their respects together.

It has already been a fantastic start to our community-themed term. More than simply completing a badge, we want our Guides to recognise that being part of a community means looking after the places we share, helping others, giving our time and taking an active role in the world immediately around us. We are very proud of everything they have achieved so far, and we can't wait to see what the rest of the term brings!

Rachel and Michelle, Volunteer Guide Leaders

EAST GOSCOTE ECO HUB
(Formerly the GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE)
Autumn 2026 (No. 85)

HUB NEWS Hello again. Yes, we are still here, up in the cloud. At least our Facebook presence is. We are a public group now so pop in and have a look, post, comment or react. Our purpose is to be a virtual hub where people can exchange ideas and experiences, seek and offer help, equipment and information. Our aim is to promote real environmental sustainability in and around our village and beyond. Meanwhile, down on Planet Earth, we have been equipping Guides and Squirrels to litter pick, greening Syston Summer Fayre, promoting sustainable household waste management and leading Wellbeing Walks. Our AGM agreed to continue developing our Hub and manageable real world projects.









Here's a flavour of East Goscote Eco Hub









CONTACT US: East Goscote Eco Hub exists to promote real environmental sustainability in and around our village and beyond. For free advice on composting, recycling, biodiversity and climate change and for information on EG Eco Hub contact David on 07873852372, or email greenergoscote@outlook.com or find us, and maybe join us, on Facebook?

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Working with Nature



Bizzy Bees Preschool

Broomfield Primary School, East Goscote, Leicestershire

A Wonderful Start to the New Year at Bizzy Bees Preschool

We have welcomed lots of new and returning children through our doors, and we are incredibly proud of how beautifully everyone has settled. The children are really beginning to make themselves at home in our home-from-home environment, building relationships with their key people, making new friendships and growing in confidence as they explore everything preschool has to offer.



Most recently, we have been celebrating Harvest, and we have loved bringing this to life through real, hands-on experiences.
Our role-play areas have been filled with real fruit and vegetables for the children to explore, handle and investigate. We have talked about what different foods look, smell and feel like, where they come from and how they grow. We then took this learning one step further by turning some of our ingredients into a selection of homemade soups! The children have been very busy helping to prepare the ingredients themselves – chopping tomatoes, peeling vegetables, exploring different textures and smells and watching as all of the individual ingredients came together to make something completely new. Being able to safely use real tools and take part in genuine everyday tasks gives our children such a wonderful sense of independence and achievement. Of course, the most important part was the taste test! Some soups were a definite hit, while others received slightly less enthusiastic reviews! But that is all part of the experience. We encourage our children to explore new foods without pressure, to talk about what they like and dislike and, most importantly, to enjoy being involved in the whole process.





Alongside our Harvest learning, our families have once again been incredibly generous with donations for our Harvest Festival collection. We have gathered a fantastic amount of food and other useful items, which the children will be taking with us on our annual Harvest visit to St Hilda's Church. While we are there, Reverend Ros will spend some time with the children for one of her lovely, interactive sessions, helping them to think about Harvest, giving and helping other people. We will then proudly hand over everything our families have donated so that it can be passed on to our local food bank and support people within our community.

Community is such an important part of life at Bizzy Bees. Whether we are visiting the church, heading to the library, exploring our allotment, getting out and about in our village or simply learning about the people and places around us, we want our children to grow up feeling that they belong to something bigger than the walls of their preschool. There has already been so much learning, exploring, creating, talking, laughing and playing this term, and it feels like we have only just begun!

Before we know it, we will be heading towards one of the most magical times of the preschool year. Next term will see us beginning our Christmas preparations, with Christmas cards and creations appearing, festive activities filling the preschool and, of course, the exciting preparations for our Bizzy Bees Nativity beginning!

We can't wait to see what the next few months bring.

Come and join our Bizzy Bees family 🐝

We currently still have some preschool spaces available. If you are looking for a warm, nurturing preschool where children can feel at home, learn through real experiences and become part of their local community, we would love to meet you.
Please get in touch with Rachel on 07908781652 to arrange a visit, come and have a look around and begin your child's journey as part of our Bizzy Bees family.

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MEMORIAL SURVEY: OPEN TO RESIDENTS ONLY

East Goscote Parish Council have recognised for many years that East Goscote does not have a cemetery, burial ground or dedicated place of remembrance for residents' ashes. This means that East Goscote residents must use neighbouring parishes facilities often at a significantly greater cost. The Council has arrangements in place with Syston for a slightly reduced rate. The Council has always been proactive in supporting residents to remember their loved ones through the planting of trees and siting public benches within our village. More recently, we have had a request for the possibility of looking at this again and although we do not have the land to accommodate a cemetery, we could consider a memorial garden where memorial plaques could be displayed and ashes could be scattered.

Before we start this project, we would like to gather the views of residents on what they would like us to consider. You can do this by completing this survey and returning to the parish office, or by using the QR code opposite.

At the end there is a request for any interested parties to volunteer to assist in the project group.

NAME: .....

POSTCODE: .....

Do you support in principle that East Goscote Parish Council develops a Memorial Garden?

Yes No

Would you like a space dedicated to the scattering of ashes?

Yes No

Would you like to be able to have a plaque displayed with your loved one's details on?

Yes No

If you would like a plaque, how would you like this to be displayed?

- Memorial wall ☐
- Memorial tree e.g. details on a leaf ☐
- Memorial architecture ☐
- Other ☐

Would you like the garden to have a separate area for children to be remembered?

Yes No

Would you like the garden to have a separate area for pets to be remembered?

Yes No

Are there any religious or cultural things you would like us to consider?

Would you prefer the garden to be in the centre of the village?

Yes No No preference

Would you like the Memorial Garden to be:

- Traditional landscape ☐
- Modern landscape ☐
- Sensory e.g. highly perfumed flowers, colourful ☐
- Wild, natural landscape ☐
- Combination ☐

Would you like the Memorial Garden to be in a private secluded area or more in the open for all to view?

- Private ☐
- Open ☐
- Balance between private and open ☐

If we go ahead with this project, but cannot secure grant funding, would you be happy to increase the Council tax to pay for this.

Yes No

Any other issues, ideas or comments you would like us to consider?

If you would like to support this project, please leave your contact details.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey; your views will be considered.

East Goscote Parish Council
Telephone: 0116 260 2202
Email: clerk@eastgoscote-pc.gov.uk
Address: Village Hall, Long Furrow, LE7 3ZL

CLOSING DATE: 1ST JANUARY 2027

Community Resilience Group Update

Floods - What You Need To Know

As you are most probably aware East Goscote has had flooding issues in the last couple of years. The Parish Council believes that East Goscote residents should be made aware of what to do if this situation were to arise again. The Resilience Group remains in place, with both Councillors and residents represented, to attempt to minimise future and further issues. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact the Parish Office on 0116 260 2202.

Sign up for the Environment Agency Flood Warnings

Online: at www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings

Telephone: 0345 988 1188

It is your responsibility to protect your home. If you think that your home is at risk of flooding, you need to protect your home with suitable flood defence products. More details on how you can protect your home may be found in your home insurance policy. If you know your property is at risk of flooding:

- Please ensure you make preparations such as have a supply of sandbags and an overnight bag together with a supply of any medications you are taking, non-perishable food and other essentials.
- Have copies of your building and contents insurance (do not undervalue your contents).
- Know how to turn off your electricity, gas and water supplies.

Charnwood Borough Council have a limited supply of sandbags. They will not be issued to protect gardens and outbuildings. Councils do not have a statutory duty to provide residents with sandbags.

If you believe your property is at imminent risk of being flooded and want to request sandbags, please call **Charnwood Borough Council 01509 263151 (Monday to Friday9am to 4pm) or 01509 634567 (out of office hours).**

Emergency Contacts

- Fire and Rescue Service Risk to Life: Emergencies 999 service.
- Environment Agency Floodline: 0345 988 1188 open 24/7
- Flooding from Highways/Roads/Drains: Leicestershire County Council Email: flooding@leics.gov.uk / Telephone: 0116 305 0001
- Flooding from a river i.e. Queniborough Brook: Environment Agency The Environment Agency Floodline: 0345 988 1188 The Environment Agency Incident Hotline: 0800 80 70 60
- Flooding from sewers: Severn Trent 0800 783 4444.

What to do if your home has been flooded: Charnwood Borough Council Emergency Hotline: 01509 263151. Answerphone but follow prompts for assistance.

East Goscote Contacts

Flood Warden
Mr Nick Shivers: Tel: 07858 188509
(Answer machine with call back)

Resilience Group
Cllr Richard Peberdy: Tel: 07711 761820
(Answer machine with call back)

County Councillor
Cllr James Poland: Tel: 07764 966677
(Answer machine with call back)

Parish Office
Tel: 0116 260 2202
(Answer machine with call back)

There is a lot of information on the Parish Council's website relating to flooding, please scan the QR code below.





Thanks to funding from LCC, the Parish Council has been able to offer airbrick covers to those residents in the flood zone.



Charnwood Borough Councillors Update (Green Party Representatives)



The summer months are usually a quiet time at Charnwood Borough Council as staff and councillors take their annual leave. This year has been a bit different, however.
The announcement by the government of its plans for the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) caused a lot of rethinking to occur. Last week the Government decided to review this decision and Borough Council elections are now planned to take place in May 2027.
We have always maintained our opposition to LGR and consistently stood against any expansion of the Leicester City boundary and are in support of the review.

Planning developments
Enforcement officers from Charnwood Borough Council are currently holding high caseloads however all reports of planning breaches will be addressed. We presented a motion on Construction Dust Suppression, strengthening standards and using escalation measures where mitigation is ineffective. We asked for a review the capacity of the enforcement team. The motion was passed.
We have objected to planning application for the retention of 3 storage containers and will present our objections at plans committee along with a parish council representative.

Extreme weather
We have started discussions on extreme weather planning and researching effective measures to reduce harm.

Community action
We are holding a Coats for All event in Sileby Community Centre Sat 10th Oct 10.30-2pm. Donations are welcome at Cossington Primary School, Sileby Library, Redlands and Highgate Primary School, Chine House Vets. We are planning to hold another event in Syston in November – more information will be available soon.

And finally..
This summer has also seen the resignation of Councillor Laurie Needham from her role representing East Goscote and Wreake Valley at Charnwood Borough Council and leader of the Green group. This has come about due to personal reasons and health issues.

Please contact us for any issues you want to raise:
Cllr Sandra Woodward and Cllr Chris O'Neill
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EAST GOSCOTE VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

CHRISTMAS BINGO



Join us for Christmas Bingo on Thursday 17th December - doors open 2.00 p.m. (Note the change of date - Kurling will take place on 10th December)

For more information please email admin@eastgoscote-pc.gov.uk or telephone 0116 260 2202

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The East Goscote Village Hall Management Committee is a friendly group that meets a few times a year to keep our cherished village hall thriving. We discuss everything from user groups and maintenance, as well as running regular activities at the hall. If you have a few spare hours a week and a passion for community involvement, join us!

MEET NEW PEOPLE • SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY
MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT LOCALLY

Interested? Get in touch today and be part of something special!

EAST GOSCOTE VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

LONG FURROW, LE7 3ZL

LET'S GET MOVING

East Goscote Village Hall has joined Active Together in their Let's Get Moving Campaign, which aims to bring about positive Physical and Mental Wellbeing for residents in Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland.

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Update from James Poland: County Councillor and Conservative Borough Councillor Representative



September was an eventful month in local government, with an important development in the fight against the expansion of Leicester. It was also a memorable month for me personally, as I was elected to Charnwood Borough Council for the Wreake Valley ward, which includes East Goscote. I would like to thank everyone who supported me in the by-election. Regardless of how you voted, or if you didn't vote at all, I am here to represent you and will always do my best to help with any issues affecting you or the village.

Leicester expansion plans paused

At the beginning of September, the Government announced a review of its Local Government Reorganisation programme. As a result, work on reorganising councils across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland was paused while that review takes place.

Under the proposals announced earlier this year, Charnwood Borough Council and Leicestershire County Council would have been abolished and replaced by larger unitary authorities responsible for delivering all local council services.

For East Goscote, this would have meant becoming part of a new council covering much of Leicestershire and Rutland. Unlike some neighbouring communities, including Syston and Queniborough, East Goscote was not included in the proposed expansion of Leicester City. However, the proposals would still have represented a significant change to how our village is governed, with decisions currently taken by Charnwood Borough Council and Leicestershire County Council instead becoming the responsibility of a much larger authority.

I have consistently argued that any changes to local government must respect the views of residents, protect local services and ensure that communities such as East Goscote retain a strong voice. I was therefore pleased to see the process paused, although it is important to recognise that the Government has not formally abandoned its plans for reorganisation.

One thing we do now know is that the local elections due to take place in May 2027 will go ahead on the existing council boundaries, meaning residents will once again be electing councillors to Charnwood Borough Council.

The reorganisation process has already taken up a considerable amount of council time and resources. I hope the Government will use its review to reconsider the proposals and ensure that whatever arrangements emerge genuinely serve the interests of communities across Leicestershire. Whatever happens next, I will continue working to ensure East Goscote retains a strong local voice, our services are protected and residents' views are properly represented.

A new role on Charnwood Borough Council

September was a memorable month for me personally, as I was elected to Charnwood Borough Council at the Wreake Valley by-election on 17 September. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported me and to all those residents who took the time to vote.

Having represented East Goscote on Leicestershire County Council for many years, it is a real honour now to represent our village on Charnwood Borough Council as well.

My focus is firmly on getting on with the job. Alongside my existing County Council responsibilities, I can now help East Goscote residents with Borough Council matters, including planning, waste collection, environmental health and other services provided by Charnwood.

As always, if there is an issue affecting you or our community that you think I can help with, please do get in touch.

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- Friday 27th Nov: Sileby Lights Switch On Festivities mulled wine, stollen, marshmallows, fires, screens
- Saturday 28th Nov: Pop Up Indoor Pub & Vinyl DJs Alternative Festival Special
- Saturday 5th Dec: Father Christmas visits our Magical Garden, films, fun and presents (Ticketed)
- Friday 12th December: Film Night - Seasonal Shorts



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EAST GOSCOTE SCOUT GROUPS

SCOUTS

During August our annual week camp took place. Pioneering, backwoods cooking, BBQs, team challenges, cooking, fire lighting and first aid are just some of the traditional activities we undertook, and these were mixed with swimming, climbing, shooting, archery, a chip supper and a trip around West Midlands Safari Park. Our campsite actually shared a boarder with the park and yes, we could hear the lions at 4am in the morning – sometimes they were louder than our Scouts! We are now looking forward to the Autumn term, and the programme is fully planned until Christmas. Our final camp of the year will be in October to a brand-new site in Hollygate in Nottinghamshirterm,nformation for it has just been released and we are hoping for 100% participation. Our Monday nights remain active and enjoyable, with the aim to get all scouts through their Chief Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award in Scouts and only the most committed Scouts will get there.

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Back to fun time, the Autum term brings on new challenges we have had a night doing teamwork learning how to be a team player and work together. We have learnt about Cubs in Mexico and some interesting facts about the country too. The Cubs have also learnt to tie knots and hitches, with lots of perseverance they ended up making a tri pod. We have an exciting program planned with a night hike, DIY and a spooky Halloween night just to mention a few. Our term will end with the Groups carol service and a Christmas party.

Squirrels

Over the summer, we have been very busy enjoying a range of exciting activities. We were fortunate to be invited to a real working farm, where we helped feed the cattle, collected eggs, and enjoyed a trailer ride around the fields.

We also explored our creative side by making nature crafts and taking part in junk modelling activities.

This term, we will be venturing into space, exploring the planets and the Moon before finishing our journey with a trip to the space station.

In addition, we will be working towards our Community Impact Badge by taking part in a litter pick and visiting a local care home, where we will play games and spend time with the residents.

BEAVERS

Wow how time flies, the last time we spoke was when we went on camp back in June, it only feels like yesterday, but three months has passed. Now where was I...oh yes, we finished off our summer term with a trip to Jump Giants, yep we went there again, we had the whole place to ourselves, it was a tad warm with all this hot weather we have had but it didn't stop us from jumping around all evening. After our summer break we came back all refreshed and ready to start our Adventure Challenge Badge. Our first night back we split into small groups and they were given some blankets and chairs and were asked to build a den, this was part of six outdoor activities we need to complete, it was drizzling a little bit outside and the Beavers were nice and cosy in their dens hiding from the slightly damp weather. We continued our outside activities the following week with a sports game themed evening, we bought back the good old egg & spoon race, the ball in the bucket and not forgetting the three-legged race too, not sure they have worked out how to work in unison and get to the finish line without one of them falling over! We have also been to visit Loughborough Grammar School as part of our Explorer badge, the Beavers loved climbing the spiral staircase up to the top of the tower, us Adults were captivated by the history of the school and it was quite fascinating how many students there are now compared to when it originally opened. We are off on a Ramble to Rearsby and a bit of conker picking in Queniborough in the coming weeks, all part of our Adventure Challenge Badge and are enjoying our time outside before the dark winter nights are upon us.

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See Page 6 for details of the Scout Christmas Fayre







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St Hilda's Church Update

EAST GOSCOTE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

A few of the Topics we have had: The Police came to talk about how we can stop getting scammed, it was very interesting and helpful - they actually helped a few folks sort their phone to stop them. We had a talk about "Time For Tea" with another good speaker explaining how Afternoon Tea began and the etiquette surrounding it.

We recently had a day cruise on the Peter Le Marchant boat - a very relaxing day with Lunch at The Waterside. It was lovely watching all the wildlife and birds.

Next was a Garden Party at the home of Barbara and John. It was very warm but we were fine - sun shades and a gazebo protected us while we had a tea and of course cakes.

A Harvest Lunch was next at the end of September.

The next trip out is a trip to Gates, Hinckley. Contact John on 077719657056 if you would like any information.

TEATIMERS

Hello, we have had a very busy summer season with lots of birthdays and of course cake!

We held a VJ Day Party so flags, red white and blue attire and again lots of cakes.

We are gearing up for Harvest and The Tree Festival.

We meet for chat and a drink - sort the world out - some play a board game called Rummicub.

All are welcome - if you would like more information give Tricia a call on 07845211782

CHURCH NEWS

A very important Service was held at Gaddesby Church, the Launch of the new Minster North West Leicester Churches coming together. The Bishop of Leicester, Bishop Martin, lead the service with folk from all 14 churches there.

We have a busy few months ahead - Harvest Festival on 4th October at 9.30 am - all welcome.

Then the Annual Remembrance Festival 10.00 am on 8th November, again all welcome. Following this service we will hold a short Service at the Cross on Remembrance Day, 11th November, at 10.45 am.

The Christmas Tree Festival is 11th December, see page 3 for details.

The Annual Carol Service will be Sunday 13th December: 4.00 pm for tea followed by the Carol Service - All Welcome.

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Library Update

The library was lucky enough to receive some money from 'Charnwood Community Grants' to enhance and strengthen community connections. With the money we have been able to provide a course of sitting yoga sessions and craft classes, all free for members of the community.



The yoga sessions resulted in Gavin continuing to offer classes every Thursday morning, 11.30-12.30.

The craft activities proved to be highly popular and included 2 butterfly, a dragonfly and card making classes with a further embroidered Christmas card and Christmas wreath door hanging and resin jewellery making still to come. We would like to thank Wendy Nye and her helpers for providing all the materials and know how.



We will be holding our usual Christmas raffle and donations would be greatly appreciated. Santa will be in the library with gifts for children on 11th December - see page 3 for details.

Many thanks to all those children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge. Keep Reading!



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