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Monday 20th April 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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Hello...

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first Long Furrow of 2026. This edition reflects a village that continues to pull together through change, challenge and celebration.

The Parish Council has been busy improving our shared spaces, supporting flood resilience, and organising the hugely successful Afternoon Tea Event in December.

Greener Goscote begins a new chapter this year, stepping back from several long held responsibilities, after years of remarkable volunteer effort.

Our young people have had a vibrant term, from helping at community events to throwing themselves into badges, parades, camps and festive fun. Bizzy Bees Preschool has also enjoyed a joyful season of celebrations and learning.

You'll find important updates from our Borough and County Councillors on flooding, planning, road safety and the ongoing debate around local government reorganisation - issues that will continue to shape our community.

As always, thank you to everyone who contributes to Long Furrow. If you'd like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you.

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EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Community Facilities and Improvements

- The tennis court remains open all year round following its refurbishment in 2024, allowing members to play whenever the weather permits.
- The wetpour surfacing on the mound is due to be upgraded by the end of March, thanks to a grant awarded by the National Lottery.
- A new security door has been installed at the pavilion.
- The playing field hedge has been trimmed and is now looking very smart.
- A village tree survey is currently being undertaken, and the Parish Council will review the recommendations in the New Year.

Community Events

- Santa visited the Village Library on Friday 12th December. The event was enjoyed by 67 children, with gifts kindly funded by the Parish Council.
- An afternoon tea for seniors was held on Saturday 13 December. A total of 59 tickets were issued and everyone enjoyed a wonderful afternoon. Many thanks to the hardworking team who made this event possible. (See photos on page 3.)

Flooding, Resilience and Safety

- The Parish Council Resilience Group has been extremely busy updating the Community Response Plan, preparing the flood store, reporting drainage issues and keeping residents informed of flood alerts. Updates can be followed on the group's Facebook page. See the separate article (page 13) if you feel you could help in an emergency.
- The Parish Council has successfully applied for a flood locker from Charnwood Borough Council and now has

emergency stock available if required.

- Police Beat surgeries are being held in the Library and at Annie's Café, giving residents the opportunity to speak directly with local officers. See page 13 for dates.

Environment and Waste

- The recycling area will unfortunately be removed with effect from 1 April 2026. Greener Goscote has managed the area since 2018 and is no longer able to continue. (See the separate article on page 4.)
- Due to issues with our waste contractor, some dog waste bins have been removed. There are currently 44 other bins available across the village, in addition to residents' household black bins, for the disposal of wrapped dog waste.

Parish Council Business

- This year's Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 20th April. Please do come along – see the agenda on the front cover for further details.
- From 2026, Full Council meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month.
- Our website contains a wealth of information. Please visit: www.eastgoscote-pc.gov.uk

Get Involved

And finally...

If you would like to give something back to the community and help make our village an even better place to live, please consider becoming a Parish Councillor. We currently have two vacancies.

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Wishing everyone a very happy New Year.

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Afternoon Tea Celebrations

A wonderful afternoon was enjoyed by all who attended the Afternoon Tea Event on **Saturday 13th December**. There was an abundance of sandwiches, cakes and scones, along with a fantastic performance by the duo *Velvet Souls*. The event had a great atmosphere, with many attendees even taking to the dance floor.

A huge thank you goes to the East Goscote Brownies for their help on the day, and to the Councillors involved for their time and hard work in organising the event. Thanks are also extended to everyone who made generous voluntary contributions, and to those who donated prizes, ensuring there was a wide and generous selection of both raffle and bingo prizes available.

Raffle ticket sales raised a fantastic **£90**, which the Parish Council has agreed will be donated to **Spectrum Sensory Sports CIC**.



Statement from Greener Goscote Termination of Licences and Closure of the Recycling Centre

It was agreed at our AGM on 01/08/2025 that the group now has greater commitments than it has the capacity and support to deliver. As a result, it was agreed that over the next year the group would undergo a period of transition, with the aim of reconfiguring into something more manageable and less onerous for the small number of active members. Consequently, the Licences to Cultivate for the Nature Garden, Planters and Queen's Green Canopy, together with the Agreement to Maintain the Recycling Centre, will be terminated at the end of March 2026, and the Parish Council will consider the future of these projects.

Charnwood Borough Council withdrew support for the recycling centre in September 2018, along with most other local recycling centres across the borough. Since that time, the site has been maintained entirely by Greener Goscote volunteers. With great regret, and for the reasons outlined above, this will no longer be possible after March 2026. East Goscote Parish Council does not have the resources to take on the ongoing management of the site, and therefore all remaining recycling facilities will be removed at that time.

Greener Goscote will inform users well in advance in order to minimise the risk of fly-tipping on the private land on which the recycling centre stands. Further information will be provided via the Greener Goscote page in this and subsequent editions of *Long Furrow*.

David Cannon, Chair Greener Goscote (01/01/2026)

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THE GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE

February 2026 (No. 82)

TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF

For Greener Goscote, it's time for change. The group has achieved a lot since its formation six years ago. However, at our last AGM it was obvious that we now have greater commitments than we have the support to deliver them. So began a transition to a renewed group, still focused on enabling a more sustainable way of life for our community but more realistic given the kind of support we now have.

It's important to us not to let anyone down over commitments and to allow partners time to plan. We have therefore agreed with EGPC to surrender the existing Licenses to Cultivate for the Nature Garden, Planters, Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) and Recycling Centre at the end of March 2026. Good news — our tree expert, Rod, will continue to care for the QGC trees and another group is interested in the Nature Garden. From April we can turn our attention to new opportunities for sustainability and supporting and volunteering with others.



RECYCLING CENTRE TO CLOSE

One of our best achievements has been to keep this facility going after CBC withdrew support in September 2018. Over 200 tonnes of cardboard, glass and clothing have been diverted during that time! GG volunteers have kept the site tidy but it is big social changes that have finally made it unmanageable for us. Home deliveries result in massive boxes being fly tipped along with polystyrene etc. to match and there's a general increase in fly tipping and overflows.

Low value fast fashion, shipping and labour costs and global conflict have resulted in the Salvation Army removing our clothing bank along with many others. Bags of bottles get left for someone else to bank and have to be cleared quickly for safety. With great regret, the days of an unsupervised recycling centre open 24/7 will come to an end for us in March. Despite all that, it is a brilliant achievement. What next for GG? We've set ourselves a very high bar with this one.



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, and maybe join us, on Facebook?

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Working with Nature



Brownies



We have been working on our Live Smart themed badge and have been really impressed by all the work the girls have done.

We had great fun dressing up and making potions for Halloween and celebrated November 5th with sparklers.

We had an evening working with willow branches and the girls all made a star and fish. It was a new experience and one we will definitely do again.

In December we all wrapped presents for each other and gave them out at a pyjama party on the last night. Saturday 13th December was a busy day - the Brownies helped with the Parish Council Afternoon Tea Event at the Village Hall, and then went to the pantomime in the evening.

I would like to thank the leaders for their commitment and enthusiasm as always and the support of the parents.

Wishing you all a happy new year.

Brown Owl (07981812955)



1st East Goscote Guides

Girl Guides Autumn Term Adventures

The Girl Guides have had a fantastic and busy Autumn term! We kicked things off by working towards our **Bookworm Badge**. The girls got creative, designing book covers for their favourite stories and making their very own bookmarks.

Next, we focused on our **Healthy Sleep Badge**, exploring ways to get a good night's rest. The girls made calming dream bottles, discussed healthy bedtime routines, and even crafted their own eye masks—perfect for a restful night's sleep!



We were also proud to take part in the **Remembrance Parade** in the village. It was a lovely and important event, and we had a great turnout, showing respect and remembrance for those who have served.

Of course, no Autumn term would be complete without some spooky fun. We held a **Halloween Party**, where the girls brought themed buffet items and enjoyed an extremely spooky evening full of games, treats, and laughter.

As the festive season approached, we turned our attention to the **Winter Badge**. The girls enjoyed a variety of seasonal activities, including making snow globes and decorations for the **St. Hilda's Tree Festival**. It was wonderful to see their creativity shine!



We ended our fabulous term with a **Christmas celebration** chosen entirely by the girls, which included a fun shopping trip and a delicious visit to Pizza Hut.

We look forward to more adventures, exciting activities, and badge-collecting in the New Year!

Rachel and Michelle, East Goscote Guide Leaders

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Bizzy Bees Preschool – Festive Fun in the Second Half of Autumn Term

The second half of the Autumn term at Bizzy Bees Preschool was full of festive fun! We kicked things off with a special visit from THE Pudsey Bear. The children loved meeting him, and together we raised a fantastic £145.80 through baking, dressing up, and holding a sweet raffle.

We also celebrated Diwali with a visit from the fabulous Aarti, where we learnt some traditional dancing and spent the week exploring the customs and traditions of this wonderful festival.

Adding even more fun to our term, we welcomed a new dance teacher, Kimbles, who has been fantastic. The children have really enjoyed the sessions we've had with her so far.

We ended the term with our fabulous Nativity, which was a beautiful event. The children were amazing, bringing tears to our eyes with their performances. Our festive celebrations continued with party week, a visit from Santa, and a delicious Christmas dinner.

We're looking forward to the next term, which promises even more fun and learning!

We will also be holding an Open Event soon—perfect for families looking to secure a sought-after space for September 2026.

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It's been a busy few months for us as your Green councillors, and I wanted to share an update on some of the key issues, particularly flooding, housing developments, and road safety.

Flooding remains one of the biggest ongoing challenges for the area. At Charnwood Borough Council we've continued pressing for better coordination, clearer responsibility, and practical action, but progress is still slower than residents deserve and that remains a real frustration. At the same time, we, the Parish Council and many residents have been reporting blocked drains and gullies to Leicestershire County Council. These reports should lead to regular cleaning and maintenance, rather than just short term fixes after flooding has already happened, and we're working to try make sure this finally results in real action. That said, we're pleased to report that East Goscote is the first village in Charnwood to have a flood locker installed. The idea is that flood equipment is always accessible to local flood wardens, even if villages get cut off by flood water (as happened in January). Green councillors were a driving force behind securing the borough wide funding to make these lockers possible, and it's a practical step that will make a real difference locally.

Many residents have been in touch about the Redrow development. We have formally submitted objections and detailed comments to the planning department. While the original planning permission means the development itself cannot now be stopped, we are working hard to influence the detail, particularly around drainage, flood risk, wildlife, layout and the impact on existing residents. We will continue pushing for the strongest possible conditions right up to the final decision stage.

Related to this are the traffic and road safety concerns in East Goscote. We have kept pushing for this, and after years of being told that a controlled pedestrian crossing on Melton Road (near Rearsby Roses) was "not possible", Highways have now agreed to carry out a full crossing justification assessment. These surveys are due to take place in April 2026, with a further

response expected in June once the data has been analysed. We are cautiously optimistic, but we will be making sure Highways fully take account of the additional housing already built or currently being built when assessing need. Fingers crossed they finally take action, and we won't be letting this drop.

Green councillors recently voted against the proposed housing development in Thrussington. Sandra argued at the committee hearing, that it would damage the character of the village and that there are simply not the services, infrastructure or amenities to support a development of that size in such a rural village setting. Unfortunately, it was passed 7-3 at Plans Committee.

Charnwood Borough Council is also currently in the process of setting its budget, which determines how funding is allocated for services. Residents have an opportunity to have their say on priorities, and we'd encourage anyone interested to engage with the consultation process, which can be found on the Charnwood Borough Council website until 18th February.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) is also moving on, with three different proposals now submitted to the Government. At this stage it's a waiting game to see what comes back. We don't believe LGR will fix the real problems facing local government, and we're concerned about how undemocratic the process has been and the way it has opened the door for a land grab by Leicester City Council. If reorganisation is forced through, we believe the North City South option is the least worst, as it keeps communities together and avoids breaking up existing local links. However, any version of LGR is likely to mean higher council tax for residents in Charnwood, without clear evidence that services will improve and we feel this is just one of the reasons the whole idea is wrong-headed.

As always, please get in touch with any concerns or queries, and we'll keep working hard for East Goscote.

EAST GOSCOTE VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

EAST GOSCOTE VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

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If you would like to be involved, please contact us on 0116 260 2202 or email admin@eastgoscote-pc.gov.uk

County Councillor Update - James Poland

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope you all had a great Christmas. January last year saw the worst flooding to hit East Goscote in its history, the effects on many in the village (and indeed in other parts of the county) were devastating and working to tackle flooding has been a key priority of mine. I have spoken to many Flood Wardens across the area, volunteers who go out in often awful conditions and at all times of the day and night to do what they can to keep local people and properties safe. One message which came back repeatedly from the Flood Wardens was that they wished to have the power to close roads, to help ensure vehicles don't go through flood water and create bow waves which can further endanger properties. I therefore worked hard to give Flood Wardens that power and I'm pleased to say at the meeting of Leicestershire County Council in December, Councillors voted unanimously to introduce a scheme to do that. This is due to be implemented later this year once issues such as training and insurance are put in place.

Local Government Re-organisation

Another ongoing issue last year was local government reorganisation and what that means for local communities in Leicestershire. In December 2024 government nationally said they intended to get rid of two-tier councils (areas with a County and Borough Council) and instead replace them with one unitary Council (which has the powers of both). To that end they invited submissions as to what areas those new Councils would cover and three proposals were submitted – one for a single Council for the whole of Leicestershire on its current boundaries, one to divide Leicestershire in half and create two new Councils (North and South Leicestershire Councils), and the proposal from Leicester City Council to expand the size of the city out to and including Syston and Queniborough. I have been absolutely clear throughout that I am against any expansion of the city and have done everything I can this year to demonstrate opposition to the plan (including starting a petition signed by thousands of people and calling an Extraordinary County Council meeting in July to get a motion passed making opposition to the city expansion the official position of Leicestershire County Council).

In November Leicester City Council admitted their plan was not compliant with government criteria (which refers to any proposals for new Councils having to use existing Boroughs/Districts as building blocks – the City plan would have carved boroughs up). They therefore changed the proposal they submitted to government quite significantly to add the whole of Oadby & Wigston, Blaby and Harborough Districts to the City of Leicester. The City Council have not given up hope of

annexing areas to the north of the city as well but they at least accept they were not able to do that as a core part of their local government re-organisation

submission. What this will mean for our area remains to be seen but as long as the threat of city expansion remains I will continue to oppose it on behalf of local residents.



Leicestershire County Council draft budget published

From the 17th December to the 18th January a consultation has taken place on Leicestershire County Council's proposed budget. The new Reform UK Administration were elected on a platform of cutting Council Tax whilst not reducing services, this their first budget in charge of Leicestershire County Council however goes back on that promise by proposing a 2.99% Council Tax rise.

Leicestershire County Council has for many years been the lowest funded County Council in the country and for that reason it has had to be one of the most efficient Councils in order to survive (local authorities can go bust and nationally some effectively have, such as Birmingham and Nottingham). Leicestershire has managed to find £290m savings since 2010 but ultimately demand on services continues to outstrip the funding available (circa 80% of the County Council's budget is on statutory services it has no control over the demand for, such as Adult Social Care and Children & Family services). The budget proposals show that Leicestershire will have a projected £106 million budget gap by 2030. The County Council has brought in consultants to try and find savings but the reality is the financial situation for Leicestershire will remain very serious without major changes to central government funding.

More details on the proposed budget and the consultation can be found online at <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/about-the-council/council-spending/our-budget-2026-30>.

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

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EAST GOSCOTE SCOUT GROUPS

SCOUTS

In October we camped, where Scouts took part in a range of team-based challenges, as well as a baking activity and some very creative pumpkin carving. Scouts also played an important role at the local firework event, where they helped build the bonfire in the morning and assisted organisers in the evening, showing great teamwork and commitment to the community. Another special moment of the term was our Carol Concert, which was a fantastic celebration of our Scouts' achievements. A huge congratulations to the Wolves Patrol, who were awarded Patrol of the Year, to Ciara, who received Scout of the Year, and to Darragh, who completed all of his Young Leader training and achieved his well-deserved award. We also congratulated our leaders, with Tom achieving his Wood Beads and Matt being acknowledged for five years of service. To round off the festive period, we enjoyed our Christmas trip to Hollywood Bowl, where everyone had a great time bowling, laughing, and celebrating together. We then finished the term with our Christmas party at the Scout hut, where Scouts took part in a wide range of fun activities and finished the evening with food.

cubs

What a great Autumn term we have had. The Cubs started off with a Halloween party, full of spooky and messy games. A hike in the dark was then planned, across the fields from Rearsby to East Goscote. They have also completed backwoods cooking badge and entertainers' badges. These giving them the chance to light fires, cook on open fires and make hot drinks too. We had a Cubs got Talent evening where the Cubs showed us some weird and entertaining acts, from bug eating, football skills and many magic shows. A fun night was had. The Cubs also practiced Little Donkey which they preformed at the Group carol service. The term was ended with a Christmas party full of games and fun.

BEAVERS

So off we went to visit the Birstall Fire Station, waiting patiently to be let in, only to hear the fire alarm starting to ring, oh no they were being called away to an emergency, all we could do was watch them drive off with blue lights flashing, we gave them a wave and they

honked their horn! So we are re-arranging for a visit in January, hopefully with better luck this time! One cold November evening we lit a lovely fire to roast our marshmallows and each Beaver had a sparkler to wave around to celebrate Bonfire Night, as we were outside we got to see everyone else's fireworks too! We started our Creative Challenge badge this term, for this we designed our own Monster for Hallowe'en, we made some Christmas decorations to put on our tree which we display at the Christmas tree festival at St Hilda's Church. We also practiced 'Little Donkey' for several weeks which they had to perform as part of their badge, this was at our Scout Christmas Carol Concert, they sang so well, we were really proud of them, well done Beavers!

Squirrels

We have been looking at heroes. This included local heroes, hidden heroes and ways to be helpful. We have explored different jobs and roles and how they can help. We have also designed our own super costumes and challenged ourselves to be helpful and do a good deed. We also went to visit the Oaks in Charnwood for the open day. We had an amazing time and got to do lots of new and fun activities. November saw Squirrels join in with Remembrance parade for the first time and they were fantastic and looked very smart. We created amazing firework pictures using the paint splatting method. The squirrels had great fun doing this. We also used our senses to help us get round our sensory course that we had set up. They had to use their touch, hearing, smelling and tasting skills to work out different objects along the way. We also had a building challenge where we wanted to make the biggest tower using different materials. It was fantastic to see different ideas and plans coming together to build tall towers. To end the term, we have done some Christmas craft, had a party and to finish off we are doing archery.



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CRIME AND SAFETY

The local Police Beat Team will be holding beat surgeries on the following dates:

Wednesday 11 th February	11.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon	Library
Monday 9 th March	11.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon	Annie's Cafe
Wednesday 15 th April	11.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon	Library

Beat surgeries are a good opportunity to discuss your concerns and meet your local policing team. Please come along and speak to them, everyone is welcome, and no appointment is necessary.

Sign up to the East Goscote Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to 'be protected' and 'be connected' using the QR Code opposite.



EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL RESILIENCE GROUP

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**IF YOU THINK YOU COULD HELP IN AN
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**THE GROUP IS ALSO COMPILING A LIST OF
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BE ADDED TO THIS LIST PLEASE LET US KNOW**

CONTACT

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St Hilda's Church Update

Happy New Year to you all.

Thankyou for placing a tree in our Festival they were beautiful as always. Thankyou to those who came to see them all. I am always sad this time of year when we have to take them down.

Our Services begin at 9.30 a.m. Sunday Morning: We have two Parish Communion Services and two Morning Worship. If there are five Sundays in the month we join with St. Peter & St. Paul, our sister church for a joint service either here or Syston. Next month (February) we will be at Syston celebrating their new heating system with a service at 10.00 a.m. You are more than welcome at any services.

LITTLE FISHES

We have a group on **Mondays at 1.30 p.m.** for under five's. Again all welcome; toys, a chat and singsong and of course a drink.



The beehive toddler group
East goscote church hall
9.15 - 10.30 Thursdays

£3 per session
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Visitors £1

Entry includes refreshments and raffle ticket

Everyone welcome
No booking needed

Lots of toys, craft sessions, music and movement
come along for a chat and a play.

EAST GOSCOTE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Meet on the **second and fourth Wednesday** of each month,
2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

They have various speakers and chat.
Every meeting, everyone welcome.

TEA TIMERS

Tuesdays: 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

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and chat - so come along and join us.

For further information please contact Tricia -
my number is on the church centre door.



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LEICESTER QUIZ

1. When did Radio Leicester start broadcasting?
2. Who was appointed Chief Planning officer for Leicester in September 1962?
3. The City of Leicester show was abandoned in which year?
4. In which year was the Phoenix opened?
5. How much did Leicestershire County Cricket Club pay Leicester City Council to buy the Grace Road cricket ground?

Thank you to John Malpus for submitting these.

Answers on the back page.

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Library Update

OPENING TIMES

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Tuesday: 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Wednesday: 10 am - 12 noon

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.

TEA AND COFFEE AVAILABLE FOR £1

Thank you to all who supported us throughout the last year. We offer a warm space, and tea and coffee is available for £1 to drink in or take out.

Our regular coffee morning is on a Wednesday between 10 a.m. - 12 noon for a piece of cake and drink of your choice for £1.50.

We also offer preloved jigsaws for £1 and books for 50p or 3 for £1. Donations always welcome.

All are welcome to pop in to browse our books, put a piece in our jigsaw, or pop in for a chat. There are toys and colouring for the children.

We hope to see you soon!



easyfundraising is the UK's biggest charity shopping site. Scan the QR code above to find out how you can raise **FREE** donations for the library.

CHRISTMAS UPDATE

On Friday 12th December, Santa made his annual visit to East Goscote Library to distribute presents to the children of the village, giving away 67 presents - thanks to the Parish Council for donating the presents. We would like to thank John, Angela, Richard, Bella, Barbara, as well as Santa, for organising the event.

Our Christmas raffle was a great success, thank you to all who supported it. We raised £155! Special thanks goes to Tesco and Asda for their wonderful donations, and Jean for organising the raffle.

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Birstall & District Art Society are celebrating another successful annual exhibition, which was held on 1st and 2nd November.

In his opening address at the Friday Preview Evening, Birstall Parish Council Chair Robert Vincent praised the work of the society and urged everyone to continue to promote art, particularly with our young people.

The standard of work was high and after much deliberation by judges Amanda Jackson, Caroline McFarlane, Ian Cox and Lesley Brookes, the following were chosen as category winners:

Still life/ abstract/experimental/ flowers – Ken Holt for Ancient Stones (highly commended Shaun Larkin for Whanganui Breathing)
Townscape/ waterscape/ coastal – Pauline Brindley for Lobster Pots (highly commended Michael Lambell)
Portraits/ figures/ animals – John Widger for Crocodile (highly commended Mick Joyce for Maddie)
Landscape / gardens – Scilla Gallop for Old Ash Tree (highly commended Ian Southwood for From Small Acorns)

The Judges' Best in Show was awarded to Pauline Brindley for Lobster Pots, and the Junior award was given to Krystin Spearey for Salon Moo-D.

The Exhibition was well-supported and enjoyed by many. The People's Choice award will be announced at the BADAS AGM in December.

For more information about the Society and how to get involved please visit badas.uk.



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EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

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