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# Hello...

## EDITORIAL

Summer is in full swing, bringing with it long, warm days, gardens in bloom, and a wonderful sense of togetherness as we all make the most of the sunshine, fresh air, and community spirit.

In this edition, alongside our usual round-up of news from local groups, you'll find a special feature celebrating the shopkeepers who help keep village life ticking along. We also have details of the upcoming **Kids' Sports Day at the Village Hall** (see page 6) — a fun-filled event for all ages — and an open invitation to attend the **Greener Goscote AGM** (page 11), where everyone is welcome to get involved.

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# EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## Save the Date – Christmas Afternoon Tea

We're delighted to announce that this year's Afternoon Tea for residents aged 65 and over will take place on Saturday 13th December 2025 in the Village Hall. It's always a lovely festive occasion and we hope you'll join us. More details will follow in the next edition.

## Village Hall Update

The Village Hall Committee continues to work hard behind the scenes and is currently seeking funding to replace the hall's windows in 2025. A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the VE Day celebration, which was attended by almost 60 people. It was a memorable day full of community spirit. (See the separate article for a full recap.)

Thank you to everyone who supports their efforts to improve this much-loved community space.

## Vandalism in Our Play Areas

Unfortunately, there have been four incidents of vandalism this year involving the safety surfacing at the Ling Dale play area (near the school) and The Mound. This kind of damage affects all of us and comes at a cost to the whole village. If you see anything suspicious, please report it to the police - your help makes a real difference.

## Community Right to Bid – The Plough and Car Park

We're pleased to report that the Parish Council's application to have The Plough pub and its car park listed as a community asset has been approved by Charnwood Borough Council on the grounds that its actual current use furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community.

## Flooding and Drains – Ongoing Concerns

The Parish Council continues to raise concerns about delays in resolving blocked drain issues in the village. We're in regular contact with the responsible authorities and will keep pushing for action.

In addition, we're hoping to secure funding from Charnwood Borough Council to install a flood equipment store and emergency supplies to help us respond more effectively in the future.

## Funding from Hyperoptic

We're very grateful to Hyperoptic, whose recent funding has enabled the Parish Council to:

- Replace the noticeboard opposite the playing field
- Refurbish the village sign

These improvements help keep our village looking smart and welcoming.

## Stay Connected

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## Could You Be a Parish Councillor?

Do you care about where you live? Want to make a difference? We currently have three vacancies on the Parish Council. It's a great way to get involved and shape the future of our village. See the separate article on page 5 to find out more.

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### Report Dog Concerns



### Report Road Issues



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

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	11.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon	Library
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.	Village Hall
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	11.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon	Library
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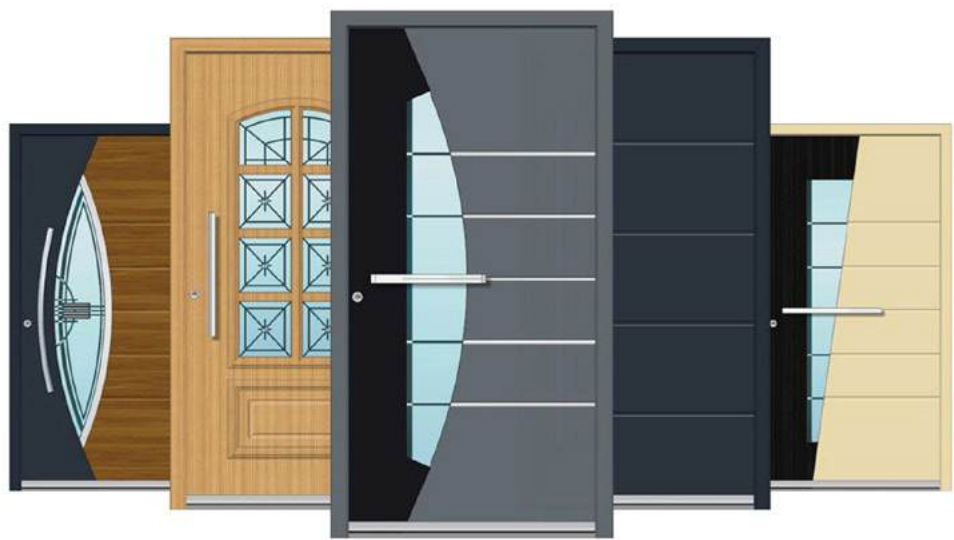
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## EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL



# YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU! PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

**EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL CURRENTLY HAS 3 VACANCIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BECOME PARISH COUNCILLORS.**

### **The Role of a Parish Councillor**

Do you have an interest in your local environment, local transport, local government finances, amenities, planning and housing issues, community events, and / or anti-social behaviour and policing?

A parish councillor plays a key role – representing the views of residents, ensuring parish facilities are well maintained, and shaping the future of the community.

Most people decide to become a councillor because they feel the life experience they have can help improve the local community.

Our current councillors had this to say:

“I find being part of a productive team extremely rewarding, more importantly, I find the thought of giving back to my local community an added bonus for the support the community has offered my family over the last few decades.”

“Having been previously employed as caretaker to maintain the open spaces, I now enjoy being involved in the decisions that shape the future of the village.”

### **Who can become a Parish Councillor**

Although there are no specific qualifications required to become a councillor, there are certain criteria that must be met; namely being aged 18 years and over, eligible to vote and have lived or worked in the parish of East Goscote for 12 months or more, or within 3 miles of the parish boundary.

### **How do I get involved**

If you believe that you have the skills and passion to become a Parish Councillor and feel you would like to get involved in making decisions about your local community, local issues and make a significant contribution to the area in which you live or work, then this is the position for you!

If following an election there are seats available, the council will consider co-option. East Goscote Parish Council expects all candidates to put their request in writing and confirm their eligibility for office.

If you would like to see what it's involved, come along to the next Full Council Meeting (dates on the website).

**If you would like to be considered for co-option, please contact the Clerk on 0116 260 2202 or email [clerk@eastgoscote-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@eastgoscote-pc.gov.uk).**

June 2025

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# Kids Sports Day 2025

**THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025**

**TABLE TENNIS: 10 AM - 12 NOON**

**KURLING: 1.30 PM - 3.30 PM**

**£2 PER CHILD, PER SESSION**

**TO INCLUDE A GLASS OF SQUASH**

Please note parents / carers will be required to accompany children under 10 years - tea / coffee available for 50p

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***We can't wait  
to see you!***



# Brownies



We started the term by going off on Pack Holiday. Always an exciting time and a chance for the Brownies to be independent and try new things.

The girls absolutely loved it and we were so proud of those who came away for the first time.

We celebrated one of our girls achieving her Gold award, by holding a cake sale for the "Dogs Trust" She raised £90 which was amazing.

We celebrated VE day with a small party and coloured VE day posters.

We have invested in some boom wackers, which I'd never come across before, but Tawny held an evening and showed us all how they work. We even managed a tune from "Lion King"

The Brownies all had a go at pyrography and made Fathers day keyrings.

We held a singing evening and took on the Ladies Rugby Challenge instead of the normal sports day. Great fun.

Our last evening of the term is always fishing, but as this goes out, I'm not sure there will be enough water in the Brook.

Thankyou to the parents for their continued support and we hope you enjoy your summer.

Regards

Brown Owl  
07981812955



**1<sup>st</sup> East Goscote Guides**

The Guides have been on a journey of discovery this year, working towards their

Discover Leicestershire badge since last September. To wrap up the challenge, they recently indulged in a cheese tasting evening, sampling and rating a variety of delicious cheeses, including the region's famous Red Leicester and Stilton. With a fun cheese quiz and even designing their own creative cheese, it was an experience to remember!

Their adventures didn't stop there. A trip to Bradgate Park provided the perfect backdrop for artistic inspiration, where the Guides sketched the iconic Old John building and its breathtaking surroundings, showcasing some truly incredible drawing talents.



Looking ahead, there's plenty more excitement in store! This term, the Guides will dive into slime making and take part in their much-anticipated annual sports day. And as the summer holidays approach, they're gearing up for an unforgettable trip to Topstones for the 'Survive 25' event. This action-packed getaway promises fun-filled activities, including inflatables, barefoot trails, cooking, challenges, sports, crafts, and of course, a magical campfire singalong alongside fellow Guides from across the county.

The countdown is on, and we can't wait!

Rachel and Michelle, East Goscote Guide Leaders

Mental capacity can be lost in the blink of an eye for some of us or slowly over a period of time. NHS figures tell us that the number of people with dementia is increasing because people are living longer and it's estimated that by 2025, the number of people with dementia in the UK will be more than 1 million. Even though we know this, many of us are not prepared at all should we be one of these statistics!!

Should you become either mentally or physically incapacitated then for those trying to look after us, perhaps the people we once cared for, this is going to be an upsetting and stressful time. Next of kin (our spouse and children) have no automatic legal authority to manage our affairs without a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA).

If you want to know more about our LPA Services or would like to book a free local home visit to make you LPA or Will give us a call, we're always happy to answer any questions.



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# Bizzy Bees Preschool

Broomfield Primary School, East Goscote, Leicestershire

## Exciting Adventures at Bizzy Bees Preschool!

This term at Bizzy Bees Preschool has been full of fascinating discoveries and hands-on learning. Our little explorers have been diving into the wonders of life cycles, observing caterpillars as they transform into cocoons and then emerge as beautiful butterflies. The highlight was releasing them into nature—our friendly butterflies even let us hold them, creating magical memories!

Meanwhile, our curious young scientists have been monitoring tadpoles from frog spawn, eagerly awaiting their transformation into frogs. Daily observations have kept anticipation high as they witness nature's slow but mesmerizing progress.



We've also been learning about the heroes in our community. A special visit from Leicestershire Police gave the children a chance to meet real-life helpers, and this week, a local dentist will be stopping by to share advice on keeping little smiles bright and healthy.

As summer unfolds, we have plenty of exciting events ahead! From our much-loved annual Sports Days to the heartwarming Graduation events celebrating our school leavers, there's lots to look forward to—including our delightful Teddy Bear Picnic week.

To learn more or secure a place for your child at Bizzy Bees, contact Rachel on **07908781652**



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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 (£4 charge) up to 3 times before deciding if you want to join us. We hope to see you soon!**

# EAST GOSCOTE VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

## KEEP FUN, KEEP FIT

Join East Goscote Village Hall's Social Table Tennis and Kurling Clubs

Table Tennis sessions take place weekly on a Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 12 noon.

Kurling sessions take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Sessions cost £3.00 per person which includes tea and coffee – beginners welcome.

## BINGO AFTERNOONS

Doors open 2.00 p.m.,  
Eyes Down at 2.30 p.m.

From £3.00 per person, which includes 3 games of bingo and tea or coffee.  
Prizes dependent on the number of people playing.

Dates for 2025:  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October

## COMMUNITY LIFE SAVING SKILLS MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER, 6 P.M. – 8 P.M.

East Midlands Ambulance Service would like to invite the East Goscote Community to a **free** awareness drop-in session based on CPR and the use of a Defibrillator.

This is a part of the Cardiac Arrest Strategy of East Midlands Ambulance Service, with the aim to raise awareness to the public of what to do if they were in the unfortunate position of dealing with a cardiac arrest.

There is also the hope to have an ambulance on site for those attending to view.

**Please contact us using the details at the bottom of the page to book your place.**

**DONATIONS TO EMAS WELCOME**

**As well as being available for occasional use, we have the opportunity for regular users to have weekly use of the hall.  
Please contact us for availability.**

**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, please contact us on 0116 260 2202 or email [admin@eastgoscote-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@eastgoscote-pc.gov.uk)**

# THE GREENER GOSCOTE PAGE

## Summer 2025 (No. 80)



**Greener Goscote (the Group)** is now over 5 years old. The Greener Goscote Page has been a feature of The Long Furrow for 20 years. Hard work at times but it's also been fun and has achieved some useful stuff. See photos. Sir David, who sent us his best wishes would you believe, keeps going at 99 but that is not given to all of us. So Greener Goscote is due for a change of leadership and possibly a change of direction. If you have a view on what that might be or better still, would like to get involved, join us at our AGM on 1st August 7:00 pm in our lovely Library (thanks Richard and Team) or Contact Us.



**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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# Working with Nature



# County Councillor Update - James Poland



This is my first article of the new County Council term and I want to start by thanking everyone who supported me in the recent election. I am truly grateful for the trust you put in me and I very much look forward to continuing my work for the village for another four years. Regardless of which way you voted, or if you didn't vote at all, I am here to work for everyone in East Goscote and the other villages in Syston Fosse. If I can therefore be of any help to you please do get in touch.

## Outcome of the County Council elections

The result of the election in Syston Fosse was as follows:

James Poland (Conservative): 1,297  
Kieran Taylor (Reform UK): 915  
Laurie Needham (Green): 894  
Michael McLoughlin (Labour): 86

The elections saw big changes in the make-up of the County Council, Leicestershire is now in no overall control (meaning no one party has enough Councillors to control the council on their own), the largest party is Reform UK with 25 Councillors (28 are needed for a majority). The other parties represented on the County Council are the Conservatives (15 members), the Lib Dems (11 members), 2 Labour members, 1 Green Party member and 1 independent.

Leicestershire County Council is now run by Reform UK who have formed a minority Administration (meaning they hold all the

Cabinet positions, including the position of Leader of the Council, but don't have an overall majority).

## Have a say on plans to improve rights of way

Local walks, new opportunities for volunteers and better signs are included in a new plan designed to boost rights of way – and people are urged to have their say. Leicestershire County Council is encouraging residents to complete a short survey about its 1,915-mile network of paths, used for activities such as walking, cycling and horse riding.

Earlier this year, over 1,000 people gave their views on how the network could be improved and these responses were used to inform the plan. People can view the council's draft 'Rights of Way Improvement Plan' 2025-2035 and give their views online at: [leicestershire.gov.uk/rights-of-way](https://leicestershire.gov.uk/rights-of-way)

The consultation is open until 14 August 2025.

## How I can assist

Regardless of the political situation at Leicestershire County Council, my first and most important duty as a County Councillor is assisting residents who need my help. Examples of issues people have contacted me about recently include concerns around parking, overgrown trees and hedges blocking public footpaths, speeding, drains and sewer issues and fly tipping (to name just a few!). If there is anything I can assist you with please let me know.

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## EAST GOSCOTE SCOUT GROUPS



What a fantastic term it has been at Scouts! We've packed in a wide range of exciting activities and memorable experiences. We started the term with a great night at **John's Lee Wood campsite**, where Scouts enjoyed energetic wide games like **Capture the Flag** and **Question Hunt**, making full use of the outdoor space. One of the highlights was a **pioneering project**, where Scouts worked together to build impressive **bowl stands** using traditional lashing techniques and teamwork. We also held a hands-on **bases evening**, giving Scouts the chance to develop key outdoor skills across different stations, including **knife and axe safety**, **knot tying**, **fire lighting**, and **map reading**. In May, we enjoyed an action-packed **camp** featuring **geocaching**, **paddle carts**, and a range of **team-building challenges**. We also visited the **British Motor Museum** in Coventry, where Scouts explored an incredible collection of historic cars. The term continued with our **Scout Fête**, where Scouts worked hard and showed great teamwork to help raise money in the local community. It was an excellent effort from everyone involved. We wrapped up the term with a visit to **Beedles Lake Golf Course**, where Scouts learned the fundamentals of golf technique and enjoyed their time on the **driving range**. We then finished off with a fun and relaxed **BBQ**, bringing everyone together to celebrate a brilliant term.



Wow! How fast this year is going. The Cubs have been busy - back in May they did their Gardner's badge, where they made compost, learnt about insects and planted beans. With our camp coming up they learnt new skills, like pitching a tent, how to be safe on camp and pack kit. Also, we used axe and saws to give them even more skill. The rest of the term we had a hike, learnt new sports, played wide games and much more. Recently we have had a Safari themed camp along with the Beavers this was full of activities and fun. Cubs will finish the summer term off with a trip to Bradgate park to fish in the stream or get wet!!



WOW! We have just returned from our joint Summer Camp with the Cubs. We had 36 children on Camp and everyone had the best time ever. Safari themed this year, which saw us hunting for animal foot prints around the woods, bushtucker trials, making jeeps for a 'hunt the poacher' game, animal masks and lots more. They all went home with lots of stories to tell their parents and hopefully fantastic memories forever, as always us leaders return home really pleased with another successful camp after seeing how the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We finish

off our end of term with a trip to the Ten Pin Bowling Alley, but not just that we are travelling by train to get there, such an adventure. As we look back on our time at Beavers since Easter we have done some fabulous things, we did an Adventure Walk around Thrussington, we visited the local Church too for our Faith badge, we did our Cyclist Badge and part of this was to go for a cycle ride around our village, all 36 of us! And we have learnt a bit about Aeroplanes for our Air Activity Badge.

## Squirrels

Squirrels started on the 26th April with 9 squirrels. We started off with getting to know everyone with some fun games and activities. We are working hard to learn our squirrels promise ready to be invested soon so we get our badges and Necker. We are working towards our creative badges and let it grow. We have been out in the woods doing a scavenger hunt, created bugs with tissue paper and water and even been on a bug hunt in the tent with our touches. We have planted lots of different seeds and are excitedly watching them grow. We have even become young Jedi's on a special mission to go exploring. 3 of our squirrels joined us at the St George's day event at Oaks in Charnwood and took on the black hole, the jungle trail and bouldering amongst other fun activities.



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## This years East Goscote Scouts Fete

### Sunday 8th June

It was a dull, windy day and little chilly, however the predicted rain showers stayed away and the sun eventually appeared. Considering the weather lots of people from East Goscote and the surrounding villages attended, the children enjoyed the bouncy castle and slide, the older children and some adults had great fun air rifle shooting and practising their archery skills.

The biggest queue was at the Women's Institute Tombola, with many winning some lovely goody bags or some very nice adult bottles of pop!

There was a huge choice of refreshments, sweets, cakes, BBQ burgers and more.

There were also a good range of stalls selling artisan, handmade goodies and plants!

If you didn't visit this year, you missed a great burger and a fun few hours! If you did the Scouts thank you for your support and hope to see you again next year.

C R Tate



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**BRAIN TEASERS**

1. How many animals of each sex did Moses take on the ark?
2. What has a mouth but cannot chew?
3. There is a town where 5 per cent of the people living there have unlisted phone numbers. If you selected 100 names at random from the towns phone directory, on average, how many of these people would have unlisted phone numbers?
4. What invention lets you look right through a wall?
- 5 Every day, a cyclist crosses the border between Spain and France carrying a bag. No matter how much custom officials investigate him, they do not know what he is smuggling. Do you?

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

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# VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May the Village Hall Committee welcomed almost 60 people to join them in celebrating VE Day. As well as a wonderful selection of sandwiches and cakes, there were games of bingo and a sing-along.

*A fantastic afternoon was had by all.*



Thanks to the hard-working Committee for putting on this event, and the Parish Council for the welcome donation of decorative flags and banners.

# St Hilda's Church Update

## CHURCH NEWS

We are still celebrating our 50th Anniversary year. We have had concerts over the summer and a Strawberry Tea and Songs Of Praise on the 6th of July, I hope you saw all the posters we put around and were able to come to the events.

Our services are usually 9.30am Sunday morning but we have been having a few joint services with other churches in the area - please always check our Notice Board outside the front door, any changes will be on there.

We will be holding the Annual Tree Festival 12th - 14th December. More details will be available in the next edition.

Tricia PCC Secretary.

**The beehive toddler group**  
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## TEA TIMERS

**Tuesdays: 2 - 4 p.m.** Hello, everyone is welcome to come and join us.

We have a natter, some bring knitting as they natter. We also play board games - Rumicub is the favourite at the moment.

During the past few months we have had an Easter Bonnet afternoon and we celebrated VE Day - we had an indoor street party.

Soon we will be holding a similar party for VJDay, a couple of days early, on Tuesday 12th August 2-4pm.

As ever anyone can come and join with us the door is always open. Tricia and Jessie



# THE MERCHANTS OF MERCHANTS COMMON

## Feature by Carren Tate

### East Goscote Stores

Opened in 1998 and run by Kaush. He sells a great range of nearly everything at competitive prices, including some great wines at very reasonable (fixed prices), which I can confirm having tried the odd bottle or two! During Covid Kaush provide an essential service to many within our community and he remains a valued member of our village.



their mother, Annie. They provide essential breakfasts and lunches for the locals and passing trades people, who have the choice to eat in or take away, including a full Sunday Roast! It is a popular meeting place, particularly on a nice sunny day for a coffee and a chat.

### Your Pharmacy (Formerly Pickfords)

A very new arrival in our village. The pharmacy has been bought by Akshay, a Leicester lad that became a fully qualified Pharmacist in 2013 at Leicester University. Initially Akshay and his staff will be offering all the normal NHS services, blood pressure checks, Covid and Flu Vaccines, but hopes to soon be able to offer additional private services such as Weight loss treatments and holiday vaccines.



### Butterfly Funeral Services



A fairly new arrival in the village - it is owned and run by Shane, providing a much needed top quality local service for the bereaved. Shane has had many years in the

business and is fully qualified to provide the personal service we all hope, we'll never need, but know we will.

### Morrisons Daily

Originally opened as a Four Boys newsagents in the early 1980's, it was taken over by McColls in 1990, and was then bought in 2022 by the Morrisons Supermarket chain and converted into the Morrisons Daily that we see today in 2024. It continues to offer all the Post office, Lotto and Newsagent services, including the delivery of papers. The shop is managed by Pete and his happy band of assistants.



### The White Slice

Take away or delivered, filled rolls and hot food shop owned and run by Emma (photo) and Tammie since November 2020. The shop is named after the previous owner of 40 years, Julie White.

### East Goscote Fish Bar

Lagi, (pictured) originally took over the chippy in 2003 with his mother (Sophia), father and sister. Due to illness and family issues, in 2010, Lagi took over the business on his own. His beloved father, Andreas Muppouras passed on the 2nd March 2024 at just 69.

Lagi prides himself on cooking the finest fish and chips, Kebabs etc. for take out or delivery, either way he never skimps on the portions!



### Lydia-Jons Hairdressers



Originally opened as The Looking Glass Hair salon in the 1980's, it was taken over and renamed after the new owners two children, Lydia and Jon! 38 years ago Karen,

the current owner and stylist, took over and completely restyled and modernised the salon, all except the name which remains unchanged. Currently Karen offers a wide range of services, hair styling for both men and women, eye brow shaping and colouring and even a chiropodist! Literally head to toe servicing!

### Annie's Cafe

Owned and run by the sisters Annette and Liz for the last six years. They named the Cafe after



Finally a non- Merchant, merchant, from the darkest recesses of Melton Road, hidden between Willowbrook and Lilac, is -

### Oh sew good Fabrics

Natalie opened this store about 3 1/2 years ago. She sells sewing machines, fabrics and yarn, plus lots of other sewing stuff! Natalie also offers sewing lessons and a small range of her own brand designer cloths. Natalie used to be Model, and an amateur Eventer/ horse jumper and recently got engaged to her long time boyfriend, a Farrier she met when re-shoeing her horse! The wedding is expected to be next year.

# BOXERCISE<sup>®</sup>

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Community Library

# Library Update

## Opening Times

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 Tuesday: 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.  
 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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There's still time to join the Summer Reading Challenge - visit the library for more information.



## The Rt. Hon Edward Argar MP Member of Parliament for Melton and Syston

A brief update for this edition of Long Furrow - an issue that I know is of very real concern to readers, and local residents more widely, is planning and development, or in many cases locally, the risk of over-development. Although for local magazines I tend to try to focus on very local issues, the Planning and Infrastructure Bill which is currently passing through Parliament, could potentially have a real local impact on the future, and I have significant concerns about the way it seeks to reduce the role of local elected councillors in deciding some applications. Similarly I recently voted for amendments to the Bill that would protect high quality agricultural land from being turned into solar farms; that would protect villages from being merged into each other as a result of new developments, and would seek to protect the character and setting of historic villages from the impacts of new developments; and to strengthen Environmental Delivery Plans to provide for more effective and swifter conservation measures to help protect our environment when development does take place, all issues increasingly relevant to East Goscote. Unfortunately the Government opposed all of these changes, and they were voted down, but I will continue to support measures that will improve the Bill, make sure local voices are heard, and that help to protect our villages and rural landscapes from unsustainable over-development.

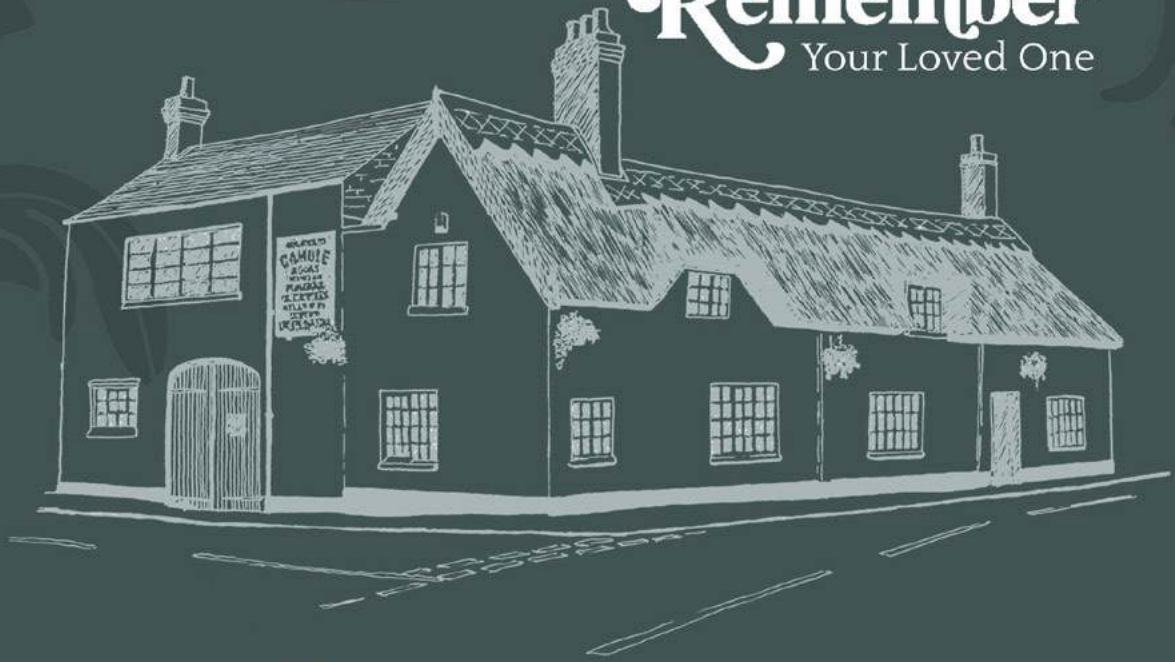
Finally, East Goscote is always a great place to be, never more so than in the summer, and I look forward to seeing many of you in East Goscote over the summer months, at events, or just out and about in the village. As always, if you ever want to get in touch do feel free to write to me at: The Rt. Hon Edward Argar MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, or email me on [edward.argar.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:edward.argar.mp@parliament.uk)

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Borough Councillor	Sandra Woodward	07823 889088	NHS Advice	111
Borough Councillor	Chris O'Neill	07855 812620	Pharmacy	0116 260 6734
Brownies	Rosemary Fraser	07981 812955	Plough Pub	0116 264 0444
Broomfield School		0116 260 6704	Police Non-Emergency	101
Charnwood Borough Council		01509 634666	Rainbows Alex Riley	07894 055128
Charnwood Recycling and Waste		01509 634563	Real Refills	07823 889088
Charnwood WI	Claire Cox	07751 642141	Scout Group/Hut	0116 260 5457
Children's Social Care		0116 305 0005	Scouts Dawn Manning	07843 122313
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County Councillor	James Poland	07764 966677	St Hilda's Booking Tricia Marsland	0116 260 9088
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East Goscote PC	Liz Pizer	0116 260 2202	Syston Catholic Ch Anthony Pateman	0116 260 8476
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## **EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL**

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QUIZ ANSWERS: 1: None: Noah built the ark. 2: A river. 3: 0 - they are all listed in the directory. 4: A window. 5: Bicycles.