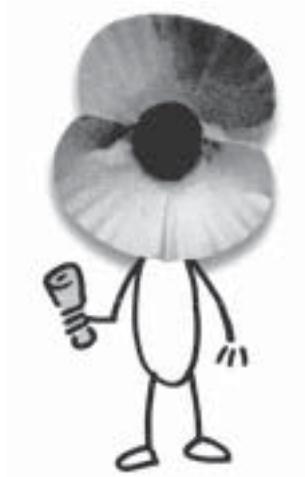


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# Diseworth Diary

## NOVEMBER

Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning. Guides & Brownies. 10am – 12noon Village Hall.
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Fireworks. Diseworth Village Hall. Fireworks 7.15pm.
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Discussion Group. 7 Lady Gate. 2pm. "Big Brother & Nanny State"
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	PCC & Fabric & Fund Meeting. Wartoft Grange, 7.30pm.
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Group. Jewellery Workshop. Village Hall. 8pm.
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Diseworth Heritage Trust. AGM. Village Hall Comm. Room 7.30pm.
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Shopping Evening. (Playgroup) 7 – 9pm. Village Hall.
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Diseworth Church Christmas Fayre. 10am – 12noon.
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Yoga. Village Hall. 7pm – 8.30pm.
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Dialogue</i> collating and committee meeting, 9 Clements Gate.

## DECEMBER

Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Discussion Group. 11 The Woodcroft.
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Group. Christmas Meal. Bull & Swan
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Retired Residents Christmas Lunch. 1pm. Village Hall.
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Hathern "B" Band Christmas Concert. In church. 7.30pm.

## 2007

### JANUARY

Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Sleeping Beauty	7.30pm. Village Hall
Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Sleeping Beauty	4pm. Village Hall.



**DISEWORTH HERITAGE  
TRUST**  
Annual General Meeting  
Thursday 16 November, 7.30  
Diseworth Village Hall  
Committee Room  
All welcome

# *A Letter From The Editor*



Welcome to the November issue of the *Diseworth Dialogue*.

This month's issue has been such a pleasure to put together. The editorial team never ceases to be amazed at the variety of content sent to the magazine each month, whether through letter box or inbox! This month's issue is absolutely packed with articles, advertisements, letters to the editor, comments and many other items of interest.

Regarding letters to the editor, we have another this month concerning the content of an item in the October issue of the magazine. It is so easy to dismiss warnings about situations that most people would not succumb to. However, it is worth remembering that some people do fall foul of scams, distraction burglaries and confidence tricksters, as one Diseworth resident found out to their cost fairly recently.

There do seem to be a lot of events lined up in Diseworth during the next few weeks and you will find details within these pages. The Dispatches pages continue to carry short items, small ads, greetings etc. Don't forget that we do not charge for small advertisements on these pages

The response to the Parish Plan questionnaires distributed recently appears to have been very positive. It is interesting that a very large number of motorists have commented on the problems they encounter at Hathern Turn. There is also concern regarding the speed of vehicles travelling through our village. Turn to page 20 for a further update.

Now then! Parlez-vous français? Oui? Très bon! Non? Pas de problème. We were very excited when we received another piece from Sebastian Grey who, you will remember, was featured in these pages during the summer. Sebastian has written an account in French – or should that be Franglais - of his family's holiday in France and provides a very amusing tale of his journey to the Alps and back, taking in the delights of Paris and Euro Disney. It had us in fits of laughter so stay with it – it really is very funny!

It was great to receive reports from the school, along with stories, letters to the tooth fairy and the amazing Haiku poems. We also enjoyed the further contributions from Lesley Brown. Keep it up Lesley; they make a very refreshing change!

Finally, November is the month of the poppy appeal. The Royal British Legion is working even harder now to support Servicemen & Women - and their families - who have been involved in recent and current conflicts. They do deserve our support!

*Sue Brompton*

# St Michael and All Angels Parish Church



photograph Julia Stillhoe

*Dear friends,*

I went out to post a letter this afternoon, not a particularly noteworthy event, but it is worth mentioning as it turned out to be a very beautiful experience. I had spent a large part of the day indoors at my computer screen and when I came to open my front door to venture outside, I couldn't help but stop.

The sun was so bright, and the sky was so blue! Small, delicate clouds had gathered just to one side, almost as if they were holding themselves in, so as not to block any of the blue sky from view. The hedges and trees surrounding the sports field opposite my house were lit by the sun in such a way, that they seemed to be more green than usual. Then an extra surprise – I saw at least three butterflies fly by! I stood and stared.

I have lived at this house for some time, and the scene is so familiar to me that maybe I take it for granted, and yet here was a picture of my road transformed by a new perspective, one which had been enhanced by nature, and yet it is Autumn!

'For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:' says Chapter 3 of the book of Ecclesiastes in the Bible.

Maybe this is why I was so surprised, my perception is that the weather seems slightly out of season and unexpected for the time of year?

The book of Ecclesiastes continues to talk of time, times for weeping, times for laughing, time for being silent, time for speaking, time for seeking and time for losing. The list continues with pairs of opposites, which for the writer seem to be equally weighted. My wisdom does not stretch far enough to know whether that is correct, but my understanding of time is this, each day that we live is unique and special and therefore should be valued. The people we meet and the joyful experiences we share are like jewels, they sparkle and shine. This ability to 'stand still' and appreciate shared life experiences and beautiful moments sustains us at those times when life is not so easy and the path ahead is not so clear, and sharing, become supporting.

As we enter a new season in the year and a new season in our church and parish, I pray that we will continue to share joyful experiences. That we will sustain and support each other by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ, by appreciating and valuing one another as we would a precious jewel. For St. Paul says, "Guard the good treasures entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us".

Julie Ann



# St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

## Services and Locations for November 2006

	Time	Service	Location
November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>School Assembly</b>	<b>Diseworth</b>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Little Angels</b>	<b>Diseworth</b>
	7.30pm	BCP Holy Communion for All Souls	Belton
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion Family Service	Belton Hathern & Kegworth
		All Age Worship	Long Whatton C. Ctr
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Kegworth & Belton
November 12 <sup>th</sup> <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Belton & Kegworth
	<b>10.50am</b>	<b>Remembrance Service</b>	<b>Diseworth, Belton,</b> Hathern, Kegworth, L. Whatton & Osgathorpe
	<b>6.15pm</b>	<b>Benefice Healing Service</b>	<b>Hathern</b>
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>CW Holy Communion</b> Family Service	<b>Diseworth</b> Belton & Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern
		BCP Evensong	Belton & Kegworth
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Benefice Praise Evening</b>	<b>Belton</b>
November 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>Long Whatton</b>
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion Family Service	Hathern & Kegworth Osgathorpe & L. Whatton
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton, Hathern & Kegworth
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Patronal Festival – St Andrew	<b>Kegworth</b>

### Week Day Services

	Time	Service	Location
Tuesday	12.30pm	CW Holy Communion	Belton
Wednesday	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth

Bell Ringing at Diseworth Mondays 8pm
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# St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

## Altar Flowers and Church Brasses



	Flowers	Brasses
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs L Gaymer	Mrs E Mitchell
November 12 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs C Fletcher and Family	
November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Advent	Mrs M Linthwaite

## Lessons and Readers for November 2006

	Time	Reader	Sidesman
November 5th 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent			
	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 6.1-9		
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 9.11-14		
	Gospel: Mark 12.28-34		
November 12th 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent			
	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jonah 3.1-5, 10		
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 9.24-28		
	Gospel: Mark 1.14-20		
November 19th 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent			
	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Daniel 12.1-3	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>A Stone</b>
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 10.11-25		<b>D Cherry</b>
	Gospel: Mark 13.1-8		<b>S Brompton</b>
November 26th Christ the King			
	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Daniel 7.9-10,13-14		
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 1.4b-8		
	Gospel: John 18.33-37		

*If you are unable to read on the date shown please arrange for someone else to do so.*

Eileen Fletcher *nee* Tillson

It was with sadness that the *Diseworth Dialogue* committee learned of the death of Eileen Fletcher on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2006

We offer our sincere condolences to her family.

A full tribute to Mrs. Fletcher will appear in the December issue of the magazine.

# News From The Pews

The Parochial Church Council will meet jointly with the Fund Raising Committee on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at Wartoft Grange.

Let  
there  
be  
light .....



## Coffee Morning with Fair Trade Stall

There is a regular Fair Trade stall at our monthly coffee mornings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. The stall stocks a variety of fair trade items including tea, coffee, kitchen rolls, cards and gifts. Anything that is not in stock can be ordered.

The next monthly Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November in church from 10am to 12 noon, when Fair Trade Christmas cards will be available.

As well as the fair trade stall there will be a bric-a-brac and bring and buy stall. Please come along.

## Harvest Supper

*The Harvest Supper was held in the Village Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> October, when 62 people enjoyed a meal of cold meats and salads followed by a variety of puddings, cheese and biscuits, and coffee. The evening finished off with a few games of Beetle!*

*Many thanks to everyone who came and supported this event, which raised £580 for church funds. Special thanks to the ladies who made the delicious sweets, to Ian and Sheila for the potatoes, and to everyone who donated raffle prizes.*

The light at the bottom of the church path next to the gates has stood for many years, but is now in rather a precarious position. The wooden post has rotted, and is only held up by the bush which surrounds it!

We need a new post, either wooden or metal, with a new light at the top.

If anyone has a redundant light, or would like to donate one, we would be most grateful. A plaque could be displayed if anyone would like to donate the new light in memory of someone or for a special occasion.

Please contact Gordon Fletcher (811143) or David Bird (810381) if you think you can help.

**Future Dates:  
Wednesday,  
20<sup>th</sup> December 2006  
Hathern 'B' Band will again  
be staging a  
Christmas Concert  
in  
Diseworth Church.  
7.30pm**

St Michael & All Angels  
Church, Diseworth



# CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November  
10.00am- 12 noon  
in Church



Entrance £1 to include a  
Christmas cracker,  
one of which will  
include a special  
prize!

Fair Trade Stall ~ Christmas Tombola ~  
Home made cake stall  
Christmas Raffle ~ Refreshments and  
much more!

*Catholic Church of the Risen Lord.*

Hillside, Castle Donington

Mass every Sunday 9am



*Kegworth Methodist Church*

High St. Kegworth



**Sunday Services**

Morning Worship - 10.30am

Praise Worship – 6.15pm (First Sunday each month)

Minister – Rev. Manville Wiles. Tel. No. 01509 672479



*Kegworth Baptist Church*

High St. Kegworth



**Sunday Services**

Morning Worship & Sunday School – 10.30am

Evening Worship – 6.15pm (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each  
month)

Minister – Rev. Colin White. Tel No. 01773 832105

1st Diseworth Guides and Brownies

## Coffee Morning



Saturday 4th November 2006

10am to 12 noon

Diseworth Village Hall



Cakes, Raffle, Tombola, Craft Items,  
Games and Prizes

or

call in for a drink and a chat

# COUNTRY MATTERS



by *Liz Jarrom*

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## FARMING IN THE LAND OF FIRE AND ICE

In September, I travelled with a friend to Iceland, a fascinating land of fire and ice. On our tour we saw many waterfalls, weird lava fields, glaciers and icebergs. I wasn't sure what type of agriculture we would see, and I was quite surprised at the diversity of crops and animals that we did see.

The most prevalent animals we saw were horses; they arrived with the Vikings in 874, and were used for everything, from tilling the soil, to scouting and exploring new areas for grazing. Today these unique small horses are used for trekking and are exported to Europe, Canada and America. On the hillsides we saw lots of sheep, and their meat is very sweet as we experienced one night at dinner. The Icelandic sheep, like the Icelandic horse, has evolved to suit the harsh conditions. Their wool has evolved during 1000 years of exposure to the sub Arctic climate, and has a

distinctive combination of tough outer fibres and fine insulating inner fibres making it extremely warm. Small herds of cows grazed the lowlands in the south. These cows were big bodied dual purpose animals, suitable for milk production and calf rearing.



Iceland has a ban on the importation of livestock to prevent the introduction of disease. This means that the Icelandic horses, cattle and sheep are unique to Iceland, having been isolated from the rest of the world for a thousand years. The livestock graze out on the pastures and hillsides during the short spring and summer months, from about June until September. Then they all have to come indoors and are fed on big bale silage and hay during the winter. The sheep are shorn when they are brought in at the end of the summer.

In the last few years, some farmers have started to grow a

small amount of barley. This is only possible in a few places where the ground had been improved and drained. Even the hay and silage fields were quite small and had drainage channels round them. Vegetables such as cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers and mushrooms are mostly grown in glasshouses heated by geothermal energy.

We travelled past a large milk processing plant that produces butter, yogurt, cheese and a drink called Skyr. Iceland has

many salmon rivers and fish forms a large part of the Icelandic diet. There were even pots of cod liver oil tablets available at breakfast. Food was expensive to buy, but most of it seemed to have been produced in Iceland. The butter was always Icelandic and we never saw any margarine. So even though the weather conditions are quite severe in Iceland for the farmers, they seemed to be well supported and protected by their government.



## Magical Grass

Once more again the grass is green.  
I can't remember how long it's been,  
But just last month it was yellow and dry,  
Then the heavens opened and out of the sky  
Came glorious rain - you could hear the  
grass sigh.

When the weather is dry we get out the hose,  
We water everything under our nose.  
From baskets to tubs we run quite insane  
And lots of the water just flows down the  
drain,  
But the grass simply comes back again and  
again.

Les Brown  
15 Clements Gate



Dear Editor,

The Dialogue is a great publication which goes from strength to strength. Everybody in the Village should be proud of it. I'm moved to write to ensure its continued integrity.

I applaud the letter from Peter Quick in the October issue pointing out that a previous article "Stroke" appeared to be a copy of an email chain letter with questionable accuracy. I was even more interested to find that the very same issue contained a warning about the "PDS Belize mail scam", which was also apparently lifted from a chain email and contains significant inaccuracies.

People can be misinformed and unnecessarily alarmed by stuff like this which weaves fact and myth. As Peter says, it gains false authenticity when it appears in print.

We can all put a stop to this. If you receive a forwarded email (especially if it says "Pass this on to everybody you know"), DON'T PASS IT ON. Visit a site like [www.hoax-slayer.com](http://www.hoax-slayer.com) (which deals with both the "Stroke" email and the "PDS Scam" email) and check the facts for yourself.

*The Dialogue* is produced by a team of dedicated volunteers, and we can't expect them to check submissions for accuracy. Please help them to maintain the integrity of your village magazine. Make sure that if you submit an article as factual, it IS factual!

Health and Happiness to *The Dialogue*!

- Mike Doyle

## A Reply from the Editor

I thank Peter Quick and Mike Doyle for their concern regarding recent "warning" pieces in the ***Diseworth Dialogue***. We do appear to have attracted an unusual number of these items recently!

Having questioned the "Scam" item, I was assured that this was a problem that could affect our readers. I would add that both items came to me from reputable sources - people who are respected within our village - who voiced genuine concern and a wish to pass on information to our readers. We did include the source of information for each item.

At the last collating and committee meeting of the magazine we did debate the issue, and I voiced my fears that the ***Dialogue*** was not a suitable vehicle for such articles – it is after all - ***just*** a village magazine! Having said that however, it is very much a village led magazine and we do promise in each issue that all

items will be considered for publication. We also publish a disclaimer - see inside the front cover.

This is not the typical content that recently won us a prestigious National Award. Indeed David St. John Thomas, whose charitable trust sponsored our recent success in the competition, wrote in the Founder's column of his trust's most recent magazine that:

***"The Diseworth Dialogue*** is that bit more enterprising than many village magazines. Packed with information of all kinds, there are, for example, the addresses and phone numbers of over 50 local businesses, mainly in nearby villages, while all voluntary groups and other organisations are listed with contact points - even the local bus services are included. The 70 plus page A5 publication is all the more remarkable when you realise that it serves a village of just 550 people without a Post Office or shop – though there are two pubs with good restaurants, a village hall and a public park.

The strength of the ***Diseworth Dialogue***, now in its eleventh year, is that it is a one-village magazine. The print order is just 330 but its influence is enormous. It may not be the most handsome or glossy of publications but it is busy, containing what villagers want – from coming events to obituaries plus reports of all village happenings. **"Our judge felt that with its photographs of local happenings, gossip and clever use of headings, the *Diseworth Dialogue* sets a good example for other magazines"**.

Praise indeed! In the same publication Mr. St. John Thomas went on to say:

"Community newsletters are often very good reading. Although they may lack the polish of mass-circulation titles, they genuinely touch their audiences, which is why we attach such importance to our annual contest to find the best community newsletter. These small periodicals usually carry the news and views on subjects closest to their readers' hearts. **How wrong things can go when they are made slick and professional has been brought home to us by a newsletter we used to read from cover to cover. Because of its spontaneity it worked, but it has now been "improved" into a professional-looking but utterly boring glossy.**"

- So, what do you, our readers think?
- Are we becoming too big?
- Are we overstepping that thin line between informing and alarming?

I would appreciate your comments.



# Retired Residents Christmas Lunch

Sponsored by NEMA



Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>  
December 2006

Village Hall  
1pm

Special Exhibition of Photographs featuring

‘Old Diseworth’

showing homes, buildings and school photographs.

Please book early to help catering.

Nikki – 853647

All retired residents and senior citizens welcome

# Long Whatton and Diseworth Parish Plan

Very many thanks to all the willing volunteers who delivered Parish Plan Questionnaires to every household in both villages. It was a mammoth task and the response has been favourable. The work now comprises entering the data from all the questionnaires that were not completed on line. A number of volunteers have offered to undertake this but as each questionnaire takes ten to fifteen minutes to upload, it will be some time before we see the full results.

At a recent meeting of the Parish Plan Group it was decided to meet in early November to take the Plan to the next stage. This will be writing the reports from the different sections, creating an Action Plan for the villages and launching the Plan itself. The Group have suggested that the editors of both village magazines be invited to the 6<sup>th</sup> November meeting at the Methodist Church in Long Whatton as well as all those who attended the group meetings which formulated the questions all those months ago. It is hoped that the final Action Plan will be inserted into the February 2007 edition of the village magazines.

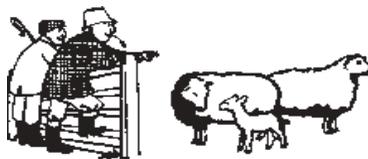
Dr Matthew Kempson from Leicestershire County Council has asked me to forward all the results to him and he will contact all the services providers for Long Whatton and Diseworth. Hopefully they will attend the launch and answer some questions.

So as a taster, what concerns the residents of our villages? From the responses so far, of the 96% who own a car, 70% declared that they always or frequently experience problems at Hathern Turn, 77% consider there is sometimes or always a problem with the number of vehicles travelling through the villages, citing cars and vans as the most frequent and 83% would approve of a regular police patrol to enforce the speed limit.

On a positive note, the Diseworth Dialogue and the Long Whatton News are read by the residents of the villages and 54% consider their magazine 'very informative' with 34% stating 'informative'. Of course there will be more detail as more responses are uploaded. The Youth Questionnaires are also being analysed and the responses from our Primary school pupils have already been catalogued.

*Nikki Hening  
Chair, Parish Plan Group*

# LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.



The Parish Council has received a government paper on 'affordable housing' - this is being reviewed in detail, and will be included in future agendas.

Leicester County Council's Stepping Stones project is offering free trees for planting in appropriate areas - we are going to bid for the Millenium Meadow, and if successful, the additional trees should make the meadow an even better area to visit and walk in.

**The following funding is available, please make direct contact if you are interested:-**

Central Networks (e-on) - building better and safer environments for your community. The fund supports projects within the Central Networks region that will have a lasting and positive effect on the environment, from improving children's playgrounds to building a nature reserve on waste ground. Funding is available up to £2,500. Please contact Customer Services via [www.central-networks.co.uk](http://www.central-networks.co.uk).

Leicester County Council Shire Grants, so far £1,556,297 has been awarded in grants, funding is available for all sorts of projects ranging from wildlife areas and woodlands, planting, fencing and ponds, play areas, village centre improvements and many more - so, do you need help with your project? If so, contact Pam Holliday on 0116 2657305 or email [shiregrants@leics.gov.uk](mailto:shiregrants@leics.gov.uk).

CYCLE (County Youth Council Leicestershire) have a very big pot of money to be spent on projects such as youth shelters, mini bus, canoes, music mixing studio etc. To apply please be quick as the closing date is 24th November 2006. [www.thejitty.com](http://www.thejitty.com).

Youth Opportunity Fund in Leicestershire - this will provide youth projects with funding for new facilities and new activities - please contact The Leics Youth Service on 0116 2658017 or [www.thejitty.com](http://www.thejitty.com).

*Lindsay Swinfield Parish Clerk  
Long Whatton & Diseworth Parish Council*

For more information relating to the Parish Council please visit the web site at:  
<http://www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk/>

Fireworks  
at Diseworth Village Hall

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Adults £2.50

Children £1.00

Gates open 6:30pm  
Fireworks approx 7:15pm

Hot Food

&

Sparklers available.



Long Whatton Cricket Club's

Bonfire and Fireworks  
Night!

Sunday 5th November

Bonfire at 7

Fireworks at 7.30

BAR!

BBQ!

REFRESHMENTS!



Tickets available from Long Whatton Post Office &  
available on door!

All Welcome



# The Poppy People & the Origin of the Flanders Poppy

*“In Flanders Fields the poppies blow. Between the crosses, row on row”*

The British Legion – an organisation for promoting the welfare of ex-Service personnel, especially the aged, sick and disabled - was founded in 1921, largely through the work and influence of Earl Haig. It became the Royal British legion in 1971. Much of their income is generated through the sale of artificial poppies in the run-up to Remembrance Day - or Armistice Day. This day commemorates the fallen in the First World War & subsequent conflicts. It is marked by a two minute silence at 11am & usually followed by religious ceremonies. The Armistice ending World War One came into effect at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of 1918.

During the First World War, the poppy was the only flower that would grow in the muddy and desolate battlefields of Picardy and Flanders. In 1915, John MacRae, a doctor serving in the Canadian Armed Forces wrote a poem about the flowers that grow in “Flanders Fields”. After the war, an American War Secretary with the YMCA was so moved by the poem that she bought poppies and sold them to her friends to raise money for Servicemen in need. Her French Colleague then decided to make and sell them in order to help ex-Servicemen and their dependants. In Britain, a young infantry officer, Major George Howson, formed the Disabled Society to help disabled ex-Servicemen and women from World War 1 and suggested to the British Legion that members of this Society could make poppies. The Poppy Factory was formed in 1922 and has a policy of only employing ex-Servicemen with disabilities. To this day, 70% who work at the factory are physically impaired.

World War 11 was equally devastating, but the British armed forces suffered just over half the 750,000 fatalities that it did on Flanders Fields. In recent times there have been continuing conflicts with British Forces taking a frontline role: in Korea, Cyprus, Northern Ireland, the Balkans, and the Middle East. There have been more than 100 fatalities of British peace-keeping troops in Iraq and mounting pressures there and in Afghanistan and Lebanon, mean that every day there is a threat to the lives of Servicemen and their families.

The support that is given to these valiant men and women is wide and varied. It includes:

- **Financial Help** in the form of an immediate needs scheme, designed to help those who need assistance to get through a temporary crisis. A Small Business Loan is available to give ex-Servicemen or women the start they

may need to set up a small business and a Property Repair Loan means that homes can be maintained through essential repairs.

- **Essential Advice** which helps 5,500 ex-Servicemen and women with New War Pension claims and free representation to as many as 5,000 appeal cases. Help is also on hand to help war widows and to advise on compensation. There is also an online service to give careers information which helps men and women leaving the Forces to make a new start in civilian life.
- **Somewhere to Live:** The R.B.L. provides both short and long term care for ex-Service people and their dependants.
- **Lest We Forget:** Remembrance Travel – a specialist organisation which arranges visits to war cemeteries, memorials and battlefields world wide. Destinations range from Belgium to Burma, France to the Falklands.
- **Taking a Break:** There are four Poppy Break Centres for those recovering from bereavement or illness, located around the country at popular and traditional seaside resorts.

Poppy Appeal Collectors are the frontline and the face of the annual Poppy Appeal. They help to raise a huge amount towards the £75 million which the Legion spends each year on welfare. The Poppy Appeal distributes some 35 million poppies, 100,000 wreaths and sprays and 750,000 Little Crosses, which are all made at the Legion's Poppy Factory in Richmond, Surrey.

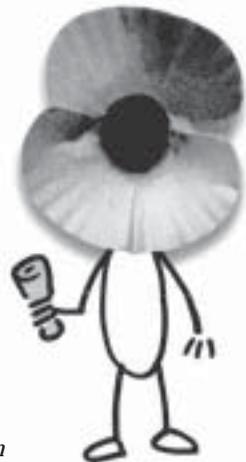
More than 12,000 British Servicemen and women have been killed or injured on active service since 1945. Many of the Servicemen on active duty are aged under 30 and after serving in the forces, whether they are injured or fit, they and their families may need help in adjusting to normal life; to claim much deserved benefits; to assist with medical help, to fight for pensioners' rights and to obtain compensation – as they have done for victims of Gulf War Syndrome.

The Royal British Legion in Diseworth is a small but thriving organisation and in June this year, members of the Diseworth branch were presented with Poppy Appeal Awards by the County Chairman of the Royal British Legion. These awards represented many selfless years of volunteering to sell poppies in and around Diseworth. A report and photograph of this memorable occasion was included in the September issue of the *Diseworth Dialogue*. As stated in the report, the Diseworth Branch raised the magnificent sum of £1,300 last year. Let's hope that this year's collection matches this amount!

*For further information on the work of the Royal British Legion, visit the website:*

*www.poppy.org.uk email poppypeople@britishlegion.org.uk  
Or call Freephone 0800 085 5924*

*Sue Brompton*



# La Journée Returné



**C'est le story de la journée returné from Les Alps de France dans mon auto.**

La vacances dans les Alps de France cet enjoyable mais il y'a beaucoup de snow (dans le season de skiing, askeé vous ? Que expectez vous ?). Non, realement, beaucoup de snow, est je thinkez nervoûsly de le journée returné dans le tres steep road descendez le mountains avec beaucoup de sharp tûrns et le roads tres

difficile. Aussi, on le journée retourné, nous planned un surprise jour dans le Paris Gay, et un grandeur sûprise jour pour les enfant - Le Disney de Euro! Avec beaucoup de snow, nous plans would be rûinez, so nous decideé de stoppeé our vacances un jour en avance pour la journée returné.

Problème nombre un - le battery de l'auto est similar de pancake - il est flat completely! Quelle shâme, je thinké. Mais fortunately je jûst happen de possesé le leads de jump pour jûst such un eventualité. Maintenant alors, je réquiere un friendly France homme pour aidez moi avec le leads de jump.

Malheureusement, no one pas understandé moi, et je jûst got le shrug de gallic et le visage perculiar. Apparantement dans mons Francais poor, je dit "I have lead in my jumper". Ow we laûghed when we réalisé mon mistâke. Le phrase correct est "aidez- moi avec les cables de demurrage, s'il vous plate". Je will remember cette phrâse, je can raconteur vous !

Après le car est commencé, après les time tres longement (mais je never panické at all) - problème nombre deux - attaché les chains de snow when vous avez le hand damaged (Ah oui, le hand damaged - c'est un story autre, mais il y a suffisamment de dit that le rumur aboût le knife de Stanley, le box cardboard et le instructions ne readez pas, est un grande fabrication et mons solliciteurs avez commencéed le proceedings legaliteé!). Eventuellement je attaché le chains de snow. Quelle surprise! Elles fit parfaitement. En Francais les name de "chain de snow" est les "chaine de neige" - je will not forgetez that phâse vitement èither.

Problème nombre trios - Packé le auto mais at le same time, ne pas letté le motor stop in case le motor ceâse et je hâve to use les cables de demurrage again. Cette un thought hõrrible, mais fortunatement, il y a un procédure normâl dans Francais, et ne pas anyone tried de steal votre unattendéé baggages. (Il may setteé le car a-light mais il n'y a pas un suburb dans Paris! Un joke pour les French readers!)

Normalment we bookeé les hotels dans advance, mais aujourdoui, le hotels est bound to be empty at thât time de year. So we sèt off down les grand moûntain avec les turns tight et le road slippery, mais avec les chaine de neige, c'est une doddle pour moi. Je even mânâgêd to overtâke sôme autos ne pas les chaine de neige "gettez some chaine de neige, matez", nous dit as nous pâssed them down le moûntain. Ow we laughed.

Mais le laûghter soon chânged as nous encountered le storm terrible dans le autoroute. Problème nombre quarte - le storm terrible dans le autoroute. Il commencéed avec les enfant playing "spottez le plough de snow". "une, deux, trios, neufy-neuf, une hundred - mon pere, c'est ce que le Francais pour "il y a beaucoup de plough de snow est le autoroute is going to be fermed". "Not now Nicole, je concentrating sur mon driving. "Thinkez -moi, cette nèver hâppens dans le "Top Gear".

Le snow was tres terrible - le visibility wâs zero, et le car commencez de frêze ovêr. Le panic commencez de set in, je can dit vous! Eventuellement nous reached nous destination - un hotel dans le autoroute. "There vous ête, mes enfant, ne problèmo".

"Dit moi again, le hotel est full, mais je avez le familie dans le auto, et ma femme et 9 months avec le petite enfant, et je avez le hand

damagé, et je suis tres fatigee, et, et, et !" Mais no rôôm â la inn. Le catastrophe! Problème nombre cinq! Fortunattement, le receptionist took le pity et found un autre hotel pour le night. Eventuellement nous reached nous secondary destination pour le night. Je ne kiddez pas, mais dans le bonnet d'auto, il y a un sheet of ice aboût une inch thick which je wās äble to pick up et show to my familie, mais il n'y a pas interested as thêy wêre dans le chambers wârm. They ne appreciatez pas moi!

Tous le vacances, dans le matin, je wôuld dit "tout le monde, gettez vous up, il y a beaucoup de snow pour le skiing". Et they restez dans le beds until je shoutez "gettez up, maintenant, vite!" Mais dans le hotel dans le middle de la blizzard, je dit "OK, mes enfant vous can havez un lie-in tomorrow et je promise ne pas de drag vous out of bed. We hâve ne chance pas de getting to Paris dans ce wêather terrible". "Merci, papa".

Mais, dans le matin, incroyable, le snow est disappêarêd, et le autoroutes wêre clêâr. Nous cân gêtez to Paris after äll! Je dit "tout le monde gettez vous up vite, il y n'a pas beaucoup de snow" "Oh, mais vous dit we couïld havez un lie-in, c'est ne pas de fair". Le option suellement was to dit "if vous gettez up now, je might takez vous de Disney de Euro". Apres le wôrld recôrd pour ma familie de gettez up, et havez le petit breakfast, we were sôn dans nous way de Paris.

Apres les problèmes en route alreâdy, Paris was un autre doddle. Je even managed de drive dans le Champs Elysées - regardez moi, Monsieur Clarkson de Jeremy! Althôugh je did heâr a fêw shôuts of "Monsiuer, tu est still havez les chaine de neige", mais je never had un chein called snowy, (et certainement je would never take a dog en vacances).

Le hotel pour le Disney de Euro was OK exceptement for le poor state of la car park. "Regardez" je dit "un person unknown est gone et ruinez le car park avec le chains de snow. Je ne believe it pas, either". "Papa, c'est ce is thôse chains bêhind your back" "Ne riens de chains, son, let's getez gôing de Euro de Disney...."



Vous will read avec plaisir that le jour dans le Disney de Euro had nil problèmes. Le wêather was inclément but les queues were petit. Mais at last nous able to hâvez real Frence fôôd – le pizza de Micky et le authentic Champagne Brown (direct frôm le vineyards de Chateau Côté du Colar).

Après le grand jour a Le Disney de Euro, nous travellez back de Angleterre. Le typical, le tunnel de Dartford wâs blockêd, so nous did a cut de short through Londres. Maintenant, il y a getting dark, et, ne fault pas de moi, vous compprehend, mais je had un petit bump avec le tyre frônt neâr sidê, et, to cut le story short, nous sommes dan le service station de Toddington avec un casse tyre, et tous les baggages est scattêred dans le lorry park. Problème nombre cinq “Regardez vous, ma chere (je dit â la ma femme) un person unknown est gone et casse le tyre. Je ne believe it pas”. Je thinké de ma femme ne pas believez moi, eithér!

“Je callez le “AA”, dit ma femme.

“Mais no need, ma chere, je will have this fixed dans un jiffy”. Mais, avec mons hand damagê, et le whêel nuts de locking that le fit-kwik fitted too tight, c’est un impossibilitê. Eventuellement, le nice monsieur de AA mendez le tyre après un hour et cinq minutes, et nous finalment ens nous way home de Diseworth.

Nous arrivez tres, tres, late dans le êvêning. Pour to be sûre, je tested le autre auto as je hâd to be at wôrk premier thing dans le next matin, et, incroyable, the battery de autre auto est flat aussi! “Ou est les cables de demurrage”, je thinké dans Francais perfêct, et je smiled un knôwing smilê de mysêlf. Mais le smile sôn fâded as je réalised thât les cables de demurrage were dans le service station de Toddington avec les autre baggages..... je ne believez pas !!!

Le FIN

***Sebastian Grey – la seulement Grey dans la village***

*Sebastian has been taking French lessons but he hopes to be better soon - Ed*

# News from the school

Summer is over and all the children are settled back into school. You will probably have noticed there was lots of work happening inside and outside the building over the holiday.

Dave Adcock - Diseworth's own "Bob the Builder" has done another fantastic job and everywhere in school has now been repainted, it looks clean and fresh and we are all really pleased with the end result. Dave has also put up shelves in cupboards to increase storage space - no more clutter is now our new motto!

The outside of the building has also been repaired and repainted and looks a lot better for the makeover.

Our staff room has been made bigger so that we can use it to work with small groups of children and we now have an area we can cook in.

Our old computers in school have been replaced and the new school website is being kept up to date by children in class 3 with Mrs. Austin's help. Have a look at the website it is really worth a visit. You can see some of the different activities the children have taken part in during last year and so far this term, there are games on there for the children to do as well as news about school.

The children have been working hard this term learning all sorts of new things. We had a lovely Harvest Festival service in the church, our last one with Rev. Tuffnell. The children all took gifts of food and shared some of the work they have been doing at school. Class 1 re-enacted the Very Hungry Caterpillar, Class 2 recited food poems they had written and Class 3 shared lots of different types of poems they had written.

Class 1 children have built a castle in the hall and are enjoying going back in time being Knights and Ladies- and a few dragons! They are finding out loads of interesting things about life in a castle, what they ate, how they dressed, where they slept and of great interest what the toilets were like!

Class 2 have been learning about healthy eating and their teeth. They have been writing lots of letters to the tooth fairy, trying lots of different sorts of foods and having fun with disclosing tablets - some of them had very purple tongues at the end of the day but beautifully clean teeth.



*Children with Rev. Tuffnell and their harvest gifts*

Class 3 are finding out what life was like in Victorian times, they have been quite shocked by the lives of Victorian children and how different their own lives are now. School then didn't sound much fun and no television or computers meant that the majority have decided they are much better off in the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

We have lots of other good things planned for the children between now and Christmas, details to follow. Keep looking on the website!

If anyone would like to purchase one of our old computers we are asking for a donation of £25. Nigel Smith has them stored at his house, please contact him on 811538.

We welcome visits from prospective parents, please phone for an appointment, we will be happy to show you round the school.

*Alison Woffindin  
Head Teacher*

## Class 1 story writing

Once upon a time there was a boy called Jack, a giant and a beanstalk. The beanstalk grew. Jack climbed the beanstalk. He got a surprise; the giant was having a party for Jack.  
Written by James Tait

Surprise, surprise - out of the cake jumped the gingerbread man and the 4 and 20 blackbears. The gingerbread man was shooting smarties out of his mouth and the 4 and 20 blackbears tied the wolf and the troll and the dragon up.  
Written by Mair Bunyan

Once upon a time there was an egg called Humpty Dumpty and a wall and all the Kings horses and all the Kings men. Humpty fell off the wall and went to hospital with a broken nose!  
Written by Katherine Keane

## Class 2 letters to the Tooth Fairy

Class 2 have been reading a book of Holly's letters to the tooth fairy and her replies. They have had a go at replying to some of them.



Dear Tooth Fairy,  
The poster is great, thank you. I like the fairies on the picture and ... Why can't I right any more questions? I am not going to give you my tooth because I love that tooth.  
Love from Holly  
P.S. Is it that I am making you annoyed? I will put the poster on my wall.  
Written by Lucy Frazer

Dear Tooth Fairy,  
Okay, okay, but I really want this tooth. Bet you don't want to meet the Boggarts, hey! I like the poster. Please, just one more question, what's it like in the Fairy Queens castle?  
Love from Holly  
P.S. I drew a picture of you.  
Written by Katie McGough

Dear Tooth Fairy,  
I don't know. I really like my tooth it is very precious. I really had to think. In fairy land I bet that the Boggarts are getting into mischief. I think the pixies will make lots of music.  
Love from Holly  
Written by Cameron Munn

Dear Tooth Fairy,  
I hope I don't ask you any more questions. Well I don't think I can think of any more questions. I loved the poster. I am glad I haven't met the Boggarts. I will think about giving you my tooth. I hope the Brownies can make me a middle sized chocolate cake. I hope the flower fairy can paint me a flower picture. I hope the Elves can pick me some flowers.  
Love Holly  
P.S. I will let you have my tooth.  
Written by Charlotte Steven

Dear Tooth Fairy,  
I love the poster you gave me. Sorry but I want to keep  
the tooth because it's my 1<sup>st</sup> tooth that fell out. I think I  
know what the Boggarts are .... Annoying! Sorry about all  
the questions. I've been asking you but I have just been  
so curious about where you live and what you do and  
stuff.

Love from Holly  
Written by Harriet Jarrom



### Class 3 Haiku Poems

The brown leaves drift down  
Autumn leaves flying through the air  
The red leaves flying  
Charlie Dunkin

The green leaves turning brown  
Autumn days when the leaves are red  
The golden leaves  
Bethan Henry

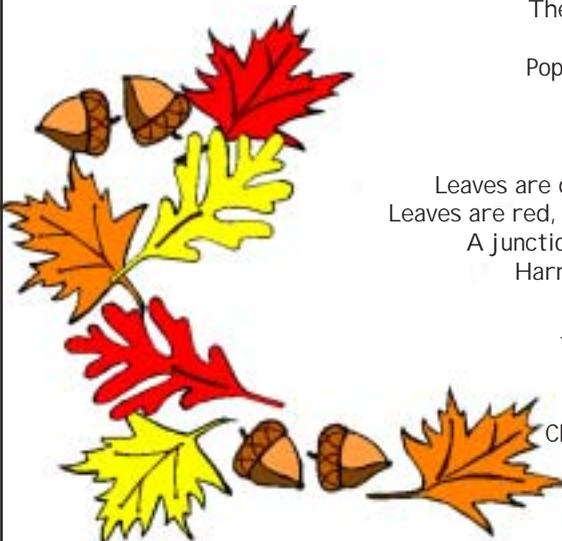
Apples so crunchy  
Apples so tasty and red  
Delicious apples  
Connor Murray

There is a garden  
That no-one knew. Secret, hidden  
Behind a rose bush  
Megan Brown

The garden is green  
The sweet grass silky and soft  
The green grass sways  
Poppy Griffith and Ellie Bunyan

Leaves are drifting down  
Leaves are red, yellow and golden  
A junction of veins  
Harry Cox

The crispy leaves in Autumn  
Different colours red and  
golden  
Children jump in piles of leaves  
Courtney-Rose Williams



# DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

If you have items for the DECEMBER/  
JANUARY DOUBLE ISSUE of the *Dialogue*  
please give to a committee member or  
email to sue@cbrompton.fsnet.co.uk and  
admin@airnig.co.uk

There is **NO CHARGE** to put items into the  
magazine - (except the yellow pages).  
Please share with us your stories and  
announcements.

**PLEASE MEET THE DEADLINE OF THE**  
7<sup>th</sup> November

*Extra copies of the*  
**Diseworth Dialogue**  
*will be on sale in both*  
*The Plough and The Bull &*  
*Swan and also in Long*  
*Whatton Post Office*

**For sale:**  
**Oak Sideboard**  
**£100 or nearest**  
**offer**  
**Tel: 855266**



The Mobile Library visits  
Diseworth fortnightly -  
Friday 3rd and 17th  
November.

The Bowley  
11.55 – 12.15  
Clements Gate  
12.20 – 1.20

## The Blue bags Scheme

The bags will be back on 12th November so watch out for them  
coming through your door and keep collecting.

# Thanks!

May we take this opportunity to thank all those who provided such a delicious Harvest Supper on 6<sup>th</sup> October. A very pleasant evening spent in very good company with quantities of quality food available. A lot of work had gone into the preparation and it is always appreciated. Maybe by next year we will have learned how to play 'Beetle'! But it was fun. And we walked home by the light of the bright Harvest Moon. Many thanks – Martin & Nikki

*Madeleine Linthwaite would like to extend her most heartfelt thanks to all those who sent cards, flowers and "Get Well" messages during and after her recent stay in hospital. She is especially grateful to members of St. Michael's Parish Church and the School for her Harvest Basket.*

# DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

## Knockout Dominoes

This years annual 5's n 3's Dominoes Knockout Competition will be held at The Plough in November, on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. Both evenings will start at 7.30pm. As usual the pairs competition will be for the Rob Cluer Memorial Trophy and the singles competition will be for the D.Adcock Senior Trophy. Entry will be £2 per person per event or £3 to enter both events.

Entries are now being taken at the Plough.

Everyone welcome - it's just for fun. Proceeds will go to local charities. Dave 01332 850337

## DISEWORTH HERITAGE TRUST

Annual General Meeting  
Thursday 16  
November, 7.30  
Diseworth Village  
Hall Committee  
Room  
All welcome



If anyone remembers the Snailhunter from a few years ago – let me assure you that she is alive and kicking and in full time employment in my garden most nights. I am sure she will carry on for years to come as long as she's got her health and strength and doesn't lose the will to live as she surveys her nightly task! Les Brown

*NB Extract from the Snailhunters Diary – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2006 - Two sorties tonight – 123 snails and slugs. Where's the embrocation for me back?*

## Gardening News

## The Leicester Skylink ...

a new service, which started on Sunday 1

October, operates hourly every day and throughout the night from St. Margaret's Bus Station, Leicester to NEMA via

Braunstone. The journey takes 50 minutes and prices start at £5 for a 24 hour return.

## WELCOME

See Yellow Pages for details of our new advertisers

**River Nene organic vegetable boxes** for home delivery. Prices from £7.50 **Call 0845 0786868**  
**www.rivernene.co.uk**

**HATHA Yoga for ALL Levels.** Diseworth Village Hall . **Please contact Linda on 07977 479607**

**Diseworth Executive 8 Seater Minibus for Private Hire.** Enquiries 01332 853008

**Profesional Haircare at home.** Contact Sandy on 0115 983 0540

# Airport seeks budding photographers!



Cameras at the ready — the Airport are seeking budding photographers to enter their annual business Christmas card competition. This year, the contest is open to everyone with the theme to photograph and submit an image that is symbolic and representative of the East Midlands.

There will be one overall image that will be represented as the NEMA Christmas card, distributed all over the world to the Airport's business partners and colleagues. For the first time, the Airport will be sending the image as an e-card as well as displaying the winning image, along with 11 runners up on the company website throughout 2007.

The lucky photographer will win £500 with £500 being nominated to a charity of their choice. 11 runners up will each receive flight vouchers for their choice of airline that fly from NEMA.

Entries should be emailed to [community@nottinghamema.com](mailto:community@nottinghamema.com) or posted to:

Community Relations - Xmas Competition  
Nottingham East Midlands Airport  
Building 34  
Castle Donington  
Derby  
DE74 2SA

**The closing date for entries is Friday, 10th November so getting clicking!**

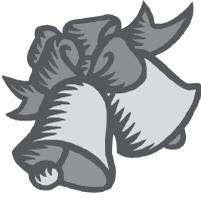
## The Letter S .....

### A Quiz from Anna Groves

All the answers begin with S

1. In Cockney rhyming slang what is 'dicky dirt'?
2. What name is given to the longest day of the year?
3. Which TV characters catchphrase was 'Magic our Maurice'?
4. Rudolph Hess was the last inmate of which prison?
5. In North America what is the alternative name for yeti or a bigfoot?
6. Which country is nicknamed the Switzerland of Africa?
7. William Styron wrote the novel and Meryl Streep starred in the film. What is the title?
8. Which horse won the Grand National in 1991?
9. Who was President Nixon's first Vice president?
10. What is the nickname of Walsall FC?

Turn to page 42 for the answers.



# **CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING**

**In aid of Diseworth Playgroup**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
7-9pm

**DISEWORTH VILLAGE HALL**

**Lots of gift ideas  
for Christmas**

**If you are interested in  
having a stall then please  
phone Anna on  
01332 810014**



# Diseworth Millennium Meadow



**The Millennium Meadow is available for use by all inhabitants of Diseworth and Long Whatton at any time. It is the perfect place for a quiet stroll, and dogs are welcome provided they are under control and not allowed to foul the site. Please bear in mind that we hope to encourage more children to use the Meadow, and plans for visits by both Village schools are under way.**

**All the grass was cut in late September so access should be easy throughout the Winter. The small gate is always open. Please ensure the catch is secured when you leave.**

## **To See This Month**

As I write this, in the first week in October, the trees are beginning to get their Autumn colours. The Horse Chestnut is always one of the first, but the oaks are also showing tinges of yellow. The best of all are the Dogwoods, at present a rich, aubergine shade of purple. If the weather is not too windy, many of the trees should still be sporting good colours into November, and a number of them are now mature enough to have flowered and set a good crop of berries for the birds to eat. It has been obvious for some time that there is a very heavy crop of berries in the hedgerows this year. Folklore holds that this means that we shall have a very hard Winter. We shall see.

## **Developments in the Meadow**

This December we hope to have a determined effort to complete the tree planting in the Meadow. We have a backlog of requests for trees to sponsor and a limited number of spaces for large trees. We have been cautious about further planting because of the very wet conditions we have had in recent Autumns.

We do however have plenty of spaces for smaller, bushy trees such as Dogwood and Guelder Rose, which add interest to the margins of a wooded area and provide variety of habitat and food sources for insects, birds and small animals. The Guelder Rose, in particular is a most attractive shrub with showy, white flowers in Spring and masses of bright red berries and very good leaf colour in Autumn.

By a happy coincidence Leicestershire C.C. and 'Stepping Stones' - a countryside management project, are currently sponsoring a scheme to provide parishes in the County with a number of young trees of their choice via the Leicestershire Tree Warden Scheme. The species available include both Dogwood and Guelder Rose, which are not often offered under such schemes, so we have taken this opportunity and ordered a number of both.

We should be very glad to hear from anyone who would like to sponsor one of the new trees. Please contact Pat Guy (811119). The trees will be available at the end of November and we shall fix a Working Party Day in early December for the planting. Please see next month's "Diary".

*Pat Guy*

# Diseworth Open Flower Show



Diseworth Flower Show Committee is pleased to announce that the 2006 Show generated a very healthy sum of over £480 for distribution to its chosen charities – this year The British Legion, whose members as usual manned the gate most efficiently, and the Parish Church’s fund for a much needed Toilet.

We are most grateful to all who contributed to this total, whether by sponsorship of classes, donations, support of the stalls and amusements, or by purchases at the Auction. We are especially grateful to the Dockray family from Long Whatton, who brought their wonderful steam traction engine “Robin Hood” for the afternoon and declined to accept any expenses so that the maximum possible amount would be raised for the Parish Church.

*Pat Guy*

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## SNAP THIS!



photograph Julia Silittle

Where in the village am I?

Answer in the December/January *Dialogue*

*The answer to the October 'Snap This' - in the village playground*



# Health Page

## Could Greens Be the New Weapon Against Cancer?



I'm sure we have all been told that we must eat our greens, and it has been said that eating cruciferous vegetables such as cabbages, kale, cauliflowers, broccoli, watercress, radishes, turnip, swede and especially Brussels sprouts has many health benefits. But now strong evidence has shown that they can also help prevent cancer in the digestive system. These vegetables are rich in vitamin C and beta-carotene, but current interest centres on a self defence mechanism that these plants have developed when attacked by insects.

When the plants cells are damaged, an enzyme called myrosinase is released which causes a compound called glucosinolate to produce two other compounds called sinigrin and gluconasturtin. These chemicals are used by the plant to resist attack by insects. When cruciferous vegetables are prepared by chopping, cooking and then chewed, these same compounds are released. Once in the gut, intestinal bacterial helps to produce more of these compounds. Both sinigrin and gluconasturtin have been shown to have anti-carcinogenic and anti-cancer activity. An added benefit of these compounds is that they also suppress the production by the liver of some types of toxic substances and also speed up detoxification and the clearance of potentially carcinogenic agents from the body.

Recent studies have shown

that these compounds can also attack tumour cells directly, weakening them, so that the immune system can attack them also. This can stop the tumour cells growing and they may start to disintegrate and die. Most tumour cells do not have this inbuilt mortality which healthy cells do have. Healthy cells live so long and are then replaced by new cells. This immortality in cancer cells appears to be the reason that radiotherapy and chemotherapy is not always successful in treating cancer. More research needs to be done, but it does seem that these compounds in cruciferous vegetables can have a role to play in preventing some cancers, and may yield a drug in the future which can be used as a treatment. Apparently two to three servings at least a week are needed to achieve any benefit as a cancer preventative, and the shorter the cooking time and the less water used the greater the effect. Also the more bitter the taste, the greater amount of sinigrin and gluconasturtin present. So as autumn advances, bring on the greens.

Consult your medical practitioner if you are undergoing cancer treatment or you are concerned that you may have cancer.

*Liz Jarrom*

# WOMENS GROUP



It seems years since we took off for a game of skittles. The Three Crowns at Hathern was the venue, a freshly decorated alley, just right for 13 competitive ladies. Team B was the overall winner after 5 games. Then it was the individual challenge game – Killer, in which each person has to knock a skittle over every turn without fail to stay in the game, but it's not as easy as it sounds as all the skittles have to fall before they can be set up again. Then the opposite challenge took place, to bowl between the skittles! – very difficult! A good time was had by all.

Thanks to Diane Wilby for arranging the evening.

## NEXT MEETING Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November JEWELLERY WORKSHOP

Gilly Haines will be demonstrating one of her many handicraft skills, jewellery making.  
Afterwards we can have a go (if we wish) at making some, at a cost of £3-£5.  
We are expecting her to bring extra items to have on sale, maybe a few Christmas gift ideas.

## THE CHRISTMAS MEAL

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

at

THE BULL & SWAN, Diseworth

£16 for members (subsidised)

£18.50 for non members

We will be taking your menu order and payment at the jewellery workshop

Please book your place with  
Ruth Smith (811538) or Sue Hill (810650)  
by 30th November



# New Year Fundraiser



Diseworth Village Hall

7pm – 1am

Professional Disco

BYO drinks

Glass of bubbly

Buffet

Ticket Prices:

Adults £16

13- 16 £12

8 - 12 £8

3 - 7 £5

Under 2 Free

Please call Rachel – 850859 / 07738091779

Charnwood Community  
Theatre  
Presents



# Sleeping Beauty

By Mick Marlow

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2007  
at 7:30pm  
and  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2007  
at 4:00pm

Adults £3.50    Children £1:50  
Family Ticket £9.00  
Concessions £2.00

Tickets Available From  
Mike & Julie Doyle on 01332 810785  
Or  
John & Sue Hurley on 01332 810130

**Here is a quick note after a short summer time absence from these pages. Our last piece was in May when we outlined the Wings response to the NEMA Draft Master Plan**



Later in the year we plan to hold the Wings AGM in the Village Hall. As in previous years this will be an opportunity to find out a bit more about Wings and to become more involved if you would like to do so.

Also at the AGM we hope to be able to show some information about the M1 widening scheme, which is planned for the near future.

We are also working on revising the website content and we will let you know more as soon as this is completed.

Over the summer period, works were undertaken to change the road layout at the top of the hill where you join the A453. If you have a view about the

changes and you would like to offer some feedback, here is the contact number for the *Highways Department at Leicestershire County Council; 0116 265 7165*

The airport has, I am told, created a Freephone or local call number to log noise complaints. Upon contacting the switchboard at NEMA, they were unable to tell me what the number is. So for the time being, if you are disturbed by noise overnight and you wish to call the airport to log a complaint, please use the main number and select option 2 when requested by the automatic system.

Nottingham East Midlands Airport 01332 852852 option 2

WINGS

**Traffic Construction?**  
*(obstruction more like)*

Have you solved the puzzle at the top  
of the lane?

Whoever designed it must be quite insane.  
Do you turn left or right or simply straight on?  
Whichever you choose, you're bound  
to be wrong.

The signs in the middle obstruct the view,  
I feel like crying – I'm all in a stew.  
If they knew that they'd caused all this  
grief and pain,  
Do you think they would change it back again?

I don't think so!      *Les Brown*

Answers to  
The Letter S  
Quiz  
from page 34

- 1 Shirt
- 2 Summer Solstice
- 3 Selwyn Froggit
- 4 Spandau
- 5 Sasquatch
- 6 Swaziland
- 7 Sophie's Choice
- 8 Seagram
- 9 Spiro Agnew
- 10 Saddlers

## Directory of Useful Numbers

BBC East Midlands	0115 955 0500 <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/england/eastmidlandstoday/">www.bbc.co.uk/england/eastmidlandstoday/</a>
BBC Radio Derby	01332 361111
British Gas - Service	0645 605040
Gas Escape Emergency	0800 111999
Castle Donington Community College	01332 810528 <a href="mailto:postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk">postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk</a>
Castle Donington Volunteer Bureau	01332 850526
Chemist, Gerald Porter, Castle Donington	01332 810213
Curzon Cinema Loughborough	01509 212261
Derby City Hospital	01332 340131
Derby Playhouse	01332 363275 <a href="http://www.derbyplayhouse.co.uk">www.derbyplayhouse.co.uk</a>
Derby Royal Infirmary - accident & emerg	01332 347141 ext 2170
Derbyshire Children's Hospital - emergency (health emergencies not caused by injury)	01332 340131 ext. 6808/6809
Diseworth C of E Primary School	01332 810208
Doctor's Surgery - Health Centre, Castle Donington	0844 477 3092
Orchard Surgery, Kegworth	01509 674919
East Midlands Airport	01332 852852 <a href="http://www.nottinghamema.com">www.nottinghamema.com</a>
East Midlands Electricity emergencies customer services	0800 056 8090 0800 363363
Environment Agency	0800 807060
Kinchbus	01509 815637. <a href="http://www.kinchbus.co.uk">www.kinchbus.co.uk</a>
Loughborough Hospital	01509 611600
NHS Direct	08 45 46 47 <a href="http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk">www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk</a>
North West Leicester District Council	01530 454545 <a href="http://www.nwleics.gov.uk">www.nwleics.gov.uk</a>
Nottingham Concert Hall	0115 989 5555
Nottingham Playhouse	0115 941 9419
Nottingham Royal Centre	0115 989 5555 <a href="http://www.royalcentre-nottingham.co.uk">www.royalcentre-nottingham.co.uk</a>
Police	0116 222 2222
Post Office - Long Whatton	01509 842264
Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham	0115 924 9924
Radio Trent	0115 952 7000
Severn Trent Customer Service	08007 834444
Skylink	0115 9506070 <a href="http://www.skylink.co.uk">www.skylink.co.uk</a>
Traveline - for all public transport information	0870 608 2 608 <a href="http://www.traveline.org.uk">www.traveline.org.uk</a>

**If you have any suggestions for useful numbers to be included in this directory, please let any committee member know. *It's your magazine!***

**The beat constable for the parish is PC 2012 Zeique Robinson.  
He can be contacted on 0116 248 5675 and then entering his number 2012.**

# Village Directory

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Telephone No</b>
Book Worms	Sandie Moores	01332 812629
Brownies	Jane Lindley	01332 810796
Diseworth Village Hall	Dave Adcock	01332 850337
Flower Show	Pat Guy	01332 811119
Friends of Diseworth School	Jane Hughes	01332 850994
Guides	Sandie Fletcher	01332 811143
Heritage Centre	Martin Hening	01332 853647
History Society	Pat Guy	01332 811119
Millennium Meadow	Pat Guy	01332 811119
Neighbourhood Watch	Noel McGough	01332 811362
Playgroup & Toddlers	Katrina Paling	01332 811362
Scouts & Cubs	Jenny Buckle	01509 842593
Soar Valley Twinning Assoc.	Sheila Hawksworth	01509 568793
W.I.N.G.S.	Erica & Andy Foxall	01332 811689
Womens' Discussion Group	Liz Jarrom	01332 810358
Womens' Group	Sheila Dakin	01332 810858

## **Diseworth Village Hall**

If you would like to book the village hall please contact Dave Adcock.  
He will make arrangements for the provision of keys at the appropriate time.  
9 Page Lane, Diseworth. 01332 850337

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CONTACTS**

### **CO-ORDINATORS:**

Noel McGough, 28 Lady Gate. 811362  
Barry Smith, 18 Hall Gate. 812600  
Mike Keane, 10-14 Clements Gate. 812863  
Sandie Moores, contact person for Lady Gate. 812629

## **YOUR LOCAL PARISH COUNCIL**

The role of your Parish Council is to safeguard the amenities of the village, e.g. Highways, Lighting, Drainage, Road Signs and Planning matters. Current Planning Applications affecting the village are available for inspection, by arrangement, with the Clerk, **Lindsay Swinfield, Barn 5, Home Farm, Church Street, Swepstone, LE67 2SA. Tel: 01530 273421 E-mail: lonwhatdisepc@hotmail.com**  
Please visit the web site at [www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk](http://www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk)

If you wish to discuss any matters of concern, please contact your Parish Councillors.

Martin Hening, 9 Clements Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QE	01332 853647
Sue Roberts, Chapel Farm, Hall Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QJ	01332 810813
Kevin Brown, 10 Grimes Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QD	01332 850910
Derek Wiggins, Bull & Swan, Grimes Gate, DE74 2QD	01332 853960
Andrew Cawdell, 58 The Green, Long Whatton LE12 5DB	01509 843273
Vicky Collins, 12 Main Street, Long Whatton LE12 5DG	07796 444172
Mary Hobbs, 24 Main Street, Long Whatton LE12 5DF	01509 842486

Parish Council meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the first Thursday of each month, alternately at Diseworth Village Hall and Long Whatton Community Centre.