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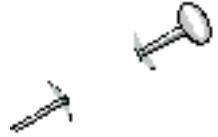
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Diseworth Diary



JULY

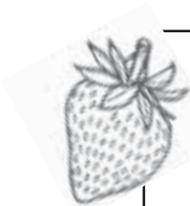
Monday	2 nd	Women's Discussion Group. "Patronising Politicians – Do They know best?" venue tba
Tuesday	10 th	Bookworms. Book discussion. 20 Clements Gate. 2pm.
Sunday	15 th	Millennium Meadow. Open Day /Picnic.
Saturday	28 th	Diseworth Church Coffee Morning. 10am – 12noon.

AUGUST

Wednesday	1 st	Guided Walk-Diseworth-Architecture & Industry. Led by Pat Guy & Nikki Hening. 11am at church.
Mon-Sat	6 th -11 th	"Play-in-a-week" Project. 8-16 year olds. Village hall. £20 call 01509 212991
Saturday	11 th	Pimms & Summer Puddings. Diseworth Church. 7.30pm.
Sunday	12 th	Millennium Meadow. Open Day/Picnic.
Monday	13 th	Women's Group. Summer BBQ evening.
Tuesday	14 th	Bookworms. DVD at 10 Lady Gate. 2pm.
Saturday	25 th	Diseworth Church Coffee Morning. 10am – 12noon.
Thursday	30 th	Dialogue collating and committee meeting. 8pm in church.
Friday	31 st	Sunflower Measuring. 2pm onwards.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday	8 th	Diseworth Open Flower Show.
Monday	10 th	Women's Group. African Drumming. Village hall. 8pm.
Saturday	22 nd	Family Barn Dance. 7pm – 11pm. Village hall.



Pimms & Summer Puddings

Saturday, 11th August
7.30pm
Diseworth Church

From the Editor

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Welcome to this summer special issue of the *Dialogue*.

Firstly, congratulations to Jayne Wardle who, with the help of friends and family, raised £200 for the Blue Cross Charity by holding a summer tea party in May.



It is sad to learn that Diseworth Playgroup will close this month. Ironically, the closure comes just as the target fund to re-surface the playground is almost complete. Anna Groves should be commended for her determination, energy and enthusiasm in organising numerous events to raise the money for this project. Read her reports on pages 31 and 34.

The recent 'Scarecrow Festival & Open Gardens Weekend' looked as though it would be a complete wash-out when torrential rain fell in the days running up to and into the weekend itself. Carefully nurtured gardens were drenched and midsummer flowers flattened but with true British spirit, villagers and visitors – armed with cameras and umbrellas - turned out to support this popular festival in aid of church funds. Fortunately, Sunday was literally a 'sun' day and Diseworth was a very busy village. The scarecrows were even more ingenious and elaborate this year and the festival looks certain to be a permanent feature of summer in Diseworth. We have an impressive range of photos of the event in the centre pages. Thank you to Bob & Alison Evans and to Christopher Tudor for taking the wonderful photographs.

An exciting project for the young people of Diseworth is set to take place at the village hall early next month. From 6th to 11th August, the "Chorus Theatre" company will be running a 'Play - in - a - week' project for young people aged between 8 and 16, culminating in a performance on Saturday 11th. Turn to page 35 for full details.

The Pimms & Summer Puddings Evening, scheduled to take place on 11th August, promises to be a delicious occasion. A tempting array of desserts will be available so come along and indulge. Just make sure you have a light lunch!

The Diseworth Flower Show is just around the corner and a full schedule should be inside this issue. If you do not receive a copy or would like extra copies, do contact Pat Guy on 01332 811119.

Finally, the *Dialogue* committee is delighted to welcome Peggy Tudor as a member of the editorial team. Peggy has assisted with the compilation of this issue and is willing to take over as editor in the next few months. It is reassuring to know that the magazine will be in capable hands and will continue to flourish

Sue Brompton

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

photograph Julia Sillitoe



Messily Shaped By God

Recently Julie Ann and I have been busy trying to think strategically for the Benefice. Our approach has been 2-pronged. How do we increase attendance at church on a Sunday and how do we encourage new ways of being church.

Messy Church has been just one of the ideas we have come up with and implemented already at Kegworth. It is a modern version of Sunday school meeting in the afternoon and including families, friends and carers. However, it does not have the same strictness as school; it is an hour of fun, laughter and spontaneity. The response has been very positive at Kegworth with 17 children and adults at the first one. Come September Messy Church will begin at Osgathorpe, Diseworth and Long Whatton.

Hathern has hosted a new service called “New Beginnings” and we had our first Benefice Evening Service with modern music in June at Long Whatton. All these initiatives are tentative – they aim to discover what would encourage faith in our congregations and beyond. As are the attempts to provide a more regular pattern of services in our smaller villages.

Shaped by God has been a Diocesan Initiative looking at new ways of collaborative ministry. It started off rather shakily and messily, but now is proving a strong impetus to growth and imaginative ideas. In our area we are looking at ways of working with our neighbouring Benefices – Castle Donington and Shepshed. This is unexpectedly proving to be an exciting venture. To make it work we need to keep the ideas coming in, formulate a strategy and present it to the Diocese for financial support. In the messiness and the fluidity, we will discover that we are being shaped by God.

This all sounds very management-led. It is not. It is an attempt to hold the traditional and the new together as Christ Himself did in his life and ministry. In many ways he was a traditionalist fulfilling in himself the promises of the Old Testament and the destiny of the Jewish people. Yet, in his earthly ministry he was to a large extent revolutionary - bringing in new ideas and ways of being the people of God. It is when we have Christ at the centre of our church life that we can afford to affirm the traditional and the new. It will be messy. It will mean change. Yet, it will be a time of being shaped by God in our structures, in our thinking and the warp and weft of our inner lives.

Keep praying for a prayerful man or woman of faith (as our next rector) that will listen to the Spirit and lead us in such a messy transformation.

Have a relaxing summer ready to come back refreshed and renewed.

Alison

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Notes from the Belton Rectory – July 2007

From July there will be extra services at Long Whatton and Diseworth to try and provide a weekly act of worship in both these parishes. These have been added to the already full rota so that members of these villages can rely on having their own service week by week. If it is a long time since you have visited church, consider coming along, so that this level of services can be maintained and hopefully increased. We would love to welcome you.

For DISEWORTH

The new pattern of services from July

1st Sunday 10.30am CW Holy Communion

2nd Sunday 10.30am Family Service

3rd Sunday 9.00am CW Holy Communion

4th Sunday 8.00am BCP Holy Communion

5th Sunday 6.15pm BCP Holy Communion

Please note that on 1st July there will not be a service in Diseworth or Long Whatton as they are going to Kegworth for Julie Ann's first Communion.

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Services & Locations for July 2007

	Time	Service	Location
July 1 st	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion Julie Ann's First Communion	Kegworth
	6.15pm	Family Service BCP Evensong	Hathern Belton & Kegworth
July 5 th	9.00am	School Assembly	Diseworth
July 8 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Belton & Kegworth
	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	10.30am	Family Service CW Holy Communion	Diseworth Long Whatton, Hathern & Kegworth
	6.15pm	Prayer and Peace BCP Evensong	Hathern Kegworth
July 15 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Diseworth & Osgathorpe
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion Family Service	Long Whatton Belton & Kegworth
	6.15pm	New Beginnings BCP Holy Communion BCP Evensong	Hathern Hathern Belton & Kegworth
July 22 nd	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Diseworth & Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion Kids Praise CW Morning Prayer	Hathern & Kegworth Long Whatton Osgathorpe
	4.00pm	Messy Church	Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton, Hathern & Kegworth
July 25 th	7.30pm	Benefice Praise Evening	Long Whatton
July 29 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Long Whatton & Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion BCP Evensong	Diseworth Belton, Kegworth & Osgathorpe

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Services & Locations for August 2007

	Time	Service	Location
August 3 rd	2.00pm	Wedding	Diseworth
August 5 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion Family Service All Age Worship	Diseworth & Belton Hathern & Kegworth Long Whatton C. Centre
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton & Kegworth
August 12 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Belton & Kegworth
	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	10.30am	Family Service CW Holy Communion	Diseworth Long Whatton, Hathern & Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Kegworth
	7.00pm	United Lammas	Diseworth
August 19 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Diseworth & Osgathorpe
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion Family Service New Beginnings	Long Whatton Belton & Kegworth Hathern
	6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion BCP Evensong	Hathern Belton & Kegworth
August 22 nd	7.30pm	United Praise Service	Long Whatton
August 26 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Diseworth & Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion Kids Praise CW Morning Prayer	Hathern & Kegworth Long Whatton Osgathorpe
	4.00pm	Messy Church	Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton, Hathern & Kegworth

Week Day Services

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

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Lessons and Readers for July 2007

		Time	Reader	Sidesman
July 1st Trinity 4	First Reading: 1 Kings 19.15-16,19-21 Second Reading: Galatians 5.1,13-25 Gospel: Luke 9.51-62			
July 8 th Trinity 5	First Reading: Isaiah 66.10-14 Second Reading: Galatians 6.7-16 Gospel: Luke 10.1-11,16-20			
July 15 th Trinity 6	First Reading: Deuteronomy 30.9-14 Second Reading: Colossians 1.1-14 Gospel: Luke 10.25-37	9.00am	D Cherry D Blenkinsopp S Brompton	G Stone
July 22 nd Trinity 7	First Reading: Genesis 18.1-10a Second Reading: Colossians 1.15-28 Gospel: Luke 10.38-42	8.00am	S Bird R Harris	M Cowley
July 29 th Trinity 8	First Reading: Genesis 18.20-32 Second Reading: Colossians 2.6-15 Gospel: Luke 11.1-13	6.15pm	R Edwards M Gidlow	F Hill

Bell Ringing at Diseworth Mondays 8pm



Flowers and Church Brasses

	Flowers	Brasses
July 1 st /8 th	Mrs P Fletcher	Mrs S Briggs
July 15 th /22 nd	Mrs R Harris	Mrs R Harris
July 29 th /August 5 th	Mrs D Blenkinsopp	Mrs A Brooks
August 12 th /19 th	Mrs S Bird	Mrs M Linthwaite
August 26 th / September 2 nd	Mrs P Cotton	Mrs D Griffin

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Lessons and Readers for August 2007

		Time	Reader	Sidesman
August 5 th Trinity 9	First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14;2.18-23 Second Reading: Colossians 3.1-11 Gospel: Luke 12.13-21	10.30am	D Blenkinsopp M Gidlow M Howe	D Cherry
August 12 th Trinity 10	First Reading: Genesis 15.1-6 Second Reading: Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16 Gospel: Luke 12.32-40			
August 19 th Trinity 11	First Reading: Jeremiah 23.23-29 Second Reading: Hebrews 11.29-12.2 Gospel: Luke 12.49-56	9.00am	A Stone S Bird	G Stone
August 26 th Trinity 12	First Reading: Isaiah 58.9b-14 Second Reading: Hebrews 12.18-29 Gospel: Luke 13.10-17	8.00am	S Bird D Griffin	T Griffin

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



Coffee Mornings

The Coffee Mornings continue to be held in church on the fourth Saturday of each month from 10am-12noon – on July 28th and August 25th. As well as refreshments there is a bring and buy stall, raffle and a Fair Trade stall selling a wide variety of goods. Please support this if you can.

News From The Pews

Other Benefice Services, Meetings and Social Events in July and August

July 1st	Sunday	Julie Ann's First Communion Service, Kegworth 10.30am
July 1 st	Sunday	Hathern Church Music Café, 6pm-8pm
July 7 th	Saturday	Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
July 10 th	Tuesday	Belton House Group 7.30pm
July 14 th	Saturday	Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
July 14 th /15 th	Sat/Sun	Belton Church Open Gardens
July 21 st	Saturday	Long Whatton Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
July 23 rd	Monday	Benefice Bible Study, 33 Green Hill, Hathern 7.30pm
July 25 th	Wednesday	Benefice Praise Evening, Long Whatton 7.30pm
July 28th	Saturday	Diseworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon Osgathorpe Church Ceili, Hill Parks Farm, Belton 7.30pm
July 31 st	Tuesday	Benefice Alpha Style Supper, Hathern Church 7.30pm
August 4 th	Saturday	Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
August 5 th	Sunday	Hathern Church Music Café, 6pm-8pm
August 11 th	Saturday	Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon Pimms & Summer Puddings Diseworth Church 7.30pm
August 14 th	Tuesday	Belton House Group 7.30pm
August 18 th	Saturday	Long Whatton Coffee Morning 10am-12noon Hathern Church Garden Fete 1pm-4pm
August 22 nd	Wednesday	Benefice Praise Evening, Long Whatton 7.30pm
August 25th	Saturday	Diseworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
August 27 th	Monday	Benefice Bible Study, 33 Green Hill, Hathern 7.30pm

Every Saturday Kegworth Church Informal Prayer 9.00-9.30am

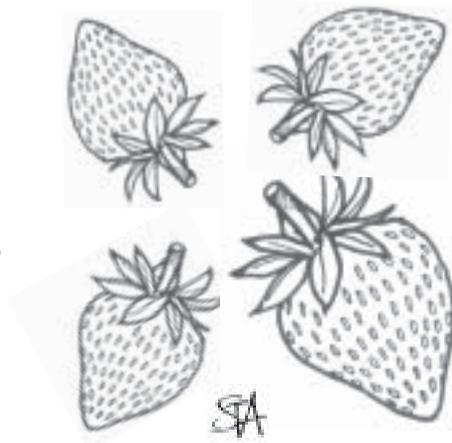
There are also meetings of the Mothers Union throughout the Benefice and Kegworth Wives Group, to which all women are invited. Kegworth Men's Group is open to all men.



Pimms & Summer Puddings

Saturday, 11th August
7.30pm
Diseworth Church

Tickets
£10 from
PCC members



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



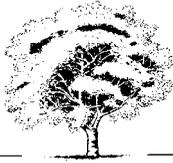
Sunday Services

Morning Worship & Sunday School – 10.30am

Evening Worship – 6.15pm (2nd Sunday each month)

Lead Deacon: Paul Phillips 01509-551464

COUNTRY MATTERS



by *Liz
Jarrom*

WOOD GOES THROUGH THE ROOF

The world demand for wood has pushed up the price of wood products by as much as 400%. This has also pushed up the price of fencing stakes used by farmers. Hedges alone are not usually enough to keep cattle in the fields, especially young ones, as the smallest gap can be a great temptation.

If the animal can get its head through, it is possible for it to push through and escape. This makes it necessary for a strand of prickly barbed wire to be strung all around the field, pulled tight and nailed to wooden fencing stakes. The stakes are knocked into the ground a little way from the hedge to deter the cattle from going near the hedge.

If untreated wooden stakes are sunk into the ground, they quickly rot and snap off, trailing the wire on the floor, making it useless for keeping stock where

they should be. We do buy in some fencing stakes that are already treated to prevent them rotting too quickly but we also make some home made ones from willow. We have a lot of willow trees, which if allowed to grow tall can split and break,

especially in high winds. For this reason, the willows on our farm are topped. The top growth is cut off, leaving a blunt crown or stool. In the spring, new shoots emerge, and over a period of years, the tree recovers all its top growth. A lot of what is cut down is thin brush, but the

longer thicker branches can be cut into suitable lengths and brought back to the farm.

Willow is a very wet sappy wood and new stakes will quickly sprout and grow into young trees if used fresh and untreated. Firstly, the bark needs to be removed, so that the wood will dry out faster. Will



enlists the help of the young cattle that are housed in the sheds. He throws the lengths of willow into their feed troughs. Being curious, they soon become interested in the pieces of wood, and set about gnawing away at the bark with their teeth. He tells me that he believes that they gnaw when they are teething. I have noticed over the years that the cattle do gradually destroy the wooden troughs, which eventually have to be rebuilt.

When the cattle have chewed off the bark, the wood is split down its length to make the stakes,

and one end is sharpened to a point. Then they are stacked up in layers under cover for up to a year to let them totally dry out. Following that, they are upended into a barrel of creosote, pointed side down. The creosote soaks into the base of the stake so that it will last a lot longer than if it was untreated. If time allows, Will turns them over, a very messy task, and soaks the top half also. No routine fencing is done this time of the year, but we always have some stakes ready to use in case any do break off unexpectedly.



Diseworth Wildlife

Another male pheasant visited my garden last month, the same colouring as Tom-Tom, but he had a pale mark on top of his head and a white ruff around his throat. I've decided to call him Pierre because he looked as though he was wearing a beret and neckerchief like a French onion seller. (I think he'd lost his onions because they weren't hanging round his neck).



Squidgey, the grey acrobatic squirrel, has also re-appeared. Our bird table in the back garden must be 6 ft high and is sited on a metal pole which goes right through the middle and into the roof on the top. Squidgey scampers up the

pole, swings himself out and scrambles up on to the base of the bird table, sits under the roof, surveying the garden, looks over the edge and locates where the nuts are amongst the other feeders. He positions himself in the right place and with back feet locked on to the base of the bird table, scrambles down with front feet clinging on the nut feeder and chews away, quite content.

The house martins seem to come back every year to two nests at Pauline & Gordon Fletcher's house across the road. I have a bird's eye view from my dining room window and can watch them swooping in and out. Another avid spectator is Monty, the Fletchers' cat who watches every move from his vantage point at the bedroom window.

I mentioned a couple of months ago that there is a member of the tit family for every day of the week. I have discovered that there used to be eight members but they have recently re-classified the bearded tit which is now known as a Reedling. (I've checked in my bird book). I found this out from Don, my window cleaner whilst we were discussing the state of the world, as you do!

Les Brown

The Snail Hunter

The Snail Hunter has not had much luck with the new tactic against her enemies. She had read that old fashioned petroleum jelly deterred snails and slugs – so she plastered it all round the top of her containers. You should have seen the state of her when she'd finished – she looked like a grease monkey. If anyone had given her a hug she would have shot off like a rocket! The jelly wasn't a success, the slugs weren't keen but the small snails ventured over the gunge - slipping and sliding like children sliding over ice - and still ate the plants! Perhaps the Snail Hunter should create a Vaseline rink where the little devils can practice their figures of eight!

So what has the Snail Hunter done now? She's gone back to the humble melon – as you've probably heard already.

Tips and Reminders

Top 10 Tips



The Spare Key - Always try to leave a spare key with a neighbour or a friend. Never under a large rock, pot plant or door mat. This is the first place a thief will look.

The Inventory List - The best way to recall items which have been stolen and to help insurance claims is to keep an inventory list of all your valuable possessions in the home.

Open Windows - Never leave windows open and unlocked for long periods of time. This will attract a thief to your house over others.

Locks are there to be used - Before leaving your home, make sure all windows and doors are locked. Never leave a key in the lock. A thief would rather reach into broken glass to open a door or window, than have to climb through it.

Share the Responsibility - Checking the security in the home is an equal responsibility for every house hold member. Be sure that everyone has the same routine to activate alarms and check all locks.

Personal Information - Ensure that all personal documents such as credit card receipts and bills are all destroyed instead of just thrown out. Try to hide documents in different places as well.

Holiday Signals - When going away on holidays, have your mail held at the post office and get some one to remove all junk mail from your letter box. This will give the illusion that some one is home.

Valuables Out of Sight - Hide all easy to carry valuables away from sight, so that thieves won't be able to find them easily.

Inform others - If your house is broken into inform your neighbours and the NW co-ordinator. That way they can be on the look out for any suspicious people.

Mark or Secure Valuables - Any small valuables should be marked with an Ultra Violet pen. This way items can easily be identified if found by the police.

Victoria Britton

Diseworth Open Flower Show



This year's Flower Show, on Saturday, September 8th will include a very special attraction, **Robin Hood**, a **steam traction engine** from the collection of the Dockray family of Long Whatton.

We shall also have **displays** manned by representatives of the Castle Donington Volunteer Centre, who organise and operate the Community Bus, and by the Scouts from Long Whatton.

There are no major innovations this year, just the usual changes to the themes for the Flower Arrangement and Photographic classes – and to the **Diseworth Men Only** class – this year it is a plate of **6 Biscuits**.



The **Flowers** section again features last year's new classes – one for a single 'perfect' Rose, and one, for the Alan Rose Trophy, for a single Dahlia bloom. It is especially poignant that Rita Rose, who made the first presentation of this new trophy last year, is also no longer with us. We shall be thinking of her with much affection on the day. Last year we had a very good entry for this class and we do so hope that all who possibly can, will try again.

We introduced these new classes, which are a marked departure from the traditional 'three of a kind' type of class, because of the adverse weather conditions – both in the very hot summers and the often stormy weather in the week or so before the Show - in recent years. It has become increasingly difficult for even the keenest gardeners amongst us to find three identical blooms of either species in good condition on the all-important day.

The "Any other cut Flower" class is again "3 Sunflowers". These can be of any variety or type of Sunflower – we know that many people now grow the multi-headed ones, but should comprise three of the same type.

We hope that the topics of the **Flower Arrangements** are self-explanatory. Class 17 is designed to feature mostly foliage, but this time, some flowers can be included. Class 18 is to feature a basket, of any size and type. Flowers should be the dominant material among the contents (in contrast to Class 17). Class 19 is the customary petite arrangement, this time the choice of container and contents is entirely yours.

The **Children's flower arrangement** this year again uses a small glass vase, which should be about 10 – 12 cm (4 in) high and not too wide. If you want to enter this class, but have no vase, Nikki Hening has a stock of suitable vases that you **can borrow**. Contact her (853647) or Pat Guy (811119) in the week before the Show. We shall bring any spares to the Hall on the morning of the Show.

Last year's new classes for both Children and Adults involving the production of a **home-made Greetings Card** were very well supported and produced a wonderful variety of entries. Both have therefore been included again this year, and again can be for any occasion you like.

The **Computer-based** class for Children this year involves the creation of a work of art with a "My Village" theme which you may interpret as loosely as you wish – perhaps a collage of photographs, or a text or map-based design.

This year has seen a very important anniversary in the history of the abolition of slavery and our **Creative Writing** class, No. 70, reflects this. It asks you to **imagine yourself as a slave**, in any historical age, such as Roman or Viking, or in the present day, either here or abroad, and describe the miseries of a typical day.

Although by the time of the Flower Show, the Playgroup will have been disbanded, the **Playgroup Trophy**, Class 68, will still be awarded. We do hope that all children in the village under 5 will 'have a go' and bring their pictures of "My Garden".

There are no changes to the **Fruit and Vegetable** classes and all we can do is hope for a good growing season. This year April and May seem to have been completely reversed in nature and we can only wait in some trepidation for what is to follow.

The beneficiaries of this year's Show will be the British Legion, The Village Hall Car Park Resurfacing Fund, the Long Whatton Scouts and the Castle Donnington Volunteer Centre.

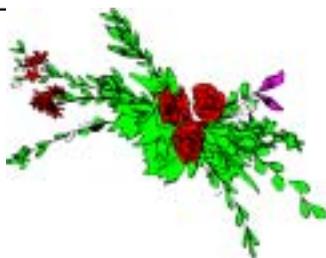
Pat Guy

Sunflowers

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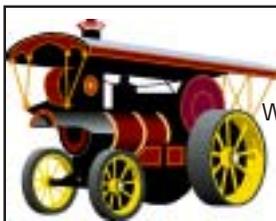
Diseworth Open Flower Show 2007



Saturday September 8th
Village Hall,
Hall Gate

Gates open at 2pm

Pony Rides
Tombola
Skittles Raffle
Wings Stall
Long Whatton
Scouts



Steam Engine
Display
with Robin Hood
from
Long Whatton

Heritage Centre Information Stall
Castle Donington Volunteer Centre displays

Hall opens at 2.30pm for viewing
of exhibits

Teas served from 2pm

Presentation of Prizes 3.30pm

Sale of Produce 4pm approx

Entrance 50p Children Free



Diseworth's 3rd Scarecrow Festival and Open Gardens weekend

Despite a wet start, Diseworth's 3rd Scarecrow Festival and Open Gardens weekend has proved to be the best one yet. Pouring rain on Saturday morning saw lots of soggy gardens and several scarecrows sitting underneath umbrellas. Many visitors braved the wet conditions and made the most of the dry spells.

Sunday, however, dawned clear and bright and saw nearly 80 scarecrows displayed around the village. Visitors came from far and wide to enjoy the display and to visit the 10 beautiful open gardens. The village was buzzing with visitors all day. The tour began in the church where the raffle proved very popular and the first prize of a selection of shrubs and plants for the garden was won by Ann Jones of Blackfordby. The second prize of a hanging basket kindly donated by Hathern Nurseries was won by Dorothy Bonser of Belton. The summer surprise tombola organised by Muriel Howe saw everyone who had a go winning a prize. The Guess the Birthday competition was won by Josh Keller, David Adcock and Georgia Hughes. The correct answer to the competition at Village Farm was 202 recyclable items used on the scarecrow, and the winner was Liberty Ravenhill of Tonge.

Refreshments did a roaring trade all weekend, with ploughman's lunches selling out, as did the cream teas provided by Rosemary and Terry Harris at The Woodcroft.

The weekend came to a fitting end with a Songs of Praise service led by churchwarden David Bird, when all the hymns were chosen by people who had opened their gardens.

Nearly £1500 has been raised for church funds, and thanks go to everyone who made the weekend such a success - those who opened their gardens, those who made scarecrows, and all those who worked tirelessly organising competitions, decorating the church, providing refreshments and doing printing.

Sue Bird

Scarecrow Festival and Open Gardens 2007



Visitor from Down
Under.
Are the Keane's
back for a visit?



Judging the Best Village
competition.
18 Hall Gate



Little Bo-Peep looking
for her sheep.
Old Hall Farm



A Serene Scene at 9 Hall Gate



Chim chiminee! This sweep is as happy as happy can be!



Gracedieu - Clements Gate



Peace & Tranquillity at 14 Lady Gate



Stunning Summer colours at West View



Windsurfing on Grimesgate



Relaxing in the sunshine at 9 Clements Gate



The Wedding at Linthwaite Court



Marie at the Circus. Clements Gate



The beautiful garden at Ivy Brook Cottage



Speedway racing on The Green



"You're a very useful engine Thomas" said the Fat Controller



Spiderman tackles the villains at Tenterfield



Brownies & Guides camping on The Bowley

Congratulations!



Paul Riley and Gerry Lloyd, of Orchard Close, tied the knot on Saturday, 19th May.

Thirty family and friends joined them on a beautiful, sunny afternoon at the Charnwood Room, Loughborough, to witness a civil ceremony. Their three year old son, Robert, carried out his ring-bearing duties with aplomb. A scrumptious lunch followed at the Queens Head in Belton, and an evening knees-up at Loughborough Cricket Club.

Paul and Gerry's thanks go out to everyone who contributed to their 'perfect' day".

AGM

6th June 2007

The

DISEWORTH **D**IALOGUE

It's been another good year for the *Dialogue*. We've welcomed some new contributors, including Lesley Brown with her lovely snail hunter articles; enjoyed the writing of our regular contributors as well as receiving updates from old friends such as Team Diseworth. A couple of people felt moved to send complaints about articles of a warning nature, despite these items being well substantiated, but thankfully, these hiccoughs are rare. Also, the most recent issue was not printed to the standard that we expect but hopefully this was only a blip!

We recently said our goodbyes to two very valued members of the committee, Judy Keane and Julia Sillitoe, who have both left us for pastures new; but we have also welcomed two new members to the team:

Victoria Britton has brought enthusiasm and incredible energy to her role as advertising manager. At the last count, the yellow pages were full. Victoria has also revived the long defunct Neighbourhood Watch column and made frequent trips to the printer with the master copy. Thank you.

The second person to come on board is Steve Allison, who since last December has provided bespoke illustrations for the *Dialogue*. His intricate line drawings are inspired. They are both beautiful and funny and we are very fortunate to have someone so talented to provide such wonderful artwork tailored to individual articles. Thank you Steve.

Our treasurer, Christine, has also made many journeys to the printer in Long Eaton. In addition - (no pun intended) - she quietly and efficiently keeps the finances in order and the books balanced. Thanks Christine.

Liz is still surprising us - after more than twelve years - with fresh and lively articles about Country Matters and on health topics. She is also a very dependable vice-chair – not to mention her operating skills on the electric staplers!

Sandie, Janet and Nikki take turns reporting the minutes of collating meetings. Many thanks as well to Sandie for faithfully following up sponsorship from the Parish Council and DHL.

We still have our silent and loyal team of deliverers, co-ordinated by Sue Bird & Linda Gaymer, who brave all weathers to put the *Dialogue* through letter boxes each month. I do hope they know just how much they are appreciated.

Thank you to Nikki, Denise and Carly for their assistance on the editorial team. Denise also scours the files every month collating dates for the diary page and she also compiles the Dispatches pages.

Jim has again been very supportive as chair of the committee, keeping us in order at collating meetings and gently steering us back to the agenda when necessary. I am particularly grateful to him for rescuing me at larger gatherings as I stood in front of a room full of people like a rabbit caught in headlights and lost for words. Oh yes, and for his engineering skills when the electric staplers become temperamental.

Finally – Ruth, what can I say about Ruth? What would we do without Ruth? She is the *Dialogue's* anchor, she chases late contributors, she checks individual items, she calls to discreetly ask if a certain piece is going into the *Dialogue*, and when we deliver the folder to her each month, produces a lovely magazine from our 'mock-ups'. Last year, she was described in *Aspire* magazine as the *Dialogue's* “**Production Supremo**”. A well deserved accolade.
Thanks Ruth.



Sue Brompton
Editor

Blue Cross Tea Party



We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to our Tea Party on the 19th May.

We held a raffle. The winners were Sue Spence, Jane Goy, Peter Clegg, Judith Pearce, Ruth Brooks and Gary from Melbourne. In Guess the Name of the Pony, where the pony has been re-homed from the Blue Cross, her name was Cara and the winner was James from Melbourne. He won a bottle of whisky which had been kindly donated to us. In Guess the name of My Friend's Horse, which again had been re homed from the Blue Cross, a little girl from Swadlincote won a teddy bear, which again had been donated to us. The horse's name is Barney. Ryan Wardle won guess how many sweets in the container. Donna came and demonstrated Aloe Vera. She gave a donation to the Blue Cross.

We served teas and coffees with a piece of cake, scones or biscuits. The weather stayed fine for us so we were able to go outside and everyone enjoyed it.

We have raised £200 which has been sent to the Blue Cross.

Many thanks again,

Jayne and Lorraine.

DISEWORTH PLAYGROUP

THE PLAYGROUND FUND .. an update

It is with deep regret that I have to inform everyone that from July 10th 2007 Diseworth playgroup is to close.

We have been running on minimum for some years now and somehow with fundraising and the village's support we have been able to keep the playgroup going. This however is no longer the case. In September we would be left with only one playgroup age child with hardly any others of playgroup age for the next 2 years in the village.

We tried every possible option to keep it open but it just wasn't feasible.

Therefore the decision was made with heavy hearts to close.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported us with all of our fundraising and who has helped the playgroup over the years – the many committee members, the staff, duty Mums, people who donated money as well as resources and time to the playgroup.

It is as we all say – the end of an era.

*Anna Groves
Diseworth Playgroup
Secretary & Fundraising
Co-ordinator*

PS We will be holding a toy sale at the end of July to sell off our equipment. Look out for the posters.

Ironically now that the playground is closing, we are almost at the target needed to have the playground resurfaced!!!

This project will still go ahead.

We raised the money as a village and as the 'playground' is a village area I feel that it should still be resurfaced.

It is the car park for the village hall, but more importantly it will be an area that will be safe for the village children to play on. It is away from the main road and will provide an ideal surface for children to learn to ride bikes, play ball games etc.

Funds have been raised from the annual rounders tournament, the Boxing Day Fun Run, the blue bag clothes collections, stalls at the school fetes & flower shows, family evenings & barbecues in The Plough, guess the famous faces quiz, a disco, an 80's night, raffles & I even did guess the weight of the baby competitions for my 2 youngest daughters (when you see him, tell Steve that one more guess the weight of the baby is needed!!!!).

We also had a bonus last month when the East Midland Airport community team donated £3000 to our fund. It was this boost that has bought the end within reach.

We obtained some quotes last year and in July I am going to obtain some more up to date ones and then hopefully that will set the ball in motion.

I will keep everyone informed.

Anna



Diseworth Village Hall AGM



The AGM was held recently and as in most recent years it was disappointing to see no new interest being shown, never the less it's good to be able to report another successful year when bookings continued to be on the up and our financial status now fully recovered after the major projects we have seen over the last couple of years.

A lot of the mindless vandalism caused during the spring is now being repaired, and although there was no action taken on this occasion and the costs have been met by the Village Hall, it has been reported from many quarters who the culprits are, both boys and girls of the village along with a few from a neighbouring village. We ask that the building and grounds be respected in future as next time action will need to be taken.

On a more general note our future projects include re-carpeting the stage and replacing the stage curtains, and more of a major project which is being considered is developing the rear of the hall taking in the old oil tank bund wall and playgroup brick store building.

If, on the off chance you missed the meeting and would like to be involved on the village hall committee then we would be more than pleased to see you at the next committee meeting on Wednesday 5th Sept at 8pm. Furthermore we are currently seeking a secretary as this post was vacated at the AGM, and a general reminder that the 200 Club is still looking for new members. This helps a long way towards our finances each year.

Dave Adcock

Plough Inn Football Dream Team

Last season's Dream Team has just come to a conclusion, and it's congratulations to Steven Wiggins taking first place and winning £65, and to Simon Phillips as runner up winning £26. A donation of £39 was also made to the locally based Air Ambulance.

Thank you to all those who took part.

Dave

LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL



News

The Council is now up to full strength again, and we welcome the two new councillors from Long Whatton, Tom Wilkins and Mick Downs. At our June meeting we were particularly pleased to welcome our new Parish Clerk, Doug Maas. Doug lives in Markfield, and has many years experience as a clerk. We recorded our thanks to Lindsay Swinfield, who filled in for Nev Cheetham for almost a year with skill and good humour.

We have reviewed the structure of the Council, with particular reference to planning. We have decided to change from a formal Planning Committee to a less formal working group: the only effective difference being that decisions will need to be formally ratified at the next Council meeting. We have also reviewed our representation on outside bodies, and when these nominations are approved, we will publish a full list.



We considered a letter asking for support for the return of a weekly black bin collection. The argument was vividly illustrated with a description of the maggots and smells from the writer's bin. We are asking villagers for their views and evidence of problems due to the present system. We also have some guidance on how to avoid such problems which we will share with you.

It's already a busy summer in Long Whatton & Diseworth: Open Gardens, scarecrows, a lovely cheese and wine evening at Whatton House for All Saints Church, shows in both villages, best village judging in Diseworth, a relatively quiet Download festival come and gone. Also gone are the travellers from Hyams Lane, which the Parish Council pressed for following numerous complaints. Diseworth School had an outstanding Ofsted report, and their pupils are shining in many areas including sport and art. Long Whatton school also is a credit to its staff and pupils, and we are pleased to record the contribution made by both schools to the quality of life in our two villages.

Martin Hening

BOXING DAY FUN RUN

HELP WANTED

As we all know the Boxing Day Fun Run is a Diseworth tradition. I have been organising this event for the past 3 years, but have been involved for longer. As I cannot remember a Boxing Day without the Fun Run being a highlight I would personally hate to see it discontinued. However this is what may happen.

After 25 years Dave Adcock and Malcolm Pass have stepped down as helpers for this event. Although various people have organised the event after Dave hung up his organising boots, he still helped to organise the setting-up on the day - he put out all the signs round the village and constructing the start / finishing line. Both him and Malc have always manned the start line and the finish line too so that the organisers have been free to distribute fancy dress prizes and do any other arranging necessary.

Mary Gidlow has also stepped down after 25 years as a marshal, so her position is also 'unmanned'.

So I am asking for any villagers who have an hour free on Boxing Day morning and don't fancy the energetic run round the village after a Xmas day of excess, to please consider helping me to keep the Fun Run going. I need people to help set up the course and distribute signs round the village on Boxing Day morning, help me man the start line (a very important position and you even get a whistle to blow!!!!!!), and finish line, marshal the course and also sell raffle tickets to the spectators during the actual race.

If you think that you might be able to lend a hand then please phone me on 01332 810014 to discuss the options.

Anna



D. Arts Young People's Summer Drama Project



Calling all young people aged between 8 and 16 years old! Would you like to be involved in an exciting drama project taking place during the summer?

Professional company Chorus Theatre will be running a “Play-in-a-Week” project from Monday 6th – Saturday 11th August based at Diseworth Village Hall which is open to all young people who are members of the local community.

The aim of the project is to devise and create an original piece of theatre with young people aged between 8 –16 from a rural community background. The group will meet on the Monday morning at 10am and throughout the next five days we will create a piece for a performance on the Saturday. Through the use of drama games, improvisation and storytelling we would devise and rehearse the piece that would be performed free of charge on the Saturday to family and friends. The aim of the project is to stimulate the creative minds of young people through drama and to give the participants a safe environment in which to express themselves creatively.

There will be a charge of £20 per participant (or £32 for two from the same household). Experience is not necessary but enthusiasm and commitment are. Places are limited and must be reserved.

For more information and to book a place call: 01509 212991

Email: andrew@mcwilliam2943.freemove.co.uk

HEALTH PAGE

Natural Ways To give Pain The Elbow

We may think of pain as a negative thing, but it is really a messenger to tell us something is wrong. A sprained ankle hurts to remind us not to put weight on that foot, and toothache sends us to the dentist. Occasional mild pain is usually easily treated with over the counter medicines, but long term use of medicines can cause problems ranging from increased risk of asthma attacks to stomach ulcers and gastritis.

Alternatively, if we view pain as a messenger, there is much we can do to get rid of the underlying cause, or help to manage the pain in a natural way. Back and joint pain can sometimes be attributed to inappropriate footwear, poor posture or unsupportive furniture and beds. Often though, pain is caused by inflammation. The body produces chemicals called leukotrienes and prostaglandins to regulate inflammation. Saturated fats which are largely found in meat, butter, eggs, and dairy products, are rich in a substance called arachadonic acid which produces leukotrienes which encourage inflammation. Unsaturated fats found in oily fish, fresh nuts and seeds and cold

pressed oils such as olive and canola, encourage the body to produce anti-inflammatory prostaglandins, which in turn can reduce pain. Other foods such as wheat, citrus fruit, coffee and sugar can have an inflammatory effect in the body.

The chemical histamine can cause inflammation, but vitamin C does have a mild anti-histamine effect, as does another antioxidant, quercitin which can be found in apples and onions. Ginger has a long history as an anti-inflammatory and anti-histamine, and turmeric and chilli both reduce inflammation. One study discovered that eating 20 cherries had as much pain killing power as a dose of aspirin. The enzyme bromelain found in pineapple, and papains found in papayas are both known to break up a substance called fibrin that collects in areas of inflammation and is a cause of painful swelling.

Starflower oil is a more potent anti-inflammatory than evening primrose oil and Devil's claw is another powerful anti-inflammatory and pain relieving agent. Nettle tea is particularly helpful for rheumatic pain and white willow is really natural aspirin, and is much less likely to cause stomach upsets. Some people seem to get relief from wearing copper bracelets or magnets which seem to help normalize circulation.

Many complementary therapies can help to relieve pain, but always consult a qualified therapist.

Always consult your doctor if you experience sudden or prolonged pain.

Liz Jarrom



Long Whatton Village Show

Sunday 26th August 2007

Long Whatton Community Hall & School Fields

Gates open 12:00 Noon

Presentation of Awards 3:00pm

Traditional Village Show incorporating 'Sunflower Sunday'
with stalls, games,
raffle, Bouncy Castle,
Produce,
Art & Crafts'
Competition,
refreshments including a
licensed bar, and lots
more!



If you would like to become involved either by assisting in running a stall, helping out generally on the day or by staging your own stall, please email: villageshow@yahoo.co.uk

*This is your Show and with your help,
it will be bigger & better than ever*

Show schedules are available from
Long Whatton Post Office

Please note that there is a strict *no dogs* policy on the school grounds.

In Memory Of Sandie

We had already had quite a variety of pets (including cats, guinea pigs, terrapins, fish and Russian hamsters, remember those Alison and Bob?) when we decided the children were old enough to cope with a dog. Lizzie was 5, Caroline 11, Mike 13 and Will 14. We knew someone who worked at the RSPCA rescue centre at Leicester so decided to begin our search there. Richard Smith said whatever you do don't come back with a Collie cross. So we came back with Sandie, a Collie cross! We didn't choose her she chose Mike. She was six months old and very boisterous, hard to believe now for those people who have seen her ambling slowly down the lane at the end of Clements Gate!

Misty, the Burmese cat we had at the time, bolted out of the cat-flap and didn't come back for 24 hours! They were literally like Tom and Jerry and for a while we had to keep them apart. Eventually they settled down and would curl up in bed together. In fact when Misty was run over, Sandie kept searching for her so we went back to the RSPCA to get another cat just to keep Sandie happy!

If we thought the Russian hamsters were escape artists, we hadn't seen anything yet. Sandie was constantly escaping and we spent a lot of money on fencing, electric gates etc to try to keep her in. We lived at Iron Farm then and one day Pat Cotton came over and said did we realise that Sandie was jumping over a 4ft wall and taking herself for a walk up Hyams Lane as soon as we had all gone out. She was always lying in the yard waiting for us when we came home so we had no idea! More money was spent on railings for the top of the wall!

She learnt how to open the back door and let herself in or out. Everybody accused everybody else of leaving the door open until we caught her in the act. More money spent changing the door handles to knobs!



Pat Cotton will remember the day that Sandie got into a field of sheep and Pat and I spent ages running up and down screaming at her. She took no notice of us at all and thought it was a great game to chase the sheep up and down! Fortunately Pat and David Cotton are very patient people and didn't seem TOO upset. I hope not!

Time moved on and after losing several cats (to speeding cars!) we decided another dog would be better company for Sandie. Back to the RSPCA and we came home with Pepsi, a neurotic mongrel who took not a blind bit of notice of Sandie! We moved to the end of Clements Gate, a dog walker's paradise, just open the door and go. One day in October 2002 Barry came back from a walk minus Sandie. We weren't worried, she would come back. She always did. But she didn't. We drove everywhere looking for her but to no avail, and then left her bed out under the car port in case she came back in the night. I couldn't sleep and was up at 5am out looking for her. As soon as I saw lights on at the Cheneys and the Roberts I grabbed the two Sues, (they do come is useful sometimes, apart from catching them out at scams!), to come and help me look for Sandie. We found her right at the top of the field near Moto. She was hanging with her back leg trapped in a wire fence that she had obviously tried to jump. Fortunately it was a very mild October but she went into shock as soon as we touched her. She had been trying to bite her way out and had damaged her mouth in the attempt. There were frantic phone calls (thank goodness for mobile phones!) for Barry and Lizzie to come and help us. David and John Cotton also arrived with wire cutters and a Land Rover to carry her home. Obviously it was straight to the vet who didn't think she would survive as she was a good age then (12) and she thought the shock would kill her rather than her injuries. Within 48 hours she was fine and lived for over another 4 ½ years.

Towards the end she was deaf, nearly blind and had trouble getting up and down. When she did get up she would either trot down the lane or turn round fairly quickly and lie on the front lawn waiting for us to come back.

The end came on Wednesday June 6th, she nearly made it to 17 and will be sadly missed...the greatest dog In the World!

The Simpson Family x

WOMEN'S GROUP

It was just a year ago when I first saw the magnificent garden at Seagrave created by John Gennard, three acres of superbly maintained grounds, just breathtaking!

I knew that members and friends who went on that May evening would be equally amazed by the colour of the azaleas and the other acid loving shrubs, along with such a wealth of unusual plantings and rare species carefully placed together to give of their best. A large rock garden and beautiful pond was the home to a duck and her clutch of some eight or so ducklings.



Thirty years on and John is still creating new areas with a keen eye on quality and perfection and which will no doubt have the same huge wow factor! Liz Jarrom thanked Mr and Mrs Gennard on our behalf.

Mr Straw's House. Another outing, but it's summer and it's great to get out and about especially if you don't have to drive! We hired the community bus but still overflowed into one car kindly volunteered by driver George Hine. As expected we queued up the motorway but easily managed to arrive early at No 7, Blyth Road in Worksop.

The National Trust was bequeathed the home of the Straw family after the death of William junior aged 92 in 1990. Parents William and Florence Straw were well to do grocers in the market place of Worksop and bought the semi-detached Edwardian house in 1923. William junior their eldest son became a teacher in London and Walter joined his father in the family business. William returned home in later years and with both parents deceased kept house while Walter ran the shop until its closure in 1962. Old biscuit boxes, large tea canisters, measures and many other items are around the house.

The remarkable thing, similar to Calke Abbey, is that the two bachelor brothers kept virtually everything from their parents lives, including their clothes plus their own possessions and made very few changes over 60 years.

The Trust was able to buy the adjoining property enabling them to make a fitting reception area and a working museum to display a wealth of interesting artefacts and paperwork. All in all, the full story of a middle class family of that era, I have only scratched the surface here, a house well worth a visit, but you do have to pre-book.

Monday August 13th
Summer Barbeque Evening
7pm

By kind invitation from Diana and David Cherry



On this informal occasion members are asked to please take their own meat to barbeque, drink, glass, plate and cutlery. Breads and salads will be provided by willing volunteers. Ladies you may bring husbands/partners along. Regular guests are welcome as are any ladies interested in joining us in the future. There will be a raffle. It would be appreciated if names could be forwarded to either to Diana or myself for catering purposes.

Thankyou, Sheila Dakin

DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

If you have items for the SEPTEMBER 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 7th AUGUST

*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*



The Mobile Library visits Diseworth fortnightly - 13th and 27th July and 10th and 24th August. The Bowley 11.55 – 12.15 Clements Gate 12.20 – 1.20 The contact number for the mobile library is 01530 835951.

The presentation to the Best Village judges was enlivened by the display of scarecrows around the village and the wonderful materials on show in the church. My very warm thanks to those who made presentations to the judges - Anna Groves, Danni Draycott (at very short notice, in the midst of GCSE), Victoria Britton, Sue Brompton, and Vera Allen. Whatever the result, we should be very proud of what they all had to say about their village. Results in September - watch this space.

Martin Hening

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DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

New Arrival



Kevin and Teresa are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Hannah Mae on Saturday 2nd May June

Wedding Congratulations to

Guy Moores and Rachel Hancher who are getting married in Breedon Church on Saturday July 28th.

The Family wish them every happiness for the future.



Happy Birthday

20th July

to
Rosemary Smith
Love Mum and family.
Our baby of the family,
60 today!



25th July

Very Happy Birthday
Wishes
102 Today
To Mum (Fletcher)
Catherine Annie

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to welcome

Dave Adcock Driving,
trading as
AWESOME DRIVING

Diseworth Flower Show takes place as usual on the second Saturday in September-the 8th this year. A copy of the full **Show Schedule** should accompany this edition of the Diseworth Dialogue. If you have not received your copy, or if you would like extra copies for friends or family, please contact Pat Guy – 811119 **Sunflowers**

It is planned to measure Sunflowers, in their gardens as usual, on the afternoon of Friday, August 31st, starting at 2pm. Please let Pat Guy know in good time if you have a plant to be measured. Ring 811119 or pop a note into 51 The Woodcroft.

Diseworth and Long Whatton 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, especially in an evening at this time of year – or, very early in the morning.

If you plan to have a picnic there, please do. Just let us know in advance if a large gathering is planned. This year we have allocated Sundays July 15th and August 12th as further “Open Days” for picnics in the Meadow. 11am – dusk.

Dogs are welcome in the Meadow provided they are under control and not allowed to foul the site. The small gate is always unlocked. Please ensure it is secured when you leave.

Contact: Pat Guy 811119.

Annual General Meeting 2007

The AGM of the Meadow was held at 8.00pm on Wednesday, May 16th in the Village Hall, Diseworth. It was attended by the usual modest turnout on a rather damp evening. We had hoped to be joined by members from Long Whatton, but none appeared, perhaps deterred by the weather. Our new title - The Diseworth and Long Whatton Millennium Meadow - was officially adopted by the assembled members.

The usual formalities were gone through and most existing Committee members were re-elected. Unfortunately, our Secretary, Rosie McConachie has had to resign due to other commitments, and no-one at the meeting was in a position to take on the post.

If anyone would be prepared to try it for a short trial period we would be most grateful to hear from you. It mostly involves the preparation and printing of a few official letters, posters for special events, and the preparing of minutes and papers for the AGM. Records of ordinary committee meetings throughout the year are kept by a separate person. If you can help, please contact Pat Guy (811119).



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Castle Donington Community College	01332 810528 postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk
Castle Donington Volunteer Bureau	01332 850526
Chemist, Gerald Porter, Castle Donington	01332 810213
Derby City Hospital	01332 340131
Derby Playhouse	01332 363275 www.derbyplayhouse.co.uk
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 www.nottinghamema.com
East Midlands Electricity emergencies customer services	0800 056 8090 0800 363363
Environment Agency	0800 807060
Kinchbus	01509 815637. www.kinchbus.co.uk
Loughborough Hospital	01509 611600
NHS Direct	08 45 46 47 www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk
North West Leicester District Council	01530 454545 www.nwleics.gov.uk
Nottingham Concert Hall	0115 989 5555
Nottingham Playhouse	0115 941 9419
Nottingham Royal Centre	0115 989 5555 www.royalcentre-nottingham.co.uk
Police	0116 222 2222
Post Office - Long Whatton	01509 842264
Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham	0115 924 9924
Radio Trent	0115 952 7000
Reel Cinema Loughborough	01509 212261
Severn Trent Customer Service	08007 834444
Skylink	0115 9506070 www.skylink.co.uk
Traveline - for all public transport information	0870 608 2 608 www.traveline.org.uk

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 **Neighbourhood Watch** beat officer for Diseworth is **Jason Underwood No. 1760**. He can be contacted on 0116 248 5675 and then entering his number 1760.

Village Directory

Organisation	Contact Person	Telephone No
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

Sandie Moores, contact person for Lady Gate. 812629

Victoria Britton contact person for Clements Gate. 850184

YOUR LOCAL PARISH COUNCIL

The role of your Parish Council includes safeguarding the amenities of the village, including highways, lighting, drainage, road signs and planning matters. Current planning matters are available for inspection by arrangement with the **Parish Clerk:**

Douglas Maas, 86 Forest Road, Markfield LE67 9UN. Tel: 01530 242534.

Email: longwhatdisepc@hotmail.com.

Please visit the website at www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk (being updated).

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

Martin Henning, 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, Diseworth DE74 2QD	01332 853960
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Parish Council meetings are held at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of each month, alternately at Diseworth and Long Whatton. Please see the Notice Boards or ask the Parish Clerk for current information or to make general enquiries about the Parish Council.