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We extend an open invitation to members of the village to come to our meetings.*

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Please let us have your items for publication (this includes advertising) by the 7th of the month for the following month's issue. Remember that we produce 2 double issues (July/August and December/January). **All contributions will be considered for publication.** They can be delivered to any committee member or emailed to admin@airnig.co.uk and to sue@cbrompton.fsnet.co.uk or via our village web site at <http://www.diseworth.org> Contributions for our dispatches page are most welcome. Share your news with the village - birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, congratulations etc. When contributing, please **include your name**. We do need your name, but we won't publish it if that's your wish. If you're a child, our readers appreciate seeing your age too!

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We aim to be able to deliver one copy of the *Diseworth Dialogue* to each household in Diseworth. Our objective is to fund production through advertising, fund raising and voluntary contributions. We aim to deliver a quality publication which enriches village life and encourages such voluntary contributions, these we invite annually. Additional copies are available for purchase at 50p. If you know somebody living outside the village who would like to have a copy mailed on a subscription basis, please let us know. Mail subscription is £10 per year, including postage.

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Diseworth Diary

APRIL

Saturday 28th Millennium Meadow Spring Plant Sale AND Church Fair Trade Coffee Morning. Plus Raffle & Garden Sundries Stall. 10.00 am. Diseworth village hall

MAY

Tuesday 8th Bookworms. Gordon Ramsay's "Humble Pie". 9 Clements Gate at 2pm.

Thursday 10th Retired Residents Spring Lunch. 1pm, Village Hall.

Friday 11th Cottage Pie and Champagne Evening with Call My Bluff. Village Hall. 7.30pm. Tickets £10

Saturday 12th Castle Donington Farmer's Market. St. Edward's School 9am – 12.30pm.

Saturday 12^h Quiz Night, Diseworth village hall, 7.30pm. Charnwood Community Theatre

Monday 14th Women's Discussion Group. "Can We Reverse Social Decline?" 2pm. Jo Coulson. Clements Gate.

Tuesday 15th Fund Raising and Social Group. Wartoft Grange. 7.30pm.

Wednesday 16th Millennium Meadow AGM. Village Hall Committee Room. 8pm

Saturday 19th Tea Party (in aid of Blue Cross) 7 Clements Gate 11am -3pm

Monday 21st Women's Group. Brinkfields – Seagrave. Meet Village Hall 6.30pm prompt.

Thursday 24th Diseworth *Dialogue* Collating and Committee Meeting. 8pm at 26b Clements Gate

Saturday 26th Diseworth Church Coffee Morning. 10am – 12noon.

JUNE

Monday 4th Women's Discussion Group. "Global Warming – the new religion" venue tba

Saturday 9th Art Group Exhibition. Long Whatton Community Centre 10am – 4pm.

Tuesday 12th Bookworms. DVD "The Queen" at 10 Lady Gate. 2pm.

Tuesday 12th Visit to Mr Straw's House Worksop. Women's Group.

Sat/Sun 16th/17th Scarecrow Festival and Open Gardens.

Monday 18th Guided walk. Diseworth Parish Church. Its history and the Churchyard. Meet at the church 11am.

JULY

Monday 2nd Women's Discussion Group. "Patronising Politicians – do they know best?" venue tba

AUGUST

Wednesday 1st Diseworth. The history and architecture of this small Village. 11am – 4pm. £2.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 8th Diseworth Open Flower Show.

From the Editor



I was saddened to receive a letter regarding the vandalism that has taken place in recent weeks, not only on the village hall site but around Diseworth as well. It is less than a year since a similar problem was reported, and as I mentioned on this page at the time, it begs the question whether these facilities provided in Diseworth are deserved. The people who tirelessly raise the necessary funds must be feeling not only helpless, but hopeless, as they see the results of their efforts destroyed. I can only assume that these acts are carried out as the result of boredom. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the energy used in this way could be channelled into the purpose of fundraising - and maintenance - of these valuable amenities? Not only could the time be better spent, but the resulting sense of achievement would have a rewarding and positive effect.

On a happier note, there is much to look forward to in Diseworth in coming weeks. Friday 11th May sees a return to Diseworth of the hilarious game of Call My Bluff, organised and co-ordinated by Rosemary Harris. Guests will be greeted with a glass of champagne, followed by a delicious supper which will also include some delightful desserts see page 10 for details. This year's "Scarecrow Festival and Open Gardens" weekend is only six weeks away! Last year's popular event saw an increase, not only in the number of scarecrows on display, but also their ingenious designs. As the weekend coincides with the judging of the 'Best Village' competition, it would be fantastic if this year's festival could break the 2006 record and add to our chances in the Care in the Community category of the contest.

As previously announced, there is a vacancy for the position of editor of the **Diseworth Dialogue**. After 6 years in the post, and 3 years before that as assistant editor, I feel it is time to hand over to someone who has fresh ideas and can take the magazine forward. The **Dialogue** first appeared in 1995 thanks to the inspiration of Carly Snee who wished to produce a magazine that would bring the whole community together and provide a source of local news and information. From these small beginnings grew a substantial and successful publication that has won two national awards. In 2000, the **Diseworth Dialogue** was awarded 1st prize in a competition run by Country Living magazine. As Carly said at the time, this accolade was 'the icing on the cake' and she had achieved what she had set out to do, 'to draw the village together'. The valuable experience that I gained from Carly was put into practice in 1998 when I became assistant editor, and again in 2001 when we exchanged roles and I became editor. Our success in another national competition last year marked a further milestone in the magazine's history and is a legacy of those early aspirations of our founding editor. Carly's husband Jim, who is our chairman, has written on page 18/19 giving a brief job description and a breakdown of just who does what! As he points out, we do need new blood, new ideas and above all, renewed energy. I am planning to relinquish my position at the end of June although I will hopefully continue to be a member of the **Dialogue** committee and give unfailing support to my successor.

Sue Brompton

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church



photograph Julia Silfioe

Dear Friends,

I write to you having just come in from my garden. I am what you would call a ‘fair weather’ gardener. I tend to venture outside only when it is dry, but this morning it was not the weather that motivated me, but it was the chance to meet some rather special new visitors. It all began a few weeks ago with a couple, who Barry and I would see on a regular basis, backwards and forwards looking for a suitable plot. Then over a period of time we secretly viewed an amazing home being built, it was beautifully constructed in the perfect place with excellent views over the garden. Although we couldn’t see inside this new home we knew something special was happening. Then a couple of days ago we heard chirping, but not two voices, but more. As not to intrude, we waited until today when, quietly, carefully, and respectfully we went to have a look, and what we saw was three new additions to the home, so we are now host to a feathered family of five!

Here in the garden I am once again in awe and inspired by the creativity of nature. The colours of the spring flowers are amazing and beautiful, which I have done almost nothing to contribute, as the previous owner of the house or my dad planted most of them. But most importantly that this place, without again, any contribution from me, was chosen to be a haven for new life! I cannot help but be reminded of the following,

“You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures.” *John 15: 16a*

I have been chosen! Not only by my feathered friends, but also by Christ – now that is inspiring, awesome, and certainly something to think about!

I have decided to give up being a ‘fair weather’ gardener, as I intend in future to seize every opportunity to appreciate nature and Christ, by taking the time to step outside my backdoor, come rain or shine to be inspired!

With much love,
Your sister in Christ,

Julie Ann

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

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Please note that Alison takes Friday as her day off.

For children and their parents and carers, if you enjoy being creative and having fun, why not come along to a NEW idea called,

"Messy Church"

We will get together for a Bible story, to sing a song,
and to have Fun and be Creative!

On

Sunday 27th May

From 4 - 5pm

@ St. Andrew's Church,

Kegworth



Call Alison 01530 223447 or Julie Ann
01530 414549 for more details

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Services & Locations for May 2007

	Time	Service	Location
May 3 rd	9.00am	School Assembly	Diseworth
May 6 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion Family Service	Belton Hathern, Kegworth & Osgathorpe
	6.15pm	All Age Worship BCP Evensong	LW C Centre Belton & Kegworth
May 13 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Belton & Kegworth
	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	10.30am	Family Service CW Holy Communion	Diseworth Hathern & Kegworth
	6.15pm	United Benefice Prayer & Peace BCP Evensong	Hathern Kegworth
May 17 th	7.30pm	CW Holy Communion for Ascension Day	Belton
May 20 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion & Baptism	Diseworth
	6.15pm	Family Service All Age Worship	Belton & Kegworth Hathern
		BCP Holy Communion BCP Evensong	Hathern Belton & Kegworth
May 23 rd	7.30pm	United Praise Evening	Long Whatton
May 27 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Long Whatton
	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
		Ecumenical Pentecost Praise	LW Methodist Church

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Lessons and Readers for May 2007

	Time	Reader	Sidesman
May 6 th Easter 5	First Reading: Acts 11.1-18 Second Reading: Revelation 21.1-6 Gospel: John 13.31-35		
May 13 th Easter 6	First Reading: Acts 16.9-15 Second Reading: Revelation 21.10,22-22.5 Gospel: John 14.23-29		
May 20 th Easter 7	First Reading: Acts 16.16-34 10.30am Second Reading: Revelation 22.12-14,16-17,20-21 Gospel: John 17.20-26	A Stone S Bird M Gidlow	G Stone
May 27 th Pentecost	First Reading: Acts 2.1-21 Second Reading: Romans 8.14-17 Gospel: John 14.8-17(25-27)		

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

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

Flowers and Church Brasses

	Flowers	Brasses
May 6 th /13 th	Mrs L Gaymer	Mrs E Mitchell
May 20 th /27 th	Mrs M Howe	Mrs D Blenkinsopp



News From The Pews

Other Benefice Services, Meetings and Social Events in May

May 1 st	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
May 3 rd	Wednesday	Hathern House Group 7.30pm
May 5 th	Saturday	Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
May 6 th	Sunday	Hathern Church Music Café 6.00-8.00pm
May 8 th	Tuesday	Belton House Group 7.30pm
May 11 th	Friday	Cottage Pie and Champagne Evening, Diseworth, 7.30pm
May 12 th	Saturday	Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
May 19 th	Saturday	Long Whatton Coffee Morning, Friendship Centre, 10am-12noon
May 23 rd	Wednesday	Benefice Praise Evening, Belton Church, 7.30pm
May 26 th	Saturday	Diseworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
May 28 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.

Alison's email address has changed and is now alisonprince@btinternet.com but she can still be reached by snail mail at the same address!

Coffee Mornings



The Coffee Mornings continue to be held in church on the fourth Saturday of each month from 10am-12noon – this month on 26th May. 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.

Alison would like to thank everybody for attending the recent round of APCM's and for everybody that willingly agreed to continue holding office in the various churches. Overall the electoral roll for the whole Benefice has gone down by 6% to 250

Cottage Pie and Champagne Evening with Call My Bluff

Friday, 11th May
Diseworth Village Hall
7.30pm

A Champagne Reception
followed by Cottage Pie and
Puddings

Tickets £10 from
Rosemary Harris
(810140) or PCC
members

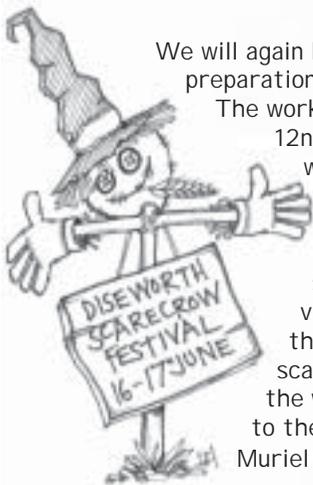


Please bring your
own wine

Raffle

News From The Pews

Scarecrow Workshop



We will again be having a Children's Scarecrow Workshop in preparation for the Scarecrow Festival on 16th/17th June. The workshop will be held in church between 10am and 12noon on Saturday, 9th June.. All children are welcome, and it would be very much appreciated if some parents could stay and help too! Please bring some old clothes to make your scarecrow. This year we would like to have a display of scarecrows in the church as well as all round the village, for example, ringing the bells, standing in the pulpit. If anyone is willing to help make scarecrows for the church, please come along to the workshop, or at some time during the week prior to the Scarecrow Festival weekend. Please ring Muriel Howe on 850338 if you can help.

The Fund Raising and Social Group will meet at Wartoft Grange on Tuesday, 15th May at 7.30pm to discuss future fund raising events. Everyone welcome.

Mystery Wedding

*A few months ago Alison was approached about a wedding in Diseworth on Saturday 23rd June in Diseworth Church. Since then the person has not come back to her with any details of the wedding. They were positive about getting married at Diseworth and took away forms to complete. Can anyone shed any light on this? Do **YOU** know who this mystery person could be?*

Appointment of Team Rector. The Parish Profile has been given to a candidate who is considering the post. The Archdeacon will be meeting with the candidate in April. Everyone will be kept informed.

Do join us for a
PRAISE EVENING
OF WORSHIP & LIVELY SONGS



From May the Praise Evening moves to Long Whatton Parish Church

Wednesday 23rd May at 7.30pm with Cheese & Wine to follow

As the Group is expanding they would like to invite more Singers and Musicians to join them on a rota basis

Please contact John Worsfold on 01509 842585 for more information

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

Bert Hennessey

Tuesday 10th April was just another day, until I learned that this was the day that Bert Hennessey had decided to take his leave from us.

Bert was born at a very early age and he took full advantage of the 84 years that were to be his for the taking. His was the generation to which us younger folk owe so much and who went through the agonies of war to give us what we have today. Like many of his age, he was modest about his wartime activities '*I chased Rommel across the desert on a motorbike*' was about as much as he'd give away. He did tell me that he'd met 'Monty' once though but that was about it.

Bert came away from the war with a grounding in radio and radar technology and this led him into a career in aviation as an avionics engineer. After a spell with BOAC Bert joined British Midland Airways (as it then was) where he worked all the way through to retirement with them – which was how he came to live in Diseworth all those years ago. Work took Bert to many far flung places, not least Africa and the Middle East. A keen and very accomplished photographer, he had a wonderful portfolio of photographs of the markets, the people and other subjects which he caught in his lens. He had a tremendous eye for observation, for detail, for the unusual 'angle' and for the contrasts of light and shade. Many were the occasions that I tried to persuade him to submit his photographs for publication but he was always too modest.

Another of Bert's interests was his Morris Minor, he was a familiar sight pottering around the local lanes in said machine. There's no doubt that he spent more time on his car than on his garden!

Bert was a keen CAMRA member. In fact he was chairman of the Diseworth branch of CAMRA (although he would observe, with his inimitable and irascible dry sense of humour, that he was the only Diseworth member!). Never more than a social drinker, Bert insisted on taking his beer only from a glass with a handle. He was a passionate aficionado of Youngs beer. The Youngs a.g.m. was always an excuse for another pilgrimage down to London where Bert was a regular visitor to the brewery. There he was well known to both the staff and (as a shareholder) the firms owners. So much so that one of their show Shire Horses 'Bertie' was named in his honour. Indeed Bert was nationally recognised as the only person to have visited every Youngs pub in the country – probably most of them in his Morris Minor, quite an achievement!

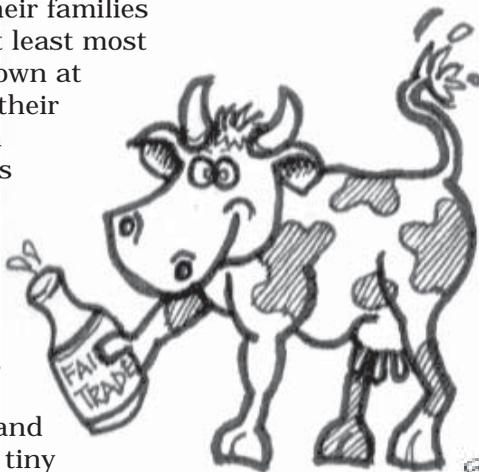
Bert was also keen to ensure the continuity of village life and he had been a member of WINGS from its foundation. He was for many years the 'membership secretary', a duty that he took seriously and enjoyed, although his aversion to computers meant that he was forever carting around reams of paper!

To Bert's family, especially Loraine, and to his many friends, we send our condolences. His was a life to be celebrated, not a death to be mourned.



FAIR TRADE FOR ALL

Fair trade products have been in the news and quite high profile nearer home as farmers struggle to find any profit margin in milk, beef, or cereals. I know the situation isn't comparable with farmers in the Third World who don't know if they will be able to feed their families next week. At least most farmers here own at least some of their land and even tenant farmers have been able to put some money aside for retirement, but the scales have been tipping more and more towards tiny profit or no profit at all.



Farmers mostly live well, food on the table, and the bills paid, but the key issue now is that profit margins have become so tight as to be mostly none existent. More hours must be worked for less return as staff are laid off or not replaced because the business just cannot afford it. Most British farmers work an average

of 12 hours a day 7 days a week, with few holidays.

A local farmer told me that while he was milking one evening, he calculated that his 120 cows were generating him a gross profit of £17.00 an hour.

That sounds quite reasonable until you take out the cost of the feed the cows were eating at £150 a tonne. The fertilizer to make the grass grow is similar money and other additional costs such as vets fees and diesel in the tractors are all expensive.

Any farmer going down this route of calculating his costs will be tempted to throw the calculator in the drawer or maybe in the bin because if he goes any further he will discover that he is working at a loss and for the love of farming and not for any profit at all.

In the dairy sector most milk producers are being exploited by the supermarkets, the average price being paid at the moment being about 17 pence a litre. Compare that to the price paid in the mid 1990's of 27 pence a litre. No wonder 3 dairy farms in the UK a week are going out of business. In fact British milk production is at its lowest for 12 years. Up to the mid 1980s, the Milk Marketing Board which was a farmer owned monopoly, negotiated with the milk buyers for a fair price to be paid to farmers. After it was broken up, the supermarkets started to force down the price, a trend that has continued ever since.

So if the consumer wishes to continue to buy British milk and dairy products, there is a need for the farmer to be treated much more fairly on their share of the retail price. The prospect of more and more milk coming in from abroad, and the disappearance of herds of cows from our rolling countryside seem a very sad prospect to me indeed.



Diseworth Wildlife

I've been throwing raisins outside my back door for a few years now, so that there is some fruit for the birds after they have eaten most of the berries in my garden. You'd be amazed at who comes to feed on them, the blackbirds, starlings of course, magpie, robins, sparrows, hedgehogs and the fox. I happened to see a young dog fox while the snow was here this year. We've got a light just above the back door. I switched it on this particular night and there he was – his colouring was magnificent against the backdrop of the snow.



Another visitor to my garden is Tom-Tom with his harem of four females (Tom – Tommy – Cooper – Fez Pheasant) He first appeared with another male pheasant and they were like two fighting cocks, flying up in the air towards one another, obviously fighting for their territory. Then came the chasing round the garden – they looked like two road runners and a bit like the ending of a Benny Hill sketch. Tom-Tom won and he now appears most days to feed on the dropped seed from the bird table, he's even brave enough to drink from the pond near the back of the house.

Les Brown



Neighbourhood Watch

Tips and Reminders

How to make your personal property more secure

It is important to make sure that your home has security locks, for these will deter the opportunist thief. Ground floor and upper windows easily accessible at the back are favourite points of entry for the burglar. Window locks make it extremely difficult for the thief to break in without making a lot of noise. Good door locks not only make it difficult to break in but may also prevent the thief escaping easily without notice. Also remember to use locks on garages, sheds, out buildings and gates.

Victoria Britton

**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.

I am extremely shocked to see the state of the village hall car park and the childrens playground AGAIN.

The playgroup's sheds have been vandalised and all of their toys have been strewn around the play area & playground. These have all been vandalised and will now leave playgroup without any outdoor toys for their children to play on. These toys AND the sheds were bought using money that was raised by parents and staff of the playgroup.

A few individuals of the local youth with no respect for anything that isn't theirs have destroyed someone elses property and will leave some very disappointed children when they go back next week.

Also the playground has once again been the victim to more vandalism. On my recent visit, I discovered the floor covered in broken bottles and lager cans. There was also an area covered in ash where a fire obviously had been. It was also covered in the remnants of broken toys from the playgroup shed where they have been selfishly broken.

What is happening to our village???

Name and address supplied



DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

If you have items for the JUNE 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 May**

Are you thinking of jetting off to find sun in the Balearics, or hopping across the channel for a spot of shopping? Do you need to purchase Euros? No need to order! Just pop down to Long Whatton Post Office where commission free Euros are now available on demand.



The Mobile Library visits Diseworth fortnightly - 4th and 18th May.

The Bowley 11.55 -12.15
Clements Gate 12.20 - 1.20
The contact number for the mobile library is 01530 835951.

THE PLOUGH INN, DISEWORTH
General Knowledge Quiz will be on the first Wednesday of every month. Half time snacks included. Many Prizes. £1 per person. Up to 4 per team



Wedding Congratulations

to Gerry Lloyd and Paul Riley who live in Orchard Close. They are getting hitched on May 19th. Their three year old son Robert will be pageboy on the day. We wish them every happiness for the future.

DISEWORTH & LONG WHATTON MILLENNIUM MEADOW
AGM



WEDNESDAY, MAY 16TH 2007 8.00PM



Small Committee Room, Diseworth Village Hall.

All Residents of Diseworth and LongWhatton are most welcome as all are considered to be members by virtue of residence and therefore eligible to vote.

EDITOR/EDITORIAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

The *Diseworth Dialogue* has now been running for 10 years. In that time we have had but two editors. Both have been responsible for bringing the magazine on to where it is today – recognised nationally as a ‘village’ magazine of genuine quality, both in content and in presentation.

Carly, our first editor was fortunate with the team who helped to shape the magazine and to be able to hand it over to Sue who has had the energy and inspiration to build on those foundations so successfully.

Sue, our present editor, is now looking to hand over the reins of further guiding and shaping the magazine for the future.

Behind the editor of the *Diseworth Dialogue* there sits a strong committee of committed villagers with much knowledge and experience and who are all more than willing and prepared to support whoever takes over from Sue Brompton.

The work of the magazine requires two ‘editorial’ meetings per month, normally of a couple of hours and one (evening) ‘collating and committee’ meeting, again of a couple of hours. We have a dedicated Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Advertising Officer. We have a ‘professional’ in Ruth Smith to undertake our layouts and publishing. Our printing is outsourced. We also have a team of deliverers. All this means that the work is split and no one person carries too heavy a burden – least of all the editor (who at least gets the kudos!).

We are looking for a new editor! Could it be you? Are you interested in creative publishing. Do you wish to contribute to, and even shape, village communication and village life.

Do not hold back if you’re attracted to the challenge. We need new blood, new ideas, renewed energy. Our editorial heritage may feel a big role to fill but both Sue and Carly are still active on the Committee and help, advice and guidance is on hand.

Please contact either Sue Brompton on 850592, email sue@brompton.fsnet.co.uk or Carly/Jim Snee on 812345, email carlysnee@hotmail.com if you’d like to discuss contributing to the editorial input to the magazine in any way.

“YOUR MAGAZINE NEEDS YOU!”

DISPATCHES

Welcome

to the yellow pages
Ian Freestone, Carpenter and Joiner
and Emma with her Circuit Training
classes

Welcome

to Diseworth ...
We welcome Alan, Sarah,
Laura and Emma to
Clements Gate



BLUE BAGS ARE BACK on May 21st

Due to popular demand I have organised another collection so get saving all of your old & unwanted clothes, shoes, bedding, linen, teddies, bags, hats etc etc etc. If anyone you know out of the village would like a bag just phone me and I can arrange for an extra bag(s) to be delivered to you. Black bags are also accepted.

We are nearly at our target and I'm hoping to raise as much from this collection as possible to boost the weight & our fund!! Remember the heavier the bags the better!!!! If you have any queries or would like extra bags, ring Anna on 01332 810014

Situation Wanted

Mature, qualified child care worker seeks a position as a nanny in the Diseworth area. Honest, reliable, car owner. Call Maddie on 07966 922541

For Sale

Brasted Upright Piano
Good condition.
Needs tuning. Would need to collect.
£100 ono for quick sale.
Telephone Isobel Crawford 850114



**Come and join us for a
TEA PARTY in aid of
The Blue Cross, at 7
Clements Gate on the
19th May.
11am - 3pm**



Oliver Darley has
outgrown his
trampoline.
14ft diameter.
Any reasonable
offer accepted.
01332 853622

DISEWORTH DIALOGUE AGM

Wednesday June 6th
8pm

Small Committee Room,
Diseworth Village Hall.

(Please use the kitchen door)

All welcome

CIRCUIT TRAINING

Tuesdays 6.30 to
7.30pm

Long Whatton
Friendship Centre
see yellow pages
for more details

*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*

HEALTH PAGE

NAIL PROBLEMS

Our nails can suffer from various problems, especially as we get older and can be an indicator of deficiencies or problems elsewhere in the body. Brittle nails can result from nail biting and having the hands in water for long periods. It can also indicate a deficiency of zinc and some or all of the B group vitamins.



To strengthen the nails cut down on all junk food such as fizzy drinks, white bread, cakes and pastries. Reduce stimulants such as caffeine, alcohol and sugar. Eat some protein everyday as keratin, the main substance of hair and nails is a protein. Eat oily fish twice a week and include iron rich foods such as lean meat, liver, molasses, poultry and cereals regularly. Nuts and seeds are packed with natural oils that can help to nourish the nails. Especially good are hazelnuts, Brazil nuts, walnuts plus sunflower, pumpkin and linseeds.

Fungal infections turn the nails white and cause them to thicken, indicating that the immune system is at a low ebb. The herbs Pau D'arco and cats claw can help reduce fungus in the body. Soaking the nails in either calendula solution or white distilled vinegar for 10 minutes a day can be helpful. Applying tea tree oil to the nails can eliminate the fungus if used regularly. A diet free from yeast may be helpful, and taking tissue salt combination L can reduce the problem.

Ridges running longitudinally on the nails may indicate a lack of stomach acid or other digestive problems. Iron deficiency can cause nail problems and white spots can also indicate a deficiency of calcium and magnesium. Zinc can be found in nuts, seafood and seeds. Iron rich foods include lean red meat, poultry, cockles, raisons, almonds, liver and cereals. Eating pineapple and papaya can aid the digestion. To keep the nails healthy, massage regularly with olive oil or evening primrose oil as these both speed the growth of nail tissue.

Liz Jarrom

RETIRED RESIDENTS
SPRING LUNCH



Thursday 10th May 2007

1pm

Village Hall

£2 per person

please book Nikki 853647



Charnwood Community Theatre

presents

QUIZ NIGHT

At Diseworth Village Hall

On Saturday, 12th May at 7.30pm

(For 8.00pm start)

£2 Per Person

(Maximum 4 people in a team)

Nibbles provided

Bring your own drink

All proceeds go towards Theatre funds

To reserve your teams place,

contact John Hurley on 01332 810130



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. The small gate is always open. Please ensure the catch is secured when you leave. *Pat Guy*

AGM

Also, please note that our AGM will be held in the small committee room at Diseworth Village Hall on the evening of Wednesday, May 16th. 2007, at 8.00pm. All residents of both villages are most welcome to attend, as all are considered to be members of the project by virtue of living here, and we are always seeking extra practical help with the various maintenance and planting tasks. There are vacancies on the Committee, and we would ask that anyone who would like to put themselves forward should get in touch with our Secretary, Rosie McConachie, on 01332 810059, as soon as possible.

SUNFLOWERS

If, when you read this, you have not yet received your sunflower seeds for this year's competition from school, please contact Pat Guy on 811119 AT ONCE.

April 28th PLANT SALE

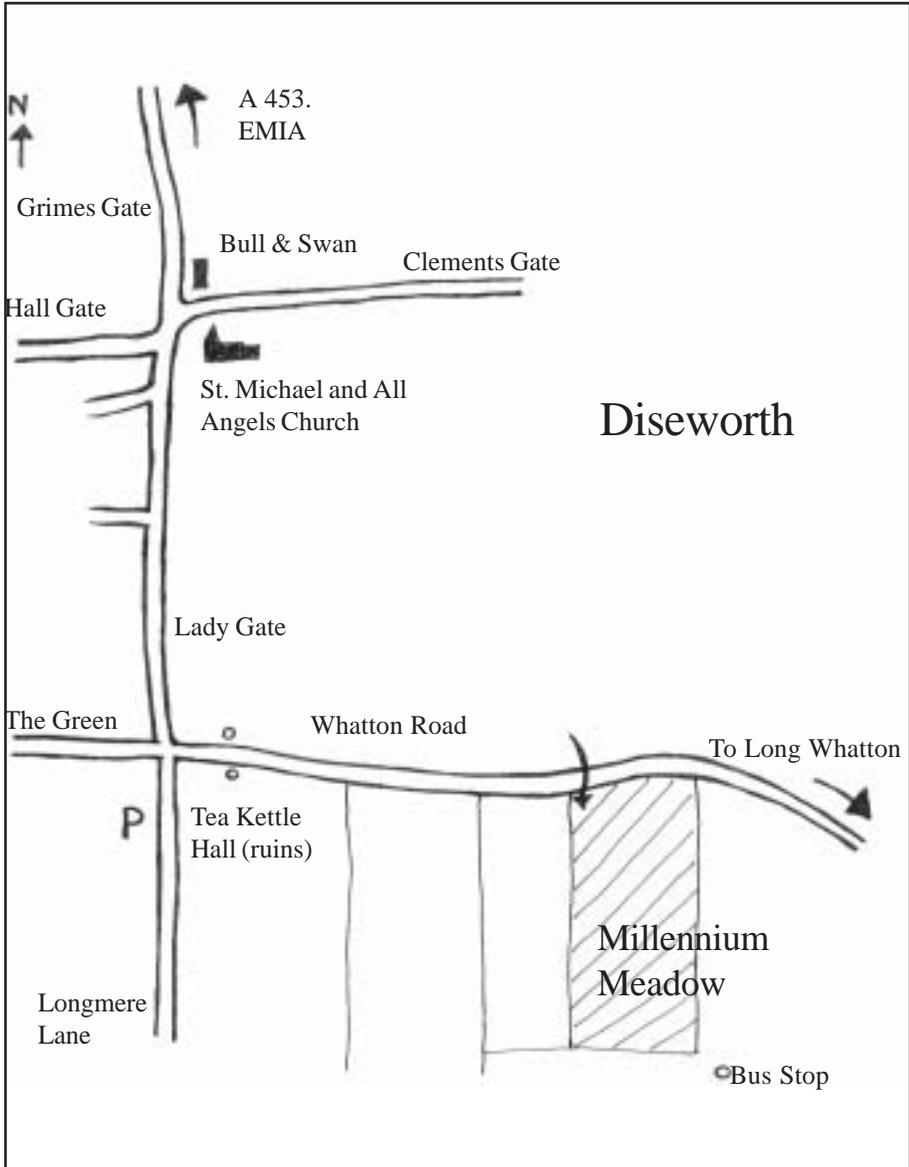
If you receive this *Dialogue* in time, please note that we shall be joined at the Village Hall by members of the Parish Church, who will hold their Fair Trade Coffee Morning, together with a Raffle, in the Village Hall, NOT in the Church, this month. Also, the Meadow will have a new stall at which we will sell Second-hand 'Garden Sundries' – ie. Books, on gardening and other topics, spare pots of all sizes, both ornamental and functional, garden implements etc. If anyone has anything they think would be suitable, which they no longer need, do please bring it along on the day, or contact Sandie Moores (tel. 812629) during the week before the sale.

'COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK'

in May is being celebrated with an offer of '3 for the price of 2' - organic, peat free compost being sold at £2.50 per 40 litre bag. Available at all LCC recycling sites. Nearest to Diseworth is on the Hathern/Shepshed road.

MAP

Last Month we noted that the Parish Plan Survey showed that a number of people in both villages are still uncertain as to the location of the Diseworth & Long Whatton Millennium Meadow. As promised then, here is a location map of the Millennium Meadow.



WOMEN'S GROUP

Our meeting night fell on Easter Monday and was duly postponed until Monday 23rd April which naturally came too late to report on in the Dialogue. This left a golden opportunity to mention the summer programme.

Monday 21st May – later in the month again, a delightful garden visit to 'Brinkfields' at Seagrave. I saw this garden last year and it is an absolute gem. You should come along too! Meet outside the Village Hall, with some cars please, to leave at 6.30pm prompt.

Tuesday 12th June – yes Tuesday! Mr Straw's house at Worksop. An evening at the National Trust property arranged especially for our group, limited to 24 people. Members have the first option to book a place.

July – A social gathering in the village and **August** will be the annual barbeque

And there is more in the pipeline.
Phone me if you would like to be included in the Seagrave garden trip.

Sheila Dakin 810858



DISEWORTH BOOK WORMS

On 20th March we had a lively discussion about Douglas Kennedy's book *State of the Union*. Reception for the novel was mixed, but most who managed to complete the book enjoyed it. However, there were a few dissenters who disliked it intensely, and because of the style of writing were convinced that the author was a female!

Book Worms held its bi-monthly DVD meeting on 10th April, and viewed the Johnny Cash story entitled *Walk the Line*. This was a very poignant true story of a boy who was held responsible by his Father for his brother's death. All through his life he tried to gain his parents approval, and overcome the guilt of his early life. He went on to be a famous country and blues singer, but along the way became involved in the usual temptations of drink and drugs. Eventually he did find personal happiness and true success.

The next Book Worms film presentation will be 'The Queen' starring Helen Mirren. This viewing is scheduled for 12th June at Sandie's.

The next book review of Gordon Ramsay's autobiography 'Humble Pie' will be held on **8th May at Nikki Henings** **Not as previously advertised, at Sandie's.**

St Michael & All Angels Parish Church

SCARECROW FESTIVAL AND OPEN GARDENS



Saturday 16th and Sunday
17th June 2007
11am – 5pm

Lunches - Cream Teas -
Raffle - Stalls

Let us see how many
scarecrows we can display all
round the village, and try to
beat last year's record.
We have also been asked if the
scarecrows could remain on

display on the Monday, 18th June, when judging will take place
in the 'Building Community Life' category in the Best Village
Competition.

Would you be willing to open your garden during the weekend?
Large or small – it does not matter, but it is always nice to have
some new gardens for people to wander around.

We would also be grateful with help to make scarecrows to keep
inside the church. Please come along to the Children's Workshop
on 9th June or at any other convenient time.

If you can help at all towards the success of the weekend
please contact:

David or Sue Bird 810381
Muriel Howe 850338
or any PCC member

Long Whatton Art Group Exhibition

*Saturday 9th June 2007
10 am – 4 pm*

Long Whatton Community Centre

Children's Painting Competition

Tombola

Refreshments

Admission Free



LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL



Notes from the Parish Council Chair

Our sponsored Theatre Production by Mikron in Long Whatton will have been and gone by the time you read this – if you came, I hope you enjoyed it. The exhibition at Charnwood Museum in Loughborough about the Lacemakers and John Heathcoat continues through May and June and should be well worth a visit.



The Speedwatch bid will be submitted when you read this – 200 signatures of support thanks to various outlets, particularly Pam at the Long Whatton Post Office, and six volunteers to train as speed gun operators (we could do with a few more please). It won't happen straight away, but it will happen.

Sadly our temporary Clerk, Lindsay Swinfield, has got herself a new and bigger job as clerk in Quorn, so we are currently advertising for a replacement. In under a year she got to know us and the villages well, and did her job with quiet efficiency. We will miss her and wish her well in Quorn.

We also miss Nev Cheetham, her predecessor, who as most of you know has been extremely ill, and though his recovery in general has been remarkable, he has been unable to recover his voice, and struggles with his voice box. We all hope improvement continues, and to mark his retirement the Parish Councillors are giving him a brief and informal send-off with a small presentation, in the Bull and Swan at noon on Saturday 12 May. Anyone who wants to join us to wish him (and his wife Cally) well would be very welcome.

The Parish Council has again entered Diseworth for the Best Village Competition. Judging will be in the third week in June (just after Open Gardens and the Scarecrow Festival, so the village should look pretty impressive). More next month.

Martin Hening

DISEWORTH HERITAGE TRUST



Apologies to those who bought tickets for the beer tasting, which unfortunately had to be cancelled. We think we've refunded all purchasers whose names were known – if you haven't got your money back, let me know and I'll sort it.

31 May is the date when Heritage Lottery confirm our major grant (or turn it down, which can't even be thought about). Our latest sponsor is the Shepshed Building Society, who are going to furnish and fit out the Village Office in the Heritage Centre – a lovely generous offer. They also offer ongoing support: anyone with a savings account can nominate the Trust as their chosen charity, and each year the Shepshed will donate 0.5% of the total average balances. This may not sound much, but even before any publicity, we are going to get £250 a year – every year. So anyone with a Shepshed savings account (of any kind) – please consider nominating the Trust. There is no cost whatsoever to you, and details are totally confidential. All you have to do is write a letter. Please tell Meg Galley, our secretary, (01332 814454) if you are going to do it; we only want your name.

And if you are thinking of opening a new savings account – perhaps a mini-cash ISA – do please consider the Shepshed, who offer very good rates of interest, and if you do, don't forget to nominate the Trust.

Martin Hening

Are You Up for A Challenge?



This year the Kegworth and Hathern Team are joining forces with St Botolph's Shepshed to offer youngsters a chance to participate in outdoor activities.

Shepshed runs a Teamwork Club, which provides exciting and adventurous learning experiences in the outdoors, team coaching and life coaching for all young people (age 8-17). People from our Benefice have been invited to join in, with a view to running our own Club next year.

The Club focuses on the skills of good teams and team players and how they relate to Christian values and the life of Jesus. There will be a mixture of indoor instruction and coaching together with challenging outdoor pursuits.

On specific Saturdays (see below) it will run an outdoor adventure programme. In the morning members will be taken to Quorn Hall for archery/canoeing/climbing and raft building returning to Shepshed midday. Likewise for orienteering at Asfordby. The Grand Challenge at Rutland Water is an all day event in September.

Membership of Shepshed Teamwork Club is free. Each Saturday outdoor pursuit event will cost £3 - £5 per session, to be paid in advance when booking. The Grand Challenge costs £5. But don't let cost deter you.

For details contact Rev Alison Prince 01530 223447

We won't get fooled again!

There's a track on a Who album where they sing We Won't Get Fooled Again. It doesn't apply to the two Sues, and, as promised in last month's dialogue, this is the tale of how they did get fooled again!



It started out as two of us visiting our daughters who live in the North, but very quickly got hijacked by people who wanted to go wedding outfit shopping at an exclusive shop in Helmsley.

Suddenly there was eight of us going, which meant we couldn't use daughters' spare rooms, settees etc. Accommodation had to be found, which it was, in the form of two log cabins next door to each other (complete with hot tubs on the deck), which happened to be about mid-way between the two said daughters, who we then invited to join us.

This was the weekend where we agents were exposed to the magic knickers, which *Dialogue* readers might remember from the **Mother Of the Bride** article some time ago.

So, the weekend was always going to be eventful and the alarm bells had already begun to ring. Would this be the occasion when the two Sues tried to retaliate for the Centre Parcs escapade? We had better think of something as a counter-attack. We need not have worried!

We came up with a lottery scam. On any weekends away, we always have lucky dips in the Lottery for the equivalent number of people who are there. So I duly went out and bought ten lucky dips for the Saturday night. The scam was that we would tell the two Sues that we had won. Not the jackpot, that would be too cruel, but that we had got five numbers. The way we would do it was that I would pretend to send a text message to get the Lottery Results sent to my phone, when in fact daughter number two had been primed to send me the right numbers.

The day was going really well. The wedding outfit buyers had a very successful day, including the two Sues who actually managed to get a bargain as well. We had a nice walk in the countryside and then retired back to the log cabins for hot tubs, BBQ and of course copious amounts of wine. The two daughters joined us and the evening was hotting up. There was some feeble attempt by the two Sues to get us back but we were ready for them and it failed miserably!

Needless to say, everyone else was in on the scam, apart from the Sues. I pretended to suddenly “remember” the Lottery. I sent a text to daughter number two who text straight back with the “right” numbers. I asked someone to check I was not seeing things and the Lottery ticket and phone were snatched out of my hands by the two Sues and taken away for inspection. There was much checking and re-checking. How we all kept our faces straight I don’t know, but they were so absorbed by what they were doing they probably wouldn’t have noticed the odd grin being stifled.

Eventually there were cries of ‘YES!’, we had definitely got five numbers. The funniest thing was that one Sue (and she knows which one) had not paid me her pound so she hurdled the furniture and nearly knocked me over trying to get out to go next door to fetch it.

The next thing to do was to see how much we had won, which meant putting it on the TV. Would they check the numbers? No, all they were interested in was how much five numbers had won. It turned out to be about £2300 so £230 each. They were ecstatic! You would have thought we’d won the jackpot.

The celebrations began in earnest. How would we break the news that it was all a scam? How would they react? Things started to get out of hand when one of them started phoning all her family to tell them the good news. We decided this was the time to come clean. Their disappointment was soon replaced with laughter and I think a little admiration for the way we had got them once again.

Sue Foolers are afraid, very afraid...

Baby Talk :

What Children Say About Love & Marriage

How do you decide who to marry?

- You've got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports and she should keep the chips and dip coming. Alan, 10
- No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. Kristen 10

What is the right age to get married?

- Twenty three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then. Camille 10
- No age is good to get married at. You've got to be a fool to get married. Freddie 6

How can a stranger tell if two people are married?

- You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. Derrick 8

What do your mum and dad have in common?

- Both don't want any more kids. Lon 8

What do most people do on a date?

- Dates are for having fun and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough. Lynette 8
- On the first date they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go on a second date. Martin 10

What would you do on a first date that was turning sour?

- I'd run home and play dead. The next day I would call all the newspapers and make sure they wrote about me in all the dead columns. Craig 9

When is it OK to kiss someone?

- When they're rich. Pam 7
- The rule goes like this: if you kiss someone then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do. Howard 8

Is it better to be single or married?

- I don't know which is better, but I'll tell you one thing, I'm never going to sleep with my wife. I don't want to be all grossed out. Theodore 8
- It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them. Anita 9

How would you make a marriage work?

- Tell your wife she looks pretty, even if she looks like a truck. Ricky 10

LONG WHATTON SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Would you like to learn how to play short mat bowls?

Would you like to be part of a friendly and sociable club?



Long Whatton Short Mat Bowls Club
are running get to know short mat bowls nights
throughout May.

There will be club members to give tuition on
Bowling.

The club meets on Wednesday & Friday nights
at Long Whatton Community Centre
from 7.00 pm till 9.30 pm.

For people to take part in bowls
the cost per person per night is £1.50
including tea or coffee

All we ask is that you wear flat shoes or slippers.
We have all other equipment that you will need.

East Midlands Airport are proud to support



a wide range of local initiatives that offer the opportunity for the whole community to get involved. Listed below are just a few events that the Airport is supporting and would like to share with you.

East Midlands International Cicle Classic

Rutland-Melton 100 miles cycle road race –

Sunday 29th April 2007

Start at 11am, Market Square, Oakham / **Finish** 3 pm Sherrad St, Melton

In just three years the race has gone from a domestic race within the Premier Calendar of British Cycling events, to international status. The race is not just about the competitors, it is about a great day for spectators.

On **Sunday 20th May 2007** you have the chance of sampling the unique flavour and atmosphere of the CiCLE Classic by taking part in an entirely new event catering for riders of all abilities. Starting and finishing in Melton, at a venue providing ample car parking facilities, the CiCLE Challenge will offer distances from 30 kms.for novices and families looking to reintroduce themselves to cycling as a leisure activity; through an intermediate of 100 kms and a full scale 180 kms.ride.

For more information go to www.cicleclassic.co.uk

Draycott Festival Art and Gardens, Derbyshire

Sun 28 May and Mon 29 May

12 noon to 5 pm both days

Adults £2 accompanied children free

Tickets available on the day or in advance from

The Beetroot Tree, South Street, Draycott tel:01332 873 929

Over 15 venues including homes, community spaces and gardens will be open, housing a diverse mix of local artists, designers and craft groups.

Guest artists and performers will provide a lively weekend.

Thrumpton Flower Festival, Nottinghamshire

Saturday 10 June 12 noon to 5 pm

Sunday 11 June 1 pm to 5 pm

The flower festival will be held in Thrumptons 14th Century church of All Saints. In addition to the church flower displays, a number of village gardens are open during the week-end and on Saturday afternoon stalls, strawberry teas and live music are also on the menu.

We always welcome feedback and suggestions from our community. Please email them to community@eastmidlandsairport.com or write to us; Community Relations, Building 34, East Midlands Airport, Castle Donington, Derby, DE74 2SA

Directory of Useful Numbers

BBC East Midlands	0115 955 0500 www.bbc.co.uk/england/eastmidlandstoday/
BBC Radio Derby	01332 361111
British Gas - Service	0645 605040
Gas Escape Emergency	0800 111999
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:

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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 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

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

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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.