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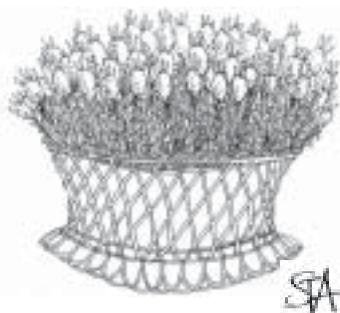
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Diseworth Diary

JULY

Saturday	5 th	Long Whatton Cricket Club JAZZ NIGHT.
Monday	7 th	Discussion Group. Venue 10 Lady Gate. 2pm. "Fantasy Job".
Saturday	12 th	Farmers' Market. 9am – 12.30pm. St Edward's Primary School. Castle Donington.
Sunday	13 th	Litter Pick, Diseworth.
Tuesday	15 th	Bookworms. DVD "The Last Emperor ". 10 Lady Gate. 2pm.
Wed	30 th	Medieval Madness. 2pm – 4pm. Donington Le Heath Manor House. (School holiday activity. Meet Knights and Ladies. Crafts and games. 4+, 01530 831259)

AUGUST

Saturday	9 th	Farmer's Market. 9am – 12.30pm. St Edward's Primary School. Castle Donington.
Monday	11 th	Womens Group BBQ. 14 Lady Gate. 6.30pm.
Monday	11 th -	
Saturday	16 th	D. Arts Summer Project, diseworth Village Hall
Saturday	16 th	Pimms and Summer Puddings, Diseworth Church
Saturday	16 th	Long Whatton Cricket Club. CARIBBEAN NIGHT.
Sunday	17 th –	
Wed	20 th	Egyptian Leicestershire. Market Place. Loughborough. 10am – 4.30pm. (01509 634696)
Monday	25 th	The National Forest Wood Fair. Beacon Hill Country Park. Leics. 10am – 5pm.
Thursday	28 th	<i>Dialogue</i> Collating and Committee Meeting, 8pm, 12a Clements Gate

SEPTEMBER

Friday	5 th	Sunflower Measuring. 2pm onwards.
Saturday	13 th	Farmer's Market. 9am – 12.30pm. St Edward's Primary School. Castle Donington.
Saturday	13 th	Diseworth Open Flower Show
Sat/Sun	21 st / 22 nd	Diseworth Working Weekend and Ploughing Match
Saturday	28 th	Long Whatton Cricket Club. BARN DANCE.

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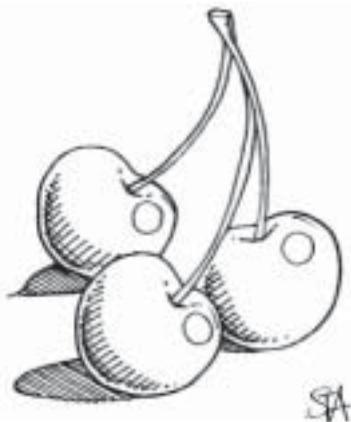
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As the temperatures rise, so do the number of burglaries at homes where windows and doors have been left open or unlocked.

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LEICESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY ON 0116 222 2222

Welcome

to the special summer issue of the Diseworth Dialogue.



Firstly, I would like to congratulate all who helped make the Scarecrow Festival & Open Gardens Weekend such a fabulous event. On the whole the weather was kind to us and people worked tirelessly; opening their gardens to the public, providing delicious lunches and cream teas, manning the stalls in church and of course creating the wonderful scarecrows that adorned the village. There were so many scarecrows that unfortunately we couldn't print photos of them all, but you will find a selection of colour photographs on the centre pages of the magazine. Thanks to Barry Smith and Paul Taylor for taking such great photos.

Congratulations as well to Bill and Jayne, whose beautiful wedding photos can also be seen in this magazine. There is nothing quite like a country wedding and I thank Bill and Jayne for sharing their special day with us by way of a lovely write up.

The children will soon be breaking up for the summer holidays and if you are a parent, you will be interested to hear that the "Chorus Theatre" company are returning to Diseworth this summer to put on another 'Play in a week' for children aged between 7 and 14. It starts on the 11th of August and culminates in a performance on Saturday the 16th of August. More details can be found on page 29.

The Pimms and Puddings Evening at church will also make a deliciously welcome return on the 16th of August. My mouth is watering at the very thought!

The Diseworth Flower Show will soon be upon us, so keep watering those sunflowers, unless like mine they have already been eaten by the slugs. (Welcome back to the snail hunter, by the way!) A full schedule of the Flower Show should be inside this issue.

One other event that I would like to bring to your attention is the Litter Pick on the 13th of July. It would be great to see a full turn out, adults and children alike. The Litter Pick is only for one hour and bags will be provided. You only have to see the aftermath of the Download Festival to realise how important this event is. For more details please see the notices around the village.

Finally, it just remains for me to wish you all a fantastic summer. I just hope the weather is better than last year. There are only so many games of Connect 4 and Snakes and Ladders a woman can take!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Peggy Taylor'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church



photograph Julia Sillitoe

Dear Friends,

I, Julie Ann send greetings to the churches in Belton, Diseworth, Hathern, Kegworth, Long Whatton and Osgathorpe. I greet you with the great words, grace and peace!

This is the type of opening you find in St. Paul's letters in the Bible. It was at that time traditional to write in this way. Many of St. Paul's letters were written to church communities that he had visited, and my letter is no different. As some of you already know I am to leave this community, the Kegworth and Hathern Team Ministry in early July, so this is a letter of thanks to all those people I have had the privilege to spend time with over the last two years.

When I came I was newly ordained and very scared about the journey ahead, but journeys are always much more fun when you travel with those you love. What an amazing and joyful journey this has been, as I have had the opportunity to 'walk' alongside some wonderful people. You have melted my heart with your hospitality, your grace and your love.

Although it's now the right time for me to take to the road for the next exciting stage in my ministry journey, I go, knowing that I take your love with me. Every day I have given thanks to God for all of you, and I will continue to pray that all the goodness and love that you have shown to me, and to Barry, you will continue to show to those you meet on your walk with God. Remember these things,

- Remember to 'shine like stars', to smile, to stay strong and to support one another.
- Importantly remember that God loves you so much, and that God needs you to reflect His love in the world, as only you can.
- And finally, remember that no matter what happens, or where we are in this world we are joined together by the love of Christ.

You have all been so amazing! – Thank you so much for taking care of me.

Love & blessings

Julie Ann

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

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Please note that Alison takes Friday as her day off.

St. Michael & All Angels Parish Church

Celebration? Thank You?

In Memory of a Loved One?

Our Holy Communion Chalice has been damaged and it will cost around £200 to repair. We have made enquiries and the price for a new chalice of similar design will be in the region of £150 - £185.

Donations would be most welcome – to celebrate a birth; a birthday; an anniversary or in memory of a loved one, (as were made for the new stand and light at the church gate). My Mum will be 103 on 25th July and what better way for me to celebrate this wonderful occasion than to start the donations.

If you would like to make a contribution towards the cost of a new chalice please contact Muriel Howe, 16, The Bowley Diseworth, Derby. DE74 2QL
Tel 01332 850338 Thank you

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Services & Locations for July 2008

	Time	Service	Location
July 3 rd	9.00am	School Assembly	Diseworth
July 6 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Diseworth , Belton,
		Family Service	Hathern & Kegworth
		All Age Worship	Long Whatton C. Centre
July 13 th	4.00pm	CW Morning Prayer	Osgathorpe
		Messy Church	Long Whatton
	6.15pm	Farewell Service for Julie-Ann	Kegworth
		BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth & Belton
July 20 th	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	10.30am	Family Service	Diseworth
		CW Holy Communion	Long Whatton, Hathern & Kegworth
	7.30pm	Benefice Praise Service	Kegworth
July 23 rd	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Diseworth & Osgathorpe
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Belton & Long Whatton
		Family Service	Kegworth
	4.00pm	Messy Church	Osgathorpe
	6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern
July 23 rd	7.30pm	Benefice Praise Evening	Hathern
July 27 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Diseworth & Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
		CW Morning Prayer	Osgathorpe
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Hathern, Belton & Kegworth

Week Day Services

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

Bell Ringing at Diseworth Mondays 8pm

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Lessons and Readers for July 2008

		Time	Reader	Sidesman
July 6 th Trinity 7	First Reading: Zechariah 9.9-12 Second Reading: Romans 7.15-25a Gospel: Matthew 11.16-19,25-30	10.30am	T Walker S Brompton M Gidlow	M Howe
July 13 th Trinity 8	First Reading: Isaiah 55.10-13 Second Reading: Romans 8.1-11 Gospel: Matthew 13.1-9,18-23			
July 20 th Trinity 9	First Reading: Isaiah 44.6-8 Second Reading: Romans 8.12-25 Gospel: Matthew 13.24-30,36-43	9.00am	D Blenkinsopp A Stone S Bird	D Cherry
July 27 th Trinity 10	First Reading: 1 Kings 3.5-12 Second Reading: Romans 8.26-39 Gospel: Matthew 13.31-33,44-52	8.00am		M Cowley

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

Other Benefice Services, Meetings and Social Events in July 2008

July 1 st	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
July 5 th	Saturday	Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
July 6 th	Sunday	Hathern Church Music Café 6.00pm-8pm
July 5 th /6 th	Sat/Sun	Hathern Village Open Gardens
July 8 th	Tuesday	Belton House Group 7.30pm
July 9 th	Wednesday	Deanery Synod, Emmanuel, Loughborough
July 12 th	Saturday	Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
July 15 th	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
July 19 th	Saturday	Long Whatton Friendship Centre Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
July 23th	Wednesday	Benefice Praise Evening, Hathern 7.30pm
July 26th	Saturday	Diseworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
July 26 th	Saturday	Osgathorpe Church Village Ceili
July 28 th	Monday	Benefice Bible Study, Hathern 7.30pm

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

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August 3 rd	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
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		All Age Worship	Long Whatton C. Centre
	4.00pm	CW Morning Prayer	Osgathorpe
		Messy Church	Long Whatton
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton & Kegworth
August 10 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth & Belton
	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	10.30am	Family Service	Diseworth
		CW Holy Communion	Long Whatton, Hathern & Kegworth
	7.00pm	Lammas Service	Belton
August 17 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Diseworth & Osgathorpe
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Belton & Long Whatton
		Family Service	Kegworth
	4.00pm	Messy Church	Osgathorpe
	6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern
		BCP Evensong	Belton & Kegworth
August 24 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Diseworth & Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
		CW Morning Prayer	Osgathorpe
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Hathern, Belton & Kegworth
August 27 th	7.30pm	Benefice Praise Evening	Long Whatton
August 31 st	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	L. Whatton & Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion	Diseworth
		BCP Evensong	Belton, Kegworth & Osgathorpe

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August 3 rd Trinity 11	First Reading: Isaiah 55.1-5 Second Reading: Romans 9.1-5 Gospel: Matthew 14.13-21	10.30am	D Cherry R Harris M Howe	G Stone
August 10 th Trinity 12	First Reading: 1 Kings 19.9-18 Second Reading: Romans 10.5-15 Gospel: Matthew 14.22-33			
August 17 th Trinity 13	First Reading: Isaiah 56.1,6-8 Second Reading: Romans 11.1-2a,29-32 Gospel: Matthew 15.21-28	9.00am	A Stone D Blenkinsopp T Walker	M Howe
August 24 th Trinity 14	First Reading: Isaiah 51.1-6 Second Reading: Romans 12.1-8 Gospel: Matthew 16.13-20	8.00am	 S Bird D Griffin	T Griffin
August 31 st Trinity 15	First Reading: Jeremiah 15.145-21 Second Reading: Romans 12.9-21 Gospel: Matthew 16.21-28	6.15pm	 M Gidlow R Edwards	F Hill

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August 2 nd	Saturday	Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
August 3 rd	Sunday	Hathern Church Music Café 6.00-8.00pm
August 5 th	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
August 9 th	Saturday	Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
August 12 th	Tuesday	Belton House Group 7.30pm
August 16 th	Saturday	Long Whatton Friendship Centre Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
August 19 th	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
August 23rd	Saturday	Diseworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
August 23 rd /24 th /25 th		Belton Church Flower Festival
August 25 th	Monday	Benefice Bible Study , 33 Green Hill, Hathern 7.30pm
August 30 th	Saturday	Benefice Social 6.30pm

News from the Pews

Flowers and Church Brasses

	Flowers	Brasses
July 6 th	Mrs A Brookes	Mrs D Blenkinsopp
July 13 th /20 th	Mrs S Bird	Mrs M Linthwaite
July 27 th /August 3 rd	Mrs P Cotton	Mrs D Griffin
August 10 th /17 th	Mrs S Dakin	Mrs N Cowley
August 24 th /31 st	Mrs L Gaymer	Mrs E Mitchell



Saturday
July 26th
August 23rd
Diseworth
Church Coffee
Morning
10am-12noon

Notes from the Belton Rectory

Julie Ann moves on.

It was announced recently that Revd Julie Ann Heath will be leaving this Benefice on 6th July. We will be saying our farewells to her at the service in Kegworth at 6.15pm. Please come and join us in showing our appreciation.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Julie Ann for all her hard work and inspiration in the Benefice. She has encouraged the laity especially in her leadership of Messy Church and her work with the family team at Kegworth. We have all enjoyed her input into special services and the Praise Evenings. I am sure that she will have much to offer in her new post. Thinking of Julie Ann's contribution reminds us of all that Barry has done in supporting her in her role here. Thank you, Barry, for all your organisational and catering skills and the special touches you have brought to our social events.

Inaugural Meeting of the Northern Lights Mission Partnership

There will be a special celebration of the start of the Northern Lights Mission Partnership during our joint weekend way. This will take place on Saturday 26th July at Swanwick (the venue of the weekend away). For those who are not attending the whole weekend, there will be a coach leaving around 11.30am at a cost of £7.50 per person. Lunch will be laid on, with games and fellowship in the afternoon, before the formal inaugural celebration. The coach will return in the late afternoon.

Christian Discipleship Course

A new discipleship course will be starting in September. Marion Young, David Fairbrother and Russell Ward are already participating in this. The course is for everyone wishing to deepen their faith, ask questions and link that faith to daily life. It is an opportunity to explore with others faith in an informal and relaxed atmosphere. More details in church or from Alison Prince.

Diseworth Parish Church

PIMMS & SUMMER PUDDINGS

- AGAIN!



*Saturday 16th August
7.30pm in the church*

Tickets £10 available from PCC members

Diseworth Working Weekend & Ploughing Match

As reported in the June issue of the magazine, The Kegworth Vintage Agricultural Club and the Ford & Fordson Association are holding their third charity fundraiser for the Air ambulance and local charities at Woodhouse Farm, Diseworth on 21st/22nd September. Last year the two clubs gave away £7,600 – nearly double the amount from the first year, with large numbers of the public attending.



On both days there will be large displays of vintage & new tractors as well as implements vehicles etc. There will also be trade stands of all types, marquees to include local farm products, crafts, hardware etc both inside and outside of the marquees (all stands and marquees are on grass). Other attractions include a hog roast, bar raffles, tombola etc. Saturday's show will include a large public auction of farming & miscellaneous items; on Sunday the Ploughing Match will begin at 10.am.

Admission: Saturday £3. Sunday £5. All proceeds to the above charities.

Please come and join us.

Further details in the September issue of the *Dialogue*

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

Birthday Congratulations

Catherine Annie Fletcher



**Catherine Annie
Fletcher
July 25th
103 Years Young**

**Love and Happy
Birthday Wishes to
Mum Fletcher
From all your Family
and Friends**

Mum is very happy and comfortable at the Willows Nursing Home in Shepshed. She goes on the outings and enjoyed a

trip on the canal, a visit to a nursery and out for her lunch. And she is still knitting scarves for the elderly.

Bless her. She's lovely.

Diseworth Millennium Meadow

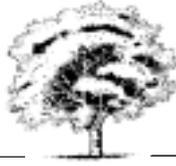


The Millennium Meadow is available for use by all inhabitants of Diseworth and Long Whatton at any time. It is the perfect place for a quiet stroll, especially in an evening or very early in the morning. There are lots of insects of all kinds to be seen, and still plenty of birds about, although they are quieter at this time of year.

If you plan to have a picnic there, please do. Just let us know in advance if a large gathering is planned. 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.

COUNTRY MATTERS



by Liz Jarrom

SUCKLER FAMILIES IN THE FIELD

Since the spring, a small group of suckler cows and their calves have been living in the home field behind the farm. There are eleven calves in all, in a variety of sizes and colours from black through to a very pretty cream one with lovely speckled markings. There are eleven cows in all and a South Devon bull. They live very happily as a group, moving around the field together, sometimes spread out grazing, but often lying together chewing the cud or just resting.

Sometimes the calves all go off together to explore another part of the field without their mothers.

They mostly just wander about sniffing anything and everything as they have a natural curiosity, but occasionally they all run about, tails in the air, frolicking in the long grass. They don't stay away from the rest of the group for long, in fact often the mothers call them and they return like children coming home from the playground for their tea. They look for their mothers and have a good suckle, tails thrashing while they drink.

Some of the older calves are very crafty. Once they have drunk all of their own mothers' milk, they move on to see if they can get some extra

milk out off the cows that have younger calves. Some cows will happily allow other calves from the group to suckle, but others won't. The stronger calves wait until the cow's own baby is having a drink, then sneak up behind the cow and suckle the back teats. If they are spotted the cow will spin



Cow and Calf at the Jarrom's farm

round and push them away with her head, but that doesn't stop them from trying next time.

As I walk in the field every morning, it is my job to keep an eye on them all and count the calves regularly, this is known as shepherding. It can be tricky sometimes to get a good view of them all, especially if any of the calves are lying down in the grass or all crowded up in a group together. I don't deliberately walk through them as I try to avoid

disturbing them, so instead I skirt round them until I can see all the calves are present and correct.

I get a lot of pleasure from seeing this group of cattle in the field; it is such a natural way for cattle to live. The calves suckle when they want to and can graze on the fresh grass along with their mothers. With more cows and their calves due to go into the field during the summer, I will have to allow a little more time in the mornings to do my shepherding.

Diseworth Wildlife



The birds are eating us out of house and home with the arrival of the fledglings. Wild birdseed has gone up in price astronomically and peanuts are not far behind. For cheaper bird food I go to Poundland where you get 8 fat balls, 800gm Sunflower seed or 800 gm wild bird seed (the two latter items are Bill Oddies' no less) each for the princely sum of – wait for it - £1. Last year I bought some new feeders made out of plastic but Squidgey the squirrel has chewed thro' them all – so it's back to the good old wire ones.

I haven't see Tom-Tom the pheasant recently, but he can be heard in the field behind us quite regularly. A female pheasant comes almost daily and hovers up the dropped seed from the bird table. A Great Spotted Wood Pecker arrived recently so I'm looking forward to seeing him this summer. With all this activity in the garden I can't see much housework getting done – still as Brian my husband says – it don't mean a hill o' beans.

Les Brown

THE SNAILHUNTER



Well the hordes are back for their summer vacation – they don't seem to have any travel problems like us humans – oh for a few strikes and delays.

Donington Co-op are doing a roaring trade in melons, as you've probably heard, and also kiwi fruit – the skins seem to be acceptable to slugs and snails alike. I've always thought that slugs weren't as stupid as they look. It seems they're hitching a lift thro' the cat flap on the fur of my Persian cat, Amber.

Ah well – here we go a Snail Hunting...

Alias Les Brown

P.S. I can't tell you how much I enjoyed the article 'Food Glorious Food' in the June issue – I chuckled all the way through.

Well I Never!



The Bee's Knees

Reading in the June issue of the *Dialogue* about apian antics at 50 Hallgate aroused my curiosity about the facts and legends concerning the honey bee. The Attic Bee (Attic meaning of Athens or Attica) is another name for the poet Sophocles – so called because of the sweetness of his works. Legend has it that Plato, also a poet from Athens, was known as the Athenian Bee because, as a baby lying in his cradle, a swarm of bees settled on his mouth – a very good omen.

A similar story is told about Saint Ambrose, a patron saint of beekeepers, who has a beehive as one of his emblems. Another patron of beekeepers is St. Bartholomew whose feast day is 24th August and it is said that on this day, the monks who made mead would call on the saint for his blessings.

Bees do not like to let any important occasion pass them by; if they are not told some important family news – birth, marriage or death – they will desert their hives or produce inferior honey. If the bees have been informed of a wedding they should be invited along and the hive should be decorated with ribbon. A bee on the bridal bouquet is said to bring good luck; as is a swarm of bees on the big day.

The proper way to address bees following a bereavement is to tap three times on top of the hive and make the announcement in a soft, clear voice. One example, which originates in Humberside, (a farm owner had died) involves the rattling of keys at the hive and then this rhyme:

Honey bees! Honey bees! Hear what I say!
Your master, X, has passed away.
But his wife now begs you freely stay,
And still gather honey for many a day.
Bonny bees, bonny bees hear what I say.

On the day of a funeral it is said that the bees should be given a token of mourning as well as a piece of funeral cake. Once again, they should be invited to attend but unfortunately this courtesy backfired on such an occasion in south west England during the 1700s. After a death in the family, the hives had been moved incorrectly and the bees swarmed angrily, dispersing the mourners. It was several hours later before the interment could be completed.

In the recent BBC serialisation of Flora Thompson's "Lark Rise to Candleford" her wonderful trilogy of social life in rural Oxfordshire, Queenie tells her very busy bees: "Bees, bees, your master's dead, an' now you must work for your missis." The folklore of animal symbolism credits bees with the qualities of: diligence, sociability and wisdom and the word bee has been given to social gatherings such as a *sewing* or *spelling* bee.

The saying "The Bee's Knees" is said to describe a person who is outstanding in some way, or who at least claims to be so, but it is more likely to refer to the pollen containers on a bee's legs. The task of removing the pollen is very precise and involves much bending of the bee's knees.

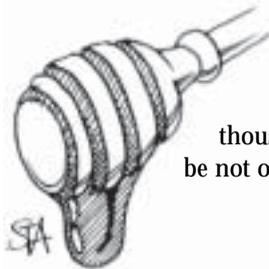
On Christmas Eve, it is believed that the holiness of the season affects all creatures, that at midnight cattle kneel and sheep turn to face the east, remembering the animals in the stable in Bethlehem. There was also a belief that on this night, bees would hum in their hives, not only across Britain but throughout many parts of Europe.

It is customary to pay homage to bees throughout the year. On Twelfth Night, the old Christmas Eve, bees were wassailed in the hope that they would produce large quantities of honey. February 24th is the feast of St. Matthias when the sap begins to rise and farmers start to sow their crops to "*shut up the bees*".

There are numerous sayings used widely in modern language: A beeline is the shortest distance between two points – the route a bee would take returning to the hive: To have a bee in your bonnet is to be obsessed with something and a Queen bee is said to be a woman in a position of authority or power in a group. Perhaps one of the best known country proverbs is about bees:

A swarm of bees in May is worth a load of hay;
A swarm of bees in June is worth a silver spoon;
A swarm of bees in July is not worth a fly.

Honey has been a source of sweetness through the ages and in Greek mythology it was said to be food fit for the gods and is credited with astonishing health-giving qualities: as a decongestant; a remedy for sore throats and chest complaints and as a mild sedative. It takes the nectar of one million, five hundred thousand flowers to make just one jar of honey and is reputed to be not only an elixir of youth but also an aphrodisiac.



Busy bees indeed!

Sue Brompton

CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY THEATRE: DISEWORTH'S “ADOPTED” DRAMA GROUP

Charnwood Community Theatre (CCT) was formed in 1982 and was originally based at Fearon Hall in Loughborough.

Over the years, it has evolved into a travelling group, taking theatre to places where theatre doesn't often go. Diseworth Village Hall was one of the first “Out of Loughborough” venues for the group, when they performed Benefactors in 2003. This was so well received that, ever since, CCT has taken every one of its productions to Diseworth. The bond between CCT and Diseworth is now so strong that it's fair to describe CCT as Diseworth's “adopted” Drama Group. And CCT is delighted to be seen as such. So, we thought we'd use the fine pages of the *Dialogue* to let Diseworth know a little more about us . . .

We move around. We take theatre to places where there isn't a theatre. Typically village halls, sometimes pubs, clubs, even parks. We will often perform one production at three different venues on three consecutive nights. It's fun, it keeps us on our toes, and our audiences like it. We're always looking for new venues in Charnwood / North West Leicestershire.

We welcome EVERYBODY. No need to take an audition or any other kind of test. If you have an interest in theatre, we welcome you.

We try new things. We don't rely on a “formula” with our productions. As well as performing works by professional writers, we have staged plays and pantomimes written by group members. Feedback from our audiences tells us that they like to be challenged with new entertainment as well as the comfort of more traditional fare. And we like it that way, too.

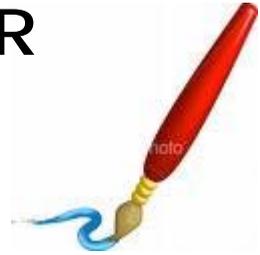
We appreciate that our members have lives outside CCT. We take a professional attitude in that we expect full commitment from members who have opted to be involved in a current production. But it's OK to take a break from productions when you want. We don't tie members in with an annual subscription – you just make a modest voluntary contribution towards rehearsal space hire and refreshments when you're involved in a production.

Our recent productions in Diseworth and other local venues include: Benefactors Two, Skirmishes, The Real Inspector Hound, Abigail's Party, A Servant to Two Masters, Groping for Words, Sleeping Beauty, an Alan Bennett Evening, Can't Pay? Won't Pay!, Jesus' Birthday Party, and our recent Triple Bill in June 2008: Then, Last Tango in Little Grimley, and Last Panto in Little Grimley. A varied menu!

If you'd like to be kept informed of future productions, we'll be glad to add your name to our audience mailing list. Alternatively, if you're interested in being involved in any capacity (eg performing, writing, backstage, lighting, front of house etc), please contact us. We meet most Thursday evenings in Diseworth Village Hall.

Phone Mike & Julie Doyle on 01332 810785 or email ctheatre@live.co.uk

A DRAMA FIRST FOR DISEWORTH AND CCT!



Charnwood Community Theatre made a welcome return to Diseworth on Saturday 7th June with a “first” in the form of a Triple Bill – three plays in one night.

An enthusiastic capacity audience has become the normal “Diseworth Welcome” for CCT, and tonight was no exception. This was an evening of contrasts. It started with “Then”, a thought-provoking piece by renowned Leicestershire playwright David Campton. Directed by Ady Bryan, this was performed by Matthew Doyle and Emily Sly, who both demonstrated the “light and dark” aspects of this short play in a way that captivated the audience. This was followed by two plays based around the ups and downs of a Village Amateur Drama Group not a million miles away from CCT. “Last Tango In Little Grimley” and “Last Panto In Little Grimley” had the audience laughing through the rest of the night. Matthew Doyle’s directing debut certainly brought the best performances from the cast of Sarah Cox, Julie Doyle, Tony Hilton and Mick Marlow. These are very funny plays, but the cast’s ensemble acting, comic timing and sympathetic characterisations meant that they had no need to “play for laughs” – they came naturally, and all the better for it.

CCT never rest on their laurels, and tonight’s Triple Bill saw them yet again try something new – and yet again they triumphed.

More live theatre in Diseworth please!!!

A.T. Hespian

Scarecrow Festival and Open Gardens 2008

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported the Scarecrow Festival and Open Gardens Weekend. The array of scarecrows was again magnificent - I don't know how everyone keeps thinking up such good ideas! The gardens were beautiful and much enjoyed by all the visitors. Thanks also to all those who provided the refreshments, ran the stalls, sold the programmes, decorated the church and helped in many ways.

We have raised the sum of £1900 for our church funds, which is a wonderful achievement, due to the hard work of many people.

Thank you.

David Bird, Churchwarden.









Bill & Jayne's Magical Day ~ 17th May 2008



The beautiful wedding cake

Jayne and Bill after their wedding service at Long Whatton Church

Bill & Jayne's Magical Day

~ 17th May 2008

Bill is a long term resident of the village having lived here for some 34+ years...Jayne a very new in-comer to village life having moved from Moth Eaton...or should it be Long Eaton...some three months ago. However we are now both firmly residents of Shakespear Close where all our neighbours have made us feel so welcome and barring two couples who were on holiday (a reasonably allowable excuse not to attend the day!!!!) all came and shared in our special day.

The morning of the big day started wet and dull...but our spirits were anything but dampened!!! Organised chaos reigned from 07.30 with the five starring ladies having hair and make up done at number 3 Shakespear amidst champagne bottles being popped!!! The two brilliant ladies who did this were hairdresser Vici...who we were glad to say joined us later on at the church and reception...and beautician Tracey (who unfortunately could not join us ..as she had a full appointment day...shame but we did save her some cake and a bottle of bubbly). My mother Ann Blanchard another well known long standing resident of the village managed to juggle dog duties, church and flower duties along with ensuring all was well at the reception....and all this before 9am!!!! My sister Jane Goy also managed to juggle having hair and make up done after having mucked out their 3 horses and going with her Mum to the church beforehand to check all was well there she then went on to be one of our ushers with my father Ken.

In the midst of all this chaos, the bride's 20 year old son Ian (who was giving Jayne away) turned up with a massive bouquet of flowers for his Mum and in need of breakfast!! So there was the bride .. tiara in hair... make up and nails done... cooking breakfast for her son a mere hour and a half before walking up the aisle!!!! See what I mean by organised chaos!!!!

We men however took things far more leisurely at number 9 Shakespear taking our time getting suited and booted before arriving at the church at 11.15 to greet the guests. The best man was Simon Whitby, a long standing friend of mine who did a sterling job especially when I dropped the bride's ring in the car on the way to the church!!!! Causing two middle aged men to scramble around on hands and knees ...fortunately it was found....good job as the bride would have been none too pleased if she'd ended up with a curtain ring on her finger !!!!!!!!!

Back at number 3 chaos still ensued when the bride's brother and sister-in-law plus their 3 young children arrived having driven up from London that morning. The 3 children were all playing lead roles. Oliver aged 8 was not only a page-boy but also did a marvellous reading in church from Winnie the Pooh and much to his utter delight the whole congregation burst into spontaneous applause when he had finished. (the other two readings were done by my cousin Jonathan Leek and another very old and dear friend of Jayne's, Tracey Isgar)..... Oliver's brother Thomas aged 6 and Thea aged 3 were page-boy and flower-girl respectively.....Jayne's

two other bridesmaids were her oldest and dearest friend Angelika and my niece Amy Goy (Jane's daughter).

The colour scheme of the day was ivory and black (to tie in with the bride's dress) and purple and lavender to match the bridesmaids and the waistcoats and cravats of the men of the wedding party....several of the men on hearing they would have to wear the colour lavender for the first time turned a funny shade of pale but all agreed that on the day they looked very smart. Our second usher was Joe Goy (Jane's son and Amy's brother). As you must have realised by now it was important to us to have all our family members playing key roles on our day. By noon...the time of the service held at the beautiful church of Long Whatton and officiated by the wonderful vicar Alison Prince who managed to inject a wonderful sense of fun and happiness to the service...the rain had stopped and although still damp underfoot it remained dry for the rest of the day.

The reception was held at The Cottage in Kegworth where the proprietor Mrs Lolita Farina did us proud with a wonderful buffet that just kept coming and coming!!!! Many folk started diets the day after!!!! Speeches were slightly unconventional ...which anyone who knows the bride knows that unconventionality is her specialised subject!!!! Her brother did the speech on behalf of her son who ,at 20 ,felt he could not do one in front of 130 guests.....then Jayne and myself did the grooms!!!! finally finishing off with the best man's very funny and thankfully not too embarrassing speech.

The cake was made by a long standing friend of mine and my Mum's ... a lady called Jayne McNiece ... who spent 100 hours in making it a beautiful creation. Another very old and dear friend of mine Andy Martin took the photos in total over 350 of them ... imagine choosing a mere 40 for the formal album an almost impossible task ... there are some brilliant ones of our friends and neighbours on Shakespear Close and if any of them would like a copy please feel free to come and see us as they are all on our PC at home. We will gladly print you one off.

As you will have undoubtedly realised by now we would not have been able to have had such a wonderfully happy day if it hadn't been for ALL the above mentioned people, a massive thanks to them all.

The day seemed to end almost before it started and if anyone were to ask me I'd do it all again in a flash. As my best man commented, I waited till two days before my 50th birthday to get married but it really goes to show it's never too late to find true love.

A perfect day filled with family ... good friends and wonderful neighbours was followed by a perfect honeymoon on the beautiful unspoilt Greek Island of Kefalonia.

*We have attached a few photos which we hope you will enjoy.
Bill and Jayne Blanchard, Shakespear Close*



D.ARTS YOUNG PEOPLE'S

SUMMER DRAMA PROJECT

Calling all young people aged between 7 and 14 years old! Would you like to be involved in an exciting drama project taking place during the summer?

Following the successful project in summer 2007 professional company Chorus Theatre will be running a "Play-in-a-Week" project from Monday 11th - Saturday 16th August based at Diseworth Village Hall. The project 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 7 -14 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 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 £25 per participant (or £40 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@mcwilliam1.orangehome.co.uk

Diseworth Open Flower Show 2008

Saturday
September 13th
Village Hall,
Hall Gate
Gates open at 2pm

Hall opens at 2.30pm for viewing
of exhibits
Teas served from 2pm
Presentation of Prizes 3.30pm
Sale of Produce 4pm approx

Pony Rides
Tombola
Skittles
Children's Games
Raffle
Card Stall

Heritage Centre
Information Stall
NWLDC Recycling
Information Stall



Steam Engine Display
with Robin Hood from
Long Whatton

Entrance 50p Children Free

Diseworth Open Flower Show

This year's Flower Show, on **Saturday, September 13th** will again include a very special attraction, the steam traction engine "**Robin Hood**" from the collection of the Dockray family of Long Whatton.

We shall also be joined by representatives from the **Recycling Services** of North West Leicestershire District Council who will display information and answer questions about their current services and their plans for future facilities.

This year's Flower Arrangement classes include the usual popular **Petite Arrangement** – no more than 25cm (9 inches) in any dimension. There is also an arrangement purely for **Foliage** – of any size, and again, one to challenge your ingenuity – this time using just **5 Flowers**, (plus whatever foliage you deem appropriate). This last can be in any style you choose, and again, there is no size limit.

The Children's flower arrangement **Class 67**, 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, **we have a stock of suitable vases which you can borrow**. Contact Pat Guy (811119) in the week before the Show.

The classes for **both Children and Adults involving the production of a home-made Greetings Card** are repeated. It can be a Birthday, Get Well, Special Anniversary, Christmas or whatever occasion you like. This year, the **Computer- based class for Children**, involves the creation of a work of art with an "**On Holiday**" theme, which you may interpret in any way you wish.

All the other usual Children's classes are there. This year the themes of the painting classes are **Butterflies** for the youngest children and **Our Sports Day** for those over 5 years of age. To mark the Beijing Olympics, the creative writing class features **My Day at the Olympics**. If any of you are lucky enough actually to attend the Games, we shall be thrilled to hear of your experiences. Otherwise, a good imagination will prove perfectly adequate! You may choose to be either an athlete or a spectator.

Also in the way of homage to the Olympics, we have made a small change this year to the ever-popular vegetable monster class. This year, we would like you to make a **Vegetable Athlete**.

The Photography classes are again 'any size'. You can still enter up to 5 items in each class. Prints may be framed or unframed. This year's topics are a **Portrait of a Tree**, **Sensational Sunsets** and **Shorelines**. This last we hope allows for quite a wide range of interpretations and could involve lakeside scenes as well as the more obvious seaside locations.



The “Home Made Produce” classes are very similar to last year, with just the change to the ‘**Diseworth Men Only**’ class, Class 40 – **Fruit Muffins** – this year.

There are no changes to the “Fruit and Vegetable” classes. The cold, late spring may have affected some fruit crops, but we hope for the best, and with plenty of rain early in the growing season this year, we hope for some really good entries. Also – why not try the **Model Garden (Adult)** class – No.60!

In addition to the usual **Teas, Tombola** and **Children’s Games**, there will be a stall selling Home-made **Cards** and a Millennium Meadow **Plant Stall**. The Diseworth Heritage Trust will put on a display showing the progress of **the restoration and development of the Baptist Chapel**.

The beneficiaries of this year’s Show will include the British Legion, Charnwood Community Theatre, and Ashmount School, for special needs children, in Loughborough. This last is at the special request of the Dockray family, who, in recent years, have very kindly brought their beautiful steam engine ‘Robin Hood’ to our Show without making any charge. They have previously asked for its equivalent to go to the charity of our choice, so this year we thought it only fair that it should be **their** choice.

If you have not received a copy of this year’s show schedule with your copy of this *Dialogue*, or you need more copies, please let me know. *Pat Guy (01332 811119)*



Special Guest to present trophies etc.

The Flower Show is very pleased to welcome Doug Maas to present our trophies this year. Doug has been our Parish Clerk for just over a year and during that time has become an invaluable ‘resident’ to both Diseworth & Long Whatton. He has contributed to every magazine in both villages since joining us, dealt promptly with all matters, large or small, and if he does not have the answer to a question he will contact someone who has. Doug has brought a wealth of experience to the Parish Council and can be relied upon to respond quickly to enquiries, in addition to his other work with another Parish Council. Doug is a good supporter to village events and believes in the value of them, this year he brought a large group to our Scarecrow Weekend. Thanks Doug, we look forward to seeing you and your family.

A Load of Rubbish at the Flower Show

‘Recycle for Leicestershire’ will be one of our outdoor attractions this year with displays of what happens to our vegetable waste when it goes into a compost bin, quizzes for young people, freebies for interested composters, loads of ideas for best methods of composting and question & answer sessions.

LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



Mowing, mowing, mowing ... the topic on everyone's lips. It seems that – more than ever before – the standard of service is very bad. Roadside verges never cut in time. Some not cut at all. When there is a cut the grass is so long that a big mess and ragged appearance is left behind. The safety mowing of verges outside the village hadn't happened by the time of the Parish Council meeting on 5th June.

In some ways even more worrying is the sudden absence of responses to communication with the County Highways, Transportation and Waste Management department. Most efforts to sensibly communicate are defeated. This has happened since an apparent re-organisation last year but which nobody told us about. Our area's office even moved from Coalville to Mountsorrel like a moonlight flit. We discovered this bit by bit. But you can't phone them! All calls are diverted to a big black hole at County Hall. Mowing may be contracted out in big £million contracts but County Highways are responsible.

I have become aware that this is a major County-wide issue which is being taken up by our County Association and others. This Council is also making strong representations of its own to try to persuade a return to a more sensible regime. Meanwhile – continue to get in touch with Highways either: directly via the County Council website – www.leics.gov.uk, or email customerservices@leics.gov.uk or phone 0116 3050001, or fax 0116 3050006 or use the Free Roadline Number for road or pavement or lighting defects – 0800 626203.

As always at Parish Council meetings there was a mixture of good and bad news. We still await Diseworth's long heralded youth shelter due to more manufacturing delays. Last year's accounts are fine and were approved ready for submission to the external auditor. Funding for climate change initiatives is being investigated. "Airport parking" in Diseworth mainly is continuing to exercise Councillors' minds. Effective solutions take a very long time to implement due to the need for regulation (and nobody wants the urbanisation of the village with lots of yellow lines). A step-by-step approach in conjunction with Highways and the Airport (which is losing revenue) seems the only way to go at the moment.

A 20mph zone at Diseworth School appears to be on its way and we have suggested a better position for one of the required signs. We're told that the Affordable Housing Survey is doing well. Thanks to every household which has completed and returned its questionnaire.

Recent planning applications on which we have been consulted have not caused much concern and have received the Council's blessing. There is now a move to consult local councils electronically. That will be fun at the village halls! I will be attending a meeting on the subject in June.

After the busy annual meetings, accounts and audit period, there is a little time for a breather. The Council will have its recess in July. The next meeting will be on 7th August. I look forward to a nice summer break and hope you have one too.

Douglas Maas, Parish Clerk

AIRPORT PARKING IN DISEWORTH



Dear Editor,

June 2008.

Dialogue readers will note that following the AGM of the Long Whatton and Diseworth Parish Council reference was made by the Parish Clerk (p29) to 'airport parking'. What he was referring to is the inconsiderate parking in Diseworth by travellers using East Midlands Airport.

This problem has been highlighted in the recently published Parish Plan and actioned for the Parish Council to do something about before the end of 2008.

Action has been initiated by the Chairman of the Parish Council who had a site meeting with a representative of Leicestershire County Council's Highways Department. The outcome of this meeting was outlined in the Minutes of the Parish Council held on April 3rd and given wider publicity in the NuNews of April 24th 2008.

The Chairman of the Parish Council reaffirmed at the AGM what he had reported in April's Minutes: -

'There have been positive suggestions about steps to be taken to solve the "airport parking" situation. White lines would be put down together with appropriate notices. While these measures did not have the force of law, they should be an effective discouragement.'

I believe a 'white line' only scheme will be ineffectual in the medium to long term. In the short term a white line could stop some but it would have the effect of displacing the parking problem elsewhere in the village where white lines are absent. I don't think this is an equitable scheme.

I raised this and other concerns at the AGM and the Clerk to the Parish Council made reference to this in the *Dialogue*. He said: -'Dealing with "airport parking" seems to have been taken on board by the Highways people but will the chosen solution be effective? Some are raising doubts – what would be the best solution?' (p 29)

I'm pleased that the Parish Clerk has raised these questions because I feel that a range of possibilities for solutions, that will 'have the force of law', needs to be explored. This seems to me what the Parish Clerk is inviting people to do.

Are there reasons why a 'white line' solution apparently is the only one on offer? More importantly, I'm sure that those most affected by 'airport parking' would like to outline the magnitude of the problem as it affects them and join in a debate in an open village meeting to address this problem on a broader front.

Such a meeting could involve a representative from the County Highways Department and just as importantly a representative from East Midlands Airport. The Airport incidentally is reported as saying, "We are working (with) the parish council to support them in addressing this matter." (NuNews April 24th 2008). How, I wonder, are they doing this?

What are the benefits in having an open meeting? It's about sharing the concerns of residents and their ideas about 'resident parking' schemes. These are many and varied and have been adopted by councils throughout the country. Most importantly, they do have the force of law behind them.

I trust as open meetings can be arranged by the Parish Council to discuss the concerns surrounding 400 bedroom hotels with golf courses attached they will be willing to set up a meeting for the residents of Diseworth to discuss 'airport parking'.

I send this as an official request to the Parish Council for such a meeting!

Alan Leech

Following the Action Plan from our Parish Plan there will be a



LITTER PICK
IN DISEWORTH
SUNDAY 13TH JULY 2008
11am until 12 noon



Please see notices around the village for further details

Please support this event for the benefit of our village,
bags etc provided

Speedwatch in the village in May 2008.

One of the key concerns noted in the Parish Plan was speeding traffic in the village. As part of a campaign to improve matters, Diseworth has recently taken part in the “Speedwatch” campaign. The primary aim is not to catch speeding motorists, but to demonstrate to the authorities that Diseworth needs further measures to reduce speed around the village.

You will undoubtedly have seen us about the village in our rather fetching luminous and horrendously hot Speedwatch jackets. A hand-held radar gun was used at 5 sites around the village over a 4 week period. Hardy volunteers manned one hour sessions between 7am and 7pm, over 7 days a week, weather permitting.

During that time we recorded about 50 speeding motorists. Note that “speeding” in this context means 35mph in the 30mph zone and 46mph in the 40mph zone. Many more passed us who were exceeding the limit, but by a lesser amount. We were positioned in very conspicuous places with no attempt at concealment and most people braked hard on spotting us, but there were a few, usually engrossed with mobile phones or eating, who didn’t even seem to notice us. Others crawled past us and then sped away, a tactic we got wise to as we are able to record the speeds of vehicles going away, as well as those coming towards us. The range of the gun is also quite long so we often picked up the speeders before they had time to brake.



Russell and David, members of the ‘Speedwatch’ team in action on Lady Gate

Because of the risk to our children, we spent more time near the school and it was very disappointing, but not surprising, to find consistent high speeds outside school in the rush hour up to 9am. The case for a 20mph limit in this area during this period, and when the school is closing, is very clear.

As an aside, we noticed that the vehicle activated sign on the Long Whatton end of The Green was not illuminating when vehicles exceeding 40mph went through it. We had this checked out, and found that it only came on at over 50 mph, so hopefully by now this has been corrected.

There was only a very small band of us doing the ‘watching’ but the kit will be back with us in the first half of October for another week and it would be good if we could do more sessions each day, but to do this we need more volunteers. Please help: this is your village, and possibly your child that is at risk.

Meg Galley-Taylor

Work on the Heritage Centre Starts at Last!



Trustees go Bats

Whilst work continues on the site of the Baptist Chapel, a colony of long eared bats have taken up residence in the main part of the roof (to oversee the building work?). Batman has informed us that the noise and presence of the builders will in no way upset the bats which will disperse in September when the main roof will be restored.

Chipping off the rendering

The proposed opening time for the Heritage Centre is still hopefully in 2008 but it may be towards the end of the year.



The original entrance

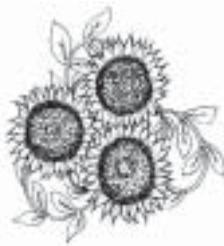
DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

Wanted for rent

Garage/Barn within the Diseworth area.
Needed to store a classic vehicle.
Anything considered.
Please Phone Lance Griffiths on
07736693333.



Diseworth Flower Show -
Saturday, September 13th. If you
have **not** received a copy of the full
Show Schedule with this *Dialogue*,
or if you would like extra copies for
friends or family, do please contact
Pat Guy - 811119.



Sunflowers
It is hoped
that
**Sunflower
Measuring**
will take
place on the
afternoon of
**Friday,
September**

5th - starting at 2pm. If you have a
plant to be measured - please let
Pat Guy know before 12.00 Noon
that day. Ring 811119 or pop a note
into 51 The Woodcroft with your
name, address and a tel. no. (Please
check the September *Dialogue* to
make sure no change has had to be
made.)

If you have items for the
SEPTEMBER ISSUE
of the *Dialogue* please give to a com-
mittee member or email to
peggy.tudor@btinternet.com
sue@cbrompton.fsnet.co.uk and
ruth@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**

Need a babysitter?

I am a mature, reliable 15 year old girl
who lives in Diseworth and I am available
for babysitting.

Call Hannah on 01332 810785

*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*

Advertising changes ... a new advert
from Emma ...

CIRCUIT TRAINING TUESDAYS

6.30 – 7.30pm (Int/Adv Level)

7.45 – 8.45pm (Beg/Int level)

Long Whatton Friendship Centre

£4 per person per class

CARDIO CIRCUITS

SATURDAYS

12.00 – 12.45pm (Beg/Int)

Icke Fitness Health Club, Wilson

Call Emma on 07976 381745

For more information & to book a place

DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

A BIG THANK YOU TO LOUGHBOROUGH FIRE BRIGADE

Flossie, a three and a half year old border collie belonging to Jayne Wardle became trapped under a shed in Jayne's garden, whilst searching for somewhere to give birth. The firemen raised the shed to release Flossie. Flossie is now the proud Mum of a puppy named Bertie. Jayne is very grateful to the firemen.



Please ensure you have completed the **HOUSING NEEDS QUESTIONNAIRE**. Your views are important.

**SUMMER HOLIDAY
MULTI SPORTS -
DISEWORTH VILLAGE
HALL, EVERY FRIDAY.
1PM - 3PM**

Welcome back to Diseworth ...

The Youngsons and their retrievers
to The Green

Welcome to Diseworth

Steve and Steph Silvester to
Linthwaite Close
Professor Malcolm and Barbara Clay
to Clements Gate



LITTER PICK

IN DISEWORTH
SUNDAY 13TH JULY 2008
11am until 12 noon
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The Mobile Library visits
Diseworth on the 11th &
25th July and 8th & 22nd
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The Bowley 11.55 – 12.15
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Obituary Judith Penny – nee Moore

The elder of two sisters, Judith was born in Diseworth in 1930. She attended Loughborough High School and Teacher Training College in Cheltenham, prior to taking up teaching posts in Derby and Kegworth. After marriage to John she lived in Suffolk, moving later to Norfolk where she did part time teaching. Three years ago she moved to Retford to be near her daughter Johanna; Judith also had four sons. Judith died peacefully at Lound Nursing Home, Retford on 11th June 2008. Her funeral service was held at St. Saviour's Church, Retford – which Judith attended – followed by cremation at Ollerton. We extend our sympathy to Nancy Cowley, Judith's sister.

HEALTH PAGE

Top Tips for Healthy Teeth

Although eating fruit is good for our health, most contain acids that can damage the teeth, just as seriously as sugar. Even the popular fruit smoothie is just as damaging. But don't throw out the blender just yet. There are foods and drinks that can strengthen the teeth and protect them from these damaging acids.

Researchers have discovered that olive oil attaches to bacteria in the mouth and prevents them from attacking the teeth so reducing cavities. Eating a few nuts and seeds after a sugary food or drink neutralises the acid in the mouth. Fish oils coat the teeth with a thin protective layer of fat which protects them from damage; cheese also does the same thing. Meat and vegetables neutralise acid levels in the mouth preventing mineral loss and carrots and broccoli actually seem to lock in the essential minerals required for strong teeth.

It is best to eat a tooth strengthening food with or immediately after consuming an acidic or sweet food or drink. Eating a low fat, high carbohydrate diet is bad for the teeth as the lack of fat leaves the teeth open to attack from the acids and sugars in the carbohydrates. Eating a balanced diet containing a good balance of carbohydrates, proteins and fats will help to keep teeth healthy.

Apparently, both black tea and black coffee also acidify the mouth, and the weakening effect can last up to two hours. Surprisingly, the advice is also not to clean the teeth after food but before eating, as enamel weakened by food can be damaged for up to two hours after eating.

The important thing it seems is to keep the teeth free of damaging plaque build up, and to include tooth strengthening foods with tooth weakening ones. After all, fruit is a very

important food group with many health benefits, so we don't want to give it up.

Liz Jarrom



WOMENS GROUP



The delights of summer, a perfect warm and balmy evening for visiting Thrumpton Hall and what a treat! We were greeted by The Honourable Mrs Seymour at the front door of the magnificent Jacobean house built by the Pigot family in the early 1600's, or rather rebuilt then.

We were invited to explore the gardens first, which are full of interesting trees, one of the first larches to be grown in England grows there. There are fine views of the park beyond the ha-ha where also presumably the ice house stood. Now, in the grounds stands a permanent marquee for weddings and conferences.

Back inside Mrs Seymour led a tour of the house giving a detailed history of portraits and furniture. And the heavily carved Charles 11 staircase, for which Thrumpton is chiefly known. It was stained dark oak, but the Seymour family had it stripped to its natural colour, which took a whole year.

The house has a warm and cosy feel to it, especially the library, drawing room and dining room, we felt privileged to have been to see this historic place on our doorstep. Liz Jarrom thanked Mrs Seymour for her hospitality.

Next Meeting Summer BBQ Monday 11th August

Diana and David Cherry have again offered to host the evening in their delightful garden. On this informal occasion members are asked to please take their own succulent meats to barbeque, drink, glass, plate and cutlery. Breads and salads will be provided by volunteers. Ladies may bring husbands/partners along. Regular guests are welcome as are any ladies interested in joining us in the future. We already have prizes offered for the raffle. You are welcome to arrive after 6.30pm, the barbeque will be ready at 7pm. It would be appreciated if names could be forwarded to Diana or me if you have not already done so and if you wish to provide a salad, please contact me at sheiladakin@btinternet.com or 810858

AN UPDATE ON A TEAM DISEWORTH MEMBER



In previous years Chris Draycott has raced a 1965 Sunbeam Alpine. However, this year Chris has been racing his Red 1800cc MGZR in the Classic Sports Car Club's "Tin Tops" Series. The race usually involves approximately 25 cars, divided into 3 main classes - Chris races in Class A which is for

1601cc - 2000cc multi-valve and all Turbo Diesel cars. Other cars racing in this class include a Honda Integra type R (1998cc), Honda Integra DC5 (2000cc), Proton Coupe (1834cc) and a Citroen Xsara (1998cc). However, none of the cars racing in this class are actually below 1800cc and many are Ex-British Touring Cars of recent years.

The First Race of the season was at Snetterton in early April and as I was not present can only say that Chris was very pleased to finish 3rd overall.

The Second Race was at Brands Hatch in late April - as a spectator Brands is a superb track as from the top of Paddock Hill Bend (end of the start/finish straight) you can see virtually the whole Race. However, the elements were against everyone as there was a torrential downpour throughout the whole 40 minute Race. This led to the pace car coming out on a number of occasions and as we all know from Formula One Grand Prix's this can complicate things - a lot!! Especially as during a Tin Tops Race each car has to come into the pits at least once, either to change drivers or for a lone driver to switch off the engine, get out and run around his or her car, get back in again, start up and drive off. At the end of the race Chris was announced the 'Winner', handed the laurel wreath and interviewed over the tannoy. However, this result was challenged moments later and due to a culmination of circumstances, not least of which were car transponders not working, faulty timing beacons, pace cars coming out in incorrect positions and nobody really knowing who pitted when and for how long, Chris in order to hasten proceedings so that we could all go home that night accepted 2nd place.

The Third Race was at Mallory Park at the end of May - and again it was held under torrential conditions - ask Dell as he was there too! Chris started 3rd on the Grid, going up to 2nd by the end of the first corner and challenging for first place. However, a spin due to an oil spillage put him back to 10th - after climbing back up the field to 2nd the Race was eventually red flagged due to carnage. It was restarted with everyone in the positions they were in one and a half laps back so Chris was positioned 5th on the grid. He eventually made his way up to 1st place only for the pace car to come out again for the next 6 laps - going in with only 1 lap left to go. So with me jumping up and down, biting my nails and praying Chris made a good rolling start as everyone was bunched up behind him, they all took

off!! Dell and I watched and waited to see if Chris would still be in the lead when he came round the last corner (as the hairpin was not visible to us). He was and so crossed the finishing line in a 'legitimate' 1st Place.

Chris's car may not be the fastest on a dry track because it does not have the overall top speed. However, it is still a very quick car and after being set-up by Chris and with his own ability as a driver, especially in the wet which is a great leveller as it shows a driver's true skill, Chris was able to win through at Mallory - at last!!!

Chris would like to thank Spencer Mckenzie, who also races a Sunbeam Alpine at the same meetings though in a different class, for his support and help throughout the season so far - and wishes him every success in future races.

Julie Draycott

Thank You



*Jackie, number 180
is pictured
standing, second
from right*

Hi dear old friends from Diseworth,
Thank you for sponsoring me in the Race for Life.
20 of us, from our aquafit club, took part. Between us we raised £2500 towards cancer research. So a big thank you for your part which came to a massive £265.
The race was from Penzance to Newlyn and was thankfully fairly flat. It was a nice calm night so we didn't have to contend with the sea coming over the harbour wall.
Thank you again for your support. Hope to see you when I come up to Diseworth again.

Jackie Screaton
Embla Farm, Nancladra, Cornwall



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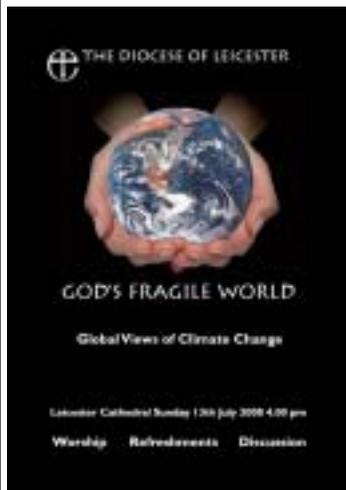
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Just get in touch with Rev'd Mary Williams at curate@eclectic.myzen.co.uk or tel. 0116 267 7620

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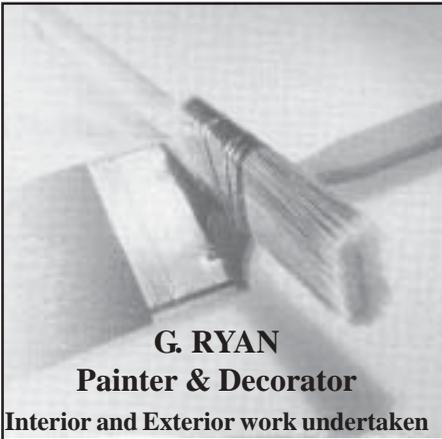


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Castle Donington Community College	01332 810528 postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk
Castle Donington Volunteer Bureau	01332 850526
Chemist, Gerald Porter, Castle Donington	01332 810213
Derby City Hospital	01332 340131
Derby Playhouse	01332 363275 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
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Police	0116 222 2222
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Severn Trent Customer Service	08007 834444
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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	Meryl Tait	01332 812952
Guides	Sandie Clark	01332 814939
Heritage Centre	Martin Hening	01332 853647
History Society	Pat Guy	01332 811119
Millennium Meadow	Pat Guy	01332 811119
Neighbourhood Watch	Noel McGough	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:

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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.