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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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DISEWORTH DIARY

MARCH

- Monday 3rd Discussion Group. Venue 26b Clements Gate. "Desirable Human Qualities"
- Thursday 6th APCM. In church 7.30pm
- Saturday 8th Castle Donington Farmers' Market. From 9am
- Monday 10th Women's Group. Village Hall 8pm. Painting with Water Colours. Carol Woodland
- Tues/Sat 11th-15th Annie Get Your Gun, Ivanhoe College, Ashby
- Friday 21st Good Friday Activity morning. 10am – 12noon in church. £1 per child

APRIL

- Sunday 6th Beautiful Broadway, Loughborough Town Hall. 7.30pm
- Monday 7th Discussion Group. Venue, 20 Clements Gate. 2pm. "Nip And Tuck"
- Tuesday 22nd Book Worms. Discussion of the Lionel Shrievers Book 'We need to talk about Kevin'. Venue - Denise Blenkinsopp - 7 Lady Gate at 2pm
- Saturday 26th Coffee Morning & Spring Fair in church. 10am – 12noon

MAY

- Tuesday 20th Book Worms. DVD of 'Notes on a Scandal' - Venue Jan Firth, 12 Lady Gate at 2pm

JUNE

- Sat/Sun 14th/15th Scarecrow Festival & Open Gardens

Late News

Attempted Burglary Thursday, 21 February 2008

At approximately 7pm on Thursday 21st February at a bungalow in the village, one youth gained entry through an open top window, whilst his teenage accomplice rang the doorbell and asked the person who answered if she would help him with an injured dog in the road. The youth inside realised that exit through the front door was not possible, shattered a double glazed window in another room and made his escape. Fortunately nothing was taken, and the police reacted very promptly, but the perpetrators got away.

BE ON YOUR GUARD, AND LOOK OUT FOR YOUR NEIGHBOURS AND REPORT ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR PERSONS.

**If you see any suspicious activity phone: 999 or
Leicestershire Constabulary on 0116 222 2222**

Welcome to the March 2008 issue of the Diseworth Dialogue



March is a wonderful month, the month of rebirth. Tentative buds, the first spring flowers adding a splash of well needed colour in an otherwise drab landscape, birdsong, lighter evenings all help us to shrug off the winter blues. This year March is also a month of celebration. While some eagerly wait for their breakfast in bed on Mothering Sunday, there is also Easter to look forward to. Then spring will have well and truly sprung.

In this month's dialogue there is an article called Going Green. Many of us already do our bit for the environment, and as a village we do our fair share of recycling. But nevertheless there's still more we can do. Before reading the article I had never heard of a hippo water saver but I think it's a great idea and I'm off to buy one! I already use energy saving light bulbs and bags for life but if I could pluck up the courage I would love to do what I saw one lady do in a well known supermarket the other day.

I was standing behind her at the checkout and watched in awe as she carefully removed the packaging from a lot of her shopping: kitchen rolls, cereal, a lettuce, an Easter egg, even sausages! She then handed the unwanted packaging to the person on the checkout who was somewhat aghast! Perhaps if we all did this, it would send a clear message to the manufacturers and food suppliers. We are doing our bit, now it's their turn!*

We live in a beautiful village and it's up to us to keep it that way. Enclosed you will find a copy of the Parish Plan. A lot of hard work has gone into producing this document and if it weren't for the original input from residents, the Plan would not exist. So give yourselves a pat on the back and let's all look forward to the positive changes happening in and around the village over the next few months. In particular I think the Youth Forum is a very worthwhile project and will reap its own rewards.

All in all, it's going to be an exciting spring and I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

** only the cardboard box was removed!*

Peggy Under.

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church



photograph Julia Sillitoe

I am currently using a bible reading scheme which speaks about “to Lent”. Instead of focussing on the period known as Lent, it centres on activities that typify the Lenten spirit. It asks the question is Lent a season we keep or something we need to do everyday? Is this the season of Lent or the season to Lent? In other words, what kind of life questions does Lent ask of us?

This Lent in the Benefice we are looking at “Life Attitudes”, studying in more detail the Beatitudes. Together we are seeking to put flesh on some of these questions and to learn in community. So, I hope you will all take the opportunity to attend these evenings and more particularly the special weekday services to that end. These include those planned for Holy Week, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. These are vital if we are to enter into the joy of our Easter celebrations.

What it means to Lent involves what it means to Easter. Jesus did not come to earth so that we should spend our whole life lamenting our sins and focusing on what we are not. He came to give us life in abundance. Matthew 6 shows us how to Lent and to Easter.

Jesus does not stay with the thought that we can get prayer and giving wrong, but he goes on to say that we can get them right. We can please God in the way we do these activities. We can begin to lay up treasure in heaven rather than on earth.

Will we ever get there? Will we ever leave Lent behind forever and live in the light of Easter? My experience of faith so far tells me that the answer is probably no, not in this life. However, if we take seriously what it means to Lent, we will discover that in an amazing way we begin to Easter here and now.

Spare a thought this month about future developments of the Benefice and church structures in this area. Passiontide and Eastertide are not a bad time to engage in this. Any significant and worthwhile change includes death and resurrection; an ending of old ways and the birth of fresh possibilities. By the time you read this the deadline for interviews for the new rector will have passed and that process of death and resurrection will be in train.

Alison

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

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Please note that Alison takes Friday as her day off.

Other Benefice Services, Meetings and Social Events in March 2008

March 1 st	Saturday	Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
March 2 nd	Sunday	Hathern Church Music Café 6-8pm
March 5 th	Wednesday	Benefice Lent Evening, 7.30pm, Belton Church
March 6 th	Thursday	Bishop Tim's Pilgrimage visiting Diseworth
March 6th	Thursday	Diseworth APCM
March 8 th	Saturday	Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
March 12 th	Wednesday	Benefice Lent Evening, 7.30pm, Osgathorpe Church
March 15 th	Saturday	Long Whatton Friendship Centre Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
March 26 th	Wednesday	Benefice Praise Evening, 7.30pm, Hathern Church

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Services & Locations for March 2008

	Time	Service	Location
March 2 nd	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
Mothering Sunday	10.30am	Family Service	Diseworth , Belton, Hathern, Kegworth & Osgathorpe
	4.00pm	Messy Church	Long Whatton
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton & Kegworth
March 6 th	9.00am	School Assembly	Diseworth
March 9 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Belton & Kegworth
	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Diseworth L. Whatton, Hathern & Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Kegworth
	7.30pm	United Praise Service	Hathern
March 16 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
Palm Sunday	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Diseworth & Osgathorpe
	10.30am	CW Morning Prayer	Belton
		CW Holy Communion	Long Whatton
		Family Service	Kegworth
	4.00pm	Messy Church	Osgathorpe
	6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern
		BCP Evensong	Belton & Kegworth
March 17 th	2.30pm	CW Holy Communion	Hathern
March 20 th	7.30pm	CW Holy Communion	Kegworth
Maundy Thursday	8.30pm	Stripping of the Altar & Vigil	Kegworth
March 21 st	10.00am	Children's Activities & Family Service	Diseworth
Good Friday	1.00pm	Devotions	Kegworth
	6.00pm	Compline	Osgathorpe
	7.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer	Belton
		Compline	Hathern
March 23 rd	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
Easter Day	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Diseworth & L.Whatton
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Hathern, Kegworth, Belton & Osgathorpe

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	6.15pm	BCP Evensong Easter Work with Sutton Bonington Choir	Hathern Kegworth
March 26 th	7.30pm	Benefice Praise Evening	Hathern
March 30 th	8.00am 10.30am 6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion CW Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion BCP Evensong	Kegworth & L. Whatton Hathern & Kegworth Diseworth Belton, Kegworth & Osgathorpe

Week Day Services

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

Lessons and Readers for March 2008

		Time	Reader	Sidesman
March 2 nd Mothering Sunday		First Reading: Exodus 2.1-10 Second Reading: Colossians 3.12-17 Gospel: John 19.25-27		
March 9 th Lent 5		First Reading: 10.30am Ezekiel 37.1-14 Second Reading: Romans 8.6-11 Gospel: John 11.1-45	S Brompton D Cherry R Harris	A Stone
March 16 th Palm Sunday		First Reading: 9.00am Isaiah 50.4-9a Second Reading: Philippians 2.5-11 Gospel: Matthew 27.11-54	S Bird D Blenkinsopp M Howe	D Cherry
March 23 rd Easter Day		First Reading: 9.00am Isaiah 65.17-25 Second Reading: Acts 10.34-43 Gospel: John 20.1-18	A Stone M Gidlow S Bird	M Howe
March 30 th Easter 2		First Reading: 6.15pm Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20-21 Second Reading: Acts 2.14a, 22-32 Gospel: John 20.19-31	M Gidlow R Edwards	F Hill

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

News from the Pews

Diseworth Annual Parochial Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Parochial Church Council will take place in church on Thursday, 6th March at 7.30pm. This meeting is open to everyone to attend, although only those on the Church Electoral Roll are permitted to vote. This is the time when the annual accounts of the church are presented as well as reports on the fabric of the church and the various events which have taken place during the year, and when churchwardens are elected. We hope many parishioners will be able to attend.



**Bell Ringing at
Diseworth Mondays
8pm**

Flowers and Church Brasses

	Flowers	Brasses
March 2 nd (Mothering Sunday)	Mrs P Cotton	Mrs D Griffin
March 23 rd (Easter Day)	Mrs S Dakin	Mrs N Cowley

Notes from the Belton Rectory

Team Rector

The second advert has now appeared in the church newspapers. There have been several inquiries this time. By the time you read this, hopefully interviews will have taken place. Please pray imaginatively that the right person will be appointed.

Maundy Thursday

The Benefice Service on Maundy Thursday is at a different time this year, namely 7.30pm. It will be at Kegworth Church. This will be followed by the stripping of the altar and a prayer vigil. It is aimed at helping us to identify with Christ in the last days of his earthly life. Julie Ann and I would encourage you to come along to this important service.

APCMs

News of the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting is not usually met with cries of ecstasy – that's an exciting evening to look forward to! However, they are important occasions and I actually hope that there will be a good number of people there at each church. This is the time to cast your vote to elect your PCC. It is also a time to look back and to look forward strategically. Details elsewhere in the magazine.

News from the Pews

Mothering Sunday

March 2nd



On March 2nd we will be holding our Mothering Sunday Family Service at 10.30am.

Mothers and children of all ages are most welcome to attend.

Children will be handed small posies to give to their mothers, and refreshments will be served after the service.

Good Friday Children's Activity Morning

The Children's Activity Morning will be held in church from 10am until 12 noon on Good Friday.

Children should come to church at 10am, and we invite parents and other family members to join us at 11.30am for refreshments and a short family service.

There will be a small charge of £1 per child.



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

The Bishop's Lent Pilgrimage 2008 – Walking, Talking, Praying and Supporting

Why is the Bishop walking through the communities of Leicestershire during Lent? Here is his answer:-

“Firstly, in order to provide myself time and space to slow down, to pray and reflect on the life of the Diocese.

Secondly, in order to make time and space to meet people from our churches and the wider community so that the relationship can be deepened and strengthened...

Thirdly, in order to provide a living symbol of the Christian journey which is always a pilgrimage, journeying into God's future, travelling light and knowing that God goes ahead of us to prepare the way...”

Bishop Tim will be walking through our area on two occasions.

1. Thursday 6th March – Osgathorpe, Belton and Diseworth

After lunch on this day he will be walking to Osgathorpe and should arrive at the church about 2.15pm. He will spend 15 minutes praying inside the church. Then he continues to Belton, arriving about 2.50pm. After spending 15 minutes praying in the church, he will then go on to Diseworth, arriving at approx. 3.40pm. Again there will be a quarter of an hour for prayer in the church before he continues to East Midlands airport for his overnight stay.

2. Thursday 13th March – Kegworth, Long Whatton and Hathern

Breakfast at 8am in Kegworth Church for the community. 8.45am the Bishop arrives for Morning Prayer and leaves at 9.15am for Long Whatton, arriving about 10.30am for 15 minutes praying in the church. He then continues walking to Hathern Church where midday prayers will be said at noon. At 12.30pm he adjourns to the Three Crowns pub for lunch, leaving at 1.30pm to make his way to Shepshed.

How can I be involved?

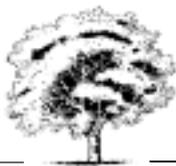
Join the Bishop at your church for prayer. Be mindful that these timings are approximate. He might arrive earlier! We will be using the Bishop's Prayer Guide at each Church.



If you want to join in breakfast at Kegworth, you must contact Julie Ann.

Lunch at Hathern is by invitation only. Let's make the Bishop very welcome.

If you have any concerns, please contact Alison.



SLUGS IN THE SEEDBED

Gardeners are used to having problems with slugs in the garden, chewing the lettuces and bedding plants, but farmers also have problems with slugs out in the fields.

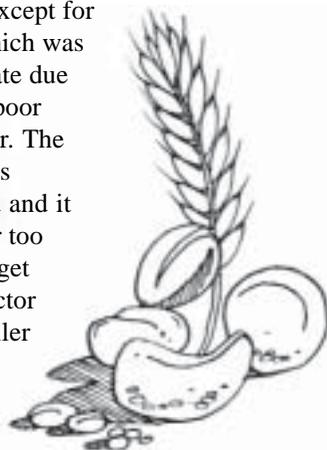
In the early stages of germination, as the cereal grain starts to soften, slugs can chew through the outer husk and hollow out the inside, just leaving the empty seedcase. If there are many slugs they can decimate a large area of a field, leaving it completely bare. Even a whole field can be eaten away by slugs, so that the whole lot has to be sown again. When the grain does germinate and the young shoots start to push up through the surface of the soil, the slugs can still attack it while it is young and fresh.

The tell tale sign of slug damage is if the leaves have been chewed along the edges leaving a serrated edge. Hares nibble the tops off cleanly. Some years the slug problem can be quite bad, this year appears to be one of those years but so far this year we have not had a problem, only heard about other farmers who have.

Slugs can also do a lot of damage to young oil seed rape plants because

they develop a lot of young fresh growth close to the ground over the winter. If there are signs of slug damage in a field, there is nothing else for it but to apply slug pellets or else the whole crop can be lost.

Prevention is of course better than cure and rolling the seedbed with a heavy roller to compact the soil after the field has been sown is a good way of restricting the slugs moving about underground. The rolling also breaks up clods of soil on the surface which can provide ideal hiding places for the slugs as they move about looking for fresh shoots to chew. All our fields of cereals were rolled as they were sown this time, except for one which was done late due to the poor weather. The heavens opened and it was far too wet to get the tractor and roller in the



field, so it had to be left.

In early January a few shoots emerged but the ground was a long way from being well covered with plants. Sunday afternoons were spent walking up and having a good look at it to check for any signs of damage. Gradually as the weeks went on more plants emerged until it was possible to see the rows clearly.

Amazingly enough no damage has occurred so far and now the plants are starting to grow away strongly as the

days lengthen and the soil warms up. As the plants grow skyward and develop tough stems they are no longer at risk of damage from the slugs, they only like fresh and tender growth.

Likewise the oil seed rape soon grows away and before long, the fields should be a patchwork of green and yellow, hopefully basking in some warm spring sunshine

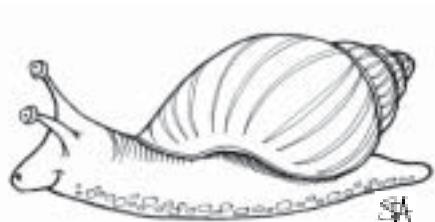
Diseworth Wildlife



Spring is nearly here, you can sense it in the air,
You can feel it around you and see it everywhere.
The nights are lighter. the mornings too.
The birds are singing and everything looks new.

The shrubs are in bud and the bulbs are showing,
It won't be long now before the grass
needs mowing.
We still feel the cold but now there's some sun,
We can all look forward to the good
weather to come.

The snail hunter has actually seen some slugs and the odd snail – she's so relieved now she knows she hasn't killed them all with the melons.



Les Brown

News from The Plough Inn

Here is our new menu for evening food. We serve this on Tuesdays to Saturdays from 7pm to 9pm. Saturdays are also the night we do hot beef cobs at about 9.30pm ish!



Monday is still curry night, with home-made curries made to Maitland's secret recipe! Again served from 7pm - 9pm.

On the next page is our menu for Mothering Sunday on March 2nd. Please book early as this day gets very busy! We will be offering something similar on Easter Sunday, contact us for more details.

The Plough Inn Evening Menu ***Served from 7pm to 9pm, Tuesday to Saturday***

*Please order and pay for your food at the bar.
At busy times, please avoid eating in the main bar area.*

Soup and crusty bread £3.25

Please ask for today's choice of homemade soup, served with hot, crusty baguette and butter.

Nachos £4.95

A generous portion of nachos, topped with melted, mature cheddar cheese, with salsa, guacamole, and sour cream.

Cold Meat and Cheese Platter £10.00

A selection of three cold meats and four cheeses, with black olives, sun-dried tomatoes and warm ciabatta bread. An ideal meal to share with someone else.

Baked Camembert £7.00

A whole baked Camembert with warm cranberry sauce and slices of hot bread. Probably best to share!

Marnie's Dip £8.00

A garlic and cheese style dip, made to my mate Marnie's recipe! Served in a whole granary batch loaf with crudités. Definitely best to share with at least one other hungry person!

Homemade Beef Stew £8.50

Traditional beef stew, slow cooked all day, and served in a whole granary batch loaf. Again, one for the hungry!

The Plough Inn

Menu for Mothering Sunday

2nd March 2008 (Served 12noon – 3pm)

Starters

Home-made Soup of the Day with hot, crusty bread and butter £3.45

Salmon and Prawn Cocktail with Marie Rose sauce £5.50

Thai Cod and Prawn Fishcake with a sweet chilli dipping sauce £3.75

Mains

Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding £6.95

Roast Lamb with Mint Sauce £6.95

Nut Roast with Vegetarian Gravy £5.95

All are served with fresh vegetables and roast and creamed potatoes

Desserts

Home-made Bread and Butter Pudding £3.95

Home-made Chocolate Sponge Pudding £3.95

Home-made Tarte au Citron £3.95

All are served with a choice of ice-cream or custard



Going Green – Are you ready for the Switch?



We should all be doing our bit to turn our homes into a environmentally friendly place – from switching our lightbulbs to using eco friendly products around the home.

Green Policies

The Go Green Company is a new company recently launched by Chris Cheney, aimed at doing something positive for the environment. The site provides hints and tips so that you can take simple steps to making your life greener and in doing so helping the environment. We also want to inform people about the eco friendly products and ideas that are sustainable and have a positive or low environmental impact, and yet are still functional and desirable.

If every household in the uk replaced 3 standard light bulbs with 3 energy saving light bulbs enough energy would be saved to power all the street lighting in the UK – see:

www.thegogreencompany.com

for a large range of energy efficient lightbulbs.

The site offers products that consume less energy (or no energy at all i.e. solar powered), do not pollute, are completely natural and when compared to non-eco alternatives have the same functionality. When choosing an eco friendly product, you actually get a double benefit; you make a move towards sustainability and you benefit from the product.



Here are some Top Tips for going green

- Turn off the tap when you clean your teeth
- Put a hippo water saver in your cistern and save around 6,000 litres of water per year
- Turn the radiator off in your bedroom, and purchase a natural wool duvet and other products from our extensive bedding range
- Get rid of the plastic bags, use a reusable shopping bag
- Turn your heating down by 1 degree
- Buy energy-saving light bulbs and change your conventional ones. Each light bulb will give you approximately 75% energy saving – see our huge range of these products
- Turn off all electronic machines left on standby
- Use ecover cleaning products
- Compost all your organic waste, and buy a water butt
- Switch to a green and renewable electricity supplier

Sue Cheney

INSTALLING HUSBAND



Dear Tech Support,

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slow down in overall system performance — particularly in the flower and jewellery applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0.

In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5 and then installed undesirable programs such as Formula One 5.0, FACup 3.0, and Golf Clubs 4.1.

Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and Housecleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system. I've tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail. What can I do!?

Signed *Desperate*

Dear Desperate

First keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an Operating System.

Please enter the command 'http: I Thought You Loved Me. html' and try to download Tears 6.2 and don't forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewellery 2.0 and Flowers 3.5.

But remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0 or Beer 6.1. Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will download the Snoring Loudly add-on.

Whatever you do, DO NOT install Mother-in-law 1.0 (it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system Resources).

Also, do not attempt to reinstall the Boyfriend 5.0 Program.

These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0.

In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend Food 3.0 and Hot Lingerie 7.7.

Good Luck *Tech Support*

JIM SNEE

GENTLEMAN OF THIS PARISH

James Robert Snee has now entered the ranks of the retired. It is fitting, therefore, that this ex-aviator, significant person in the community of Diseworth, Swahili speaker, man of great charm and ‘all-round good egg’ should be mentioned in dispatches.

By now the accolades heaped on him by the aviation industry will have abated a little and the world of leisure opened up like a plump oyster waiting for him to savour it.

No doubt Jim will find outlets for his fertile mind and practical skills. His construction abilities are renowned as are those that engage him in disassembling and reassembling bits of motorcars. He is also an expert in the mechanics of power-driven garden machinery.

It can be said, without fear of contradiction, that he has a weakness for most things with an engine or motor attached to it particularly if it’s cheap and needs repairing. But do not be deceived into thinking that this is the full repertoire.

There is a further list from racing and mending rally cars, excavating ponds, cooking and serving more than a fair plate or two of food and making a good fist of being a sommelier. Quelle talent!

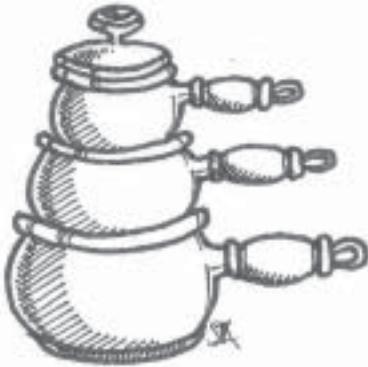
Theoretically, there will be in this new world, more time for taking trips to France and spending lazy hours on his ‘fishing boat’; more time to take coffee in the Bull and Swan and relate stories of humorous events of his week; more time to help ladies repair grandfather clocks and more time to offer wisdom and advice as Chairman of the Diseworth *Dialogue* Committee.

Most importantly, and this is where the theory bit stands or falls, Jim will be on hand, more than ever before, to attend to that long list of tasks that Carly has been drafting over the past twelve months.

But if our retiree is half the man we think he is, some strategy will have been formulated to address such an eventuality – about a year ago!

HAPPY RETIREMENT JIM!

Choice for Choices Sake



by Sue Roberts

I thought that I had quite a simple task ahead of me when I decided that I would like to replace two of my very old but much loved stainless steel saucepans that had been gracing my cooker for more than thirty years. There was nothing actually wrong with them,

nothing that time had not dealt with. One had a slightly melted knob on the lid as the result of dropping it on a very hot electric ring, and the other was suffering from a discoloured bottom – a result of my inadvertently putting it on the heat with no water – and yet, they still cooked the vegetables et al with great success. I didn't *need* to change them but I thought that having revamped the kitchen, a couple of new pans would look the part.

My oh my, what a minefield I had opened up for myself. I have always tried to go by the adage that 'you get what you pay for' so having spurned Argos, Wilkinson's and Woolworths I ventured forth into Tyler's, T K Maxx (yes, they have brand names) and a further foray into McArthur Glen, now renamed East Midlands Retail Park. I was saving Macro for later.

I only wanted two new saucepans. How difficult could that be? Let me tell you, here and now, there is nothing as easy as a simple choice any more. Take coffee for example. Go shopping, possibly with the spouse in tow, or a female friend (better) and it's time for a refreshment break.

'Let's have a coffee' suggests one.

'Sounds good' comes the reply (It can't be me as I don't drink coffee) but you get the gist.

Enter a coffee establishment or similar. You are faced with a dazzling but bewildering array of choice. Mocha. Latte. Espresso. Cappuccino. Ground. Macchiato. Organic. Fairtrade. Short black. Long black. Espresso Longo. Americano. Ristretto, Café Freddo. Doppio. Café au Lait. Filter. Café con Leche. Flat white. Tall. Skinny. Full. With hot milk, frothy or cream. Regular (which means huge). Large (which means gargantuan). Hold the sprinkles – the what? I only wanted a coffee – you know – Nescafe granules, cold milk – hold the sugar!

Anyway I digress, but I think you might be starting to understand my dilemma. First off is the size. I hadn't actually measured my pans and there I was faced with a choice of 14cm, 16 cm, 18 cm and more. That confused me to begin with. I thought pans might have been measured in capacity. Aah. Some of them were – marked off on the inside in litres. What? I only do pints.

Next was the shape – mine are straight up and down and very familiar. These choices came in round, straight, tall, belly shaped, shallow, with pouring lips, or without. Lids had steam vents or lots of steam holes – I'm not sure about that – I quite like the reassuring clanking sound a lid makes as it does it's best to keep on top of the pan without spitting the contents everywhere. I did look fleetingly at a copper pan that was very smart (smart price too) but decided against it on the cleaning factor alone.

Colour – I hate black and really like stainless steel. But there are orange, yellow, blue, green, brown, cream and patterns too. Oh no.

Handles are the next thing. Many of the new pans I looked at had metal handles. Now I know science and technology has moved on since I had my pans but surely metal and heat together equals hot handles? I like black handles that are not metal. Some of the ergonomics in the design of handles was almost laughable. They stuck out at an impossible angle and were so long I would have to be eight foot tall with four foot arms to get the correct angle with which to pick up the pan and its contents. (I'm five foot three so that rules that out).

And that brings me on to weight. Heavy is good – or not. You don't want a pan that buckles under heat the minute you turn the cooker on but neither do you want a pan that is so heavy that by the time its contents plus water are bubbling away you need a willing partner – not always available - or a JCB, to hoist it off the hob.

And do I want non stick pans or ones with folding handles so they will store easily in my cupboard? Do I want pans that double as slow cookers and roasting dishes? Do I want pans that can sing, whistle and dance the light fantastic? Are they dishwasher safe? Will they cook on my halogen hob?
NO.

I would just like two new pans to replace my old ones and do the job they have always done, which is to cook.

I think after all I may well continue with the ones that I have and wait till the day the bottom drops out of them – only then will I really *have* to make a choice.

DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

If you have items for the APRIL ISSUE of the *Dialogue* please give to a committee 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.

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March

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The contact number for the
mobile library is
01530 835951.

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

The Dialogue Committee were saddened to hear of the death of Dawn Barnett of Hall Gate.

Dawn died in the early hours of 15th February - her 64th birthday.

DIALOGUE DISPATCHES



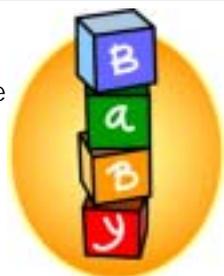
At the *Dialogue* Annual Supper in January, Sue Brompton was presented with a bouquet of flowers from Peggy Tudor. Jim Snee, Chairman, spoke of the committee's appreciation of her time as Editor of the *Diseworth Dialogue*

Need a babysitter?

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

to Paul and Gerry Riley of Orchard Close on the safe arrival of their daughter, Ruby Louise, born on Saturday 9th February. Big brother, 4 year old Robert, is absolutely delighted to have a little sister.



Book Worms

On 19th February we watched the black and white film of 'A Town Like Alice' - very enjoyable - you can't beat the old ones!

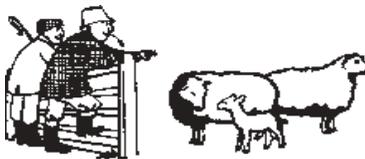
Our meeting on the 18th March has been **cancelled** and will now be held on 22nd April. See diary page for details

Advertising News

Turn to the yellow pages to see the updated advert for
.... *The Claudette Caven Dance Company*

.... The new *Leisurebench* advert with their new range of outdoor furniture including their San Francisco Bench

LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



There was a dramatic start to the meeting of the Council on 7th February. Our Police Community Support duo, Polly and Peri, were in mid-flow explaining that there had been very little crime or incident in the Parish recently, when they made a sudden departure in response to a radio call. We look forward to hearing more on another occasion.

Members then considered the funding difficulties threatening the future of Long Whatton Playgroup. The big rise in costs combined with uncertain numbers of children attending means there is a 'funding gap'. The Parish Council heard about this sympathetically but it requires more investigation and discussion before being able to consider ways in which it might help.

The speed of buses in Long Whatton in particular continue to cause concern. The bus company have been contacted regularly and say they take what steps they can but have declined to accept an invitation to a meeting to discuss the issues. It was decided that this matter would need to be addressed by the Speedwatch group – about to begin their activities.

The over-sized ash tree in Grimes Gate, belonging to the Council, will require expert attention soon and we are in the process of obtaining quotations for the work. The existence of power and telephone cables and the need for traffic control while the work is done will push up the price considerably.

As drivers calling for a drink at the Falcon will park outside, opposite the road junction causing a frequent obstruction to large vehicles trying to turn, a call has gone out from the Council for enforceable parking restrictions at this point. The County Highways department is dealing with the request which is being investigated and County Councillor Mrs Lesley Pendleton has been asked for her support.

A lot of correspondence this time included consultations and information about such things as Ramp Metering on the M1, new Dog Control Orders, a Funding Fair, a request for financial support from the *Diseworth Dialogue* (agreed), Housing Land Availability (response: we need some affordable housing), an invitation to enter this year's Best Village Contest, yet more regulations about the

Councillors Code of Conduct, road works in Diseworth and a request for help with a footpath waymarking programme in Diseworth. In particular, the Council was asked for its views on the naming of the new road being built off West End in Long Whatton and it was agreed that the name *Fred Sherwood Close* be proposed. It was agreed that the additional costs of printing, etc. in connection with the launch of the Parish Plan on 21st February would be met by the Council. There were eight planning consultations to consider, including some amendments to the plans for Diseworth Heritage Centre and extensions to the Royal Oak. No objections were raised to any of them – everyone’s happy!

The Parish Council’s website - longwhattondiseworth.org.uk. – continues to attract more and more users so I must be doing something right in this rather unfamiliar territory. The site is kept reasonably up to date with basic information, contact details and important news as it arises. Also you can see and download agendas and minutes of the Council’s meetings and there is a very useful direct link to all the current planning applications in the area – you can even submit your own comments on them!

Douglas Maas, Parish Clerk



The Youth Forum meeting in Diseworth Village Hall

Through a Child's Eyes

Dear God
Instead of letting people die
and having to make new ones
why don't you just keep the
ones you got now
Jane

Dear God
I went to this wedding and
they kissed right in church –
is that ok?
Neil

Dear God
Thank you for the baby brother but
what I prayed for was a puppy
Joyce

Dear God
Please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter. There
is nothing good in there now
Ginny

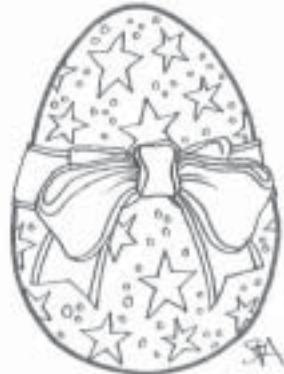
Dear God
I am American.
What are you?
Robert

Dear God
In bible times did they
really talk that fancy
Jennifer

Dear God
We read Thos Edison made light but in Sunday School they said
you did it.
So I bet he stoled your idea.
Sincerely Donna

Dear God
If you watch in church on Sunday I will
show you my new shoes
Mickey D.

God
I would like to live 900 years like
the guys in the bible
love Chris



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WOMENS' GROUP

The AGM is always a turnoff for some people, with others unable to attend for genuine reasons, but, with an attendance of fourteen ladies we had a very productive evening. We managed to outline the programme of events for the whole year with choices of activities and speakers within the space of an hour, along with the other formalities an AGM brings.

We remain the same with Liz Jarrom at the helm, Diana Cherry as always keeping a tight hold on the purse strings and doing an admirable job and me doing my best as secretary!



The Womens' Group is in its 10th year and there's plenty of enthusiasm. It's such a good meeting place for different pockets of the community to join together and have fun, as we did after the AGM enjoying a glass of wine and cheese whilst taking part in a quiz kindly arranged by Diana.

Come and join us.

Subscriptions remain at £15 for the year or
£3 per meeting as a guest.

Sheila Dakin

Next Meeting

Monday 10th March

A second session **PAINTING WITH WATERCOLOURS**
with Carol Woodland.

We suggest you bring a jam jar and kitchen roll
as before



HEALTH PAGE



EYES; MORE THAN OUR WINDOW ON THE WORLD

Most of the time we take our eyes for granted, unless we have failing sight or need to get a new prescription for our glasses. The eastern medicine of Ayurveda recommends a set of daily eye exercises that can improve eyesight, promote self healing and make us more intelligent.

We all use eye movements to access information stored in our brains. If you ask a friend if they can remember what colour dress you were wearing at last summer's fete, they will automatically look up to the left in an effort to retrieve that information. This is just one example of the nine eye positions.

So, with the face pointing forward, first look up diagonally to the left as far as you can without moving the head and hold for 30 seconds. This helps retrieve visual memory and also helps to balance the electrical activity in the body, especially in the heart and brain.

Then look horizontally to the left, again with the face pointing forward, hold for 30 seconds. This helps retrieve auditory memory, such as music and conversations.

Looking down diagonally to the left is the same as horizontally to the left.

Looking up diagonally to the right helps to create new visual expressions such as painting, drawing and writing.

Looking horizontally to the right helps in the creation of new musical works.

Looking down diagonally to the right encourages the retrieval of memories relating to touch and emotions.

Looking between the eyebrows helps to develop intuition, our so called sixth sense and looking at the nose (no need to go cross eyed, just look in the direction of the nose) helps bring back the memory of smells, and looking towards the tongue helps with retrieving memories related to taste.

Finally look round in a circle first going to the left and then to the right.



This whole exercise should take about 5 minutes. It is thought that if this series of eye movement is practiced daily it will help improve intuition, creativity, learning ability and attention span.

Liz Jarrom

A History Lesson

(Does the statement “We’ve always done it that way” ring any bells?)

The US standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet 8½ inches.

That’s an exceedingly odd number: Why was that gauge used? Because that’s the way they built them in England and English expatriates built the US railroads.

Why did the English build them like that? Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways and that’s the gauge they used.

Why did they use that gauge then? Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they used for building wagons which used that wheel spacing.

O.K! Why did the wagons have that particular wheel spacing? Well if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England because that’s the spacing of the wheel nuts.

So who built those old rutted roads? Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in England for their legions and the roads have been used ever since.

And the ruts in the roads? Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels. Since the chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing. The United States standard railroad gauge of 4 ft 8 ½ inches is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot.

Bureaucracies live for ever. So the next time you are handed a specification and wonder what horse’s ass came up with it, you may be exactly right, because the Imperial Roman war chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the back ends of two war horses. **Now the twist to the story...**

When you see a Space Shuttle sitting on its launch pad, there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRBs and the SRBs are made by Thiokol at their factory at Utah. The engineers who designed the SRBs would have preferred to make them a bit fatter, but the SRBs had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railroad line from the factory happens to run through a tunnel in the mountains and the SRBs had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track and the railroad track – as you now know – is about as wide as two horse’s behinds. So, a major Space Shuttle design feature of what is arguably the world’s most advanced transportation system was determined over two thousand years ago by the width of a horse’s ass. **And you thought being a horse’s ass wasn’t that important!**
(Article taken from a Somerset Parish Magazine).

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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.

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Heritage Centre	Martin Hening	01332 853647
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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

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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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