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# Diseworth Diary

## SEPTEMBER

Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Women's' Discussion Group. "Late Parenthood". 2pm. 7 Lady Gate.
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Sunflower Measuring. 2pm onwards.
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Group - 8pm - Village Hall. 'My life as a prison officer'.
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	PCC meeting in church. 7.30pm
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Farmer's Market. 9am – 12.30pm. St Edward's Primary School. Castle Donington.
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Diseworth Open Flower Show
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Table Top Sale & Car Boot. Village hall 10am - 12 noon
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Book Club. Book/DVD to be advised. 2pm. 10 Lady Gate.
Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Charnwood Community Theatre. Quiz Night. 8pm. Diseworth Village Hall.
Saturday		
Sunday	20/21 <sup>st</sup>	Ploughing Match.
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Dialogue collating and committee meeting. 8pm
Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning. In church. 10am – 12noon.
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Long Whatton Cricket Club. BARN DANCE.

## OCTOBER

Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parking meeting prior to Parish Council meeting. 7pm. Diseworth Village Hall.
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Charnwood Community Theatre present 'Blithe Spirit' by Noel Coward Diseworth Village Hall. 7.30 pm
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Discussion Group. "Inventions we could live without". 2pm. 9 The Woodcroft.
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Diseworth Heritage Trust. Dot Wilkes talk "Memories" 7.30pm. Village Hall.
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Farmer's Market. 9am – 12.30pm. St Edward's Primary School. Castle Donington.

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# Welcome

to the September issue of  
the *Diseworth Dialogue*.



This summer we decided to forego our annual trip to visit my mum in Crete, and hop on the 'eco bandwagon' by spending our family holiday in the UK. So at the beginning of July we hooked up our caravan and headed for Coniston in the Lake District. It was a glorious day and as we arrived at the water's edge four hours later, we smugly said to each other 'Who needs foreign climes?' At 2am we awoke to the familiar sound of rain falling on to the caravan. Unless you have experienced this, you cannot appreciate that even the gentlest of showers sounds like a monsoon when you are inside a caravan.

The rain continued for the rest of the week and as we headed further north to the Isle of Arran for the second week of our holiday we kidded ourselves that it wouldn't be raining quite as hard by the coast- surely?

We were wrong, and added to the rain were the strong winds that threatened to demolish our awning. I say 'awning', but by this time it was simply just a drying room!

It wasn't all bad by any means. We saw seals basking on rocks, a kingfisher perching on a nearby branch and we fed swans and their cygnets. Our dogs loved swimming in the sea and our son enjoyed his fishing trips with his dad in our little inflatable boat. But a little more sunshine would have made all the difference. Will we do the same next year? Probably!

The only consolation is that everyone in the UK was in the same boat this summer. And yet I can't remember the last time the wheat fields looked so resplendent. So we must have had some warm weather. I just can't remember which day that was!

Now, as the combine harvesters are busy in those wheat fields, the children are heading back to school and we look forward to a busy month in Diseworth. The annual flower show on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September is followed a week later by the ploughing match. Details of both events can be found in this issue.

Also included in this month's magazine is an article about the financial predicament facing St. Michael and All Angels' Church. Whether you go to church regularly, irregularly or never, please read this article. I honestly believe that if we, as a village, don't rally round, it will not be long before the bells cease to ring in Diseworth and in my opinion, a village without a church is not a village at all.

Finally, for some, this summer has been tinged with sadness and my thoughts are with all those who have recently lost a loved one.

Let us hope we are blessed with an Indian summer this month because blackberry picking is not as much fun in the rain!

# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*



photograph Julia Sillitoe

*Dear Friends,*

By the time you read this the Olympics in Beijing will be over and a new kind of countdown to Gill's induction will be well and truly underway.

The diocese has published a new service for such occasions entitled "New Beginnings - a service of welcome for a new parish priest." That title encompasses two important phrases. As a Benefice and as six communities we are facing new beginnings. As a minister Gill is embarking on a new phase in her career. Community and church together welcome Gill and Jon into our midst, into our church lives and into our hearts.

The service itself in effect acknowledges that both church and priest are going through a rite of passage. Changes are underway for the church community and have been since the last rector left. The congregations of our Benefice will be asked to reaffirm their baptismal vows in the service and I will be asked if I am prepared to work with Gill as a colleague. This entails working in collaboration with her and others, learning from their special skills and being ready to share my own. To me, this is the heart of ministry – lay and clergy working to the same goal, recognising strengths and weaknesses and our belovedness before God.

We need to remember in this talk of new beginnings that there will be important aspects of continuity of ministry, lay and ordained. Churchwardens, PCC members and others will be called to continue to serve, although we may have to adjust to new patterns. The readers and those on the team likewise will remain invaluable contributors to the life of church and community. Now is the appropriate time to thank all those who have supported each of our six churches over the last two years unstintingly. Without you, Gill would be facing a daunting task.

The second aspect that the new service emphasises is "welcome". This is our chance as a Benefice to shine. We will be welcoming the bishop, diocesan and deanery officers into our church; we will be welcoming each other from the Benefice to St Andrew's; our hand of friendship will go out to our Mission Partners; civic, community and other religious leaders will share in this celebration. At the heart of all this, let God's own welcoming embracing love shine forth.

To be a part of the celebrations you need to be at St Andrew's in good time on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September. The service will start at 6.30pm and will be followed by refreshments. I look forward to seeing you all there.

*Alison*

# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

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Please note that Alison takes Friday as her day off.

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## **Other Benefice Services, Meetings and Social Events in September 2008**

September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday	Hathern House Group 7.30pm
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Hathern Church Music Café 6.00pm-8pm
September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	<b>Diseworth PCC in church, 7.30pm</b>
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride Day
		Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Long Whatton Friendship Centre Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Monday	Benefice Bible Study, Hathern 7.30pm
September 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Benefice Praise Evening, Shepshed, 7.30pm
<b>September 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Diseworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon</b>
<b>September 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Diseworth Back to Church Sunday 10.30am</b> <b>Open Afternoon 2.30pm-4.30pm</b>
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Benefice Alpha Evening, Hathern

# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

## Services & Locations for September 2008

	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Location</b>
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>School Assembly</b>	<b>Diseworth</b>
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>CW Holy Communion</b>	<b>Diseworth &amp; Belton</b>
		Family Service	Hathern & Kegworth
		All Age Worship	Long Whatton C. Centre
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton & Kegworth
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth & Belton
	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>	<b>Diseworth</b>
		CW Holy Communion	Long Whatton, Hathern & Kegworth
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Licensing of Revd. Gill Turner-Callis</b>	<b>Kegworth</b>
September 21 <sup>st</sup>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>CW Holy Communion</b>	<b>Diseworth &amp; Osgathorpe</b>
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Long Whatton
		Family Harvest	Belton
		Family Service	Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern
		BCP Evensong	Belton & Kegworth
September 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Benefice Praise Service	Shepshead
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
<b>Back to Church Sunday</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>CW Holy Communion &amp; Patronal Festival</b>	<b>Diseworth</b>
		CW Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
		CW Morning Prayer	Osgathorpe
	3.00pm	Civic Service	Long Whatton
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Hathern, Belton & Kegworth

### Week Day Services

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

# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

## Lessons and Readers for September 2008

	<b>Time</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Sidesman</b>
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	First Reading:		
Trinity 16	Ezekiel 33.7-11	S Brompton	M Howe
	Second Reading: Romans 13.8-14	S Bird	
	Gospel: Matthew 18.15-20	M Gidlow	
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	First Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14		
Trinity 17	Second Reading: Galatians 4.4-7		
	Gospel: Luke 1.26-38		
September 21 <sup>st</sup>	First Reading:		
Trinity 18	Proverbs 3.13-18	D Cherry	G Stone
	Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4.1-6	T Walker	
	Gospel: Matthew 9.9-13	D Blenkinsopp	
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	First Reading:		
St Michael &	Genesis 28.10-17	R Harris	D Cherry
All Angels	Second Reading: Revelation 12.7-12	S Bird	
	Gospel: John 1.47-51	A Stone	

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

Bell Ringing at Diseworth Mondays 8pm

### **Coffee Morning**



The monthly Coffee Morning continues to be held on the fourth Saturday of the month, and we are lucky to have a Fair Trade Stall kindly provided by Cathy and Paul Phillips from Kegworth.

There is a wide variety of Fair Trade things available including food items, cards and gifts.

The coffee morning this month is on the 27<sup>th</sup> September from 10am until 12noon. Please try and support this as it is the only shop we have in Diseworth!

# News from the Pews

## Tombola Prizes

We shall again be having a Tombola stall at the Flower Show on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Any contributions would be most welcome – please leave in church or deliver to Sue Bird, Wartoft Grange.

## Chalice



On behalf of the Parochial Church Council I would like to thank the Fletcher family for their generous donation of a new Holy Communion Chalice, given in memory of their mother, Mrs Annie Fletcher. It is a lovely chalice

and a welcome addition to our church.

David Bird, Churchwarden

## Sponsored Ride & Stride Day

The annual Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Ride & Stride Day will take place on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> September from 10am until 6pm. Cyclists and Walkers can seek sponsors for the number of churches or chapels they visit on the day. The money raised is shared equally between the place of worship nominated by the Cyclist/Walker and the Trust. Around 400 Christian places of worship will be open in Leicestershire, and a list together with sponsor forms is available in church.



## 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 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## PCC

The Parochial Church Council will meet in church at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September.

## Flowers and Church Brasses

	Flowers	Brasses
September 7 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs D Blenkinsopp	Mrs M Howe
September 21 <sup>st</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs I Tebbutt	Mrs R Smith

## *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

# **Back to Church Sunday**

*Back to Church Sunday is a project which began in Manchester Diocese three years ago. The idea is for churches to invite people who have had some connection with the church to come back, or for those who have never been to church to come and see what it is all about.*

*Back to Church Sunday will be celebrated here in Diseworth and in many churches throughout the country on **Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> September**. We will be having an informal Holy Communion service, followed by coffee and a chance to chat. The service begins at **10.30am** and everyone can be sure of a very warm welcome.*

*We invite everyone to come along and look forward to seeing you.*

# **Open Afternoon**

During the afternoon of **Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> September** we are having an Open Afternoon in the church. Everyone is welcome to come along between **2.30pm and 4.30pm** for a cup of tea or coffee and some home-made cake. It will be an opportunity to:

- Sit and chat with friends and neighbours
- Have a look round the church and learn something of its history
- Have a look at the bells and have a go at ringing
- Talk to someone about gift aid if you feel able to help the church finances
- Children can complete a quiz about the church.

We hope you will be able to come along during the afternoon to learn more about St Michael & All Angels church – we are so lucky to have such a beautiful building at the heart of our village, which has been cared for by generations past and hopefully will be by generations to come.

# *Worrying News from the Pews*

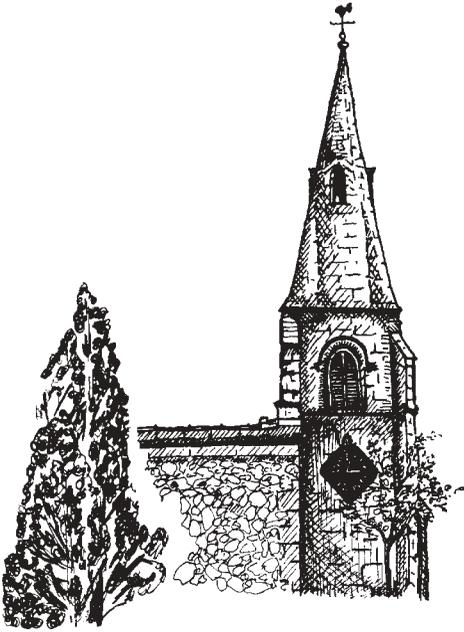
The parochial church council of St. Michael & All Angels is once again faced with a very large bill, one that has to be paid each year to the Diocese of Leicester. This bill, called the '**Parish Share**', contributes towards diocesan expenses which include: clergy stipends (salaries), national insurance, housing costs such as council tax & water rates and clergy pensions. In recent years, despite energetic fundraising and some very earnest cake baking, we have struggled to finance these obligations.



In the year **2006**, our Parish Share bill was **£7,052**, but the amount that we could afford was **£4,500**, leaving us with arrears of **£2,552**.

In **2007**, the Parish Share was **£6,645** – we had a small reduction that year due to the clergy vacancy- but, once again, we could not raise the full amount and could only pay **£5,000**. This left us with a deficit of **£1,645**. The total arrears at the end of 2007 totalled **£4,197**.

The Parish Share account for **2008** has been calculated by the diocese at **£7,543**; a sum that we will find very difficult to pay. **That's an awful lot of cakes!**



In addition to our annual  
***'housekeeping' expenses:-***

Insurance -100% cover - public  
liability & rebuild costs - £2,788

Maintenance - day to day costs of  
keeping the church open - £3,374,

in 2008 we are faced with two  
additional and exceptional financial  
commitments.

## **1. The Quinquennial Inspection.**

This obligatory inspection is required every five years by the Diocesan Advisory Committee (D.A.C.) to check the safety of ***'all parish churches licensed for public worship'***. The schedule for this survey amounts to ten pages of A4 and the fee for the inspection alone is close to £1,000. Any recommendations for repairs will naturally have to be funded by the parish but they cannot be carried out without obtaining the permission of the diocese

## **2. Repairs to the Church Roof.**

During this year, 2008/9, we face the prospect of repairs to the church roof, which is slowly but steadily beginning to leak. In times of heavy rain, buckets are carefully placed around the 'wet spots': the vestry; lectern, pulpit and certain pews in the north aisle. We are – at present - uncertain how much this will cost.

A letter will shortly be sent to every house in the village detailing our situation and asking for your support so that we can continue to keep the one remaining church in Diseworth open.



**Catherine Anne Burton  
Fletcher  
Nee Branson  
25<sup>th</sup> July 1905 – 5<sup>th</sup> July  
2008**

Catherine Ann, or Annie as she was known was born in Castle Donington. Her parents ran the butcher's shop in Clapgun Street. Annie often went out delivering the meat and getting orders with her father. She learned to play the piano when she was 7 and even played at the Picture House in Castle Donington for the silent movies. For a week's playing at the movies she was paid 15 shillings ... a lot of money in those days. After leaving school Annie taught music to young pupils, one being Rosia Shakespear and another Mildred King, who was church organist at Diseworth church.

Annie's grandparents lived in Diseworth, so when visiting her Grandad Corbett at his house at Long Mere Lane she met Joseph William Fletcher. They married in June 1924 at Castle Donington Church. Their first home was at Long Mere where their children, Arthur, May, Grace and George were born. They then moved to Hall Gate Lane where Margaret, John, Jean, Fred, Richard, Alma, Muriel, Tony and Rosemary were born.

With such a large family, Annie's life was very busy with washing, cooking and sewing. She enjoyed village life and joined the Mother's Union, The Women's Guild, the W.I. and helped with social events at the church and youth club. Annie also played the church and the chapel organ.

After Grandma Fletcher died in 1959 Annie and family moved to The Woodyard on Hall Gate to carry on the family business.

There were always lots of family parties and weddings. Dad Fletcher had 6 daughters to walk down the aisle!

There were sad times too in Annie's life. She lost her father when she was only 13. Her daughter Alma died aged 4, in 1945 and her oldest daughter May, died aged 58 in 1984. Her husband, William died aged 78 in 1982 and her granddaughter, Ann Tollington, was aged 15 when she died in 1972. Her daughter in law, Barbara Fletcher, died in 2007.

Annie was able to live at home up to last June when she went to live at The Willows Nursing Home in Shepshed. Annie was very happy and active here and was still knitting scarves for the elderly and had recently enjoyed going on a canal trip.

Her life ended very peacefully when she passed away in her sleep.

Annie leaves 6 sons, 5 daughters, 21 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren and 4 great, great, grandchildren.

What changes Annie has seen in her life!

*Arthur and the family would like to thank all our family, friends and neighbours for their cards and love and support over this sad time. A special thank you to Celia Harris for such a perfect service for Mum.*

**In celebration and memory of our oldest resident**

**Catherine Ann Burton Fetcher**

**25<sup>th</sup> July 1905 – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

Following on from Annie's funeral service on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July, on what would have been her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday, her ashes were laid to rest in the Garden of Remembrance. Following a short service the new communion chalice cup was presented to the church by Annie's daughter Muriel, on behalf of the Fletcher family, in loving memory of Annie. The chalice was accepted into the church by Rosalyn Edwards and Nancy Cowley and blessed by Celia Harris.

## On behalf of the membership of Wings

I wish to express great sadness upon learning of the death of David Coulson. David died peacefully on 2nd August and leaves his wife Gill, son Mark and daughter Kate. He will be greatly missed.

David was a long-standing and tireless member of Wings. His sharp analytical mind and his depth of technical knowledge were extraordinary. David selflessly shared his expertise to benefit this community and others nearby. He gave his time generously in the desire to maintain the unique qualities of this village for the benefit of those of us who are privileged to live here.

The support that David offered to Wings over many years of membership is invaluable. For this we owe David a huge debt of gratitude.

We extend our sincere condolences to David's family and friends.

The *Diseworth Dialogue* Committee were very sorry to hear of the death of Chris Gidlow. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mary, Steve and all the family. A fitting tribute will be in the next issue of the *Diseworth 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



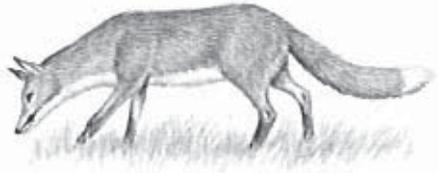
**Sunday Services**

Morning Worship & Sunday School – 10.30am

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

Lead Deacon: Paul Phillips 01509-551464

# Cyril the Fox Returns



*Hi Diseworth*

The other month I penned a piece to you to save my skin at home at Fox Cottage. Well I have to report it seems to have worked. No repeats so far and this correspondent is back in favour ..... or so it seemed!!

The other night I went for a stroll around the village, just a short walk to see if there were any titbits hanging around for me to take home, you know, the odd mouse, feathered or furry friend, hippo, giraffe, or tiger but no success for the fox family. Never mind, we do o.k. so one blank night is not grounds for divorce.

However there's always a down side to a walk and sure enough I found it. Home I came and Mrs F was still up waiting for a result. No pack drill for the lack of grub but I was in big trouble for something else that was certainly not my fault.

Didn't think to check my feet when I walked in did I .

Didn't see the dog do do on the footpath up the road did I .

Made a powerful mess in the lair didn't I .

Felt the lash of her tongue didn't I .

Check your feet she beseeched with the aid of a frying pan!!

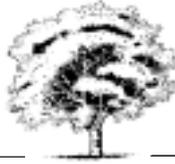
My only defence was that dogs have owners who should clear up behind their animal but Mrs F was having none of it. So, here we are again, Eric's in soup again. So another appeal to Diseworth — dogs don't go on the pavement or owners clear up after your pooch, otherwise Mrs F will come looking and trust me you don't want that!!

Remember it could happen to you!!

Yours in anticipation

*Cyril.*

# **COUNTRY MATTERS**



**by Liz  
Jarrom**

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## ***A GOOD START TO HARVEST HOME***

Harvest could not come quickly enough this year, as we, along with many other farmers were in danger of running out of home grown grain on which to feed our cattle. Last year's harvest was very poor due to the wet weather delaying the cutting of the cereals. Consequently, a third of the ears of corn were dashed to the ground and ended up lying on the soil, totally lost. As a result, we have had to be very careful with our rations to make them last all year.

Bought in feed is very expensive now, it's bad enough having to buy in our usual rape meal, soya and maize gluten mix at nearly twice last

year's price, any thought of having to buy barley in was very worrying. So it was a relief when the weather warmed up, and the showers ceased long enough in late July for Will to get the combine in to the first field of barley.

During summer, most of the cattle are out at grass until autumn, but we do have some animals in that need feeding. First we have the small calves in groups of four that are suckling Friesian cows left over from the dairy herd. They have to stay inside in pens, and the cows feed them twice a day. As they grow, they first receive a bit of hay, but soon move on to barley mixed

with some of the bought in feed. The cows that are feeding these calves also need a bit of the same mix to help them produce enough milk for the calves. From late autumn until deep into next spring, we will feed increasing amounts of cereals to the cattle as more are brought in as the weather deteriorates.



The combine at work on the Jarrom's farm

Fortunately, this years crops look wonderful in the fields, but rain has stopped Will mowing before the barley has been finished, so for now the combine is standing in the field. Once the barley is all in, the oats should be ready, followed closely by the wheat. With the end of compulsory set aside, we have a much larger acreage of cereals this year. This should ensure a good stock of feed for next year, and just as importantly, some cereals to sell.

Due to the poor harvest last year, the price of all cereal crops soared to near record levels and even though prices have dropped back a little, we are still confident that some of this years harvest will sell for a good price, which will go some way towards making up for last year's disappointment.

## 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.

## Diseworth Wildlife

Have you heard Clements Gate's Songthrush? What a beautiful sound. I've heard him as early as 4.15am and as late as 10pm at night – just wish I had as much energy.

As I said in the last issue, I bought some wire nut feeders to deter Squidgey the squirrel destroying them – but he has defeated me yet again. The feeders have plastic bases and perches which he has already started to gnaw, so I'm now on the lookout for all metal feeders. I will let you know how I get on.

The pot marigolds which Don my window cleaner gave me last year have come up trumps again – they seeded themselves and look a picture which is one in the eye for the snails and slugs.

Talking of which, I don't think they know whether they are coming out of hibernation or back in it again, they are certainly few and far between. By the way, they're not as keen on geraniums, so with them and the marigolds, I've got the tubs sorted out!



**Les Brown**

*P.S. I wonder who decided to put the disabled parking spaces so near to the corner of Clements Gate? If there are cars parked there, they restrict your view when turning left at the Bull and Swan on Grimes Gate. An accident waiting to happen, I think.*

# Diseworth Flower Show

## Reminders

### Schedules

If you have **not yet** received a copy of the full **Show Schedule**, or if you would like extra copies for friends or family, do please contact Pat Guy – 811119

### Sunflowers

**Sunflower Measuring** will take place on the afternoon of **Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** - 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 telephone number.

### Entries on the Day

Please remember that the Village Hall **is open** for Show Entries between **9.00 am** and **11.30 am** on the morning of the Show. A further half-hour is then allowed for the arranging of your exhibit, but all exhibitors **must leave** the Hall by **12 Noon** when the judging will commence.



If you are absolutely unable to attend during these hours, arrangements can be made to leave entries with one of the stewards. Please contact Pat Guy if this is necessary.



## Waste Management Exhibition at Diseworth Village Show

Leicestershire County Council have agreed to attend the Village Show with a display of their latest waste disposal bins. They will answer questions, explain which bins can be used for cooked food waste and which are more suitable for garden waste.

The new bins, Green Cones, £29.95 includes professional installation, will take all types of kitchen waste, fruit and vegetable scraps, raw & cooked meat or fish, bones and dairy products. These bins require an accelerator powder which costs £2.16 for 12 quantities. The experts at the Show will explain how often these powders should be used.

The interesting fact about Green Cones is that their only product is water, carbon dioxide and nutrients which pass into the surrounding soil.

Also on display will be the smaller bin which is kept inside the home or other warm area which will take fruit & vegetable scraps, raw or cooked meat or fish and dairy products. These bins which cost £19.95 require a bran additive and produce a liquid fertiliser which needs to be diluted and the remaining contents can be either buried in the garden or added to the compost heap.

A visit to the Waste Management Stall should be worthwhile.

# 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

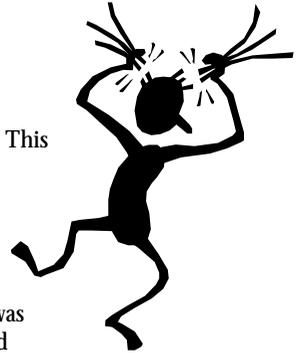
Heritage Centre  
Information Stall  
NWLDC Recycling  
Information Stall



Steam Engine Display  
with Robin Hood from  
Long Whatton

**Entrance 50p Children Free**

# Bad Hair Day



“Help, I’ve just washed my hair and I can’t do a thing with it!” This was the cry that went up many years ago, before the advent of powerful hair driers, heated rollers, electric tongs and ceramic straighteners - not to mention ‘*product*’ such as mousse, gel and sprays in various strengths. The days of going to bed in curlers or rags are thankfully long gone so you would think therefore that a ‘bad hair day’ (now on to be known as b.h.d) was also something from the past. “**Wrong!**” The b.h.d. is alive and kicking, particularly in this part of Diseworth.

I do wish that I could be like the heroines of short stories in some women’s magazines; they who can “*brush their thick hair into a cloud*” and with a toss of the head leap out into all weathers without benefit of said product. My cloud is definitely a black one. My follicles are fine but I suffer from a severe case of ‘flick flop’! After a twenty to thirty minute session with tongs at the absolute hottest setting they will reach, I need to brush and style very carefully then apply an industrial strength hairspray. No toss of the head with hair swirling round the face for this girl. No, when I toss my head from left to right the hair goes with it. We are not talking stiff here, we are talking helmet. I can go out into a gale at storm force eleven and the hair will stay in place.

Having moved house – and location – fairly often, visits to a new salon could sometimes be a mixed blessing so I would almost always leave it too long, (time that is, as well as the hair), before biting the bullet and making that first appointment. A typical example of this follows .....

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The day arrives and I enter the salon with some trepidation, but also with the firm resolve that my hair will be styled as *I* wish and not as the stylist feels that I should have it. “Not too short please, midway between ears and shoulders if you would, plenty of fullness around the neck and please don’t shave above my hairline” I beg, (I do have an extraordinarily low hairline). There follows a few minutes when she runs her fingers flamboyantly through my hair, pulls it this way and that, assures me that my wish is her command and shows me to the backwash.

I settle myself back for a few pampering moments only to have my head yanked up and a towel placed around my neck. The first trickle of water is felt as the assistant attempts to reach an ambient temperature with the mixer. As the first blast of water hits the scalp she trills “is the water alright”? Due to a sharp intake of breath as the water is indeed not alright, either too cold or just a touch too warm, I’m unable to reply so she assumes all is well. Thankfully the water temperature in salons is rarely consistent so I am able to spare her feelings and merely nod my head. Here beginneth the small talk: “have you been on holiday; are you going away; have you started your Christmas shopping yet; did you have a nice Christmas?” etc, etc. It’s rather like being at the dentist and one can only mumble a reply.

Now for the nice bit, the conditioner! A very pleasant minute or so follows while some enriching, fragrant, bodifying lotion anoints my scalp and is gently but firmly massaged in. I begin to meditate and feel that all is well with the world until brought abruptly back to reality as the water temperature question is repeated

Once towel dried, I return to the chair, sit down before an enormously unforgiving mirror, am enveloped tightly in a black gown, “just a little looser please” I croak, my tresses are combed through and an order placed for a cappuccino. I then sit for several minutes whilst attempting to avoid my reflection. The stylist and my coffee arrive simultaneously, this does of course make it difficult for me to lean forward and pick up my cup - does this sound familiar? The preliminary pleasantries dispensed with, she sets to work and I reaffirm my resolve not to make idle chat but concentrate on what the skilled hands with scissors and comb are doing around my ears. The small talk begins now and we get on to family; “yes the grandchildren are very well thank you; they are lovely boys, growing fast and all **so** different; yes the eldest is doing well at school; no we haven’t been on holiday yet” ..... blah-blah-blah!

It’s about now that the sibilant sound of the hairdryers, the aroma of coffee and the gentle action of comb on scalp have a hypnotic effect on me making me ultra relaxed. Just like Odysseus and the Sirens I am lulled by the sound of her voice, lose not only concentration but my resolution and notice with dismay that I am going to have yet another ‘cut to last’ as my mother used to say. Once again the little clippers are being brought into use and yes, my coffee has gone cold.



There now follows some superb artistry with the hairdryer and tongs and then the ritual of the mirror. She proudly holds this up so that I can see the back and I’m thinking ‘*sheeeshhh*’, whilst nodding my head with a forced smile and saying “It’s lovely, **thank** you”. Divested of my gown, I follow her to the desk, hand over my debit card and wonder if I can get away without leaving a tip. I leave the salon on the run hoping against hope that I will not see anyone I know on the way back to the car.

Incidentally, I once arrived for an appointment with the stylist of my dreams, he was very attentive, (knew just what I wanted, understood my low hairline - had one himself) only to discover that he had been ‘headhunted’ - can a hairdresser be head-hunted? - and no longer worked at this salon. Sadly I never did track him down.

As a footnote, I would add that the above is a composite of visits to dozens of hairdressers across the country and overseas - not all of them were bad. The hairdresser I have now is superb, I get my hair cut exactly as I want it and I can’t fault the attention that I get as I attempt to tame my unruly locks. That said, my hair is still sometimes difficult to style but my bad hair days are fewer and very far between.

Thanks Sue!

*Sue Brompton*

# LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



Having a recess and missing out the July meeting gave a pleasant break but of course there was twice the business to deal with at the August meeting. Imagine the small side room in Diseworth Village Hall, packed with Councillors, invited speakers and onlookers.

First up was Richard Windley, the Rural Housing Enabler and his colleagues. Their reports were listened to and discussed with great interest as the response from the people in both villages had been excellent. Members of the Parish Plan Committee were there to ask questions. The two surveys had clearly showed specific requirements for affordable housing. Later in the meeting, the Council formally accepted the conclusions, adopting the reports, allowing progress to be made. Clearly there is much to do – the Council will be supporting and assisting. Of courses there are still some hurdles to surmount but if all goes well we could be seeing a few houses ready for occupation in each village in a couple of years or so. County Councillor Lesley Pendleton was present and said she supported such developments.

Leone and Jan from East Midlands Airport introduced themselves and offered information and assistance about airport activities.

PC Jason Underwood said there had been five crimes in the villages during July. He answered several queries – in particular there was a discussion about the high speed cycling trials and he was checking into the legality of this activity.

The Council agreed to make modest financial contributions to the forthcoming Fete at Diseworth Millennium Field and to the Citizens Advice Bureau. The availability of funding towards the costs required for the renovation of the war memorial at Long Whatton would be investigated. The annual play areas inspection report from RoSPA would be studied and recommended actions considered.

The responses from County Highways to the many concerns raised, especially inadequate grass cutting, were considered. “New” contractors were blamed and an improved service promised. Reports and complaints should still be referred to the Customer Services line/email but although these would be noted and acted upon it seemed less likely these days that there would be an acknowledgement.

The 20mph zone near Diseworth School is to be implemented and the safety issues surrounding the footpath/cycle route to the airport will be addressed.

So called “airport Parking” affects many villages surrounding the airport. A public meeting will be arranged to address this important issue.

Many planning issues had been dealt with by the Planning Group between meetings, though the proposed extension to the airport runway will be considered at the meeting at Diseworth Village Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> August at which all are invited to attend and contribute to the discussion.

*Douglas Maas, Parish Clerk*

## **AIRPORT PARKERS**

Due to the increasing amount of longstay parking in the village, and consequent complaints, the Parish Council are holding

an

**Open Meeting**

at

**7.00pm**

on

**Thursday 2nd October,**

before the monthly Parish Council meeting.

All are invited, especially if you have any ideas of improving control of the problem.

**Martin Hening**



# DI A LOGUE DI SPATCHES

## Advertising News

See the yellow pages for a new ad from  
CONQUEST CARPETS  
Tel: 0115 9729189  
Mb: 07973 519991

The phone number for PRESSED  
EXPRESS has changed to  
01332 219006

CATHY COUPE DRIVING  
INSTRUCTOR has a new phone  
number and email address  
01332 812564 and 07841 611703  
Cathydcoupe@btinternet.com

Castle Donington Farmers'  
Market 2nd Saturday of every  
month From 9am.  
St Edwards C of E Primary  
School, The Dovecote, Castle  
Donington DE74 2QU

If you have items for the  
OCTOBER 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 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

*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*

## 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

## TABLE TOP SALE & CAR BOOT SALE

In aid of the 'Resurface The Playground'  
Fund

Sunday September 14th  
10am-12noon  
Diseworth Village Hall Entrance 50p

Refreshments available



There are spaces still  
available

If you would like to  
book a stall or for more  
information,  
Phone Anna on  
**01332 810014**



## *Diseworth Dialogue* AGM

Our AGM was held on a wet and windy evening in June in the village hall. After Jim Snee, chairman, had opened proceedings, I gave a succinct report as editor. We have had a very high standard of contributions this year and I hope the residents of Diseworth will continue to send us their stories, articles and photographs as they really do form the backbone of the magazine.

Christine Agar, our treasurer, presented her report and cash reserves are down a little from last year, mainly due to less sponsorship. However, advertising is going well according to Victoria Britton.

Nicky Miller, Julie Werb and myself are the newcomers to the committee, and although the delivery team agreed to carry on doing their invaluable job, headed by Linda Gaymer, there are a few changes on the committee. Firstly, Carly Snee, our founding editor asked to step down as the current assistant editor, and on behalf of the *Dialogue* and the village, I would like to thank Carly for all she has done over the years. Sue Brompton agreed to take her place as assistant editor. Finally, Sandie Moores is also stepping down as secretary, having spent many years tirelessly writing lots of letters to various people on behalf of the *Dialogue*. We thank her for all her hard work. However, Sandie is not leaving us and as she is one of our best 'staplers' I am very grateful to her for remaining on the committee!

I have had a thoroughly enjoyable first year as editor and I would like to thank the committee, especially Sue, Nikki, Ruth and Denise for all their support. I look forward to receiving your articles and photographs over the coming months. Keep them coming in!

*Peggy Tudor*

# The *Diseworth Dialogue*

made its first appearance thirteen years ago thanks to the inspiration of its founding editor, Carly Snee. Since then the magazine has consistently grown in size and quality. It was Carly's dream to produce a magazine that encompassed the whole of the village; that would bring together all of the local organisations and their members, in a comprehensive and informative monthly publication. She placed an ad in *'The Herald'*, Diseworth's Church Magazine, appealing for people with similar aspirations and it wasn't long before an enthusiastic group gathered to discuss the new project, and to choose a name. After several months of planning and fundraising, the first issue was produced in April 1995.

In 2000 Carly entered the magazine in a competition run by Country Living magazine and was thrilled to learn that the ***Diseworth Dialogue*** was voted 'Best Village Magazine in the U.K.'. What an achievement! Carly said at the time: "*This accolade is the icing on the cake; I feel that we have already achieved what we set out to do, to give Diseworth a voice and to draw the village together.*"

In 2001, after several years as assistant editor, I swapped places with Carly and became editor. I enjoyed six very happy and productive years in this position and was equally thrilled when, in 2006, the ***Dialogue*** was voted 'Best Village Magazine in the U.K.' by Writers News magazine; another legacy of Carly's vision. My time as editor was such a wonderful and exciting experience; to have the opportunity to do something that I had never even dreamed of; to learn how to produce and edit an award winning magazine of such a considerable size

The ***Dialogue*** is now in the very capable hands of Peggy Tudor and she is taking it on to yet another level. At the magazine's A.G.M. in June, Carly expressed a wish to relinquish her post as assistant editor so I have once again taken her place. No matter who takes charge of the magazine in years to come - and I believe it will be very many years to come - the ***Diseworth Dialogue*** will always be Carly's 'baby'. She very much deserves the title of "Founding Editor".

*Sue Brompton*

# Diseworth Village Hall



The AGM was held recently and it was nice to see four new committee members join the ranks. Their support will be much needed and very much appreciated. It was also sad to see the retirement of our long standing chairman David Fletcher. He has worked hard for the village hall for the last 12 years or so and has decided it was time for a rest. On behalf of the committee and the village I would like to thank David for his organisation and work throughout this time.

Other news from the AGM is that John Hurley as kindly agreed to take over as chairman with Julie Doyle taking over as vice chairman. Vanessa Johnson also kindly agreed to fill the vacant secretary's position. It's also good to report that the quotations are starting to come back in for the resurfacing of the car park, which now includes extra work to the rear of the hall such as steps to the side door, removal of oil tank bund wall, bollards between the field and car park and other general tidying up work. Although it looks like there will be a short fall in the money raised so far it looks like being a minimal amount we will need to make up. Clearly it would be nice to see the work done as a package, so everyone's support in the coming weeks will be much appreciated. A big thank you to Anna and her friends for her fundraising efforts to date.

The financial position of the village hall is now back in a healthy position. It's fair to say that all the investment made some 3 years ago in re-vamping the hall has paid dividends. Bookings are now 40% up on the past, and the future looks just as good.

The 200 Club was discussed at length, looking to see if it should continue. If so, we must look for new ways to recruit new members and new ways to collect fees such as direct debit. This matter was deferred until the next committee meeting.

It would be nice to continue to make the Village Hall a nice environment for us all to use, so in whatever way possible, please keep using and supporting your village hall

*Dave Adcock*

## North West Leicestershire Adult Learning Courses Autumn 2008 at Diseworth Village Hall.

Willow Weaving	24 Sept – 3 Dec	Wednesdays	1pm - 3pm	£66
Painting with Soft Chalk Pastels – beginners	26 Sept – 5 Dec	Fridays	10am - 12noon	£66

For more information or to book a place - freephone 0800 988 0308

# DISEWORTH HERITAGE TRUST

Presents

## East Midlands Airport in Wartime

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008  
Diseworth Village Hall 7.30pm

An evening of memories with  
**DOT WILKES**

*A Wartime Services driver at the Airport where she met her future  
husband Geoff*

- Also memories of local residents who grew up on the farms at the airport
- An exhibition of photographs of the time will be on display

Entry - £5 includes a glass of wine and light refreshments  
£4 for members of Diseworth Heritage Trust

Sponsored by East Midlands Airport

Raffle includes a copy of Geoff Wilkes book 'East Midlands Airport in Wartime' and prizes donated by EMA

Further details from Nikki Hening 853647



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through the Heritage Lottery Fund



# HEALTH PAGE

## *Simple Cures From the Kitchen Cupboard*

It is not always necessary to use medication to help relieve or cure common ailments. Here are a few to try -

### ATHLETE'S FOOT

Take a clove of raw garlic and gently crush it to activate its healing properties. Apply the crushed garlic to the affected area. Compounds known as ajoenes in the garlic act as potent antifungals and can stop the growth of common fungal infections such as athlete's foot and thrush. A paste of bicarbonate of soda applied between the toes may prevent athlete's foot developing in the first place.

### CUTS GRAZES AND BLISTERS

Applying Manuka honey can be very affective at preventing infections developing in these everyday injuries. Apply a small amount of honey to the affected part. Taking a teaspoon of Manuka honey twice a day can speed up recovery from a viral infection.

### MOUTH ULCERS

Camomile tea can help soothe the pain of mouth ulcers. Make a cup of camomile tea and allow it to cool with the tea bag in it. Then swill the cooled brew around the mouth for about 30 seconds before swallowing. Repeat every 2 hours until relief is obtained. Camomile contains substances that help to calm inflammation.

### SPLINTER

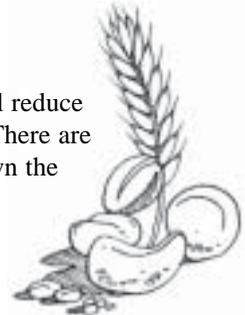
To remove a splinter, take a piece of sticky tape, press it firmly on to the area of the skin with the splinter in it. Pull the sticky tape off in the opposite direction to the way that the splinter is embedded. The splinter should come out stuck to the tape.

### WASP STINGS

Treat a wasp sting by rubbing with a slice of onion. This will reduce the swelling, ease the pain and speed up the recovery time. There are enzymes in the juice of a fresh cut onion that help break down the compounds in the sting that cause inflammation.

If the problem persists contact your doctor.

*Liz Jarrom*



Charnwood  
Community Theatre

Present  
a

# Quiz Night ????

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>  
September  
Diseworth Village  
Hall  
8 pm

Maximum of 6 in each team

Entrance fee: £1 per person  
BYO Drinks – nibbles provided

For more information,  
or to book in:  
Tel: 01509 232140 or  
01332 810785

Charnwood  
Community Theatre

present

# 'Blithe Spirit' by Noel Coward

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>  
October  
Diseworth Village  
Hall  
7.30 pm

Tickets £6.00 and £4.00

For more information:  
Tel: 01509 232140 or  
01332 810785

# WOMENS GROUP



David and Diana's beautiful garden set ready for the bbq

The weather, as it was, spoiled the latter part of the annual barbeque. It was kindly hosted by Diana and David Cherry in their beautifully presented cottage garden. Disappointingly lots of people couldn't come at the last minute owing to illness or other valid reasons, but for twenty of us it was a perfect opportunity to catch up with different members of the community. We had a lovely meal abruptly finished with a heavy shower of rain and so we headed indoors for shelter. Sumptuous salads had been prepared by members, a big thank you to those people. And thanks to David for firing up and tending the barbeques and also for all who donated raffle prizes.

*Sheila Dakin*

## **NEXT MEETING**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**A humorous but realistic account of  
'My life as a prison officer'**

**By Richard Papworth**

# *A Sad Farewell*

I gave my cricket boots away  
I would not need them any more  
The missus said "I should think not,  
You cannot play at seventy four!"

She said "We'll have a good clear-out  
Your flannels, sweater and your cap,  
They might sell at a jumble sale.  
Don't look like that you poor sad chap!"

Women do not understand,  
Perhaps my dreams could join the queue  
Then what about the memories?  
They might be worth a bob or two!

The villages of Leicestershire  
Whose names and men I still confess  
Like others down in Hereford  
And from the Wolds to Holderness.

The days beneath a cloudless sky  
All afternoon the sun had shone  
And with a little bit of luck  
I would have got that longed for "ton".

Then that wicket taking turn,  
The batsmen grope against the spin,  
Just then the captain takes me off,  
I know this way we will not win.

Evenings at some distant pub  
With laughter and tall stories told  
We're making runs aplenty then  
While beer goes down like liquid gold.

I've given my cricket boots away  
I will not need them any more  
The sweater and the flannels too,

The memories I'll put in store.



*David Griffiths*

# Long Whatton Village Trail

Long Whatton History Society and Diseworth Heritage Trust have produced a Village Trail which was launched at the Long Whatton Show and will be available at the Diseworth Show.



The Trail takes the route through the village 'a mile from east to west' as it is known, from Turvey which housed

Industrial Row, the line of framework cottages, to West End marking the site of the Long Eaton Co-op, long since gone and now a small housing development.

The three village churches are on the map also a 50 year old photograph of the Post Office and Village stores. The Trail is the result of a year's hard work by members of the Long Whatton History Society. It will cost £1 and be available at the Show or from Nikki Hening 853647



# Long Whatton V Diseworth Parish Golf Challenge

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July, saw the first of what is hoped to become an annual event between the two villages. Twelve players from each village battled out a Ryder Cup style match play competition at Breedon Golf course.

The weather conditions were perfect as the two teams played out a tense and exciting game. Although they fought bravely, the first three Long Whatton pairs were defeated, hope was restored when firstly Keith Nicholls and son Laurie recorded a fine win followed a second win by Chris Motram and Dave Carter. Everything then hinged on Pete and Brian in the last game. Expectation was high, and the result eagerly awaited by players and spectators crowded around the final green. However, Long Whatton hopes were dashed as Pete reported that they had been unable to overcome their opposition, resulting in a final result of 4 games to 2 in favour of Diseworth.



All players then returned to The Royal Oak where the new trophy was presented to Barry the Diseworth captain. However, the loudest cheer was reserved for young Laurie Nicholls, as he picked up his prize for the Longest Drive, a monster effort of some 270 yards.

A great day was had by all participants, and we eagerly await our chance to bring the cup back to Long Whatton next time.

*Brian Nicholls*

Barry and the Diseworth team proudly holding the winning trophy



A photograph of the Shipstone sign at the front of The Bull & Swan. This appeared when the plaster was scraped off prior to remedial work this summer.

**The Whitehouse Hotel  
Kegworth**

**JUNCTION 24**

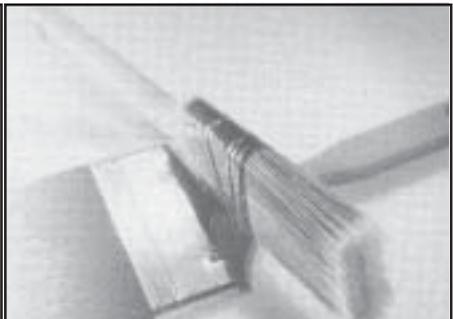


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BBC Radio Derby	01332 361111
British Gas - Service Gas Escape Emergency	0645 605040 0800 111999
Castle Donington Community College	01332 810528 <a href="mailto:postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk">postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk</a>
Castle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

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

**The 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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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](mailto:longwhatdisepc@hotmail.com).**

Please visit the website at [www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk](http://www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk) (being updated).

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

Martin Hening, 9 Clements Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QE	01332 853647
Sue Roberts, Chapel Farm, Hall Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QJ	01332 810813
Kevin Brown, 10 Grimes Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QD	01332 850910
Derek Wiggins, Bull & Swan, Grimes Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QD	01332 853960
Andrew Cawdell, 58 The Green, Long Whatton LE12 5DB	01509 843273
Michael Downs, 12 Barnfield Close, Long Whatton LE12 5BZ	
Thomas Wilkins, 1 Hathern Road, Long Whatton LE12 5DD	07971 730499

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.