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# Diseworth Diary

## DECEMBER

|          |                  |                                                                                            |
|----------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday  | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Retired Residents Christmas Lunch                                                          |
| Monday   | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Women's Discussion Group. "Happy Christmas or Happy Holidays." Venue 9, The Woodcroft. 2pm |
| Sunday   | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Christingle Service. 4pm in Church                                                         |
| Thursday | 10 <sup>th</sup> | PCC Meet in church . 7.30pm                                                                |
| Sunday   | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Christmas Praise Service, Diseworth Heritage Centre - all welcome 4pm                      |
| Monday   | 14 <sup>th</sup> | Womens Group Christmas Dinner. The Anchor Inn, Hathern                                     |
| Sunday   | 20 <sup>th</sup> | Carol Service in Church 6.15pm                                                             |
| Thursday | 24 <sup>th</sup> | Crib Service in church 4pm                                                                 |

## JANUARY 2010

|          |                  |                                                                             |
|----------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday   | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Women's Discussion Group. "Internet - Good or Bad?" Venue, 7 Lady Gate. 2pm |
| Saturday | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Coffee Morning in Church. 10am – 12noon                                     |
| Saturday | 23               | Cinderella. Diseworth Village Hall, 2.30pm and 7.30pm                       |
| Thursday | 28 <sup>th</sup> | Dialogue committee meeting. 8pm at the invitation of Peggy Tudor            |

## FEBRUARY

|        |                  |                                                    |
|--------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Friday | 19 <sup>th</sup> | Diseworth Church Hot Supper. Village Hall. 7.30pm. |
|--------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|



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2nd Saturday of every month  
from 9am.

St Edwards C of E Primary School,  
The Dovecote, Castle Donington

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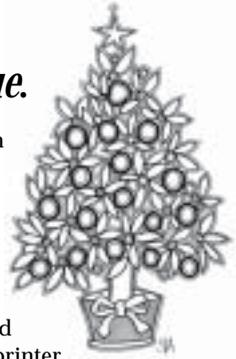
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# Welcome to the December/January double issue of the *Diseworth Dialogue*.

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who kindly gave a donation this year. Over £620 was collected which is a wonderful amount and will go a long way to helping us with the running costs of the magazine.



For months now, we have struggled to reproduce the lovely photographs that people send in to us but as you may have noticed, they always came out very dark when printed in black and white. Well, the problem has now been solved thanks to our new printer Charles Henry. Charles, a Diseworthian himself, has kindly agreed to take over the printing reins. As well as the photographs, the quality of the paper used in the magazine has also improved greatly. Welcome to the team Charles and thank you for giving the *Diseworth Dialogue* a well deserved make-over.

This magazine is full of festive treats as well as having the Review of the Year in glorious technicolour. There is the Rainbows Christmas greetings page, an article on the history of the Christmas cracker and in Liz's Health page, it would seem that the act of giving at Christmas time is beneficial to our well being. The report on the recent Children in Need Quiz and the article about Damian Snee's race for Cancer Research just goes to prove that even in the hardest of recessions, people's capacity to give is infinite.

One of my favourite things about Christmas is decorating the tree. But even this simple task can prove tricky in our household!

Firstly, there is the question of the tree itself. Until artificial trees smell like real trees, I am afraid we will always have a real tree- sorry to you eco-warriors who are tutting right now! However, I prefer to have a tree with roots, in the hope that it will grow in the garden after the festivities. My husband prefers to have a cut tree, because he says the potted trees never have enough roots to grow. He is right of course, but each year I try my best to convince him that spending that little extra - OK, that extortionate amount extra - to have a potted tree will be worth it.

Once the tree is home, it's time to decorate it. I love delving into the decorations box - it's like a treasure chest full of memories. The first thing to find are the tree lights. Back in the olden days, tree lights simply had a plug on the end of them. Now, probably due to health and safety regulations, there is a little black box- a transformer. I think it's called, that also needs attaching. For some unknown reason, that little black box always seems to be missing! But the most stressful part of decorating the tree is the power struggle that takes place! My mother, who always comes to stay at Christmas, is a perfectionist. My son prefers the slapdash approach. I am somewhere in the middle and my husband doesn't get involved at all - muttering something about "too many cooks....." However, a compromise is always reached, eventually, and we always have a lovely time decorating the tree.

I hope your Christmas is happy and stress free and I wish you all a peaceful New Year.

# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church Letter from the Rectories*



photograph Julia Sillitoe

*Dear all,*

Yet another month gone – and Christmas is almost upon us. Quite a scary thought.

Advent is a time of waiting, as you all know, and January the period of new beginnings, so it seems appropriate to talk about the Benefice and its future ministry.

In order to have a new beginning, something else has to come to an end – and that end has been Alison's ministry here in the Kegworth and Hathern Team. After her leaving service, which was very well attended, she wrote:

### ***Thank You & Farewell***

*Ray & I were very touched by the wonderful send off we were given at the end of October. It was a joy to see people from the villages as well as the churches at that service. We have also been overwhelmed by the number of people who have wished us well for the future.*

*Thank you for your kind gifts to which so many of you contributed. We received a garden swing and two beautiful enamel pots as well as gardening tokens; also the painting of the 6 churches executed by Jim Yates [from Hathern] and the album of familiar faces.*

*I would have liked to visit everyone personally to say goodbye, but as always time has beaten me. Five months should be long enough for packing, but this time we have had to severely downsize as well. All that has been very time consuming and exhausting.*

*And finally thank you to all those who gave money at my farewell service. We collected £297.40p, which I have sent to the International Nepal Fellowship and will go a long way in that poor country.*

*Ray & I wish you all God's richest blessings as you journey on.*

The new beginning is represented by the announcement that the Bishop has appointed the Revd. Dr Tony Edmunds, lately serving in Barrow upon Soar and Walton on the Wolds, as our new Team Vicar (i.e. Alison's replacement).

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# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

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For **Baptism** enquires, please contact Gill.  
Baptisms in the benefice occur on the first Sunday  
of the month in most of the churches on a first come  
first served basis.

For **Funerals**, please contact Gill. The local  
undertakers have now been asked to contact Gill  
direct. Gill will then make arrangements for a  
member of the team to take the funeral.

For **Wedding** enquiries and bookings, please  
contact Gill .

Please note that Gill takes Monday as her day off.

## **Church Flowers and Brasses**

|                                            | <b>Flowers</b> | <b>Brasses</b> |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| December 20 <sup>th</sup>                  | Mrs R Smith    | Mrs R Smith    |
| January 3 <sup>rd</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup>  | Mrs P Cotton   | Mrs D Griffin  |
| January 17 <sup>th</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> | Mrs S Dakin    | Mrs N Cowley   |
| January 31 <sup>st</sup>                   | Mrs L Gaymer   | Mrs E Mitchell |



The advent period of waiting until Tony arrives is going to last well beyond Christmas and in to the New Year – but this doesn't necessarily mean that the work is going to suffer. Before she left, Alison and I set up a Pastoral Visiting Scheme to compliment the informal visiting so many of our members do. Some of you may well have already received a card through your door from one of these visitors. Please do make them welcome and consider them a real representative from your local Church, as a sign that we care and want to serve you.

If you would like a visit don't feel you have to wait to be asked. Just give me a call and I or someone on the team will be in touch.



With Love and Blessings,

Gill.

# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

## Services & Locations for December 2009

|                                                   | <b>Time</b>    | <b>Service</b>                             | <b>Location</b>                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| December 6 <sup>th</sup>                          | 8.00am         | BCP Holy Communion                         | Hathern & Kegworth                                              |
|                                                   | 10.30am        | Morning Prayer                             | Belton                                                          |
|                                                   |                | Family Service                             | Kegworth                                                        |
|                                                   |                | Christingle                                | Hathern                                                         |
|                                                   |                | All Age Worship                            | Long Whatton                                                    |
|                                                   | <b>4.00pm</b>  | <b>Christingle Service</b>                 | <b>Diseworth</b>                                                |
|                                                   | 6.15pm         | Evensong                                   | Belton & Kegworth                                               |
| December 13 <sup>th</sup>                         | 8.00am         | BCP Holy Communion                         | Belton & Kegworth                                               |
|                                                   | 9.00am         | BCP Holy Communion (said)                  | Osgathorpe                                                      |
|                                                   | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>CW Holy Communion</b>                   | <b>Diseworth</b> , Hathern,<br>Kegworth & L. Whatton            |
|                                                   | 7.30pm         | Songs of Christmas Praise                  | Hathern                                                         |
| December 20 <sup>th</sup>                         | 8.00am         | BCP Holy Communion                         | Kegworth                                                        |
|                                                   | 10.30am        | CW Holy Communion                          | Long Whatton                                                    |
|                                                   |                | Family Service                             | Kegworth                                                        |
|                                                   | 3.00pm         | Carol Service                              | Osgathorpe                                                      |
|                                                   | <b>6.15pm</b>  | <b>Carol Service</b><br>9 Lessons & Carols | <b>Diseworth</b><br>Hathern, Belton, Long<br>Whatton & Kegworth |
| December 24 <sup>th</sup><br><b>Christmas Eve</b> | <b>4.00pm</b>  | <b>Crib Service</b>                        | <b>Diseworth</b>                                                |
|                                                   | <b>10.00pm</b> | <b>CW Holy Communion</b>                   | <b>Diseworth</b> & Hathern                                      |
|                                                   | 11.30pm        | CW Holy Communion                          | Belton, Long Whatton<br>& Kegworth                              |
| December 25 <sup>th</sup><br><b>Christmas Day</b> | 9.00am         | CW Holy Communion                          | Osgathorpe                                                      |
|                                                   | 10.00am        | Family Service                             | Kegworth                                                        |
| December 27 <sup>th</sup>                         | 8.00am         | BCP Holy Communion                         | Kegworth                                                        |
|                                                   | 9.00am         | CW Holy Communion                          | Osgathorpe                                                      |
|                                                   | 10.30am        | CW Holy Communion                          | Hathern & Kegworth                                              |
|                                                   | <b>12.00pm</b> | <b>Wedding</b>                             | <b>Diseworth</b>                                                |
|                                                   | 6.15pm         | BCP Evensong                               | Belton, Hathern &<br>Kegworth                                   |



# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

## Lessons and Readers for December 2009

|                                                       |                                                                                                | <b>Time</b>    | <b>Reader</b>                          | <b>Sidesman</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| December 6 <sup>th</sup><br>Advent 2                  | 1st Reading:<br>Malachi 3.1-4<br>2nd Reading:<br>Philippians 1.3-11<br>Gospel: Luke 3.1-6      | <b>4.00pm</b>  |                                        |                 |
| December 13 <sup>th</sup><br>Advent 3                 | 1st Reading:<br>Zephaniah 3.14-20<br>2nd Reading:<br>Philippians 4.4-7<br>Gospel: Luke 3.7-18  | <b>10.30am</b> | T Walker<br><br>S Brompton<br>R Harris | G Stone         |
| December 20 <sup>th</sup><br>Advent 4                 | 1st Reading:<br>Micah 5.2-5a<br>Second Reading:<br>Hebrews 10.5-10<br>Gospel: Luke 1.39-45     | <b>6.15pm</b>  |                                        |                 |
| December 24 <sup>th</sup><br><b>Christmas<br/>Eve</b> | 1st Reading:<br>Isaiah 52.7-10<br>2nd Reading:<br>Hebrews 1.1-4 (5-12)<br>Gospel: John 1.1-14  | <b>10.00pm</b> | M Howe<br><br>M Gidlow<br>D Bird       | D Cherry        |
| December 27 <sup>th</sup><br>Holy<br>Innocents        | 1st Reading:<br>1 Samuel 2.18-20,26<br>2nd Reading: Colossians 3.12-17<br>Gospel: Luke 2.41-52 |                |                                        |                 |

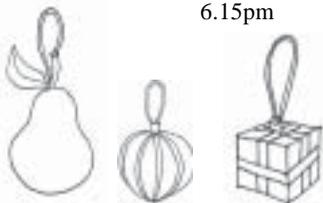
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## Services & Locations for January 2010

|                          | <b>Time</b>      | <b>Service</b>                                    | <b>Location</b>                                         |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| January 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 8.00am           | BCP Holy Communion                                | Hathern & Kegworth                                      |
|                          | <b>10.30am</b>   | <b>Morning Prayer</b>                             | <b>Diseworth &amp;</b><br>Osgathorpe                    |
|                          | 6.15pm           | Family Service<br>All Age Worship<br>BCP Evensong | Hathern & Kegworth<br>Long Whatton<br>Belton & Kegworth |
| January 10 <sup>th</sup> | 8.00am           | BCP Holy Communion                                | Belton & Kegworth                                       |
|                          | 9.00am           | BCP Holy Communion                                | Osgathorpe                                              |
|                          | <b>10.30am</b>   | <b>CW Holy Communion</b>                          | <b>Diseworth, Hathern,</b><br>L. Whatton &<br>Kegworth  |
|                          | 7.00pm<br>6.15pm | Plough Sunday<br>BCP Evensong                     | Osgathorpe<br>Kegworth                                  |
| January 17 <sup>th</sup> | 8.00am           | BCP Holy Communion                                | Kegworth                                                |
|                          | <b>9.00am</b>    | <b>CW Holy Communion</b>                          | <b>Diseworth</b>                                        |
|                          | 10.30am          | CW Holy Communion<br>Family Service               | Belton & L. Whatton<br>Kegworth                         |
|                          | 6.15pm           | BCP Holy Communion<br>BCP Evensong                | Hathern<br>Kegworth & Belton                            |
| January 24 <sup>th</sup> | <b>8.00am</b>    | <b>BCP Holy Communion</b>                         | <b>Diseworth &amp;</b><br>Kegworth                      |
|                          | 9.00am           | CW Holy Communion                                 | Osgathorpe                                              |
|                          | 10.30am          | CW Holy Communion                                 | Hathern & Kegworth                                      |
|                          | 6.15pm           | BCP Evensong                                      | Belton, Hathern &<br>Kegworth                           |
| January 27 <sup>th</sup> | 7.30pm           | Benefice Praise Service                           | Hathern                                                 |
| January 31 <sup>st</sup> | 8.00am           | BCP Holy Communion                                | Kegworth                                                |
|                          | 10.30am          | CW Holy Communion                                 | Hathern & Kegworth                                      |
|                          | 6.15pm           | BCP Evensong                                      | Belton, Kegworth &<br>Osgathorpe                        |



# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

## Lessons and Readers for January 2010

|                                                                    |                                                                                                              | <b>Time</b>    | <b>Reader</b> | <b>Sidesman</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| January 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Epiphany<br>2nd Reading:                | 1st Reading:<br>Isaiah 60.1-6<br>Ephesians 3.1-12<br>Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12                                  | <b>10.30am</b> |               |                 |
| January 10 <sup>th</sup><br>Baptism of<br>Christ                   | 1st Reading:<br>Isaiah 43.1-7<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading:<br>Acts 8.14-17<br>Gospel:<br>Luke 3.15-17,21-22   | <b>10.30am</b> |               | M Howe          |
|                                                                    |                                                                                                              |                | D Blenkinsopp |                 |
|                                                                    |                                                                                                              |                | A Stone       |                 |
|                                                                    |                                                                                                              |                | M Gidlow      |                 |
| January 17 <sup>th</sup><br>Epiphany 2                             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading:<br>Isaiah 62.1-5<br>Second Reading:<br>1 Corinthians 12.1-11<br>Gospel: John 2.1-11 | <b>9.00am</b>  |               | D Cherry        |
|                                                                    |                                                                                                              |                | R Ward        |                 |
|                                                                    |                                                                                                              |                | S Brompton    |                 |
|                                                                    |                                                                                                              |                | S Bird        |                 |
| January 24 <sup>th</sup><br>Epiphany 3<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading:<br>Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10<br>1 Corinthians 12.12-31a<br>Gospel: Luke 4.14-21       | <b>8.00am</b>  |               | T Griffin       |
|                                                                    |                                                                                                              |                | D Griffin     |                 |
|                                                                    |                                                                                                              |                | M Hening      |                 |
| January 31 <sup>st</sup><br>Candlemas                              | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Malachi 3.1-5<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 2.14-end<br>Gospel: Luke 8.22-25  |                |               |                 |

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

**Morning Prayer held in Diseworth Church 8.30am - 9.00am every Tuesday**

**Regular Weekday Services**

|           |         |                                     |
|-----------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Tuesday   | 12.30pm | CW Holy Communion, Belton Church    |
| Wednesday | 9.30am  | BCP Holy Communion, Kegworth Church |

# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

## **Other Benefice Services, Meetings and Social Events December 2009**



|                                         |                  |                                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>                    | Tuesday          | Kegworth House Group 7.30pm                                                                                                                         |
| Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup>                    | Wednesday        | Hathern House Group 7.30pm                                                                                                                          |
| Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup>                    | Saturday         | Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon<br>Kegworth Church Concord's Christmas Concert<br>7.30pm                                                  |
| Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>                    | Sunday           | Hathern Church Music Café 6pm-8pm                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Dec, 10<sup>th</sup></b>             | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Diseworth PCC</b>                                                                                                                                |
| Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>                   | Friday           | Hathern Church Christmas Tree Festival 10am-8pm<br>Long Whatton Christmas Tree Festival Time tbc                                                    |
| Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>                   | Saturday         | Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am -12 noon<br>Hathern Church Christmas Tree Festival 10am-12noon<br>Long Whatton Christmas Tree Festival Time tbc |
| Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>                   | Sunday           | Hathern Church Christmas Tree Festival<br>Long Whatton Christmas Tree Festival Time tbc                                                             |
| Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> | Wed/<br>Thur/Fri | Belton Christmas Pageant 7pm                                                                                                                        |
| Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup>                   | Saturday         | Long Whatton Coffee Morning, Friendship Centre                                                                                                      |
| Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup>                   | Monday           | Benefice Bible Study, 33 Green Hill, Hathern<br>7.30pm                                                                                              |

## **January 2010**

|                             |                 |                                                              |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup>        | Saturday        | Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon                    |
| Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup>        | Sunday          | Hathern Church Music Café, 6pm-8pm                           |
| Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup>        | Tuesday         | Kegworth House Group 7.30pm                                  |
| Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup>        | Wednesday       | Hathern House Group 7.30pm                                   |
| Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup>        | Saturday        | Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon                   |
| Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup>       | Saturday        | Long Whatton Coffee Morning, Friendship Centre               |
| <b>Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>Diseworth Coffee Morning 10am-12noon</b>                  |
| Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup>       | Monday          | Benefice Bible Study, 33 Green Hill, Hathern<br>7.30pm       |
| Jan. 27 <sup>th</sup>       | Wednesday       | Benefice Praise Evening, Hathern Church, 7.30pm              |
| <b>Feb. 19<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Friday</b>   | <b>Diseworth Church Hot Supper, Village Hall,<br/>7.30pm</b> |

# Where Did the Money Go?

It has been drawn to my attention that the readers of the *Diseworth Dialogue* might be interested in what happened to the money that the Heritage Centre paid to purchase the old Baptist Chapel.



First I need to relate some history; when the Baptist chapels in Diseworth and Kegworth were established in 18<sup>th</sup> century, there was a close link between the congregations, the church in Kegworth was effectively a daughter church of the Diseworth congregation and through history the two churches were often served by the same minister. Within the deeds of both churches was a commitment that in the event of the Church closing the other would receive any proceeds of the sale of the chapel.

When Diseworth chapel closed in 2000, for a long time the chapel remained closed and derelict. Eventually in 2007 the Diseworth Heritage Trust purchased the chapel from the East Midlands Baptist Trust (the body that has responsibility for the chapel buildings), they agreed to abide by the commitment and after legal expenses were deducted gave the remaining money to Kegworth Baptist Church.

The Baptist chapel in Kegworth was at this time somewhat dilapidated and required an injection of funds. The congregation had raised funds to replace the roof of the chapel some time before and new heating and electricity supply had been fitted, however the money from Diseworth enabled the programme of restoration to continue.

Windows throughout the chapel were in a very poor state, so the first step was to replace these, finally making the building waterproof again. The hall was the next area to be revamped, with new toilets (including one with disabled access facilities) and new open plan kitchen being fitted. Plastering has been repaired throughout the inside and outside, improved access with ramps and on the level access from the chapel to the hall has been provided and the work has been finished by repainting the Chapel and hall.

This work provides a more welcoming building, which has allowed the congregation to offer the building for community activities. A new youth club has started in the building and the U3A singing group now use the hall to meet in.

I hope you can see that the money from the sale of the chapel in Diseworth has been put to good use, continuing the Baptist tradition in the area and supporting the local community. To maintain the link between our villages, it is intended to serve Diseworth by holding services in the Heritage Centre several times per year.

**A Christmas Praise service will be held at the Heritage Centre on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm, followed by light refreshments – please join us.**



*Paul Phillips Lead Deacon, Kegworth Baptist Church*

*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

Lead Deacon: Paul Phillips 01509-551464

[www.kegworthbaptist.org.uk](http://www.kegworthbaptist.org.uk)

# Retired Residents' Christmas Lunch

Tuesday December 1st

1pm

Village Hall

Please book with Nikki

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## SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING



*Will using the creep feeder to feed his cows and calves*

As the cooler weather starts to close in and the grass stops growing, most of the cattle outside need to have supplementary feed and for most of them, it is a case of having a few bales of hay on the ground. It's not quite that simple for the group of cows with calves at foot that live in the field behind the house. The calves were all born in the field during the spring and summer, and while the weather was warm and the days long, there was lots of grass for the cows and eventually the calves when they started to graze.

But now, even though they still live out in the field, they all come up onto a concreted area to feed on hay and corn. The only problem is that even though the calves have all grown a lot, they are still a lot smaller than their mothers. So when Will fills up the troughs on the concrete with hay and corn, the little calves are too small to be able to get any of the food. Even if they were able to reach, they wouldn't get a look in.

Bovines operate on a pecking order basis; whoever is biggest or has the

sharpest horns gets the most food. The little calves just wouldn't get any food as all the cows and even their own mothers would just push them out of the way.

To get round this, Will feeds the calves in a creep feeder. This is a smaller feeder that is a kind of large box structure with a trough at the front. The back is open so that the calves can squeeze into the feeder side by side and eat the corn. Will folds down a large flap at the front to reveal the trough for the corn, loads it up then closes it again to prevent the cows from stealing it from the calves. The opening at the back is far too small for any of the cows to enter, but the odd one does try to stick its head into the front trough while Will is filling it up. They usually get a bucket waved at

them and a sharp telling off before the flap is closed again.

I usually arrive in the yard in the morning just as Will has fed the cows and calves and I am greeted by the sight of a row of backsides lined up in the creep feeder and the rest of the calves all queuing up waiting their turn. Later in the morning, if the weather is fine, they will all wander off back down the field and lie down in the sunshine and contentedly chew the cud.

Hopefully winter will delay its arrival for a while yet, and I will still be looking at a happy group of cows and calves lying in the field at Christmas.



## DISEWORTH HERITAGE CENTRE

The Trust has been given some vouchers to help us raise funds. **They give free entry to**

**Paint Ball competitions** for teams of

up to eight at any of dozens of sites around the UK. The nearest is on the A453 near Junction 24.

We think these would make wonderful Christmas presents for the young and not so young: you must be over ten, and most players are between 14 and 35.

The only cost would be for paintballs – all other equipment is free.

The value of each voucher is £50, and we propose sealed bids for whatever sum you wish to offer. Please put your bid in a sealed envelope and mark it Deltaforce; drop it in the letterbox by the Heritage Centre's front door, or to me at 9 Clements Gate. Bids must be received by Friday 18 December, and we will contact the winners within 48 hours.

Name and phone number should be with your bid!

Any questions? Give me a ring.



*Martin Hening 01332 853647*

# Charity Fundraiser at The Bull and Swan

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October, The Bull and Swan held a “Night at the Horse Races” accompanied by a quiz and bingo. A lively crowd gathered for an evening of lighthearted betting. Horse races were shown on a screen, and punters cheered on their chosen steeds. As the winning post was reached, the room reverberated with whoops of delight from successful punters.

Bingo and a quiz entertained the crowd between races, and all were invited to partake of a tasty buffet.

A total of £482.25 was raised for the charity Wish House which sends terminally ill children on once in a lifetime trips.

Oliver and his team would like to thank all who helped to raise money for this very worthy cause. It is hoped that this event can be repeated sometime in the New Year.

*Liz Jarrom*

# Diseworth Village Hall



## Bonfire Night

A big thank you to everyone who supported the fireworks evening. The weather was fair, the food was lovely and the display was great. What more could you ask for a few quid?

Seriously though, a big thank you to all those who turned out to support the event. Once again we made a small profit of just over £100. Our aim is always to at least break even, so the profit we made will be put towards further improving the village hall.

A big thank you to all the committee members who made the evening possible and a special thanks to all those non-committee members who helped to make the evening a well organised and once again very successful village event.

*Dave Adcock*

**Q. Why was Santa's little helper feeling depressed?**

A. He had low elf-esteem.

**Q. What's furry and minty?**

A. A polo bear.



# 2009 A Review of the Year

Halloween fun at the village hall



Ghosts and Ghouls?  
Lucy, Amy, Hannah and Ariana



Thumbs up and ready for Trick or Treating.  
Isobel, Charlotte, Katie, Mattie and James



Beautifully posed.  
Cattle from Ladygate Farm at  
the creep feeder

Guides and Brownies at the Service  
of Remembrance,  
Diseworth Church





Dressed for the Boxing Day Fun Run!



1st Diseworth Guides enjoying their weekend away



Meg and Paul's beautiful garden



Annual Flower Show



The original scarecrow



Grand Opening of the Heritage Centre



Unveiling of the Retired Residents Bench in the Sanctuary Garden at the Heritage Centre



In February it snowed. Rosie's snowman



The Ploughing Match. One of the competitors



John and Mike. Panto Time



Woodcutting at the Diseworth Working Day



Bulb planting, Diseworth School

# Welcome



*Welcome to the Woodcroft Lucy Harriet Moakes, born on 28<sup>th</sup> October, weighing 8lb 7oz. A daughter for Paul and Kerry and a sister for Rosie.*

*Carly and Jim are delighted to welcome Charlotte Ann into the world, their first grandchild born to Ben and Nicola on July 3rd. Congratulations Ben and Nics from all the Snee family, Uncles Damian, Dan and James and Great Grandparents Ann and Tom. We all look forward to sharing Charlie's first Christmas!*



*Welcome to Lady Gate Edith (Edie) Cluer Horrill, born on 12th October at 3.55am weighing 7lb 6oz. A daughter for Rachel and Steve and baby sister for Seth.*

*The Jepson family would like to announce the arrival of Joni Gretchen on 27<sup>th</sup> October. We all wish much joy and happiness to Chris, Rachel and Joni, with many congratulations from Mum & Dad, Steve & Rachel, Debs & John, Grandad and Hilary & Mervyn and family.*



# Jamboree on the Internet

Hello, my name is Jessica I am 10 years old and I am from Long Whatton & Diseworth Scouts. The Scouts and I are doing JOTI this weekend, JOTI means Jamboree on the Internet.

JOTI is fun because you get to speak to Scouts all over the world.

Some of the Scouts we have spoken to this weekend come from Brazil, Mexico, USA, South Africa, Madagascar, England, Russia, New Zealand, Australia, Maldives, Canada, Panama, Mauritania, China, Japan and North Korea. We also spoke to people in the Arctic and Antarctica.

We have had over 40 Scouts from the local District visit Diseworth Heritage Centre this weekend to take part in JOTI. The Scouts were from 3<sup>rd</sup> Loughborough, 1<sup>st</sup> Loughborough, Long Whatton & Diseworth, and 4<sup>th</sup> Shephed Scout Groups as well as the Loughborough Explorers. Each of the age groups came from Beavers, (6-8), Cubs, (8-10), Scouts, (10 – 14), Explorers, (14 – 18), and Leaders.

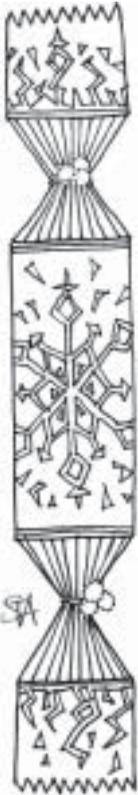
We all had a go at talking with different people and when we found out where they were from we put a sticker on a world map. We also tried to find out what time it was in their country.

We had a great time and enjoyed being at the Heritage Centre which is a lovely building.



*Jessica Laws (centre right) at the Jamboree on the Internet at the Heritage Centre.*

*Over 40 members of the Scout Movement made contact with other Scouts around the world over a weekend using the IT Suite at Diseworth Heritage Centre. The event was co-ordinated by Colin Laws (standing right) District Commissioner for Explorer Scouts*



# Go On, Pull Another One!

**Q. What do you call a girl who stands between two goal posts?**

**A. Annette.**

It just wouldn't be Christmas without crackers. Along with the stuffing and cranberry sauce, they are an essential accompaniment to the festive meal. Positioned carefully at each place setting, this brightly covered tube containing a paper crown, a small gift and a joke or motto is a delightful tradition enjoyed by old and young alike.

**Q. Why would you invite a mushroom to a Christmas party?**

**A. He's a fun guy to be with.**

The tradition of wearing hats at parties goes back to Roman times and the Saturnalia revels – around the 25<sup>th</sup> December. The custom of wearing a paper crown may possibly have come from the Epiphany or Twelfth Night celebrations when a boy or girl was designated King or Queen of the proceedings.

**Q. On which side do chickens have the most feathers?**

**A. The outside.**

Crackers were invented in 1846 by Thomas Smith. During a visit to Paris he discovered the bon-bon, a sugared almond wrapped in tissue paper and twisted at each side of the sweet. He had the idea of producing sweets in the weeks before Christmas and they sold well. Early in the 1850's he included a small motto with the sweet and because many of the confections were purchased by men to give to their wives and girlfriends, these mottos were brief love poems.

**Q. Why should husbands make early morning tea for their wives?**

**A. Because the Bible says He brews.**

It wasn't long before Tom Smith's idea was copied by rivals in business. Not to be outdone he re-invented his product and replaced the sweet with a small gift. By 1860 Thomas had added the 'banger'. This was two strips of paper impregnated with a chemical which, when pulled apart made a loud noise. This novelty was originally called a 'cosaque' but soon became known as a 'cracker'. When Tom Smith died, the business was carried on by his two sons. The product evolved and in the early 1900's a paper hat was added to the contents of the cracker.

**Q. Who was England's first chiropodist?**

**A. William the Corncurer**

Most of us pull Christmas crackers with the person sitting next to us, but the traditional way is by crossing your arms and pulling a complete circle of crackers around the dinner table. Each person holds a cracker in their right hand and pulls the neighbour's cracker with the left hand, creating a co-ordinated 'BANG'!

**Q. Why was Cinderella no good at football?**

**A. Because her coach was a pumpkin**

The quality of the gift, (and the joke), is reflected in the cost of the crackers. The more modestly priced contents contain items such as key rings; packs of small playing cards; whistles; yo-yo's and dice. Shoe horns; padlocks, pens and tape measures are popular fillers in most ranges as are sets of miniature screwdrivers. Come on, how many of you have still got one of these lurking in the back of the kitchen drawer since last Christmas? These tiny tools are a godsend when my other half is not at home. Stowed away in the cutlery drawer, they are handy for day to day emergency repairs and are as vital to the lady of the house as an easy to use corkscrew.

**Q. How does a snowman get around?**

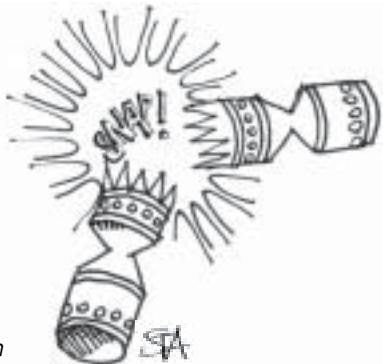
**A. He rides an icicle**

Crackers have come a long way since Tom Smith's inspiration one hundred and fifty three years ago. We have a huge range to choose from on the high street with prices ranging from a couple of pounds, to one penny shy of six hundred pounds for a box of six from a famous London department store. The former can be eco-friendly, made from recycled material or a fill your own variety while the the latter contains an impressive selection of gifts from exquisite jewellery to i-pods. Those of us with slimmer wallets can still enjoy a touch of luxury. What's more, if you have the time to shop around, there are many special offers and multi-buys to be found.

With bargains like these, you really can go ahead and "pull another one."

**Q. What's the longest word in the English Language?**

**A. 'Smiles' because there is a mile between the first and last letter**



*Sue Brompton*

# Christmas Greetings

Mike, Julie, Matthew, Hannah, Lady and Max wish all their friends and neighbours in Diseworth a Very Merry Christmas, and a Splendid New Year



*Seasons Greeting  
Will and Liz Jarrom wish everyone in Diseworth a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year*

***Sandie & Dave wish all their friends a Very Happy Christmas and all Good Wishes for the New Year***

Happy Xmas and a fantastic 2010 to all our friends in Diseworth. A special thanks from Tony for all the support over the last few months. Love and Best Wishes Sue, Tony, Victoria and Rebecca Hill



Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year. Muriel and Brian Howe. Love from the Teddy Family

Christopher, Peggy and Thomas would like to wish all their friends and neighbours a *Merry Christmas and Peaceful New Year*

A very Happy Christmas with good wishes for 2010 to all our friends and neighbours in the village from Ruth and Aaron.

Carly and Jim Snee send warmest wishes for a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year to all their friends and the people who live and work in Diseworth

Rob, Hilary, Isobel, Alison and Joe Kenney would like to wish all our friends in the village a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year



**The Aust's send everyone Merry Christmas Greetings, and our Very Best Wishes for 2010, from all at Lilly's Cottage**



We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Best wishes from Sally, Russell, Oli and Tilly xx

All donations received will be sent to  
Rainbow's Children's Hospice, Loughborough

# DI SEWORTH'S ANNUAL BOXING DAY FUN RUN



Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December

Meet at the  
Cross at 11am

Race starts - 11.30am  
Fancy Dress Competition  
Decorated Trolley/Buggy Competition



Prizes awarded to the best

Tickets £2 for adults and £1 for children

All donations for the raffle are gratefully received

Phone Anna on 01332 810014 or bring to  
The Cross on Boxing Day

In aid of local charities

# DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

If you have items for the FEBRUARY ISSUE of the *Dialogue* please give to a committee member or email to [peggy.tudor@btinternet.com](mailto:peggy.tudor@btinternet.com) [sue@cbrompton.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:sue@cbrompton.fsnet.co.uk) and [ruth@airmig.co.uk](mailto:ruth@airmig.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> JANUARY**



The Mobile Library visits Diseworth on the 11th December and 8th and 22nd January.

The Bowley 11.55 – 12.15  
Clements Gate 12.20 – 1.20

The contact number for the mobile library is 0116 3053565

*The Heritage Centre will not be open on Sundays from November through to March except by special arrangement*

## News from our Advertisers

**Atlas Express** would like to say a big thank you to all the people in Diseworth for their business.



Welcome to the yellow pages to **Numero Due**, Italian Restaurant in Castle Donington

**Hallgate Flowers** and **Picture This** have new adverts

Turn to the yellow pages to see Christmas and New Year Opening times for **Manor Organic Farm**, Long Whatton

**The Bull and Swan** have updated their advert and now offer the following in addition to their 'light bites' and 'a la carte' menu –

Specials Board  
Monday - Friday 12 - 2pm  
5.30pm - 7pm  
2 for £8 Lunchtime  
2 for £10 Evening  
Sunday Carvery  
12.00 – 3.00pm from £6.95

**Babytalk:** Fridays, 10-11.30am in Long Whatton Baptist Church. Mums and babies group for Long Whatton and Diseworth. Feel free to pop by for a cuppa and a chat - babies of all ages welcome. Any questions call Danielle on 07736 037662.

## Diseworth village Hall 200 Club

The latest winners of the 200 Club are:-

| September                     |       | October                        |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> (26) D Adcock | - £30 | 1 <sup>st</sup> (111) S Moores | - £30 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> (18) F Agar   | - £20 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> (5) B Lees     | - £20 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> (131) J Clark | - £10 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> (141) J Clark  | - £10 |

### Childrens' Books Needed

The church would like more childrens' books for their book stall held at the monthly coffee morning. If you have any unwanted books please contact Muriel Howe on 850338, take them to 16 The Bowley or take to the coffee morning in the church. Thank you.

# DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

## Long Whatton Post Office and Shop



Pam & Tony wish everyone in Diseworth a very Happy Christmas and thank you all for supporting your village shop and post office. Without your support we would not be here. Don't forget to order your mince pies, cobs, pork pies, cooked meats etc for Christmas.

Place your order with us now.  
Wishing you all a great 2010.

**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**



**FOR ONLY £5 I WILL  
COLLECT YOUR OLD  
TREE AND TAKE IT FOR  
RECYCLING  
CONTACT JAMES FOR  
MORE INFORMATION ON  
07928 228453**



Many congratulations to Debora Jepson on achieving your hard earned and well deserved Masters in social work. Good luck in your new job in Worcester, from Mum & Dad, John (& family), Chris and Rachel, Steve and Rachel, Grandad and Davies family

*Pennline of Diseworth, suppliers of work wear and uniforms, are proud to announce, by request of the school, that they are now offering the Castle Donington Community College uniform. For further details please call 01332 850184 or email sales@pennline.co.uk.*

## **Upholstery for Beginners at Diseworth Village Hall**

**Tuesdays 10am - 12noon, starting on 26 January 2010**

Course fee £56 for 8 weeks (concessions available)  
Upholstery class teaching traditional and modern upholstery skills. Aimed at absolute beginners as well as students with a little experience. Students will work on individual projects in a supported and friendly workshop style environment. An ideal opportunity to update a small stool, dining chair or even design and make a headboard.

For more information & to enrol please telephone Leicestershire Adult Learning at Kegworth Community Centre, Tel: 01509 676605/03

# *Damian Snee's Cancer Research Charity Run and his fundraising ideas for Africa. How we can help.*

Many of us are moved to raise money for a particular Charity through personal circumstances and association with family or friends suffering with a particular problem.

My son Damian felt a great need to offer support to a work colleague and friend Richard, whose wife Lizzie has advanced Breast Cancer which is not curable but treatable. Throughout diagnosis and treatment Richard and Lizzie have met wonderful people, doctors and nurses who have been deeply caring and supportive.

**For Lizzie and all the other cancer sufferers Richard and Damian decided to run the Bristol Half Marathon in September 2009. Their aim was to raise the magnificent sum of £10,000 for Cancer Research UK .**

With only four training sessions under his belt, Damian left London in the early hours of the morning of the Marathon, heading for Bristol. Unfortunately all his family were abroad or unable to be there to cheer him on and as Richard was running at a different time, he went alone. However thousands of others run independently, each with their own goal, so there was no shortage of company! "The most memorable bit for me was the finish " said Damian "with so many people cheering you on, it was a truly unforgettable experience!" Both Richard and Damian achieved the 13.1 mile in just over 2 hours.



*Richard, running the Bristol Half Marathon*

Thanks to the generous donations from colleagues, friends and family the target was not only achieved but beaten and to date the sum of £10,088.50 has been raised for the world's leading independent organisation dedicated to cancer research.

Damian grew up in Diseworth and considers himself very fortunate to have enjoyed a happy and privileged life. For this reason and spurred on by his fund-raising success for Cancer Research he has decided to devote 6 months to helping people devastated by Aids in Tanzania, Africa. The idea is to offer help in setting up businesses to sustain them in the future. There is no easy way to do this and before he can start Damian must raise approximately £6,000 to invest in the work programme and to keep a roof over his head while he lives in the community he aims to help.

If anyone reading this would like to contribute towards this endeavour, Damian would be more than grateful and many people would have their lives transformed and improved.



*Damian running to raise over £10,000 for Cancer Research UK*

To this end we would like to hold a 'Promises Auction' in the village in the New Year so if anybody can help with any ideas or contributions for this please contact Carly or Jim Snee on either 01332 812345 or by email [carlysnee@hotmail.com](mailto:carlysnee@hotmail.com).

**To view the work done by the charity in Africa visit**

**[www.mondochallenge.org/](http://www.mondochallenge.org/)**

*Carly Snee*

**Q. What's Santa's favourite pizza?**

**A. Deep pan crisp and even**



# Good King Wenceslas



One of our best loved Christmas carols is “*Good King Wenceslas looked out, on the feast of Stephen*” but did you know that King Wenceslas is also a saint?

Saint Stephen was the first Christian martyr; accused of blasphemy, he was stoned to death cAD 35 (see ACTS 6 – 8) and is commemorated on 26<sup>th</sup> December. His name (Greek Stephanus) means wreath or crown.

Wenceslas was a Bohemian prince made famous through the 19<sup>th</sup> century carol by J.M. Neale. He was noted for his piety so it was typical of his character that he should summon his page to bring bread, wine and pine logs to take to the poor man gathering winter fuel.

Born around AD 907, his life was very short; he was murdered by his brother Boleslav in 929; he became recognised as the patron of Bohemia, (now the republic of Czechoslovakia), and is a national hero.

His saint’s day is 28<sup>th</sup> September. A famous plaza in Prague was named after him and a statue of him astride his horse stands in Wenceslas Square in front of the National Museum.

*Sue Brompton*

**Q. What do you call a penguin in the Sahara desert?**

A. Lost.

**Q. What’s grey, yellow, grey, yellow, grey, yellow, grey, yellow?**

A. An elephant rolling down a hill with a daisy in its mouth



# Charnwood Community Theatre

Presents

## CINDERELLA

by

Ady Bryan & Kym Godfrey

**Saturday 23rd January 2010**

**Diseworth Village Hall**

**2.30 pm**

**Adults £4 Children £2**

**Special rates for parties  
and**

**7.30pm**

**Tickets £5 and £3 (concessions)**

**Tel: 01332 810785**

**Email: [ctheatre@live.co.uk](mailto:ctheatre@live.co.uk)**

**[www.freewebs.com/ctheatre](http://www.freewebs.com/ctheatre)**



### CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY THEATRE

We are an amateur voluntary group ,so we need to keep fundraising to pay for overheads and keep ticket costs down.

Here's a great way to fundraise for CCT whenever you shop on line. It's just a few mouse clicks away, it's really easy and it won't cost you a penny.

**<http://www.freewebs.com/ctheatre/easyfundraising.htm>**

**Thanks for your continued support**

# HEALTH PAGE

## *GIVING AND APPRECIATING IS GOOD FOR US*

In this season of celebration, it is easy for us to get caught up in all the rushing around, buying food, presents and writing those Christmas cards. This can all seem quite stressful at times, but if we can change our perspective a bit, we can actually benefit from all this giving that we are doing. There have been many well documented studies that seem to show that people who give unconditionally appear to be happier, less stressed and healthier than people who look upon life as a chore.



It's easy to scoff and say that we don't have the time to think about others with all that we have to do, especially this time of year. The fact is, that if we do slow down a bit and think of others, the one who benefits the most in the long term is actually ourselves, in addition to the people we are helping. By this I don't mean that we have to neglect our own needs, just change our focus to abundance and appreciate all that we have. Then we enter a state of gratitude which means that we start to enjoy life more.

Just five minutes of gratitude a day can shift the nervous system towards a calmer state of being. A study in 1995 by the Institute of HeartMath in California found that states of appreciation are directly linked to the physiological state in the body known as resonance, where heart rates, breathing, blood pressure as well as brain rhythms and even the electrical potential of the skin are synchronized. Resonance is also present when we are deeply relaxed or sleeping peacefully. When we are in this state of resonance, our bodies function in a more efficient way, and our body systems are more balanced. Heart rhythms are normalized and our nervous system and hormones are calmed. Even our immune systems are boosted when we are in a state of appreciation.

Another study discovered that when people focused on appreciation for just fifteen minutes a day, there was an immediate and significant increase in levels of an immune antibody called secretory IgA. Secretory IgA is one of the body's primary defenses against invading microbes. After a month of a daily fifteen minute practice of appreciation, thirty individuals also had a 100% increase in a beneficial hormone DHEA, and a reduction in the stress hormone cortisol. So by focusing on the good things in our lives we can hopefully have a happier and healthier Christmas.

*Liz Jarrom*

# WOMEN'S Gr Oup



## Children in Need Quiz

For a Monday evening we were delighted to have 7 teams take part in the quiz arranged and run by Jane Hallard who did a sterling job along with partner Bill who kept score. With a wide selection of question topics, we could choose a favourite round to play our jokers doubling points gained in that round or take a gamble as my team did and pick a round without knowing the category, resulting in scoring triple points or failing miserably!!!! The important thing, we took part and had lots of fun.

Liz Jarrom's team won in style and generously donated their £20 prize to the charity. Also, lots of raffle prizes were kindly donated and at the end of the evening we had raised £140 for Children in Need.

Thanks to all who helped, John Hurley and Mike Doyle for allowing us to use the Charnwood Theatre Groups sound system and special thanks to Jane Hallard and Bill.

Next Meeting



Christmas Dinner  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
The Anchor Inn at Hathern  
7.30 pm for 8pm  
Menus are available,  
booking, a necessity!

Happy Christmas to all our MEMBERS

*Sheila Dakin 810858 sheiladakin@btinternet.com*

**Q.What's brown and sweet and  
glides around an ice rink?**

A. Bourneville and Dean



# Village Residents Parking Group

Dear Resident,

The survey of 'nuisance' parking in Diseworth is continuing and we are grateful for the help of those residents who have placed red dots in their cars.

We now have some information to begin to assess the size of resident, on-road, parking in the village but require more to confirm our findings. We are requesting that residents continue to display the red dots until we have a complete picture. It is against this that we are able to identify those vehicles that come into the category of 'nuisance' vehicles.

Information is also growing about the number, location and identification of these vehicles and the amount of time they stay on the roads within the village. This varies from days to weeks.

Anecdotal messages tell us that such parking varies between and over 'holiday' periods. It is unsurprising therefore that the period since our survey began has produced only a first and incomplete impression.

It may be coincidence but it has been reported that there has been a reduction in 'nuisance' parking in certain areas since this survey began. Taxi traffic and cars awaiting airport passengers, however, continues to be a nuisance. We have anxieties that the village will become more populated by these when 'clearways' are created from the A453 towards Wartoft Grange Farm and down Grimes Gate to the boundary of the village.

We have expressed our concerns to the Parish Council and Leicestershire County Highways Department about this.

It has been noted that some 'nuisance' parkers have been reported to the police for parking in contravention of traffic laws. There are few measures that we can use to protect ourselves unless we are able to convince the authorities that we warrant 'residents only' parking areas. At the moment however, please note, if you are inconvenienced, a vehicle can be reported for the following:-

- 1 Parking at night facing against the direction of the traffic flow unless in a recognised parking space.
- 2 Parking on a bend.
- 3 Parking opposite or within 10 metres of a junction, except in an authorised parking space.

Further information can be obtained by reading sections 238-252: Waiting and Parking, in The Highway Code. Please note, be absolutely sure that the vehicle reported is parking illegally. The police have been called on a number of occasions where this has not been the case. They then become disinclined to come into the village when there are calls made on them, at that time, to attend more important crimes.

Just to remind people if you require more stickers these are available from any of the VRPG whose numbers are repeated here:-

|                |                         |               |        |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------|
| Chris Draycott | 850856                  | Steph Keeling | 850188 |
| Alison Evans   | 810279                  | Alan Leech    | 812044 |
| Tony Griffin   | tony_griffin@talk21.com | Alan Preston  | 811123 |
| Bruce Keeling  | 850188                  | Jim Snee      | 812345 |

If you have 'nuisance' parkers on your street please phone or email any of the above to inform them of the location and type of car and length of stay at the date of reporting.

Thank you for your assistance.

*Alan Leech for the VRPG.*

# LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



At the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> November a big concern for Councillors was the notification of the long-rumoured withdrawal of some local bus services. The Council had been told that Skylink services outside the 7am to 7pm period were not well enough used to justify them continuing and the route would be changed to Kegworth where there are more passengers. This was a 'courtesy' consultation by the airport but the changes were expected to be imminent. Councillors believed that more use was being made of the service than was being claimed. The service is funded by several public bodies including the County and District Councils as well as government and therefore should not be exclusively run to serve only airport interests. They decided that this should not be taken lying down and the authorities involved are to be told that either the existing service should be retained or that adequate alternative bus services must be provided.

It was decided that the Council meetings in 2010 should be, as now, held in alternate months in Diseworth Village Hall. Enquiries are being made about alternative accommodation at Long Whatton Community Centre, provided the cost is comparable, as it is felt to be important that meetings are held in that village, even though the Heritage Centre offers very good accommodation. It is hoped a decision can be taken quickly. The next Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

The Council receives a great deal of information every day – often important, relevant and useful. Sometimes urgent. The Clerk suggested a means of forwarding such information to interested villagers. To work, it would have to be straightforward, involving minimal time and cost. It was decided this was potentially very useful and the proposed scheme was adopted. **Full details are given on the Council's website: [www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk](http://www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk) and on**

**notice boards etc. Villagers wanting to try out the service can easily do so by sending an email to the Council at [longwhatdisepc@hotmail.com](mailto:longwhatdisepc@hotmail.com) with "Village Mail" in the subject line.** (It's just as easy to opt-out again anytime if you wish!).

Diseworth's Village Residents' Parking Group had reported that steady progress was being made on collecting the necessary data. It was noted that the Council's response to the Airport Draft Noise Action Plan had been submitted as required. Councillors expressed regret that, having taken every opportunity to object firmly and realistically to the runway extension proposals, the decision had been made to permit the plans. Full details of the decision were awaited.

Notification had been received that the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Soar Valley Twinning Group would be celebrated next May. The Council would be represented at a forthcoming meeting of the Donington Park Liaison Committee. Most Councillors would attend a further District Council arranged training session on local planning issues in December. Also, observations had been sent to the District Council Scrutiny Working Party about the current arrangements for planning consultations which worked well in most cases.

Current planning consultations included a large illuminated free-standing advertisement for the Holiday Express Inn at the Airport and objections were raised. Also the application to develop 9 affordable houses (following the outcome of the Parish Plan and resulting Housing Needs Survey) off Ashby Road, Long Whatton was considered in detail. Councillors thought the details shown in the plan would lead to an attractive development and gave it their approval. At the time of the meeting the equivalent plan for Diseworth had not been received.

*Douglas Maas, Parish Clerk*

# Long Whatton & Diseworth Parish Council

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## VILLAGE.MAIL

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**BE PART OF IT! - YOU COULD BE INCLUDED in these Mailings** by asking for **your own "VILLAGE MAIL" service** and, for example, receive helpful police messages, notices of road closures, health, library, Council and much more useful information circulated by many public services (including the Parish Council itself) which could be valuable to anyone who lives here. Such organisations hope to get wider publicity for important messages. The Parish Council wants to help.

**You're bound to find something really useful!** It won't all interest you but from time to time there'll be something **valuable for you or your family or your neighbours or your friends or your Club**. If anything's not relevant to you, just click to "delete" it.

**Don't worry ... You won't be flooded!** We won't include irrelevant and routine stuff or junk or spam. We'll strictly control it and just include anything we really think might be of interest or valuable to at least a few villagers. No commercials allowed!

**Don't worry!** Your email address will be kept strictly private and never circulated to anyone. The Parish Council is regis-

tered under the Data Protection Act.

**Please note:** This is not a comprehensive local news service. The Parish News page in the Village Magazines carries news and reports of the Parish Council and its meetings. The Council's website – [www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk](http://www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk) – is updated regularly and has important information, Council news, agendas, minutes of meetings, etc.

**You can opt in - or out - any time!** If you want to try it – opt in. If you don't like it – opt out again. Then change your mind and opt in again! It's up to you. But it's a very simple - easy to operate – service. You will receive all Village Mail Group Messages. We can't be selective or enter into correspondence on the content of such messages. Most messages include contact details if you need more information.

**It's so simple to join in ...**

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Please refer any comments, questions or suggestions to the Council at:

86 Forest Road, Markfield, Leicestershire LE67 9UN - 01530 242534 (email as above)

**Q. Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?**

**A. A mince spy.**



## Directory of Useful Numbers

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|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BBC East Midlands                                          | 0115 955 0500<br><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/england/eastmidlandstoday/">www.bbc.co.uk/england/eastmidlandstoday/</a> |
| BBC Radio Derby                                            | 01332 361111                                                                                                            |
| British Gas - Service                                      | 0645 605040                                                                                                             |
| Gas Escape Emergency                                       | 0800 111999                                                                                                             |
| Castle Donington Community College                         | 01332 810528<br><a href="mailto:postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk">postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk</a>        |
| Castle Donington Volunteer Bureau                          | 01332 850526/850742 <a href="mailto:mail@cdvb.org.uk">mail@cdvb.org.uk</a>                                              |
| Chemist, Gerald Porter, Castle Donington                   | 01332 810213                                                                                                            |
| Derby Playhouse                                            | 01332 363275 <a href="http://www.derbyplayhouse.co.uk">www.derbyplayhouse.co.uk</a>                                     |
| Derby Royal Infirmary                                      | 01332 347141                                                                                                            |
| Diseworth C of E Primary School                            | 01332 810208                                                                                                            |
| Doctor's Surgery -<br>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<br>customer services | 0800 056 8090<br>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                                                                                                            |
| Mobile Library                                             | 0116 3053565                                                                                                            |
| 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<br><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                                                                                                            |
| Royal Derby Hospital                                       | 01332 340131                                                                                                            |
| accident & emergency                                       | ext 87800 or direct line 01332 783111                                                                                   |
| Royal Derby Children's Hospital                            | 01332 340131                                                                                                            |
| accident and emergency                                     | ext 83277 or direct line 01332 786808                                                                                   |
| 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           | 0871 200 22 33 <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.

# Village Directory

| Organisation                | Contact Person      | Telephone No |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Book Worms                  | Sandie Moores       | 01332 812629 |
| Brownies                    | Jane Lindley        | 01332 810796 |
| Diseworth Village Hall      | Dave Adcock         | 01332 850337 |
| Flower Show                 | Pat Guy             | 01332 811119 |
| Friends of Diseworth School | Meryl Tait          | 01332 812952 |
| Guides                      | Sandie Clark        | 01332 814939 |
| Heritage Centre             | Martin Hening       | 01332 853647 |
| History Society             | Pat Guy             | 01332 811119 |
| Millennium Meadow           | Pat Guy             | 01332 811119 |
| Neighbourhood Watch         | Noel McGough        | 01332 811362 |
| Scouts & Cubs               | Jenny Buckle        | 01509 842593 |
| Soar Valley Twinning Assoc. | Sheila Hawksworth   | 01509 568793 |
| W.I.N.G.S.                  | Erica & Andy Foxall | 01332 811689 |
| Womens' Discussion Group    | Liz Jarrom          | 01332 810358 |
| Womens' Group               | Sheila Dakin        | 01332 810858 |

## Diseworth Village Hall

If you would like to book the village hall please contact Dave Adcock.  
He will make arrangements for the provision of keys at the appropriate time.  
9 Page Lane, Diseworth. 01332 850337

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CONTACTS

### CO-ORDINATORS:

Noel McGough, 28 Lady Gate. 811362

Barry Smith, 18 Hall Gate. 812600

Sandie Moores, contact person for Lady Gate. 812629

Victoria Britton contact person for Clements Gate. 850184

## YOUR LOCAL PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

**Email: longwhatdisepc@hotmail.com.**

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

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

|                 |                                            |              |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Sue Roberts,    | Chapel Farm, Hall Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QJ | 01332 810813 |
| Derek Wiggins,  | 6 Clements Gate, DE74 2QE                  | 01332 810209 |
| Simon Adcock,   | 9 Page Lane, Diseworth DE74 2QP            | 01332 850337 |
| Andrew Cawdell, | 58 The Green, Long Whatton LE12 5DB        | 01509 843273 |
| Linda Downs,    | 12 Barnfield Close, Long Whatton, LE12 5BZ | 01509 842117 |
| Michael Downs,  | 12 Barnfield Close, Long Whatton LE12 5BZ  | 01509 842117 |
| Thomas Wilkins, | 1 Hathern Road, Long Whatton LE12 5DD      | 07521 461326 |

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.