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# DISEWORTH DIARY

## FEBRUARY

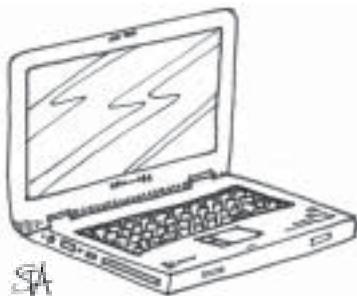
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Womens' Discussion Group. "Desert Island Choice", 12 Clements Gate 2pm.
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Womens Group. 7pm prompt at the Village Hall. Skittles at the Beacon Inn Loughborough.
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Bookworms. DVD tba 10 Lady Gate. 2pm.
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	PCC. In church 7.30pm.
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Dialogue Collating meeting. 8pm at Peggy's.
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Supper and Songs. 7.30pm at the Village Hall.
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Church Coffee Morning. In church 10am – 12noon.

## MARCH

Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Womens Discussion Group. "Is Life a Series of Moments?" 10 Lady Gate. 2pm.
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	1st Diseworth Brownies & Guides. Barn Dance. 7pm – 11pm. Village Hall.
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Womens Group. AGM. Village Hall.

## APRIL

Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Womens Discussion Group. "Saved from the Fire". 2pm. 7 Lady Gate.
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*Welcome to the February 2009 issue of  
the Diseworth Dialogue  
and a belated Happy New Year  
to you all!*



*December and January were busy months in the village as usual.*

*Firstly, I would like to congratulate the Charnwood Community Theatre on their recent production of Dick Whittington. The village hall was packed for the matinee performance on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January, the audience comprising mainly of children under the age of 10! Suffice it to say they needed no encouragement in the "He's behind you" and "Oh, no you won't" moments! In fact the players had to shout at times to make themselves heard! All the cast were terrific but especially the dastardly King Rat who had the most lines and delivered them with expertise! My son thoroughly enjoyed the performance and can't wait until the next pantomime!*

*The Retired Residents' Christmas Dinner was also a huge success and Tom and I had a great time waiting on tables. Well done to all involved and to those people who kindly donated a raffle prize.*

*The Boxing Day fun run was as popular as ever-one of these years I will compete! and you'll find photographs of the event on page 22. Other items of interest in this month's magazine include a fascinating article all about the history of thatching and a piece written about Arcott School, Long Whatton during the second world war.*

*You will also find details of a Supper and Songs evening held in the village hall on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February and for all parents with children nearing the age of 4, the school have included a page of all the admissions details.*

*Thank you to all who have contributed articles and photographs to this month's magazine - a great beginning to the new year! It just remains for me to remind you all to buy lemons for the 24<sup>th</sup> of February!!!*

*Peggy Under.*

# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

## *Letter from the Kegworth Rectory*



photograph Julia Sillitoe

Isn't it always the way that just as you are drifting off to sleep thinking of the work ahead in the morning, you come up with some amazing ideas that will tackle every working challenge, that promptly get forgotten during the sleeping hours? Well, that very same thing happened last night – I had a life changing letter from the Rectory all mapped out – which I cannot now remember! So instead I thought I'd plagiarise a well known internet based encyclopaedia and fill you in on the history and legend of St Valentine, who we celebrate this month.

**Saint Valentine** (in Latin, **Valentinus**) is the name of several martyred saints of ancient Rome. Of the Saint Valentine whose feast is on February 14, nothing is known except his name and that he was buried at the Via Faminia north of Rome on February 14. It is even uncertain whether the feast of that day celebrates only one saint or more saints of the same name. For this reason this liturgical commemoration was not kept in the Roman Catholic Calendar of Saints for universal liturgical veneration as revised in 1969. But "Martyr Valentinus the Presbyter and those with him at Rome" remains in the list of saints proposed for veneration by all Catholics.

The Saint Valentine that appears in various martyrologies in connection with February 14 is described either as:

- A priest in Rome
- A bishop of Interamna (modern Terni)
- A martyr in the Roman province of Africa

The first representation of Saint Valentine appeared in the *Nuremburg Chronicle* (1493); alongside the woodcut portrait of Valentine. The text states that he was a Roman priest martyred during the reign of Claudius II known as Claudius Gothicus. He was arrested and imprisoned upon being caught marrying Christian couples and otherwise aiding Christians who were at the time being persecuted by Claudius in Rome. Helping Christians at this time was considered a crime. Claudius took a liking to this prisoner — until Valentinus tried to convert the Emperor — whereupon this priest was condemned to death. He was beaten with clubs and stoned; when that didn't finish him, he was beheaded outside the Flaminian Gate (circa 269).

Many of the current legends that characterise Saint Valentine were invented in the fourteenth century in England, notably by Geoffrey Chaucer and his circle, when the feast day of February 14 first became associated with romantic love.

So there you go! When you are wooing your loved one with Flowers and Chocolates (take note, dear husband!), spare a thought for poor Valentine, who went to his death for helping the course of young love run smooth.

With love, Gill.



# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

## Services & Locations for February 2009

	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Location</b>
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion (said)	Belton
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>	<b>Diseworth</b> , Hathern & Kegworth
		All Age Worship	Long Whatton
	6.15pm	CW Morning Prayer BCP Evensong	Osgathorpe Belton & Kegworth
February 8 <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, Kegworth & L Whatton
	6.15pm	United Prayer & Peace BCP Evensong	Hathern Kegworth
February 15 <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 Family Service	Belton & L. Whatton Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion BCP Evensong	Hathern Kegworth & Belton
	February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b>
9.00am		CW Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
10.30am		CW Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
6.15pm		BCP Evensong	Belton, Hathern & Kegworth
February 25 <sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday	7.30pm	Benefice Praise Evening & Holy Communion	Hathern

Diseworth PCC will meet in church on  
Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm

# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

## Lessons and Readers for February 2009

	<b>Time</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Sidesman</b>
February 1 <sup>st</sup> Candemass	1st Reading: Malachi 3.1-5 2nd Reading: Hebrews 2.14-end Gospel: Luke 2.22-40	<b>10.30am</b>	
February 8 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent	1st Reading: Isaiah 40.21-31 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9.16-23 Gospel: Mark 1.29-39	<b>10.30am</b>	S Brompton G Stone A Stone M Gidlow
February 15 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent	1st Reading: Proverbs 8.1,22-31 2nd Reading: Colossians 1.15-20 Gospel: John 1.1-14	<b>9.00am</b>	D Blenkinsopp D Cherry T Walker S Bird
February 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday before Lent	1st Reading: 2 Kings 2.1-12 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 4.3-6 Gospel: Mark 9.2-9	<b>8.00am</b>	D Griffin T Griffin  S Bird

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



### **Flowers and Church Brasses**

	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Brasses</b>
February 1 <sup>st</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs S Dakin	Mrs N Cowley
February 15 <sup>th</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs L Gaymer	Mrs E Mitchell

# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

## *News from the Pews*

### **2008 Appeal Fund**

The Appeal which was run in the autumn to raise funds for the upkeep of Diseworth Parish Church resulted in 34 new members joining the Gift Aid Scheme. This was a good result and will be an enormous help in trying to balance the finances of the church. We still need to keep fund raising if the church is to remain open for future generations.

Thank you so much to those who responded – the PCC intend to issue an annual newsletter in September informing donors of how the money has been spent.

If anyone feels they are able to contribute but hasn't done so yet, please contact me as all donations will be gratefully received.

David Bird (Churchwarden)

### ***Notes from the Belton Rectory***

#### **Messy Church Party**

The place to be on Sunday 8 February is Hathern Church. If you miss coming, you'll definitely be "uncool". All the children from the area are getting together with families and friends to celebrate. Messy Church is throwing a party to regulars and newcomers alike. For Kegworth, Osgathorpe and Long Whatton this will just be an extra Messy Church in the month. For families in Hathern it will be an opportunity to see what happens at Messy Church. We hope to start Messy Church in Hathern Church on a regular basis on Sunday 8 March.

As usual, the hour will include the four main ingredients:-

Chomping, Chilling, Creating and Celebrating

It's a chance for families to chill out together before the week starts in earnest. Wear your old clothes as glue, paint and possibly water will be in abundance.

Look out for your invitation. If you don't get one, ring Alison Prince on 01530 223447. Numbers are needed for catering.

Messy Church Party in Hathern Church 4.00 – 5.00pm Sunday 8 February.

### **The Wednesday Benefice Praise Evening**

After consultation across the board, it has been decided to hold the Wednesday Praise Evening at the same venue each month during 2009.

For an experimental period during 2008, it has moved around the churches of the Benefice. The disadvantages of this scheme seem to outweigh the advantages. Therefore, from the New Year, the Praise Evenings will be held at **Hathern Church at 7.30pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month**. And of course there will be refreshments and time for fellowship afterwards.

The Praise Group would like to emphasise that they value the support from all Benefice churches and Shepherd church and hope that, being in one place, they might be able to increase numbers attending regularly. These arrangements will be reviewed again at the end of 2009.

# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

## Emmaus: The Way of Faith

**The Christian life is a journey.** One of the most important stages on the journey is when a person who is an interested enquirer begins to learn about the faith in company with other enquirers and established Christians.

Emmaus is an amazing course which is of great use for **non-Christians** and **established Christians** alike. It enables people to journey together, helping one another along the way, rather like any other journey one takes. This course is especially for those who would like to get confirmed as an adult – or who would just like a refresher on the basics of the faith. The initial course would run for **6 weeks** – after which the group would have the option of continuing to meet together or to finish there and move into other house groups.

### **What can I expect to find in each session?**

Each session includes Bible study, input and discussion, group exercises, meditations, ways to put faith into practice, and prayers. The book is divided into two sections - detailed leader's notes and member handouts. Lay and clergy leaders alike will find everything they need to help develop individuals' personal faith and identity within their Christian community.

### **Emmaus: Nurture is an ideal programme for**

- an enquirers' group
- a new Christians' group
- a confirmation class
- a refresher course on the basics of faith.

### **When and where will it run?**

The course will run on a Thursday night from the 26<sup>th</sup> February for 6 weeks. The evening begins at 7:30pm with coffee and nibbles and ends at 9:30 at the latest. It will be held at Kegworth Rectory

If you are interested in attending, or would like more information, please contact Gill on 01509 673146

### **These three ... Faith, Hope and Love Lent Course**

What are you giving up for Lent?

**How about taking something up – join Gill and Alison on their Lent Course from the celebrated York Course series.**

*These three... Faith, Hope and Love* is based on the three great qualities celebrated in 1 Corinthians 13. This famous passage begins and ends in majestic prose. But the middle paragraph is practical and demanding. St Paul's thirteen verses take us to the heart of what it means to be a Christian.

*St Michael & All Angels Church*

# *HOT SUPPER*

*and featuring*

*Adam Daniels singing*

*SONGS FROM THE SHOWS*

*accompanied by his brother*

*Michael on keyboard*

*Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February*

*7.30pm*

*Diseworth Village Hall*

*Tickets £10 available from PCC members*



*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

# Successful Christmas Lunch for Retired Residents

Thanks to the wonderful team which worked so hard, the Christmas lunch, sponsored by East Midlands Airport, was another great success. 33 guests sat down to a sumptuous meal on a warm December day. Eileen Whitt had baked a beautiful cake, now a traditional part of the lunch and Beverley Aust & Ruth Smith had done a huge shopping expedition to purchase most of the necessary items. Norma Chapman and Julie Werb had visited homes in Diseworth and generous residents donated beautiful gifts for the special raffle where everyone wins a prize. This is an important aspect of the day as it portrays the kindness of local people each year which shows our senior citizens how much they are appreciated.

In the days prior to the event, Beverley and Ruth assisted by Jane Goy, sat and wrapped the small boxes of chocolates which are also given to the guests. Then Ruth delivered the turkeys to cooks Sue Brompton, Meg Galley, Martin Hening and roasted one herself. Then on the Thursday morning, potatoes were cooked by Liz Jarrom, Jane Goy and Sheila Dakin and extras were cooked at the Village Hall. Sheila was also responsible for the sausage & bacon rolls and Beverley produced the cooked stuffings. Ruth cooked carrots; sprouts, peas and gravy were all cooked in the village hall kitchen. Drinks were poured, tables laid by Olga Stanton, Norma & Julie and we were ready. Martin and Dave Moores carved

turkeys, crackers were pulled, Grace was said by Revd. Martin Charles and lunch was served. A team of helpers, Peggy Tudor & son Thomas, Pat Guy, Sandie Moores, Liz Jarrom and Sue Brompton joined Ruth, Julie, Norma, Olga, Jane, Beverley & Sheila to ensure everyone was looked after. Still to come were the puddings and cream, tea & coffee, mince pies and mints. A very popular part of the day is the carol singing. Philip Clowes from Sutton Bonington played on his keyboard and the communal singing was led by Revd Manville Wiles. Leonie Parkin from East Midlands Airport was a guest who chatted to residents and she cut the cake with Rosalyn Edwards. The Grand Raffle is the final part of the event and people found it very difficult to choose from the beautiful display of gifts in front of them.

£46 was raised from the raffle and it was agreed that this be shared between Rainbows Hospice and the Air Ambulance. The remains of the cake was given to the Church to accompany the mulled wine after the Carol Service.

Many thanks to all who attended and to all who gave gifts or their services making this annual event such a success.

The Retired Residents Christmas Lunch is open to all retired people in Diseworth. We hope to see you all next year.

*Nikki Hening*

*Rosalyn and Leonie cutting the cake*





Girlguiding UK

1<sup>st</sup> DI SEWORTH BROWNIES  
&  
1<sup>st</sup> DI SEWORTH GUIDES

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**BARN DANCE**  
on  
**SAT. 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

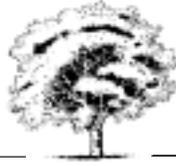
7pm till 11pm

at Diseworth Village Hall

Cobs available  
Please bring your own drinks



Tickets  
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01332 853673 Jane



## WINTER CULTIVATIONS

As the New Year begins the weather is at last dry enough for some ploughing. As I sit here in the conservatory writing, not one field has been sowed with any type of crop at Ladygate Farm. The autumn rains made it impossible to get on the fields and do any cultivation. So when the dry frosty conditions arrived in December, it was just a matter of time before the ground was dry enough to take the big tractor and plough. So now Will is able to get a couple of hours ploughing done in the afternoon and about the same in the evening.

If the autumn had been dry, most of the ploughing now in front of him would not have been necessary as all the fields that produced cereal crops last year could have been worked up with a large set of discs and then chisel ploughed and drilled with seed. So by now most of the cereal fields would have been drilled with seed and clothed in young green plants. Only the grassland being brought into cereal production through the ongoing crop rotations would have needed ploughing.

So this extra ploughing is a job Will could have done without, but on the plus side it has given him time to consider growing some different crops. Cereal crops require a lot of artificial fertilizer which is now extremely expensive, and apparently in short supply. On the other hand

pulses such as peas and beans have lots of advantages and can be home fed to cattle or sold as a cash crop. Pulses also have the ability to fix nitrogen from the air into the soil for their own benefit and this extends on to the crop that follows. The nodules that fix the nitrogen in the soil on the roots of the pulses remain in the soil after harvest and benefit the following crop. A crop of peas or beans is usually followed by an excellent crop of wheat. Will has even considered growing lupins as they also fix nitrogen in the soil and can be used for animal feed. Pulses are a relatively cheap crop to grow compared to other break crops such as oil seed rape, and yields apparently remained high in 2008 despite the wet weather.

Cattle find peas more palatable than beans as they are sweeter but peas are more difficult to grow and harvest than beans so I guess beans may be more favourable than peas for us. Apparently, marrowfat peas are being hailed as a recession proof crop as consumers are buying more tinned vegetables such as mushy peas as they are relatively cheap and convenient and can be stored easily with little risk of wastage. Sales of cheaper cuts of meat such as brisket and braising steak have increased, so it looks as if farming may be well placed to ride the credit crunch if farmers can survive on squeezed profits. After all, food is necessary for all of us.

# Diseworth Wildlife

## News Bulletin from the snail hunter.

Just before Christmas, a beautiful pheasant visited my garden – his back and tail feathers were a silvery grey colour and he had a white neck band and a white patch on his head. I've decided to call him Anton after Strictly professional, Anton Du Bec (real name Tony Beak!) All Anton the pheasant needs is a female partner to go with his white tie and tails.

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The Snail Hunter looked out of the door on Christmas Eve night and saw one lonely little slug slowly cross the step. (In fact he looked decidedly sluggish!)

What a startled surprise little children received

When they went to bed on Christmas Eve

For out of the sky a rocket shot ....

They must have thought Santa had lost the plot

Surely rockets were meant for bonfire night

And not for the start of Santa's flight.

On Boxing Day morning a flock of about 10 long tailed tits were swooping about the fat balls in my back garden – they sounded very excited, judging by their calls.

*Les Brown*



*Yuletide Calves at Wartoft Grange.*

*Among the baby calves born over the Christmas period at Wartoft Grange, The Birds proudly announce a set of Belgian blue twins, one pictured here with Sue Bird*

# So Thatch How They Do It !

The art of thatching with natural plant materials has been known in this country since time immemorial. The use of thatch for roofing emerged from the Bronze Age with thatched cottages and farm buildings becoming the norm in rural Britain for over a millennium. It was common practice in those days for buildings to use lightweight, irregular materials, such as wattle and daub walls, and cruck beams. These structures could not take the weight of any heavier roofing material other than thatch. People would only be able to use what they could source locally: this meant materials as varied as broom, sedge, flax, grass, and straw were commonly used.

Every period since the Romans has constructed buildings with thatched roofs, and examples still exist with at least part of the base thatch dating from medieval times, when many of the thatching techniques still in use today were already standard practice. They are one of the most characteristic sights in our countryside, but they are practical too – they are warm in Winter and cool in Summer, but in addition, a thatched roof offers superior sound insulation properties, which is a real benefit in Diseworth !

It is estimated that the number of thatched buildings in England decreased from one million in 1800 to about 35,000 by 1960, due mainly to lower transport costs and new techniques enabling other materials (such as cheap slate from Wales, or mass produced clay tiles) to be used, with less skilled labour. The onslaught of combine harvesters had much to answer for too. With a far shorter cut, the wheat straw became unusable for anything other than grain production.

Today, there are around 24,000 listed thatched buildings in the UK, and about 1500 individuals engaged in thatching. Thatch is also being used on some new builds, so there is something of a revival in progress.

In thatch, there is no impermeable moisture barrier, so how does it keep the house dry ? The answer is in the roof pitch. Given a great enough angle water droplets will run down reed or straw rather than transfer from one to another. The pitch of the roof, which ideally should be between 45 and 55 degrees (although shallower pitches are used over windows and in valleys), forces droplets to run down the stems of thatch material and run off at the eaves. Below the top inch or so, a properly constructed and maintained thatched roof should remain bone dry. This angle is obviously steeper than roofs with tiles, and this can be a clue to spotting a house that was formally thatched, but has later been tiled. Examples can be seen in this detail from a painting of two houses in Hall Gate, both of which had thatch early in the 20th century, but alas no more.

Incidentally, since thatched houses do not have gutters and drainpipes to lead away the water, this leads to “eaves-dropping” of the rain, and hence the art of loitering under the eaves to shelter from the water falling, and maybe hearing some juicy gossip through an open window !



Thatched roofs in England are usually constructed from water reed, wheat reed or long straw. Water reed is the most durable of all the materials, and is commonly sourced from East European countries. Base thatches, sometimes called layers or coats, usually remain untouched during re-thatching, unless the roof is in really poor condition. Some of this surviving material dates back to medieval times. Thatch has traditionally been fixed down by being tied to roof members with hand-made rope, by twisted straw sways, spars made from sharpened hazel known as liggers or even by metal crooks or spikes, traditionally made by the local blacksmith.

Water reed thatching is built up like most waterproofing of roofs, starting at the eaves of the roof and the fixing each course overlapping until the apex is reached. The reed face is dress back into position by using a tool called a “leggett”, which is a metal paddle with indentations on its surface.

After the apex is reached the roof must be ridged, and because water reed is not flexible enough to bend, straw is usually used to construct the ridge.

The appearance of a roof is affected not only by the choice of material, but also in the detailing of eaves, dormers, ridges and surface decoration. Distinct regional styles of thatching are apparent, and variations may occur from one village to another, particularly where one style has been adopted by local thatchers and handed down from one generation to the next.

How long does thatch last ? This depend on several factors: climate, material used and the skill of the thatcher, in creating a well-compacted and watertight roof. Water reed should last about 50 to 60 years, wheat reed about 30 to 40 years, and long straw about 20 to 30 years. Ridges may need to be replaced every 10 to 15 years, and the body of thatch should also be maintained and patched if needed.

## Replacing the ridge thatch at Primrose Cottage

At the end of last year, the ridge thatch at Primrose Cottage was replaced, having reached the end of its useful life. The old ridge thatch and its netting cover was stripped off, then water reed rollers were placed along the top of the main thatch. These were secured with metal wire ties, and this forms a solid core for the ridge. Bundles of wheat straw were then fixed along the top of the main roof, to create the sloping part of the ridge. More bundles of wheat straw were then formed into "U" shapes over the rollers to form the top part of the ridge that you see, and these were fixed in place using hazel spars. A block pattern is then cut into the edge of the wheat straw ridge – in this case, it is the personal pattern used by the thatcher. This can be done with a knife or a pair of shears, and the position and shape is mostly judged by eye, especially on a complex ridge such as at Primrose Cottage, with several roof levels.



The main part of the thatch was also scraped off to remove accumulated moss and debris, and re-dressed with a leggett to form neat edges. Finally the ridge was covered in galvanised wire netting, to improve durability (the wind howls across Old Hall Field), and to prevent birds from removing all the new straw for nest material !

The result is a clean reed roof in a pleasing mellow tan colour, with a contrasting straw ridge, secured by a fine pattern of hazel. A special pad is formed below the chimneys to protect the main thatch in that area.

## Thatch Ornaments

Many theories exist as to why thatch ornaments were placed on the roof in the past, including to “ward off evil spirits” and also to “let other tradesman know that the thatcher had a particular problem getting the money from the owners of the thatched house”. There is no hard evidence to back up these stories! In previous centuries, hayricks and straw stacks were thatched, and decorated with rick ornaments which took various forms - a cockerel or a bird, a cross or a crown. Possible reasons for their use include to show who the stack belonged to, or to show who had thatched it.

Straw ornaments on the thatch of houses have been recorded as far back as 1689, but the skill of the thatcher has moved with the times, and hens, pigs, dragons and many others can now be seen, although the traditional pheasants and foxes still remain firm favourites. In the case of the Primrose Cottage fox, the straw is wired onto an armature and then surrounded by a wire mesh, to preserve the shape and extend its life.



Metal spikes then fix the ornament to the ridge, to stop it wandering away in the wind.

So next time you walk down Hall Gate, peer up at the roof, think of the skilled craftsmen that still carry on this fine tradition in all weathers, and say good morning to our fox!

Note: A version of this article with a series of colour photographs of the various stages of renewing the ridge thatch can be found at the Diseworth Heritage Trust web site at: [www.dhtrust.org/history/thatching.htm](http://www.dhtrust.org/history/thatching.htm)

*Paul Taylor*

# “You are new at this aren’t you?”



*Boxing Day fun runners at the start of the race*

That’s what the kindly old lady said as she was walking her elderly dog on one of my practice runs round the village. Well, as the beginning of November came, I realised my rash commitment to do the village fun run, meant training time was fast approaching. Armed with the experience from last year I now knew the route and how to pace myself. November slipped away with my training underway but by no means on track. December arrived with the thought that I really ought to try to do two laps now. As usual December flew by and the day of the race, sorry “fun run” arrived.

Learning from last year, I ditched the grass skirt fancy dress costume, which was a shame, as it looked as if any fancy dress runner might have won. I also learnt not to turn up too early and be put off by fit slim runners doing leg stretches and wearing the proper gear, after all this is just a “fun run”. As the police car arrived to clear the road, the runners mass. We are off, and, as for last year, any running strategy I had was quickly dismissed as the runners disappeared ahead of me, and I settled down to a steady pace, which seemed to match those walking their dogs on the fun run. With familiar faces and the occasional shout of encouragement, the pain was soon over. Heart pounding, unable to speak outside the Plough, I was left with the thought, why do they call it a “fun run”? Must be fun to watch I suppose.

As I settled into bed that night a little square card on my bedside cabinet said 56<sup>th</sup> 19:29, probably see you next year.

*Pete Miller*

# Destroyer Update

Following the very successful evening at Loughborough Town Hall *The Destroyer* was back into training. This includes three nights a week of boxing skills and sparring at the John Skillen gym in Loughborough, then 3 days a week of personal training which includes gym work and the all important stamina programme - the road running.



The call came some 10 days after the Loughborough event but due to illness Robert was unfit to make the trip to Stoke for his next bout, but soon after there was an opportunity to fight at the “Jungle Club” in Leicester on the Belgrave Boxing club bill. Belgrave is a well respected boxing club in Leicester so on 11th December *The Destroyer* travelled to Leicester only to find at the weigh in there was no one of his weight available to fight. But the offer came to match him against a division higher in weight by some 7lbs. This is unusual in the boxing sport but it was decided to give *The Destroyer* experience the fight was on!

Robert was to enter the ring for his 4<sup>th</sup> competitive encounter against a heavier fighter but what had not been disclosed was that the opponent had also had 15 fights and also been through to the ABA championships second round twice. (Dirty trick by the boys from Leicester). The fight was the last bout of the evening, a large partisan crowd waited. The fight began!

*The Destroyer* was unusually slow off the mark with the size difference preying on his mind. The first round went to the Leicester man who threw several good shots both to the body and the head but as the round continued Robert grew in confidence, knowing that the heavier man's punches were having no effect.

The second round was a different affair with Robert throwing some good head shots that knocked his opponent back and began to show the Leicester fighter that the lighter smaller boxer was no push over. The second round went to *The Diseworth Destroyer*. Bring on the third and final round was the cry from the 3 Diseworthians who had made the trip.

The bell sounds and the Leicester man is straight at *The Destroyer*, but again unfazed by the power of the punches, Robert holds his ground only to be deducted a point for holding. This seemed to drain the confidence of *The Destroyer* and in the final few moments the Leicester fighter scored with some good straight jabs, but Robert rallied near to the final bell.

Over to the judges, a points decision went the way of the home fighter, but some consolation was that they were both awarded the seniors best fight on the night.

A lot to learn for *The Destroyer*. What he can take out of this fight is that if he can hold his own at a higher weight, then look out when he comes up against someone in his own weight division and of similar experience.

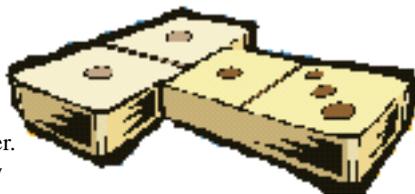
*The Destroyer* will be fighting again in January but then the big night will be at Loughborough Town Hall on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of February, tickets available from the Town Hall web site. Thanks to everyone for their support and comments of encouragement. *The Destroyers* fight stats:

**For 2008 was Won 2 Lost 2. Here's to a great new year.**

*Mike Steven*

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# Annual Dominoes Knockout Tournament



The annual 5's 'n 3's knockout tournaments held at The Plough were completed in December. Once again two enjoyable evenings were had by all those who took part. Not only did we raise more cash than in any previous year, it was also pleasing to see some new faces participating. A total of £121 was raised. This has been shared between The Royal British Legion and the East Midlands Air Ambulance, thanks to the proceeds from entries, a generous donation and the fees from a raffle held on the night.

This year the singles trophy found a new home after 3 times winner Frank Peake fell at the first hurdle. Paul Stokes, a newcomer to the event took the title, winning over Paul Lindley in the final. Whilst in the pairs, Frank Peake, along with Steve Peake, fought a close final to come home winners against Rebecca and Ellena Spencer.

Many thanks

*Dave Adcock*

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09 December 2008

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Once again many thanks for thinking of Rainbows.

May we take this opportunity of wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Rainbows.

Yours sincerely



Pat Mason  
Fundraising Volunteer



# MEMORIES OF ARCOTT SCHOOL, LONG WHATTON



I went to Arcott School in September 1941 at the age of three and a half. The school was owned and run by Miss Phillis M Cole who did all the teaching. She was an elegant woman who kept her hair in a bun at the nape of her neck. My father, James Hawley, had set up a law practice in Loughborough some years before the war, with John Rodgers. My father, born in 1898, having served and been injured in the First World War, was too old for WW2, but his partner joined the RAF. During the war my mother went to work with my father on a full time basis, as his cashier and office manager, not retiring from the firm until the mid sixties.

I was an only child and my parents decided it would be better for me to board at school during the week, and so I caught a bus from Loughborough bus station every Monday morning, returning on Friday afternoon. All I remember of the bus ride was that a number of us sat on the back seat, and waited for the humped back bridge where we bounced up and down on the hard springs of the bus.

I have my first school report, all written by Miss Cole, which shows I was in the kindergarten group, listened attentively at Scripture, sung lustily at Music and was very good indeed at General Knowledge. The General Remarks column at the end of the report concluded that ‘ Tony has taken his place with his fellow pupils like a little man. He regards his work seriously and has already made some progress’. I think this comment held true throughout my education.

All I remember of the physical layout of the school was a long drive leading up to large doors, with the school on the right- hand side of a courtyard where we played, and a small copse on the far side where Miss Cole kept geese. She told me she had named one of the geese ‘Tony’ after me, because it was noisy and naughty. Still true !

I have no memory of the lessons, apart from borrowing a rubber from the boy behind me, and then trying to steal it by putting it inside my toy motorcar –one of those cars which had a fifth wheel on a spring under the body of the car and you could wind it up by pressing it into the carpet and pushing it backwards and then letting go. Miss Cole soon found it and took me into the dining room where she took down my short trousers, put me over her knee and spanked me with a ruler. No, this did not scar me for life.

I think there were only a few boarders, and we all slept in one dormitory, again looked after by Miss Cole. She had help with the food but did everything else herself.

Contracting hayfever at about this time, I was kept inside during the season when there was a lot of pollen around, and spent my time drawing rings around old pennies and colouring them in, and threading coloured wooden beads on to a shoestring with a knot at the end.

One local girl, named Delia, used to come into the classroom to see me when I was confined there. I do not know at whose instigation it was, but we decided to go to the lavatory together, remove our clothes, and examine each other's bodies. I think she got slightly the better of the bargain, in all modesty, as I recall she had nothing that interested me. We were both only children, which perhaps explains the reason for this joint venture.

I must have remained at Arcott School until the end of the war, as I have a clear memory of Miss Cole running down the path outside the windows of the classroom, waving a large Union Jack flag. This must have been VJ or, more likely, VE day. After this I went to Repton preparatory school in Derbyshire, then to Rossall School in Lancashire, finishing my education at Cambridge University.

I understand that the school closed in the 1970's and is now part of Falcon Inn. I have fond memories of it and Miss Cole, being my first time spent away from home. Sadly I never went back to visit. My children found my boarding experience at such a young age very strange, but in wartime, needs must.

*Tony Hawley*

# DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

## News from our Advertisers

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**Threads of Life**, a new wool shop in the heart of Castle Donington.

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**John Robertson**, builder.

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**Richard Clarke & Associates**, Chartered Building Surveyor.

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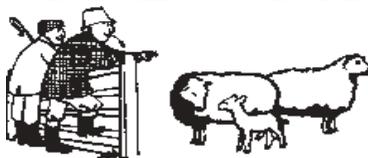
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# LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



At the December meeting Councillors were preparing to attend the Diseworth consultation meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December for the affordable housing proposals. The planned arrival of the Formula 1 Grand Prix in 2010 is producing a crop of planning applications for Donington Park. Unfortunately nobody can access the details at the District Council online and so attempts are being made to obtain the Environmental Statement in order to be able to respond adequately. The Chairman would be attending a local meeting to obtain more information.

Regrettably, Councillor Kev Brown had decided he was unable to give sufficient time to the Council due to his work commitments and his resignation was accepted. It was acknowledged that his services were likely to be used in future and a letter of thanks for his service to the Council was being sent to him. There is now a vacancy on the Council, to be filled as soon as possible. Any resident of Diseworth or Long Whatton is welcome to speak to me to enquire what is involved or you can approach any other Councillor.

As often happens at a meeting, a number of miscellaneous problems (potholes, overgrown hedges, a fallen tree obstruction, a damaged bus shelter) were reported and would be referred on to the County or District Council as appropriate. Routine maintenance work on the three play areas was ordered, costing around £700. Further consideration of the "airport parking" issue would await the new year. The County Council would charge £400 to £1000 to erect

a sign pointing to Long Whatton Post Office/Store. Alternative options would be considered.

The Christmas period might have been relatively quiet if it had not been for the planning application for developments at Donington Park for major developments to accommodate the F1 Grand Prix. The Council had registered substantial concerns about the adverse effects this would have on Diseworth in particular. The Council meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January heard that planning permission had been granted for the developments earlier that day.

The Council's Budget for the forthcoming year, as proposed by the Budget Working Group, was approved. A precept upon the Council tax of £23,000 has been agreed, up £1,000 on last year, to meet the planned expenses for the year.

A proposal to provide a bus shelter at Turvey Lane, using grant assistance offered by the County Council was again considered. In discussion, the Councillors thought this would be an expensive and onerous undertaking, not currently justified. However this could be reviewed in future years if there was evidence of more substantial use of this bus stop.

An open exhibition and meeting about the affordable housing plans for Long Whatton is expected to take place soon. Details will be announced locally and on the Council's website as soon as they are known.

*Douglas Maas, Parish Clerk*  
[www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk](http://www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk)

# Official Opening of the Village Hall Hard Standing Area



Anna Groves was presented with a gift by John Hurley to recognise all the effort she had put into raising the money - £10,000 in total.

John Hurley then presented Dave Adcock with a Community Cashback cheque for £250 from the Royal Bank of Scotland. This was in recognition of the voluntary work John does for the Village Hall.



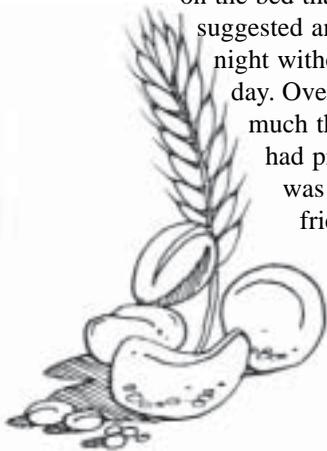
# HEALTH PAGE

## COULD CHEMICAL FRAGRANCES BE DISRUPTING OUR NERVOUS SYSTEMS

We are all aware that we live in a toxic world but these toxins could be a lot closer than we think. A significant amount of us are apparently being adversely affected by chemical fragrances in our homes. These artificial substances found in perfumes, shampoos, bath salts, toothpaste, washing powders, dishwasher powder, bleach and air fresheners to name a few, can disrupt the central nervous system causing behavioural changes. Problems that can be triggered or made worse by these chemicals include headaches, anxiety, phobias, panic attacks, depression, eczema, skin rashes, obsessive compulsive disorder and hormone problems such as premenstrual syndrome, menopausal problems and even thyroid problems.

Many complementary therapists have experienced patients who don't respond to treatment. When these patients were advised to switch to eco laundry, cleaning and personal care products, many of them quickly responded to treatments and their health improved. One case involved a young boy of six, who was having problems with angry behaviour and panic attacks and was close to being excluded from school.

His GP suggested putting him on drugs to calm him down, but the mother thought that was too drastic as he was only six years old. The therapist advised washing the child's bedding in environmentally friendly detergent and putting them back on the bed that night to see if that helped. The mother did as was suggested and to her amazement the boy slept right through the night without any panic attacks and was much calmer the next day. Over the next two weeks his behaviour improved so much that his teachers asked what medication the doctor had prescribed for him. The only thing that had changed was that his mother now only used environmentally friendly products without artificial perfumes.



There are lots of eco friendly products out there for all our washing and personal care needs, the internet gives us all the information we need, and if we want fragrance we can always add a few drops of pure essential oil such as lavender or tea tree to these unperfumed products. *Liz Jarrom*

# WOMENS GROUP

We enjoyed our musical introduction to the festive season. The community bus picked us up and dropped us at the door of the Cope Theatre for the University Choir Christmas Concert. Congratulations to Nicky Miller, Sue Roberts and Zoe Millington for mastering the difficult "Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten. After complimentary mulled wine and mince pies the second half concentrated on modern carols ending with the 'Twelve Days of Christmas'. Thanks ladies for introducing us to that event. We look forward to Mamma Mia!

Our first meeting of 2009 in January was very popular with an excellent turnout. Jo Round, an image consultant with 'Colour me Beautiful' gave us an illustrated talk, designed to help women make the most of themselves, by wearing the best colours in both clothes and make-up for their natural colouring. And also to help understand body shapes and select the style of clothes that are most flattering. Jo was a lively speaker and most people knew which category they belonged to by the end of the evening. A great night chaired by Liz Jarrom.

## NEXT MEETING,



we are at the Beacon Inn in Loughborough  
for Skittles on

Monday February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Again the community bus is arranged for a  
7pm pick up.

Pre-ordered food will be served at half time!

Sheila Dakin 810858

*I would just like to thank the Diseworth Womens group and all those who came along to support Sue, Nicky and myself when we sang at the concert for Loughborough University choir in December. We felt very honoured and delighted they were able to come along and support us and watch us sing for the evening! Thanks so much. Zoë*



# Music News



At the beginning of December the Associated Board practical music examinations were taken at Castle Donington Community College and everyone did extremely well.

Katie McGough and Georgia Hughes took Grade 1 piano, whilst Bethan Henry took her Grade 2 clarinet and Grade 3 piano exams. All gained distinctions. Ryan Wilby took his Grade 4 piano and Meghan Moore Grade 7 piano, both getting good merits. Very well done to you all.

When the Associated Board news letter came in September there was an article about the Practice-A-Thon Music in aid of CLIC Sargent, a charity caring for children with cancer, which the Board have given their full support to.

Ten of my pupils took their practice to a whole new level by signing up to take part in Practice – A – Thon Music, the national fundraising initiative run by the UK's largest children's cancer charity, CLIC Sargent, which sees students getting sponsored to play their instruments during a 2 week period.

The students used their initiative as extra motivation ahead of their music exams and raised over £300 which has all gone to the charity, and they all gained brilliant marks – nine distinctions and one high merit. So it was a very successful exercise.

Thank you to all who took part and to those who sponsored you.

*Janet Moorhouse*



## Diseworth Branch Royal British Legion

I would like to thank everyone for their donations to the Poppy Appeal. The total raised was £1195.20. Thank you to all the poppy sellers, also to Alan Yeates, Arthur Fletcher and Muriel Howe for the flowers.

*Rosie Smith, Honorary Organiser, Poppy Appeal*



# News from Diseworth School

## First Time School Admissions

If your child will be four years old before September 1st 2009 the deadline for admission to infant/primary schools is **February 22nd 2009**. This deadline applies to most children.

Applications made after this date will be dealt with after those received on time. If the deadline is not met, we may not be able to offer your child a place at their local school if all available places have been filled.

To apply for your child's place, visit: [www.leics.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.leics.gov.uk/admissions) or contact our Allocations Section for an application form, or pick one up from your local school. For a form, or more information, contact our Allocations Section on **0116 305 6684**, e-mail: [admissions@leics.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@leics.gov.uk).

There are a small number of schools who admit children earlier, i.e. soon after their 4th birthday. The deadline for these schools is **27th June 2009**.

During 2009, Diseworth C of E Primary school will admit children on a part-time basis after their 4th birthday. From January 2010, all children will be admitted into school with an Autumn start date.

For any further information, or to register you child, please contact the school on **01332 810208**.

## New Airport Parkway Link Cleared for Take Off



A dedicated shuttle bus will operate between the new East Midlands Parkway Station and the Airport from 26 January 2009 – the station's first day of opening.

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The 'Railink' timetable can be requested from Nottingham City Council's transport department. Fares start at £1 for a child's single and £2 for an adult single, £1.50 for a child's return and £3 for an adult return.

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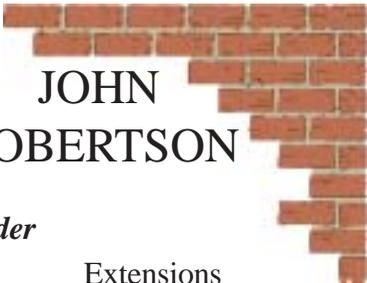
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BBC Radio Derby	01332 361111
British Gas - Service Gas Escape Emergency	0645 605040 0800 111999
Castle Donington Community College	01332 810528 <a href="mailto:postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk">postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk</a>
Castle 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
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Derek Wiggins, Bull & Swan, Grimes Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QD	01332 853960
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Parish Council meetings are held at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of each month, alternately at Diseworth and Long Whatton. Please see the Notice Boards or ask the Parish Clerk for current information or to make general enquiries about the Parish Council.