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DISEWORTH DIARY

SEPTEMBER

- Friday 4th Sunflower Measuring. 2pm onwards
Monday 7th Womens Discussion Group. "Is your house, your home or Your pension?" Venue 7 Lady Gate. 2pm
Monday 7th Women's Group. Hands on Evening! Making Tussie-Mussies with Iris Tebbutt. Village Hall. 8pm.
Tuesday 8th Bookworms. DVD. 10 Lady Gate. 2pm.
Wednesday 9th "The Romans in Leicestershire." A talk by Peter Liddle. Diseworth Heritage Centre. 8pm. £3 for non-members.
Saturday 12th Diseworth Open Flower Show. Gates open 2pm. Village Hall.
Sunday 13th Diseworth Working Day. Langley Priory. £5 admission. 10am onwards.
Saturday 19th Long Whatton CE Primary School. Barn Dance. 7.30pm-Midnight. Sheep Shed at the farm.
Saturday 26th Antiques Valuation Day. In church. 10am-1pm. £2 per item.
Saturday /Sunday. 26th/27th Long Whatton Maternity Hospital Reunion. Adults £3 Retired £2 children free. Whatton House.
Saturday 12pm-6pm. Sunday 12pm-5pm.

OCTOBER

- Monday 5th Womens Discussion Group. "IS laughter the best Medicine?" Ladygate Farm. 2pm.
Friday 9th Harvest Supper. Village Hall. 7.30pm.
Monday 12th Women's Group. Village Hall 8pm. Judging Cookery.
Tuesday 13th Bookworms. To discuss a book list. Venue 10 Lady Gate. 2pm.

NOVEMBER

- Monday 2nd Womens Discussion Group. "Should you be able to tax a View?" Venue 20 Clements Gate. 2pm.
Friday 11th Beat Surgery in Diseworth. Bull & Swan Car park. 10am - 12 noon

Castle Donington Farmers' Market

2nd Saturday of every month
from 9am.

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



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Welcome to the September issue of the *Diseworth Dialogue*.



Well, it's that time of year again. The swallows are thinking of going home-in fact they are probably wondering why they came over here in the first place! The combine harvesters are busy in the fields and the hedgerows are full of lovely ripe blackberries.

It's a busy time in the village too. The flower show is just around the corner, followed by the Diseworth working day and at the end of the month the church is holding its own version of the Antiques Roadshow.

At the Heritage Centre, there will be a talk on Romans in Leicestershire and later in the month, the Heritage Centre is joining forces with Whatton House to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the opening of the Long Whatton Maternity Hospital.

Details of all these events can be found in this magazine. Other items of interest in this issue include an update on The Diseworth Destroyer and a reminder about adult learning classes taking place in Castle Donington and Kegworth. There is also some useful information about various walks around the County. So all in all, this month's Dialogue should be an interesting read.

It is also that time of year when we ask you *very kindly* if you could look down the back of your sofa/armchair and in the pockets of coats and jackets and if you find any loose change, to put it in the little brown envelope provided with this magazine. Thank you.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sandie Moores for all her hard work over the years. As you may remember, Sandie stepped down as secretary last year, but has now decided to retire from the committee altogether. You will be greatly missed Sandie. Thank you.

I look forward to seeing you all at the flower show- let's hope September promises to bring us an Indian summer!

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church



photograph Julia Sillitoe

Letter from the Belton Rectory

Dear all,

My theme today is journeying. It fits in nicely with the holiday theme and also with my own experience of life.

I have been journeying all my life... from beginnings in a bungalow in Shepperton to the Himalayas in Nepal, from Cricklewood to Belton, from hospital chaplain to parish priest. Now I stand before another journey into retirement.

This journey seems to inspire “awe” in me – trepidation and elation. What will this phase of life hold? What will the challenges be? How do I allow God to develop the ministry I already have? To draw together all the fragments of my life into one of his beautiful tapestries? To let go and let God.

You could write your own life history with the same question posed for you and the future. The answers will be different and the tapestry beautiful, colourful and unique.

Each one of you has added to the uniqueness of my own tapestry by the love, humanity and specialness you have given into my life. So, I would encourage you to continue doing this for Gill. Then her unique tapestry will be full of light and love and colour. And you will be surprised at how your own life is enhanced and beautified. Find ways of supporting her together and individually in her journey; pray for her in season and out; encourage her; talk to her as you would anyone else, laugh with her; offer to be involved in the life of the church and praise God for her energy and youth. Companions on the way are so important.

Please come to cheer me and Ray on our way at my retirement celebrations, which will be held on **Sunday 25th October at 10.30am in Hathern Church** and will include communion. After the service the church wardens at Hathern have offered to organise a light buffet lunch with wine. I hope as many of you as possible will attend. Consider this your invitation and book the date in your diary **NOW**. And please make sure other people know about this before they miss the boat!

Until then let's keep journeying faithfully in each other's company.

Alison

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

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Please note that Gill takes Monday as her day off and Alison takes Friday as her day off.

For **Baptism** enquires, please contact Gill or Alison. 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 Alison. Gill and Alison will then share the weddings in all 6 churches.

Letter from the Rectory

Dear all,

Well, what a summer – or rather – not a summer. I think we have had all seasons in one month – heck, even in one day sometimes! I've been thinking about the need to do some spring cleaning (maybe in the hopes that we'll get an Indian summer). This has by in large been prompted by cleaning out vestries in the various churches.

Vestries are a mysterious black hole when it comes to the paraphernalia of church life. Once in the vestry, no one feels qualified to throw it out – including the vicar! So there it sits; a solitary empty packet of Pringles! Used (presumably anyway!) once in a children's talk and then never moved again in case it had some strange liturgical or historical significance.

This need to spring clean is also prompted by the fact that by the time you read this I will have been in post a year. My, doesn't time fly when you are having fun?! So in a sense, this

is a new year for me. A time to reassess and evaluate. It is a sad time because it means that it is almost time for Alison to leave. But it is also a good time in that I love new beginnings. It is exciting (and scary certainly, but that is part of the fun).

So please bear with me and who ever comes as Alison's replacement in the fullness of time as we mourn Alison's leaving, celebrate her new life in semi retirement, and as Alison and I both throw out the 'Pringle packets' of life, and introduce a bit of light and air into the dusty areas of the Benefice.

Take care one and all, and enjoy what you can of the summer!

God Bless,

Gill.

¹ *I'm not making it up – there really was an empty packet of Pringles left in the vestry! Maybe some clergy get peckish between services? Or fancied a change from wafers at communion?*

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Services & Locations for September 2009

	Time	Service	Location
September 6 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion (said)	Belton
	10.30am	Morning Prayer	Diseworth
		Baptism	Belton & Kegworth
		Family Service	Hathern
		All Age Worship	Long Whatton
		CW Morning Prayer	Osgathorpe
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton & Kegworth
September 12 th	1.30pm	Wedding	Diseworth
September 13 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Belton & Kegworth
	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion (said)	Osgathorpe
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Diseworth , Kegworth Hathern & L. Whatton
	6.15pm	United Evening Worship BCP Evensong	Long Whatton Kegworth
September 20 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Diseworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Belton & L. Whatton
		Family Service	Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion BCP Evensong	Hathern Kegworth & Belton
September 23 rd	7.30pm	Benefice Praise Service	Hathern
September 27 th St Michael & All Angels Back to Church Sunday	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Diseworth
		CW Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
		Morning Prayer	Long Whatton
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton, Hathern & Kegworth

Regular 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

Lessons and Readers for September 2009

		Time	Reader	Sidesman
September 6 th Trinity 13	1st Reading: Isaiah 35.4-7a 2nd Reading: James 2.1-10, 14-17 Gospel: Mark 7.24-37	10.30am		
September 13 th Trinity 14	1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-9a 2 nd Reading: James 3.1-12 Gospel: Mark 8.27-38	10.30am	S Brompton D Blenkinsopp R Harris	G Stone
September 20 th Trinity 15	1 st Reading: Jeremiah 11.18-20 2nd Reading: James 3.13-4.3,7-8a Gospel: Mark 9.30-37	9.00am	M Hening D Cherry M Howe	T Griffin
September 27 th Trinity 16	1 st Reading: Numbers 11.4-6,10-16,24-29 2 nd Reading: James 5.13-20 Gospel: Mark 9.38-50	10.30am	S Bird R Ward M Gidlow	D Cherry

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

Other Benefice Services, Meetings and Social Events in September 2009

Sept. 1 st	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
Sept. 2 nd	Wednesday	Hathern House Group 7.30pm
Sept. 5 th	Saturday	Benefice Representatives Meeting, Belton 7.30pm
Sept. 6 th	Sunday	Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
Sept. 10th	Thursday	Diseworth PCC 7.30pm in church
Sept. 12 th	Saturday	Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am -12 noon
Sept. 19 th	Saturday	Leics. Historic Churches Ride & Stride Day 10am-6pm
Sept. 23 rd	Wednesday	Long Whatton Coffee Morning, Friendship Centre
Sept. 26th	Saturday	Benefice Praise Evening, Hathern Church 7.30pm
Sept. 27th	Sunday	Diseworth Church Antiques Valuation Day and Coffee Morning 10am – 1.00pm
Sept. 28 th	Monday	Diseworth Back to Church Sunday 10.30am Benefice Bible Study, 33 Green Hill, Hathern 7.30pm

News From the Pews

Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper will take place on Friday, 9th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets will remain at £12 per head and are available from all PCC members. Please bring your own drinks. Afterwards we will be entertained by Hazel Salt playing her accordion, and there will be lots of opportunities for some community singing!



Back to Church Sunday

On Sunday, 27th September we will be celebrating not only our Patronal Festival of St Michael and All Angels, but also Back to Church Sunday. There will be a Holy Communion service at 10.30am followed by coffee and biscuits and a chance to have a chat with everyone. Everyone is very welcome to come to this special service, particularly if you have not been to a church service for a long time or have never been to one at all. You can be assured of a very warm welcome.



Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride & Churches Open Day

The Annual Ride & Stride day will take place on Saturday, 12th September between 10am and 6pm. Most churches and chapels in the county and country will be open to visitors, and all money raised by sponsorship will be divided equally between the Trust and the church of your choice. Sponsor forms and lists of places of worship which will be open are available in church or from the local organiser, Sue Bird, on 01332 810381.

Church Flowers and Brasses

Sept. 6th

Sept. 13th/20th

Sept. 27th/Oct. 4th

Flowers

Mrs I Tebbutt

Mrs P Fletcher

Mrs R Harris

Brasses

Mrs R Smith

Mrs S Briggs

Mrs R Harris



Diseworth Parish Church

ANTIQUES VALUATION DAY Saturday, 26th September



10.00am – 1.00pm

with “Bargain Hunt” expert
Charles Hanson MRICS

£2 per item to be valued

Our monthly Coffee Morning on Saturday, 26th September will have an added attraction – as well as the usual Fair Trade, books, bric-a-brac, raffle and coffee we are delighted that a special guest will be Charles Hanson, MRICS, popular local auctioneer and valuer of antiques. Charles and a colleague will be joining us for an Antiques Valuation Day from 10am until 1pm. There will be a charge of £2 for each item you bring to be valued.

Hansons Auctioneers and Valuers are based in Derbyshire. The company is managed by Charles Hanson who established Hansons Auctioneers in 2005. Charles began his career at Christies, London and was subsequently employed within fine auction houses in Cheshire, Nottinghamshire and Staffordshire as a general valuer which provided valuable experience.

He is of course well known as a regular expert on the BBC1 television programme “Bargain Hunt” and we are extremely pleased that he is coming to Diseworth and hope you will bring along a good variety of antiques for him to value. This will be done in complete confidence.

If you wish to sell an item in one of Hanson’s specialist sales Mr Hanson will be able to arrange this.

Catholic Church of the Risen Lord.

Hillside, Castle Donington

Mass every Sunday 9am



Kegworth Methodist Church

High St. Kegworth



Sunday Services

Morning Worship - 10.30am

Praise Worship – 6.15pm (First Sunday each month)

Minister – Rev. Manville Wiles. Tel. No. 01509 672479



Kegworth Baptist Church

High St. Kegworth



Sunday Services

Morning Worship & Sunday School – 10.30am

Evening Worship – 6.15pm (2nd Sunday each month)

Lead Deacon: Paul Phillips 01509-551464

Diseworth Open Flower Show 2009

Saturday
September 12th
Village Hall,
Hall Gate
Gates open at 2pm

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

Tombola

Children's Games
Raffle
Card Stall

Pony Rides
Heritage Centre
Information Stall
NWLDC Recycling
Information Stall



Steam Engine Display
with Robin Hood from
Long Whatton

Entrance 50p Children Free

Diseworth Flower Show - Reminders



Diseworth Flower Show takes place on Saturday, September 12th, its traditional slot – the second Saturday of the month. Last year we had excellent weather and a very good turn-out so we are keeping our fingers crossed. Do try and come if you can, there are lots of attractions and we hope that the entries will be of the usual high standard.

If you have never “had a go” before, why not try this year. There are extra photography classes and a new twist to some of the more traditional classes.

The promised floral arrangement demonstration by Iris Tebbutt which will include the construction of a **Tussie-Mussie** – class 17. This takes place on Monday, September 7th. All are welcome. See the Women’s Group page for full details.

Please do support Anna Groves’ **Tombola** stall in aid of the new Village Hall gates. This cause, together with the British Legion and LOROS, will be the main beneficiary of this year’s show.

This year the Presentation of the Trophies will be made by the new chairman of the Long Whatton & Diseworth Parish Council – Mr Tom Wilkins of Long Whatton – whom we are most happy to welcome.

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

Sunflower Measuring will take place on the afternoon of **Friday, September 4th** - starting at 2pm. If you have a plant to be measured - please let Pat Guy know before 12.00 Noon that day. Ring 811119 or pop a note into 51 The Woodcroft with your name, address and a tel. no.

Entries on the Day

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

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

DISEWORTH WORKING DAY

And Country Fair

KEGWORTH VINTAGE AGRICULTURAL CLUB

& THE FORD AND FORDSON ASSOCIATION ARE HOLDING THE 4th CHARITY

WORKING DAY & PLOUGHING MATCH

at

LANGLEY PRIORY

By kind permission of the Wagstaff family

SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2009

Diseworth Working Day

The Kegworth Vintage Agricultural Club and the Ford and Fordson Association are holding their fourth charity fundraiser for the Air Ambulance and local charities at Langley Priory, Diseworth on Sunday 13th September 2009.

Last year the clubs gave away more than £7,000 - nearly double the amount raised from the first year, with large numbers of the public attending.

The main event will be a large ploughing match, commencing at 10 a.m. Ford and Fordson will have a large display of working tractors - County, Roadless, Doe, Marshall, Fords etc., from all around the country. Crawlers and other makes of tractors will also be working and there will be at least four teams of Shire Horses.

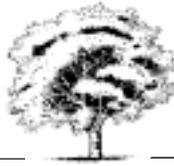
Each club will have large displays of tractors from vintage to new, as well as implements, engines and vehicles. There will be trade stands of all types, both inside and outside of the marquees, to include local produce, crafts, parts, hardware, etc. Also there will be a hog roast, refreshments, bar, raffles, etc., (Stands and marquees are on grass)



Admission £5 Under 14s free

All proceeds to the above charities

Please come and join us



THE YELLOW PERIL

All along the motorways, railway tracks, waste ground and now more worryingly in fields, you can see it. It is hard to miss with its bright yellow flowers nodding in the wind. In fact this cheery looking plant can be a danger to all forms of livestock and if you haven't guessed already, it is of course, ragwort.

Over the years it seems to have spread far and wide, but in fact it is a native of this country, unlike its cousin the Oxford ragwort which originally escaped from Oxford's Botanic Gardens. Common ragwort is a real pest to anyone who keeps any type of livestock, but especially cattle and horses. This is because it contains pyrrolizidine alkaloids, which are harmless when the plant is touched, but become poisonous when consumed and digested.

When the plant is growing in a field, livestock are unlikely to touch it unless they are very hungry. The big problem starts if the ragwort is



cut down and dried, as when a crop of hay is taken, and then livestock will eat it. As the animals' liver

processes the toxins, liver cells are destroyed. If the animal eats a large amount of ragwort in one go or significant amounts repeatedly over a long period of time, the animal can die from a type of cirrhosis. The toxins don't accumulate in the animal's body; it is the slow destruction of the liver cells that does the damage. Traditionally, livestock owners pull up individual plants and destroy them, but this can be impractical when there are many plants, and it is not always effective, as ragwort is difficult to pull out completely. Often some of the root is left behind and this will produce a fresh plant next year.

Each plant can produce thousands of seeds which blow away in the wind to colonize new areas. The only effective control is spraying with herbicide if the plants can't be dug up completely. On the positive side, ragwort is a host plant for many insects, in fact 30 different invertebrates, some rare, are wholly dependant on the common ragwort plant. The most striking and best known is the caterpillar of the cinnabar moth which absorbs the alkaloids from the plant, and so is distasteful to predators, as advertised by its striking black and yellow colouring. The adult moths are black and red, and again unattractive to predators.

Ragwort is pollinated by many bees, flies, moths and butterflies, and honey from areas where lots of ragwort is flowering has been shown to contain traces of its alkaloids, but in quantities too minute to be of danger if the honey is consumed.

I guess that livestock owners will have to continue to control this weed locally on their land to protect their stock, and the insects will thrive on it in the many places where it continues to grow wild.

Planet Earth

Since the inception of life on Earth, all flora and fauna has existed through its ability to compete for food and its ability to adapt to varying climatic conditions to survive.

The advent of today's humans with their power of thought and reasoning "rocked the boat" somewhat. Until then planet Earth had a great say on what survived.

Mankind has moved the barriers to all the basic restrictions of food, shelter and procreation. In effect mankind has said we are so clever, we can live on our planet and do to it what we will.

If "global warming" is a fact, should not the world's leaders and intellectuals realise that to live in harmony with our planet necessitates a major reduction in world population.

Should not Britain set an example and take a long hard look at the way our country is heading and what steps are needed to once again give a lead to the rest of the world?



Name and address supplied

Diseworth Millennium Meadow



The Millennium Meadow is available for use by all inhabitants of Diseworth and Long Whatton at any time. It is the perfect place for a quiet stroll, especially in an evening or very early in the morning. The grass was cut in early July, and thanks to the persistent rain, has grown back very well and all the trees are thriving. All the rain has, however, meant that we have not been able to dispose of all the cut grass. Please do not disturb the large pile which remains.

If you plan to have a picnic there, please do. Just let us know in advance if a large gathering is planned. Dogs are welcome in the Meadow provided they are under control and not allowed to foul the site. The small gate is always unlocked. Please ensure it is secured when you leave.

Contact: Pat Guy 811119

**Long Whatton
Maternity Hospital Reunion**



to be held to



**Commemorate the 70th Anniversary
of the Opening in September 1939**

26-27th September 2009

at

Whatton House

(by the kind permission of Lord and Lady Crawshaw)

and Diseworth Heritage Centre

Programme

Opening Times:-

Saturday, 12pm until 6pm

Sunday, 12pm until 5pm

Admission

Adults £3-00

Retired £2-00

Children Free

All Children must be accompanied by an adult

A free Community bus will travel between the two sites. Parking will be available at Whatton House.

All profits from this event, will be split, in keeping with this wartime commemoration between “Help For Heroes” and the “National Childbirth Trust”

Whatton House – Long Whatton

Welcome by Lord Crawshaw.

A display of wartime life from Leicestershire Museums Service

Hathern Band playing a wartime medley

‘Record your Memories’

(an oral history recording specialist will be in attendance, Saturday only)

Period Costume Competition

Presentation of Certificates to all the Babies, Mothers and Staff

(prior notification will be necessary, please state which day you will be attending).

Refreshments will be available and provided by

Long Whatton Manor Organic Farm.

Parking available

Please note The grounds will be open to the public, but the House is now the private residence of Lord and Lady Crawshaw and will not be open to the public.

Diseworth Heritage Centre – Ladygate, Diseworth

An exhibition of a Maternity Hospital during this period

Local History exhibition

Note Parking at this venue is limited

Commemorative Church Services on Sunday the 27th of September

All Saints Church, Long Whatton at 10-30am

The Methodist Church, Long Whatton at 6-15pm

WHATTON HOUSE MATERNITY HOME REUNION and DISEWORTH HERITAGE CENTRE EXHIBITION

Whatton House was offered to the Government in September 1939 as a Maternity Home. During the years of the Second World War more than 2000 babies were born there to mothers from London and the West Midlands as well as Loughborough and the local villages.

To commemorate the 70th Anniversary, Long Whatton History Society and Diseworth Heritage Centre have planned a weekend of events. Many of the wartime ‘babies’ will be attending, some coming from great distances. By kind permission of Lord and Lady Crawshaw, Whatton House grounds will be open during the afternoons of the two days and the Heritage Centre will present an exhibition of wartime memorabilia with an emphasis on hospitals. On the Sunday there will be services in the Parish Church and the Methodist Church in Long Whatton.

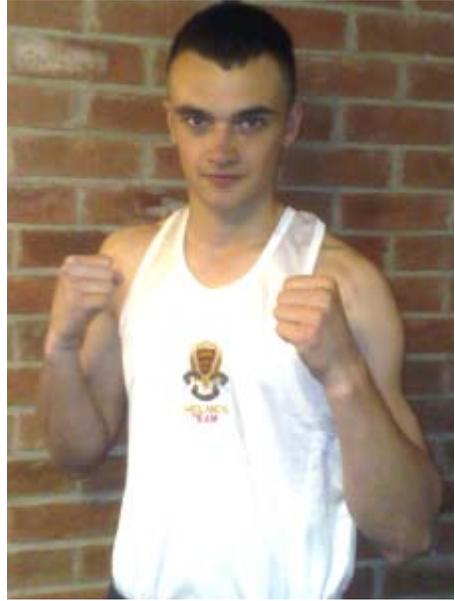
The exhibition in the Heritage Centre will include a display of wartime artefacts. If any resident wishes to loan any documents or artefacts for display these would be much appreciated, documented and placed in a secure cabinet in the Centre. After the exhibition they would be returned to the owner.

Destructive Destroyer Wins Again

The final boxing contest of the year was held at the Shelthorpe Social Club in Loughborough and was supported by over 250 paying guests.

This was the last fight for the young Diseworthian who, in his first season would have completed 8 competitive fights in just over 9 months. This the most any fighter had completed from his gym, not forgetting one of those was a representative match for the Midlands area.

Fight night for the faithful followers of The Destroyer started on home ground in The Plough followed by a minibus trip to Loughborough where they were joined by fellow Destroyer followers. About 25 very vocal men and women waited patiently for The Destroyer to take to the ring.



The fifth fight of the night and the small arena erupts to shouting “There’s only one Diseworth Destroyer” with the opponent being slightly taller and heavier and with 4 more fights than The Destroyer, everyone was ready for a tough 3 by 2 minute rounds (does not sound like a lot but try it!!).

With The Destroyer totally focused, the bell rang, the opponent had hardly got from his stole when the first barrage of punches were landed and it did not stop with The Destroyer catching his sluggish opponent on the ropes with a good combination of jabs and right hooks to the head. It looked like the referee was going to give a standing 8 count but no, the opponent fought his way off the ropes, The Destroyer was too quick with a telling jab to the head and a couple of body shots that brought the crowd to life. As the noise rose so did the work rate of The Destroyer. The first round came to an end, with a thundering blow to the head by a great right hook from The Destroyer, just in time with the opponent shuffling back to his corner.

Round 2. So often here The Destroyer has relaxed. But not this time. He was at him again with some telling body shots mixed with a solid jab, then came the

moment when the opponent caught The Destroyer with 2 solid right hands to the head which resulted in a couple of wild right hooks from The Destroyer. The crowd took breath and so did Robert with a shake of the head he exploded into action, catching his man with continual blows to the head and body. The bell goes.

The noise level increases and with the temperature soaring, could The Destroyer continue at this pace? The answer was soon there for all to see. Those extra hours of training and those extra miles of running paid off. With a flurry of punches to the head and the body The Diseworth Destroyer was on the march to a magical victory. His opponent was stunned several times by not only the power but by the never ending cascade of punches to both the head and the body and the final bell goes not only on the fight but the season and the result is a home win for The Destroyer. More honours were to come with a stunning individual performance, The Destroyer was awarded the fighter of the night.

We can all look forward to the new season in September when The Destroyer has been entered into the national ABA championships and with the right attitude who is to say Diseworth could have their first boxing champion.

This season has been a massive learning curve for Robert and he wishes to thank all those that have spent their hard earned pounds coming to watch and support him, and hopes one day to do justice to the name “The Diseworth Destroyer”.

Thank you to everyone.

Mike Steven

The Maligned Mystic who predicted the Great Fire of London

In 1651 the British Astrologer William Lilly published a book warning of a plague in London, followed by a great fire in 1666. When it all came true, rather than being commended for his far-sightedness, 64 year old Lilly was hauled before a parliamentary committee and asked “if you can say anything as to the cause of the late fire, or whether there might be any design therein” – the implication being that he was behind it. Blaming “the finger of God” for the tragedy, he went free. God didn’t seem to mind: after Lilly died in 1681, he was buried in a lovely old church in Walton-on-Thames.

Taken from the Sunday Times magazine, 21.6.09

William Lilly was born in Lilly's Cottage, Diseworth on 1st May 1602. He was educated at the grammar school in Ashby de la Zouch and in 1619 Lilly taught for a short period at the village school here in Diseworth.



Long Whatton CE Primary School PTA

In support of our Early Years building project

PRESENT A

BARN DANCE

Saturday September 19th

7.30 pm to 12.00pm

In the Sheep Shed at

Manor Farm - Long Whatton

£12 per Ticket or Family Ticket £45

(2 adults 2 children)

Professional band and caller!

Hot Meal included in price!

Disco!

Tickets available from Long Whatton Post Office

Manor Farm Shop Tel 01509 646413

Long Whatton Primary School office Tel 01509 842239

Come and do-si-do the night away

Limited Ticket availability

Support the Breast Talk Bra Appeal!

I was looking through a copy of 'The Lady' and came across the following:

"During a recent spring clean my friend and I realised that between us, we have over 20 bras that we no longer use. Is there a group that might collect surplus bras for a good cause?"

There are several 'bra banks' across the country, but the Breast Talk Bra Appeal operates nationwide. Donated bras are given to Centrepoin campaigns, Girls' groups and BCR Global Textiles which allocates £1 to Breast Cancer Campaign for every kilo of bras it receives. Bras are also distributed to women in third world

countries.

Post your bras to BreastTalk.co.uk - Bra Appeal, PO Box 71, Craven Arms, Shropshire SY7 0WZ.

Ensure that you wash all bras before posting, check the straps and clasps are in working order and attach a small piece of paper, using a paper clip, to each bra giving the size."

I recently sent several bras to this appeal which were almost new and too good to jumble. I thought it a very good idea which perhaps readers of the Dialogue might like to support (pardon the pun!)

Sandie Moores



“MND is a fatal disease of the brain and central nervous system. It often progresses rapidly leaving people locked into a failing body, unable to move, walk and talk. The mind is usually unaffected”.

As many of you will be aware my Mum (Jackie Adcock) was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease back in 2003 and two years later in April 2005 the devastating disease caused her to pass away at a young age of just 44 years.

On Sunday 4th October 2009 I will be taking part in a 10K race in Northampton. The aim of participating in the race is to make people more aware of the devastating and fatal disease and to hopefully give something back to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

As a personal achievement I would like to be able to run the full 10K in memory of my Mum.

I am kindly asking if you would consider sponsoring me for the event and if you feel you would like too, then I can be contacted from the list below.

- Facebook
- Hayley_adcock@hotmail.com
- (01332) 850337
- <http://www.justgiving.com/Hayley-Adcock/> (The following link means you can donate straight to the charity through my personal just-giving page)

Thank you very much for your support

Hayley Adcock

**Adult Learning Classes
in Castle Donington & Kegworth
2009/10
(see list opposite)**

For information & advice on these and hundreds of other
day & evening classes around the county and to enrol
contact:

FREEphone 0800 988 0308

or

Adult Learning at Kegworth Community Centre
01509 676603/05

Concessions available on tuition fees if you are in
receipt of benefit

**Pilates and Relaxation Class
at
Kegworth Community Centre**

Classes are for 15 weeks and start on 23/9/09 and end on 27/01/
2010 and last from 18.30 to 20.00 and the cost is £78.75 with
reductions for those on benefits.

Come along and give it a try
Leicestershire Adult Learning Service

TO ENROL PLEASE RING

Kegworth Community College
01509 676605/03 or email

helen.fountain@btconnect.com

Course Name	Day	start Time	No wks	Start Date	Course Cost
Castle Donington Community College					
Guitar - Improvers Level	MON	7-9pm	10	21/09/2009	£70.00
Cooking - Indian Cookery	MON	7-9pm	5	11/01/2010	£35.00
Cooking - Indian Cookery	SAT	10am - 2pm	1	27/02/2010	£18.00
Cooking - Indian Cookery	MON	7-9pm	5	01/03/2010	£35.00
Cooking - Indian Cookery - Introduction	MON	7-9pm	10	21/09/2009	£70.00
First Steps In Computing	MON	7-9pm	15	21/09/2009	68.65*
Italian Year 2	MON	7-9pm	30	21/09/2009	£150.00
Maths for Life	MON	7-9pm	30	21/09/2009	£0.00
Yoga - Mixed Ability	TUE	9.30-11am	12	15/09/2009	£63.00
Yoga - Mixed Ability	TUE	9.30-11am	11	05/01/2010	£57.75
Castle Donington Library					
English for Life	TUE	10am -12	30	22/09/2009	£0.00
Maths for Life	TUE	12.30-2.30	30	22/09/2009	£0.00
Kegworth Community Centre					
Drawing and Painting - Local Townscapes	FRI	10am -12	10	25/09/2009	£70.00
in Watercolour & Inks - Beginners Level	TUE	9.30-11.30	15	22/09/2009	£105.00
Painting - All Abilities	TUE	9.30-11.30	15	23/02/2010	£105.00
Painting - All Abilities	MON	9.30-11.30	6	21/09/2009	£42.00
Craft Bites - A Taste of Arts and Crafts	THU	1-3pm	15	24/09/2009	68.65*
Activities to Share with Children	WED	7-9pm	15	23/09/2009	105.00*
First Steps In Computing	MON	6.45-8.15pm	15	21/09/2009	£78.75
Computer Workshop (ITQ) - ECDL/CLAIT	MON	6.45-8.15pm	15	22/02/2010	£78.75
Aerotone - Mixed Ability	WED	6.30-8pm	15	23/09/2009	£78.75
Aerotone - Mixed Ability	WED	6.30-8pm	15	03/02/2010	£78.75
Pilates and Relaxation	FRI	9.30-11.30	15	18/09/2009	£105.00
Pilates and Relaxation	FRI	9.30-11.30	15	29/01/2010	£105.00
Yoga and Relaxation					
Yoga and Relaxation					

* includes accreditation fee

DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

If you have items for the OCTOBER ISSUE of the *Dialogue* please give to a committee member or email to

peggy.tudor@btinternet.com
sue@cbrompton.fsnet.co.uk and
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 7th SEPTEMBER



The Mobile Library visits Diseworth on the 4th and 18th September. The Bowley 11.55 – 12.15 Clements Gate 12.20 – 1.20 The contact number for the mobile library is 0116 3053565

Music News

The summer practical music exams took place at Castle Donington Community College on Monday 11th July. Chloe Smith took her Grade 1 piano exam, passing with a merit and Emily Jennings passed her Grade 8 flute.

Congratulations to you both and good luck Emily for your career in music.

Janet Moorhouse.



Welcome to the Yellow Pages

Melen's Private Hire
4 Seater Picasso
01332 862777

Local & Long distance
Please call for a quote.

Bellingham-Holt, Cleaning Services have a new advert. See the Yellow Pages for details.

*The Plough Inn
Diseworth
Bar staff required
Lunchtimes and evenings
£6 per hour
Over 18 years of age only please
Previous experience not necessary
Contact Rachael on
01332 810 333*

Beat Surgeries 2009

In line with our Policing Pledge, neighbourhood meetings are held at least once a month in your area. They are open to everyone and give you a chance to meet your local police officers and police community support officers.

TIMETABLE

DATE	TIME	PLACE	LOCATION
Friday 25/09/09	10.00-12.00	Kegworth	Market Place.
Thursday 26/10/09	10.00-12.00	Osgathorpe	The Storey Arms Car Park
Friday 25/11/09	10.00-12.00	Diseworth	Bull & Swan Car Park
Thursday 10/12/09	10.00-12.00	Kegworth	Market Place

For further information regarding these surgeries please contact the beat officer PC 1760 Underwood. PCSO 6638 Richardson or PCSO 6178 Stanhope on 0116222 2222 and leave a message for the officer by entering their collar number.

DI A L O G U E D I S P A T C H E S



CONGRATULATIONS

to

Faye & Tim Percival (nee Adkin)
on the birth of their beautiful daughter
PHOEBE MAY

Born on 20th July 2009, 7lbs 9ozs
With lots of love from all the family xxx

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.



Gardening person or people needed to re-vamp The Cross

and rid it of unsightly
weeds. (nettles etc).
The Parish Council will pay
a going rate.
Contact Sue Roberts on
810813 or Doug Mass, Clerk
to the Council.

**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**

***Are your trainers tired?
Are your sandals sloppy?
Don't bin those old boots!***

*Take your unwanted footwear along to
the recycle point at Long Whatton Post
Office and raise money for a good cause*

- 1. Recycle your old shoes*
- 2. Help conserve the environment*
- 3. Help to provide support for
The Variety Club Children's
Charity*

The Plough Inn Quiz Nights

Wed 2nd September -
General Knowledge Quiz
Wed 16th September -
Music Quiz

Are you interested in a self help Art
Group in the village? Daytime meeting of
2 hours weekly.
All abilities welcome, including
beginners.
please contact Janet
Coulson on 812432
or Denise
Blenkinsopp on
810311



HEALTH PAGE

NATURAL EXERCISE

We have all heard the good advice about exercising for half an hour a day five times a week, but up to 70 percent of us are still not achieving this for various reasons. The benefits of getting on the move are enormous, exercise for 30 minutes, and the immune system is boosted for the whole day, which helps to keep away infections and even kill off developing cancer cells.

A sedentary lifestyle has the same detrimental effect on the heart as smoking 20 cigarettes a day, and increases the risk of diabetes, colon and breast cancer, osteoporosis, arthritis and makes us more likely to be overweight. Surprisingly, depression and stress are also linked to lack of exercise. Research in America discovered that antidepressants may be of little benefit to some patients in the treatment of mild to moderate depression and that exercising five times a week seemed to be as effective, if not more effective as taking tablets for depression. So, should we all be rushing off to the gym, or installing treadmills in the spare room?



For some this is an effective way to exercise, but many people soon give up as they don't find it enjoyable. Basically, we are designed to keep on the move as this helps to keep blood pressure normal, produce good cholesterol, increase oxygen to the heart and muscles and keep joints healthy and supple. Maybe we have drifted far from home as far as exercise is concerned. Human beings have a deep affinity with nature which is called "biophilia."

Studies have revealed that exercising outdoors is very satisfying and even exhilarating. People who go out walking in nature usually say that they do it for enjoyment, for instance observing wildlife and watching the seasons change. The fitness aspect seems to them a side issue, so the exercise is not seen as a chore. Children playing in a natural environment benefit by burning off excess energy and may be less hyperactive and appear to concentrate better. Adults who walk or cycle in nature, or do regular gardening seem to be healthier mentally and physically, and not as stressed. This is important as chronic stress causes inflammation to our arteries, nerves, lungs and joints, causing us to age faster. So if the gym isn't your thing, put on your trainers and go for a walk and get in touch with nature and experience its healing effects.

If you have a medical condition, consult your doctor before embarking on any new exercise programme.

Liz Jarrom

More than 170 Leicestershire walks to download and print FREE!

There's no doubt about it, walking is good for you. It's good for your heart, it's good for your lungs, it's good for the muscle and bone growth of your children and it's good for your feeling of wellbeing! Strong scientific evidence now supports the many benefits to health of regular walking – it is recommended that we take at least 10,000 steps a day.

Studies show that walking can:

- Reduce the risk of coronary heart disease and stroke
- Lower blood pressure
- Reduce high cholesterol
- Reduce body fat
- Enhance mental well being

Walking offers a great way to help kids get the active habit. If parents express excitement about the prospect of a walk in the countryside, they are more likely to transmit this feeling to their children. It's important to treat the walk as an exploration or adventure and to go at the child's pace, no matter how often they want to stop and look at things; take treats to eat and plenty to drink; and head for some landmark that will appeal to them such as a castle, a playground, an ice cream van or a boating pond. If children experience walking as part of a fun activity they are more likely to want to go again.

So, how do you find out what is on offer?

John Harris, a keen walker, got fed up with the lack of information on walks that were going on in the County. So, he decided that if he couldn't find what he was looking for – he had better create it! So www.walkinginleics.co.uk came into being.

www.walkinginleics.co.uk gives you all the information you need for the best walking in the County:

Details of more than 170 walks to download and print free, details of all the Leicestershire walking groups, maps and walk books – plus loads more information.

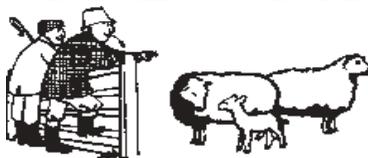
So check out the website and get walking!

R N I D HEARING CHECK

Hearing loss can have a huge impact on people's lives, but sometimes there is difficulty in accepting this loss; they may be embarrassed or may not take hearing loss seriously.

The R N I D believe that checking hearing should be easy, and currently offers a hearing check, by telephone or on-line, as a first step towards finding out if there is a hearing loss, and a need to see a G.P. for further advice. **A card is included with this magazine that gives more information about these tests.**

LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



July

To **fill the vacancy** for a Councillor two nominations were considered. In a ballot, Mrs. Linda Downs was co-opted to the Council. She was present, welcomed and took her seat for the meeting.

PC Jason Underwood and PCSO Peri Richardson discussed with the Council the implementation of a **'No Cold Calling Zone'** to cover both villages. The instances of distraction burglaries were now considerable and therefore it would be in everyone's interest to participate in this scheme. Help was offered by Councillors in setting this up as it would involve the delivery of information packs to every household and calling upon a number of them to provide verification that the scheme is supported. Ultimately, signs would be displayed to identify the area as a 'No Cold Calling Zone'.

In Chairman's Time, Cllr. Tom Wilkins described his and Vice-Chairman Andrew Cawdell's visit to a most enjoyable **Diseworth Open Gardens and Scarecrow Festival**. He presented a **Certificate of Attendance** at a Playground Safety Course to Cllr. Simon Adcock.

It was confirmed that a joint meeting of those interested in the provision of **allotments** with Councillors had been arranged for 3rd August. It was intended that this would deal with the practical arrangements necessary to move the proposal forward in a practical way. Further details are available from the Clerk.

The Diseworth Dialogue had made a request for financial support and this was

agreed. **Long Whatton History Society had also asked for financial support** towards the cost of their 'Long Whatton Maternity Hospital Reunion' planned for September. It was agreed that some support would be possible and further information about the costs of individual elements of the event would be requested.

It was agreed that the new arrangements for the routine inspection and maintenance of the **three play areas** were proving a success. Arrangements for specific attention to algae growth and maintenance of the safety surfacing were to be made.

Further information about the proposal for a new bus shelter at Long Whatton had been obtained. It would be necessary to consider this in next year's budget considerations. This would also apply to the cost of a **footpath to the Millennium Meadow** and it was agreed that the invitation from the Highway Manager for a meeting to consider this should be accepted in order to establish what was possible. Rumours had been circulating about a possible reduction in the bus service but enquiries made at the County Council Public Transport section had shown these to be unfounded. There remained some concern however and the situation would be watched.

August

A small group of Long Whatton children had prepared a presentation to the Council all about the very poor, unpleasant and dangerous state of the bus shelter opposite Piper Drive in Long Whatton. The

presentation was excellent and the children were congratulated on it. The children were told that the Parish Council was also very concerned about this, had reported the matter to the District Council (whose shelter it is) and had been promised that action would be taken to put matters right. The Parish Council promised to pursue this and would send details of the presentation and the pictures used, in order to persuade the District Council to act as soon as possible.

A Diseworth resident explained his concerns about the **latest development proposals for the guest house at 47 The Green**. These were considered and taken on board later in the meeting.

Most Councillors had recently attended several training courses - for Councillors, Chairmen and about Standards and planning issues. Some of the issues raised were discussed and some noted for further inquiry.

The recent useful meeting held with those interested in the **provision of allotments** had decided that all would identify landowners who might have some suitable land they would be willing to make available for the purpose. The Clerk would write a letter to them, asking the question. It was agreed to fund the cost of the Hathern Band to play at the forthcoming Long Whatton Maternity Hospital Reunion event and also to make a donation to NW Leicestershire Citizens Advice Bureau.

Following the annual inspection of play areas and site visits, it was agreed to accept a quotation of £695 for repairs and maintenance of the safety surfaces. **Diseworth Village Residents' Parking Group** had submitted proposals for their next stage in their campaign against nuisance parking in the village. Councillors were happy with the proposals and the

Group would publish details in *The Dialogue*.

It was agreed to ask the bus company to request their drivers not to spread false rumours about "a forthcoming reduction in the evening bus service", said to happen from September. According to official sources consulted by the Council the rumours are not true.

There had been correspondence from a resident countering the Council's concerns about **cycle racing through Long Whatton**. Cllr. Cawdell had spoken to the resident and sent a comprehensive reply setting out the concerns of residents. The Chairman thanked him for the action taken. Despite action being taken to cut back weeds and **excess growth of plants at The Cross in Diseworth**, it was recognised that the contractor was not a gardener. Cllr. Sue Roberts agreed to see what might be done locally.

The Council had been consulted on a planning application for a **change of use from Barbers Shop at Hall Gate, Diseworth to a freight forwarding agency office**. Councillors' chief concern was about parking and agreed to ask the Planning Authority to satisfy itself as to the applicant's claims as to off-street parking arrangements.

The Council has noted that the County Council is offering FREE TREES to farmers and landowners to help boost the numbers of trees in the County. Sites on rural land which are visible from roads could be eligible (but not private gardens). Up to 25 trees are supplied to successful applicants. For more details or a leaflet, call 0116 3056920/1/2.

Douglas Maas, Parish Clerk

Village Residents Parking Group

In the last edition of *The Dialogue* we reported on the adoption of the Terms of Reference by the Parish Council for the Village Residents Parking Group (VRPG) and published its membership with telephone numbers or email addresses.

Our first task is to quantify the scale of the problem of nuisance parking in the village.

We are concerned that the vandalism that occurs to those vehicles left for several days on roadsides in Diseworth, such as damaged windscreen wipers, mirrors, scratched paintwork and deflated tyres has an impact on all vehicle owners in the Village. We can all suffer because the area will become an insurance black spot and premiums will rise if we cannot stop this criminal activity.

This is one important reason for supporting the VRPG's efforts to assess the scale of the problem of nuisance parking and if warranted attempt to bring about measures to deal with it.

There are other good reasons for dissuading outsiders from using our village as a long-term stay car park. For example, access to ones house for those who have no garages, room for farm vehicles to get access on roads in the village and entrance to their fields, space for emergency vehicles to get to properties and people in need of speedy medical attention.

The VRPG needs help from all vehicle owners to be able to identify residents' cars from those of outsiders who park and leave their vehicles for days and weeks on end in our village.

We are requesting that you place a sticker, which we will provide, inside your car windscreen above the license holder. This will be for a limited period only until we are able to count the vehicles and identify them as belonging to residents against those who are clearly nuisance parkers.

We need everyone to take part even though it may appear at present you don't believe you have a nuisance parker to deal with in your location. Please help us to start a process that will help us to define what we have to deal with and how we can do it.

Stickers are enclosed herewith. Please place them in your car by the 7th September and keep them in your vehicles until we announce the end of the Survey. Please do not be alarmed by members of the VRPG looking for stickers in your car.

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

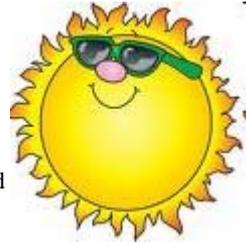


As a final request, if you have 'nuisance' parkers on your street please phone or email any of the above to inform them of the location and type of car and length of stay at the date of reporting.

Thank you for your assistance.

Alan Leech for the VRPG

Womens group



With the endless heavy rain storms in July, we wondered whether the barbeque would be a washout, but miraculously it improved the day before and Plan A was firmly in place! Brenda Walker and David Cound kindly offered to host the evening and so barbeques, tables and chairs were transported up to The Birches in readiness for the evening gathering. Members and husbands/partners arrived with sumptuous salads for everyone to enjoy with their chosen meats and drinks. Neighbours, Julie and Colin helped with the preparations and joined in the socialising. Thank you David and Brenda for your warm welcome and hospitality, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves judging by the merriment.

NEXT MEETING
Tussie-Mussies!
Monday 7th September

This will be a hands-on meeting, just in time for the Flower Show. Iris Tebbutt will demonstrate the art of making a mediaeval Tussie-Mussie and then it's the members turn, so come prepared! Polythene or paper to work on, scissors, raffia or ribbon, scented herbs and flowers or whatever is available. And maybe if you have any questions relating to the flower arrangement classes, I am sure Iris will answer them. Please note the tussie-mussie cannot measure more than 6 inches in diameter. Non-members £3 including refreshments.

Sheila Dakin 810858
(sheiladakin@btinternet.com)

The Romans in Leicestershire

a talk by Peter Liddle, the Community Archaeologist from LCC

Wednesday 9th September
8pm
at Diseworth Heritage Centre

There will also be a display of the Roman coins that have been found in the village. This is a chance to come along and see them for yourselves and hear about the impact of the Romans in the county. This event will be by ticket only and light refreshments will be provided.

Tickets £3.00 for non members of the Trust
Free for members of the Trust

Tickets are available from Martin Hening or any other Trustee



SUCCESSFUL “NO COLD CALLING ZONES”

Leicestershire is celebrating an achievement in its fight against doorstep crime. The County Council’s Trading Standards Service, working in partnership with Leicestershire Police and Neighbourhood Watch are looking forward to seeing the 400th zone being established in the summer, thanks to funding from the East Midlands Efficiency and Improvement Programme

The zones cover small neighbourhoods where there have been problems relating to doorstep crime such as where residents have been targeted by bogus roof repairers, charity collectors, tarmacers and offers of garden maintenance and have either lost money or felt intimidated into having work carried out. Zones are easily identified by signs attached to lamp posts.

Leicestershire Trading Standards Service monitors activity in the zones and are pleased that most reputable businesses respect the residents’ wishes and do not cold call. Early indications from local crime statistics suggest a marked reduction in both cold calling and doorstep crime.

David Bull of Head of Leicestershire County Council’s Trading Standards Service, said ‘We are delighted that the zones seem to be helping to reduce doorstep crime and meeting resident’s wishes by reducing cold calling. Whilst most businesses respect the zones and do not cold call there are regrettably a minority who take no notice and continue to cold call. Common complaints relate to energy suppliers, businesses selling replacement windows and charity collectors; this often causes frustration for the residents, particularly if they feel pressured into agreeing to something without being given time to consider properly what is on offer. And this will not help residents to spot and challenge the rogue traders and con men who prey upon the more vulnerable amongst us’

Steve Hasting of North West Leicestershire Police says ‘No cold calling zones are part of our campaign to tackle distraction burglaries and the people who commit these offences. The strength of the scheme lies in the knowledge that everyone on the street feels the same way about unwanted visitors and has been given advice about how to handle doors step callers’.

REMEMBER if you have agreed to have work carried out in your home as a result of a “cold call” you are entitled to a period of up to 7 days in which to cancel the agreement. Written notice of your cancellation rights must be given and if this does not happen, the seller cannot enforce the agreement against you through the courts. Please contact Consumer Direct on 0845 04 05 06 for further advice about your cancellation rights, how to avoid door step crime or if you would like a “no cold callers” door sticker.

Directory of Useful Numbers

BBC East Midlands	0115 955 0500 www.bbc.co.uk/england/eastmidlandstoday/
BBC Radio Derby	01332 361111
British Gas - Service	0645 605040
Gas Escape Emergency	0800 111999
Castle Donington Community College	01332 810528 postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk
Castle Donington Volunteer Bureau	01332 850526/850742 mail@cdvb.org.uk
Chemist, Gerald Porter, Castle Donington	01332 810213
Derby City General Hospital	01332 340131
accident & emergency	ext 87800 or direct line 01332 783111
Derby City Children's Hospital	01332 340131
accident and emergency	ext 83277 or direct line 01332 786808
Derby Playhouse	01332 363275 www.derbyplayhouse.co.uk
Derby Royal Infirmary	01332 347141
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 www.eastmidlandsairport.com
East Midlands Electricity emergencies	0800 056 8090
customer services	0800 363363
Environment Agency	0800 807060
Kinchbus	01509 815637 www.kinchbus.co.uk
Loughborough Hospital	01509 611600
Mobile Library	0116 3053565
NHS Direct	08 45 46 47 www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk
North West Leicester District Council	01530 454545 www.nwleics.gov.uk
Nottingham Concert Hall	0115 989 5555
Nottingham Playhouse	0115 941 9419
Nottingham Royal Centre	0115 989 5555 www.royalcentre-nottingham.co.uk
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 www.skylink.co.uk
Traveline - for all public transport information	0871 200 22 33 www.traveline.org.uk

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

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.