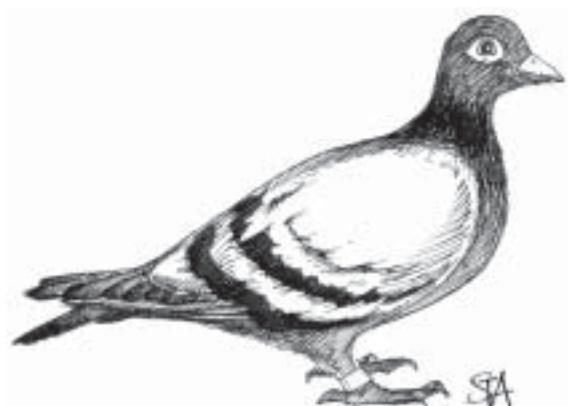


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Contributions for our dispatches page are most welcome. Share your news with the village - birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, congratulations etc. When contributing, please **include your name**. We do need your name, but we won't publish it if that's your wish. If you're a child, our readers appreciate seeing your age too!

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# Diseworth Diary

## **FEBRUARY**

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Women's Discussion Group. "How We Were?" Venue 20 Clements Gate. 2pm
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Diseworth PCC. 7.30pm in church
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Diseworth Heritage Trust AGM. 8pm in the Heritage Centre
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Womens Group. Theatre Trip
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Diseworth Church Hot Supper. Village Hall. 7.30pm
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Dialogue committee meeting, venue Sue Brompton's
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Diseworth Church Coffee Morning. 10 – 12noon. In Church

## **MARCH**

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Women's Discussion Group. "Vive la Difference" Venue 13A Hallgate. 2pm
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Womens Group. Dog Training. Dot Levin. Village Hall 8pm

## **APRIL**

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Womens Group. AGM

## **MAY**

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Womens Group. Calligraphy



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2nd Saturday of every month  
from 9am.

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

# Welcome to the February 2010 issue of the *Diseworth Dialogue*



Happy New Year! Let us hope this year is better than the last! It hasn't exactly started well, but one can only hope!

Whilst we wait for those precious Spring bulbs to show themselves, there is plenty to read in this month's magazine.

*Diseworth Rocks* is a great article, there are some fantastic photos of the Fun Run and a report on the highly successful Retired Residents' Christmas Lunch.

For all you dog owners, you will find details of new dog obedience classes taking place at the village hall, starting on February 16th-see Dispatches for more details. (I will certainly be there with Molly!) On February 19<sup>th</sup> an Italian Supper in aid of the church will also take place in the village hall and elsewhere, the Diseworth Heritage Centre is to host a new computer course. All in all, there is plenty to keep us busy.

We were all shocked and saddened to hear about David Taylor. He was such a regular visitor to the village, he could almost have been a resident himself. I know he will be greatly missed and I would like to draw your attention to the tributes that have been paid to him in this issue.

Now I would like to ask for your help. As it is a new year, I feel it is time for some fresh ideas. So I ask "*What would you like to see in the Diseworth Dialogue?*" Would you like a gardening page, or perhaps a monthly recipe. A quiz, or children's page? As I have said before, this is your magazine, so please email me with any ideas or requests; [peggy.tudor@btinternet.com](mailto:peggy.tudor@btinternet.com) I look forward to receiving them.

In the meantime, keep warm, remember to feed the birds, and look after one another in this cold weather.

*Peggy Tudor.*

# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

## *Letter from the Rectory*



photograph Julia Sillitoe

### **Who made your pants?!**

No, I'm not being rude. That was one of my (late) Christmas presents. A voucher for a Charity called 'Who makes your pants' – who, not surprisingly given the name, make pants. It is owned and run by a friend of my brother-in-law, so I said I'd give a shameless plug – so, given that it is Valentine's day this month, here it is!

*"whomadeyourpants? is about two things. It's about pants, gorgeous, not guilty, ethical pants. And it's about women. Amazing women who want work but who don't get many chances.*

*Here at [whomadeyourpants.co.uk](http://whomadeyourpants.co.uk) we think that every day should be a good pants day, and that there should be a little bit of something lovely under everyone's clothes, just for them. Underwear can make us feel beautiful, confident - even taller. We also think that it's not really on for anyone to be made to work in bad conditions just for a cheap pair of pants. How could that be right? Who could feel lovely in something made in a bad place?*

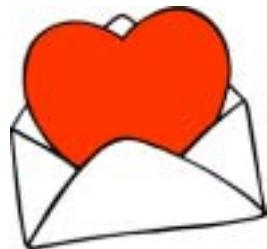
*So, we put these two things together and work with women here in the UK, women who have had very little opportunity, and we help them learn to make gorgeous pants, which you and we can wear, safe in the knowledge that they had a very happy start in life. We provide up front training in English if required, and then in sewing - every women who is accepted onto our course will go through an NVQ Level 2 in Manufacture of Sewn Products, and will be encouraged to train to be a team leader too. We hope that all jobs within the business can be filled by the women as they gain skills - if someone is interested in marketing, or finance, we'll arrange training.*

*All profits we make go back into the business - our costs aren't just about rent and fabric and wages, but about training and support and advice. We really do believe that pants can change the world - do you?"*

I won't ask who bought any for their beloved...!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Gill.



# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

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

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

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

Please note that Gill takes Monday as her day off.

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## **Other Benefice Services, Meetings and Social Events in February 2010**

Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday	Hathern House Group 7.30pm
Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Hathern Church Music Café, 6pm-8pm
<b>Feb. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Diseworth PCC</b>
Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
<b>Feb. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Diseworth Church Italian Supper, Village Hall, 7.30pm</b>
Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Long Whatton Coffee Morning, Friendship Centre
Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Monday	Benefice Bible Study, 33 Green Hill, Hathern 7.30pm
Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Benefice Praise Evening, Hathern Church, 7.30pm
<b>Feb. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Diseworth Coffee Morning 10am-12noon</b>



**Coffee Morning  
In Church  
10am-12noon  
Saturday  
February 27th**

# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

## Services & Locations for February 2010

	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Location</b>
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Belton
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer and Baptism</b>	<b>Diseworth</b>
		Morning Prayer	Osgathorpe
		Family Service	Hathern & Kegworth
		All Age Worship	Long Whatton
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton & Kegworth
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Belton & Kegworth
	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>CW Holy Communion</b>	<b>Diseworth, Hathern, L. Whatton &amp; Kegworth</b>
	<b>6.15pm</b>	<b>United Service</b>	<b>Diseworth</b>
		<b>Celtic Evening Prayer</b>	<b>Kegworth</b>
		BCP Evensong	
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
Ash Wednesday	6.00pm	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>CW Holy Communion</b>	<b>Diseworth</b>
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Belton & L. Whatton
		Family Service	Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern
		BCP Evensong	Kegworth & Belton
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Benefice Praise Service	Hathern
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>Diseworth &amp; Kegworth</b>
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton, Hathern & Kegworth

### **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 February 2010

		<b>Time</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Sidesman</b>
February 7 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 2.4b-9,15-end 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 4 Gospel: Luke 8.22-25	<b>10.30am</b>		
February 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Before Lent	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 34.29-end 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2 Gospel: Luke 9.28-36	<b>10.30am</b>	S Brompton T Walker R Harris	G Stone
February 21 <sup>st</sup> Lent 1 Gospel:	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 26.1-11 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 10.8b-13 Luke 4.1-13	<b>9.00am</b>	M Howe R Ward S Bird	D Cherry
February 28 <sup>th</sup> Lent 2	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 15.1-12,17-18 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 3.17-4.1 Gospel: Luke 13.31-end	<b>8.00am</b>	D Griffin  S Bird	T Griffin

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

### Church Flowers and Brasses



	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Brasses</b>
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs L Gaymer	Mrs E Mitchell
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lent	Mrs M Linthwaite
February 21 <sup>st</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup>	Lent	

# DAVID TAYLOR MP

## – A TRIBUTE

David Taylor MP for North West Leicestershire who died suddenly on Boxing Day, was very well known throughout his constituency. He regularly attended meetings and social events, chatted to all, listened to worries and complaints and always acted on written requests. He had a remarkable ability to recall names, places and events.

David was a well known figure at many events in Diseworth & Long Whatton, whether it was presenting trophies at the two Annual Shows, speaking at Local History book launches or chatting to residents at coffee mornings. He was supported by a loyal team at the Coalville office of his constituency where he held his surgeries. Although these were formal appointments, David was prepared to speak to anyone who addressed him on concerns at any of the events he visited.

As a Member of Parliament he attended the House regularly and spoke on matters of social concern particularly on the needs of his constituents, and also chaired parliamentary committees. In 2007 David was named Backbencher of the Year. But in the villages he represented, David Taylor will be remembered as the MP who was known and highly respected by all whom he met regardless of their political persuasions.

We offer our sincere sympathy to David's wife Pam and all his family.



*David Taylor unveiling  
the Best Village Post at  
The Cross in 2007*

28<sup>th</sup> December 2009

Wings members were shocked and saddened upon learning of the death of David Taylor MP.

David Taylor was very supportive for many years and we believe he shared many of our concerns. He always found the time to listen to the concerns of his constituents and to share his thoughts. Just how he managed to fit everything in is a mystery.

Recent reports in the mass media have diminished the standing of many MPs but our Member of Parliament was an exceptional man. David was a tireless and diligent worker who was clearly held in high esteem by many people of widely varied beliefs and backgrounds. David was one of the good guys.

The death of David Taylor represents a great loss for this community and for many others in David's constituency. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

*Catholic Church of the Risen Lord.*

Hillside, Castle Donington

Mass every Sunday 9am



*Kegworth Methodist Church*

High St. Kegworth



**Sunday Services**

Morning Worship - 10.30am

Praise Worship – 6.15pm (First Sunday each month)

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



*Kegworth Baptist Church*

High St. Kegworth



**Sunday Services**

Morning Worship & Sunday School – 10.30am

Lead Deacon: Paul Phillips 01509-551464

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

*St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*



# ***ITALIAN SUPPER EVENING***

*Friday,  
19<sup>th</sup> February 2010*

*Diseworth Village Hall  
7.30pm*

*Tickets £10 each available from  
PCC members*

*Please bring your own drinks!*



# COUNTRY MATTERS



by Liz  
Jarrom

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## PIGEON WARS

In the winter nothing much seems to be happening in the crop fields, but theft and destruction can be taking place on a grand scale and the most likely culprits are wood pigeons. Just like the rest of the wild birds, pigeons can have a tough time in the winter when food is short. Fortunately for them, fields of autumn sown crops have usually grown enough by winter to provide them with a carpet of ready to eat greenery in the form of oil seed rape, wheat and barley.

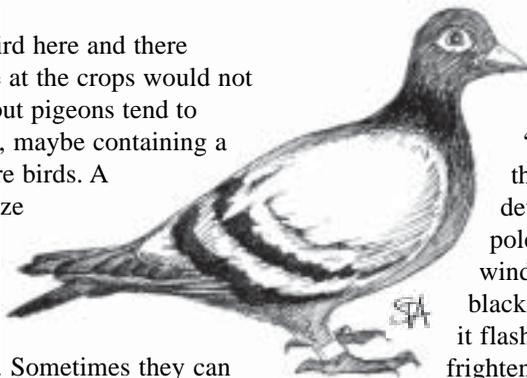
Now the odd bird here and there having a nibble at the crops would not be a problem, but pigeons tend to arrive in flocks, maybe containing a hundred or more birds. A group of that size feeding can cause significant damage to the dormant plants. Sometimes they can even eat some of the plants away completely and leave only bare earth in places. It wouldn't matter so much if they did the rounds and visited other fields in rotation, but no, they tend to come back again and again to the same place.

Farmers have always battled against birds eating their crops and their first

attempts at scaring them away were of course home made scarecrows. Now you are much more likely to see scarecrows at scarecrow festivals rather than in fields, but I have seen them standing to attention guarding crops, and they can be quite effective for a while. Their big disadvantage is that they don't move, and the birds eventually get used to them.

Now farmers have a wide range of weapons in their armory to help them battle against the pigeon problem. There is 'Flash Harry' a three sided rotating device on top of a pole that spins in the wind. Two sides are black and one orange so it flashes as it spins, frightening the birds.

There is also a ball on a pole that does the same thing. Then there is the "scary man", a pneumatic orange man who pops up at regular intervals. Some farmers tie paper streamers to poles, others have even tried tethered helium balloons! All these methods seem to be successful at least some of the time. Noise is another way of scaring pigeons, firstly in the



form of bangers tied at intervals on a slow burning rope. Light the end and retire to a safe distance, result, periodic bangs that sound like a gun going off. Secondly a gas fuelled banger placed in the field, and timed to go boom occasionally is also quite effective.

Of course all these methods just scare the birds away, usually onto a fellow farmer's field. Well, he doesn't want them either, so he will probably have his own armoury set up to scare them

off to another field. So the darn birds just keep moving from farm to farm. When I asked Will's opinion as to the best method, he said "A man with a gun". Well when you see how many pigeons are about nowadays, we could certainly do with losing a few.

*I believe pigeon pie is quite tasty!*



## THINK ENGLISH IS EASY?

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce .
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.



# Retired Residents' Christmas Lunch 2009



Many thanks to all guests and helpers who made this annual meal the very pleasurable event it always is. The credit goes to a team of willing residents who work so hard for the benefit of our senior citizens. The Christmas lunch is sponsored by East Midlands Airport and their generosity is much appreciated. It means we can have a Christmas cake, crackers, turkey with all the trimmings, Christmas pudding, mince pies and chocolates to take home.

Many thanks to Eileen Whitt who always provides a magnificent cake that is offered to all present and afterwards goes to the church for distribution after the Carol Service. Special thanks to Norma Chapman who treks round the village collecting prizes for the Grand Raffle; and also to those very generous residents, many of them senior citizens themselves who donate lovely gifts. The raffle is the only cost to the guests and the cash raised has been shared between Rainbows and the Air Ambulance.

Ruth Smith & Beverley Aust take on the formidable task of all the shopping, selecting the food and distributing the turkeys to the cooks, Sue Brompton, Martin Hening, Mike Goy and Ruth herself. The rest of the cooking is undertaken by a string of people, Beverley, Liz Jarrom, Peggy Tudor and Ruth.

The Extons kindly wrapped all the chocolates and David brought them to the village hall on the day. On the day itself, vegetables were prepared and cooked, Julie Werb arrived to lay the tables and the other helpers arrived soon afterwards Olga Stanton and Anna Groves and the turkey and vegetable cooks with steaming hot food. As 1pm approached people went into action. Drinks were poured, guests arrived and were soon sitting down chatting to each other. Grace was said by Revd. Manville Wiles and the party began.

Perhaps the highlight of the lunch comes after the meal. Manville always kindly leads the carol singing accompanied by Mr Clowes on his keyboard (who had played as guests arrived). This is a lovely part of the day and the helpers joined in. Then it was time to cut the cake and this was done by Revds. Martin Charles and Manville Wiles. Norma held the Grand Raffle where the winners are spoiled for choice and there is always more than enough for everyone.

Many people commented as they left how fortunate our village is to have such pleasant people to create and attend such a happy occasion. *Nikki Hening*



Revs. Martin Charles and Manville Wiles cut the beautiful cake made by Eileen Whitt



Enjoying the lunch

# Diseworth Village Hall



It's good to be able to report that thanks to Anna Groves and her friends we are now in a position to purchase the new gates for the front of the village hall. These will take the form of a large gate which will remain locked when the hall is not in use which will allow extra security from vehicles for the play area, and a small wicket side gate which will remain unlocked for pedestrian access. It is hoped to erect the gates in the very near future so once again, a big thank you to everyone concerned with raising or donating funds over the last few months.

The only other item to report at this moment in time is the start of two new classes, both starting in February -

Upholstery Classes on a Tuesday afternoon and

Dog Training on a Tuesday evening.

These can only go ahead if sufficient interest is shown. Further details can be found in this month's *Dialogue*.

Other organisations that meet on a regular basis in the hall which I'm sure would love to see your support are as follows:-

The Chorus Junior Drama Group

The Charnwood Theatre Drama Group

The Women's Group

Claudette's Ballet Classes

Aeropark Volunteers Association

Soar Valley Aviation Society

Contact numbers can be supplied for any of these groups.

Finally we do have a few slots where the hall is available for hire. For further details please contact Dave Adcock. Telephone 01332 850337

**Upholstery for Beginners at  
Diseworth Village Hall  
Tuesdays 10am - 12noon,  
starting on 26 January 2010**

Course fee £56 for 8 weeks (concessions available)  
Upholstery class teaching traditional and modern upholstery skills. Aimed at absolute beginners as well as students with a little experience. Students will work on individual projects in a supported and friendly workshop style environment. An ideal opportunity to update a small stool, dining chair or even design and make a headboard.  
For more information & to enrol please telephone Leicestershire Adult Learning at Kegworth Community Centre, Tel: 01509 676605/03

**D.O.T.S.**

**(Dog Obedience Training School)**

From Tuesday 16 February at 7.30pm, I will be starting Puppy Classes and general Dog Training Classes at Diseworth Village Hall.

Dot Levin

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[dotsdogtraining@virginmedia.com](mailto:dotsdogtraining@virginmedia.com)

More details in the yellow pages

# Diseworth Rocks



Strangely, bar stools seem quite comfortable at The Plough but extremely uncomfortable when sat on outside of their normal context. The one that I was sat on shared several things in common with me; both of us were way outside our normal comfort zone and neither of us particularly wanted to be on the stage at the Village Hall. My bar stool was making this particularly obvious by being as uncomfortable as possible. I had not got a clue what I was going to say to the hundred (or so) people in the hall when the lights were turned on and the curtains opened. Unfortunately, at that moment, the stage lights were turned on and the curtains opened.

Earlier in the year, I was sat on the same bar stool in the much more comfortable and less intimidating surroundings of The Plough. We were discussing what I should do for my Birthday party. I don't remember who suggested that we should put a band together but the idea stuck and the core members of the band were recruited. Duggan (obviously) would play guitar, Richard Mearns (obviously) could sing. All we needed was a keyboard player, a bass player and someone to play the drums. The fact that no one that we knew could actually play any of these instruments didn't seem to matter. After all, we had four or five months to learn and it couldn't be difficult. Then Steve Frost walked in and started tapping on the bar... Now we had a drummer.

The next day, Kev Brown went out and bought a bass guitar and a "Teach yourself bass" book. John Clark picked up a seriously amazing spangly green Epiphone Les Paul guitar and signed up for a series of guitar lessons. Slowly over the next few weeks, much to Judy's annoyance, a drum kit, several amplifiers, speakers and a rather large keyboard were delivered to my house. Half of the contents of my garage were deposited in a skip and all the gear was set up in my garage ready for practicing. Content that all was working out rather well, I went to Sweden for a couple of weeks.

The first practice session was an absolute disaster. Kev and Richard couldn't make the session but Duggan, John and I spent a few hours running through a few possible songs. We sounded terrible. It was fairly obvious that we needed to do something radical if we were going to put a live gig on in about four month's time. Therefore, I booked the Village Hall for the night of the party, bought a bigger amplifier and a "teach yourself drums" DVD for Frosty and went to Sweden for six weeks to panic quietly on my own.

I got back from Sweden and we organised a few more practice sessions. We still sounded terrible. However, it was obvious that the guys had been practicing. We spent a couple more evenings trying out several possible songs and recruited Aaron Smith to come and help us out. I knew Aaron had a saxophone and an acoustic guitar and was therefore comparatively over-qualified to be in the band. We tasked him with learning how to play the keyboards.

After I returned from another trip to Sweden, Aaron turned up at my garage for the next practice session absolutely note perfect. Kev had to drop out because we couldn't find a

time that both he and I were in the same country at the same time and so Gary Willacey joined us on bass. Gary slotted straight in and from the first night that he turned up things started to go from strength to strength. I found a blues number that wasn't too difficult and Aaron spent about 35 seconds learning to play it on the sax. Despite my attempts to do a reggae version, Duggan re-arranged the Metallica version of "Knockin' on Heaven's Door" and we therefore had a set that, with a little bit of talking between numbers, would last nearly 15 minutes. It was fairly obvious that in the remaining month or so that we had left, we would not be able to put a complete evening of music together - so we hatched a plan. We would do half a dozen or so long numbers and get a professional in to do the rest of the evening. What we needed was a really good entertainer that was reasonably well known but that would fit in with the band and not make us look like complete idiots. I went back to Sweden to consider options.

John Otway had his first hit called "Really Free" back in the 70's and quickly gathered a cult following when he jumped onto (and promptly fell off) an amplifier during a live set on the Old Grey Whistle Test. I first saw him at a festival in 1978 when he climbed up a lighting tower, got stuck and had to have the fire brigade rescue him. Many albums and tours later, he achieved a second chart success and a spot on Top of the Pops with "Bunsen Burner" which entered and exited the chart at number 9 in 2002. There is general speculation that one reason for this was that he recruited 1,000 of his fans to sing "House of the Rising Sun" on the B side of the single and credited each one on the cover - therefore ensuring that they would all buy two copies each - one for themselves and one for their mum. Others have speculated that he managed to increase sales by simultaneously releasing three different versions with the same A side. Whatever the reason for its chart success, this second hit led to an album entitled "John Otway's Greatest Hits" and (as he proudly told me after the party) enabled him to get the "s" on the right side of the word "hit". Otway has quite a big following in the village - several people have seen him at Glastonbury and others had seen him when he was on tour a couple of years ago with the Hamsters, Wilco Johnson (Dr. Feelgood), Norman Watt-Roy (The Blockheads) and Richard Hogarth (Eddie and the Hotrods).

Therefore, John Otway was recruited as the main act. We put together a version of "The House of the Rising Sun" which sounded moderately similar to his version and bought me a Stylophone for my solo as I couldn't compete with Duggan on the guitar. We hatched a complicated plan to keep Otway's appearance a total secret and trick the audience into thinking that we would invite Alison Evans and Rob Green onto the stage to sing it with us (sorry guys) but surprise everyone by actually introducing Otway instead. Unfortunately, our plan to smuggle him in to the Village Hall half way through the gig meant that we literally had 10 minutes or so to practice the song with him beforehand. Not a problem - after all, it couldn't be that difficult.

A few new songs were added to the set list - we put together an acoustic version of Hotel California which made my fingers bleed during the practice sessions and meant that Aaron now had to learn the bass guitar whilst Gary and Frosty played a range of hastily bodged up percussion instruments. Judy had been practicing "You Belong To Me" and we started to put an arrangement together around that. Kev rejoined us on vocals for a couple of songs whilst Chard was tasked with learning all 173 verses of American Pie.

Next came the name – Incognosis – and a thorough and highly efficient marketing campaign run by Nicole Simms and Duggan which included logos, T Shirts and security passes for band and crew. Catering and bar was organised courtesy of The Plough and I must say that Rob and Rachael coped admirably with my micro management of the menu and bar arrangements.

We set all the gear up at the Village Hall a couple of days beforehand but had to perform a sort of Fawlty Towers style sketch moving kit from the stage to the hall, from the hall to the committee room and then back on the stage again as we manoeuvred around all of the other people that had booked the hall during the week. I must both thank and apologise to the drama group, Anna Groves, the Parish Council and especially Dave Adcock for messing you all around so much.



On the day of the gig, Johnny “JC” Cross arrived at the hall just after lunch time and put together a complete keyboard accompaniment in about half an hour (damn professionals eh?). After pouring a bottle of Grolsch into my notebook computer and rendering half of the lighting rig useless, I nipped off to the train station to collect Otway. Otway was late and when I got back, we did a 10 minute run-through of a couple of numbers. No one mentioned that this was the first time the whole band had actually played the same songs together in the same place, at the same time and in (more or less) the same key. Then the whole band rushed down the pub for some Dutch courage and a pep talk from Otway – who turned out to be as scared as we were.

Half an hour later, I found myself sitting on a slightly uncomfortable and argumentative bar stool on the Village Hall stage, wondering what the hell I was going to say to the hundred (or so) people in the hall when the lights were turned on and the curtains opened. Unfortunately, at that moment, the stage lights were turned on and the curtains opened.

The whole event was captured on video by Nicole and has been edited into an extremely



professional DVD which is available from either myself or Chris Duggan. The [incognosis.com](http://incognosis.com) web site will be on-line in a while and you will be able to sign up for the band fan club, track our progress and acquire band merchandise. I don't think we could ever repeat the birthday gig but we are going to try. Therefore, if there is anyone that has a garage or a small barn that they would be interested in renting, we are looking for a rehearsal room.

My most sincere thanks and appreciation go to the band and the crew that helped me to celebrate my birthday in such a good way - Rob and Rachael and their team from The Plough for sorting out the catering, Dave Adcock for sorting out the hall, Nicole Simms for adding all the extras that really helped to bring the evening together and of course John Otway for being – Otway.

Judy, your courage and determination were matched by your performance and your choice of song was perfect. I do and always will, belong to you.

Finally, Aaron Smith, John Clark, Steve Frost, Kev Brown, Gary Willacey, Richard Mearns, JC and of course Chris Duggan – you are and always will be - Incognosis.

*Mik Griffin*



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14 December 2009

Dear Ruth

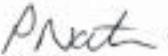
Many thanks for your wonderful donation of £83.00 raised from your village magazine, please pass on our sincere thanks to all those involved. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated and will make a real difference to the lives of the children, young people and their families in our care.

Rainbows is the Hospice for the East Midlands and offers respite symptom control and end of life care to children and young people as well as support for the whole family. Care is provided by a dedicated and caring team of professional nurses, carers and therapists in a 'home from home' environment.

Sadly the need for Rainbows will never disappear but with your support we can continue to provide this very special care.

Once again many thanks for thinking of Rainbows and I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and healthy New Year from all the staff and families at Rainbows.

With kindest regards

  
Paula North  
Community Fundraiser – Derbyshire  
Tel: 07880 721 750

# Boxing Day Fun Run



The start



Kiera, Tamzin and Kurt

Congratulations to the winners:  
1st - Oliver Mann  
1st villager - Richard Mearns (5th)  
1st female - Emily Briggs (18th)  
1st child - Finlay Butterworth



Sue Orme with grandchildren

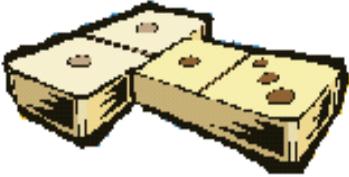


Emily and David



Steve Allison with new puppy

# Knockout Dominoes



The annual Knockout Dominoes Competitions at The Plough were completed just before Christmas and once again the evenings proved to be both successful and enjoyable. This year's singles event was won for the second year on the trot by Paul Stokes, beating new kid on the block, Steve Frost. However Steve was in more luck when partnered by Merv Johnson. They successfully won the pairs competition, beating Jayne and Phil Lindley in a close fought final.

A total of £122 was raised towards the local branch of the Royal British Legion and the locally based Air Ambulance. This was due to a successful raffle, a donation from the league domino team and suppers being kindly donated by Rachael and Rob at The Plough. Many thanks also for the donation of raffle prizes and to the bar staff at The Plough.

*Dave Adcock*

# Music News

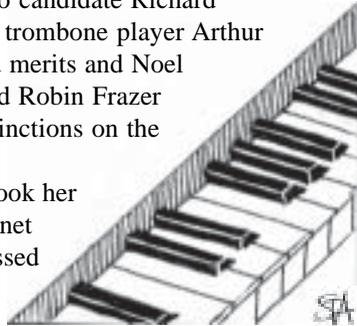
Practical music exams took place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December at Castle Donington Community College and once again the students have done extremely well.

Grade 1 piano candidate Richard Smithies and trombone player Arthur Henry gained merits and Noel McGough and Robin Frazer achieved distinctions on the piano.

Beth Henry took her Grade 3 clarinet exam and passed with a distinction.

Lauren Bannister achieved a merit mark for her Grade 6 piano.

*Janet Moorhouse*



***“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives.”***



**Great British Fish and Chip Supper  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2010**

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2010 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre. For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or email [fishandchips@spinal.co.uk](mailto:fishandchips@spinal.co.uk) or visit [www.spinal.co.uk](http://www.spinal.co.uk)

# THE PLOUGH INN OUTIN' PART IV - THE TT - 14th November 2009



Every year, staff and customers from **The Plough Inn, Diseworth**, Derbyshire, board a bus and set out on the annual Plough Inn Outin'.

The first two Outin's were to nearby pubs which also had the word "Plough" in the title. The third was to traditional real ale pubs. Following the previous three Plough Inn Outin's success, 2009 was Part IV - the TT. This year, we decided on a Timothy Taylor theme, largely down to Jasper, one of our regulars and co-organiser of the trip, being TT's biggest fan. (Really, he is, ask Alex Peglar!) After months of careful planning, much bullying of Alex, and a lot of not so gentle persuasion of the unsuspecting landlords and ladies we were to visit, we had a plan!

We started at HQ - **The Plough Inn, Diseworth** - at 9.30am (now you know why we look so rough on the first photo!) with coffee and sausage butties.

Then, it was onto the bus, (driven by John Elliot as he had left it too late to book his place on the trip) and out to Melton Mowbray.

A very quick first pint of Landlord was enjoyed at **The Harborough Hotel**, and then we were off again to **The Finches at Hambleton**

for another Landlord or two.



*Jasper, Rachael and Rob*

TT's Golden Best was sampled at **The Plough at Greetham**, and then we were on to our lunchtime destination at the **Jackson Stopps at Stretton**. Our hosts, Simon and Catherine, put on a great buffet lunch and some equally good Landlord. In fact, the schedule started to go a bit awry as we had such a great time at the Jackson Stopps!

When we eventually left, we headed to **The Coach House at South Luffenham**, then to the **Carrington Arms at Ashby Folville**, then to **The Anchor Inn at Walton on the Wolds**, during which time many more pints of Landlord were consumed. Alex had provided us with a TT based quiz for the bus journey, but to be honest, it was probably wasted on the audience by the time we got to start it! Surprisingly, Jasper won!

Finally, at about 8.30pm, we landed back at **The Plough Inn, Diseworth** to finish the day with even more Landlord and a chilli!

All in all, a great day out.

Many thanks to all of our hosts, in particular Simon and Catherine, and to the customers who tolerated our invasion! Particular thanks also to Alex, who really went out of his way to help with the organisation of the trip.

*Rachael*

# LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



## December

Prior to the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December the Councillors had received representations from a number of Clements Gate, Diseworth residents who were concerned about the planning application for six affordable homes proposed to be built at the end of their road. At the November Planning Group meeting the application had been examined in detail and the Councillors had considered it to be a well designed and very appropriate design for the purpose. No objection had been raised as no specific planning issues could be found. The proposal was in accordance with the wishes of the village, as expressed in the Parish Plan and subsequent Housing Survey, that affordable homes were needed.

Eight of the residents attended the December meeting and questioned the manner in which the Parish Council had arrived at its decision, there having been “no consultation”. During a lengthy and sometimes heated discussion, a full explanation of the procedures covering planning consultations by planning authorities was given. In particular it was explained that it was the planning authority (North West Leicestershire) which was responsible for consulting parish councils, neighbours and others - not the Parish Council. The Parish Council always ensured as far as was practical within the fixed timescale permitted that there was public notice of everything it was to discuss and that all meetings were open to the public, as required by the legislation. Councillors said they shared the residents’ frustration that it sometimes seemed that very little notice was taken of their views by the planning authority but, in turn, that was due to very rigid government legislation. The Rural Housing Enabler and representatives of the Housing Association were present and they assisted the discussion by explaining the process leading to the proposed development, with a reassurance that the properties would be only for local villagers’ benefit, whose need had been established in the Survey.

Towards the end of the discussion the Chairman promised that, as all Planning Group decisions were open to review at the following Council meeting, the residents’ comments would be considered when reviewing the earlier decision. He also urged the residents to send in their own observations or objections directly as these were just as valid as those of the Council. Subsequently Councillors did review their decision in the light of the representations received and resolved that a further response be sent to the planners confirming that the Council had no objections but giving the Council’s considered views on each point raised by the residents.

Briefly, other matters decided at the meeting included making grants to Diseworth Church towards repairing a fence which had blown down and to Pride Alarms to provide a further alarm for a vulnerable property. There had so far been a disappointing response to

representations about the threatened loss of the early morning and evening bus services; a reply was awaited from David Taylor, MP. It was agreed that the Council enter a Christmas Tree for the Long Whatton Church Christmas Tree Festival and noted that the school in that village was actively seeking to start a school travel plan. It is expected that in the new year a new Community Speedwatch will be offered for which new volunteers will be required.

**Councillors reported that those residents who had signed up for the Council's new Village.Mail news service were very pleased. It's easy to do - just send an email to [longwhatdisepc@hotmail.com](mailto:longwhatdisepc@hotmail.com) with 'Village.Mail' in the subject line.  
That's it - you'll start to receive news right away.  
More information is on the website [www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk](http://www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk).**

Our belated Good Wishes to everyone for 2010.

## January

There is now a vacancy for a Councillor due to Simon Adcock's resignation at the January meeting, as his work is taking him away from Diseworth. Simon was thanked for his service to the Council and was wished well for his future. The vacancy has now been declared and anyone who would like to step into his shoes is welcome to express an interest. The Clerk will be pleased to provide information by phone, letter or email. There will be the statutory notices and anyone wishing to express an interest in filling the vacancy is asked to tell the Clerk or a Councillor.

The budget for 2010/11 has been decided and £29,000 will be required from Council Tax payers to meet the expected expenditure. This year there are some specific requirements causing an increase, including the anticipated costs of providing allotments, a bus shelter and to meet increasing requirements of local organisations for occasional financial assistance. In this case, any such requests should be made prior to the budget-making process which begins in November each year. Also the Clerk has been asked to work an additional 2 hours per week to better deal with the Council's administration. Having investigated the possibility during the past year, plans for a footpath to Millennium Meadow were abandoned but the Council will seek to include some mowing and clearance of the verge within the maintenance contract.

Councillors expressed sadness at the untimely death of David Taylor MP, who had given a great deal of support to local people. A letter of condolence had been sent on behalf of the Council.

It was agreed to support in principle a request for financial help to purchase a speed detection device by the local police though more information is required. A year ago the Council supported a proposal to extend the Clearway from the A453 part-way down the two roads into Diseworth. The County Council now has the proposal out for formal consultation and no objections were raised.

*Douglas Maas, Parish Clerk*

# DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

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

peggy.tudor@btinternet.com  
sue@cbrompton.fsnet.co.uk and  
ruth@airnig.co.uk

There is **NO CHARGE** to put items  
into the magazine - (except the  
yellow pages).

Please share with us your stories  
and announcements.

**PLEASE MEET THE DEADLINE of  
the 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**



**From Graeme Udall**

Wishing everyone in Diseworth  
and ex pats

**A VERY HAPPY AND  
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

Best wishes from Graeme.

## *February News From Our Advertisers*

Threads of Life, Wool Shop in Castle Donington have  
updated their ad

Anderson Gas, Heating and Plumbing Services now  
have a web address. [www.andersongas.co.uk](http://www.andersongas.co.uk)

Mark, building and decorating has a new phone  
number ....01332 864946

Rivernene have changed their name to Riverford  
Organic and have a new ad



The Mobile Library visits  
Diseworth on the

5th and 19th February.

The Bowley 11.55 – 12.15

Clements Gate 12.20 – 1.20

The contact number for the  
mobile library is 0116 3053565

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

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

## *Diseworth village Hall 200 Club*

The latest winners of the 200 Club are:-

November

**1<sup>st</sup> (90) R Smith - £30**

**2<sup>nd</sup> (69) B Simpson - £20**

**3<sup>rd</sup> (96) N Cowley - £10**

December

**1<sup>st</sup> (18) F Agar - £30**

**2<sup>nd</sup> (84) S Phillips - £20**

**3<sup>rd</sup> (54) P Banister - £10**

### **Childrens' Books Needed**

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

# DIALOGUE DISPATCHES



Congratulations to Eric and Fabienne on the birth of Tom, born on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December. A brother for Jeremy. A new addition to Tenterfield.

## WELCOME

*to the village*

Jo, Tim, Isabella and twins Lotti and Conni to Lady Gate.

Daren, Lizzie and Oscar to 1, Hall Gate



## Congratulations

to Debs Jepson and John Stewart, on your recent engagement. All our very best wishes for a happy future together from everyone in both families.

## WELCOME TO THE YELLOW PAGES

Daren at **Plumb Assist**, 1, Hall Gate, Diseworth. For all plumbing, heating installations and breakdowns, gas boiler replacements, servicing and landlord certificates. Freephone 0800 3345494, or 07973 538659

### **D.O.T.S.(Dog Obedience Training School)**

From Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm  
Puppy Classes and general Dog Training Classes at  
Diseworth Village Hall.

**James Hallam**, offering Plumbing and Heating services. Kegworth based. 07759 289305

**Allen's Auto Care Ltd.** 10 Trent Lane, Castle Donington. Offering MOT's, Full Service facilities. Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs: inc..

**Turn to the yellow pages for their adverts**



## Poppy Appeal 2009

I would like to thank everyone for their kind donations, all the poppy sellers for their help and support and thank Alan Yeates and Arthur Fletcher for the flowers.

**The amount raised  
this year was**

**£1218.72.**

Thank You.

Rosie Smith,  
Honorary Poppy  
Organiser

# Dear Editor,

## JUST A THOUGHT!

### What's Yours? (October Edition 2009)



I've been waiting for the flurry of responses to the invitation to comment upon 'our' 'divisive' system of government for the past couple of issues before I entered the lists myself.

To date there has been no dialogue in the '*Dialogue*' but I do hope we can get something going not only because I believe this to be a worthy topic for comment but also, in your otherwise excellent publication, it would be refreshing to establish a more consistent place for an exchange of views and debate.

I realise that there have always been opportunities for this and it is up to your readership to be enthused and motivated enough to write to you. This is bound to depend on issues that 'fire' people up and in the absence of other local outlets for expressing opinion (ah! the lamented passing of the NuNews) the *Dialogue* has become more prominent with potential for such exchanges.

If I have one reservation about this particular topic, your writer has asked us to respond to a 'national' rather than a 'local' matter. In an 'election' year, however, and about a topic that affects us all, it would appear appropriate for comment to appear in our village magazine.

If we dwell solely on the events of the past year or so it would appear that '...our method of forming and running a government *has* become an anachronism.'

To begin with I would argue what really needs careful thought is building a fairer system for electing a group for governing. The rest needs to follow from that!

I'm not a paid up member of the Electoral Reform Society but I have sympathy with their views calling for a complete overhaul of our system. When we realise that 'Currently only 1 in 3 MP's can claim support from over half of the voters in their constituencies under the first past the post system' <sup>1</sup> then there is surely something unfair here.

And, 'In the 2005 election, one party won 600,000 votes in the UK but no seats at all. Another party, which won less than half this number of votes, won nine seats. The election results depends as much as where your supporters live as how many you actually have.' <sup>1</sup>

Aristotle (384-322BC) put it this way:-

“If liberty and equality as is thought by some are chiefly to be found in democracy, they will be best attained when all persons alike share in government to the utmost.”

I'm aggrieved that the expenses scandal and the actions of some MP's have brought discredit on parliament. It's no small wonder that many decent, hard working, honest people are deeply angered by the apparent greed of those they have elected to represent them. This has damaged our democracy and the fear is that people will not turn out to vote if they believe that they cannot trust the persons who put themselves up for election.

I know that I have not addressed all the points raised in your writer's article but there are many issues and we could get stuck in the detail of these and miss what I have identified, I believe, as one of the major problems we have to struggle with.

I hope others will join the debate. We are in need of a fairer system of electing people to parliament and through that we seek a fairer society for everyone. This is what democracy is about. Some will say this is idealistic but I believe we have to reach upward and aim for the highest and the best. Then we might get somewhere near!

*Reference.*

*1 Voting in the United Kingdom: Fact Book. Electoral Reform Society – web site.*

***Name and address supplied***

## Reduce Reuse Recycle



From furniture to computers, waste reduction is about much more than what we throw away. We all need to think about what we buy, reusing what we can and recycling what we can't.

For tips on how you can do more visit [Direct.gov.uk/waste](http://Direct.gov.uk/waste)

# HEALTH PAGE

## Yoghurt, A Natural Boost For Your Immune system



Nothing makes more difference to our health than a well functioning immune system. It can save us from all manner of problems, from minor infections to cancer.

It's true that genetic makeup strongly influences immunity, but diet has a large part to play in keeping our immune system functioning properly. One food that comes top of the tree for boosting the immune system is yoghurt. Apparently, if you do nothing else to help your immune system, at least eat yoghurt regularly.

It has long been known that yoghurt can kill and disable bacteria, but more recent research reveals that yoghurt also helps to give a wide ranging boost to immune system functioning. Studies on humans and animals show that yoghurt can stimulate production of gamma interferon, boost activity of natural killer cells and speed up production of antibodies. Research in Italy found that yoghurt was as effective as the synthetic drug, Levaelsol in stimulating immune functioning. A large scale study carried out at the University of California School of Medicine, revealed that people eating 450gms of live yoghurt a day over a four month period, had five times more infection fighting gamma interferon in their blood than non yoghurt eaters. A year long follow up study found that eating only 170gms of yoghurt per day helped to prevent colds, hay fever symptoms and diarrhoea. Even when the yoghurt has been heated or frozen, so killing off the live cultures, it still has a profound effect on immunity.

In one experiment, mice had ordinary supermarket yoghurt added to their diet. They were then infected with cancer cells. Eating the yoghurt dramatically reduced the expected numbers of cancers by a third. Even yoghurt that has been heated up enough to destroy 95% of the live culture still had cancer preventing properties.

So popping a few yoghurts in our shopping trolley could be one of the best ways keeping our immune system healthy.

*Liz Jarrom*

# WOMEN'S GROUP

We all see the Beat Surgeries advertised in the Dialogue, but I wonder how many have been to meet PCSO 6638 Peri Richardson and PCSO 6178 Nicola Stanhope. Maybe the timings are never right, but I am sure you will have seen them around in the village. The perfect opportunity was January 11<sup>th</sup> when we invited them to give us some tips on Home Security. They brought with them numerous leaflets, gadgets, signs, and markers, mainly free.

Peri Richardson who has been a Community Support Officer for over 4 years led the evening by stressing the importance of using UV Marker pens to write house number and post code on valuables, fake Heinz baked bean tins to store small valuables on your grocery shelf, not in the wardrobe! Impact alarms and locks for windows. And a chance for the over 60's to book for Help the Aged Handyvan to visit to install extra door locks and other security items.

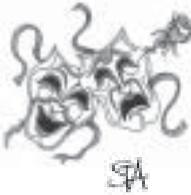
Lots of time was given to distraction burglars, crooks who make a good living dishonestly, leaving victims in despair. And then chance burglars who try every door up a street to see if one is open.

**It's so important for the elderly to keep door chains on as they are the most vulnerable.**

Questions followed and plenty of audience participation, the evening closed after coffee and a vote of thanks was given by Liz Jarrom

Sheila Dakin 810858 sheiladakin@btinternet.com

## FUTURE MEETINGS



**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Theatre Trip**  
**Loughborough Town Hall**

**"Seasons Greetings"**  
**An Alan Ayckbourn Comedy**  
**7. 30pm**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Dog Training**

If anyone has a young puppy over 3 months old and would be interested to let **Dot Levin** demonstrate with it at our meeting, please let me know,  
Sheila – 810858

### *Note from PCSO 6178 Nicola Stanhope*

*Due to the number of door to door sellers being reported to the Police recently, we have provided a 'We do not open the door to unexpected callers' notice for residents in Diseworth to display in their windows and doors.*

*Most people who call at your home will be genuine, but sometimes people turn up unannounced, with the intention of tricking their way into peoples homes. They are known as 'distraction burglars' or 'bogus callers', whose only aim is to get into homes to distract people and steal their money or valuables.*

*Only let a person into your home when you are absolutely sure that they are genuine. If you think a bogus caller has called at your door, report it to the Police immediately.*

# DISEWORTH HERITAGE CENTRE



## *Coffee, Cake and Computers*



Hands on a computer, No classes or homework  
Complete beginners or out of touch?

Find out about writing a letter, checking spellings, adding a picture  
or making a card

'Surf the Net' – check out a hotel or holiday,  
go shopping in all the stores

Learn about [leicestershirevillages.com](http://leicestershirevillages.com), see what is happening in yours and all the other  
villages in the county, find bus and rail times, see the village or town where you were born

Have you skills to share with others – drop in and share

Or just come and get a real hands on first session

**Thursdays in the Heritage Centre from 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010  
£1 per hour or £3 for the session**

**Anytime between 10:30 and 2:00pm just drop in and have a go  
Further information – 01332 853647**

# 1<sup>st</sup> Diseworth Guides and Brownies



We would like to thank everyone for filling your "blue bags" before Christmas. The pile was ENORMOUS this time, many of the girls enjoyed seeing them all when they walked past the village hall! We won't know how much that collection raised just yet but we got over £300 for the one earlier in the year. Thanks to Anna Groves for organising it and particular thanks to Jane Goy and Adele who quietly went round and delivered all the bags to houses (we would all have helped if we'd known!).

The money helps us fund our trips out and meeting activities. We are thrilled that our units are still thriving in Diseworth as many have closed in neighbouring villages. This is of course the Guiding centenary year and we'll be getting involved with lots of activities big and small in the next 10 months.

**If you have any photos or memories of your involvement with Brownies or Guides in or out of the village we would love to hear from you as we are hoping to do a display in the village of guiding times.**

Please contact me: Sandie Clark, 4 The Bowley. Tel: 01332 814939



**DISEWORTH HERITAGE TRUST  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Friday 12 February 2010  
8pm  
Diseworth Heritage Centre**

Agendas, available at the meeting, will include the annual financial report, business report, and notice of vacancies for Trustees and a Company Secretary.

Light refreshments will be on offer.

We hope to see you there

# Community Support Information

## PROPERTY MARKING

Do you have property that you would like security coding?

We mark bicycles, power tools, garden equipment and much more.

Marking your property puts THIEVES off and helps to PROTECT it!

For any further information regarding property marking please contact

PCSO 6178 Nicola Stanhope or

PCSO 6638 Peri Richardson on

0116 222 2222 and leave a message for the officer by entering their collar number.

***Kegworth  
Police Station  
Opening Times  
Monday 1000-1200  
Thursday 1400-1600  
Or call  
0116 222 2222,  
select option 2 and  
leave a voicemail for  
a member of the beat  
team by entering the  
officers collar  
number.***

## Beat Surgeries 2010

To be held at Kegworth, Long Whatton, Diseworth, Belton and Osgathorpe. Come along and express your views and concerns to your local beat team at any of the above locations on the dates and times shown.

<b>Time Table</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Location</b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	10:00 to 12:00	Belton	Market Place
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	10:00 to 12:00	Kegworth	Market Place
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00 to 12:00	Long Whatton	Post Office
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00 to 12:00	Osgathorpe	The Storey Arms car park
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00 to 12:00	Diseworth	Village Hall
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	10:00 to 12:00	Belton	Market place
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	10:00 to 12:00	Kegworth	Market Place
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	10:00 to 12:00	Long Whatton	Post Office
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	10:00 to 12:00	Osgathorpe	The Storey Arms car park
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	10:00 to 12:00	Belton	Market Place
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:00 to 12:00	Kegworth	Market Place
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	10:00 to 12:00	Diseworth	Village Hall

For any 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.

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 the chance to meet your local police officers and police community support officers.

You can also tell your neighbourhood team about the issues that may concern you, giving you the opportunity to have your say about policing in the area where you live. You can also email the team by logging onto the force website at [www.leics.police.uk](http://www.leics.police.uk) and enter your postcode.

## Directory of Useful Numbers

BBC East Midlands	0115 955 0500 <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/england/eastmidlandstoday/">www.bbc.co.uk/england/eastmidlandstoday/</a>
BBC Radio Derby	01332 361111
British Gas - Service	0645 605040
Gas Escape Emergency	0800 111999
Castle Donington Community College	01332 810528 <a href="mailto:postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk">postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk</a>
Castle Donington Volunteer Bureau	01332 850526/850742 <a href="mailto:mail@cdvb.org.uk">mail@cdvb.org.uk</a>
Chemist, Gerald Porter, Castle Donington	01332 810213
Derby Playhouse	01332 363275 <a href="http://www.derbyplayhouse.co.uk">www.derbyplayhouse.co.uk</a>
Derby Royal Infirmary	01332 347141
Diseworth C of E Primary School	01332 810208
Doctor's Surgery - 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
Mobile Library	0116 3053565
NHS Direct	08 45 46 47 <a href="http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk">www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk</a>
North West Leicester District Council	01530 454545 <a href="http://www.nwleics.gov.uk">www.nwleics.gov.uk</a>
Nottingham Concert Hall	0115 989 5555
Nottingham Playhouse	0115 941 9419
Nottingham Royal Centre	0115 989 5555 <a href="http://www.royalcentre-nottingham.co.uk">www.royalcentre-nottingham.co.uk</a>
Police	0116 222 2222
Post Office - Long Whatton	01509 842264
Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham	0115 924 9924
Radio Trent	0115 952 7000
Reel Cinema Loughborough	01509 212261
Royal Derby Hospital	01332 340131
accident & emergency	ext 87800 or direct line 01332 783111
Royal Derby Children's Hospital	01332 340131
accident and emergency	ext 83277 or direct line 01332 786808
Sewern Trent Customer Service	08007 834444
Skylink	0115 9506070 <a href="http://www.skylink.co.uk">www.skylink.co.uk</a>
Traveline - for all public transport information	0871 200 22 33 <a href="http://www.traveline.org.uk">www.traveline.org.uk</a>

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

**The Neighbourhood Watch beat officer for Diseworth is Jason Underwood No. 1760.** He can be contacted on 0116 248 5675 and then entering his number 1760.

# Village Directory

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Telephone No</b>
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)

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
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.