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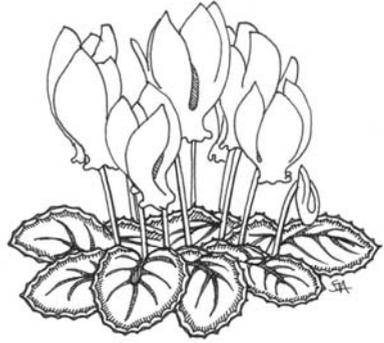
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# Diseworth Diary

<b>Every Tuesday</b>	Zumba at the Village Hall 8.15 – 9.15pm
<b>Every Thursday</b>	Coffee Cakes & Computers. Heritage Centre 10 – 12 noon

## NOVEMBER

Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Watercolour class – Village Hall 9.30 – 12.30pm
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Fireworks Display - Village Hall Gates will open at 6.30pm
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Discussion Group DVD ‘The Bucket List’ - 9 The Woodcroft -2 pm
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Arts & Craft Club - Village Hall 10.am – 12 noon
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Tea Dance at Village Hall 2 – 4pm
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Watercolour class - Village Hall 9.30 – 12.30pm
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Wine Tour of Italy Talk - Heritage Centre 8pm
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Diseworth 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Beer Festival - Village Hall doors open at 5pm
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Arts & Craft Club Village Hall 10.am – 12 noon
Friday	25	Christmas Shopping Evening, Village Hall 7-9pm
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Diseworth Church Christmas Fair 10.am – 12 noon
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Incognosis - Village Hall - 7.30pm
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Dominoes Competition - The Plough

## DECEMBER

Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Watercolour class – Village Hall 9.30 – 12.30 pm
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Arts & Craft Club Village Hall 10.am – 12 noon
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Retired Residents Christmas Lunch - Village Hall 1pm
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Kids Christmas Disco - Village Hall
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Dominoes Competition – The Plough
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Arts & Craft Club - Village Hall 10.am – 12 noon
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Salsa Taster Session - Village Hall

## JANUARY

Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime The Princess & The Pea - Village Hall 2pm & 7.30pm
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Flower arranging  
workshop dates:

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>  
Diseworth  
Village Hall 2 – 4pm



**Castle Donington  
Farmers' Market**  
St Edwards C of E  
Primary School,  
The Dovecote  
2nd Saturday of every  
month  
from 9am - 12.30pm



12th November  
10th December

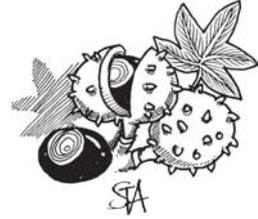
## Art and Craft Club

Diseworth Village Hall  
10am - 12noon.



November 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>  
December 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>  
Cost £2  
Tea and coffee provided.

# Welcome to the November Issue of the Diseworth Dialogue



**'No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees, no fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds – November!'** These are the last two lines of the poem by Thomas Hood. It might well be November but there is no sign of gloom in this issue of the *Dialogue*.

We have plenty going on in Diseworth as always: a tempting evening at the Heritage Centre with a Wine Tour through Italy on the 18<sup>th</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Diseworth Beer Festival on the 19<sup>th</sup> and the postponed concert by Incognosis on the 26<sup>th</sup>. We also have advance notice of the Charnwood Community Theatre's pantomime in the first week of January. Do book your tickets early; their performances are always exceptionally good and they do deserve a full house to play to. Liz Jarrom has some good advice on avoiding and treating cold viruses; there is welcome news from Diseworth School and Sue and Karen have recommended some fabulous books for Christmas.

We were surprised and saddened to receive Peggy's resignation as editor of the *Diseworth Dialogue*. During her time at the helm of this lovely magazine and yes, that's how all of us who are connected with it feel. She brought new energy and enthusiasm to the publication as well as her tremendous artistic qualities. It was a pleasure and a privilege to work with her; we will miss her vibrancy and wonderful sense of humour and we wish her well.

One of the last things Peggy did was to appeal for your support for the magazine in our annual envelope drop. As she so eloquently pointed out in her final editorial; during this time of recession we have lost revenue from advertising and encountered rising costs. **Her appeal was heartfelt and we thank all of you for your generous response. At the time of writing, the amount we have received is the astonishing sum of £1,500. 36p.** Why do those two words – **'thank you'** - seem so inadequate when you have all been so supportive?

That support is sincerely appreciated and we will hopefully continue to provide ten issues a year that will do justice to everyone in the village. Our chairperson, Nicky Miller, has written an article inviting new people to come along and join us at collating meetings; to see what we do and to discover what a friendly group we are.

Once again, on behalf of everyone on the committee, thank you very much for your generosity and we hope that you will continue to enjoy reading the magazine.

*Sue Brompton, Assistant Editor*

## *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

### *Letter from the Rectory*

Dear all,

Following a false (but lovely) start to Autumn, it seems the season has really come upon us. The wind is blowing, the leaves are falling, and the nights and mornings are dark and dreary.



photograph, Julia Sillitoe

In October's magazine Tony wrote about the many Saints we celebrate during the month of October, culminating in All Saints on November 1st. So, I thought I'd do a variation on the theme.

As he already hinted, those of us who believe in Jesus Christ, regardless of how loosely connected with the Church we are, are living saints. We are challenged by God to be real, living, representatives for and in Him. In fact, Scripture tells us that we are *all* made in His image - so we ALL have it in us to be Saints.

It is easy to venerate the dead. We tend to forget the bad bits (or at least bury the worst of the memories) and celebrate a person; until they become the epitome of virtue. However it is all too easy to remember only the irritating bits of those we love and see every day. It is a truism that we all behave the worst to those we love - because we know they'll forgive us or at least put up with us!

Soon it will be Christmas (gah!) and many of us will be forced to spend even more time with those who we love, but don't particularly get on with in larger doses! Siblings, nephews and nieces, even parents, children and grandchildren can all seem to be put on this earth solely to irritate you!

But what if we make an effort to change our mindset. What if those people are acting in irritating ways because they are in fact reacting to *your* irritating ways?! What if, instead of moaning, groaning and bristling, we change our focus to seeing Christ in each other, seeing the saintliness, the Godliness, shining through? Would we then begin to see not just a change in our attitude, but a reflecting change in us?

Perhaps then we really could live up to God's expectation of us - that we "be holy, as [Christ] is holy..." (1 Peter 1:16).

With hope and love, (- and a poor attempt at being saintly)

*(St.) Gill*

# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

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her day off and Tony has Friday as his  
day off.

## **Other Benefice Services, Meetings and Social Events in November 2011**

November	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 8.00pm
November	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday	Hathern House Group 7.30pm
November	5 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
November	6 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Hathern Church Music Café, 6pm-8pm
November	12 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
November	19 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Long Whatton Coffee Morning, Friendship Centre
November	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday	Benefice Praise Evening Hathern Church 7.30pm
<b>November</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Diseworth Church Christmas Fair 10am-12noon</b>
November	28 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Benefice Bible Study, 33 Green Hill, Hathern 7.30pm
<b>December</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>PCC, 7.30pm</b>

## *Church Bloopers*

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

## Services & Locations for November 2011

	Time	Service	Location
November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	All Souls Service	Long Whatton
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Belton
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Diseworth &amp; Osgathorpe</b>
		Family Service	Hathern & Kegworth
		All Age Worship	Long Whatton
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Kegworth
November 13 <sup>th</sup> <b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	10.15am	Remembrance Service	Long Whatton
	10.30am	Remembrance Service	Hathern
	10.45am	Remembrance Service	Kegworth & Osgathorpe
	<b>10.50am</b>	<b>Remembrance Service</b>	<b>Diseworth &amp; Belton</b>
	6.15pm	United Taize Service	Belton
		BCP Evensong	Kegworth
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>CW Holy Communion</b>	<b>Diseworth</b>
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Belton & Long Whatton
		Family Service	Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern
		BCP Evensong	Kegworth & Belton
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Benefice Praise Evening	Hathern
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>Diseworth &amp; Kegworth</b>
	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Hathern, Kegworth & Long Whatton
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton, Hathern & Kegworth

**Morning Prayer held in Diseworth Church 8.30am-9.00am every Thursday**  
**Little Angels held in Diseworth Church 2pm - 3pm every Thursday**

### Regular Weekday Services

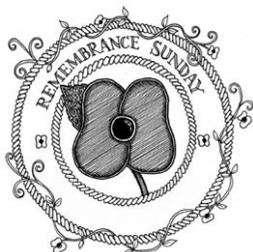
Monday	7.00-8.00pm	Benefice Prayer Group, Long Whatton Church
Tuesday	12.30pm	CW Holy Communion, Belton Church
Wednesday	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion, Kegworth Church

# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

## **Lessons and Readers for November 2011**

	<b>Time</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Sidesman</b>
November 6 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent	<b>10.30am</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Amos 5.18-24 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13		
November 13 <sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday	<b>10.50am</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Zephaniah 1.7,12-18 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Gospel: Matthew 25.14-30		
November 20 <sup>th</sup> Christ the King	<b>9.00am</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 1.15-23 Gospel: Matthew 25.31-46	D Cherry T Walker S Bird	G Stone
November 27 <sup>th</sup> Advent Sunday	<b>8.00am</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 64.1-9 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9 Gospel: Mark 13.24-37	M Hening D Griffin	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>
November 13 <sup>th</sup>		The Fletcher Family
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Advent	Mrs M Linthwaite

*Catholic Church of the Risen Lord.*

Hillside, Castle Donington

Mass every Sunday 9am



*Kegworth Methodist Church*

High St. Kegworth

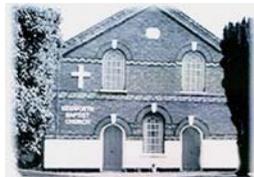


**Sunday Services**

Morning Worship - 10.30am

Praise Worship – 6.15pm (First Sunday each month)

Minister – Rev. Diane Grice. Tel. No. 01509 672479



*Kegworth Baptist Church*

High St. Kegworth



**Sunday Services**

Morning Worship & Sunday School – 10.30am

Lead Deacon: Paul Phillips 01509-551464

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# CHRISTMAS FAIR

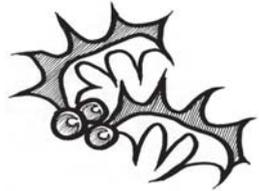


Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> November

10am – 12 noon

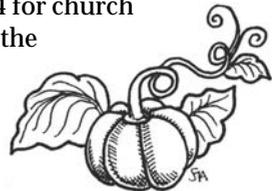
in the church

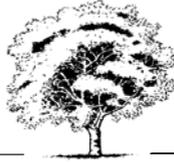
Christmas Raffle ~ Book Stall ~  
Seasonal Refreshments  
Bric-a-Brac ~ Christmas Tombola ~  
Fair Trade Stall



## Harvest Supper

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Harvest Supper in October, when we raised the magnificent sum of £614 for church funds. Special thanks to all the ladies who supplied the salads and delicious puddings, to everyone who supplied raffle prizes and to everyone who helped with the washing up and clearing away at the end.





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**A NEW FARMING YEAR BEGINS**



Farmers view the end of their working year as the finish of harvesting, when all the corn and straw have been gathered in. So now farming has entered a new year, and Will is working up fields and drilling them as fast as possible, and it is going so well this year. Because the ground is so dry, his set of heavy discs have cut up the soil so easily, leaving him with the perfect seedbed to drill into.

The drilling is going just as well, with fields being finished in quick succession. A swift run over with the rollers to compact the soil, and they are all done. But as we enter this new farming year, it still doesn't seem to know how to rain. It may have seemed like we had a poor summer, and there wasn't much hot sun I know, but it was very dry. We had rain all round us and heard thunder crashing nearby, but apart from a few showers, nothing.

Now the hawthorn and ash leaves are shrivelling up and raining down on me in the field just like dry snow, and this only late September, as for berries, what a crop. The hawthorn berries turned red much earlier than I have ever seen them, and the blackberries have been fantastic. They have been hanging like big juicy grapes, and I have been picking bagfuls on my walks with the dog. I can't work out why they have been so good this year, maybe it rained just when they needed it, and the dry weather has ensured that they haven't gone mushy. What a feast for the birds, let's hope it doesn't herald a winter like the last one.

As for the brooks, I have never seen them so low. The little brook down the middle of the field has virtually stopped altogether; mostly it is mud with a trickle here and there. The big brook around the edge of the field is still flowing, but is as low as I have ever seen it. In some places it is so low it is barely flowing at all, just a shadow of its usual self.

On a positive note, the cows in the field have started calving. Up to now we have two cute chestnut brown calves, born to two very different cows, but sired by the same bull. To look at them, you would think they were twins as they both have a white star on the forehead a white tip to the tail and little white socks on their back feet. They were born within a few days of each other and now they spend quite a lot of time together racing about with their tails in the air. What awaits them weather wise this autumn I don't know, but we hope it is a bit more rain than we have had so far. It will need to be to make the corn come up, so there is something to feed them on next year, when they have been weaned from their mothers.

## **Diseworth & Long Whatton Millennium Meadow**

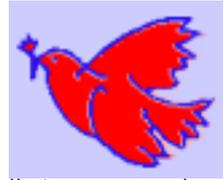


The Millennium Meadow is available for use by all inhabitants of Diseworth and Long Whatton at any time. It is the perfect place for a quiet stroll, especially in an evening or very early in the morning.

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.

*Pat Guy 811119*

# News from Diseworth School



We are pleased to say that we have had another very successful year last year with our year 5 children leaving Diseworth Cof E Primary school having already achieved year 6 levels in reading, writing and maths. They have moved onto the community college after a well planned transition period and have all settled into their new school really quickly.

Our other children in school have also achieved really well which is as a result of a combination of our small classes, effective assessment and targeted teaching by an excellent team of teachers and other adults in school.

We continue to run our small targeted maths groups every day ensuring that our more able mathematicians are challenged and given opportunities to work at higher levels while those children who are less confident are given more time to develop their understanding and practice new concepts.

Mrs Paap has been accepted onto a specialist mathematics teaching course which will benefit the children, parents and staff greatly. This is a huge investment of time both for the school and Mrs Paap personally and we are very excited about the work she is going to be doing in school.

We are one of very few schools that ensure all our children have the opportunity to swim throughout the year and by the time they move into class 2 the vast majority of our

children can swim well above national expectations (25metres).

We are lucky to have a specialist French teacher who comes into school on Thursday afternoons teaching French to all our children from 4-10. This is an activity they really enjoy and we now have links with a school in France that the children regularly correspond with.

We also continue to have a specialist PE and music teacher who comes into school 2 afternoons a week to teach all the children in small groups.

The older children took part in a brilliant residential visit to Whitby with Belton School and some of our younger children spent a very enjoyable night on the school field sleeping in tents, playing games and while being carefully supervised learnt how to light fires.

Our after school club is becoming more established and we run regular film nights after school where the children can bring pyjamas and sleeping bags and enjoy watching a film with their friends.

And now it's the start of another new school year, our new reception children who have joined us have settled in really quickly along with the other children in school and enjoying the exciting learning opportunities we have planned for the coming year.

*Alison Woffindin, Head teacher*

## ...from the children at Diseworth School

### Charity Haircut

Mrs Paap is our class teacher; she's very smart but very funny, especially when she dances. She had got very long brown hair that swung round her hips, although she usually wore it twirled round in a bun.

One day we were in class and surprisingly she announced that her hair was going to be cut for charity and WE were going to do it! We were allowed to bring in any spare money we had for the charity. She said her hair was going to be for a wig for people who had no hair after having chemotherapy treatment. The charity was called "The Little Princess Trust".

Cutting her hair was very nerve racking but it was still very fun. A hairdresser came and helped us cut Mrs Paap's hair; we cut off 65cm from her hair! WOW! It goes round her chin now she's had it cut. What a transformation! It looks amazing!



### Roald Dahl Day

Everyone in the school came dressed up, even the teachers. There were lots of amazing activities you could do. There were two cooking things. One was called Mrs Twits Eyeball Cakes and the other one was marshmallow rice crispy cake. You could also make a fantastic Mr Fox mask. They looked fantastic. You could also make an enormous crocodile. You could make a bookmark of one of the characters from a Roald Dahl book. There was a cool dream catching activity. You put ink in a tub and caught a dream on a piece of paper. A lot of the Receptions liked doing the drawing. A lot of people brought in lots of money. We raised just over £50. It all went to a charity Roald Dahl had made. It was called Roald Dahl's marvellous children's charity. It was a very **fun** day and everyone enjoyed. Shhhhhhhhh! don't tell Mrs Woffindin we wrote we put **fun** in the *Dialogue*.

### Harvest Festival

KS1 did a little reading which went very well. Reception held up signs in front of the year ones and twos and shouted whatever was on their sign. KS2 did a play about a family in Africa. It was about harvest and how not much grows. But even a small change can save somebody's life. The audience loved it. Everyone worked hard on their performance. Our Vicar Tony loved it too. It was a very nice day and it was lots of **fun**. Shhhhhhhhh! Remember not to tell Mrs Woffindin about having **fun**!

# Sue and Karen's Christmas Gift Book Recommendations

## **Karen's list:**

**M for Mother, by Marjorie Riddell.** This is a gem of a book, and I have previously insisted that my friends read it. It was first published in 1954 and released again in 1998 and I believe again this year. It is still available but not widely. Brilliant gift and essential reading for everyone who is a daughter, has a mother, is a mother or will be a mother. When daughter moves to London, Mother constantly writes letters of advice and instruction, (warm pants for instance, and dangers of galloping around in high heels) mixed with the opinions of disapproving aunts and tales of neighbours' more successful and dutiful daughters. The daughter's very cleverly worded replies out-smart her mother and the whole book, though short is very, very funny, gentle and absolutely enchanting. Very worryingly, I could identify with both mother and daughter.

**A Suitable Boy, by Vikram Seth.** Another older book from 2005, and set in the 1950's. It's a story of 4 connected families in a newly independent India, where old values and customs vie with the new in a complex multi-ethnic society. Ordinary people experiencing love, ambition, violence, hatred, humour, prejudice, joys and disappointments often in the most appalling circumstances. Many people will have read this, if not, put it on your list.

**The Burning Land, by Bernard Cornwell.** Paperback version 2010, this is the latest in his King Alfred series and is a combination of historical fact and fiction at which Cornwell so excels. Graphic, informative, it depicts the life of citizens in that age amidst the horror of the savage assault by Viking hordes on Alfred's kingdom of Wessex. It culminates in the greatest defeat that the Viking enemy had ever suffered; an enemy which had been feared by all, but which Alfred overthrew, aided by Uhtred, resulting in Wessex becoming England. Excellent book as usual from this author, but I confess to skipping the more violently descriptive paragraphs.

**The Wrong Boy, by Willy Russel.** An old book, published in 2001, his first novel after successful plays. It's a great read for all teens and adults. 19 year old Raymond has been seriously misunderstood since age 11 and chronicles the series of extraordinary escapades and accusations that befall him, in letters to his hero, the morose musician Morrissey. Raymond tries so hard to fit in and the hilarious descriptions become so sad and unjust that the reader can't wait to see if it will all come right in the end.

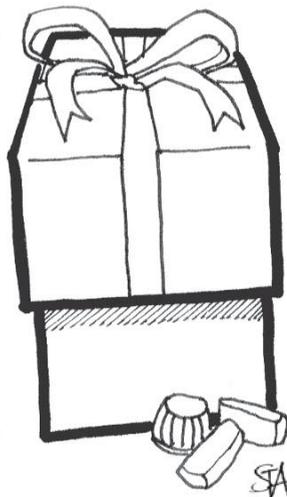
**Gallop, by Rufus Butler Seder** for the babies and young children. Pictures of animals that move (scanimation) as the page is turned to the corresponding words. Excellent.

**Don't forget the Bacon, by Pat Hutchins** for those a little older. Classic story of the boy trying to remember his shopping list, but is distracted by all the things around him. Perfectly lovely.

### Sue's List:

#### **Lady Almina and the Story of the Real Downton Abbey by Countess Carnarvon**

This book is a must for all Downton fans as it is the historical account of Highclere Castle at the turn of the last century and how Lady Almina, the 5<sup>th</sup> Countess, was the embodiment of aristocratic privileges that were about to disappear for ever at the outbreak of WWI. She and her staff and trained nurses turn the house into a wartime hospital. Just like the series!



#### **A Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson**

This book is a must read for everyone over the age of 14. The scientific world is brought to life in a seemingly impossible way by making it entertaining and informative and understandable, meeting mad scientists along the way and how some of their findings lead to greater, (or not) things. I thoroughly recommend this book – an eye opener.

#### **The Earth From The Air 365 Days by Yann Arthus Bertrand**

A delightful collection of photos from the air ranging from a pattern of cotton bales to the plains of Patagonia, from an apartment building in Sao Paulo to a single tree in the Tsavo National Park. A picture for everyday of the year. Each one is accompanied by a thought from one of several environmentalists who have contributed to the book. A book to dip in and out as the fancy takes.

#### **Hubble – Window on the Universe by Giles Sparrow**

Another book to look at as the fancy takes. Amazing photos of space taken by the Hubble telescope in its remarkable journey that started in 1990 and is still on-going. An excellent narrative on the history and future of the Hubble telescope accompanies this, and it also gives us a reminder of how insignificant we are in the vastness of it all.

#### **Robin Jarvis – The Whitby Witches (3 books), The Alchemists Cat, The Deptford Mice (3 books), The Deptford Histories (3 books), The Wyrd Museum (3 books).**

These terrific books are a recommendation for the older child (10+) but will entertain the adult reader too. They contain magic, mystery, good and evil. Pacey and well written each page is turned in anticipation of more adventure. Reading The Whitby Witches is to be undertaken with care if you are in Whitby itself!!

<i>Diseworth village Hall</i>			
<b>200 Club</b>			
November 2011			
Prize	No	Name	Amount
1 <sup>st</sup>	165	S Roberts	£40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	115	A Jennings	£30
3 <sup>rd</sup>	79	S Lockett	£20
4 <sup>th</sup>	69	B Simpson	£10

## Christmas Greetings Page ... for December's *Dialogue*

In December's *Dialogue* we will be having a page for your Christmas/New Year greetings to your friends and neighbours in the village. This could be instead of, or as well as, sending an individual card to them. There is no charge for this ... but if you would like to make a voluntary donation to Rainbows Children's Hospice that would be very much appreciated ... or alternatively make your own donations to your



own favourite charity.

**Please let me have your message (and donation if you wish ... cheques payable to Rainbows Children's Hospice) ..... by email or on paper by the 7th November.**

Thanks.

Ruth Smith [ruth@airnig.co.uk](mailto:ruth@airnig.co.uk) 9, The Bowley, Diseworth. DE74 2QL

The Mobile Library visits Diseworth on the 11th and 25th November. The Bowley 11.55 – 12.15 Clements Gate 12.20 – 1.20 The contact number for the mobile library is 0116 3053565



**Thank You!**

**£1500 ...**

the total raised for the *Dialogue* from our annual envelope drop!

If you have items for the DECEMBER / JANUARY DOUBLE ISSUE of the *Dialogue* please give to a committee member or email to [sue@cbrompton.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:sue@cbrompton.fsnet.co.uk) and [ruth@airnig.co.uk](mailto: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> November.**

**News from  
Long  
Whatton  
Post  
Office**



Now available:  
Logs, Kindling and Coal.  
We can deliver.

# Wanted!

Have you got a couple of hours to spare one evening a month? We would really appreciate some extra people to help with putting the Dialogue together. What would it involve if you volunteered?

To start with it would mean joining a lively team of 10 or so people who meet up at one of our houses and “collate” the magazine. Several gather around a table and the pages are heaved out of the boxes and hands fly as the sets of pages are folded and boxed again to send on to the next table. Once there, our two temperamental electric staplers are coaxed and persuaded to staple together another 350 or so copies of our village magazine. These are then bagged up into sets ready to be taken to the worthy delivery team, who, rain or shine, post them through your doors on the last weekend of the month. The whole process is accompanied by gossip and chat as we catch up on news and families and thoughts on world events.

The funny thing is, most of this process could now be done by the machine that prints the pages and we have discussed whether we should do this. The answer has always been a unanimous “NO!” We really value the community feel it gives to the process allowing so many of us to be involved in the production of the Dialogue. We like being part of a team and really enjoy the evening.

There is a huge amount of work that leads up to the collating evening. Regular contributors write their pieces and villagers tell us their news and views. There is an editorial team that gathers all the articles, photos and illustrations to be included. They meet in the middle of the month and do a mock up of the finished magazine. This is passed on to Ruth who magics the whole thing on her computer into the finished article that is emailed to the publisher. A new team member, Lynette, has just taken on the daunting task of advertising, finding new advertisers, billing them and chasing payments. Then I mustn't forget Steve who draws the beautiful illustrations that you see on the front cover and throughout the articles. And here I am doing my bit as chairperson, asking you to join us and keep this wonderful magazine alive and kicking for the future.

*Nicky Miller, Chairman, Diseworth Dialogue*

Extra copies of the Diseworth Dialogue will be on sale in The Plough Inn, Diseworth and also in Long Whatton Post Office

**The Plough Inn**  
**GENERAL**  
**KNOWLEDGE**  
**Quiz Night**  
**2nd November**  
**7th December**  
1st WEDNESDAY of the month  
Entry £1 each person, maximum of four in a team.  
Entry to the quiz includes a snack at half time.

The Blue bags for the **Bag2School** collection will be delivered within the next week and the collection will be at the school, at 9am on **Monday 28th November.**

Please put in all your unwanted adult and children's clothing, sheets, blankets, curtains, soft toys, belts and handbags.

All items collected are for re-use.

Thank you!

# Long Whatton Cricket Club

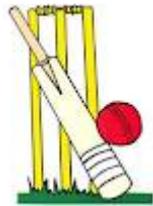
*Under 17's Leicestershire County Cup Final*

*18th September 2011*

*Long Whatton v Kibworth*

*Venue Long Whatton CC*

*Weather: Sunny spells, showers*



This much anticipated game finally got underway after the original fixture got rained off at the end of August.

Long Whatton won the toss & elected to field on a wet outfield, with the chance of more showers during the morning. Both teams went about the warm up in very contrasting styles with Kibworth looking very well drilled but LW keeping to the changing room to focus on the task ahead.

The Kibworth opening pair of Aadil Ali & Ben Matthews took to the field & we were underway. The LW opening bowlers were Harry Miles & Jack Stanley. The first over was a cagey affair with Miles giving a wide & only 3 scored off the over, Stanley's first over was more productive for LW with Ali being caught on the rope with 1 on the board by Corrie Keable at deep square leg, in pretty spectacular fashion.

This brought no.3 Ram Ghuman to the crease & he and Matthews batted well & started to build a partnership, putting on 52 runs before Matthews succumbed to Keable's bowling with a fine catch from George Allison at cover off a shorter pitched delivery. This put Kibworth on 54 for 2 off 11 overs, Long Whatton's quick fielding & tight bowling were keeping Kibworth down to less than 5 an over as pressure started to build on the batsmen. Next man for Kibworth was Charles Hurley, who lasted for 2 overs before being bowled by LW skipper George Scottorn for 6. Next man in was Charles Page Morris, who along with Ghuman put on another 22 before Page Morris went for 7 with a fine run out from Scottorn. It has to be said Long Whatton's fielding was extremely tight & the Kibworth batsmen could not find the boundary rope on many occasions, many an acrobatic stop from the LW fielders in particular Josh Dunkin, Jack Insley & Corrie Keable, nothing was going past them, also LW keeper Josh Bunyan was in fine form with no by's & quick hands keeping the batsmen on edge with every delivery.

Number 6 for Kibworth joined Ghuman at the crease and they put on another 22 runs to make it 111 for 4 off 19 overs. The final over saw the outstanding Ghuman run out for 49, with Kibworth finishing on 114 for 6 off the 20 overs. A very entertaining innings from both sides but LW felt they had given themselves a good chance by restricting the visitors to 114.

Long Whatton's opening pair were Corrie Keable & the ever confident George Allison, with Allison facing the Kibworth opener Jon Butler. Allison set the tone of

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*Back row L-R Reece Allen, George Allison George Scottorn (Cap't), Jack Insley, Harry Miles, Josh Dunkin, Alex Lester (Manager).*

*Front Row L-R Josh Bunyan, Frazer Knight, Jack Stanley, Ewan Chisholm, Corrie Keable. Diseworth folks you know; the two Josh's.*

*The others are from Long Eaton, Breaston, LW, Hathern, Coleorton, Hoby, Breedon, Sutton Bonnington & Coleorton, so we attract players from far and wide!!*

his innings with a four off the 1<sup>st</sup> ball but Butler found his line & length & saw the over out with no further score. Allison then scored a series of fours before succumbing to Ravi Tank on 16 with LW on 22 off 4 overs. Skipper G. Scottorn then came to the crease & he & Keable batted with precision & aggression to forge a partnership of 78 before Scottorn was superbly Ct & bowled by Ghuman on 26. LW were 100 for 3 off 13 overs, this meant they needed 15 to win off 7 overs, so this was looking like a formality. Next man in for LW was Harry Miles who started in typical solid style but was tempted down the strip by Tej Thakker and was stumped by keeper Ben Matthews on only 2. LW number 5, was big hitter Reece Allen, the hero of the Semi-final against Syston, who managed to really get hold of a shorter ball from Ghuman only to see Chris Carson hold a great catch at midwicket at depart without troubling the scorers for 0!! The Long Whatton supporters were starting to get nervous, as they feared a collapse, with only 10 runs to go it would be a disaster if victory slipped away at this stage. LW no. 6 Josh Dunkin came to the crease with Keable still looking in good shape on 55, if he can stay in, it was in the bag, but Kibworth's bowlers starting to believe they could snatch a victory here.

Dunkin was looking a bit unsure of himself, but the odd "leg by" & scampered single kept Keable on strike & he kept the runs flowing, picking off the bowlers for 4 here and there. LW were 110 off 17 overs, the end was in sight. The 17<sup>th</sup> over saw the fitting finale to this game, with Keable hitting a four off Kibworth's man of the match Ghuman to take the score level at 114, 1 run was needed for victory & Keable seemed to be setting himself up for the final runs, Ghuman dropped one slightly short &

Keable hit it with a flourish & had run the single before the ball crossed the rope for 4. This to give LW the victory with 118 off 17.5 overs, with Keable on 65 not out, was Long Whatton's Man of the match.

This was a great game enjoyed by a good crowd from both teams. The presentation was conducted by Jeff Baxter who reflected on a fine performance from both teams, but a deserved victory for LW who shaded Kibworth in all departments on the day. Many thanks go to all the parents & club members from both teams who turned up today to support the lads. Thanks to Jeff Baxter & Barry Hibberd for the organisation & running of the Leicester Youth League, also the Umpires Dick Fowkes & Chris Johnson.

Congratulations to all the Kibworth team & their manager Tim Mason for a great game played in the true spirit of cricket.

Finally, the biggest thank you goes to our u17's manager Alex Lester & capt' George Scottorn for all their hard work & encouragement throughout the season and to get the lads to victory in this final.

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# LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



PCSO Nicola Stanhope attended the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October. There were no Police reports in Long Whatton this month, but two incidents in Diseworth, 1x burglary and 1xdamaged motor vehicle. There had been other damaged vehicles along Clements Gate, however not all had been reported, the message from the police is to be extra vigilant, especially with the nights getting darker.

From the 17<sup>th</sup> October there is a NEW "non-emergency" police telephone number, which is 101. There will be

more on this shortly in a report from the police.

The Chairman opened the Diseworth Village show last month; it was a brilliant day and a great success! An Allotment Association Committee has now been formed and will meet regularly to keep everyone up to date with any matters arising.

*Samantha Lockwood, clerk to the parish council*

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Telephone: 07934 874739

Parish Council website

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

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday 3rd November 7:30pm . Long Whatton Community Centre

Thursday 1st December 7:30pm Diseworth Village Hall

# *Dolly and the Night Visitor*

It was the most beautiful evening, the sun was just setting on the horizon of Oahu; I was lazing on the veranda of Robin's Nest and congratulating myself on landing the position of P.A. to Thomas Magnum P.I.. Tom, astonishingly handsome in an understated Hawaiian shirt, had popped inside to fix a couple of cold beers: Dusseldorfs in frosted long necks. My eyes were gently closing, lulled by the sound of the cicadas and a slight rustling noise behind the shutters. Suddenly I was wide awake. What was that rustling noise? It stopped; I blinked and tried to continue the dream, but it was no good, Tom had gone.

The rustling resumed; was it The Other Man of My Dreams, the one minus the moustache, with one of his genteel snores? No it was definitely something more than that. I nudged him awake and said I thought that there was a bird behind the curtains; he assured me that I was dreaming. It persisted and I insisted: "There's definitely something in the bedroom my sweet." With a groan he switched on the bedside lamp and went to open the curtains: "It's not a bird Dolly; it's a bat."

That's the moment when I became a complete girl, uttered a small squeak and dived under the duvet. I'm not into flying creatures at close proximity and fluttering wings aren't my favourite things. (I like that; it has a certain melodic quality; a hint of Julie Andrews).

Meanwhile T.O.M.o.M.D. was attempting to persuade die fledermaus towards the window and I was beginning to notice a lack of oxygen under the quilt. The temperature was rising and I felt as though I was going to suffocate. I tentatively raised the cover a smidge and was buzzed by a pair of wings, just shy of my right ear. I thought I was going to have a bit of a turn.

T.O.M.o.M.D, armed with a bath sheet from the en suite, was coaxing it in the direction of the windows which were now both wide open. I had a sense of *deja vu*, were the bat's mates going to come looking for him? Very sensibly I kept these misgivings to myself and returned to my place deep under down, having developed a cunning system to deliver a limited supply of air.

"Come on, I don't want to hurt you," he whispered and then: "Oh no! Oh bother! It's gone behind the wardrobe". It was at this moment that I got on the hotline to heaven and said a little prayer, (are you getting a Dionne Warwick theme now?) The soft gentle voice resumed as the terrified creature was ushered towards its destination until, finally, after what seemed to be hours but was possibly only forty minutes, I heard a sigh of relief; the windows were closed, the towel was returned to the en suite and we went back to sleep.

I never did get back to that veranda with Tom Selleck, but somehow I don't think things would have worked out; macho Magnum would probably have laughed at my fears, which my other hero did not. I have requested that the windows are not open quite so wide at night; and as he so rightly said: "One old bat in the bedroom is quite enough."

**Sue Brompton**



# *1st Annual Diseworth Beer Festival*



## *Testing the Water 19th November 2011*

Timing, or lack of it, has proved to be my downfall on several occasions and a poorly timed daydream at one of the recent Village Hall Management Committee meetings resulted in my busy diary getting even busier! I had let my attention wander a little and was miles away, happy in my own little world, half listening to proceedings, when somewhere in the distance someone mentioned something about beer. Whatever had been said seemed to achieve the general agreement of my fellow Committee members and I may have muttered something that concurred.

The following silence brought me back from my reverie and it was then I noticed that everyone was looking at me.

“Thanks for agreeing to take that on” said someone.

“No problem” I said, not realising the implications of what had just happened. The next few minutes focussed my attention a little as I went through a ‘to do’ list in my mind but I left thinking ‘how hard can it be to organise a beer festival?’

Underestimation is a wonderful thing and lets the under-estimator carry on in blissful ignorance of the task ahead! A reality check followed shortly afterwards (thanks Mik) and following a period of mild panic, a plan was hatched and the inaugural Diseworth Beer Festival will soon be a reality. After lengthy discussions, focus groups, relentless research and steering committee meetings burning the midnight oil, the catchy title of ‘1<sup>st</sup> Annual Diseworth Beer Festival’ was agreed.

So Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to invite you to partake of a glass or two of real ale with us at the Village Hall on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Admission will cost £7 and will include entrance to the festival, a limited edition festival glass (that will be yours to keep) and half a pint of real ale. Real ale will be priced at £2.50 a pint and will be available in halves for which we will be forced to charge £1.25. Food will be available.

Doors will open at 5pm for those who like a drink at early doors and local band The Mirkins will be playing during the evening. Tickets can be purchased prior to the event or on the door. Tickets go on sale at the beginning of October and are available from Mik Griffin or myself – or via the Village Hall website.

We will be supporting local Micro Breweries at the event and plan to start the event with at least six real ales from three local breweries and a selection from further afield including bottled Bavarian lager and a cloudy scrumpy style cider. If there is a lot of interest and tickets sell well prior to the festival we shall be able to provide a wider range of ales to reflect demand.

I look forward to seeing you there.

*P.S. If you see me daydreaming again, please give me a nudge before I agree to anything else.*  
*John Clark*

## Annual Knockout Dominoes Tournament

This years 5's n 3's pairs and singles domino knockout competitions will take place at the Plough on Tuesday November 29th and Tuesday December 13th.



Players of all standards including beginners are welcome to come along and enjoy these very socialable and fun evenings.

The cost will be £2 per competition or £3 for both competitions.

Funds raised will be shared between the Diseworth branch of the Royal British Legion and another local charity.

Entries can be made on the notice board at the Plough or by contacting Dave Adcock 01332 850337

# Diseworth Village Hall

## News



### Remember Remember

**the 5<sup>th</sup> of November** – we hope to see you all at the Village Hall on Bonfire night. We plan to make the display even better than last year – let's hope the weather is kind to us. There will be food & hot drinks available.

**The Diseworth 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Beer Festival** is fast approaching. We are finalising arrangements with local breweries and organising the catering. Local band The Mirkins will be playing throughout the evening and we have commissioned special "Diseworth Beer Festival" beer glasses which will be included in the ticket price.

The Beer Festival is on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November**. Doors open at 5:00pm to accommodate those of you who want a quiet drink and the band will be playing from about 8:00pm for those that take their real ale with music. Admission is £7 and the ticket includes a limited edition festival glass (yours to keep) and half pint of any of the real ales on sale.

**Incognosis are back for one night only** – Unfortunately, we had to reschedule the Incognosis concert planned for October but we are delighted to announce that the band will be playing at The Village Hall on **Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup>**. If you haven't seen Incognosis play live before, you really don't know what you have missed. The near professionalism and musician like abilities of the band mixed with their extraordinary multi-media stage show will leave you speechless. Existing fans will not be disappointed either as the band has promised to play a number of the songs that are regarded as "classic Incognosis". All in all, we cannot say enough good things about the band, or recommend them too highly. Their live performance is much better than it sounds and you are guaranteed a night of entertainment that you will not forget in a hurry. Please book your tickets as every Incognosis gig so far has been a complete sellout and tickets for this one are selling fast.

**Zumba** – this is a call to all of you who have been to Zumba this year – numbers are dwindling slightly – why not come back to the Zumba class on a Tuesday night 8:15pm – it still is great fun

**The Village Show** raised a total of £989.45. A donation of £100.00 was given to the British Legion. Following the success of this year's show, plans are already being laid for next year's event.

The Village Hall telephone numbers and email addresses:

Hall Bookings	Tel: 0300 800 5000	email: <a href="mailto:bookings@diseworthhall.org">bookings@diseworthhall.org</a>
Event Bookings	Tel: 0300 800 6000	email: <a href="mailto:events@diseworthhall.org">events@diseworthhall.org</a>
General issues	Tel: 0300 800 7000	email: <a href="mailto:admin@diseworthhall.org">admin@diseworthhall.org</a>

Also, a reminder that the table tennis hire is available at £5 per hour. Check out our What's On page to see what events are on over the coming months. For detailed information on these events please check the Website at [www.diseworthhall.org](http://www.diseworthhall.org)

# WOMENS GROUP

## The Final Account

At the very last meeting the decision was taken for the disposal of the funds. Firstly a silver photo-frame was purchased and engraved with “The Womens Group” name on as a trophy in the Photographic Section of The Village Show. Then the rest of the money, £890 was to be equally divided between an agreed local charity and the Village Hall. We felt it in our best interests to further encourage and endorse the work already being done by the Village Hall Committee in their entertainment ventures.

Emma from The Loughborough Womens Aid Charity arrived a little late to receive their cheque formally. They support anyone experiencing any form of domestic abuse, mainly women offering one to one help. They also provide counselling, support groups and photograph injuries for court cases.

A few days later, I received a card and I quote “thanking the group for their generous donation which will go towards helping our service users in an emergency when fleeing domestic abuse”

It just remains for me to say, please try and support the social activities which the Village Hall Committee work so hard to arrange.

*Sheila Dakin*

## *Thank You*

*I would like to thank everyone who supported the Whole World Coffee Morning for the MacMillan Cancer Support Charity. The final total raised was £355 which was just amazing. I would like to thank Rob and Rachel at the Plough for allowing me to raise some money (and all those customers who contributed) via the biscuit raffle which raised on its own £55. Thanks also to the family and friends who helped organise and run the day. Lastly a very big thank you to all those Villagers who attended on the day to make it such a huge success. It was great to see everyone.*



*Suzanne Cheney (Sue)*

# HEALTH PAGE

## NATURAL COLD CURES

So now we have left summer behind and have entered the cold season. Well there is much that we can do ourselves to prevent and treat colds without having to visit the chemist. So if you are coughing and sneezing, help is at hand. You can experiment and see which particular ones work best for you.

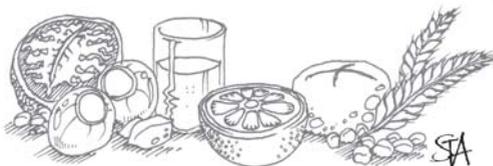
The first cold preventing and treating friend is Vitamin C. Viral illnesses of any kind increase the bodies need for vitamin C. Fresh fruits, especially citrus and soft fruits and highly coloured vegetables contain good amounts of vitamin C but you must eat lots of them and you can also top up regularly throughout the day with vitamin C powder or tablets. Follow manufacturers instructions, and take daily to keep colds at bay.

Now you have maximised your immunity you can double the effect by taking vitamin E. When the immune system is fighting an infection, it generates toxic by products that make it more difficult for the body to heal. Most of those by products come in the form of free radicals that oxidise and damage cells. Vitamin E works in tandem with vitamin C, helping to shield the cells from damage, helping you to recover more quickly. Found in cold pressed oils, fish oils, wheat germ, nuts, seeds and good margarines.

Also at this time of the year it helps to take a course of Echinacea as it has a long history of boosting up the immune system. It is thought to work by boosting the production of disease fighting immune cells, such as phagocytes, leukocytes and natural killer cells. It is a good idea to take it for two weeks then stop for a week or two then have another course again. This can be repeated as often as desired throughout the cold season.

Garlic kills germs very fast and its potency is undoubtedly without dispute as is obvious if you eat a clove then breathe on your friends. That memorable smell is full of virus killing molecules. You can get the benefits of garlic without the strong smell by taking garlic capsules. Follow manufacturers instructions, and keep taking them for a few days after the cold has gone to prevent the cold coming back.

Finally there is a Japanese mushroom called maitake which can be added to soups and stews. These mushrooms contain high levels of chemicals called polysaccharides, which are believed to stimulate the immune system to unleash its arsenal of infection-fighting components such as macrophages, natural killer cells and T cells. It can also be obtained as a liquid extract or as a supplement containing the active ingredient beta 1,6 glucan polysaccharide. Take as directed on the label.



*Liz Jarrom*

# A Wine Tour through Italy

'old ones, new ones, loved ones,  
neglected ones'

A selection of tastings led by  
Italian Specialist Wine Merchant  
Christopher Loveday



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
Diseworth Heritage Centre  
8pm

Tickets £10  
includes selection of Italian meats cheeses & breads  
To book - 853647

## Retired Residents Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011

Diseworth Village Hall

1pm



To book call 853647

## Diseworth Village Hall What's On

Date	Event	Price
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday</b> 5<sup>th</sup> Nov</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fireworks Display</b> Gates open 6:30pm Hot food &amp; Sparklers available</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Adults £3 Children £1</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday</b> 11<sup>th</sup> Nov</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tea Dance</b> A mix of Ballroom, Latin &amp; Modern Sequence 2:00pm - 4:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">£2.50 Includes refreshments</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday</b> 19<sup>th</sup> Nov</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Diseworth 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Beer Festival</b> Opens 5:00pm The Mirkins - playing in the evening Food available</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">£7 Includes glass &amp; ½ pint of real ale</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday</b> 26<sup>th</sup> Nov</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Incognosis</b> The boys are back in town - live music Licenced Bar &amp; Food available 7:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">£10 per ticket</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday</b> 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kids Christmas Disco</b> More info to follow</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">£1.50</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday</b> 21<sup>st</sup> Dec</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Salsa Taster Session</b> Followed by a Social Night where you can practice what you have learnt Bring own wine to celebrate</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">£3.00 per person</p>

For further information and to book a place see our website  
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# Home Composting

by Master Composter Meg Galley-Taylor

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## November: Leaves and other woody things

Winter's nearly here and the balance of composting material changes. There's no longer a surplus of lush green vegetation, but one of leaves, prunings and other 'brown' materials that on their own will not make good compost. Most leaves have a Carbon to Nitrogen ratio that is over 30, which means they are low in Nitrogen and so they'll need their nitrogen rich green counterparts to create compost. In this article I try to provide some advice on how to deal with leaves and other brown material.

**Leaves are Great for Compost:** Composting leaves, especially tree leaves is great. Most trees have long roots extending deep into the subsoil where they draw in the nutrients and trace minerals. Fifty to 80% of these nutrients end up in the leaves so you'll find tree leaves rich in trace minerals. They are nature's nutrient recyclers. However, leaves are not without problems:

■ **They have a tendency to mat,** especially when not shredded. When matted they will create an impenetrable barrier to air and water.

■ **They take a long time to break down.** They contain varying amounts of lignin which is extremely resistant to decomposing. Usually a year or two is needed to fully decompose leaves.

To address these two problems you can:

■ **Shred your leaves.** This will improve your composting success because it:

- Reduces the bulk of the leaves by about two thirds

- Reduces the tendency of the leaves to mat.

- Speeds up the decomposition process.

■ **Mix shredded leaves with a high nitrogen source** such as grass clippings. You can mix them by:

- Raking leaves on to your lawn and then put the grass box on and mow the lawn and leaves together. You'll get a well shredded and mixed material.

- Using a shredder and pass any nitrogen rich material you have and the carbon rich leaves through together to produce a nice mix.

- By hand, a few forkfuls of leaves, a few of greens and stir.

■ If you are going to use layers **make the layers thin** so as not to get into big problems with matted leaves.

However many experienced composters choose not to mix their leaves into their composts. You're better off stacking large quantities separately, using a wire mesh bin to keep them tidy. You can make one by wrapping chicken wire around four supporting stakes. Collect the leaves after rain so they're nice and moist and don't let the leaves dry out so water them during dry periods, or turn them occasionally to mix wet leaves with dry. You can also pack leaves into black plastic bags or biodegradable leaf sacks. Tie the bags at the top and pierce them to encourage air to circulate. Stack the bags

somewhere out of the way and forget about them for at least a year while the leaves break down into a rich, crumbly leaf-mould. Some leaves take longer to decompose than others and don't use evergreen leaves because they take too long to break down. After a year to eighteen months you'll have a rich, crumbly mulch, to spread around your plants and borders, dig in as a soil improver, or mix with your potting compost.

As well as leaves, older and tougher brown plant material is slower to rot but gives body to the finished compost. To help increase the decomposition process it is best to chop or shred the material first, if possible, and again mix it with green material. If you have space and too much brown material available at this time of year you can store it and then mix it in with the green material next summer when you have a surplus.

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# Beat News

The crime figures for Diseworth for September are:

- x1 Damage to motor vehicle - tyres slashed,
- x1 Burglary Dwelling

## 101

On October 17, 2011, the police national single non-emergency number – 101 – will be rolled out across the Force area.

From October 17, 2011, calling 101 will replace the dialling of 0116 222 2222 for all non-emergency calls. Members of the public will call 101 for updates on cases, to add information to an existing case or to contact their local officer; for emergencies they will continue to call 999.

However Leicestershire Police will be running 0116 222 2222 alongside 101 during its introduction to the public.

PC 1760 Underwood wants to put out a timely reminder as regards to security of homes and outbuildings/sheds now that the darker nights are upon us. The Police team have the security paint stick available for marking property. Should anyone be interested in this service please contact PCSO 6178 Nicola Stanhope and leave her a voicemail calling 0116 222 2222 and inputting her collar number 6178.

Thank you,

*PCSO Nichola Stanhope*

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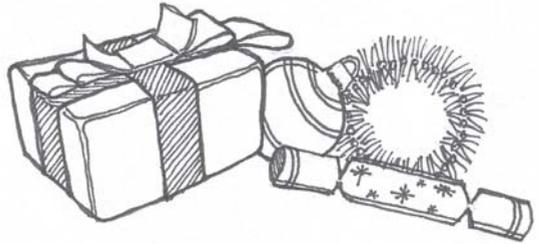
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# Christmas Shopping Evening

Diseworth Village Hall  
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BBC Radio Derby	01332 361111	
British Gas - Engineer	0800 111011	<a href="http://www.britishgas.co.uk">www.britishgas.co.uk</a>
Emergency	0800 111999	
Castle Donington Community College	01332 810528	<a href="http://www.castledonington.leics.sch.uk">www.castledonington.leics.sch.uk</a> <a href="mailto:postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk">postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk</a>
Castle Donington Volunteer Bureau	01332 850526	<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>
Diseworth C of E Primary School	01332 810208	<a href="http://www.diseworthprimary.co.uk">www.diseworthprimary.co.uk</a>
Doctor's Surgery –		
Health Centre, Castle Donington	0844 477 3092	
Orchard Surgery, Kegworth	01509 674919	
Manor House Surgery, Belton	01530 222368	
East Midlands Airport	0871 919 9000	<a href="http://www.eastmidlandsairport.com">www.eastmidlandsairport.com</a>
East Midlands Electricity emergencies	0800 056 8090	
Environment Agency	08708 506 506	<a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk">www.environment-agency.gov.uk</a>
Incident hotline	0800 807 060	
Kinchbus	01509 815637	<a href="http://www.kinchbus.co.uk">www.kinchbus.co.uk</a>
London Road Community Hospital, Derby	01332 265500	<a href="http://www.derbyhospitals.nhs.uk">www.derbyhospitals.nhs.uk</a>
Loughborough Hospital	01509 611600	
Mobile Library	0116 3053565	
NHS Walk In Centre, Pinfold Gate, Loughborough, LE11 1BE	01509 553998	
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 Playhouse	0115 941 9419	<a href="http://www.nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk">www.nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk</a>
Nottingham Royal Centre and Concert Hall	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	
Post Office - Castle Donington	01332 810515	
Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham	0115 924 9924	<a href="http://www.nuh.nhs.uk">www.nuh.nhs.uk</a>
Capital FM East Midlands (formally radio Trent) Nottingham/Leics/Derby Station	0115 8731500	<a href="http://www.capitalfm.com.eastmids">www.capitalfm.com.eastmids</a>
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Royal Derby Hospital	01332 340131	<a href="http://www.derbyhospitals.nhs.uk">www.derbyhospitals.nhs.uk</a>
accident and emergency	01332 783111	
Royal Derby Children's Hospital	01332 786899	
accident and emergency	01332 783277	
Severn Trent Customer Service	08007 834444	
Skylink	0115 9506070	<a href="http://www.skylink.co.uk">www.skylink.co.uk</a>
Traveline - for all public transport information	0871 200 22 33	<a href="http://www.traveline.org.uk">www.traveline.org.uk</a>

**If you have any suggestions for useful numbers to be included in this directory, please let any committee member know.**

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

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Guides	Sandie Clark	01332 814939	sandie.clark@sky.com
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Millennium Meadow	Pat Guy	01332 811119	
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Women's Discussion Group	Liz Jarrom	01332 810358	ejarrom@sky.com

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Event BookingsTel: 0300 800 6000	email: events@diseworthhall.org
General issues Tel: 0300 800 7000	email: admin@diseworthhall.org

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## 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:**

**Samantha Lockwood, 18 Hastings Street, Castle Donington DE74 2LP**

**Telephone: 07934 874739 email: [parishcouncil@lwdpc.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@lwdpc.org.uk)**

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

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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.