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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

APRIL

Sunday	6 th	Beautiful Broadway, Loughborough Town Hall. 7.30pm
Monday	7 th	Discussion Group. Venue. 7 Lady Gate. 2pm..”Nip And Tuck”
Friday	11 th	Coffee Morning, 9 -11am, in aid of the Playground Fund
Monday	14 th	Women’s Group, village hall.8pm. The Lancashire Cotton Trade – Wendy Eccles
Tuesday	22 nd	Bookworms. Discussion of the Lionel Shriver book “We need to talk about Kevin”. Venue 7 Lady Gate. 2pm
Thursday	24 th	<i>Dialogue</i> collating and committee meeting. 8pm, Nicky Millers
Saturday	26 th	Coffee Morning & Spring Fair in church. 10am – 12noon
Saturday	26 th	80’s School Disco

MAY

Thursday	8 th	Retired Residents Spring Lunch. 1pm, village hall
Monday	12 th	Discussion Group. Venue 20 Clements Gate. 2pm. “Feel good factor”
Monday	12 th	Women’s Group. Tenpin bowling
Tuesday	20 th	Bookworms DVD “Notes on a Scandal” Venue 12 Lady Gate. 2pm

JUNE

Monday	2 nd	Discussion Group. Venue 9 The Woodcroft. 2pm “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner?”
Sat/Sun	14 th /15 th	Scarecrow Festival & Open Gardens.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday	13 th	Diseworth Open Flower Show
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Castle Donington Farmers’ Market
Saturday 12th April
2nd Saturday of every month From 9am.
St Edwards C of E Primary School,
The Dovecote, Castle Donington DE74 2QU

Welcome to the April 2008

issue of the Diseworth Dialogue.

Easter has come and gone, and the children are heading back to school with a belly full of Easter eggs!



I can't believe we are a quarter of the way through the year already. I do so hope we have a decent Spring without the gales that have plagued us so far this year. I haven't really started on the garden yet (I'm afraid I am a fair weather gardener!) and am itching to get out there. Of course there's always the Spring Clean to do, and if you read this month's Health page, you might think twice about some of the products you use. Personally I find you can't go wrong with some vinegar, lemon juice and bicarbonate of soda!

This month's edition is full of diverse articles, amusing, touching and informative. In particular I found Tricia Thomas' tribute to her dog Tommy very moving. I am a dog lover and as well as having an ageing Springer Spaniel have recently acquired a rescue dog, Molly. She is a one year old chocolate Labrador, full of energy and mad to boot! Many of our friends (who don't have dogs) thought we were mad to get her but after only five weeks with us she has settled in and is one of the family.

Then there's the welcome return of Wings. Their article is very interesting and from now on I shall make sure I look at every planning application notice I happen to see attached to a lamp-post! The government's proposals to overhaul the planning application process certainly would put a community like ours at a disadvantage.

Events to look forward to include the Spring Fayre and the Retired Residents' Spring Lunch and it was nice to see how the previous lunch benefited another community.

Finally, I would like to say well done to all involved in the launch of the Parish Plan. The power point presentation was excellent and almost as good as the food that followed!

I'm off to take the mad Labrador for a walk (or is it the other way around?) I hope you enjoy this month's edition and if you have any comments, articles, funny stories etc please don't hesitate to send them in either to me at peggy.tudor@btinternet.com or to any member of the editorial team.

If you don't use a computer, simply write it down and pop it through one of our doors. Remember, it's your magazine, written by you for you.

Peggy Tudor.

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church



photograph Julia Sillitoe

From time to time clergy are invited to share with the Bishop their hopes and dreams, their pains and difficulties. It is a way in which the Bishop seeks to be united with each parish regularly in prayer. This task fell on to my desk and Julie Ann's recently. We started reflecting on things to give thanks for and were amazed at all the good things that God is doing in our midst. It's always a sobering exercise to do this kind of audit.

Of course Easter is a similar kind of review of the life-giving work of God in his world. It is a known truth that the Christian faith is centred on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, but it is a truth that is often forgotten a week or two into the Easter season. However, this single event, which turned fearful despair of the first disciples into fearless confidence, is our source of strength for each day and our genuine hope for the future.

Several years ago I picked up a book called *Stations of the Resurrection*, which provides 14 meditations on the resurrection appearances of Jesus. Some are entitled as follows: Earthquake, Empty Tomb, Vision of Angels, Closed Room. What a variety of circumstances and emotions they cover! Just like life. What a rich seam of experience we can draw on as the Christian community.

The challenge this April following on from our early celebration of Easter is to discern and go on discerning signs of resurrection everywhere in the world around us – in the yearly renewal of nature, in recovery from illness, in reconciliation after estrangement and in all new hopes and fresh starts. Sadly in our competitive and thrusting world it is often all too easy to lose sight of this available goodness and power of God. This tiny book, *Stations of the Resurrection*, leads us into a deeper appreciation of the wonder and joy of Christ's triumph over sin and death. I hope there will be opportunity to share this with you all. Whether that happens or not, the goodness and power of God are available to all for the asking.

Alison

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

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Please note that Alison takes Friday as her day off.

Other Benefice Services, Meetings and Social Events in April 2008

April 1 st	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
April 2 nd	Wednesday	Hathern House Group 7.30pm
April 5 th	Saturday	Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon Punch, Pies & Poetry, Long Whatton Church. Contact Betty Cawdell.
April 6 th	Sunday	Hathern Church Music Café 6.00pm-8pm
April 8 th	Tuesday	Diseworth PCC 7.30pm Belton House Group 7.30pm
April 12 th	Saturday	Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
April 15 th	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
April 19 th	Saturday	Long Whatton Friendship Centre Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
April 23 rd	Wednesday	Benefice Praise Evening, Long Whatton 7.30pm
April 26th	Saturday	Diseworth Church Spring Fayre 10am-12 noon Benefice Sponsored Walk, Garendon Park
April 28 th	Monday	Benefice Bible Study, Hathern 7.30pm
April 29 th	Tuesday	Benefice Alpha Evening, Hathern 7.30pm

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Services & Locations for April 2008

	Time	Service	Location
April 3 rd	9.00am	School Assembly	Diseworth
April 6 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion Family Service	Diseworth , Belton, Hathern, Kegworth & Osgathorpe
	4.00pm 6.15pm	Messy Church BCP Evensong	Long Whatton Belton & Kegworth
April 13 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	10.30am	United CW Holy Communion lead by the Bishop of Leicester	Kegworth
	7.00pm	United Lambing Service & Supper	Long Whatton
April 20 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Diseworth & Osgathorpe
	10.30am	CW Morning Prayer	Belton
		CW Holy Communion	Long Whatton
		Family Service	Kegworth
	4.00pm 6.15pm	Messy Church BCP Holy Communion BCP Evensong	Osgathorpe Hathern Belton & Kegworth
April 23 rd	7.30pm	Benefice Praise Evening	Long Whatton
April 27 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Diseworth & Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth, Osgathorpe
	6.15pm	CW Morning Prayer BCP Evensong	Hathern, Belton & Kegworth

Week Day Services

Tuesday	12.30pm	CW Holy Communion	Belton
Wednesday	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Flowers and Church Brasses



	Flowers	Brasses
April 6 th /13 th	Mrs L Gaymer	Mrs E Mitchell
April 20 th /27 th	Mrs M Howe	Mrs D Blenkinsopp

Lessons and Readers for April 2008

	Time	Reader	Sidesman
April 6 th Easter 3	First Reading: 10.30am Zephaniah 3.14-20 Second Reading: Acts 2.14a,36-41 Gospel: Luke 24.13-35	M Gidlow R Harris S Brompton	G Stone
April 13 th Easter 4	First Reading: Genesis 7 Second Reading: Acts 2.42-47 Gospel: John 10.1-10		
April 20 th Easter 5	First Reading: 9.00am Genesis 8.1-9 Second Reading: Acts 7.55-60 Gospel: John 14.1-14	D Cherry S Bird D Blenkinsopp	M Howe
April 27 th Easter 6	First Reading: 8.00am Genesis 8.20-9.17 Second Reading: Acts 17.22-31 Gospel: John 14.15-21	S Bird D Griffin	T Griffin

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

Bell Ringing at Diseworth Mondays 8pm

News from the Pews

The True Vine Trust for Tanzania Nadine Hawkins from Long Whatton has done a great deal to support the above Trust. She now tells us that the new well at the Mgutwa High School, Shambarai in the Maasai Steppe has now reached completion, but due to the climate and land has cost more than had been donated. The constructing of the well had to be made much deeper, meaning more man hours, bricks and cement, costing an extra £1000.

On behalf of Diseworth Church, the PCC would like to make a donation towards this project. We will therefore be using part of the proceeds from the Spring Fayre for the True Vine Trust, and hope that you will support this event and in turn the True Vine Trust.

The Parochial Church Council will meeting in church at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 8th April.

Diseworth PCC would like to thank the Kegworth Vintage Agricultural Club for their generous donation of £1000 to the Church Toilet Fund following the very successful Ploughing Match held by kind permission of Geoff and Chris Bonser last September.



Thank you also to Anna Groves for donating £160 to the Toilet Fund following the Boxing Day Fun Run.

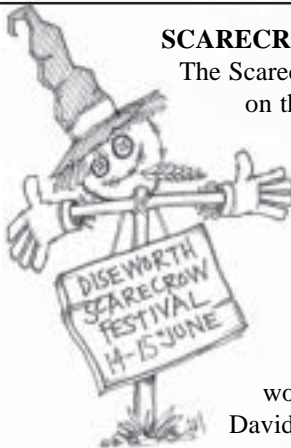
Thanks also to everyone who supported the Leap Year Special French Evening which raised the magnificent sum of £530 towards church funds.

SCARECROW FESTIVAL AND OPEN GARDENS

The Scarecrow Festival and Open Gardens event will take place on the 14th/15th June from 11am until 5pm each day.

We hope everyone will put on their thinking caps and come up with even better ideas than last year, if that is at all possible! The weekend was a huge success last year with wonderful support from the whole village, and was very much appreciated by everyone who came. There is already a coach load of 50 visitors coming on the Saturday!

If you are able to open your garden for the weekend we would be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact David Bird on 01332-810381 or any member of the PCC.



Diseworth Parish Church SPRING FAYRE

Saturday, 26th April 2008
10am – 12noon



Home made cakes - Gifts -
Raffle - Refreshments -
Fair Trade Stall

Notes from the Belton Rectory

I write having just spent the morning with **Bishop Tim** walking from Kegworth to Long Whatton and then on to Hathern. I have gone along paths that I have hitherto not discovered and met up with some of the local people whom I do not know. In Kegworth we shared breakfast together, in Long Whatton we visited Manor Farm & the bakery, the art class and the school. In Hathern we had time to pop into the Forge and the Nurseries before prayers in the church and a buffet lunch at the pub. The atmosphere was relaxed; people enjoyed the bishop's company. As they had done, the week before when I walked with the bishop from Thringstone to Diseworth via Osgathorpe and Belton. I want to thank all those who joined the bishop in his Lent pilgrimage and made it a memorable occasion for him. We are fortunate to have Bishop Tim visiting us again in April when he will be taking part in a **Benefice Eucharist at Kegworth** (10.30am on 13th April). Julie Ann and I are keen that all members of each village church come to that service, where possible, so that we can enjoy being together with our bishop. Some of the church or village organisations might want to make something appropriate to the occasion. More details later in the weekly e-mail.

Northern Lights Weekend Away

For some time now a weekend away for members of the Northern Light has been booked. This will take place 25th-27th July at Swanwick. This is open to anybody in the Benefice and it would be good to have a fair representation from each church. Some have already provisionally booked; others have not. If you have not booked and would like to, please contact Alison Prince. Last year Shepshed had a wonderfully relaxed and happy time away.

The Lent evenings were enjoyed by all, with each taking a different format.

Thanks to each leader who carefully led us through the Beatitudes to a deeper understanding of this part of Christ's teaching and to those who provided refreshments in each church.

Catholic Church of the Risen Lord.

Hillside, Castle Donington

Mass every Sunday 9am



Kegworth Methodist Church

High St. Kegworth



Sunday Services

Morning Worship - 10.30am

Praise Worship – 6.15pm (First Sunday each month)

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



Kegworth Baptist Church

High St. Kegworth



Sunday Services

Morning Worship & Sunday School – 10.30am

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

Lead Deacon: Paul Phillips 01509-551464



Dawn Barnett

1944 – 2008

It was with sadness that we received the news that Dawn had passed away on the morning of her birthday.

She was one of three sisters, born in Cheltenham, but moving to Loughborough at the age of four. She attended Limehurst School and then went to work at the Brush where she met Barry and after marriage

came to live in Hall Gate in Diseworth. She changed jobs and worked at Hansons in Shepshed for 11 years, finally taking early retirement when the company was going to relocate to Chipping Sodbury.

When she was at school Dawn was a keen badminton and netball player and was also a very competitive swimmer. She was chosen to represent the county - an offer she declined as she felt she wasn't good enough and didn't want to let people down. This was typical of Dawn through out all the time we have known her – she was always trying to please and do the right thing and not 'rock the boat'.

Her sense of humour was second to none, and her quick wit often had us reduced to tears of laughter. Many times she made herself the butt of the joke, and it made us feel humble to know that. Much later when she was on continuous oxygen she had to carry a cylinder with her wherever she went. She made light of it saying she ought to be known as a "Gas Buster!"

After retirement she had more time for her many hobbies and interests – computing, yoga, drumming, caravanning, the Plough for a drink or two!, playing cards and eating out with the 'Gormless Diners' every couple of months. She was a demon card player and many is the time we lost out to her sharp card playing and had to sit back resigned to the fact she had won the 'pot' yet again.

For the last couple of years she had been involved with a group in Loughborough called 'Breathe Easy' and became a 'meeter and greeter' to welcome new people to the group which was about supporting people with breathing problems. She was very popular there too, and her kind and pleasant way helped many a new comer.

We will all miss her greatly – her warmth, humour, gentle manner and ever enduring stoicism under the difficult circumstances that her later life held.

God Bless.



A VERY LOOPY LIMOUSIN

Livestock farming is all about breeding animals that are an improvement on the previous generation. For dairy farmers it's about producing young heifers that will give more milk than their mothers and grandmothers and have good square shaped udders that enable the milking unit to stop on. Good feet are essential as cows have to do a lot of walking on concrete. With beef herds it's about breeding solid meaty animals for beef.

In beef herds some females are kept for breeding and the castrated males and the other females are grown on to be fattened and sold for meat. It's important to introduce a fresh bull every few years to prevent inbreeding and improve the quality and vigor of the next generation of calves.

With an eye to the future, back in 2006 we bought a Limousin cow with her bull calf at foot. She was also in calf again

to a Limousin bull so there was the possibility of two potential calves to sell on as breeding bulls. In the past Limousin cattle were very wild but selective breeding has largely bred the craziness out of them. Now when you go in to feed some Limousin calves they just look and act a bit nervous, instead of trying to climb the walls. The birth of the purebred Limousin calf was awaited with some excitement, and in the autumn the Limousin cow gave birth to a beautiful bull calf. We were delighted as he had very prominent muscles even as a newborn. His



The very loopy Limousin!

mother was very quiet so we assumed that the calf would have a quiet temperament too.

Unfortunately there were clues to the contrary while he was still outside with his mother. Once when Will went to feed the group of cows and calves, the young Limousin calf panicked and ended up jumping into the feed trough. Things didn't improve once he came inside. His mother had enough milk for two so he soon had a pal to share his pen with. We thought that this would also calm him down but unfortunately he just made the new calf nervous too.

This was very puzzling as his mother is as quiet as a baby. Now they are both strong well grown calves, but if you go to the door of their pen, they stare at you like frightened deer. Any unusual noises or actions upset them and the young Limousin calf actually tries to go up the wall. Sadly, no matter how promising he looks as a potential stud bull, his temperament means that he would be just too dangerous. This is very sad as he would no doubt have produced some very fine offspring. So now he will be destined for fattening up rather than fathering a new generation of calves.

A Farmer's Dreams

Some dream that we all bear the mark of Cain
My dreams, though fearful, are much more mundane.

The sheep are on the motorway, I cannot find the dog,
I'm running out of airspace and the field is cloaked in fog.
The barley's good and ready and there's all the corn to cart,
We go out in the morning and the combine will not start.
We call for the mechanic and still it will not go
And when at last it comes to life it's belting down with snow.
A cow has started dribbling and falling to her knees,
I fear the worst (I always do). It's Foot and Mouth Disease!
The sheep are on the Derby road – a dream which never fails,
To cause a massive traffic jam from Anglia to Wales.



A form from DEFRA in the post
It's not the thing you want the most
Another from the NFU
To say my sub is overdue.
To cap it all, one from the bank
To say my last investment sank.

My mind's a whirl, my limbs all ache.
I'm grateful when it's time to wake.

by David Griffiths

Parish Plan Launched



Nikki Hening launching the Diseworth and Long Whatton Parish Plan

By now every home in the parish should have a copy of the Parish Plan. It was created by a dedicated team of residents from both villages and reflects the hopes and concerns of those who responded to the questionnaire delivered in the summer of 2006.

It is very comforting to note that many of the actions mentioned have been effected since our service providers were informed last summer about the main concerns. First among these is the Hathern Turn traffic control. This might be causing hold-ups currently while installation takes place but we can be assured that the sometimes hair-raising right turn towards Loughborough will become a normal move. Similarly, the worries about speeding traffic particularly in Long Whatton are being considered seriously and a Speedwatch scheme will start in the spring.

Two local Pharmacies have confirmed that they provide a home delivery service in cases of need such as the housebound and those who have difficulty in reaching the surgery or chemist. The comments about housing have resulted in the District Rural Housing Enabler planning a housing needs survey later this year. The Community Bus Service has expanded, with the hope of further journeys; currently the bus picks up in Diseworth once a week on Thursdays and Long Whatton once a fortnight on Tuesdays.

The Parish Plan team have now completed their work and it is to be hoped that the Parish Council will take over the responsibility for these actions and ensure that they are responded to at District and County level.



The Parish Plan launch, held at the Long Whatton Community Centre

However we as residents have a responsibility as well, to look at the actions called for and to note what can be done at village level. The Environment section of the Plan refers to 'Improved pathways and pavements'. A comment frequently made in the questionnaire referred to overhanging trees and vegetation obstructing pavements, which cause an obstruction and impede pedestrians, particularly those with buggies or small children. Similarly, cars which are parked half on and half off the pavement. This is the responsibility of the owners of the property and the vehicles. 45% of respondents to the questionnaire considered that dog fouling was a serious form of pollution in the parish. This reflects badly on those conscientious dog owners who clear up their dog's mess. Unfortunately there are many others who do not consider this their problem.

A surprisingly large number of village residents claim never to have visited a community building in the parish, whether it is a church or a village hall. We are extremely fortunate in having two village magazines and the questionnaire revealed that almost 100% of respondents considered them to be of the highest quality. Perhaps more information on village activities will encourage more people to attend the welcoming and uplifting services provided by our churches and the wide variety of activities provided in the community buildings.

So many people commented at the launch of the Parish Plan that it has done much to bring the two villages together, but I believe they were sharing much before then. Attending functions and activities in Long Whatton and seeing Whatton residents in Diseworth events I believe we see ourselves as one, with the same hopes that in caring for our own village we will ensure a rich heritage for future generations in the parish.

Nikki Hening

DISEWORTH OPEN FLOWER SHOW

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13th 2008

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

FLOWERS

1. Roses - 3 blooms of one kind
2. One Perfect Rose
3. Vase of 3 Chrysanthemums - Incurved varieties
4. Vase of 3 Chrysanthemums - Reflexed varieties
5. Vase of 3 Pompom Dahlias - flowers not more than 2" diam.
6. Vase of 3 Cacti Dahlias
7. Vase of 3 Decorative Dahlias
8. One Perfect Dahlia - any type
9. Vase of 3 Sunflowers - any variety
10. Fuchsia - any variety - 1 plant in pot, any size
11. A Pot of Herbs
12. 1 Orchid - in flower - in pot, any size
13. Pot plant - in flower - pot maximum 8" diam.
14. Pot plant - in flower - pot any size over 8" diam.
15. Foliage pot plant - pot maximum 8" diam.
16. Foliage pot plant - pot any size over 8" diam.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

17. An arrangement of 5 Flowers, plus foliage, any size, any style
18. An arrangement of Foliage only - no size limit
19. A petite arrangement of your choice – max. 25cm, (9") any direction

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

20. 5 Cooking Apples
21. 5 Dessert Apples
22. 8 Kidney Beans (runner beans)
23. 3 Beetroot
24. 6 Red Tomatoes
25. 6 Novelty Tomatoes - yellow, striped, cherry etc.
26. 1 Cauliflower
27. 1 Cabbage
28. 6 Onions from sets, dressed. (see hints and tips)
29. 3 Onions as grown, not trimmed, roots washed.
30. 1 Marrow
31. 5 Potatoes
32. 3 Leeks as grown, not trimmed, roots washed.
33. 3 Carrots, with tops
34. Any other vegetable not mentioned above
35. Any other fruit not mentioned above
36. Novelty Marrow Species - Squash, Gourd, Pumpkin, Courgette, Melon, Cucumber etc
37. The Diseworth Harvest Basket - 6 different types of fruit or vegetable. Class restricted to Diseworth residents.

JUST FOR FUN

38. A Mis-shapen Vegetable or Fruit

39. The Longest Runner Bean

HOME MADE PRODUCE

40. 4 Fruit Muffins - Diseworth Men only class

41. A Homemade Loaf - any type of flour / grains - own recipe

42. A Cake of Your Choice - your favourite recipe - do please label

43. Fruit Cake - to a recipe of your own choice - need not be sold

44. Victoria Sponge - see recipe

45. 6 Scones for teatime

46. 6 Bread Rolls - own recipe - any type of flour / grains

47. 6 Cheese Straws

48. A Fruit Crumble - own container - need not be sold - please label

49. Jar of Jam

50. Jar of Lemon Curd

51. Jar of Chutney

52. Jar of Marmalade

53. 6 Eggs in a basket

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

54. "Portrait of a Tree" any size

55. "Sensational Sunsets" "

56. "Shorelines" "

ART & HANDICRAFTS - ADULTS

57. Art - any medium - oil, water-colour, pastel, pencil, acrylic, pen & ink, paper-based collage

58. Textile-based Craft - any medium - embroidery, tapestry, knitting, crochet, weaving, collage, dress-making

59. Non-Textile Craft - pottery, papier mache, sculpture, woodwork, metalwork, jewellery

60. A Model Garden - any shape but no bigger than 12" maximum dimension

61. A Home-made Greetings Card - any occasion

THE DISEWORTH HERITAGE TROPHY

62. A Painting or Drawing of a Scene in Diseworth

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

63. The Tallest Sunflower (grown from seed)

64. Handicraft item - embroidery, knitting, sewn items, toys or models, carvings, woodwork. Age 8 and under

65. Handicraft item - as above - Age 9 and over

66. A Garden on a Plate - maximum 10" / 25cm diameter

67. A Flower Arrangement in a Glass Vase - (10cm, provided on day if needed)

68. Painting - "Butterflies" - for the Playgroup Trophy - open to ALL children under 5

69. "Our Sports Day" - any medium - paint, crayon, pen etc. - age 5 and over

70. Creative Writing. "My Day at the Olympics" - One side of A4. Age 10 and over

71. A Home-made card - any occasion - any age

72. A Computer-created Collage - "On Holiday" - any age

73. Cookery - 5 Decorated Biscuits

74. A Vegetable Athlete

Recipes, rules etc. will be provided in the FULL show schedule, which will be available with the July issue of the *Diseworth Dialogue*.

TOMMY 1997 - 2008



No doubt some of you will find it absolute nonsense to mourn the death of a pet with the same intensity that one might show towards the passing of a close friend or relative. However, anyone who has known the devotion and love of a pet will understand what it is like to feel their loss.

I remember vividly, the moment in 2000 when my husband David and I were fussing over Tommy, our Golden Retriever, strapping him into the rear seat belt of the car by way of a new fangled doggy harness, and being vaguely aware that we were being talked about. I looked up to see our boys Ben and Matt watching and giggling with their Grandmother. I suppose my 'withering' look made them come clean, admitting that for the past three years they had affectionately referred to their canine brother as 'The Prince'to which we all collapsed into fits of laughter!

I was shocked when David suggested that we get a dog. Neither of us had ever experienced having a pet, but he had recently taken early retirement and thought it would be a good idea all those long healthy walks in the country. I just

thought about all that muddy mess and dog hair, not to mention the vet bills etc..... no, it certainly was not for me. However, most wives have a strategy when faced with such a dilemma, I thought that if I just humoured my husband then the thought would go away!

Well obviously, I got that one wrong. I returned home one Saturday evening after visiting my Mum, to find this beautiful, blonde, bundle of fluff, with big dark eyes, lying in a vast blue (of all colours, just didn't go with the decor) bed..... In that very moment my heart leapt and Tommy and I were bonded for life!

Tommy was David's dog. He fed, walked and took responsibility for his everyday welfare, but strangely, it was always to me that Tommy deferred. During the latter half of 2004 my husband became ill and spent several months in hospital. I would spend many long days visiting him, returning home both mentally and emotionally exhausted. During this difficult time Tommy became my rock, a loving, dependable companion who kept me together. A singularly spirited sentient soul, who retained his devotion right up to the end of his life.

Last year Tommy underwent major surgery on his front leg. A metal plate and twelve bolts were inserted to ease the pain of arthritis in his left wrist. The trauma had been significant for him and he was never really the same again. He had become old overnight....so we just put his lethargy and sudden weight loss down to old age.

He was so excited to see Ben and Matt home for Christmas and enjoyed all the attention and action of the Fun Run on Boxing Day. However, early in the new year, we took him to the vet who diagnosed acute kidney failure. "Take him home to die, he is not in any pain and he will pass away peacefully."

Tommy was with us four more days and nights and we nursed and cared for him until the end.....he had shown us unconditional love throughout his life, we owed it to him to show the same.

Tommy was a remarkable being, who inspired affection in everyone he met. It is a testament to him that so many of our friends and relations demonstrated their solidarity and sorrow at his passing and as I write this I am mindful of the words from Hamlet by Shakespeare which, I think, encapsulate the emotions we feel about his final journey.

'Goodnight sweet Prince and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.'

Tricia Thomas

Diseworth Retired Residents

At our Christmas lunch it was agreed that the money raised in the raffle would be sent to a Community Group which provides a Christmas meal for those people living alone in the Greenhill area of Coalville.

The following letter has been received:

Dear Retired Residents,

Thank you for your donation. It contributed to provide a good time for all the people who attended the Christmas meal. A total of twenty-two people including helpers sat down to a meal, which was followed by entertainment of carols and songs. People are collected from 12 o'clock onwards and taken home from 5pm if transport is needed. It usually takes two days to get the rooms ready. A lot of work is needed in preparation and in decorating the rooms to give a friendly atmosphere, plus all the work of the actual meal. Thanks once again for your donation, which helped, to give the people on their own a happy Christmas Day.

God Bless You ,
A Liggins

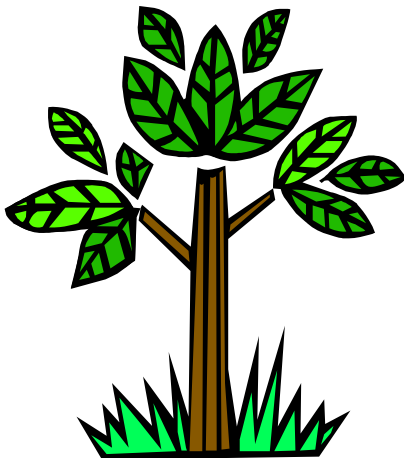


The community group preparing for the Christmas lunch

Retired Residents Spring Lunch

Thursday
8th May 2008

Village Hall
1pm



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TIME LORDS (AND LADIES)

The sun burned bronze as it continued its evening descent in the western sky and the golden rays danced amongst the trees dappling the leaves.

A sudden breeze stirred the still air causing birds to startle and flutter in the high branches of the oaks. The group of people watching through the window of their house wondered if this heralded the arrival of the Time Lord.

One member of the group walked outside and scanned the area to the North, the direction from which the Time Lord would enter the village, and reported there was still no sign of his arrival.

The group knew the Time Lord should have departed from the North West, at least four hours before sunset and now only a tiny rim of red-gold sun remained. Within another ten minutes the sky would start to darken.

The people began to ask each other about the reliability of the vehicle, if the departure time were correct, whether some sudden manifestation had prevented his departure, if any messages had been transmitted or received.

The group of people moved away from the window, unable to proceed with their plans until the Time Lord arrived, yet reluctant to initiate alternative actions. Some members attempted to communicate with the Time Lord, but were unsuccessful. Then, just as the people decided they must continue without him, the Time Lord's vehicle was heard settling and positioning outside.

As the Time Lord entered the house, one of the group asked which awful matter had caused his delay.

"Oh, I'm not late am I? I had to work unexpectedly, then I had to take some things round to Ian, then I had some lunch and Paul came round and we were talking, then I had to sort the house and you know how it is. And it's OK, we've still got 15 minutes before we have to be at the restaurant" said the older offspring from Manchester, dumping his bag on the kitchen floor.

The boy restrained the female offspring and the husband made sure all sharp implements were out of the way.

Older offspring does this all the time. He functions in a special time zone peculiar to him and his aunt (husband's sister) in a parallel universe only they and other Time Lords and Ladies inhabit, totally unaware of the time that governs the rest of us in our world.



Many people cope with the husband's sister by telling her a time well in advance of when they want her to arrive so that there is slight chance of her being where she should be at no more than an hour or two late. This is the strategy we used for our family gathering this time and it was better; she only arrived two hours late, and still two hours before the older offspring. It is not a strategy we have found successful with him.

He has an inherent inability to adhere to any time scales in his leisure time (work is the exception). So now we ask him what time he is arriving, leaving, doing, whatever, and add at least two hours on to it. *Then* we make our plans, but still with a further safety hour if we can.

His timing is legendary. He missed the boat when leaving Germany on a school trip and had to get a later crossing. He insists to this day that it was the fault of the boy he was staying with, but with his track record I remain unconvinced.

He starts off with good intentions, but on his way to do a task or go somewhere, he will find something of interest and gets heavily involved in that instead.

Older offspring's wife herself is very fortunately not time challenged, other than by association with him. She is under no illusions about his timekeeping, but is exceptionally diplomatic and generously describes him 'becoming easily distracted and occupies his time on other things'. (I think she might make an exceptionally good counsellor) Anyway, I remain hopeful that she might exert a little control over him.

The rest of the family may not occupy the same time zone as the older offspring and his aunt, but do have timing issues.

The husband *has* to be early, to the point of being obsessive about it, especially when we are going away. I recall very vividly the time he insisted we get up at 04.30 to be at the docks in time for a ferry to Ireland leaving at 08.30. As

it was, we then had a 3½ hour wait to get on the ship. We had travelled to Wales the evening before and had stayed overnight only two minutes away from the port. His justification for this was that we were at least at the front of the queue. I can assure everyone that there is absolutely nothing to do in Anglesey between 05.00 and 08.30.

I have used a lot of my time waiting around for hours as a result of husband's predilection for being early and I think he must owe me at least two years.

Female offspring unfortunately shares the 'must be early' characteristic, although not so excessively early. However, she does have to have dummy runs when going somewhere new so she can work out how much time she needs to be early. She then has to build in extra time so that her boyfriend will be able to look for and find his wallet and his phone, which are always mysteriously missing just at the point they are about to leave the house.

She became quite practised and patient at managing others' poor time keeping when her French friend stayed with us. Celine was clearly a Time Lady in training and trying to enter the same time zone as older offspring. She had to be told we were going out an hour before we did, so she had time to change her clothes, bags and shoes at least three times before leaving.

The boy likes to think he's on time, but is usually a little late, mainly because he has to return for the things he has forgotten, or to check the things he thinks he might forget, or those he will forget if he doesn't go back and repeat everything all over again. This does tend to irritate his girlfriend, especially when he is persistently late home from work or when she has to stop him from going back and checking for a third time. Although they probably do even out in the time stakes, as he insists that time fails to have any meaning for her when he wants her to get up early on her day off.

So, finally, on a Sunday afternoon after our family weekend time together, our Time Lord and Lady start their vehicles and drive away into a dull, drizzly mist which they would have avoided if only they had managed to leave at the same time as everyone else.

Karen Jepson

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DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

If you have items for the MAY 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 7th APRIL

**Welcome to 2 new advertisers.
See page 42 of the Dialogue.
Turn to the yellow pages to see
the updated ad for Lee
Partington, Melbourne Plumbing
& House Maintenance**

Something you never knew your mobile phone could do ...

Have you locked your keys in the car?

Does your car have remote keyless entry? If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their mobile phone from your mobile phone. Hold your phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. **This could save someone from having to** drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other "remote" for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the boot).

Treasurer Christine's note: "It works fine! We tried it out and unlocked our car over a mobile phone!"



The Mobile Library visits Disworth on the 4th & 18th April.

The Bowley 11.55 – 12.15
Clements Gate 12.20 – 1.20
The contact number for the mobile library is 01530 835951.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Alex Jonson and Katy Wallis on their recent engagement.



The proposal took place on the ski slopes of France in February. All good wishes from the family.

Thank You

The residents in the Hall Gate area kindly donated the magnificent sum of £120 during my house to house collection for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Thank you so much, Sheila Dakin

DIALOGUE DISPATCHES



Very Best Wishes to Beryl Lees recovering from an operation. Get well soon and we look forward to seeing you at the Spring Lunch



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I am a mature, reliable 15 year old girl who lives in Diseworth and I am available for babysitting. Call Hannah on 01332 811785

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Willow Weaving at Diseworth Village Hall

Ever wanted to make a traditional willow basket or a decorative feature for your garden? Then this ten week course is for you. Beginning on Wednesday 16th April, 1-3pm it is open to both complete beginners and those with experience of willow work. Tutor Maggie Cooper will teach you how to prepare the willow and basic techniques so that you can go on to make your chosen items. Course costs £60, with concessions of 70% available.

For more information and to enrol please telephone Leicestershire Adult Learning Service at Kegworth Community Centre on 01509 676605/03

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

Lawns Cut

Competitive Rates
Contact Michael Thrift
01332 864360

Diseworth village Hall 200 Club

The latest winners of the 200 Club are:-

November

1st (56) J Moorhouse - £30

2nd (44) D Pass - £20

3rd (101) D Wilby - £10

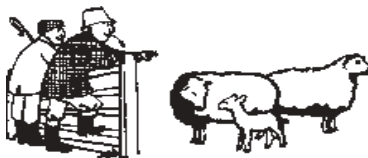
December

1st (114) J Clark - £30

2nd (156) J Clark - £20

3rd (75) A Evans - £10

LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



We began the meeting on 6th March with some discussion with PCSO Polly Cotton and her colleague from Castle Donington about fly tipping. There had been an incident at the end of Long Holden at Diseworth (as well as just over the border in Isley Walton). Amongst the rubbish was a door bearing the number '92' ... a case for Sherlock Holmes perhaps. The District Council has been alerted and we're told they are on the case.

Nearby is the perpetual problem of 'Airport Parking'. It's cheaper to abandon your car in the streets of this Parish and catch the regular bus than pay at the airport, it seems. But it's a serious inconvenience for residents. A meeting will be held shortly with a Highways Officer from the County Council to discuss possible solutions. The rapidly approaching Speedwatch scheme was discussed as was the incidence of distraction burglaries. A difficult one to crack – all possible help is needed and the police don't mind at all receiving calls reporting suspicious characters, even if it turns out to be a false alarm. Even if one call in 20 leads to them collaring a villain, they'll be happy and so will we (*for more information and details of a recent local incident - see our website longwhattondiseworth.org.uk – Parish Council News*).

Long Whatton Playgroup provides an excellent service to the village but the costs have escalated without a corresponding increase in income. Much effort has gone into local fund raising but it's not enough. Councillors have responded to the Playgroup's cry for help by promising to take up the case of the escalating rent at the Community Centre with those who might be able to help. Meanwhile, a modest grant has been made to help plug the gap. More children would help too!

Arrangements have been made, as part of the Parish Plan process, to meet with relevant professionals to talk about the way forward to provide Affordable Housing in the villages. Arrangements are available which might lead to a positive way forward. More news about the outcome of this will follow. A local survey may be conducted.

Potholes in the road fill with water and passing traffic drenches pedestrians on the narrow pavement between the school and the Royal Oak in Long Whatton. Nothing is

happening following earlier requests to remedy this and so the Highways department is to be pursued again.

The Council's proposal of the name Fred Sherwood Close for the new development off West End, Long Whatton does not comply with the District's current policy on street naming. We're told that *Sherwood Court* is likely to be the favoured option.

The Planners are introducing "consultation by internet" which will soon make life more tricky for this Council. Spreading the plans out on the table and discussing the finer points will be replaced by individual Councillors needing to look at their own computer screens before the meeting. We'll see how it goes.

Parish Clerks tend to retreat into administrative hibernation at this time of year as the Council/Financial/Tax years end and the Annual Audits loom. Also in my case I'll be away for a while in April due to my son's wedding. Please forgive any short interruptions to the usual service.

Douglas Maas, Parish Clerk

tel: 01530 242534

website: www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk

Punch, Pies and Poetry Evening

All Saints Church Long Whatton
Saturday 5th April at 7.30pm



Bring a favourite poem to share, either your own composition or an old favourite.

Punch and Pies and plenty of 'patter' guaranteed.

Tickets £10.00 available from
Long Whatton Post Office
Betty Cawdell & Anne Matravers
Also on the door.

WOMENS' GROUP

WATERCOLOURS

We asked Carol Woodland to come back and run another hands-on painting evening as we had so enjoyed the first one. The subject – ducks!

We followed Carol's step by step demonstration to produce a complete picture in one session and although we all copied the basic watercolour, each one varied significantly and when displayed altogether they made a wonderful 'paddling of ducks.'

We're now hooked and expect to bring Carol back before too long.

Next Meeting

The Lancashire Cotton Trade

Monday 14th April 8pm

The speaker is Wendy Eccles

We are delighted to be joining with the History Group for this talk.

Coffee etc will be served afterwards.

Sheila Dakin 810858



Coffee Morning

Friday 11th April

9 – 11am

Diseworth Village Hall

To raise funds for the

'Diseworth Playground Fund'

Come and join us for coffee, cake and a chat

HEALTH PAGE

Clean Home or Danger Zone?



Cleaning by its very definition sounds a positive thing to do, but could we be doing more harm than good to our health with all that spraying and polishing. Pick up any bottle of cleaner be it for the kitchen, bathroom or wherever and just read the ingredients and warnings on the back. Manufacturers are not forced to include all the ingredients only the ones deemed to be potentially dangerous. So if the product carries a warning do we really want it in our homes?

Another big problem is the propellants used in aerosols; most are petroleum distillates or phenol, both suspected carcinogens. It is probably much safer to use products that are poured on a cloth rather than sprayed into the air and inhaled. Bleach is great for pouring down the toilet and round the plughole; but bleach in a spray product may release toxic chloramines, especially if mixed with other acidic cleaning products, even vinegar.

Anyway, who decided that we need lots of special cleaners for different jobs? Are we being conned into buying lots of products we don't need? What is wrong with a general purpose cleaner, some water and a bit of elbow grease? Air fresheners only mask smells and mostly contain artificial scents, so why not instead open the windows or put out some bowls of potpourri sprinkled with natural essential oil. House plants such as peace lilies, ivy, and spider plants actually absorb smells and unpleasant gases, cleansing the atmosphere naturally.

Then what about all the cleaning and beauty products we use directly on our bodies. Shampoos and shower gels invariably contain sodium laurel sulphate, a powerful degreasing agent which is regularly used in clinical trials to irritate the skin. Cosmetics and beauty products have to contain preservatives to stop them going off once they have been opened. These are usually petroleum derived parabens usually preceded by the words benzyl, butyl, ethyl, propyl or methyl. Deodorants and antiperspirants also contain parabens, and research on women diagnosed with breast cancer has shown that many of these women were regularly using products containing high amounts of parabens.

We assume that these products have been tested properly and are safe but can we be sure? To play safe it may be better to look for products that avoid using these harsh chemicals.

Liz Jarrom



80's

School Disco

To raise money for the
'Diseworth Playground Fund'

Come dressed in 80's fashion or your 80's
school uniform
and boogie to the sounds of the 80's

Saturday 26th April

7.30pm

Diseworth Village hall

Tickets £7.50

16+

Food and Raffle

Bring your own drink

To purchase tickets or for more information
phone Anna on 01332 810014

Wishing on a Star



What is the first thing you do when opening a new issue of a magazine or newspaper? Do you turn straight to the sports pages to follow the fortunes - or misfortunes - of sporting stars, or do you go straight to the leisure pages to read your own fortune in the horoscope section? The stars were said by ancient astrologers to have an influence on the destinies and lives of man; (Judges 5:20: “The stars in their courses fought against Sisera”). From this belief came phrases such as ‘thank your lucky stars’ and ‘born under a lucky star’.

The word horoscope is derived from the Greek *hora* ‘hour’ and *skopos* ‘observer’, used by astrologers for predicting future events through the ‘Signs of the Zodiac’. This ancient and mediaeval ‘pseudoscience’ follows the movements and positions of the planets, the sun, the moon and its eclipses and the pattern of the tides. It was the forerunner of the science of astronomy.

The zodiac is an *imaginary belt* or *zone* of the heavens which extends approximately eight degrees each side of the celestial sphere around which the sun has its annual path. It was divided by the ancients into twelve parts, each measuring 30 degrees, distinguished by individual signs. Beginning with Aries, there are six on the north side of the equator and six on the south side.

The six northern signs: Aries (the ram), Taurus (the bull) and Gemini (the twins) represent the signs of spring, then Cancer (the crab), Leo (the lion) and Virgo (the virgin) are summer signs. The six southern signs are Libra (the balance), Scorpio (the scorpion) and Sagittarius (the archer) representing the autumn, followed by Capricorn (the goat), Aquarius (the water carrier) finishing with Pisces (the fish) as the winter signs:

*Our vernal signs the Ram begins,
Then comes the Bull, in May the Twins;
The Crab in June, next Leo shines,
And Virgo ends the northern signs.
The Balance brings autumnal fruits,
The Scorpion stings, the Archer shoots;
December's Goat brings wintry blast,
Aquarius rain, the Fish come last.*

We are, in many ways, affected by stellar influences; whether they are the stars of stage, screen and field, stars with feet of clay or those of distant constellations; they appear to have a significant influence on fortunes and misfortunes. The poet W.B. Yeats, fondly known as ‘The Last Romantic’, wrote about the stars in many of his poems:

*..... When shall the stars be blown about the sky,
Like the sparks blown out of a smithy, and die?*

(The Secret Rose)

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Music News

The 8th annual Castle Donington Rotary Club Music Festival was held on the 23rd February and was adjudicated by Mrs Ann Ward. She is an examiner with many international tours to her name as well as being head of music at Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth 1 College in Leicester.

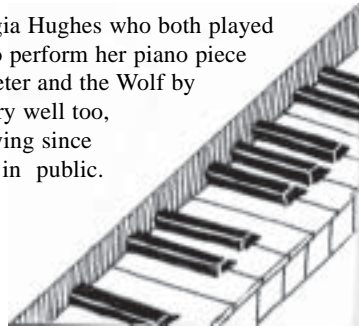
The venue this year was at the Methodist Church in Castle Donington and in my opinion was an improvement to the Community College. The acoustics were much better and it was a much more intimate and cosy affair. It was also very much warmer!

Although the entries overall were much less this year it was still a very good day with the standard of playing being excellent. For the first time an organ student from Kegworth performed which was lovely to hear.

Diseworth was represented by Bethan Henry and Georgia Hughes who both played a piece on the clarinet and piano. Bethan was chosen to perform her piano piece in the evening concert. She played "The duck" from Peter and the Wolf by Sergei Prokofiev and did so beautifully. Georgia did very well too, especially on the clarinet, which she has only been playing since September, and the first time she had performed either in public.

The next rotary festival is at the end of March in Melbourne.

Janet Moorhouse



Monday, 10 March 2008

Mr. P. Bishop,
DHL Air Limited,
East Midlands Airport,

Dear Paul,
Many thanks for your cheque in the sum of £500.00 continuing your Company's sponsorship of the *Diseworth Dialogue* for the coming year.

My committee are most grateful for DHL Air's support, and hope our magazine will provide you with enjoyable reading for the coming year.

Our sincere thanks,

Yours sincerely,
Sandie Moores
Secretary.

Reality Check



Last month's *Dialogue* magazine contained a surprise for me. Like Mark Twain, I read my own obituary! Retired I might now be but I hope I'm not yet quite deceased. Many who know me commented that 'Anon' – the author of the piece – had captured the essence of the man. If that's the case I feel somewhat humbled and just in case anyone thinks that I sit on a high pedestal the following should be read, if only to demonstrate that I'm far from infallible.

My working career spanned 40 years as an airline pilot. One of the first airliners I flew was the venerable Viscount. It had 4 engines so pilots liked it and it had big windows so passengers liked it too. It also had two toilets, but these were fairly early days in the context of sophistication and the two loos were furnished with buckets which had to be removed and emptied on a regular basis, a bit like an old caravan. Anyway, we did a regular service from East Midlands which called in first at Birmingham where we picked up more passengers. From there we went to Guernsey where some got off and some got on. Then across to Jersey where again, some got off and some got on. From Jersey we went on to Southend where all the passengers decamped and we then refuelled before collecting a fresh set of folk and retracing our steps back to East Midlands.

On this particular day I bowled in to work in a bit of a rush and hadn't had time to fully complete the morning ablutions. The consequence was that we left East Midlands on time but I was already in need of a visit to the boy's room. It was but a short hop across to Birmingham and we were only scheduled to be on the ground for a few minutes so I was too busy to pay a visit whilst we were there. Then on to Guernsey. Again not a long flight and too much going on to find the time to do what needed to be done to clear the tubes. By the time we landed at Guernsey my life was becoming a bit uncomfortable but again, we weren't scheduled to stop long enough for me to find an opportunity. By the time we got to Jersey things were getting really quite uncomfortable but the same time constraints existed. The next leg, up to Southend, was a bit longer and I was confident that I would be able to find a resolution to my little private problem. It was not to be however, I don't now remember why but it was a busy flight and there was no time to leave the flight deck. What I do remember is that each passing minute made matters worse and I was having to concentrate more on my discomfort than the job in hand.

Southend is not the easiest airport to land at smoothly in a Viscount, the approach is in over a railway line and the runway is not too long so you need to get the thing on the tarmac pretty pronto, which doesn't leave much room for finessing the arrival and it often ends up being a bit of a thump onto the ground. I was desperate to make it a smooth arrival this time, a heavy landing could have been disastrous in the underwear department as we'd now been on the go for some 4 hours since I first realised that nature was calling.

The landing was good, good enough anyway, and there was no embarrassment. I knew that relief was now close at hand. In ten minutes we'd be parked up, the passengers would have left, the co-pilot could supervise the turn round and I could do what needed to be done before we re-boarded.

And so it was, it seemed to take an age for everyone to get off and I was by now really desperate but at last they were all gone and I dashed back to the loo. What pleasure, what bliss, I have never been so comfortably seated! I'd just passed the point of no return when there was a loud and urgent knocking on the door and a dismembered voice said,

'Oy, whoever's in there, there's no bucket!'

'Too late' I called back. Quelle horreur, the cleaners had already taken the bucket out to 'refresh' it and I had now left a message on the floor!

Life is a great leveller and none of us are immune!

But it gets worse. The rest of my crew fell about laughing and any respect anyone had for me had gone out with the contents of the bucket. The damage was repaired, the next set of passengers boarded and the senior stewardess started her welcome speech over the tannoy:-

'Ladies and Gentlemen' she said,

'Welcome aboard this British Midland Viscount flight to Jersey and Guernsey. On behalf of Captain Crapper and the crew ..etc....'

Every time I spoke to the passengers on each of the legs for the rest of the day I had to introduce myself as Captain Crapper.

That's what I call a reality check!

The story found its way into the folklore of the airline but fortunately for me the nickname didn't! If people in the village now start to address me as 'Captain Crapper' I shall blame 'Anon'!

Jim Snee

WINGS

THE PINK NOTICE, WHITE NOTICE AND THE PLANNING AND REFORM BILL

It will not have escaped the keen-eyed walkers around the village that certain lamp or telegraph-posts are used to hang notices originating from the Planning Department of North-West District Council. Notwithstanding these may, after a few days, lay around the ankles of said posts, they still remain as one means of informing the residents that a planning application is being considered for some development within or on the boundaries of our conservation village.

In June 2000 WINGS wrote that the then pink (now white notices) needed to be seen in order for residents to respond, especially if they may be in obscure places. Remember mushroom farms, Arlington and Granada Motor Services. The main message was please, please respond. We said:-

“If no formal objection is made to the proposal, it may be difficult or even impossible for the local authority to decline to permit the development - especially if the developer is a big business.”

“If we don’t know what is happening on our doorstep, we can’t choose what to do about it..... until it’s too late.”

Reform of the Planning laws has been pending for a number of years, precipitated mainly by the duration and cost of the public enquiry into Heathrow’s new Terminal five. Although notices on lamp-posts may still exist for small developments this will not be the case for major developments under the new Planning Bill. The Bill was given its first reading in the Commons in November last year.

In Planning Portal a Government publication, Milne (2008), has written:-

“Its importance rests pre-eminently on the fact that it sets out a new single regime for handling key infrastructure projects – power stations, reservoirs, airports, railways, wind farms, waste projects and so on – and establishes a new body, called the Infrastructure Planning Commission.”

And

“Ministers are under no illusion that the measures will have an easy Parliamentary ride. The Conservatives have complained that the Bill will see powers taken away from local communities to unaccountable “and unsackable bureaucrats”.

David Taylor MP for North West Leicestershire in a personal communication to members of Friends of the Earth within his constituency has stated,

“As you will note...the government’s proposals for an IPC (Infrastructure Planning Commission) would strip away the existing local democratic scrutiny of MIPs (Major Infrastructure Projects), as well as removing the ministerial final approval, which is another safeguard against unwanted and environmentally damaging MIPs”

It is to David Taylor’s credit that he is a signature to three Early Day Motions on the Planning Bill. These are seeking to retain ‘the existing public right to appear at inquiries and also expresses concern that existing policy documents, such as the Airport Transport White Paper may be designated as National Policy Statements. The third expresses serious concern that the IPC will have inordinate and unprecedented powers with regard to decisions about MIPs.

“There would be no right of appeal against the decision of the IPC, except by judicial review in the High Court. These new arrangements would cover projects in the fields of energy, transport, water, waste water and waste. The Secretary of State, rather than the IPC, would be able to decide on an application only in exceptional and very proscribed circumstances.” (Milne 2008).

Living in a village bordering on a motorway, located not too distant from a major power station and awaiting upheaval caused by widening of the M1 and a new rail-link at Ratcliffe-on-Soar, residents should be aware of the implications of the Planning Bill.

Add to this list proposals shrinking the green belt for housing and other building developments between Derby and Nottingham and the promise of an extended runway and associated airport development we have to be aware of these issues. Importantly we must retain the right to oppose any such developments should they threaten our environment, our health and our communities.

The Planning Bill, if approved, will remove the public’s right to be involved in the debate about proposed major developments affecting their lives.

Find out more by visiting :-
www.foe.co.uk/events/index_ongoing.html

www.planningportal.gov.uk

And if you feel strongly, as we do, to seek reassurances write to the

Rt. Hon. Hazel Blears MP, Secretary of State Communities and Local Government, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London, SW1E 5DU

And to David Taylor MP at taylorld@parliament.uk

Reference

Milne, R (2008) Planning Bill – in a nutshell. Planning Portal.
WINGS Email:- wings_contact@hotmail.com

BURGLARY AMENDMENT

Last month we printed a piece about an attempted burglary that took place on the 21st of February. Unfortunately some of the facts given to us were incorrect and we would like to take this opportunity to amend the previous statement.

The youth who entered the house did so not through an open window but through one which was in fact closed and locked.

He did not shatter a double glazed window but in fact broke a lock.

Finally, the perpetrators did actually steal a purse which was later recovered.

The victim of this crime would like to thank the police for being so prompt.



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BBC East Midlands	0115 955 0500 www.bbc.co.uk/england/eastmidlandstoday/
BBC Radio Derby	01332 361111
British Gas - Service Gas Escape Emergency	0645 605040 0800 111999
Castle Donington Community College	01332 810528 postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk
Castle Donington Volunteer Bureau	01332 850526
Chemist, Gerald Porter, Castle Donington	01332 810213
Derby City Hospital	01332 340131
Derby Playhouse	01332 363275 www.derbyplayhouse.co.uk
Derby Royal Infirmary - accident & emerg	01332 347141 ext 2170
Derbyshire Children's Hospital - emergency (health emergencies not caused by injury)	01332 340131 ext. 6808/6809
Diseworth C of E Primary School	01332 810208
Doctor's Surgery - Health Centre, Castle Donington	0844 477 3092
Orchard Surgery, Kegworth	01509 674919
East Midlands Airport	01332 852852 www.eastmidlandsairport.com
East Midlands Electricity emergencies customer services	0800 056 8090 0800 363363
Environment Agency	0800 807060
Kinchbus	01509 815637 www.kinchbus.co.uk
Loughborough Hospital	01509 611600
NHS Direct	08 45 46 47 www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk
North West Leicester District Council	01530 454545 www.nwleics.gov.uk
Nottingham Concert Hall	0115 989 5555
Nottingham Playhouse	0115 941 9419
Nottingham Royal Centre	0115 989 5555 www.royalcentre-nottingham.co.uk
Police	0116 222 2222
Post Office - Long Whatton	01509 842264
Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham	0115 924 9924
Radio Trent	0115 952 7000
Reel Cinema Loughborough	01509 212261
Severn Trent Customer Service	08007 834444
Skylink	0115 9506070 www.skylink.co.uk
Traveline - for all public transport information	0870 608 2 608 www.traveline.org.uk

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

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

Village Directory

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

Diseworth Village Hall

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CONTACTS

CO-ORDINATORS:

Noel McGough, 28 Lady Gate. 811362
Barry Smith, 18 Hall Gate. 812600
Sandie Moores, contact person for Lady Gate. 812629
Victoria Britton contact person for Clements Gate. 850184

YOUR LOCAL PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Email: longwhatdisepc@hotmail.com.

Please visit the website at www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk (being updated).

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

Martin Hening, 9 Clements Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QE	01332 853647
Sue Roberts, Chapel Farm, Hall Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QJ	01332 810813
Kevin Brown, 10 Grimes Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QD	01332 850910
Derek Wiggins, Bull & Swan, Grimes Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QD	01332 853960
Andrew Cawdell, 58 The Green, Long Whatton LE12 5DB	01509 843273
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Thomas Wilkins, 1 Hathern Road, Long Whatton LE12 5DD	07971 730499

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.