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

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Diseworth Diary



FEBRUARY

- Friday 2nd Concert in Church. Derbyshire Constabulary Male Voice Choir. 7.45pm. £5
- Monday 5th Women's Discussion Group. "First Impressions" 26a Clements Gate. 2pm
- Monday 12th Womens Group. "The Black Death" New thoughts and recent research. Pat Guy. Village Hall. 8pm
- Tuesday 13th Bookworms. 10 Lady Gate. 2pm. DVD "The Constant Gardener"
- Thursday 22nd *Dialogue* collating and committee meeting. VTBA
- Saturday 24th Coffee Morning in Church. 10.00am – 12noon

MARCH

- Monday 5th Women's Discussion Group. "Medical Care or Interference". 7, Lady Gate. 2pm
- Thursday 8th A Talk on Heraldry. Community Centre. Long Whatton.
- Tuesday 20th Bookworms. 7 Lady Gate

APRIL

- Thursday 12th The Gamekeeper. Long Whatton Community Centre

JUNE

- Sat/Sun 16th/17th Scarecrow Festival and Open Gardens

The Police
Rural Beat Bus
will be in Diseworth
on
Feb 12th
from 3 – 7pm.

A Letter From The Editor

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

How quickly time passes. It seems such a long while since we were harking to herald angels singing and yet, here we are at the beginning of the shortest month of the year and the angels of commerce have been putting in double time. Hardly had the last mince pies been cleared from the shelves when the first cream eggs appeared in their place, and the chocolate reindeers were swiftly swapped for bunnies of the same ilk. The high streets, not to mention the out of town shopping centres, are currently shrouded in red ribbons and hearts as cupid does his utmost to cash in on love. Pass me a hot cross bun please!



This month's magazine is packed as usual with information. The new website for Leicestershire villages should be a boon for all of us who require information about anything and everything: local transport; community groups; restaurants, council services etc. etc, all at the click of a mouse. More information can be found on page 27, or better still, come along to the village hall on February 16th and enjoy a glass of wine as you learn more about this new facility.

Congratulations must go to Harold Adkin and his team of left handed golfers. Harold was elected captain of the Team Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand squad in 2006 and led his team at the James Cup International Championship in Taiwan where they had a very narrow defeat against the strong USA/Asia team. Turn to pages 28/29 for an account and photographs of the tournament. Congratulations also go to the Kegworth Vintage Agricultural Club for the magnificent sum of money raised for local charities at their Ploughing Match held in Diseworth in September last year. A full report of the cheque presentation along with some lovely photographs of the event can be found on pages 22/23.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Rita Rose just before Christmas. For many of us, it was at the Retired Residents Christmas Lunch when we heard that she had become so very unwell so it was a double shock when we heard that Rita had passed away only two days later. With the approval of her family, the proceeds of the raffle at the Christmas lunch have been donated to Cancer Research. Dave Honeybun, our former Postman Pat, has written a warm tribute to Rita which can be found on page 13. I understand that a further tribute will be included in the next issue of the *Dialogue*.

Finally, congratulations to Diseworth School on their success in the Tag Rugby Tournament which took place at Kegworth School in November.

Sue Brompton

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church



photograph Julia Sillitoe

Dear Friends,

The Whimsical versus the Robust

What's the name of the statue in the middle of Piccadilly Circus in London? Why, it's the statue of Eros, of course. Everybody knows that.

Actually, no it isn't. Its real name is the "Shaftesbury Monument". And the figure on the top is **not** Eros, but the Angel of Christian charity.

It is an unusual statue and has overseen Piccadilly Circus for over a century. It is an icon for how we have recognised true love and confused it.

Anthony Ashley Cooper, 7th Earl of Shaftesbury, was the kind of man who deserves a monument. Physically ill-treated himself as a child, he determined as an adult that he would fight poverty and suffering, especially among the young. An MP from 1826 he visited slums and workhouses, founded schools, improved sewerage, opposed child labour and improved living conditions.

The boundaries and standards our society enjoys today are due to men like Shaftesbury. His monument is a reminder that true love is not whimsical and flighty like Cupid's, but inspired and robust like Christ.

The idea of love, however, is easily corrupted and the statue's nickname reflects the rather romantic notion of love that we often prefer. When the statue was unveiled in 1883 it was greeted with indignation because of its naked male form. So, the Angel of Charity reminds us of how ill at ease we can be with anything remotely sexual or erotic – which isn't entirely healthy either.

Symbolically, it is interesting that this aluminium statue, in the midst of human haste and glitz, is not very sturdy at all. It was damaged in 1994 when a happy drinker swung on its outstretched foot and bent it over. Surely the moral of this story has to be that if you don't treat love with respect, it will get damaged.

Why all this talk about a statue in far-away London? Well, February means that love is in the air and in the card shops. It could be a time, if we wanted, to revisit our own monuments of love and remember what they are supposed to be about in the first place. Are our marriages, relationships and friendships what they were designed to be? Or could they do with a little repair?

Alison Prince

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Services & Locations for February 2007

	Time	Service	Location
February 1st	9.00	School Assembly	Diseworth
February 4th	8.00am 10.30am	BCP Holy Communion CW Holy Communion Family Service	Hathern & Kegworth Belton Hathern, Kegworth & Osgathorpe
	6.15pm	All Age Worship BCP Holy Communion BCP Evensong	LW Com Centre Diseworth Belton & Kegworth
February 11th	8.00am 9.00am 10.30am 6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion Family Service CW Holy Communion United Healing Service	Belton & Kegworth Osgathorpe Diseworth Hathern & Kegworth Hathern
February 18th	8.00am 9.00am 10.30am 6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion CW Holy Communion CW Holy Communion Family Service Rededication of Organ BCP Holy Communion BCP Evensong	Kegworth Osgathorpe Long Whatton Belton & Kegworth Osgathorpe Hathern Belton & Kegworth
February 21st	7.30pm	CW Holy Communion Ash Wednesday & Ashing	Diseworth
February 25th	8.00am 10.30am 6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion CW Holy Communion Family Service CW Morning Prayer BCP Evensong	Diseworth & Kegworth Hathern & Kegworth Long Whatton Osgathorpe Belton, Hathern & Kegworth
February 28th	7.30pm	United Praise Evening	Belton

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Week Day Services

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

Bell Ringing at Diseworth Mondays 8pm

Lessons and Readers for February 2007

	Time	Reader	Sidesman
February 4 th 3 before Lent	6.15pm	M Gidlow R Edwards	F Hill
February 11 th 2 before Lent			
February 18 th 1 before Lent			
February 21 st Ash Wednesday	7.30pm	D Blenkinsopp S Brompton S Bird	
February 25 th Lent 1	8.00am	D Griffin S Bird	M Cowley

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

News From The Pews

Diseworth Parish Church

CONCERT

featuring



*DERBYSHIRE
CONSTABULARY
MALE VOICE CHOIR*

Friday, 2nd February 2007

7.45pm

Admission £5 (inc. coffee)

Raffle

We are privileged that this Choir has chosen Diseworth Church as a venue for one of its limited number of concerts.

Please support this event.

The church Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, 13th March.

The Electoral Roll is being renewed and **EVERYONE** will need to fill in a new form this year. The Annual meeting is important for each church.

Vacancy Meeting

The Parish Profile for a new Team Rector will be agreed with the Archdeacon on Wednesday, 7th February at a meeting for ALL the members of the 6 PCCs to be held at Hathern Church. Please put this date in your diary and continue to pray about the appointment of the new Team Rector.

Altar Flowers and Church Brasses

	Flowers	Brasses
February 4 th /11 th	Mrs A Brooks	Mrs D Blenkinsopp
February 18 th /25 th	Mrs S Bird	Mrs M Linthwaite

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Dear Friends,

It seems peculiar writing at the very beginning of December a letter that will not reach you before January 2007. It is all the stranger because this year I have just returned from my sabbatical and am two days into my work routine. In some ways this time lag reminds me of the Chinese post, many receiving postcards well after I had returned.

Thank you for your love and support and hard work, whilst I've been away. Without that, it would never have been possible for me to have enjoyed such an extended period away at such a difficult time of transition. I hope you will benefit from my new lease of life!

The trip to China had taken two years in the planning and was worth every hour spent on it. It was full of surprises. Ray and I had an opportunity to visit the major sights in Eastern China and Hong Kong. Then, a colleague and I went on to join a study tour of the Chinese Church in the south western Province of Yunnan, where China's ethnic minorities have their home.

There is so much to tell that it would fill the whole magazine, so just stop me and ask a few questions and I will happily recount our adventures. My purpose in speaking about China links in with the New Year, when resolutions are made and broken within a trice. The whole three months away from work reminded me that God keeps his promises. The work that was done faithfully before 1949 by missionaries in China has borne fruit nearly 60 years later. The faithful witness of Christians persecuted in the second half of the 19th century has also served to build a vibrant church in our day and age. In some areas church members have gone from 40 to 10,000 in less than a decade. For me personally God has renewed my personal faith. So often in the past my problem with God's promises has been that I haven't totally trusted them; I've treated them like a New Year's Resolution, broken in next to no time. I forget that they have been made by someone who is utterly trustworthy. I hope this year that my attitude may be more in line with God's and I will remember his promises and savour them.

So, this New Year I wish you a Year full of God's Chinese surprises.

Best Wishes,

Alison

Alison has asked that this letter for January be printed.

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 and 4th Sunday each
month)

Minister – Rev. Colin White. Tel No. 01773 832105



“Morning Mrs. Rose”

How I’m going to miss saying those three words and of course hearing the response, “What the !!!!!!! do you want?” She knew exactly what I wanted, it had been going on for years. In fact, right back to her mother, dear old Dolly Siddals. I’d had a crush on her teapot as well.

When Dolly died Rita said “Well then I suppose you’d better come round to ours for your cuppa now.” and so began a wonderful friendship, not only with her but Alan and Daz too.

In those days they lived at 57 The Green and eventually moved to No. 11, much to Rita’s great joy. On the odd occasion some readers may have noticed my van parked outside both houses for the odd 10 minutes, half an hour, well let’s be honest it was more like an hour and a half. NOT MY FAULT. As some of you may have noticed Rita didn’t know the meaning of a quick chat and on a good day it was a verbal barrage.

She was a postman’s dream, she knew where everyone lived, all about their history, what they did for a living, even what they had for breakfast. Only once in 20 years did I manage to find out some juicy gossip before she did. But it was a caring and concerned kind of knowledge, not only for the village but for the people in it. If anyone needed help you could bet your life Rita would be on the front line.

She was devoted to Alan and although when they were out together they sounded like the Duckworths from Coronation Street (only funnier) , they were a match made in heaven.

I know that she missed him terribly when he passed away.

Rita gave the impression of being a bit of a tough nut but underneath she had a heart of gold and would do anything for anyone. My lasting memory will be the Friday mornings when Rita used to open up her kitchen and turn it into a hairdressing salon for the more mature ladies of the village.

Everyone was given a shampoo and set and then sat to dry under the 1950’s type hair-drier and were totally oblivious of the hilarious comments Alan would make about them. All the ladies were treated to tea and cakes and were only charged a fraction of the price in a normal salon. That was real village life.

After I retired Rita, of course, offered the same hospitality to your new postman, Kevin, and I know that he too was devastated by her passing.

Rita, you’ll never be forgotten, how could we. *Dave (ex Diseworth postie)*



***NOT THE SEASON FOR AN
OPEN TOP TOURER***

Our old Ford 4000 tractor had been playing up during most of December, making strange noises and not running properly. Eventually, just before Christmas, it gave up the ghost and refused to go at all.

Now that may not seem such a disaster as we have many more tractors, but only the Ford 4000 is small enough to go inside the cattle sheds. So with it out of action, there was no way of scraping out all the muck from the sheds and bedding all the cubicles with fresh straw where the cattle rest.



photograph Julia Silfioe

With little chance of getting it repaired before Christmas, the only solution was to hire one from somewhere. This was easier said than done as these little old tractors are in constant demand even though Ford stopped making them more than twenty years ago.

They are good yard tractors as they are small, reliable and uncomplicated. Enthusiasts also buy them up and compete with them at ploughing matches. Eventually one was found not too far away. When it arrived, it made our thirty year old one look quite smart.



photograph Julia Stillroe

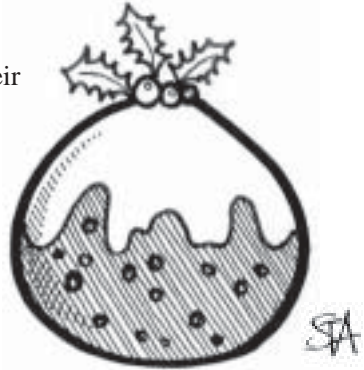
This hired one had its front radiator grill missing and worst of all it didn't have a proper cab on it, just a frame with some tatty green plastic flapping about on it and no doors and no front window. This made it rather cold and draughty, not to say damp when it was raining. It also had to be coaxed into actually starting up in the morning. Eventually it would go, sending clouds of smoke swirling around it. So the cattle were kept clean and comfortable over Christmas.

Will got a bit cold and wet sometimes, especially when he was driving along the road, leading to him uttering the sentence that I have used for the title. Finally our tractor was fixed much to Will's delight as he could now be dry while he was doing his yard work.

Hopefully it will now be okay for a while, and the open top tourer can now go back to where it came from.

Retired Residents Christmas Lunch

On a warm, sunny day our guests arrived for their annual Christmas lunch. We were blessed this year with visits from our local clergy, and how nice to welcome Revd Alison and Mr Prince, Revd Manville Wiles, Revd Martin Charles and Revd Julie-Ann Heath. Manville brought an extra guest, Mr Philip Clowes from Sutton Bonington and how grateful we were to have him providing the music for the carol singing.



The event began with drinks and chat as old friends met up and at 1pm after Grace was said by Alison, all sat down to their meal. The meal is the synchronised result of a large number of village residents who ensure that the food arrives at the Village Hall ready to serve. Roast potatoes, always popular, are baked by Liz Jarrom, Sandie Moores and Sheila Dakin, Ruth Smith takes charge of vegetables and Beverley Aust provides trays of stuffings. Turkeys are roasted by Sue Brompton, Ruth Smith and Martin Hening and other vegetables, sausages and the gravy are prepared on site.

Martin and Dave Moores carved up the turkeys and as the plates were rushed round, the vegetables followed. Rosalyn Edwards always takes two sets of meals to housebound residents and then sits down. There are always plenty of helpers, Norma Chapman, Olga Stanton, Pat Guy and Julie Werb joined with Liz, Sandie, Ruth, Sheila, Beverley, Sue and the carvers to ensure that all are served. The Christmas pudding and cream follows and then everyone takes a short break before the mince pies and tea or coffee arrive followed by Christmas cake.

To help the meal go down a grand carol singing takes place, led by Manville with the music accompaniment from Philip Clowes. Manville had various groups singing, all the clergy had solos to perform and even the kitchen team were called in to do their bit. It was very generous of Manville to take this part on especially as he was going on to another Christmas event soon after. The sumptuous lunch, the cake and the gifts were, as has been for many years, sponsored very generously by East Midlands Airport and it was so good to see Michala Benson arrive to cut the huge cake so beautifully made

and decorated by village resident Eileen Whitt. It was Michala's last event before taking time off to get married in the week before Christmas and she was presented with a wedding gift by Ruth Smith on behalf of all present.



This year Pat Guy had kindly put together a fine display of photographs of Diseworth people and it attracted much interest, with one of our guests recognising himself with two other small boys being taken on a village outing.

The Grand Raffle concludes the afternoon. In the weeks before the lunch Norma Chapman and Olga Stanton collect from our generous village residents a huge selection of gifts for prizes in the raffle. These are very much appreciated and ensures everyone goes home with a special prize and a small Christmas gift. Muriel Howe gave a vote of thanks to the team and the whole afternoon was very much enjoyed by guests and workers alike. A wonderful start to Christmas.

Nikki Hening

*The collection from the raffle amounted to £40.
It has been donated to Cancer Research in memory of Rita Rose,
in accordance with the family's wishes.*

Diseworth Millennium Meadow



The Millennium Meadow is available for use by all inhabitants of Diseworth and Long Whatton at any time. It is the perfect place for a quiet stroll, and dogs are welcome provided they are under control and not allowed to foul the site. The grass was cut in late September so access should be easy throughout the Winter. The small gate is always open. Please ensure the catch is secured when you leave.

Successful Tree Planting Session

We were amazingly lucky with the weather for our tree planting working party on Saturday, December 16th. It was a fine, sunny morning and it was a real pleasure to be outdoors. We had some 29 trees, provided by the Environment and Heritage Services section of the Leicestershire County Council through their Tree Warden Free Tree Scheme, to plant, plus four others, already sponsored.



Martin, Leigh Clewlow, Ruth Camamile and Pat

We were joined by a number of special guests – Mrs Ruth Camamile, County Councillor with special responsibility for the environment, who planted the first tree, Leigh Clewlow, Landscape Officer, from the County Council, Martin Hening, Chairman of Long Whatton & Diseworth Parish Council, (who own the Meadow), and Nikki Hening, Tree Warden.

We also had assistance from Vijay Rai from the BTCV (British Trust for Conservation Volunteers) who brought along his young family, who helped



Vijay and Martin

by keeping us supplied with canes and tree guards as we planted. Vijay covers the Coalville area for the BTCV and spends much time working on new National Forest planting schemes.

Residents from Diseworth and Long Whatton and members of the Millennium Meadow Committee were there to plant the trees they had chosen to sponsor, and at the half-way point we stopped for much needed coffee and biscuits.

We have a few more sponsored trees to plant in the near future, at which point that part of the project will be considered to be complete, and we shall be able

to draw up a map of the site to show where everyone's tree is. This does not mean there is no more work to do there - as with the first batch of planting, each tree will get companion primroses and wild daffodils, and we shall need help planting those. Also, there are now many new trees waiting for sponsorship as and when you have a person or an occasion you would like to commemorate.

Pat Guy 811119



Joyce, Sandie and Denise

Fun Run Fun

Boxing Day 2006



The Winning Decorated Trolley from the Pass Family



photograph Julia Sillitoe

'Nurse' John Clarke in his winning fancy dress outfit

Thank you to everyone

who took part and those who helped me organise the race -

- to Dave Adcock who was a big help as I had to leave some of the arranging to him this year due to a family bereavement
- to Malcolm Pass & Mary Gidlow who have marshalled the course for 25years each and to Rosie and Barry Smith who have marshalled for 23years.
- to Katrina for selling raffle tickets on the day.
- to The Plough for selling raffle tickets on our behalf and for also allowing us to draw the raffle on New Years Eve.

Also a big thanks to Dave Adcock who organised the event for the first 20 years and who without him Boxing Day wouldn't be the fun and social event that it is today.

Anna Groves



*Is it a dog or is it a reindeer?
Floss enjoying the fun*



photograph Julia Sillitoe

Santa Charlotte with Rebecca the Reindeer



*Anna Groves and Dave
Adcock enjoying the Fun Run*



Farmer David with New Year Baby.
A Simmental calf born at 1pm at
Wartoft Grange.

Congratulations

- to the winners
- 1st male - Eric Barker
- 1st villager - Richard Mearns
- 1st female - Emily Briggs
- 1st child - Cameron Munn
- Best decorated trolley - the Pass family
- Best adult fancy dress - John Clarke
- Best child fancy dress - Alex Blackhall

One Man & His Dog, Went to Plough a Meadow!

Ploughing a straight furrow proved to be a very profitable occupation when enthusiasts travelled from across the nation to demonstrate and celebrate this skilful agricultural art. Organised by the Kegworth Vintage Agricultural Club and the Ford & Fordson Association, a ploughing match took place on the adjoining acres of



Woodhouse Farm & Wartoft Grange in Diseworth where some 60 people and their ploughs, pulled by shire horses and a selection of vintage and modern tractors, gathered to compete against each other in this idyllic rural setting.

The cold of a dark December evening did seem a long while after this memorable September weekend but the warmth and hospitality of the Bull & Swan in Diseworth provided a welcome backdrop for the distribution of proceeds to local good causes including: County Air Ambulance based at East Midlands Airport; Diseworth and Belton parish churches, Rainbows Children's Hospice and McMillan Nurses.

The magnificent sum of £3,000 was presented to the County Air Ambulance Trust by Geoff Bonser, joint host of the event.

Representative Mr. A. Worthington, accepting the cheque on behalf of the Trust, thanked those who had worked so hard to raise the money for this "massive people's cause"! He stated that every penny raised is "by the people, for the people" and that the Air Ambulance Trust receives no financial support from the government or from the lottery and relies completely on the goodwill of people.

He added that the service began in 1991 covering the West Midlands, Staffordshire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire. In 1997 funding picked up and a second helicopter was commissioned. In November 1999 the service was moved into East Midlands Airport to serve Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, but could only operate for five



David Bird, centre, with Arthur Marshall, left and Geoff Bonser, right, accepting a cheque on behalf of St Michael and All Angels

days a week. However by 2003 sufficient funds had been raised to allow flights seven days a week.

Mr. Worthington went on to say that 50% of all call-outs are to road traffic accidents and stressed the importance of the important 'golden hour', the vital care provided by highly skilled paramedics

during the transfer to hospital in that first 60 minutes which means that casualties have a much greater chance of recovery. He added that two lives are saved every three weeks thanks to the generosity of people such as those present.

Accepting a cheque for £500 on behalf of St. Michael and All Angels, Diseworth, churchwarden David Bird thanked the KVAC for their support, saying it was a welcome addition to the long running fund to install a disabled toilet in the church. The church of St. John the Baptist, Belton received a cheque for £500.00; Rainbows Children's Hospice, £250.00 and McMillan Nurses £200.

A grand total of £4,500 was raised during the two day event. Organisers Philip Gibson and Geoff Bonser thanked all those who had contributed valuable time and effort to make the occasion such a success.

Sue Brompton



DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

If you have items for the MARCH ISSUE of the *Dialogue* please give to a committee member or email to
sue@cbrompton.fsnet.co.uk and
admin@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 FEBRUARY**

Congratulations

to Tony & Pam Tilley for achieving an 87 ½% increase in sales of post office products during the past year. Two post offices were selected for commendation in Leicestershire with Long Whatton coming second to Appleby Magna. An increase in sales of the Euro was one of the products that helped the business and as a result it is expected that Euros will be available on demand in the very near future.



The Mobile Library visits
Diseworth fortnightly -
9th and 23rd February

The Bowley

11.55 – 12.15

Clements Gate

12.20 – 1.20

The contact number for the
mobile library is
01530 835951.

**CASTLE DONINGTON
FARMERS' MARKET**
2nd Saturday of every month
9am – 12.30pm
St. Edward's School,
Dovecote.

Diseworth village Hall 200 Club

VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

The latest winners of the 200 club are:-

August

- 1st (101) D Wilby - £30
- 2nd (199) M Bowen-Brookes - £20
- 3rd (98) R Evans - £10

October

- 1st (161) C Dewey - £30
- 2nd (81) M Reaney - £20
- 3rd (31) P Canty - £10

September

- 1st (120) K Jepson - £30
- 2nd (78) J Moore - £20
- 3rd (74) C Fletcher - £10

November

- 1st (144) P Jepson - £30
- 2nd (110) C Smith - £20
- 3rd (148) Ruth Smith - £10

DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

**Found in a brook in
Diseworth, a motorised
go kart.
For more details telephone
07967 865729**

Thanks!

A Christmas Message in aid of Rainbows.... thank you to everyone who contributed. A total of £100 has been sent to Rainbows .

Specialist Lager and Beer Evening

Talk and Tasting
20th April 7.30pm
Village Hall

**JEWELLERY – old or new.
If you don't want it -
Rainbows do!**

You can drop it off or post it to :
Rainbows Children's Hospice
Lark Rise, Loughborough
LE11 2HS. Or leave with a
Dialogue Committee Member.

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Diseworth Dialogue
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The Plough and The Bull &
Swan and also in Long
Whatton Post Office*

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Community Centre
Thursday April 12th 2007
7.30pm
A PROFESSIONAL
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Forest Forge Theatre Company
Suitable for age 14 upward

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LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.



*A Happy & Healthy New Year from your
Parish Council*

The Parish website calendar has been updated - this shows the next 12 months meeting dates and venues

www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk

At last the campaign for improved road safety has come to fruition - the A6 Derby Road/A6006/B5324 (the Stints) junction is to have a signal improvement scheme - Leicester City Council have included this in their works for 2007-2008.

You may have heard about the Local Government White Paper; there are significant provisions for the Town and Parish Council sector, and assuming these survive the legislative phase our world will probably look very different in future years compared to the way it looked in the past.

The Parish Audit has successfully concluded and the Parish Council have agreed the 2007 budget.

Lindsay Swinfield

Parish Clerk Long Whatton & Diseworth Parish Council

DI SEWORTH'S VICTORY

In November, Diseworth School took part in a Tag Rugby Tournament at Kegworth School. There were eight schools from the Castle Donington family competing. They were St Edwards, Diseworth, Hemington, Breedon, Kegworth Reds and Blues, Orchard and Long Whatton. Diseworth won all three matches in their group and got into the final against Kegworth Reds and won 7-1. They played very well as a team, everyone was proud and excited. Diseworth have been very successful this year in team sport, they also came third in the football tournament.

Sports reporters Courtney Williams and Megan Brown



Calling all Internet Users – Link into leicestershirevillages.com

Local information without leaving your home

Council services

Bus times

Local restaurants

Community groups

Aerial photographs showing your home and surroundings

Diseworth Village Hall
February 16th 2007
7.30pm

Enjoy a glass of wine and
savoury refreshments during the evening

see inserted leaflet
for further details



Diseworth Golfer Captains 'Team Europe' in World Championship

The Diseworth Dialogue was thrilled to learn that Harold Adkin had not only come second in the over 55's World Left Handed Golf Championship but was also Captain of 'Team Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand'.

Harold has been playing golf for many years and is a keen member of the local Charnwood Forest Club. He joined the Left Handed Golf Society in 1992 after reading an article by Harry Hubert in a local paper. Harry introduced Harold to other left handed players and since then Harold has participated in many matches, going from strength to strength and playing in world championships in the UK, Japan, Spain, Canada, Ireland.

In 2006 Harold was invited to be Captain of 'Team Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand'. Harold says that he was honoured to be captain and in this role he took his team to the James Cup International Championship in Taiwan where they played against a strong USA/Asia team. As Harold says "Everyone played their hearts out but unfortunately we just lost".



2006 Team Europe. Members are from Canada, England, Sweden, Australia and New Zealand pictured with their Captain Harold Adkin from Diseworth



Team Asia/USA Captain, Tom Waki accepting the James Cup Trophy from Harold

Harold spent two weeks at the Grand Hotel in Taipei, Taiwan where he was treated to fabulous hospitality, tours of the area and was able to eat his favourite Chinese food for breakfast! He is now looking forward with great pleasure and pride to being the 2007 BLHGA Captain and taking his team to the world championships in 2008 in New Zealand.



The Grand Hotel in Taipei, Taiwan

Well done Harold! What an achievement for a man who had a replacement hip operation in January 2006. We look forward to hearing more news later in the year from Harold and his team.

Ruth Smith

HEALTH PAGE

HAVE A BERRY NEW YEAR



Berries of all kinds have many health benefits including reducing inflammation, to retarding the development of cancer cells.

Cranberries have long been used as a remedy for kidney, bladder and urinary tract infections and also help to prevent bacteria from sticking to the teeth. They are good for the heart, as they help to boost levels of good cholesterol.

Blackcurrants may play a part in preventing the development of Alzheimer's disease, but cannot help once it has developed.

Strawberries contain compounds that neutralise nitrosamine, a cancer antagonist found in some meats.

Blackberries are rich in anti-bacterial compounds which make them good for coughs, colds and throat infections. They also have anti-inflammatory properties that can relieve arthritis and osteoarthritis pain. **Raspberries** are



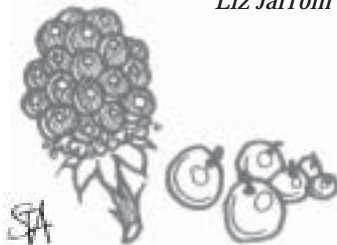
a true superfood, containing a powerful range of antioxidants making them a potent cancer preventative. They also contain folate, which is necessary for healthy red blood cells and nerves. **Blueberries** have many health benefits, including slowing the aging process, lowering bad cholesterol and reducing cancer risk. **Gooseberries** contain a

generous amount of potassium which helps to maintain healthy blood pressure. **Bilberries** can help to keep the eyes healthy and inhibit blood clot formation and improve blood flow. Because they contain compounds that strengthen blood capillaries, they may help in the treatment of varicose veins and haemorrhoids. **Rosehips** can be made into a herbal remedy called Litozin. This remedy has been shown to help relieve the symptoms of many inflammatory diseases including osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis and Crohn's disease.

All berries contain high levels of vitamin C and beta carotene, powerful agents which help fight cancer and heart disease.

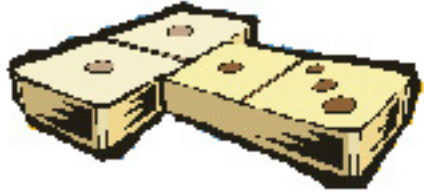
Recommended portion size is one handful, and a variety of berries can be eaten each day. Occasionally, some berries, especially strawberries, can produce a skin rash. This is harmless but it may be advisable to avoid that particular berry in future.

Liz Jarrom



Plough Inn Knockout Dominoes and Soccer Dream Team

During November the annual knockout pairs and singles dominoes tournaments were held. This year proved to be a good year for new competitors to the tournament.



In the Rob Cluer memorial singles trophy, 2 newcomers, Phil Lindley and Jayne Booth progressed past many a seasoned player to meet in the semi final. Phil progressed through to meet Frank Peake after he had beaten Merv Johnson in the other semi final. Frank went on to win the final and should be congratulated on a hat trick of singles tournament wins.

In the D Adcock (snr) memorial trophy it was hard luck again for newcomer Jayne Booth. Partnering Tracey Morris, they were unlucky to lose a close final to very popular winners, Rob and Rachel Shooter, themselves only in the competition for the second time.

Both evenings proved to be very enjoyable social evenings, a nice supper was enjoyed and a raffle was held on the final night. Many thanks to everyone who supported the raffle and took part in the competition. Thank you also to our hosts at the Plough. As a result £45 was donated to the Royal British Legion and the same sum to the local Air Ambulance.

A further £39 has been sent to the local Air ambulance as a result of the ongoing Plough Soccer Dream Team. The leader at the half way stage was Steve Wiggins, closely followed by Cathy Dyson and Merv Johnson. A full league table can be found on the notice board at the Plough.

Dave Adcock

WOMEN'S GROUP



The January meeting was open to everyone in Diseworth as they had given so generously, a massive £2600 to the Aids Orphans in South Africa project organised by Graham and Sue Roberts in August. Graham's Company held its Centenary Corporate Conference in Sun City in September. A year ago he and others visited the township of Mabele-a-Podi about 4km away from there, and were moved by the poverty and lack of proper housing, especially, seeing the aids orphans living in mud huts often being cared for by the eldest sibling or by grandparents. Aids has killed many of the parent generation.

So for their 100th Anniversary Conference, they actually built 4 houses at a cost of £4400 each. They planned to "make a difference" to these poor people who had few belongings and were living in one room with about £65 a month to live on. They also have to pay for any education they have!

Graham and the conference delegates spent 2 days actually building houses, no mechanical diggers – just pick axes, no concrete mixers – but spades and no steam rollers – a barrel of concrete rolled by people in the intense heat! A small brick maker compressed blocks singly on site with a mix of clay dug from the base, cement and a little water as it is precious. The bricks interlocked and the rain finally sealed them. The houses had tin roofs, 2 bedrooms, a bathroom, a kitchen with a simple cooker and living area, 2 windows and a proper door. Some pots and pans were provided and a food parcel delivered every month.

Graham said it was a very humbling experience and they certainly had made a difference.

The Women's Group gave a donation to the Nordine Charity. Liz Jarrom thanked Graham. It was so satisfying to see the money put to such a worthwhile cause.

NEXT MEETING -
February 12th The Black Death
New thoughts and recent research with Pat Guy
Diseworth Village Hall

Sheila Dakin

A Unique Volunteering Opportunity



Do you have the time to befriend a younger person with dementia? If so, the **Side by Side Project** needs volunteers like you.

The Side by Side project is a volunteer befriending scheme that provides regular weekly (up to 4 hours) active support for younger people in the early stages of dementia who live at home. It is aimed at younger people living in Leicestershire who have been diagnosed with dementia, (currently many dementia care services have a minimum age criterion of 65).

The Project acknowledges that people who suffer from dementia have different interests and enjoy a variety of activities and will therefore have their own needs. In general these younger people are more likely to:

- Be in work at the time of diagnosis
- Have work-related aspirations
- Have dependent children or family
- Be physically fit and active
- Have financial commitments – some long-term such as a mortgage
- Have a partner in employment and therefore away from the home environment during the working day
- Have a rarer form of dementia
- Want to maintain a degree of independence

It is important to see younger people with this condition as individuals. They will benefit from a service which will not only provide them with stimulation, either mental or physical or both, but also enable them to maintain their links with the community, thus making them feel less isolated. The Project also aims to provide periods of regular carer respite during the time befriending activities are taking place. The Leicestershire & Rutland Branch of the Alzheimer's Society will provide ongoing training to all volunteers.

The role of the volunteer befriender

The role will vary depending on the individual needs of the sufferer. This may involve going out for a walk together, visiting places of interest, having lunch out or it could be attending sports events, going swimming, to the theatre and concerts. It may simply be providing companionship and emotional support or doing crosswords or puzzles together, looking at photographs, reminiscing etc.

What can I gain from being a volunteer?

Volunteer befrienders will be given a unique opportunity to develop a relationship with someone with dementia, thereby giving them invaluable experience of working

with someone with the disease. They will also be able to develop a sense of value by providing a worthwhile voluntary service

Who can volunteer?

Anyone over the age of 18 can become a volunteer befriender. No previous experience is necessary, just an interest in befriending someone with dementia. All volunteers will be interviewed and CRB checked before being accepted on to the Project.

How much time do I need to commit?

Up to 4 hours a week, depending on the activities undertaken. Volunteers are asked to give a long term commitment of several months. Volunteers will be matched to people with similar interests and abilities and will be introduced initially by the Side by Side Project Co-ordinator.

What is young onset dementia?

Dementia is the term used to describe a group of different brain disorders. Dementia means a progressive decline in the ability to remember, to think, and to reason. This decline may be accompanied by changes in personality and behaviour. Alzheimer's Disease is the most common form of dementia. It is increasingly common in older people, but more unusually can affect people in their 40s, 50s and 60s.

How common is dementia in younger people?

Young onset dementia is probably more common than is generally believed. It has been estimated that there are over 18,000 young people affected by dementia in the UK.

About the Society

The Alzheimer's Society is the leading charity in dementia care and research and provides information, support, advice and advocacy to people with dementia, their carers and families.

See our website at: www.alzheimers.org.uk

Telephone the Alzheimer's National Helpline 0845 300 0336

For further information please contact: Suna Tilley, Side by Side Project Coordinator, Alzheimer's Society Leics & Rutland Branch, The Lodge, Humberstone Gate, Leicester. LE1 3PJ Tel: 0116 2627933
Email: suna.tilley@btconnect.com

The office is situated within the grounds of age Concern Leicester.

Alzheimer's Society

Dementia care and research
Leicestershire & Rutland Branch: Charity No. 296645
Limited by Guarantee: Registered no 2115499
Registered Office

Gordon House, 10, Greencoat Place, London SW1P 1PH Tel: 020 7306 0808

News from The Plough Inn



Restaurant Re-opens

We are very pleased to announce that The Plough Inn Restaurant will be re-opened from Thursday 18th January with our new chef, Rudy.

We will be serving between 7pm and 9pm every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night.

As you may be aware, the restaurant is very small and intimate, therefore booking is recommended.

Theme Nights

Theme Nights are also planned for throughout the year. We will be having an evening for Valentine's Night on 14th February, St David's Day on 1st March, and a special menu for Mother's Day on 18th March.

Quiz Nights

We will be holding the usual monthly quiz on Wednesday 7th Feb, then the next one will be Wed 7th March.

Missing Links

- 1 Hard, Room, Chalk
- 2 Shapes, Salad, Bake
- 3 Navy, Feeling, print
- 4 Plan, Leaving, Pyjama
- 5 Trouser, Gang, Conference

a quiz from Anna Groves

- 6 Man, Star, Market
- 7 Broad, Baked, Bag
- 8 Air, Flower, Double
- 9 Mouth, Bank, Side
- 10 Long, House, Race



turn to page 37 for the answers

PRESS RELEASE

AboutMyArea
by the community for the community



Hello - my name is Vicky Ambrose-Jones and I've just started up a '**very happening**' NEW local community information website based on our postcode area - simply called **AboutMyArea DE74** - covering Castle Donington, Kegworth, Diseworth, Hemington, Lockington and Isley Walton.

The website has been created to give everyone in DE74 a single "one-stop shop" to find out ...

"What's outside your door in DE74?"

Our many local clubs, groups, organisations, schools and charities whose activities are generally known only to a small proportion of residents, are now benefiting from having a notice board to promote their activities and fundraising events "before" they happen - a website that is truly run by the community for the community.

All our residents, commuters and visitors to local attractions can also find out the latest Local News, Entertainment and Leisure information, Travel, where to Eat Out, Buy or Swap & Sell to local buyers, browse a comprehensive 'A-Z' of local businesses and much, much more.

The beauty of the website is that I'm not just a one-man-band as **AboutMyArea DE74** is part of an exciting and fast growing network of sites on a national basis.

I've been out and about in the DE74 community introducing the idea and helping to support local events. As a result of this word has spread very quickly and the website has been embraced with so much enthusiasm that I decided to make it live in mid-November, much earlier than originally anticipated. New information is being added daily.

AboutMyArea DE74 has made an excellent start thanks to local encouragement and will continue to help support all aspects of our community life!

AboutMyArea

by the community for the community



AT LAST!

YOU CAN FIND OUT

“What’s outside your door in DE74?”

Visit your new community website

www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/de74

AboutMyArea DE74
informing our local community -
Castle Donington, Kegworth,
Diseworth, Hemington, Lockington
& I sley Walton

Local entertainment & leisure - our latest
news and sport - eating out, reviews and menus -
local vacancies - buy, swap & sell FREE to local
buyers - a comprehensive
'A-Z' of local businesses
and much much more

www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/de74
By the community for the community
Phone: 01332 811308 Mobile: 0780 329 3481
E-mail: vickyambrose-jones@aboutmyarea.co.uk

Answers to Missing Links Quiz from page 35

1 Board
2 Pasta
3 Blue
4 Party
5 Press

6 Super
7 Bean
8 Bed
9 River
10 Boat

Master Plan – 2006 to 2030



Following an extensive public consultation process, the Airport's Master Plan was launched in December. The Master Plan marks an important milestone in the history of East Midlands Airport (EMA) as it is our vision of how we see the Airport developing over the next twenty-four years.

Our vision is to develop an airport that makes the East Midlands feel proud. An airport that provides high quality jobs, contributes to the competitiveness of local businesses, promotes inward investment to the region, facilitates trade with the rest of the world and is responsive to local peoples desire to travel – whether on holiday or simply to maintain contact with family and friends.

As we develop, it is our determination not to lose touch with the communities amongst whom we live. We want to work closely with all our stakeholders and will always strive to do so in an open and transparent way. We intend to do our utmost to be a good neighbour.

Full details of our Master Plan can be found on our website www.eastmidlandsairport.com but detailed below are a few of the key points.

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- Double jobs on site to 14/15,000 in ten years
- Double destinations on offer to 200
- Maintain development within existing site in first 5 years alone
- Invest over £50m in improved passenger/site services - first 5 years alone
- Double annual regional employment income in region to £500m
- Underline its position as gateway to East Midlands for inbound investment
- Introduce/invest in stringent new controls on noise
- Greatly increase contribution/support for community initiatives
- Introduce range of new environmental initiatives
- Make a commitment to maintain night noise at 1996 levels up to 2016
- Tougher measures/penalties on night flights and noisiest aircraft
- No training flights at weekends
- Scheme in place to deliver the substantial improvements in compensation / mitigation grants for those living nearest to the Airport
- Increased routes, particularly long-haul, in-line with specific needs of local community
- New Community Relations Strategy with increased investment in community projects over a wider area

Penny Coates, Managing Director said, "We were encouraged by the high level of interest and quality of the responses and would like to thank everyone who made the effort to participate."

We always welcome feedback and suggestions from our community.

Please email them to community@eastmidlandsairport.com

or write to us; Community Relations, Building 34, East Midlands Airport, Castle Donington, Derby, DE74 2SA.

Directory of Useful Numbers

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
Curzon Cinema Loughborough	01509 212261
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.nottinghamema.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
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 beat constable for the parish is PC 2012 Zeique Robinson.
He can be contacted on 0116 248 5675 and then entering his number 2012.**

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	Jane Hughes	01332 850994
Guides	Sandie Fletcher	01332 811143
Heritage Centre	Martin Hening	01332 853647
History Society	Pat Guy	01332 811119
Millennium Meadow	Pat Guy	01332 811119
Neighbourhood Watch	Noel McGough	01332 811362
Playgroup & Toddlers	Katrina Paling	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

YOUR LOCAL PARISH COUNCIL

The role of your Parish Council is to safeguard the amenities of the village, e.g. Highways, Lighting, Drainage, Road Signs and Planning matters. Current Planning Applications affecting the village are available for inspection, by arrangement, with the Clerk, **Lindsay Swinfield, Barn 5, Home Farm, Church Street, Swepstone, LE67 2SA. Tel: 01530 273421 E-mail: lonwhatdisepc@hotmail.com**

Please visit the web site at www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk

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

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Kevin Brown, 10 Grimes Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QD 01332 850910

Derek Wiggins, Bull & Swan, Grimes Gate, DE74 2QD 01332 853960

Andrew Cawdell, 58 The Green, Long Whatton LE12 5DB 01509 843273

Vicky Collins, 12 Main Street, Long Whatton LE12 5DG 07796 444172

Mary Hobbs, 24 Main Street, Long Whatton LE12 5DF 01509 842486

Parish Council meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the first Thursday of each month, alternately at Diseworth Village Hall and Long Whatton Community Centre.