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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

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| Wednesday | 2 nd | Family History for Beginners at the Heritage Centre 7 - 9pm |
| Thursday | 3 rd | Coffee Cakes & Computers at the Heritage Centre 10 - 12 noon |
| Sunday | 6 th | Table Tennis Open Meeting Diseworth Village Hall. 11am |
| Monday | 7 th | Discussion Group. If you could rerun your life – 2pm 10 Ladygate |
| Tuesday | 8 th | Zumba at the Village Hall 8.15 – 9.15 |
| Wednesday | 9 th | Family History for Beginners at the Heritage Centre 7 - 9pm |
| Thursday | 10 th | Coffee, Cakes & Computers at the Heritage Centre 10 – 12noon |
| Tuesday | 15 th | Zumba at the Village Hall 8.15 – 9 15 |
| Wednesday | 16 th | Family History for Beginners at the Heritage Centre 7 – 9pm |
| Thursday | 17 th | Coffee Cakes & Computers at the Heritage Centre 10 – 12 noon |
| Tuesday | 22 nd | Zumba at the Village Hall 8.15 – 9.15 |
| Wednesday | 23 rd | African Drumming Taster Session Village Hall 7.30- 9pm |
| Thursday | 24 th | Coffee Cakes & Computers at the Heritage Centre 10 – 12 noon |
| Thursday | 24 th | Dialogue Stapling and Committee Meeting. 7.30pm. Venue, Peggy Tudor |
| Friday | 25 th | Hot Supper Evening, Village Hall, 7.30pm |
| Saturday | 26 th | Coffee Morning at the Parish Church 10 – 12 noon |

MARCH

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| Tuesday | 1 st | Zumba at the Village Hall 8.15 – 9.15 |
| Thursday | 3 rd | Coffee Cakes & Computers at the Heritage Centre 10 – 12 noon. |
| Saturday | 5 th | Flower Arranging Workshop Village Hall 2 – 4pm |
| Monday | 7 th | Discussion Group: What Price Longevity? 10a Lady Gate 2pm |
| Tuesday | 8 th | Zumba at the Village Hall 8.15 – 9.15 |
| Thursday | 10 th | Coffee Cakes & Computers at the Heritage Centre 10 – 12 noon |
| Tuesday | 15 th | Zumba at the Village Hall 8.15 – 9.15 |
| Thursday | 17 th | Coffee Cakes & Computers at the Heritage Centre 10 – 12 noon |
| Tuesday | 22 nd | Zumba at the Village Hall 8.15 – 9.15 |
| Thursday | 24 th | Coffee Cakes & Computers at the Heritage Centre 10 – 12 noon |
| Saturday | 26 th | Coffee Morning at the Parish Church 10 – 12 noon |
| Saturday | 26 th | Watercolour ‘Taster Session’ 10am - 12 noon, Village Hall |
| Saturday | 26 th | Flower Arranging Workshop Village Hall 2 – 4pm |

APRIL

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| Friday | 15 th | Beetle Drive 6 - 8pm, Village Hall |
| Date to be confirmed | | Singing for Fun Taster Session, Village Hall |

Castle Donington

Farmers’ Market

2nd Saturday of every month
from 9am - 12.30pm



Dates 2011
12th February
12th March
9th April

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

Welcome

to the February 2011 issue of the Diseworth Dialogue



Happy New Year to you all. I hope you have recovered from the flu/from falling on the ice/from having the in-laws to stay at Christmas. Delete where appropriate!

As the weather finally warms up and the central heating thermostat can be turned down (have you seen the price of oil recently!) we can turn our attention to getting our houses in order. Getting rid of 'stuff', clearing out the garden shed and generally giving the house a good airing is very therapeutic I find.

With that in mind, we have decided to give our 'recycle bin' page a permanent place in the magazine. From now on, you will always find it on the last page. So if you have anything you would like to find a new home for, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Staying with recycling, we also have a new feature on composting. Meg Galley-Taylor is now a Master Composter and each month she will be giving us advice on the best ways to compost our garden waste.

If you have read all the books you were given for Christmas and don't know what to read next, you might be interested in our other new regular page. Every month, Karen and Sue will be reviewing one book each. So for ideas for new reads, turn to page 31.

Other items in this month's bumper edition include news of events taking place at the Village Hall and a write up of The Diseworth World Tour of Incognosis - the village's very own band, accompanied by some fantastic photographs by Chris Duggan. We don't normally have a colour issue in February, but so many lovely photographs were sent in to us by various people, we decided we had to do them justice and have created a colour centre to include photographs of the Retired Residents' Christmas Lunch, the Boxing Day Fun Run and Father Christmas at the Heritage Centre. There are also beautiful photos of the happy couple to accompany the Birthday Wedding article.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this issue, and welcome to our new regular contributors. I hope you enjoy this month's edition- please keep the articles coming in.

P.S. Following the dreadful weather we had in the weeks before Christmas, I would just like to thank everyone who took the time to grit the roads using the salt bins. Hall Gate and Clements Gate were particularly treacherous, and without those good Samaritans it could have been a lot worse.

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Letter from the Rectory



photograph Julia Sillitoe

Dear all,

My goodness, that's the first month of the New Year gone already! I wonder if your New Years Resolutions have gone as well? I wonder though why we save up all of our 'good intentions' until the New Year? Many of us will be on diets or trying to give up smoking or drinking so much. Many of us will have dusted off our gym shoes, as if the New Year is the only time to start anything. Many more of us will have lost interest and decided that we don't have the will power for that particular test of resolve. Many too will have begun the year with good Spiritual intentions – may be getting to Church more regularly, or trying to be a better witness at work.

Whilst the New Year does have a certain pull to it psychologically, logically we know we can start or stop something anytime of the year. So my letter today comes in the spirit of long distance running. St Paul wrote in his letter to the Hebrews:

"Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honour, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he ploughed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls!" (The Message).

Whatever your New Year's resolutions – **DON'T GIVE UP!** And if you do have a lapse – get right back on to the wagon again. It is never too late to live better and more spiritually fulfilling lives – and may God bless you all.

Love Gill

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

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

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

Other Benefice Services, Meetings and Social Events in February 2011

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| February 1 st | Tuesday | Kegworth House Group 8.00pm |
| February 2 nd | Wednesday | Hathern House Group 7.30pm |
| February 5 th | Saturday | Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon Viva La Musica Concert, Belton Church |
| February 6 th | Sunday | Hathern Church Music Café, 6pm-8pm |
| February 10th | Thursday | Diseworth PCC, 7.30pm, Wartoft Grange |
| February 12 th | Saturday | Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon |
| February 19 th | Saturday | Long Whatton Coffee Morning, Friendship Centre |
| February 23 rd | Wednesday | Benefice Praise Evening, Hathern Church, 7.30pm |
| February 26th | Saturday | Diseworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon |
| February 28 th | Monday | Benefice Bible Study, 33 Green Hill, Hathern 7.30pm |



St Michael & All Angels Church
HOT SUPPER EVENING
Friday, 25th February 2011
Diseworth Village Hall 7.30pm
Tickets available from PCC members

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Services & Locations for February 2011

| | Time | Service | Location |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| February 6 th | 8.00am | BCP Holy Communion | Hathern & Kegworth |
| | 9.00am | CW Holy Communion | Belton |
| | 10.30am | Family Service | Diseworth , Hathern & Kegworth |
| | | All Age Worship | Long Whatton |
| | 6.15pm | CW Morning Prayer BCP Evensong | Osgathorpe Kegworth & Belton |
| February 13 th | 8.00am | BCP Holy Communion | Belton & Kegworth |
| | 9.00am | BCP Holy Communion | Osgathorpe |
| | 10.30am | CW Holy Communion | Diseworth , Hathern, Kegworth & L. Whatton |
| | 6.15pm | Benefice BCP Evensong | Kegworth |
| February 20 th | 8.00am | BCP Holy Communion | Kegworth |
| | 9.00am | CW Holy Communion | Diseworth |
| | 10.30am | CW Holy Communion Family Service | Belton & L. Whatton Kegworth |
| | 6.15pm | BCP Holy Communion | Hathern |
| | | BCP Evensong | Kegworth & Belton |
| February 23 rd | 7.30pm | Benefice Praise Evening | Hathern |
| February 27 th | 8.00am | BCP Holy Communion | Diseworth & Kegworth |
| | 9.00am | CW Holy Communion | Osgathorpe |
| | 10.30am | CW Holy Communion | Hathern & Kegworth |
| | 6.15pm | BCP Evensong | Belton, Hathern & Kegworth |

Morning Prayer held in Diseworth Church 8.30am-9.00am every Thursday

Regular Weekday Services

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

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Lessons and Readers for February 2011

| | | Time | Reader | Sidesman |
|--|---|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| February 6 th 5 th Sunday before Lent | 1 st Reading: Isaiah 58.1-9a(b-12) 2 nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.1-12 Gospel: Matthew 5.13-20 | 10.30am | | |
| February 13 th 4 th Sunday before Lent | 1 st Reading: Deuteronomy 30.15-20 2 nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3.1-9 Gospel: Matthew 5.21-37 | 10.30am | S Bird D Blenkinsopp M Gidlow | G Stone |
| February 20 th 3 rd Sunday before Lent | 1 st Reading: Leviticus 19.1-2,9-18 2 nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3.10-11,16-23 Gospel: Matthew 5.38-48 | 9.00am | D Cherry P Allen R Ward | M Hening |
| February 27 th 2 nd Sunday before Lent | 1 st Reading: Genesis 1.1-2.3 2 nd Reading: Romans 8.18-25 Gospel: Matthew 6.25-34 | 8.00am | D Griffin S Bird | T Griffin |

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



Church Flowers and Brasses

| | Flowers | Brasses |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| February 6 th /13 th | Mrs L Gaymer | Mrs E Mitchell |
| February 20 th /27 th | Mrs I Tebbutt | Mrs R Smith |

News from the Pews

Press Release

You might like to know what goes on in Diseworth Church. On Sunday November 28th there was a Flushing Celebration. I can hear you say “What on earth is that?” Well, over the last ten years we have been fund raising: Summer Open Gardens, French and Italian supper evenings, Scarecrow Festivals and Musical Evenings to name but a few. Our church now has a flushing toilet and running water. What a great achievement. *Muriel Howe*



Valentine's Day

Now, let me see, which one should it be? I could go for the one with the big red heart on it and lots of flowers or maybe I should choose the funny one, perhaps she'd like that. Hmm, I don't think those words will do, they're too soppy and those in the other card are simply too rude. Ah ha this is the one, its got a really good picture on the front and yes, let me see, yes, the

words inside are just right. I'll buy this one, its just the right Valentine's day card for my wife Diana. It always seems to take so long to choose the right card, but I know its worth spending the time to get the best card possible.

I wonder how much time is spent on St Valentine's day across the world by people choosing cards and presents for the one they love? Its reckoned that 250 million cards are bought and sent in the world each year. Suppose each one of those takes five minutes to buy and a couple of minutes to send, that's 7x250,000,000 minutes.....which works out as over 3300 man years of effort across the world. If we were to take into account the number of cards made and sent (rather than

bought and sent) the number would be many, many times higher. I really like the idea of so many people taking time each year on February 14th to tell someone they love them, whether by sending a card or flowers or a present. Of course that does beg the question: what about the rest of the year what do we do then? Of course, just because its not February the 14th, that doesn't stop us from telling someone that we love them...we can do that any time...and maybe we should.

The story of love in the Bible starts with and finds its great fulfilment in God. To Christians, the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is God's Valentine Card, God's expression of love for all people at all time. It is offered to everyone and all may choose to accept or reject it. If we accept that gift we enter fully into God's loving purposes for the world, purposes that are best summed up by the two simple commandments that Jesus himself used: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength..and you shall love your neighbour as yourself' Or to put it another way: in God's eyes, Valentine's day should be every day and for every person.

Tony Edmonds

Catholic Church of the Risen Lord.

Hillside, Castle Donington

Mass every Sunday 9am



Kegworth Methodist Church

High St. Kegworth



Sunday Services

Morning Worship - 10.30am

Praise Worship – 6.15pm (First Sunday each month)

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



Kegworth Baptist Church

High St. Kegworth

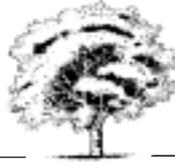


Sunday Services

Morning Worship & Sunday School – 10.30am

Lead Deacon: Paul Phillips 01509-551464

www.kegworthbaptist.org.uk



DANGER FROM THE AIR

Over the last few years, Chinese sky lanterns have become very popular at times of celebration such as bonfire night, Christmas and New Year. The lanterns are made of paper supported by a wire or bamboo frame, with a container at the base to hold the candle or oil, which supplies the heat that makes them fly.

They do look very pretty drifting along in the night sky, but their beauty hides potential danger to onlookers, livestock, crops and thatched properties. A report on the internet shows the very badly burned face of a little boy who was standing under a sky lantern when it disintegrated and poured hot oil onto him. One apparently burned a hole through a marquee at a festival and another landed on a temporary roof at Winchester Cathedral.



These lanterns can rise to a height of 1200ft and travel for 20 minutes, so have the potential to journey a long way from where they were launched, so the people who have released them may be totally unaware of the harm they may do when they finally land.

The National Farmers Union is concerned about lanterns setting standing crops alight in late summer and straw and hay

stacks in the winter. Even more worrying are reports of livestock becoming ill and dying after they have ingested pieces of wire from used sky lanterns that have landed in fields. One farmer found one of his cows lying flat out in acute distress next to a burned out lantern. It seems the animal chewed it to see if it was edible and swallowed some of the wire. The

wire pierced its gut and despite veterinary attention it died. One farmer near a popular wedding venue reported picking up ten lanterns from one of his grass fields. If the lanterns land in a field destined to be mowed for hay or silage, the burned out remains are hard to spot in the long grass.

Farmers do keep a look out for hazardous things as they mow their fields, but if these lanterns get missed and mangled by the forage machinery, the bits of wire can end up in the silage or hay. One farmer has reported four cattle died on his farm after they ate silage contaminated with lantern wire. A person who lives near Loughborough told me that he had seen more than a hundred of these lanterns drifting over his house on New Year's Eve. It is worrying to contemplate where they all landed and this of course is just one report on the edge of one town.

I wonder how many used lanterns are littering fields countrywide. Without wishing to be killjoys, farmers just want to alert the public to the fact that animals are dying as a result of these apparently harmless items of entertainment, in the hope that can be used in a more responsible fashion.

Diseworth Millennium Meadow



The Millennium Meadow is available for use by all inhabitants of Diseworth and Long Whatton at any time. It is the perfect place for a quiet stroll, especially in an evening or very early in the morning. The grass was cut in early September and has grown back well after all the rain.

All the trees are thriving and some are now quite an impressive size. We are still planting a few trees each year, mostly smaller or shrubby species to provide infill and undergrowth. We also have a number of previously planted trees as yet without sponsors, so would welcome any enquiries.

Dogs are welcome in the Meadow provided they are under control and not allowed to foul the site. The small gate is always unlocked. Please ensure it is secured when you leave.

Contact: Pat Guy 811119

Why Make Garden Compost at Home



Home composting is a wonderful way to deal with biodegradable waste (garden waste, paper, food waste etc.) but it is estimated that in Leicestershire about a third of household waste could be composted. Although Leicestershire is doing fantastically well in the amount of waste that is recycled and composted compared to the rest of the country, there is still a need to significantly reduce the amount that goes to landfill. In particular we need to minimise the organic waste that is buried, as once in the ground it produces methane which is a major contributor to global warming (It has 25 times the impact of Carbon Dioxide).

Using your brown bin is certainly better than putting biodegradable material in the black bin but the council still has to deal with this waste, at considerable environmental and financial cost. If you use a compost bin, on average you will divert 150 kg of waste from landfill each year. There is a Landfill Tax of £48 a tonne for everything that is sent to landfill and on top of this Leicestershire spent £24 million pounds on dealing with waste, last year. There is therefore a strong financial reason to compost at home.

On a personal level, homemade compost, when added to your soil, improves its fertility and structure, something that is very important if you have the heavy Diseworth clay that is prominent in the village. It makes a wonderful mulch to discourage weeds, encourages earthworms and so keeps the birds well fed. It is also a good alternative to using peat, which we are all trying to cut down on.

At the moment under half of UK homes with a garden use a home compost bin. Leicestershire County Council, like many authorities, sell

subsidised compost bins so if you're one of those who doesn't have a bin, now is the time to consider getting one as home composting is the most environmentally friendly option of dealing with green waste.

I will be writing more on home composting in the coming months but in brief, composting is a natural process in which microscopic organisms and larger things such as ants, wood lice and worms, break down organic matter in the presence of air to make a rich earthy substance containing valuable plant nutrients. Most home composters work at cool temperatures and need a good mix of brown material such as dry leaves, paper, woody prunings and green material such as vegetable peelings, grass clippings and young weeds. If you include the right mix of materials and choose a good site then you won't have any problems with smells, flies or rodents and after a few months you will be rewarded with free, wonderful compost. If you want any help with composting in the meantime just ask.

Meg Galley-Taylor
Master Composter meg@taylor.it

A Date for your Diary

Jon Boden in concert,

Lead singer from
Bellowhead and
BBC Folk Singer
of the Year 2010 in
a rare solo
performance

Thursday 5th May
7.30pm at Long
Whatton
Community
Centre

Tickets £7.00 from
Manor Farm Shop
01509 646413.

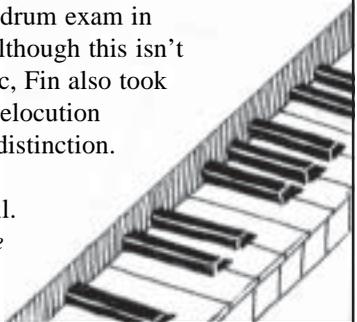
Music Exam Results

On Thursday 16th December, practical music exams were once again taken at Castle Donington High School and the following young people from the village did extremely well again.

Mair Bunyan took her Grade I piano exam and gained a merit, whilst Matti McGough, who also did Grade I piano, passed with a distinction. Arthur Henry played his way through his Grade III trombone exam and gained a merit, whilst his sister Beth took her Grade IV saxophone exam and also passed with a merit.

Findley Butterworth, who goes to Grace Dieu School, sat his Grade III drum exam in November and passed. Although this isn't anything to do with music, Fin also took his Grade III speech and elocution exam and passed with a distinction.

Congratulations to you all.
Janet Moorhouse



Retired Residents' Christmas Lunch 2010



The Arctic weather of the last two months of 2010 eased up long enough for our Retired Residents to make their way to the village hall for their Christmas Lunch. Sponsored as it has been for the past twelve years by East Midlands Airport, our guests sat down to the delicious Christmas fare of roast turkey with all the trimmings, roast potatoes and vegetables. This was followed by Christmas pudding and cream, mince pies, tea & coffee and mints and of course our famous Christmas cake.

The event involves a grand shop for all the necessary items, competently organised by Ruth Smith and Beverley Aust who also wrapped up all the boxes of chocolates handed out at the end of the party. There is always an organised arrangement for cooking the meal and again the ladies arranged that part, delivering turkeys to Sue Brompton, Martin Hening and the third one was cooked by Ruth herself. Beverley cooked the stuffings, Sheila Dakin cooked the bacon rolls and also some potatoes. Peggy Tudor and Liz Jarrom also provided potatoes.

Ruth cooked the vegetables at home and brought them, piping hot to the village hall just before serving. She also saved the day with the Christmas puddings. The microwave at the village hall had expired and a new one is awaited; However Ruth steamed the puddings at home and brought them in an insulated box. The lunch is a very happy occasion. Special guests are Revd. Martin Charles who always joins in the carols, Philip Weston who brings his keyboard and provides all the Christmas music and Revd. Diane Grice, the new Methodist minister who showed herself every bit as versatile as her predecessor in leading the carol singing.

We were very pleased to welcome Hannah Borkett from EMA, who popped in to greet everyone and cut the cake. This beautiful Christmas cake is made each year by Eileen Whitt and is always big enough for all including portions to be taken to those who could not attend; There is always sufficient for all and the remainder of the cake goes to the Church for distribution after the Carol Service. Hannah was joined in cutting the cake by Arthur Fletcher, one of our most senior residents.

After carol singing the raffle is drawn. All the work of organising the raffle goes to Norma Chapman who collects prizes from generous Diseworth residents, thus involving the whole village in the event. Norma sorts all the prizes out and each visitor purchases a ticket for £1 and a prize is guaranteed. The proceeds are donated between the Air Ambulance and Rainbows.

This year a display of old photographs, organised by Pat Guy, attracted a great deal of attention as people identified themselves and other Diseworth residents. It is interesting how many people were identified as some of the photographs were taken over 100 years ago.

The Christmas lunch is the success of a number of willing helpers. Many thanks to Ruth, Beverley, Sheila, Sue and Peggy and son Thomas, Norma, Pat, Liz and Julie Werb, Martin & Dave Moores (turkey carvers). They all helped in setting the tables, serving the food, organising the progression of courses, and most importantly washing up. In the latter, they were helped by Jane Goy, who hurried in after work. Madeleine Linthwaite who was unable to attend had sent in a tin of Roses chocolates for the 'staff' which helped greatly as we rushed around.

The Christmas lunch is greatly enjoyed by all, guests and helpers. The visitors thanked the team, chatted to each other and slowly made their way home. Christmas had begun.

Nikki Hening

Father Christmas Flies in to East Midlands Airport

It was an exciting afternoon when Father Christmas flew in to EMA. He had permission to leave his reindeer in the Short Stay car park and was driven to Diseworth Heritage Centre where he received a warm welcome from young people and their parents. Father Christmas greeted them all and took them to the Main Hall where refreshments awaited them. Then he sat in his decorated grotto which had been prepared for the event and one by one the children made their way in to see him and tell him about Christmas.



A surprise visitor to see Father Christmas was MP Andrew Bridgen who had hurried back from Parliament to visit. The MP chatted to parents as he had a cup of tea and cake. The young people took him to see Father Christmas. Each young person received a gift from Father Christmas who hastened back to the airport to continue his journey. There were gifts for all.

Father Christmas would like to thank East Midlands Airport for making it all possible.

The Incognosis World Tour of Diseworth

At the beginning of September 2010, I was trying to book tickets for the Roger Waters world tour on the Internet and was looking at all of the interesting places where he would be performing. 80 concerts in over 50 cities including New York, Toronto, Mexico City, Barcelona, Milan, Madrid, Helsinki and Moscow. The thought suddenly struck me that we could do the same and so I set out on the long and arduous struggle to establish the Incognosis World Tour of Diseworth.

Ideally, the band and the road crew wanted to be home for Christmas and so, in order to leave enough time for rehearsals, the tour would have to take place in December. The first hurdle was venue booking. Although I thought it would be difficult to arrange a world tour at such short notice, the entire tour schedule was completely sorted out with one quick telephone call to Dave Adcock. Arranging travel, accommodation and visas for the band and crew was also reasonably easy to arrange. Dan's mum agreed to bring him over from Belton and the rest of the band agreed that it was easier to walk, which saved us a fortune on airfare and hotels.

We decided that the proceeds of the tour should be split equally between Disewired and the Village Hall and so we really needed to maximise profit. Therefore, rather than franchise it out, we figured out that we would make more money by recruiting our own bar staff and organising the catering ourselves. Rachael from the Plough was kind enough to arrange the legal and logistics issues for alcohol sales and also ended up doing most of the cooking. We also decided that rather than taking catering and bar staff with us on the tour, we would recruit local staff as and when required. Merchandising was arranged and we commissioned T-Shirts and signed pictures of the band for sale during the tour. The final milestone was reached when Duggan organised a camera crew so that we could document our exploits and release an Incognosis Live DVD when the whole tour was over.

Having completed the planning and scheduling for the tour, the next stage was to recruit the band, road-crew and staff, set up the rehearsals and put together a set. Because individually, none of the band members are good enough to be able to play enough songs to fill an entire evening, Incognosis has always been quite a large band. However, due to the magnitude of our undertaking, the original Incognosis line-up: Duggan (Lead Guitar), Chard Mearns (Vocals), John Clark (Rhythm Guitar), Aaron Smith (Sax, Keyboards and pink ukulele), Gary Willacey (Bass, Vocals and assorted percussion), Kev Brown (shouting), Steve Animal-Frost (Percussion) and myself (Guitar like noises) were supplemented by the addition of Dan Breakell who joined us on vocals and acoustic guitar. Deborah (nee Jepson) and John Stewart were recruited as our support band and professional advisors. Apparently, The Roger Waters band rehearsed in a specially commissioned aircraft hanger just outside Miami. Following their lead, I also managed to secure an aircraft hanger for our rehearsals at a secret location just outside Diseworth. I am not sure if Roger had the same problems with cattle that we had and I am fairly sure that his aircraft hanger was a little larger than ours but overall, it worked rather well.



Rehearsals were a problem. We only had about six weekends for proper rehearsals and we didn't manage to get the whole band together at the same time. The result was that there were several songs that didn't get properly rehearsed. We pulled in a number of new songs including Honky Tonk Woman, Come Up and See Me (make me smile), Brown Eyed Girl, Sharp Dressed Man (the ZZ Top song – for which Duggan and I both decided to wear a false beard and fedora) and, in deference to Roger Waters, The Wall. Gary put together a fantastic version of Creep by Radiohead. We also supplemented our acoustic set with Dan doing a version of the Jason Mraz song I'm Yours. This was originally rehearsed with Aaron playing a pink ukulele but he bottled out of playing it live because his girlfriend thought it looked fey. Over a period of about six weeks, our set started to come together. We were massively under rehearsed and had no time left to practise further when we got news from our booking agency that the tour was a complete sell-out.

So..... On the 17th December 2010, the Incognosis world tour of Diseworth kicked off.

From my perspective the whole tour was a complete blur. I know that we screwed up some of the songs. Deborah and John could not make it and had to abandon their car in Coventry but Dan's Sister stepped in at the last minute and delivered a really excellent performance. We struggled with instruments continually going out of tune because of the massive temperature changes as we progressed (we started the tour in almost sub zero temperatures and ended up in sweltering heat).

Strings broke, there were bum notes all over the place, we all missed some of our cues (John actually missed a complete song) and our timing was not great (we have subsequently bought Kev a calendar). The lighting rig, smoke machine and laser show were really quite successful although the rear projection didn't work properly. We had

planned to show The Wall cartoon on a screen behind the stage just like Roger Waters. We ended up with a sort of multicoloured splodge. The 6ft inflatable balloons (we couldn't find an inflatable pig) were a complete disaster and I sincerely apologise to everyone in the audience (and specifically the Hurley family) for the problems and damage caused. Frosty was devastated that no one threw any underwear at him and went off in a sulk. My beard fell off during the ZZ Top number and Duggan's wireless guitar transmitter appeared to have wind.

Despite the problems, there were several highlights. Gary's rendition of Creep was awesome. Alison Evans and Rob Green's rendition of House of the Rising Sun was nearly up to the standard set by John Otway last year – especially as they did not know that they were performing until I called them onto the stage. Dan and his sister were superb and Duggan and Chard's acoustic set was excellent.



From a commercial standpoint the tour was a complete success. Due to the generosity (and ferocious thirst) of the audience, we managed to make a profit of approximately £2,000 which we have donated to the Village Hall and to Disewired.

Despite all of the problems and the lack of rehearsals, somehow, it all came together in the end. I sincerely hope that everyone enjoyed themselves. I know that the band did. It may not have been the multi-media musical experience that we intended to deliver – but I do think we had a damn good time.



Special thanks go to Dan and his sister for showing us how it should be done, to Duggan, Chard, John, Gary, Aaron, Steve and Kev for being Incognosis. Although I have made light of it, the effort and time that you all put into this venture was outstanding.

So... What are we going to do next year?

Mik Griffin

The Start: Diseworth's Annual Boxing Day Fun Run 2010



Arthur Fletcher
cutting the cake,
assisted by Hannah Borkett
from East Midlands Airport,
at the Retired Residents's
Annual Christmas Lunch

Father Christmas at the Heritage Centre



A Birthday Wedding

2010 was definitely a year where the saying about the frequency of buses could be applied to our family and its off-shoots. We wait for ages (years) and then they all turn up together. In our case, funerals, and much more joyfully by far, the weddings.



Steven and Rachel had been planning their wedding since early summer of 2009, once Steve had finally managed to propose. It took him a while, a long while. One leap year Rachel had told him that it was the custom for girls to propose on 29th February. His response? He laughed and patted her head! Still, at least the years preceding gave Rachel time to realise what she was getting into. Clearly, she knew well what the future may hold for her with ‘the boy’ because one day, while he and his dad were expressing different opinions about a bit of DIY that wasn’t quite working out, Rachel asked if Paul was pleased that she would be taking Steve off of our hands. ‘Absolutely ecstatic!’ I think Paul replied, or it could have been ‘Relieved!’

Steve and Rachel booked their venue at least a year in advance. The Ashes, on the moors near Leek is a lovely place which we can highly recommend, and they were well on the way with preparations when sister Debs brought her wedding forward to just three



months before theirs. They were very gracious and understanding about this and even shared some of their decorative accessories with her. There was a lot of swapping of web site addresses, exchange of ideas and sourcing of craft materials. It does get it all over and done with in a few months, but from a parental point of view I don't recommend two weddings so close together.

A lot of hard work was undertaken from January to November by Rachel and her mum especially, but also Steve and his future father-in-law. Like most people they decided to make as much as possible themselves; invitations, table decorations and a host of other things. They made life even more difficult by making their own candles for the rooms and tables too. Wasn't a lot of cooking going on in their kitchen that week! Most pans were being used to melt wax.

Their theme was snow-boarding, with each table identified by a photo of a resort they had visited, which actually fitted in quite well with the very cold weather at the time of their wedding. One of their snow boards held the seating plan and, later on in the day the reverse of it became their guest book. Their cake was a snow boarding slope, complete with figures of themselves on the top and even of their cats at the bottom.

It was a cold day, but fortunately before the snow arrived. It didn't rain and no-one forgot anything, although Steve did manage to lose a button from his trousers before the ceremony and was trying to commandeer needle and thread. He was rescued by Rachel's mum who gave him needle and cotton to make repairs. Everyone looked really nice and the bride of course was stunning. It was particularly special to see Rachel in such a beautiful dress, as she only ever wears trousers. She did however, take off her wedding shoes and put her Docs back on later for the dancing.

The ceremony itself and readings were excellent, as were the flowers, the reception, photographer, band and the whole event. All really enjoyable and nothing went wrong, although one tiny bridesmaid was overcome with shyness and a little reluctant to perform her role, but the slightly older bridesmaid had it all very much under control. A future events coordinator in the making there, I think.

I became a little concerned when the photographer was leaning out of the upstairs gallery window of the reception barn to get shots, bearing in mind that he has for

many years been a friend of Steve's accident prone older brother. The photos were taken without incident and were very good.

Rachel's father made a very lovely speech about his daughter which gave everyone who didn't know her well a thumbnail sketch of her personality. The best man's speech summed up Steve amazingly well, fortunately leaving out some of the more ridiculous things he had done as a medical student, and Steven completed his own speech by asking Rachel to model the special black, lacy, see through gift he had bought her for the occasion!?



Mmm..., it was a mosquito hood ready for their trip to Peru and trekking honeymoon in the Amazon, but she wore it well.

Not to be left out, Rachel's speech was to acknowledge Steve's birthday, which was the same day, and their very organised little bridesmaid presented him with a little cake. As Steve says, he's never going to forget an anniversary; it's not every day a birthday present is a wife.

The rest of the day and evening went equally well with families and friends all enjoying the occasion immensely. Steve and Rachel were married on November 20th and we are very proud of and delighted for them both.

Congratulations Steve and Rachel, from families and friends. We wish them a lovely, happy future.

Karen and Paul Jepson

Diseworth Village Hall News



The Village Hall played a central role in a number of Christmas and New Year celebrations. Probably the biggest event was the Incognosis fundraising concert. It was an excellent night and the band managed to raise just over £2,000 which has been split equally between the Village Hall and Disewired. Our most sincere thanks go to all the people who put significant effort into making the event such a success and to the numerous people that attended and parted with their hard earned cash!

The new sound system is currently being installed and hopefully will be fully functional by the time this article appears. We have a full PA system with microphones, a CD player and facilities to play music from an iPod or notebook. The PA is available to rent for a nominal charge.

We have finally managed to make some headway with BT, who are now trying to get an internet feed installed into the Hall. The Hall will become a wireless hot-spot and people renting the Hall will be able to use the Internet free of charge from their notebooks and some suitable mobile phones. This is a bit of an experiment conducted in partnership with Disewired and we are interested to see how much it is used. Also on the IT front, we have launched the Village Hall Website. It is fairly basic at the moment but we will add information and facilities over the coming months.

The website is at: <http://www.diseworthhall.org>

When the new Village Hall Committee took over earlier this year, we decided that one of the major tasks that we would address would be to get the Village Hall used more often. We have introduced a number of activities ranging from the Zumba classes, quiz nights, concerts as well as supporting the people and groups that already make use of the Hall. We are currently looking to organise a number of events including a Casino Night, Beetle Drive, an Oompah Band and maybe even a Summer Ball. We are also providing some 'Taster sessions' (African Drumming, Watercolour painting, Singing for Fun, Ballroom & Latin dance lessons) over the forthcoming months. However, we still feel that there is more that we can do and appeal to you to come forward with ideas for future activities and events.

The first of the 2011 events that we are organising will be an evening of music and dancing from the award winning Rabscallion, a 6 piece Irish ceillidh band on **Saturday the 19th March**. We are really fortunate to get them as they normally play considerably larger venues and folk festivals. Tickets will inevitably sell fast so please book early. Look out for the adverts in the Dialogue and around the village. Tickets are now available via the Village Hall Website at <http://www.diseworthhall.org> or from Jane Cunningham 818758.

Diseworth Village Hall

African Drumming



Taster Session

Everyone welcome

*Come and have a go —
it's great fun*

Wednesday 23rd February

7:30pm — 9:00pm

£3 per person

Maximum 20 places

Please book your place on

www.diseworthhall.org Or call - Jane Cunningham 88758

Diseworth Village Hall

Table Tennis



Ever thought how nice it would be to be able to keep fit, play sport and not have to leave the village? Well now you can at your local village hall, the hall has recently purchased a brand new full size table tennis table for the use of the residents and friends of the village. Anyone interested will be able to play on a regular or occasional basis for a small hourly charge during allocated days of the week on a self-policing basis.

Anyone interested in making use of this new facility and to obtain further details is welcome to attend our short open meeting on the morning of **Sunday February 6th at 11am** at the hall, alternatively contact Dave Adcock on 850337

Diseworth village Hall

200 Club

January 2011

| Prize | Number | Name | Amount |
|-----------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| 1 st | 121 | N Canty | £30 |
| 2 nd | 30 | K Fletcher | £20 |
| 3 rd | 109 | K Roberts | £15 |
| 4 th | 57 | I Robertson | £10 |

February 2011

| Prize | Number | Name | Amount |
|-----------------|--------|----------|--------|
| 1 st | 16 | J Mearns | £30 |
| 2 nd | 123 | A Adcock | £20 |
| 3 rd | 13 | T Dunkin | £15 |
| 4 th | 58 | M Cowley | £10 |

Zumba

Due to the success of the taster session Sam Leahy will be running a class every Tuesday
8.15pm - 9.15pm
Diseworth Village Hall
£4 per session
All welcome

DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

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

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

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

Please share with us your stories and announcements.

PLEASE MEET THE DEADLINE of the 7th February.

Reliable 14 year old, with First Aid certificate, available for **babysitting** most evenings. Please call Lucy Agar on 01332 850181 or 07763 952126.



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

Charity Knockout Dominoes



The annual charity knockout 5's 'n' 3's domino tournaments were completed recently at The Plough, and, as always, proved to be entertaining

and enjoyed by all. A total of £112 was raised and will be split between the Royal British Legion and another local charity. This total was made more possible thanks to the suppers being kindly donated by Rachel and Rob at The Plough.

After a 2 year gap this year's singles tournament was won by many times winner Frank Peake. Having come through some close games, he eventually came out champion against Phil Lindley in the final, whilst the pairs tournament saw last year's winners Steve Frost and Merv Johnson narrowly beaten in the final by new boys Mike Steven and Phil Reeves. To complete the evenings the 1st prize in the raffle was won by Alan Yeates

Many thanks to everyone who enjoyed and supported these evenings

Dave Adcock

The Plough Inn GENERAL KNOWLEDGE Quiz Night

2nd February, 3rd March, 6th April

1st WEDNESDAY of the month

Entry £1 each person, maximum of four in a team, first prize is half a gallon of beer, other prizes as well, including Sunday Lunch for two. Entry to the quiz includes a snack at half time.

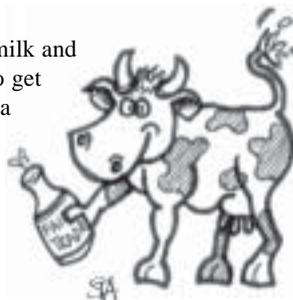
Buy your supplies of Coal, Kindling and Logs from Long Whatton Post Office.

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

How's that for Service?

During December's heavy snow we managed to run out of milk and were not due for a delivery. Walking to the Airport, trying to get the car out (if we could) onto icy roads, or drinking black tea seemed the only alternatives. A message left (a long-shot, we thought) on Larry Hill's answering machine at 5.50am resulted in two pints on our doorstep a little later that very snowy morning.

Thank you, Larry and Co., and long live door-step milk deliveries. *Shirley and Maitland Briggs*



PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday 3rd February 2011

7.30pm

at Diseworth Village Hall, Hall Gate,
Diseworth

Thursday 3rd March 2011

7.30pm at

Long Whatton Community Centre, The
Green, Long Whatton

*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*

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Midlands Airport, car servicing,
tyres, repairs and much much
more. Call 01332 810522.**

Welcome to the yellow Pages

“WOW!” Catering

Buffets & Hospitality

20 Hallgate, Diseworth

Exclusive buffets & catering for
private and trade

Flower Workshops in
Diseworth Village Hall

2-4pm

Start March 5th

March 26th

April 2nd

April 16th

May 14th

May 28th

June 11th

June 18th

£5 a class

Contact Iris Tebbutt

on 01332 810182 for more details or
to book a place.



Women's Afternoon Discussion Group

February 7th

If you could rerun your life.....

10 Ladygate by kind invitation
of Sandie Moores

March 7th

What price longevity?

7a Ladygate by kind invitation
of Marrienne Dokhanian

April 4th

**Are the baby boomers the blessed
generation?**

9 The Woodcroft by kind invitation
of Trisha Thomas

May 2nd

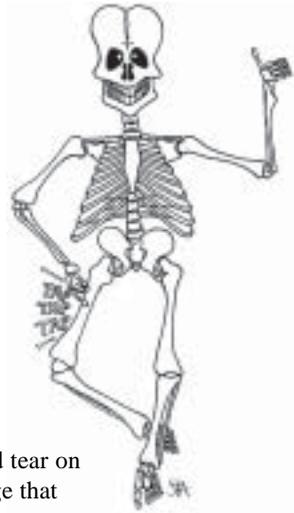
The Royal Wedding

20 Clements Gate by kind invitation
of Carly Snee

HEALTH PAGE

Comfort for Joints

It is well known that the structure of our hard working joints can be helped by taking glucosamine and chondroitin. Glucosamine supplies the basic building blocks of many of the tissues in the joints and chondroitin also plays its part in helping to maintain the structure of the joint. When we are young we can make these substances quite easily from our diet, but as we age, this ability reduces, so supplementing them is a good start to maintaining joint health. This can slow down the wear and tear on the joints, preventing the wearing of the protective cartilage that covers the ends of the bones.



Exposed bone can become damaged resulting in pain, especially when the joint is moved or bears weight. The problem gets worse as a resistance to movement weakens the surrounding muscles, ligaments and tendons so the joint becomes weaker and inflamed. So as well as taking supplements for the structure of the joint we need to address the inflammation as well. Fish oils have a good reputation for reducing inflammation as they contain omega 3 oils which have an anti-inflammatory effect on the body. In the last few years a new source of omega 3 has been shown to have even more benefits to joint health than salmon or cod liver oil. It is extract of green lipped mussel, a marine resident found in abundance off the coast the New Zealand. Green lipped mussel contains a unique omega 3 called ETA which has a very powerful anti-inflammatory effect, so making it the ideal companion to take alongside glucosamine and chondroitin, as it helps to reduce inflammation so relieving pain and encouraging mobility so improving the health of joints.

We have seen first hand evidence of this as one of our old dogs was having problems with one of her back legs. We were recommended to try a supplement for dogs that contains green lipped mussel and the improvement was remarkable. She was able to move more easily and she stopped chewing and licking the leg. Before she was given the supplement she would bother the leg so much that some days it would bleed! So now Will and I both take green lipped mussel and have noticed benefits.

Green lipped mussel supplements should not be taken by anyone who has a seafood allergy. Also women who are pregnant or breast feeding should not take green lipped mussel as some studies have shown that foetuses and growing babies can have retarded growth if exposed to this supplement.

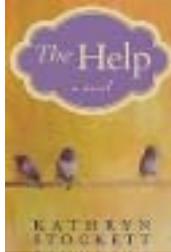
Liz Jarrom

Sue and Karen's Recommended Read

We love books, all kinds and would like to recommend in a review or summary 2 books each month that we have particularly enjoyed. After all, if Richard and Judy can do it, so can we.

Karen's choice: The Help, by Kathryn Stockett

I was totally drawn in to this story of the astonishing life of black and white Americans in Mississippi, where black maids bring up white children, but are not allowed to use their toilet and where if the maid displeases her mistress the impact can be immense.



This certainly isn't a book about slavery and white owners of plantations, but alarmingly of situations in 1960's America, only 50 years ago, which we in the UK never imagined, even though segregation and Klu-Klux-Klan activity featured in our news.

It tells also of the lives of white society ladies, some emulating their powerful bigoted 'friends' and some intimidated by them. It describes one white girl's endeavour to change attitudes of both black and white people after arriving home from college. Secretly, with two black maids she writes their extraordinary tales for a journal. In a culture of grown up bullying at best and attacks and maiming at worst, they all have everything to lose; livelihoods or even life if their disclosures are discovered.

It is touching, astounding, powerful and disgraceful but has humour. However, even when reading about the sudden, silly appearance of toilets stacked around the garden of an odious white woman, the sense of fear about repercussions is tangible and

more than once whilst smiling I was almost holding my breath.

I loved this book and at the end I wanted the story to continue. A mark of a good read I think.

Sue's choice: Her Fearful Symmetry by Audrey Niffenegger

Having thoroughly enjoyed and cried over 'The Time Traveller's Wife' I was looking forward to her new book, and it did please but in a very different way, being a mixture of a love story and a ghost story.



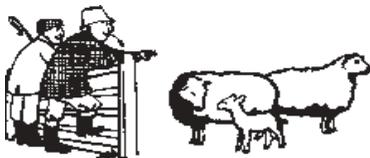
Identical twins Julia and Valentine Poole inherit a beautiful flat from their aunt Elspeth Noble, an aunt they did not know existed. It overlooks the Victorian cemetery of Highgate which is the workplace of Elspeth's much younger, elusive lover Robert. He lives in the flat below and above lives Martin a prisoner to his own OCD.

The twins are hoping to start new, separate lives but find themselves drawn into the world of tangled secrets of their aunt who is not giving into death as she ought.

I enjoyed this book for its quirky subject matter and style although at times I did want to get hold of the characters and give them a good shake!

The ending was a little flat but the twists and turns that lead to it are well worth the read.

LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



December 2010

The meeting on 9th December had been postponed from the previous week because of the severe weather and road conditions. Indeed, the condition of the roads and therefore the loss of the bus service for several days was a major topic. Great efforts were made by the Parish Council and some local residents to get County Highways to salt the roads so the bus service could resume. But it was a long time before Grimes Gate in Diseworth stopped resembling a ski slope. We now have a promise that County Highways will “look into” the possibility of including the whole of the bus route through the parish in the official salting programme.

The Council also welcomed their new salt bins which arrived just in the nick of time. They have been refilled by County Highways and it is understood that they have been very useful. There have been a couple of reports that the salt has been seen to be mis-used but the Council hopes that community spirit will prevail.

Chairman, Tom Wilkins, has had a busy month. With other members involved, the Christmas Tree for the Long Whatton Festival was displayed. Before that, Councillors laid wreaths on behalf of the villages at both memorials on Remembrance Sunday. The Chairman and Clerk had been pleased to represent the Council on the occasion at

Diseworth Heritage Centre when Long Whatton History Group received their Awards.

Arrangements were discussed for the Public Meeting on 11th January, which will seek to secure the future for Long Whatton News. It is clear that there is already a good deal of enthusiasm. The meeting has been publicised and everyone already involved will have received their own invitation.

A financial contribution is to be made to support the Citizens Advice Bureau covering this area.

Again, there is an appeal to recruit a volunteer Community Flood Warden for the Parish and also there is a special offer available to those who believe they are at risk from flooding to purchase “Doorpac self-inflating sandbags” at a cost of £30. More information on either of these from the County Council Community Volunteers Co-Ordinator - 0116 3056020 or Alex.foster@leics.gov.uk

A report of the recent Allotments Group meeting was discussed and decisions made about rental charges, etc.

Occupation of the land now appears imminent and the prospective tenants, with Councillors, are immersed in detailed planning for the “Big Day”.

The fly tipping which has occurred in Long Mere Lane, Diseworth has been reported with the hope that the offenders can be identified.

■ **Very soon - in May - there will be Elections for the Parish Council.** There will be many opportunities before then to learn about what is involved and anyone with an interest is advised to look out for information and events *very soon*. The Parish Council website - longwhattondiseworth.org.uk - will be kept up-to-date with useful information and practical advice. Anyone who has an interest in serving their community by seeking election to the Parish Council is welcome to contact the Parish Clerk who will be pleased to talk to you and offer impartial information about what is involved.

January 2011

At the January meeting, in Open Forum and later, the recent problems caused by lack of road salting during the severe weather were discussed. A good deal of pressure had been put on County Highways by the Council and by the public and it is hoped that the necessary changes will be made for the future. Confirmation is awaited.

A presentation was made by Tony Bull of County Highways about the intended changes to the street lighting in the Parish to save energy and cost. Most lights will be switched off between midnight and 5.30am (one hour later in BST). There was sympathy for the cost and carbon-saving principle and also the reduction in light pollution. However, Councillors put forward a number of locations where the switch-off would be inadvisable. They were also amazed that no reductions were proposed along the A453 by the airport and the M1 itself, commenting that pedestrians in the villages would have to manage while being surrounded by a ring of bright light. The Parish Council's

proposed amendments - and any others submitted to County Highways before the 3rd February closing date - would be considered. More information can be found at www.leics.gov.uk/lighting.

A working group had met and recommended a budget for the forthcoming year. It was agreed that the precept on the Council Tax should remain the same as currently at £29,000. This is effectively a reduction per household due to the increase in the number of properties.

It was hoped that there would be an enthusiastic response to the public meeting called to help secure the future for 'Long Whatton News'.

Although the legal progress towards acquiring the allotments land at Diseworth remains slow, the Allotments Working Group has been very busy making detailed arrangements for the management of the site, once the transfer has taken place, hopefully during January. It was noted that exactly the right number of people had come forward to rent all the available plots. A waiting list would then be established for others wanting a plot in the future.

■ **Parish Council Elections - A 'Prospective Parish Councillor Briefing Note'** has now been prepared and is available to download from the Council's website - longwhattondiseworth.org.uk - which will be kept up-to-date with useful election information. A copy can also be obtained by asking the Parish Clerk.

Douglas Maas, Parish Clerk

Telephone: 01530 242534

email: longwhatdisepc@hotmail.com

Parish Council website

www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk.

Meeting dates can be found on Dispatches

How to be a Parish Council Member ... and Why?



Being a Parish Councillor is not difficult or painful. One or two evening meetings a month. Make a few decisions each time, collectively with your colleagues. Someone else (the Parish Clerk) does all the paperwork, provides the information and guides you through a few essential rules. Your job is to keep an eye on what is going on, be aware of problems and listen to the views of others in your village. The Parish Council is all about safeguarding and improving life in your village. That's an enjoyable and satisfying task.

Most people could do that. Most people could be a Parish Councillor.

Would **you** like to carry out this modest task on behalf of your fellow villagers? It's an honourable voluntary activity for the benefit of your village. There are no rewards other than the satisfaction of knowing that you, as a responsible citizen, have put something tangible back into your community. Oh yes - the meetings usually turn out to be an enjoyable evening's event!

The **ELECTIONS** for the Parish Council take place every four years and are very similar to any other election. **There will be an election this year on 5th May** to fill the 4 seats in Long Whatton Ward and the 3 seats in Diseworth Ward. **The Election will be here very soon ... RIGHT NOW is the time to give thought to whether you'd like to serve your community in this way.**

So, what should you do now? To help you decide if you would like to be a Parish Councillor - and how - there's plenty of information available. Good places to start are:

- Contact the Parish Clerk for impartial information: Douglas Maas - tel. 01530 242534, email longwhatdisepc@hotmail.com, write 86 Forest Road, Markfield, Leicestershire LE67 9UN
- Look at the Parish Council website for regular information and download a briefing document: longwhattondiseworth.org.uk
- Go to one of two events coming up, put on by the District Council, at which you can get detailed information. These will be held as follows: at the Council Offices, Coalville at 6pm on 27th January and at Kegworth Parish Rooms on 3rd February. To register for either event, contact the District Council on 01530 454503 or 454511. More details - and full information about the election process - can be found on their website at www.nwleics.gov.uk

Beat Surgeries 2011

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

Time Table

| Date | Time | Location | Location |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Tues 8 th February | 14:00-16:00 | Kegworth | Police Station |
| Thurs 3 rd March | 18:00-20:00 | Osgathorpe | Storey Arms car park |
| Wed 6 th April | 10:00-12:00 | Diseworth | Near Village Hall |
| Tues 3 rd May | 10:00-12:00 | Belton | Market Place |
| Wed 1 st June | 18:00-20:00 | Osgathorpe | Storey Arms car park |
| Sat 2 nd July | 18:00-20:00 | Kegworth | Police Station |
| Tues 2 nd August | 14:00-16:00 | Kegworth | Police Station |
| Fri 2 nd September | 10:00-12:00 | Long Whatton | Near Post Office |
| Mon 10 th October | 10:00-12:00 | Diseworth | Near Village Hall |
| Wed 9 th Nov | 18:00-20:00 | Belton | Market Place |
| Wed 7 th Dec | 18:00-20:00 | Osgathorpe | Storey Arms car park |

For any further information regarding these surgeries please contact the beat officer PC 1760 Jason Underwood or PCSO 6178 Nicola Stanhope on 0116 222 2222 and leave a message for the officer by entering their collar number.

Neighbourhood meetings are held at least once a month in your area. They are open to everyone and give you the chance to meet your local police officers and police community support officers.

You can also tell your neighbourhood team about the issues that may concern you, giving you the opportunity to have your say about policing in the area where you live.

You can also email the team by logging onto the Force website at www.leics.police.uk and enter your postcode.

News from Leicestershire Police

December's crime figures for Diseworth is a 1, theft from motor vehicle.

Vehicle crime - Keeping your valuables and possessions safe.

- 1) Don't leave anything on display in your car.
- 2) Take all your belongings with you when you leave the car. If you can't, then preferably lock them in the boot before you start your journey.
- 3) Never leave any of the following on display in your car as they are all particularly attractive to car thieves: Mobile phones, Laptop computers, Credit and Debit cards, Cheque books, Cash, Vehicle registration documents and private mail, especially with your address on it.



Green footprints challenge Awards 2011

The Green Footprints Challenge aims to change the way we all act to make the district a cleaner and greener place to live, work and visit.

The annual Green Footprints Awards recognise the people or groups who have made an outstanding contribution to the environment in North West Leicestershire.

There are six categories:

- ★ **Businesses**
- ★ **Children & Young People** (under 25 years)
- ★ **Families & Individuals**
- ★ **Partnerships & Community Groups**
- ★ **Schools**
- ★ **Sustainable Urban Design**

www.footprints.nwleics.gov.uk

Green Footprints Challenge Awards Application Form 2011

PRESS RELEASE

December 2010



**** North West Leicestershire come and have your say****

Over the next three months residents of North West Leicestershire will have the opportunity to get involved in a number of agenda items, for instance, discussions about Leicestershire's fantastic green spaces. So, if you feel strongly about green spaces in your local area, we want to hear from you! The Government is thinking about creating a new designation to protect green areas of particular importance to local communities.

We want to start now, by finding out your views about the green spaces that are important to you. Which areas are particularly important to you and why? Which areas need protection? You can participate in these interactive discussion sessions by attending your local Community Forum. Your views will be critical in developing future policies and proposals.

If you're concerned with what's happening within your community, please come along to your next Community Forum. Community forums are a great opportunity for local residents to find out what is happening on their doorstep, give their views, get answers to queries and influence local decision-making.

There are three meetings that are scheduled at the beginning of the new year, where you can share your views. Throughout the district we have learnt

more about Leicestershire County Council's Winter Maintenance Programme, including local Gritting routes, NHS consultations, Personalisation of Adult Social Care, the reduction of Bus Services and many more items. Be part of your community and raise your questions and queries. In addition to items raised on each agenda, there will be opportunity for questions from the floor to be covered during the Forum's two hour session.

The Valley Forum is for people who live, work or play, in the Castle Donington, Kegworth, Long Whatton, Belton, Breedon, Worthington, Swannington and surrounding areas. Your next Community Forum is on the 16th March, 2011, 7pm, Venue: Spital Park Pavillion, The Spital, Castle Donnington, DE74 2NQ.

Community Forums offer a unique opportunity where all three tiers of local government come together and partners.

For further information please contact Victoria Bowers 0116 305 8169, or Victoria.bowers@leics.gov.uk

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Leicestershire County Council, County Hall,
Glenfield, Leicestershire LE3 8RA
Telephone: 0116 305 6274 Fax: 0116 305 6266
www.leics.gov.uk

MOTHERING SUNDAY

At The Plough Inn,
Diseworth
Sunday 3rd April 2011



**Treat your Mum to a Traditional
Sunday Lunch**
Special 2 or 3 course menu available

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID
DISAPPOINTMENT



EASTER SUNDAY

At The Plough Inn,
Diseworth
Sunday 24th April 2011

**Enjoy a Traditional Sunday Lunch
with the whole family.**

Special 2 or 3 course menu available

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID
DISAPPOINTMENT



News from
DISEWIRED
**The Community Group for
Better Broadband in Diseworth**

Diseworth Primary School pupils recently enthusiastically entered the competition to design a logo for Disewired. We're delighted to announce the winner: **Jamie Smith**, who has been presented with a Toys R Us voucher. Well done, Jamie! Your logo will appear shortly on the Disewired website.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Diseworth Dialogue you will see a report from Mik Griffin on the Incognosis fundraising gig which was held in the Village Hall on 17th December. This terrific event raised about £2000 which will be split between the Village Hall and Disewired. Thank you to everybody who supported the event.

Since our last report in the Dialogue, there has been a delay to the funding process via East Midlands Development Agency. This means that all funding applications, including those from Disewired, have been delayed. As soon as we have further news, we will post it on www.disewired.com.

You may have read in the news about the government's recent announcement for "Broadband Britain". Its stated objective is that "every community in the UK will gain access to super fast broadband by 2015". This is very much in tune with what Disewired was set up to achieve. However, we would like to see "Next Generation" fibre optic broadband become a reality in Diseworth well before 2015, so we are still pushing forward with our plans to achieve this ourselves. More information as it breaks on www.disewired.com.

Mike Doyle & Mik Griffin
on behalf of The Disewired Team

www.disewired.com

email: info@disewired.com

facebook group: search "disewired"



“Recycle Bin”

Have you got things, in the loft, the cupboard, the spare room, the shed, that you no longer need?

You don't want to sell it on ebay and it's too good to take to the tip. The idea is that if you don't want it, someone else can make use of it. Why not advertise it in 'Recycle Bin'

3 Cycles

in need of some tlc - for spares or repairs - and large plastic dog basket, unused, vgc.
email: sebs2907@tesco.net

PUB POOL TABLE

slate 6ft x 3ft with blue cloth. Coin operation does not work the balls move straight through to the end. The table itself needs a little repair as we had to saw a bit to get it down the stairs. Collection only, please contact Marianne on 07950 594337

Kitchen Ceramic Wall Tiles

Bought from Tile Town – Derby
Gaudie Range
10cm x10cm
56 - Gaudie Oak
56 – Gaudie Cotto
60 – Gaudie White (Cream)

Jane Cunningham
Tel. 01332 818758

Put U Up Bed

Used twice. Upholstered to look like a large foot stool. To view telephone 01332 810182

Diseworth School Sweatshirts

I have a selection of Diseworth School Sweatshirts in various sizes requiring a new home.
Tel. 01509 842556
Adele Jarrom

It is **free** to advertise and you give your unwanted items away for **free**. Send a short description (max 50 words) of the item to the *Dialogue* & a contact telephone number or email address.

Directory of Useful Numbers

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| BBC East Midlands | 0115 955 0500 www.bbc.co.uk/england/eastmidlandstoday/ |
| BBC Radio Derby | 01332 361111 |
| British Gas - Service | 0645 605040 |
| Gas Escape Emergency | 0800 111999 |
| Castle Donington Community College | 01332 810528 postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk |
| Castle Donington Volunteer Bureau | 01332 850526/850742 mail@cdvb.org.uk |
| Chemist, Gerald Porter, Castle Donington | 01332 810213 |
| Derby Playhouse | 01332 363275 www.derbyplayhouse.co.uk |
| Derby Royal Infirmary | 01332 347141 |
| Diseworth C of E Primary School | 01332 810208 |
| Doctor's Surgery - Health Centre, Castle Donington | 0844 477 3092 |
| Orchard Surgery, Kegworth | 01509 674919 |
| East Midlands Airport | 01332 852852 www.eastmidlandsairport.com |
| East Midlands Electricity emergencies customer services | 0800 056 8090 0800 363363 |
| Environment Agency | 0800 807060 |
| Kinchbus | 01509 815637 www.kinchbus.co.uk |
| Loughborough Hospital | 01509 611600 |
| Mobile Library | 0116 3053565 |
| NHS Direct | 08 45 46 47 www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk |
| North West Leicester District Council | 01530 454545 www.nwleics.gov.uk |
| Nottingham Concert Hall | 0115 989 5555 |
| Nottingham Playhouse | 0115 941 9419 |
| Nottingham Royal Centre | 0115 989 5555 www.royalcentre-nottingham.co.uk |
| Police | 0116 222 2222 |
| Post Office - Long Whatton | 01509 842264 |
| Post Office - Castle Donington | 01332 810515. |
| Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham | 0115 924 9924 |
| Radio Trent | 0115 952 7000 |
| Reel Cinema Loughborough | 01509 212261 |
| Royal Derby Hospital | 01332 340131 |
| accident & emergency | ext 87800 or direct line 01332 783111 |
| Royal Derby Children's Hospital | 01332 340131 |
| accident and emergency | ext 83277 or direct line 01332 786808 |
| Severn Trent Customer Service | 08007 834444 |
| Skylink | 0115 9506070 www.skylink.co.uk |
| Traveline - for all public transport information | 0871 200 22 33 www.traveline.org.uk |

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

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

Village Directory

| Organisation | Contact Person | Telephone No |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Book Worms | Sandie Moores | 01332 812629 |
| Brownies | Jane Lindley | 01332 814270 |
| 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 Hawsworth | 01509 568793 |
| W.I.N.G.S. | Erica & Andy Foxall | 01332 811689 |
| Women's Discussion Group | Liz Jarrom | 01332 810358 |
| Women's Group | Sheila Dakin | 01332 810858 |

Diseworth Village Hall

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CONTACTS

CO-ORDINATORS:

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

YOUR LOCAL PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Email: longwhatdisepc@hotmail.com.

Please visit the website at **www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk**

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

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| David Bamford, | 43 The Woodcroft, Diseworth DE74 2QT | 07802 817691 |
| Sue Roberts, | Chapel Farm, Hall Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QJ | 01332 810813 |
| Derek Wiggins, | 6 Clements Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QE | 01332 810209 |
| Andrew Cawdell, | 58 The Green, Long Whatton LE12 5DB | 01509 843273 |
| Linda Downs, | 12 Barnfield Close, Long Whatton, LE12 5BZ | 01509 842117 |
| Michael Downs, | 12 Barnfield Close, Long Whatton LE12 5BZ | 01509 842117 |
| Thomas Wilkins, | 1 Hathern Road, Long Whatton LE12 5DD | 07521 461326 |

Parish Council meetings are held at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of each month, alternately at Diseworth and Long Whatton. Please see the Notice Boards or ask the Parish Clerk for current information or to make general enquiries about the Parish Council.