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Remember that we produce 2 double issues (July/August and December/January). **All contributions will be considered for publication.**

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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

## JULY

Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Coffee Cakes & Computers at the Heritage Centre 10-12 noon
Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm at Long Whatton Community Centre
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Discussion Group 2 pm 20 Clements Gate "Old Age, the Ultimate Challenge"
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Cakes & Computers at the Heritage Centre 10-12 noon
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Kegworth Village Fair Kegworth Primary School 12 noon – 4 pm
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Cakes & Computers at the Heritage Centre 10-12 noon
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Coffee Cakes & Computers at the Heritage Centre 10-12 noon
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning Diseworth Parish Church 10am – 12 noon
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Cakes & Computers at the Heritage Centre 10-12 noon

## AUGUST

Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Discussion Group 2pm 9 The Woodcroft "Faith, a Way of Life"
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm at Diseworth Village Hall
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Dialogue</i> Committee Meeting 8pm, venue, Nicky Miller
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning Diseworth Parish Church 10 am – 12 noon

## SEPTEMBER

Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm at Long Whatton Community Centre
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunflower Measuring 2pm onwards
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Diseworth Open Flower Show Village Hall 2pm



Kegworth Primary School  
will be playing host to the

## 2010 Kegworth Village Fair.

July 10th, 12 - 4pm

The event will include a variety of stalls,  
plus tug of war, dance groups, a Taekwon-Do  
demonstration, bands, singers, the local police, a  
bouncy castle, refreshments, and much much more

Admission £2.00 Adults  
Accompanied Children under 16 Free

## Castle Donington Farmers' Market

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



**10th July**  
**7th August**  
**11th September**  
**9th October**

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



## Welcome to the double July/August issue of the *Diseworth Dialogue*

As you read this, Summer is in full swing. All that hard work in the garden has paid off and now you can sit back, relax and watch the butterflies! Or why not try spotting the elusive Red Kite that was seen in Long Whatton not so long ago.

We have a packed magazine for you this month, with the centre pages dedicated to the Open Gardens/ Arts Festival weekend. Congratulations to Rosemary and Mary and to all who volunteered during that successful weekend. You will also find the concluding part of *The Boy and the Hercules Bike* in this issue - a very interesting read indeed.

The election may seem a distant memory but our resident poet, David Griffiths has written a fantastic poem about the event. There is also a report on the Retired Residents' Spring Lunch which was thoroughly enjoyable - with musical entertainment from the Diseworth School Choir.

Now we must look forward to the forthcoming Flower Show on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> of September. All relevant information including details of the Sunflower measuring can be found in this edition. I believe there is even a new Sunflower class for adults this year and a Homemade Produce class for Diseworth men only! (Hide your best cake tins and baking trays, ladies!)

I do hope you have a wonderful relaxing summer, whatever you are doing, and look forward to our next edition in September. It'll soon be Christmas!

*Peggy Tudor*

# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

## *Pastoral Letter*



photograph Julia Sillitoe

The cats have moved into the vicarage. By and large this has been a fairly smooth operation, but there have been one or two teething problems. Why, when confronted by a cat flap identical to the one they have been using for the last sixteen years, did they sit there in bewilderment and suspicion and refuse to go out or in? Why, when given really cosy baskets to sleep in must they sneak into the bedroom and sleep in the bed? Some intensive cat flap training solved one problem and keeping the bedroom door firmly shut solved the other. Oh well, I suppose they're just cats: creatures of habit who like a bit a comfort. Mind you they are contradictory too, for creatures of habit, they certainly like novelty. You've only got to put a cardboard box on the floor for a few minutes and there's a cat inside it. Still, they seem well settled in and now do that great 'cat thing' of just lying around asleep in the summer sunshine in absolute contentment and ease.

The poet D H Lawrence in his poem 'Pax' saw in that restfulness of cats a picture of what it is like to be at peace in the presence of God

All that matters is to be at one with the living God  
to be a creature in the house of the God of Life.

Like a cat asleep on a chair  
at peace, in peace  
and at one with the master of the house, with the mistress,  
at home, at home in the house of the living,  
sleeping on the hearth, and yawning before the fire.

Sleeping on the hearth of the living world  
yawning at home before the fire of life  
feeling the presence of the living God  
like a great reassurance  
a deep calm in the heart  
a presence  
as of the master sitting at the board  
in his own and greater being,  
in the house of life.

# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

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Please note that Gill takes Monday as her day off and Tony has Friday as his day off.

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.

I think Lawrence has got a good point. Maybe human beings are a bit like cats. After all, many of us are creatures of habit yet we crave novelty. Many of us who enjoy novelty can be quite challenged or feel threatened when our world changes and new patterns have to be experienced and tried.

Many of us do like to find that extra bit of comfort and warmth in our lives, as much for the soul as for the body. But I wonder how many of us can do that 'cat thing' of just 'being', just enjoying what it means to be alive in this moment in this place? As the summer draws on I hope all of us get some time to rest, like cats do, in the warmth of the sun. And maybe in that moment of rest, we can just let ourselves rest in the in the hands of God too and just 'be' in his presence.



*Tony Edmonds*

# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

## Services & Locations for July 2010

	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Location</b>
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Belton
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Baptisms</b>	<b>Diseworth</b> & Hathern
		Family Service	Kegworth
		All Age Worship	Long Whatton
	6.15pm	Morning Prayer BCP Evensong	Osgathorpe Kegworth & Belton
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Belton & Kegworth
	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>CW Holy Communion</b>	<b>Diseworth</b> , Hathern, L. Whatton & Kegworth
	6.15pm	Tony Special (United Service) BCP Evensong	Long Whatton Kegworth
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>CW Holy Communion</b>	<b>Diseworth</b>
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Belton & L. Whatton
		Family Service	Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion BCP Evensong	Hathern Kegworth & Belton
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>Diseworth</b> & Kegworth
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton, Hathern & Kegworth
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Benefice Praise Evening	Hathern



# St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

## Lessons and Readers for July 2010

		Time	Reader	Sidesman
July 4 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 5	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 66.10-14 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Galatians 6.1-16 Gospel: Luke 10.1-11,16-20	<b>10.30am</b>		
July 11 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 6	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 30.9-14 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 1.1-14 Gospel: Luke 10.25-37	<b>10.30am</b>	R Harris D Blenkinsopp A Stone	M Howe
July 18 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 7	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 18.1-10a 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 1.15-28 Gospel: Luke 10.38-end	<b>9.00am</b>	S Brompton M Hening S Bird	D Cherry
July 25 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 8	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 11.27-12.2 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 4.7-15 Gospel: Matthew 20.20-28	<b>8.00am</b>	D Griffin S Bird	T Griffin

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

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

### Regular Weekday Services

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



# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

## Services & Locations for August 2010

	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Location</b>
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> Baptism	<b>Diseworth</b> Belton, Kegworth & Osgathorpe
	6.15pm	Family Service All Age Worship BCP Evensong	Hathern Long Whatton Kegworth & Belton
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Belton & Kegworth
	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>CW Holy Communion</b>	<b>Diseworth</b> , Hathern, L. Whatton & Kegworth
	<b>6.15pm</b>	<b>United Lammas Service</b> BCP Evensong	<b>Diseworth</b> Kegworth
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>CW Holy Communion</b>	<b>Diseworth</b>
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion Family Service	Belton & L. Whatton Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion BCP Evensong	Hathern Kegworth & Belton
August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>Diseworth</b> & Kegworth
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton, Hathern & Kegworth
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Benefice Praise Evening	Hathern
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton, Osgathorpe & Kegworth

# *St Michael and All Angels Parish Church*

## Lessons and Readers for August 2010

		Time	Reader	Sidesman
August 1 <sup>st</sup> Trinity 9	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3.1-11 Gospel: Luke 12.18-31	<b>10.30am</b>		
August 8 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 10	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 15.1-6 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16 Gospel: Luke 12.32-40	<b>10.30am</b>	M Gidlow T Walker A Stone	G Stone
August 15 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 11	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 61.10-end 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Galatians 4.4-7 Gospel: Luke 1.46-55	<b>9.00am</b>	S Bird P Allen R Ward	D Cherry
August 22 <sup>nd</sup> Trinity 12	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 58.9b-end 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 12.18-end Gospel: Luke 13.10-17	<b>8.00am</b>	D Griffin  M Hening	T Griffin
August 29 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 13	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16 Gospel: Luke 14.1,7-14			

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### Church Flowers and Brasses

	Flowers	Brasses
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs P Cotton	Mrs D Griffin
July 11 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs S Dakin	Mrs N Cowley
July 25 <sup>th</sup> /August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs L Gaymer	Mrs E Mitchell
August 8 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs I Tebbutt	Mrs R Smith
August 22 <sup>nd</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs P Fletcher	Mrs S Briggs



# News from the Pews

## Open Gardens & Arts Festival

Mary and I have survived the event much to our surprise we really did think one of us would have a nervous breakdown, but we didn't.



We think the centre fold says it all for us, so apart from:

Never again. Come back Sue, all is forgiven  
*(do not let another daughter get married in June again)*

A big "Thank You" to all who took part in our experiment and had some fun.

Please do not ring, the lines are now closed.

Mary and Rosemary

### Other Benefice Services, Meetings and Social Events in July and August 2010

July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Saturday	Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Hathern Church Music Café, 6pm-8pm
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Hathern House Group 7.30pm
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Long Whatton Coffee Morning, Friendship Centre
<b>July 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Diseworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon</b>
July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Benefice Bible Study, 33 Green Hill, Hathern 7.30pm
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Benefice Praise Evening, Hathern Church, 7.30pm
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday	Hathern Church Music Café, 6pm-8pm
August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Hathern House Group 7.30pm
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday	Long Whatton Coffee Morning, Friendship Centre
August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Monday	Benefice Bible Study, 33 Green Hill, Hathern 7.30pm
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Benefice Praise Evening, Hathern Church, 7.30pm
<b>August 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Diseworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon</b>

*Catholic Church of the Risen Lord.*

Hillside, Castle Donington

Mass every Sunday 9am



*Kegworth Methodist Church*

High St. Kegworth



**Sunday Services**

Morning Worship - 10.30am

Praise Worship – 6.15pm (First Sunday each month)

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



*Kegworth Baptist Church*

High St. Kegworth

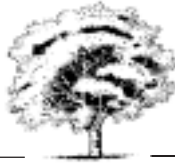


**Sunday Services**

Morning Worship & Sunday School – 10.30am

Lead Deacon: Paul Phillips 01509-551464

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



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***A PEDICURE FOR  
BARNEY AND NOBBY***



Summer is the season of love for our two stock bulls Barney and Nobby. For the new beef heifers to calve in the late spring, they need to be served in the early summer. So this is the time that the two bulls go out to grass with them. Firstly they must be in good condition or they can't do their job properly. Having spent the winter inside on concrete, they both had problems with their feet, as was obvious from the way they were pottering about rather tenderly if they had

to walk far. So before they could go out to work they needed to have their feet trimmed up. So it was time to give Alex a call and ask him to come out and give the boys a pedicure.

A few days later he arrived with his all singing all dancing super crush. We have a cattle crush here that Will uses for handling our animals when they need treatment or testing, but it is too small for the stock bulls to fit into. Even if Will could get them

in, it would not be possible for him to deal with their feet safely as they are far too heavy and strong. No, foot trimming for bulls is an expert's job. Bovine's feet are comprised of two claws with a cleft between them. The claws are made of horn which is hard and shiny when it is clean, similar to our own fingernails. The problem is that because the horn has to support the tremendous weight of the animal, it can split and become ulcerated, especially if stones and muck become impacted within it.

This is where the skill of someone like Alex comes in. Barney was first and after a bit of gentle persuasion he was in the crush. Alex pressed some buttons and Barney was tilted over at an angle of 90 degrees and his feet secured by chains to keep both he and Alex safe during the procedure. He was not very happy about being on his side but there was nothing he could do. With the bull tipped

over on his side, it was easy for Alex to see what he was doing, and he soon removed a few stones that had become jammed in Barney's hooves. Then with an electric tool, he trimmed all around the edges of the hooves and levelled up the bases so Barney now had a firm flat base to walk on. The pressing of a few buttons brought Barney back down to earth again and he was released back out into the yard again, and now it was Nobby's turn. The procedure was the similar, but Nobby had to have extra work on his left back foot as he had a great big split up the side.

When Alex had finished, he glued a plastic "shoe" to that foot to keep it clean while the horn healed up. In time the shoe would fall off leaving Nobby with a good firm base to walk on. So now the bulls are both out with their respective harems, and hopefully we shall see the results of their labours next spring.

## Rare Bird Sightings

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of May, a **Red Kite** was seen over Harlows in Long Whatton heading towards Long Whatton Hall. Meanwhile, the **Ospreys** have hatched at Lyndon Reserve, Manton, Rutland. If you want to go and see them, be prepared for a ½ mile walk to the hide. Binoculars or telescope are advised. For more information, telephone 812600

*Barry Smith*



# 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. There has been a very good show of flowering plants and the blossom on the trees was superb this year. There are lots of insects of all kinds to be seen and many birds, singing and busy nesting. By the time you read this, the grass may have been cut and it will be much quieter for a while. If you plan to have a Picnic there, please do. Just let us know in advance if a large gathering is planned.



The Plant Sale, held in conjunction with the Church Coffee Morning was a great success. There was a very good turn-out, we sold lots of plants, and many more people than usual went into Church for refreshments and to support the Fair Trade and other stalls – the Book Stall proved especially popular. At the end of the day we found we had taken nearly £280.

The Committee would like to extend its most grateful thanks to all who helped, both on the day and during the weeks of preparation. We were especially grateful for the generous donations of young vegetable plants – tomatoes, courgettes etc. We would particularly like to thank the Church for allowing us to use the churchyard and to share their morning, Gordon and Jim for the use of their tables and trailer and Jim Snee for transporting all the plants on the day.

On a less happy note – we have always said that Dogs are welcome in the Meadow provided they are under control and **not allowed to foul** the site. Sadly, just before the end of May Bank Holiday it was reported that there had been a very large and unpleasant fouling incident. We have always taken it on trust that if a dog could not wait, its **owner** would have the decency to ‘poop & scoop’ – just as they would be expected to if it happened on the village pavements. If there are repeated incidents, sadly we may have to reconsider the access arrangements, as it is not fair on other users of the meadow. Please do remember that at this time of year we would expect more children to use the Meadow – and there are serious health issues involved.

At present the small gate is always unlocked. Please ensure it is secured when you leave.

*Contact: Pat Guy 811119*



# Diseworth Open Flower Show 2010

Saturday  
September 11th

Village Hall,  
Hall Gate

Gates open at 2pm  
Hall opens at 2.30pm  
for viewing  
of exhibits  
Teas served from 2pm  
Presentation of Prizes  
3.30pm  
Sale of Produce 4pm  
approx



Steam Engine Display with Robin Hood from Long Whatton  
Tombola  
Pony Rides  
Plant Stall  
Children's Games  
Raffle  
Heritage Centre and Recycling Information Stall  
Community Support Team with Home Safety Information

Entrance 50p

Children Free

# Diseworth Open Flower Show

This year's Flower Show is on **Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**.  
This month's Dialogue should contain the full show schedule.

If it does not, or if you require extra copies,  
please contact Pat Guy. (Tel. 811119)



The Flower Arrangement classes include the usual popular **Petite Arrangement** – no more than 25cm (9 inches) in any dimension. There is also a floral arrangement using only **Foliage**, and one for an arrangement in a **Basket** - of any size.

The Children's flower arrangement **Class 67**, this year again uses a small glass vase, which should be about 10 – 12 cm (4 in) high and not too wide. If you want to enter this class, but have no vase, **we have a stock of suitable vases which you can borrow**. Contact Pat Guy (811119) in the week before the Show.

The classes for **both Children and Adults involving the production of a home-made Greetings Card** are repeated. It can be a Birthday, Get Well, Special Anniversary, Christmas or whatever occasion you like. This year, the **Computer-based class for Children**, involves the creation of a work of art with a "World Cup Fever" theme.

This year we are repeating the **New From Old** - Class 70. The idea is to create a Toy, of any sort, from re-cycled materials. You might think of it as a Non-Vegetable Monster, or you could knit or sew a 'doll' from re-used wool or fabric. Working models composed of all sorts of cast-off items could be made, or board games using a collage technique. We await the fruits of your inspiration.

All the other usual Children's classes are there. This year the theme of the painting class for the youngest children is a finger painting of **A Snowman**. For those aged 5 and over, the theme is **Winter Fun** and any medium – paint, crayons, chalk or ink pens can be used. The cookery class involves the creation of **3 Decorated Fairy Cakes** and the **Vegetable Monster** is back.



The Photography classes are again 'any size'. You can still enter up to 5 items in each class. Prints may be framed or unframed. This year we again have four classes and the topics are **A Winter Scene**, **Textures**, **A Wildlife Close-up** and **Beside the Seaside**. In the "Textures" class we are hoping for a wide range of interpretations. As I said in the April Dialogue, I had in mind such things as tree bark, leaf patterns, pebbles or rock structures, patterns in agricultural situations or on buildings. Many of these look wonderful in monochrome rather than in colour and it will be very interesting to see what you can come up with. The subject of the Wildlife close-up can be anything you choose – animal, plant, insect, or just a part of one of them.



To reflect the severe Winter we have just experienced, the topic for the Diseworth Heritage Trophy is more specific than usual this year. We would like a picture of "**Diseworth in Winter**".

The "Home Made Produce" classes are very similar to last year, with just the change to the '**Diseworth Men Only**' class, Class 40 – **4 Currant Buns / Teacakes** – this year. By teacake we mean a light, yeast based bread-type item, not a small cake with currants in it.

There are no changes to the "Fruit and Vegetable" classes. The 'old fashioned' cold winter resulted in a wonderful display of blossom on all the fruit trees this year so we are just hoping that the late frosts didn't ruin things. We are looking forward to some bumper crops and some really good entries.



For some years we have been asked to have a **Sunflower** class for **Adults**. This may be rather short notice, but we have decided to have a trial run this year. So, there will be a **Class 60A**. Also – why not try the **Model Garden (Adult)** class – No.60!

*Pat Guy*

# Election Fever

It is the glorious sixth of May  
And it is our Election Day  
For weeks and weeks we've watched their faces  
As hacks put them through their paces  
Just as if they're circus horses  
Going round and round the courses  
In their suits, their faces scrubbed  
Lie down to have their tummies rubbed  
Blatantly they try and try  
While inwardly they lie and lie.  
Show the gloss and not the rust  
"We are the party you can trust."

Gordon Brown conceals a frown  
As his empire crumbles down.  
He's trying to combat the curse  
But only makes it worse and worse.  
It's May, East winds the cornlands parch,  
For Gordon it's the Ides of March.  
For him it is the end of strife  
A victim of the voter's knife.



For the Tories Honest Dave  
An advert for an aftershave.  
He has come with sword and shield  
From Eton's famous playing field.  
In the hustings swore he'd get  
This old country out of debt.  
Only drawback was that he  
Was short of a majority.  
Only thing this could unlock  
Befriend the new kid on the block.  
Hoping he'd not need to beg  
Too many favours from Nick Clegg  
No more fights with stones or sticks  
This is our new politics.  
No more war and raw ambition



Just a cosy coalition.

*David Griffiths*

# Retired Residents' Spring Lunch



Fine weather ensured a good number of senior citizens attended the Spring Lunch in May this year. The traditional meal of roast lamb with fresh vegetables is always popular. Favourite vegetable is the roast potato and thanks to Sheila, Peggy & Nikki a sufficient quantity was prepared. Crumbles and cream also feature regularly on the menu and these were provided by Martin, Pat, Sue and Denise (who brought two!). Biscuits and cheese followed with tea or coffee.

A lovely surprise for the guests was the arrival of the pupils from our Primary School who were accompanied by Mr Morandi, their teacher. They all sang beautifully and their behaviour was excellent. The audience expressed their appreciation with much applause.

The grand team of helpers, Sue, Sheila, Peggy, Pat, Julie, Denise and Martin cleared up as they went along nourished by a large box of chocolates kindly provided by Madeleine who could not be present.

Our guests left with a packet of biscuits each in case they were still hungry!

*Nikki Hening*

# Forgetter Be Forgotten?

My forgetter's getting better,  
But my rememberer is broke  
To you that may seem funny  
But, to me, that is no joke

For when I'm 'here' I'm wondering  
If I really should be 'there'  
And, when I try to think it through,  
I haven't got a prayer!

Oft times I walk into a room,  
Say 'what am I here for?'  
I wrack my brain, but all in vain!  
A zero, is my score .

At times I put something away  
Where it is safe, but, Gee!  
The person it is safest from  
Is, generally, me!

When shopping I may see someone,  
Say 'Hi' and have a chat,  
Then, when the person walks away  
I ask myself, 'who the heck was that?'

Yes, my forgetter's getting better  
While my rememberer is broke,  
And it's driving me plumb crazy  
And that isn't any joke.



*Thanks to Nicky Miller for forwarding this*



*St Michael and All Angels Parish Church,  
Diseworth  
Open Gardens and Arts Festival  
Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th June*











*Sunrise on the Summer Solstice,  
Breedon on the Hill,  
21st June 2010*

*Thanks to Chris Duggan, Brian Howe, Tom Miller and  
David Bamford for the photography  
View online at [www.chrisdugganphotography.co.uk](http://www.chrisdugganphotography.co.uk).*



## *Wedding Congratulations*

*The wedding of Katharine Bird  
and  
Edmund Dennis  
took place on  
Saturday, 12th June at  
St Michael and All Angels, Diseworth.  
It was followed by a reception at  
Wartoft Grange.*

*All I can say is that it was a perfect day! Sue.*



# Village Residents Parking Group (VRPG)

## **Minutes of Meeting between Leicestershire County Council's Highways (LCC) and Diseworth Village Residents Parking Group (VRPG) held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010.**

Present

Polly Brant, Senior Engineer, Highways (North) - LCC Highways

Alan Leech - VRPG

Jim Snee - VRPG

Alison Evans – VRPG

This meeting sought advice from LCC Highways on measures available to manage 'nuisance' parking within Diseworth.

It was agreed that the VRPG's recently conducted survey indicates that the parking problem within the village can be contained at current levels. VRPG sought to learn what options are available to Highways should the volumes of long-term parkers increase as is expected when the economy picks up. Other parking restrictions within Diseworth were also discussed.

Polly Brant explained that parking controls in various guises are the only options available to Highways.

### Residents parking

- Requires a Traffic Regulation Order. Involves yellow lines at junctions and residents parking bays and would impact on the aesthetics of the village.
- Has to cover the whole village and requires policing. The parking situation would need to be a real problem before taking this course of action.
- Time to implementation ~ 4 years. Process is that the PC discusses any proposal with Highways before it is added to LCC Highways' rolling work programme where it remains for ~ 1-2 years before being brought into the implementation programme which takes ~2 years.
- Costly – around £10,000 not including staff resources (estimate one person for 2 years) would provide a scheme for half the streets. A full village scheme would cost ~ £40,000. A clear benefit would need to be seen to balance this cost.
- Requires a consultation exercise taking ~ 6 months. Includes full leaflet drop around the village for comments, consultation with interested parties - Local County Councillors, Police, Fire, Cycling groups, etc. If supported, formal advertising follows and any further objections have to be discussed and possible amendments made to reach agreement. The Order then takes 3-4 months to make.
- Would not be possible for us to 'join the queue' now in anticipation of the parking situation becoming worse.

### Disabled Parking Bays on Clements Gate

- Implemented at the request of the Parish Council and not initiated by the Church which currently has no Blue Badge worshippers. Needed for only a few hours/ week. This shifts airport parkers up Clements Gate.
- Any proposals to change (remove, relocate or amend size) could be made following a request from the Parish Council.
- Timelines ~ 6 months.

### Clearways Order

- Proposal affects the verges from the village boundary on Grimes Gate up Mill Hill to the A453 and from the village boundary on The Green past Wartoft Grange to the A453.
- Being introduced to ease the traffic flow during major events at Donington Park. Was on hold due to current uncertainty about the future of this venue but now being processed. Waiting for comments from PC re removing Diseworth sections.
- VRPG considers that enacting this Order could result in increased numbers of taxis waiting for flights within the village rather than on the boundaries as at present.
- Parish Council can request removal from the Order of the sections affecting Diseworth. Need to obtain support from the Local County Councillor.
- Timeline to remove is 3-6 months.

### Turning Point at End of Clements Gate

- Vehicles are frequently parked for long periods in the bay making it difficult for delivery vans and Clements Gate residents with longer vehicles to turn.
- Highways can put up keep clear markings indicating the space is for turning and not for parking.
- Could be done at the request of the Parish Council.
- Non-enforceable.

### School Parking Restrictions

- Polly Brant agreed to check the history of the parking restrictions outside the school.

### Communication with East Midlands Airport

- VRPG is aware of a new scheme at the airport. All cars will be charged £1 as they enter to either drop off or collect passengers. Free parking on one of the Long Stay car parks will be available. Passengers can use the free shuttle bus to get to and from this parking area.
- This scheme needs clear advertising.
- VRPG to seek clarification from the airport on the new proposals.

Alan Leech thanked Polly Brant for her time and helpful explanation of the possible courses of action available to alleviate the nuisance parking in Diseworth and indicated that details for the discussions would be communicated to the Parish Council.

Alison Evans



# A Black Haired Boy and the Reprieve of the Hercules Bike

Jack was sitting in the field leaning against the back of his garden wall. An inspector was in his house, talking to his father. His sister had said she had heard his bike must be sold and Jack was bewildered. He understood that his father had asked for help to buy a few things and that the inspector was there to check about money. In Jack's head the only possible reason for having to sell his bike would have been because they were in debt to someone, but that made no sense. His father, Tom Wood



was proud, frugal and disdainful of borrowers and lenders. One of his favourite sayings when he was at his most irascible and taciturn, which was often, was 'neither a lender nor a borrower be' He would never be in debt to anyone and would only ask for help with money if he considered it his right and if there were no other solution.

So, Jack could only conjecture that it was something he or his brother had caused, which would require payment by the sale of his bike. Jack sat deep in thought, recalling an incident that could have been responsible for his dilemma.....

*It had happened just six weeks ago, before the spring weather arrived. A particularly cold spell had coincided with one of his father's malaria attacks, to which he originally succumbed whilst in Afghanistan. Jack's father called these his 'ague bouts'; extreme shivery, icy sensations all over his damp sweating skin. Tom Wood had wrapped himself in his old army great-coat and sat by the fire even through the night. By the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the bout, the coal in their store had diminished greatly, there was very little left.*

*Jack's older sister Millie had too little money left to buy more coal just yet; the rent and other bills had to be paid. At 18 years old, she was the only real wage earner and when their father was incapacitated in this way she managed the money. Their income would be much reduced soon too, as at the end of the summer Millie would be leaving the factory where she made chilblain cream, to go into service at a manor house on the outskirts of Ashbourne. One of the in-service girls would have a baby in September and Millie had been recommended as a replacement for her by their aunt and uncle. They farmed in Two Dales and sold produce to the hall.*

Millie had said they needed coal and must do what they and everyone else had done before; go and collect it from the side of the railway tracks where it fell from the trucks as they trundled through the fields. Jack's older brother Joe had gone to the shed that their father had made and taken 3 strong sacks from the shelf. Both boys believed they would fill the sacks quicker and easier if they went to the back entrance of the colliery loading yard where coal was piled onto delivery lorries, instead of the accepted practice of picking coal from the smaller amount of waste beside the tracks.



Sammy, the oldest brother, simple, uneducated and unable to speak well, wanted to go with them. He was 19 but had a mental age of 8, so despite his adult size he was in effect their little brother and Jack had felt uneasy. They would be trespassing in this area and Sammy could be very unpredictable, but Joe had already given him a sack and told him to stay with them. As the very chilly late afternoon in the Derbyshire village developed into the dusk of evening, Jack and his brothers carried their sacks along the lane where they lived and turned into the field by the 2 tall windmills, one without a sail as it was said to rob the other of its wind. The mills were known as Jack and Sarah after the estate owner and his wife. The boys walked behind

the towering mills and down through the valley for 1 ½ miles with Sammy singing 'I'm forever blowing bubbles'. It was his favourite song, although the words he sang were unrecognisable and Joe constantly shushed him when the loading area of the colliery came into view.

The loading yard was in a large fenced enclosure. Down on the ground, which was covered with slate and copious coal dust, Joe searched for a piece of fence that he could lift up and roll aside enough to make a space through. 13 year old Joe and 11 year old Jack both wore a beige wool jacket, with a knitted jumper and a beige shirt underneath, grey trousers buttoned at the knees which they undid to pull up the trousers to kneel without staining their clothes. Joe scrambled through the gap first and held the fence up on the other side while Sammy stooped to go through, followed by Jack, small enough not to have to bend at all. Once through, they stepped silently across the dusty, coal blackened yard to the heaped wagons. Sammy, looking quite out of place in his grey shirt, dark grey jacket, long black trousers and dark blue woollen scarf had shuffled his feet, and asked what he had to do.

*“Fill the darned sack” Joe had answered grumpily, stamping his black booted feet as he put his own sack down by the nearest wagon. “Fillee whatee, fillee whatee” Sammy had asked in his poor speech, made worse by his distorted facial muscles, and had started to look confused. He wanted to know what to do and how. Joe was shushing him again, impatient that he needed to have more instruction. Jack tugged his oldest brother’s sleeve to turn him to face him. Sammy’s hearing was also affected by the paralysed facial nerves and Jack knew it was often better if he could see faces when people spoke. “Sammy, you have to pick up a piece of coal with your hands and then put the piece into the sack. Do it again, with more pieces of coal, only from the floor, not the wagons, lots of times until the sack is nearly full, only from the floor” Jack stressed and explained.*

*Sammy’s particular way of thinking and understanding was very literal (today it would be Asperger’s syndrome) and ‘fill the sack’ could have meant soil, stones, grass. Anything could have ended up in there, it paid to be precise. Jack had not forgotten the recent visit to the village wakes when Sammy heard Joe ask for and buy one of the new hot-dogs to eat. Sammy had dived at his brother to knock it from his hand, because hot meant burning pain and it wasn’t right to try to eat a dog. Also it might savage you. An almighty rumpus and fight had ensued, but incidents like that were all too frequent with Sammy.*

*They would not have taken coal from the loaded wagons, but considered if it had fallen out onto the floor no-one was going to put it back in again.. They each part-filled their sacks, although some had to be emptied from Sammy’s before they stooped and scrambled back through the gap. Joe pulled the piece of fence back into place and they hitched the sacks up over their shoulders to start the walk back home. They had only moved a few yards, when they heard shouting and footsteps from around the left side of the enclosure. Joe broke into a run, his sack bumping on his back as he fled across the field behind a line of trees and out of sight. He started back up the valley for home expecting his brothers to be behind him. The brothers were following, but Sammy stopped when he heard official voices tell them to stay where they were. Jack had to push and shove Sammy forward and into a run, again and again as each time he heard ‘Stop’ or ‘wait’ he did just that. Getting Sammy to ignore an adult instruction was difficult but they were at last heading back up the valley at a steady pace.*

*When Jack and Sammy arrived dishevelled and out of breath, Joe had been home some time. The coal was in the store; he had washed and had been sitting outside on the garden wall for several minutes. He was unaware of the visitors who had arrived at the front door only seconds ago and he stayed outside while his brothers put away their coal and went into the scullery kitchen to scrub the coal dust from their hands, face and clothes. As Jack and Sammy came out of the scullery into the next room a strange figure stood up, pointed at Jack and nodded his head vigorously. “That’s*

him, that's the black haired little beggar. I knew it was your black-haired boy that was running off. Distinctive he is, especially as he was with him" the colliery official said disparagingly, looking at Sammy.



Jack's father, looking a little healthier than earlier in the day was still sitting in his chair by the fire, but now there was also a police sergeant sitting opposite him. The colliery worker had ridden his bicycle to the police house, reported what he had seen at the loading yard and then they had both bicycled along West Street and onto Greenhill Lane where Jack lived. Sergeant Coupe stood up and asked Jack and Sammy if

they had taken coal from the loading yard. "Only fromee floor, mister, not fromee wagon" Sammy answered straight away. Jack closed his eyes and inwardly groaned.

The colliery man huffed and puffed and told Sergeant Coupe and Tom Wood that it was trespass and theft and the couple of sacks of coal cost money. He said that he lived in the next village and had known Tom when he was in work at the foundry and didn't expect this from them. Sergeant Coupe moved to stand at the side of the colliery man. "I think you can leave this with us. Me and his dad will deal with it rightly" the sergeant told the official and escorted him outside. The colliery man cursed as he left the house and warned Jack that he was never to be seen anywhere near the yard again.

After the official left, Tom told his youngest son to go and fetch his brother in, knowing that he too would have been involved. Sammy sat down on a wooden chair and watched his father, not yet sure what was wrong. He picked up his pencil and a piece of paper and started to draw detailed, intricate sketches that were always his escape when troubled. Jack and Joe returned to the house and each received a ringing clout around the ear from Sergeant Coupe plus his stern telling off and extraction of a promise from them that they would behave in future. "Stick to the rail tracks like everyone else, don't go breaking into yards just because it's easy picking, you lazy young hooligans" he had growled at them.

After Sergeant Coupe had left, Jack and Joe were treated by their father to a slipper slapped across their backsides and they both had to scrub the stone flags in the scullery every day for a week. No mention was made of the cost of the coal.....



Jack roused himself from his reverie, now convinced that paying the colliery for the ill gotten coal must have caused a debt and so the need to sell his bike. He realised he had been behind the wall for half an hour and his father was calling him. Jack had thought it through and he had a plan to sort the debt and protect his bike. He clambered back over the wall, along the path and ran to the door where he met his father. He could see his father was cross and irritated with him as they both walked through into the room where the inspector was still waiting, so Jack spoke rapidly determined to make his plea as quickly as he could.

“I’ll pay back the money for the coal we took. I’m going to ask Grocer Burns for some extra work, I’ll muck out the horses and feed them before I go to school every morning and then I won’t have to sell the bike. I’ll pay back every penny. If I work every morning all year, it will be enough for the coal we took and if Grocer Burns doesn’t have the work for me, then I’ll ask if I can sweep out at the concrete works. They always have lots of dust to clear out from the big warehouse, but please don’t let them make me sell my bike” Jack gabbled and pleaded while he fidgeted from one foot to the other.

Tom Wood was tall, brown haired with hazel eyes which were now squinting as he looked down at his son. He lifted his hand and lightly smacked the back of Jack’s head, “Keep quiet, boy, it has nothing to do with that and there’ll be no need to work at the concrete place. Running out like that, wasting time, no call for it lad! The inspector wants to ask you about work, he’s already talked with Joe while you’ve been gone.” he told him gruffly.

Jack’s father said that he had been worried about how much money they would have once Millie had left to work in-service and had asked for financial help. Sammy always became ill in the winter and needed to be warm as did all of them, their blankets and bedding needed replacing, they could not cook without coal or wood for the range and they were all growing out of their clothes. As simply as he could Tom explained to Jack that the inspector was there to see exactly how much money was brought into the house and if they had any extra possessions which could be sold. For instance the inspector had counted how many chairs they had. If there had been too many for the people in the house, then these would be sold before the government gave out any money. Things that might have to be sold included the sewing machine, as once Millie left it would not be used, the box chair and sofa that Tom had made and upholstered and an occasional table. If Tom wanted to continue with his application for financial assistance then the means testing report would make those recommendations and list all the money that came into the house from Jack and Joe’s part-time jobs and from Tom’s meagre army allowance. When everything was added up, if there was not enough money, they may be able to receive a small hardship allowance. Jack was aghast at the thought of those things with which he was so familiar being removed from the house. It was beyond his comprehension and he now asked the means tester about his bike. “I’ve listed it, but you can keep your bike because your father says it will help you earn

more money. Now I've got to write down what you get paid from your jobs. Your father has told me, but I have to ask you" the inspector replied, his face still unsmiling and serious.

Jack answered all his questions and the inspector had recorded everything. Jack heard the door bump open and Sammy entered the room, back from one of his strolls around the village. Around 1pm Sammy would often walk to the little pub at the bottom of the lane and watch the retired and unemployed men play dominoes. He would then walk back up the lane to the market place and occasionally would be given a penny to carry a bag for someone. Tom told Sammy that the man in the suit wanted to ask him some questions and Jack stayed back to listen. Sammy took off his trilby, which was his current favourite piece of clothing and turned it round and round in his hands agitatedly. The inspector looked at Tom and asked "is he not looked after somewhere then, is he actually capable of work?" Jack saw his father's brow furrow and his face darken. He held his breath waiting for the tirade that usually followed a veiled reference to institutions, but his father just answered curtly that his oldest son lived there and was quite able to answer for himself in his own way.

"What work do you do?" the means tester inspector asked Sammy. "No workee now, boss people not likee, too much troublee, me" Sammy replied. The inspector was puzzled and looked enquiringly at Tom for explanation. Jack's youngest sister Alice, sitting on the stool at the back of the room started to giggle at Sammy's response to the inspector and her father glanced warningly at her. "He has a problem with his thinking and understanding" Tom said in his brusque manner. He went on to explain that attempts at schooling Sammy had failed because he could not hear well, could not speak well, was unable to concentrate and so had never been taught properly. He could not write or read. However, Sammy could work hard if told exactly what to do and at 14 he had tried to work in a warehouse where they processed and packed cement powder. It went fairly well, until the men had their break. They all sat outside on a long low bench to eat their packed lunch and afterwards one of the men began to smoke a cigarette.

Sammy had never seen this before, no-one he knew smoked. When Sammy saw this long wisp of curling smoke rise from the face and fingers of one of the workers he had leaped to his feet and shouted "fire, fire, burnee, burnee, pouree water, pouree water" as in the song he had once learned. To the consternation (and some amusement) of his fellow workers Sammy picked up his white, enamelled tin cup and poured tea on to the man's cigarette. The man was so angered by some of his mates' loud laughter that he jumped up from the bench and punched Sammy. One of the men called the gaffer over to settle the situation and Sammy was taken home. Tom later told his son that he had to ignore what other people were doing, even if he thought they were in danger. Sammy was allowed to go back to work, where he did try to ignore others, but he was then hampered by his understanding.

Tom gave an example to the inspector of where Sammy had been told to take a bag of cement across the yard to a large shed, but because he had not been told precisely what to do with it when he got there, and because he had not been told to come back to the warehouse, Sammy had never returned. He had waited there for more instructions for two hours, during which time he had done no work. Tom described other similar episodes and explained that no-one would employ Sammy. “Well, what can he do and what does he do then?” the inspector inquired. Tom just raised his eyebrows and shrugged his shoulders, but Jack grabbed Sammy’s arm and told him to give him his papers; pieces of cut up un-used wall paper given to Jack by people on his paper round for Sammy. He would draw on the plain backs of the wall paper pieces. Jack showed the means tester Sammy’s drawings; fine galleons in full sail, steam trains in landscapes of perfect perspective, the windmills at the back of their lane, cowboys from the films shown at the local picture house and copies of images in newspapers. The inspector looked at each of the pictures and had then said it was a shame he was so retarded and handicapped, normal boys and young men would love to be able to do that. Tom clenched his fists and glowered at the inspector. “Aye, well if you’ve written all you need, you can be on your way, Mister, we’ll wait to hear from the ministry” Tom said, steering the inspector through the door.

Jack darted past, knowing he was being rude, dodged in front of the inspector and ran into the back yard to get his bike from the shed. He pulled his Hercules bike out onto the yard, into the path of the inspector who then had to wait while a grinning Jack wheeled it out on to the lane. Jack steadily positioned his bike while he sat astride, then began to cycle down the hill, gathering speed and free wheeling on his way to the newsagents. Jack was immensely relieved that he wouldn’t have to sell his bike, but it had been a strange sort of going on, all those questions. And the government wanting folk to demonstrate that they had used all means available to them finance themselves before the ministry would provide any allowance was hard to understand.

As he flew down the hill, Jack wondered why his father had asked for help at all. Things were going to be hard, but in a locked strong-box made by his father were his war medals, Jack’s mother’s photo, an old bible and some gold sovereigns. Jack didn’t know how many as he had only caught a glimpse by chance one day and his brothers and sisters didn’t know what was in the box. Jack didn’t know why if his father was so worried about money that he would not use these sovereigns. As Jack stopped outside the newsagents and prepared to do his round, he shook his head and decided his father must have his reasons. He didn’t know what they were, but he knew he was a happy lad who still had his bike.



# Long Whatton Village Show

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2010

Anyone in the village who wants to have a stall to raise money for their own causes please send your details asap to [villageshow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:villageshow@yahoo.co.uk) Regular meetings will be held to plan and discuss this years show. Please look for posters in the post office for meeting dates and venues. Regards, Chris Byrne (Chair Long Whatton Village Show)



### This year we are hoping to have a Tug of War competition!

We are looking for teams of 6 (men, women or mixed!) to compete during the afternoon of the show. All are welcome; remember size doesn't matter if you have good technique!! Of course we expect rivalry across the village and invitations will be going out to Belton and Diseworth. So, as a suggestion I would expect at least the following to participate, or similar???!?

The 'Falcon Force'

The 'Royal Oak Obliterators'

'God's Gladiators'

**The 'Diseworth Drudgeons'**

The 'Belton Bruisers'

There will be a trophy for the winning team and trophy for the best team supporters. (I expect pompom girls and lyrical chants?!) Rules will be issued shortly, but please remember 'My decision is final'!! Please contact Kevin Gamble with your entries on 01509 842070 or email [kevgamble@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:kevgamble@tiscali.co.uk)

### Answers to Sudoku from page 43

2	1	9	3	5	4	8	6	7
3	7	5	8	2	6	4	9	1
8	6	4	1	7	9	5	3	2
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5	4	6	2	3	1	9	7	8
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7	9	8	6	1	5	3	2	4
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6	5	8	7	4	1	2	3	9
3	9	4	6	2	5	8	7	1
7	3	1	5	6	4	9	8	2
2	8	9	1	3	7	6	5	4
4	6	5	9	8	2	3	1	7
8	1	2	4	5	6	7	9	3
5	4	3	2	7	9	1	6	8
9	7	6	8	1	3	4	2	5

# HEALTH PAGE

## *Eat to Stay Alert and Awake*

We all know that food has an effect on our physical health, but food can also influence our mood, mental state and brain function. How and when we eat protein, carbohydrates and fats has a significant and almost immediate effect on our mood and mental energy. Protein foods keep us mentally sharp, carbohydrates and fats tend to make brain function sluggish and leave us feeling fuzzy headed.

Foods such as green leafy vegetables and salads seem to have a neutral effect on brain function. So if you need to stay alert all day, it is important to eat some protein with every meal, and even more important to eat some protein first before you eat any carbohydrate at all. It's not that protein rich foods energize the brain or make us cleverer, it's just that protein simply keeps the carbohydrates from making us fuzzy headed. The protein content of the meal only needs to be between five and ten percent to have the desired effect.

If we need to stay extra sharp it is crucial to eat some protein on its own, and then eat the carbohydrate later, after the protein has started to be digested, then the protein will reach the brain first. So if you feel like a snack between meals, it is better to have a protein one such as a few nuts, or a plain low fat yogurt without added sugar. A biscuit or cracker will dull your thinking and leave you feeling fuzzy headed. Apparently, eating carbohydrates without any protein can make you feel as sleepy and relaxed as having a glass of wine. Likewise, a large high fat meal seems to have the same effect as eating carbohydrates as fat takes a long time to digest, so sapping our energy and making us feel tired.

So to stay sharp during the day, eat some protein such as an egg, fish, nuts, lean meat, milk or yogurt with each meal to counteract the effect of the accompanying carbohydrates. Save a sugary treat such as cake, some biscuits or sweets until evening when their sedative effects can help you relax before bedtime. Finally, the old saying that fish is good for the brain seems to hold true. There is a theory that mankind evolved in areas near lakes and seas because fish provided good material for brain development, food for thought indeed.

*Liz Jarrom*



# DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

## Diseworth Parish Registers

I am transcribing data from very poor images of Diseworth Church records.

Anybody interested?

Kindest regards,

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## Miles for Midnight Walk



Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People are having a ladies-only midnight walk on Saturday, July 17. It's six miles around Loughborough supporting mums of children and young people at Rainbows Hospice. (Gentlemen are welcome to volunteer as marshalls).

The Miles for Midnight Walk begins and ends at Loughborough Town Hall and is open to all women over the age of 16. The lovely Miss Loughborough, Abi Hill, has already put her name down to undertake the circular sponsored walk joined by several parents from Rainbows. She said: "I am proud to walk six miles at midnight to support children, young people and families who use the wonderful Rainbows Hospice."

It costs £10 per person to register, and every penny raised in sponsorship goes directly to benefit Rainbows. Once registered, walkers will receive information and fundraising packs with exclusive Miles for Mums t-shirts. On the night will be goody bags and to spur people on to complete - a medal and light breakfast awaits after the walk.

For more information and to register visit [www.rainbows.co.uk/mumsmidnightwalk](http://www.rainbows.co.uk/mumsmidnightwalk) or contact Neil on 0800 952 1133 (freephone) or e-mail [fundraising@rainbows.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@rainbows.co.uk)



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The Bowley 11.55 – 12.15

Clements Gate 12.20 – 1.20

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# DIALOGUE DISPATCHES



## Sunflowers

It is hoped that **Sunflower Measuring** will take place on the afternoon of **Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** - starting at 2pm. If you have a plant to be measured - please let Pat Guy know before 12.00 Noon that day. Ring 811119 or pop a note into 51 The Woodcroft with your name, address and a tel. no. (Please check the September *Dialogue* to make sure no change has had to be made.)

If you have items for the SEPTEMBER ISSUE of the *Dialogue* please give to a committee member or email to [peggy.tudor@btinternet.com](mailto:peggy.tudor@btinternet.com) [sue@cbrompton.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:sue@cbrompton.fsnet.co.uk) and [ruth@airnig.co.uk](mailto:ruth@airnig.co.uk)  
There is **NO CHARGE** to put items into the magazine - (except the yellow pages). Please share with us your stories and announcements.  
**PLEASE MEET THE DEADLINE of the 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

## The Plough Inn Quiz Nights

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.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ - 1st WEDNESDAY  
MUSIC QUIZ - 3rd WEDNESDAY

## BABYSITTER

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# LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



At the June meeting, Police Community Support Officer Nicola Stanhope reported on recent crime figures since her last report (a theft of a cycle and two burglaries). Attention was still being given to traffic speeds, especially in Long Whatton, as resources permitted. Some issues had been reported to her about parking in Brookside, Diseworth in connection with Heritage Centre activities.

The Chairman thanked Nicola and others who had taken part in a 'patch walk' in Long Whatton arranged by the District Council Environmental Officer to identify dog fouling sites and other issues requiring attention. These included a need to upgrade the footway at the bus stop at West End.

It was agreed to provide grants to Diseworth Dialogue and Long Whatton News to assist with their valuable work which includes helping the Council to meet its responsibility to inform villagers about what it is doing. A request had been received to financially assist Long Whatton Village Show - it would be necessary to obtain further information about what any public money would be used for. **Councillors re-iterated the need for such applications to be submitted well in advance and preferably before the budget-making process began in November each year - so they could receive adequate attention and sufficient funds could be identified for approved causes.**

The Council approved the annual accounts and governance statements for submission to the External Auditor.

Progress towards establishing the allotment site in Diseworth was discussed and arrangements were made for a meeting to be held in October with everyone who had expressed an interest.

The Diseworth Village Parking Group had submitted a report with various recommendations to County Highways which it asked the Council to action. The Chairman thanked the Group for its valuable efforts on this troubling topic.

Councillor Mick Downs would seek advice and the Council would then respond to a consultation from the District Council about private hire drivers' licence conditions and code of conduct.

Cllr. Cawdell had researched the questions surrounding the proposal for a waste disposal facility at Newstead Quarry, Shepshed and had submitted the Council's observations. He was thanked for his work on this.



Some concern was expressed about vehicles over 7.5 tonnes using village roads, other than for access. It was noted that the only useful way of dealing with this was to note time and place and registration number (plus a photograph if possible) and report the matter to the police.

The number of subscribers to the Council's award-winning Village.Mail service is steadily increasing as local people recognise its value. It is very simple to opt-in to this (and opt-out again if you wish) and full details can be found on the Council's website - [www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk](http://www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk) - which is itself regularly updated with news and information.

Douglas Maas, Parish Clerk

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# FAST, RELIABLE BROADBAND in DISEWORTH?

Please join our facebook group to exchange ideas and information.

To join the facebook group, enter the following in the search box at the top of your facebook home page:

“Who wants fast, reliable Broadband in Diseworth”

- Mike Doyle

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# Happiness

I am sure we all want to be happy in life. It has to be everyone's number 1! The problem is a lot of us search for it without truly understanding it and we expect it to turn up in our lives without really knowing how or why. We just think that we should feel it. (Like love maybe?)

What I want to say is that I have spent all of my life trying to work out this mystery and now I truly believe I have come to the correct and definite conclusion.

I want to share this with the rest of the world so they too can share and feel happiness.

## **Definition (Oxford English Dictionary)**

### **Happy**

Feeling deep pleasure in or contentment with one's circumstances

What we have not realised is that although it is a state of mind we have not realised how to find it.

Until now!

The feelings of happiness do not come to us by magic or chance.

I have identified that the feeling of happiness is like hunger we have to feed it in order to feel it.

It has a recipe that is universal. We have to follow the recipe, however the ingredients in the recipe are going to be unique to us.

It really is that simple!

I want to share this recipe, because it really does work and it is a simple solution. It is perfectly achievable for us all. It takes a little organisation and a little bit of thinking power, but most of all it requires understanding of what happiness is and what ingredients we need for the recipe to make us personally happy.

## Happiness Recipe

**1 Do** as many things you like to do, that you believe make you happy. Do as many of them as you can fit in to the day, every day. **Doing** is a very major part of this recipe.

**2 Choose people** you really like to be with. People who make you feel good about yourself, people who you like and feel good towards too.

**3 Achievement** Work out what you want out of life, what do you want to achieve? It's OK to change this as often as you want, but know what it is you want for now. Work out what it is and how you would like to do it.

All the ingredients within this recipe are different for each and every one of us. We all like doing different things and as long as we are all doing these things, and we are enjoying doing them with the people we like then we will feel happy. The more we do the better it can feel. We all have different things we want to achieve too. Some have huge ambitions and some are driven by simple goals. That is OK, we are all different the main thing is we know what we want and we work at doing it and achieving these goals.

So work out your own personal ingredients. Use the recipe, practise the skills and go for it. I promise you will see a difference.

Just like hunger some of us feel the need to eat more than others. Happiness is the same. Some people are very happy with very little some people need a lot to make them feel happy. Work out where you fit on this scale and don't stop working at it until you reach that really happy feeling all of the time! I promise it is possible!

It took me many years of reading, looking, thinking and working this out. I know it works as I have used this recipe for some time now and I am feeling more alive and happy than I ever truly believed it was possible to feel.

Have a go. You are worth it!

Notes

**1 Do**

1. Doing things, make a list on things you like to do. (Sport, music dance, gardening, cooking, art, making things, learning new things etc)
2. Do you know what you like to do? If not work on that list!
3. Think about doing things you have always liked the idea of doing and give them a try.

**2 Who?**

1. Think about the people you know and work out who makes you feel good when you are with them.

2. Try spending more time, if not all your time with the people you like!
3. Make sure you see people every day and that you spend enough time to be with people somehow. We were made to live in groups, isolation is not good for us! Again we are all different and some of us like to be with others more.

### 3 Achieve

1. Work out what you want out of your life at the moment.
2. You do not have to think too hard about it, just have an idea of what you think you want out of life.
3. It's ok to get personal and think about yourself to work out what you want in your life.
4. If you are doing the things you want to in life, chances are you are more likely to help others around you do the things that they want.

### Demonstration

To help understand why we have to keep filling up our happiness every day.

Take a large number of black stones and white stones

The white stones represent the happy things you do in a day.  
The black stones represent the other things you have to do in a day, chores, little jobs, things less positive maybe.

Find a jug or a cup and fill your day!

The object for each and every day is to fill your cup with as many white stones that you can fit in.  
We all have to have black stones, they are a part of life that we can not manage the day without doing.

When you look at each day go by, make sure you have as many white stones in your cup as you can

Black stones drain away our happy cup, white stones bring it in. Just like food and energy! Happy is food and daily day jobs are our energy.



It really works, it's a promise!

Good luck and work hard, now you know the recipe. Use it wisely and be joyful in the knowledge that you now have this forever!

*Zoe Millington*

# Sudoku

*from Anna Groves*

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BBC Radio Derby	01332 361111
British Gas - Service	0645 605040
Gas Escape Emergency	0800 111999
Castle Donington Community College	01332 810528 <a href="mailto:postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk">postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk</a>
Castle Donington Volunteer Bureau	01332 850526/850742 <a href="mailto:mail@cdvb.org.uk">mail@cdvb.org.uk</a>
Chemist, Gerald Porter, Castle Donington	01332 810213
Derby Playhouse	01332 363275 <a href="http://www.derbyplayhouse.co.uk">www.derbyplayhouse.co.uk</a>
Derby Royal Infirmary	01332 347141
Diseworth C of E Primary School	01332 810208
Doctor's Surgery - Health Centre, Castle Donington	0844 477 3092
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Environment Agency	0800 807060
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Nottingham Concert Hall	0115 989 5555
Nottingham Playhouse	0115 941 9419
Nottingham Royal Centre	0115 989 5555 <a href="http://www.royalcentre-nottingham.co.uk">www.royalcentre-nottingham.co.uk</a>
Police	0116 222 2222
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**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.**

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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
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Soar Valley Twinning Assoc.	Sheila Hawksworth	01509 568793
W.I.N.G.S.	Erica & Andy Foxall	01332 811689
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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

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