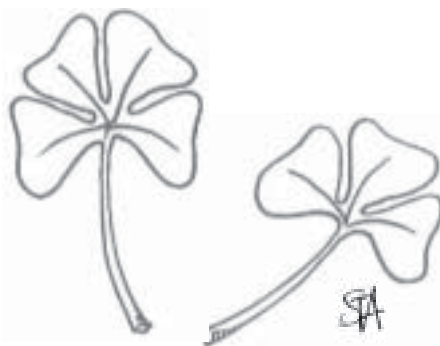


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Contributions for our dispatches page are most welcome. Share your news with the village - birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, congratulations etc. When contributing, please **include your name**. We do need your name, but we won't publish it if that's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

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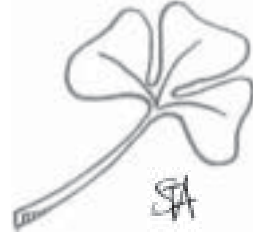
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# Diseworth Diary

## MARCH

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Women's Discussion Group. "Medical Care or Interference".  
7, Lady Gate. 2pm
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> A Talk on Heraldry. Community Centre, Long Whatton. 7.30pm
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Women's Group AGM, quiz plus cheese and wine.  
Village Hall 8pm. New members very welcome.
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Diseworth Church AGM. 7.30pm in church.
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Bookworms. 7 Lady Gate. 2pm. "The State of the Union"
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Spring Coffee Morning. 10am – 12noon in church.

## APRIL

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Women's Discussion Group. "Does Travel Broaden the Mind".  
10 Lady Gate. 2pm.
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> The Gamekeeper. Long Whatton Community Centre
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> "80's Night" Hosted by the Playgroup. £7.50.

## JUNE

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

DI SEWORTH PLAYGROUP ARE HOSTING AN

# 80'S NIGHT

To raise money for Diseworth Playgroup's  
'Resurface the Playground' Fund

Come dressed up in 80's fashion and boogie  
to the sounds of the 80's

## Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April

7.30pm

Tickets £7.50 each

Age 16+

Buffet & Raffle

Bring your own drink

To purchase tickets or for more information

Phone Anna on 01332 810014



# *From the Editor*



I know I shouldn't say it, but this issue of the *Dialogue* is a cracker! We recently appealed for more contributors and Diseworth has come up with the goods with an influx of amusing articles. Did I say amusing? No, some of these are downright funny and the editorial team had a delightful time putting this magazine together. Karen Jepson, who has brought comedy to these pages several times in the past, has written a hilarious account of a weekend break with friends. These tales always lose something in the telling so we can only imagine what it was like to be present. Following Sebastian Gray's account of his eventful journey to France in the November issue of the *Dialogue*, we have received a reply from the chairperson of the local Franglais Society. I'm hoping that correspondence between these two *personnes* will become an occasional feature within these pages. Are there any more members out there? We'd love to hear from you.

The Charnwood Community Theatre visited Diseworth again in January with their production of 'Sleeping Beauty'. The company put on an enormously funny show, much to the appreciation of two packed houses, and the enthusiastic applause that they received was well deserved. We have been contacted recently by several members of the 'Grumpy Old Diseworth' group who have put pen to paper to voice their complaints on various topical issues. It has been suggested to the team that this column should become a regular feature. What do you think? Do you have niggles about irritating features of modern life? Write to us and get it off your chest. Maybe we could call the column Grumpy Dispatches or perhaps you could come up with an alternative title. All contributions will be considered for publication and if you can put a humorous slant on your complaints even better, but remember, we do draw the line at anything that is offensive or derogatory. The *Dialogue's* policy is to entertain and inform.

In addition to our regular articles, we also include a poem by Long Whatton farmer David Griffiths. David is to publish a book of his poems in the near future and if you would like to purchase a copy, contact me or any member of the editorial team for details.

Finally, I am delighted that Les Brown has been looking after herself and building up her strength in anticipation of her impending snail assault. Whoops, perhaps I shouldn't have used that word, but what the heck; we do seem to be a tad precious about political correctness these days. Les also ponders whether she will be guilty of cruelty and neglect by denying the little varmints their melons. In a word Lesley, NO! I would imagine that if they have been chomping their way through your herbaceous border, they will be getting more than their required five portions of fruit and veg a day.

*Sue Brompton*

# St Michael and All Angels Parish Church



photograph Julia Sillitoe

## Living with Joy – Dance of Delight

Whilst away on retreat in the autumn, God spoke to me about delighting in him. Today, a crisp winter's day, I want to share with you some of my thoughts to inspire you through these winter months.

Our multiple commitments often find us intensely engaged in the tasks of the church and the tasks of life. With focused integrity, we become the helpers, holders and healers of the world.

God, however, looks on and longs to place a tender hand on our cheek and say: "Thank you for being so organised and efficient: Thank you for your energy, dedication and enthusiasm."  
"Now, my love, give it a rest and lighten up!"

For me, and I suspect for many, our greatest challenge in faith is to laugh and enjoy life (especially God). Let's escape our false image of God as severe, judging and retributive. Instead, dare to believe that we are made to mirror a joyous God who delights in laughter, beauty and pleasure. This our creator and companion calls us to balance the reality of our pain with the generously provided gifts of pleasure. Isn't it amazing how some of the most persecuted, in the most deprived parts of the world, bubble over with God-given joy? Just as Paul did in prison.

The intensity with which we live in the world is often matched by the intensity we bring to our life with God. If we are not careful, we find our prayer life becomes a task to be completed rather than an enjoyment to be savoured. So easily, then, the obligations of religion step in and become life-sapping rather than life-giving. In our public as well as our private worship, let's go for authenticity that touches the integrity of the God of light and joy.

This desire for delight and joy cuts deep into our restless, driven lives. God's invitation to delight in him is by no means an invitation to construct false fronts of denial or patterns of pretending, but rather to develop a discipline of balance. We are invited to lighten our spirits as we relax into the arms of the God of Joy, knowing that even amid our struggle we are given a heart that was created to dance. And the eternal rhythm of the dance is joy.

*Alison Prince*

# St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

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## Diseworth Church



# *SPRING COFFEE MORNING*

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> March  
10am – 12noon



Fair Trade Stall - Bring & Buy  
Tombola - Raffle

# St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

## Services & Locations for March 2007

	Time	Service	Location
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>School Assembly</b>	<b>Diseworth</b>
March 4th	8.00am 10.30am	BCP Holy Communion CW Holy Communion Family Service	Hathern & Kegworth Belton Hathern, Kegworth & Osgathorpe
	6.15pm	All Age Worship BCP Evensong	LW C Centre Belton & Kegworth
March 11th	8.00am 9.00am <b>10.30am</b>	BCP Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion <b>CW Holy Communion</b>	Belton & Kegworth Osgathorpe <b>Diseworth, Hathern &amp; Kegworth</b>
	<b>6.15pm</b>	<b>United Choral Evensong</b>	<b>Kegworth</b>
March 18th <b>Mothering Sunday</b>	8.00am 9.00am <b>10.30am</b>	BCP Holy Communion CW Holy Communion <b>Family Service</b>	Kegworth Osgathorpe <b>Diseworth &amp; all churches</b>
	6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion BCP Evensong	Hathern Belton & Kegworth
March 25th	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>Long Whatton &amp; Kegworth</b>
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion Family Service CW Morning Prayer	Hathern & Kegworth Long Whatton Osgathorpe
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton, Hathern & Kegworth
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	United Praise Evening	Belton

### Week Day Services

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

Bell Ringing at Diseworth Mondays 8pm



# St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

## Lessons and Readers for March 2007

		Time	Reader	Sidesman
March 4 <sup>th</sup> Lent 2	First Reading: Genesis 15.1-12,17-18 Second Reading: Philippians 3.17-4.1 Gospel: Luke 13.31-35			
March 11 <sup>th</sup> Lent 3	First Reading: Isaiah 55.1-9 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 Gospel: Luke 13.1-9	10.30am	M Howe  A Stone G Fletcher	G Stone
March 18 <sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday	First Reading: Exodus 2.1-10 Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 Gospel: Luke 2.33-35			
March 25 <sup>th</sup> Lent 5	First Reading: Isaiah 43.16-21 Second Reading: Philippians 3.4b-14 Gospel: John 12.1-8			

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

### Other Benefice Services, Meetings and Social Events in March

2nd	Friday	Women's World Day of Prayer, L. Whatton Methodist Church 7.30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Saturday	Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Hathern Church Music Café 6.00-8.00pm
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Hathern House Group 7.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
12 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Northern Cluster Evening, Hathern Church 7.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	<b>Diseworth APCM</b> Belton House Group 7.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Long Whatton Coffee Morning, Friendship Centre, 10am-12noon
20 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	<b>Diseworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon</b> Benefice Marriage Preparation Day, Hathern Church 10am-4pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Mother's Union Lady Day Communion, Hathern Church 7.30pm Benefice Bible Study, 33 Green Hill, Hathern 7.30pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Benefice Praise Evening, Belton Church 7.30pm
31 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday	Shephed Singers Concert, Osgathorpe 7.30pm
Every Saturday		Kegworth Church Informal Prayer 9.00-9.30am

There are also meetings of the Mothers Union throughout the Benefice and Kegworth Wives Group, to which all women are invited. Kegworth Men's Group is open to all men.

# News From The Pews

## Thanks

The PCC would like to thank Mrs Madeleine Linthwaite for her kind donation of £45 to church funds.

Madeleine makes Christmas cakes and puddings for friends without charge, but asks for donations for the church.



## Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

This is an exciting service prepared by the Christian women of Paraguay, allowing us to link with Christians across the world praying for this country. There will be two services in our Benefice - Kegworth Baptist Church and Long Whatton Methodist Church both starting at 7.30pm.

## Annual Meeting and Church Electoral Roll

The Annual Meeting of Diseworth Church will be held in the church on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. This is an opportunity for everyone to come and see the annual accounts, and is when the church wardens and members of the Parochial Church Council are elected for the forthcoming year. Attending this meeting does not mean you will be elected into a job you do not wish to take! Only those currently on the Church Electoral Roll are eligible to vote, but all can attend.

Also this year the Church Electoral Roll has to be renewed – everyone who is on the list at present will be contacted by the Electoral Roll Officer, Mrs Nancy Cowley, for renewal, but if you have not been on the Roll before but would like to be please contact Mrs Cowley on 810880 and she will give you the necessary form.

## Church Concert

Diseworth Church was privileged on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February to be the venue for a concert given by the Derbyshire Constabulary Male Voice Choir. A packed church

enjoyed a variety of songs from the Choir, ranging from 'When the Saints Come Marching In' to a special version of the Lord's Prayer written especially for male voice choirs. The audience joined the Choir in a rendition of 'Rule Britannia', followed by guest appearances of Diseworth's very own dancing girls, Sue Brompton and Diana Cherry, with guest conductor Gordon Fletcher, performing with the Choir and the audience 'Flash, Bang, Wallop'.

The Choir was introduced and thanked by Gordon Fletcher.

The evening's entertainment was very much appreciated by everyone who attended. Muriel Howe organized the raffle and coffee and biscuits were served at the end.

We are most grateful to the Choir for choosing Diseworth for one of their limited number of concerts, and hope by popular demand that they will visit again in the future. £400 was raised for the church.



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# News From The Pews



## Choral Evensong

Three times a year there will be a special choral evensong

in the Benefice. We are wanting to form a mixed choir to sing on these occasions. It will require three practices and three services a year. If you are interested please contact Alison Prince.

## Mothering Sunday

Mothers and children of all ages are invited to the Family Service in church at 10.30am on 18th March, when children will be able to give their mother a small posy of flowers.



## Lent Groups

Lent is traditionally a time for taking stock. To help us to do this there will be two Lent groups this year. It's a good opportunity to meet with others and prepare for the unique events of Easter. The first will take place on Friday mornings in Long Whatton. For more details contact Celia Harris on 01509 844141.

The second group will take place in Kegworth on Wednesday afternoons. For further details contact Rev Julie Ann Heath on 01530 414549.

## Alpha Groups

After Easter we are planning 2 Alpha courses in the Benefice. This will be an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed atmosphere in a small group. Think about coming along with a friend. Venues and times will be arranged to fit with the participants. For more details contact Julie Ann or Alison

## Mothers' Union Lady's Day Service Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm at Hathern Church

This service will celebrate the abolition of the Slave Trade as a fitting tribute to Mary's song of praise to God as the One who lifts up the down trodden.

## Altar Flowers and Church Brasses

March 18th (Mothering Sunday)

### Flowers

Mrs S Moores

### Brasses

Mrs R Smith

*Catholic Church of the Risen Lord.*

Hillside, Castle Donington

Mass every Sunday 9am



*Kegworth Methodist Church*

High St. Kegworth



**Sunday Services**

Morning Worship - 10.30am

Praise Worship – 6.15pm (First Sunday each month)

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



*Kegworth Baptist Church*

High St. Kegworth



**Sunday Services**

Morning Worship & Sunday School – 10.30am

Evening Worship – 6.15pm (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each  
month)

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



# Thank You

Daz, Graham, Anna & family would like to thank everyone for all their kindness and help during Rita's illness and her passing away.

Thank you to everyone who attended the funeral and for all your cards, flowers and donations.

A special thank you to the retired residents for their donation. We were able to send £120 to Cancer Research in her memory.

*Rita Rose January 1965*



*Rita, with her mother Dolly celebrating the wedding of Madeleine to Robert Linthwaite, 28th January 1965*



## FOUR COCKERELS AND A HEN BIRD



photograph Julia Stillroe

*3 of the cockerels at Ladygate Farm*

In January, my three hens decided spring had arrived, and started laying eggs again. This meant it was time to move our electrified fox proof netting wire, and use it to fence off a different section of the vegetable garden. We move it every year to give some of the land a break, and grow vegetables on the rest. The hens can roam about within the electrified netting, scratching

about uprooting weeds, eating pests and adding a little manure as they go.

This year things are slightly more complicated, as we were given five baby bantams in the autumn. They all looked as if they could be hen birds, but it is very hard to tell when they are so young. Anyway, we put them into a large henhouse for the winter,

and waited to see how many of them turned out to be hens. As they grew, it became obvious that two of them were definitely cockerels. Well, three hens out of five is not bad, so I kept feeding them and pondering on what to do with the cockerels. Unfortunately, after another week or so, it was obvious that two more of them were cockerels. Well, the last one was definitely a hen bird, so it wasn't a complete disaster, but disappointing just the same. I could keep one cockerel and the single hen bantam in the electrified run, but what to do with the other three? We could sell them in Melton Mowbray or fatten them up for the freezer. I had become quite fond of them as they are quite pretty, lovely bronze necks and backs, blue and black bodies and tail feathers and red combs and wattles so I didn't really fancy eating them. Then I had a

brainwave. We could swap them around so that three of the cockerels could live in the ark, and be moved about the vegetable garden, the remaining cockerel could stay with the hen bantam and be joined by the three laying hens and be let out into the electrified run.

When it was dark, we did the swap. From the noise they all made, you would think they were being murdered! The next morning, I let the cockerels into the outside run of the ark, and the hens and the two bantams out into the electrified run. Well they all seemed happy with their new homes, and were soon scratching about in the sunshine. Each day I shall move the ark to allow the cockerels to scratch up another bit of vegetable garden. So they have been saved from the pot, and I have been saved some weeding.

*Over the winter months the Snailhunter has had a lovely rest and at Christmas indulged herself with plenty of food, chocs and the odd tippie or three (hic). It was purely to build up her health and strength for the coming summer!!*

*Whilst her enemies have been in hibernation she has devised a new tactic to outwit them after last years 'windy' episode with the melons. She will let you know how she gets on when the snails and slugs reappear. She does have one problem though – by denying them the melons – will she be guilty of cruelty and neglect?*

*Les Brown*





# A Bit of *Sue-Foolery*

'You can fool some of the people all of the time, all of the people some of the time, but not all of the people all of the time' is a very well-known quote.

We now have an alternative version. 'To fool one Sue at any time is pretty good, to fool two Sue's at the same time, is pretty damned excellent'!

Even better was the fact that it was entirely unplanned, a completely spontaneous bit of Sue-foolery and utter silliness by grown women, which has yet to be rivalled.

A number of female friends from the village took a short break at Centre-Parcs some time ago, sharing neighbouring chalets on the edge of the lake.

As always, there was much laughter and joking during the weekend, much of it targeted at one poor unfortunate who happened to be wheelchair bound at the time. It is still not clear how we avoided losing her in the water on the walk back to the chalets at night. One person in charge of the chair, another trying to shine a tiny torch to light the way, others calling different directions and instructions, and still the wheelchair occupant remained very patient, calm and resigned to her fate.

Water did prove to be something of a dubious delight, during the weekend. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the spa afternoon, although we were a little

concerned about the people already relaxing in the dark sensory room, who were inadvertently woman-handled by some of our group on their way in.

Later, in the pool we spent an energetic evening sliding and sprawling down the rapids and along the chutes, surfacing in a jumble of legs and arms. One of our group slid and sprawled a bit too effectively, but failed to surface. We watched the swirl of water into which she had plunged, and waited and waited for her to pop up. Suddenly she was spotted in a whirlpool area and a Sue hauled her up to the top.

Another of our group came close to causing one husband to be in very serious trouble with his wife when we repeatedly demonstrated how to create human chains along the chutes.

Biking, barbecues, walking and a variety of other activities were enjoyed, culminating in the sharing of a meal in one of the chalets on the last night, before some of the group had to return home.

The rest later enjoyed a little liquid refreshment, some games and some very convivial conversation before the occupants of the chalet next door left to go to bed.

The four of us remaining in our chalet also planned to go to bed, but somehow we became sidetracked into talking a little longer, aided by a night cap or two.



Eventually, we headed to our bedrooms, two Sue's at one side of the chalet and ours at the back. In our room, we were sitting up in our single beds, wearing our glasses and reading before settling down.

Almost telepathically we simultaneously sighed, took off our glasses, put them away, closed our books, folded our arms and waited. We did a count-down 10, 9, 8....

Giggling from outside heralded the bursting open of the bedroom door as two whirling dervish Sue's rushed in, leaped upon our beds, snatched our pillows from beneath us and tugged off our duvets.

Quietly, we simply smiled at them and asked what had taken them so long? This lack of reaction clearly disappointed them, but they didn't realise how difficult it was to lie very still in those beds and not feel some degree of trepidation.

We can tell you that experiencing one barely clad Sue charging across the room is bad enough, but to endure two scantily clothed Sues storming in, intent on mischief is one experience too many. Lesser people would have been permanently traumatised.

So, a little subdued because we hadn't reacted as expected, they messed up our beds a bit more and wandered off back to their room.

We waited a few seconds only, then whispered to each other that we should pre-empt further attack, as we knew only too well it was imminent.

We each picked up a pillow and silently left our room, walking along the dark corridor to the open plan kitchen area and turned into the little unlit passage

that led along to their bedroom. We whispered our plan to each other and then stood in silence, one either side of their door.

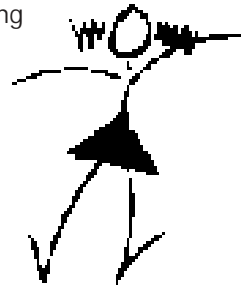
Whilst we actually did whisper outside the room, the two Sues on the inside plotted their next strategy and *thought* they whispered. We heard every slurred word uttered, about how they would wait until we settled down in our beds, thinking ourselves secure and then they would launch another assault.

We stifled our giggles and with tremendous self control waited patiently.

Suddenly, their bedroom door very slowly opened. Two heads appeared in the gap, illuminated by a small puddle of light pooling out from their bedside lamp. No lights were on in the passage or kitchen, and our eyes had already adjusted to the dark. First one Sue and then the other, talking in loud stage whispers moved along the side of the wall.

In the dark, we lifted our pillows high, whooped and swung them into the Sue's shoulders, much to their surprise, shock and very loud exclamations, punctuated by our equally loud laughter.

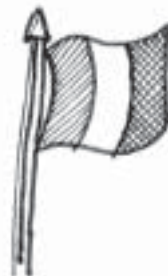
Amidst an incredible amount of giggling and falling we switched on the lights, to find our way to the toilets for which there was a definite need as a result of too much, too long and too loud laughing



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# Ma Chere Editeur!

Comment J'ai laughez when J'ai readez le bon history de 'La Journee Returnee' written par your contributeur Monsieur Gris. (Vous see que mon francais est un little avancez de his!)



J'ai 'ad les tears de mirthe qui roulez down les cheeks. Quelle brave homme pour undertakez un journee like that, especialement drivez avec les chaines de snow! Avez vous noticed que lots of les routes en France 'ave les signes qui say "Chaussee Deforme" (deformed road)? Je hope that ce n'est pas because Monsieur Gris a visitez these roads before et 'as ruinez la surface! But je suis sure que non as tout le world knows que les Anglais are les drivers perfecte! Ces les others qui are unable to keeppez le limite de speed et tout le temps are using le horne et les arm-wavinge while nous anglais 'ave fait nothing de wrong. Why 'ave les Francais such un tres short fuse??

Quelle coincidence! While je write cette lettre j'ai just receivz un appel de telephone de mon son qui habite un country long distance—— Le Vietnam. His question pour moi was "What est les names des grands winds qui blowez au Sud de France?" Luckily je suis un parent tres usefule et je knew cette answeze toute suite! (In cas vous ne knowez pas these factes very interessant, le answer est Le Mistral, le Tramontagne et le Merain. (je suis full d' information de hot air) . But je ne know pas why mon off-spring needs cette knowledge dans une bar in Saigon. Perhaps c'est quelque chose to do with l'Occupation des Francais long temps ago quand they invadez Le Vietnam or for un pub quiz.



Mais il is necessary to returnez a la subjecte en haut! (above) (pour le non speakers de franglais). Notre Familee aussi make lots de trips difficile in cette country foreigne qui est called La Belle France. Je suis not tres technique but je knows que we avons 'ad les problemes avec something dans l'engine de la car. Possiblement c'etait le grand 'but' (big end, pour les people like moi) ou la radiatuere, but je ne panic pas because Je 'ave un husband very bon under la bonette! Je just remembar that nous

avons had needez de teets (tights, en anglais) pour fixez le probleme, mais tout de eet was over my tete.

Nous 'ave aussi experiencez le snow of which Monsieur Gris parlez. Il a ruinez le roofe de notre house next to la mer (eet is much further sud de Paris - where only le river is seine). Beaucuoup de water ont tricklez down les walls because les locals thinkez that seulement le soleil shinez so they buildez les maisons not for le naughty weather. Quelle Damage! It was then necessaire de part with beaucoup de l'argent to les locals to repairez cette messe.

En Vacances nous toujours tryez to teachez our enfants la langue francais- tres necessaire if you want to eatez quelquechose delicieuse dans les restaurants ( pas les frogs, or les escargots ou horreur de horreurs - le tripe!). Un jour dans notre maison nous avons askez nos children for le Dictionnaire Francais et notre fils (son) a lookez dans le bookcase. Eventuellement il a foundez a book et in grande excitement, " 'ere eet is" he a cryez " le Dick Francis"! Mais malheureusement it was pas le correcte livre, c'etait un novel by le author de the same nom, un mistake tres comprehensible bien sur!!

J'ai several useful expressions pour le travelleurs en France:-

Je reste ma valise - I rest my case

Bien je jamais!- well I never!

Vieux chapeau- old hat

Merci Monsieur Gris pour les bon mots, sil vous plait writez encore et Bon Voyages!!

A bientot

*Le Chaise-personne de societeez Franglais*

Enjoy reading the Dialogue?

Have you a few hours to spare during the daytime each month?

The Editorial Team welcome new members ... talk to

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# She's *Behind* You!



*Members of the cast, from left, John, Julie, Morry, Sarra, Matthew, Kate, Ady and Sarah*

The excited chattering of a full house at Diseworth Village Hall ceased instantly as the lights went down. The audience was looking expectantly at the stage, waiting for the first entrance when a commotion began at the back of the hall. We all turned to witness probably one of the most regal entrances that Diseworth has ever seen. Queen Agatha, splendidly dressed in silk & satin - tastefully accessorised with striped stockings, trainers and a beautifully bling tiara - was arguing with King Basil about the christening of their baby daughter, Princess Beauty. His Royal Highness, clutching a whisky glass, was already slightly sloshed, a condition which remained constant throughout the performance. It was at this point that I began to laugh.

The King and Queen of Armadillo, played by Matthew Doyle and Morry van Ments, continued to bicker whilst proudly billing and cooing over their

precious infant, so much so that the Nanny - Fairy Minnie - swept in waving her magic wand, warning the royal duo that their differences would probably be made public in the Diseworth Dialogue if they didn't give it a rest. Julie Doyle was magnificent as Fairy Grizzle, the wicked witch of Armadillo. Julie played the role with spite and obvious enjoyment and the audience lost no time in booing and hissing, such an essential part of a good pantomime. Sarra Elliott was delightful in the role of Princess Beauty, playing an argumentative adolescent one moment and singing the breathtaking 'Somewhere over the Rainbow' in the next.

Ady Bryan was side-achingly funny as Gruff, who vowed to assist Prince Wayne on his journey to Armadillo (just past Shepshed) to wake the Sleeping Beauty. This was of course the signal for the cast - and the audience - to join in a boisterous rendition of "Show me the way to Armadillo".

Each member of the cast gave excellent performances: Sarah Cox, with her long slender legs, was an obvious choice as principal boy Prince Wayne. John Hurley camped it up playing the limp-wristed Troll while Emma Peters gave her all as the Fire Fiend. Kate Johnson's lovely portrayal of Fairy Minnie as a strict schoolmarm character was softened by her obvious attraction to Gruff.

This version of Sleeping Beauty was cleverly scripted by Mick Marlow. There were local references: the Loughborough Echo, Diseworth Dialogue, the spinning wheel on which Princess Beauty pricked her finger - salvaged from Shepshed Tip, while the interval was signalled with the East Enders drumbeats.

Congratulations must go to all involved with the Charnwood Community Theatre for yet another excellent performance. The company continues to go from strength to strength. With audience participation encouraged throughout, this was comedy theatre at its best. I was still laughing when I got home!

Sue Brompton



# Grumpy Old Diseworth

***Your opportunity to share your gripes on any subject!  
Please write/email in ..... anonymously or not!***

Why have people started to talk as though everything they say is a question? Who started this very annoying habit of ending each sentence on a rising tone? Mix this with plenty of 'like' s and you have the perfect recipe for thoroughly irritating speech. And another thing! Why do we now call school dances 'Proms'? The Americans have used this word for years but how and why did it arrive in the UK?  
*yours sincerely a Grumpy old Woman*

How can councils justify this new regime of emptying dustbins every fortnight? It is hardly environmentally friendly to subject people to living alongside bins which smell and attract vermin, especially through the summer months. What are we supposed to do with chicken carcasses and fish remains or any other food left-overs? I know several people who have found their bins full of maggots due to the new system. There is also much more rubbish blowing around the streets, which has escaped from the blue bags or the red boxes. The declaration by councils to fine anyone who overfills their dustbin or who leaves items next to it, is surely totally counter productive? Where do they think householders are going to put it? Do they want us to litter the lanes or add to global warming by burning it or using our cars to drive to the nearest tip?

**A constant moan among the inhabitants of our village is the great difficulty people have in making a Doctor's appointment at Castle Donington Surgery.** It is a common complaint that everyone is asked to telephone when the surgery opens at 8.30 a.m. resulting in a clogged line and a recorded voice advising that due to an unprecedented number of callers "please try later". If you, or a family member, is feeling unwell this is not only frustrating but also distressing. When, and if, you do manage to join the queue and are issued with a number, you then have to sit on the end of the 'phone til you reach the number one slot! At last, you think, I can make an appointment for this morning, but don't be fooled because the likelihood is that they have all have been issued to the people who somehow managed to get ahead of you or presented themselves in person at the Reception Desk. If you *are* lucky enough to get an appointment it is most unlikely that you will be able to see your own GP as they are usually booked up 3 weeks ahead. All in all, what used to be a simple matter has now become like trying to win the Lottery. Have you had similar difficulties? If so please let us know.

**A set of white plastic posts** mysteriously sprouted one night a few weeks ago outside the old cottage on Lady Gate? Who planted them? Who wanted them? Who authorised them? What are they for? Who knocked them down and who then replaced them? Are they temporary or are they permanent? Did they have planning permission? Are they in keeping?

No-one I've spoken to can answer these questions. Some say the Council put them in and that it took a team of men a full day to achieve the task. Some say the house owners were responsible. Some say they're there to protect newly sown grass seed. Some say they're to stop people parking their cars on the bend. The Parish Council tell me they know nothing about them, Highways say they know nothing. In fact everybody says they know nothing. Maybe a regular airport parker has just reserved his/her own personal permanent slot. But *plastic posts*, in a conservation area, in Diseworth? What a disgrace, where will it all end?



**Do other drivers find the new arrangement at the top of Mill Hill as confusing as I do?** It appears that the aim has been to fit as much 'street furniture' into a small an area as possible.

Approaching the junction along the A453 from Castle Donington is rather unnerving as it seems there is no gap to turn into, until you have arrived ready to turn right into the village. The concentration required to spot the correct place must present a danger to other road users especially as the brow of the hill is a particularly vulnerable and dangerous point. I cannot imagine how large vehicles negotiate the cluttered turning with anything but difficulty.

## WHY?....

- Does it usually rain when I go to the hairdressers.
- Do cats drink from a puddle instead of their water bowls.
- Don't birds fall off their perches when asleep.
- Don't I have more time now I've retired.
- Does peeling onions make us cry.
- Don't slugs and snails eat weeds.
- Does Castle Donington get their cardboard collected – and we don't.

*Les Brown*

# DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

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

There is **NO CHARGE** to put items into the magazine - (except the yellow pages). Please share with us your stories and announcements.

**PLEASE MEET THE DEADLINE OF THE 7<sup>th</sup> March**

## WHAT'S ON AT THE PLOUGH INN IN MARCH

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> St. David's Day - Join us for an evening of Welsh entertainment! Food included. Places are limited so book early. £10 per person.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night - Starts at 9pm. Four people per team. £1 per person. Half time snacks included. First prize is half a gallon of beer, with other prizes through the evening.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday - Four course meal for £16, or two courses for £12.50. Please call in for your copy of our menu or telephone for details.



The Mobile Library visits Diseworth fortnightly - 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March.  
 The Bowley 11.55 - 12.15  
 Clements Gate 12.20 - 1.20  
 The contact number for the mobile library is 01530 835951.

**Are you thinking of jetting off to find sun in the Balearics, or hopping across the channel for a spot of shopping? Do you need to purchase Euros?**

**No need to order! Just pop down to Long Whatton Post Office where Euros are now available on demand.**

## Diseworth village Hall 200 Club

The latest winners of the 200 club are:-

December

1<sup>st</sup> (100) S Brompton - £30

2<sup>nd</sup> (194) H Stothard - £20

3<sup>rd</sup> (3) N Hening - £10

January

1<sup>st</sup> (81) M Reaney - £30

2<sup>nd</sup> (10) T Morris - £20

3<sup>rd</sup> (75) A Evans - £10

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## Thank You Diseworth.

... for helping Long Whatton Post Office achieve it's commendation for increased sales of Post Office products. We very much appreciate the contribution to this award from Diseworth residents. Pam and Tony  
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### Specialist Lager and Beer Evening

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### Long Whatton Post Office Raffle

The next raffle, to be drawn on Mothers Day, will be shared equally between Diseworth and Long Whatton. The Diseworth share will be put towards the new toilet facilities in Diseworth Church.

*Extra copies of the*

## Diseworth Dialogue

*will be on sale in both*

*The Plough and  
The Bull &  
Swan and also  
in Long  
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Office*

### DISEWORTH SCHOOL LOTTERY

JANUARY 2007 DRAW

The machine 'Robin Hood' was chosen by Callum Redfern

	NO	DRAWN BY	WON BY	PRIZE
1 <sup>st</sup>	34	Naimh Russell	Jo & Paul Bunyan	£14
2 <sup>nd</sup>	79	Jed Sillitoe	Jane Hughes	£9
3 <sup>rd</sup>	21	Courtney Williams	Sam & Ian Pass	£5

*Local poet, Long Whatton farmer David Griffiths, has kindly given permission for this poem to be printed, which won Star Letter in the British Farmer and Grower magazine. David will shortly publish his own book of poems.*

## **PERCHANCE TO DREAM**

When fast asleep I sometimes see  
The farm as it should really be  
Where cockerels do not wake at dawn  
But wait until the world is warm  
The cows come in and milk themselves  
And muck is all cleaned up by elves  
Or some such creatures in a rush,  
You just hand a folk and brush.  
Where someone waves a magic wand  
And geese come sailing down the pond.

There's never frost in wintertime  
And, as for mud, there is no sign.  
The tractor never fails to go  
Even if batteries are low.  
The ploughman drinks and turns up late  
And yet his furrows always grows  
In full and measured, even rows.  
Defra's screeds defining goals  
Come ready shaped like toilet rolls.

No need for hedgerows, fence or bar  
The sheep know where the boundaries are.  
At shearing time no backs will ache...

Why is it that one has to wake?

*David Griffiths*

# A TALK ON HERALDRY



Sir Charles Townley and the Long  
Whatton Connection

Long Whatton Community Centre

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2007

7.30pm

Sir Charles Townley lived at the Manor House in Long Whatton and his Coat of Arms indicates connections with families in both Long Whatton and Diseworth. The Coat of Arms includes a Falcon which links the story to one of Long Whatton's public houses.

Mr Vic Taylor from Keyworth who has held an interest in heraldry will give a presentation on Coats of Arms and their origins and the results of his own research into the Townley coat of arms.

There will also be an exhibition on the history of the Manor House (with kind permission of its owners), its origins and the links with the Townley family.

£2 per person includes light refreshments.  
Members of Long Whatton History Society free.

# LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.



A highlight of recent events was the unveiling of the Joe Davie memorial bench in Barnfield Close. Bought with donations from his relations and many friends, and constructed by Nigel Atkinson, it is a fitting tribute to a man who has left many happy memories behind for all who knew him. I was very pleased to be invited to take part in the ceremony, which attracted about 50 well-wishers.

Entries for the Best Village competition are now being sought. Diseworth did very well last year, and a small group will take it on again this year. The Village Venture section, which we won last year with the Jackie Adcock Memorial Kitchen in the Village Hall, will this year feature the Scarecrow Festival weekend, which was such a success last year. We are also entering the Business category, to recognise the wide range of businesses that operate both in the village, and for the village.

It would be lovely if there was an entry this year from Long Whatton, and anyone with ideas and/or organisational skills, please contact me for further details. Entries close in April, and judging is in June.

E-On, the electricity supply company, have given the Parish Council a pack of items which they think everyone – particularly the elderly – should have in their house in case of a power cut. Items include an ordinary phone (cordless won't work during a power cut), a wind-up charger for mobile phones, and other interesting items. This is held in my house, and anyone who wishes to see it is welcome to call – I'll even bring it round, or provide a list of the contents. The pack is not generally available to the public.

Finally, the new website, [leicestershirevillages.com](http://leicestershirevillages.com), is up and running, and well worth a visit. If you want to know more, all Parish Councillors have a leaflet, and I and Lindsay our clerk have a supply.

*Martin Hening*

[leicestershirevillages.com](http://leicestershirevillages.com)



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15 January 2007

Dear Ruth,

We would like to thank you and everyone who put a Christmas message into the village magazine for raising a fantastic £100.00 in lieu of sending Christmas cards. Your support is very much appreciated by all at Rainbows Children's Hospice.

Every year we have to raise over £2 million to keep our doors open to the children and their families who sadly need to use Rainbows.

Help such as yours is invaluable if we are to continue to meet this very special need.

Once again many thanks to you all for thinking of Rainbows.

Yours sincerely  
Anna Campbell-Lee  
Administrator

## SOAR VALLEY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Visit of French Group  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>  
May 2007

We are expecting a visit from France at the end of May and are looking for people to host singles, couples and families. Some families will have young children and some will have teenagers. A full itinerary of the visit will be produced once all of the arrangements have been made. Plans will include free time to spend with their host family during the day on Sunday, a day out for the French people at a local place of interest, and a party for all our guests and host families.

This is a great way for you and your family to develop your language skills and to make new friends.

If you would like to offer accommodation or require more information please contact Sheila on 01509 568793 or by e.mail at: sheila.hawksworth@ntlworld.com

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# HEALTH PAGE

## Muscle Spasms and Cramps

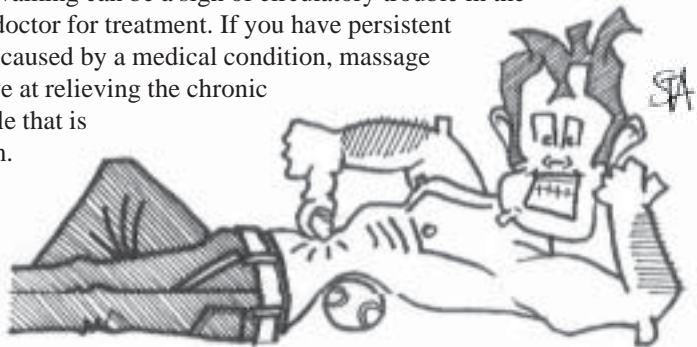
Exercising too hard, overdoing the gardening, too long on the computer. Maybe you have an old injury that flares up from time to time. All these situations can cause muscle spasms and cramps. The muscle will constrict into a tight painful mass in an attempt to prevent further injury.



Fortunately, there are some simple ways to find relief. If you get a sudden cramp, find the centre of the muscle and apply enough pressure with your loosely clenched fist, heel of your hand or your thumb that causes some pain, but not too much. Hold the pressure for 8 to 12 seconds and the cramp will often disappear using nothing more than this simple exercise. If you have a cramp in your back or buttock, lay a tennis ball on the floor and cover it with a towel. Lie down on top of the ball, and move around until you can isolate it under the painful spot. Relax and let the ball sink into the muscle, then just lie there and wait for the cramp to ease. If the cramp is very persistent, put an ice pack on it to calm the nerves. Wrap the ice pack in a towel and apply to the area for up to twenty minutes.

Sometimes spasms and cramps that occur at night can be caused by a deficiency of magnesium in the diet. Good sources of magnesium can be found in brown rice, beans, peas, nuts, brewers yeast, whole grains and bitter chocolate. Low levels of the mineral, potassium can also cause cramps. Good sources are avocados, leafy green vegetables, bananas, dried fruits, potatoes, melon and soy flour. Most cramps are usually only annoying, but if a cramp or spasm persists for more than a few days, or there is swelling, bruising or bleeding around the area, see your doctor.

Calf cramps while walking can be a sign of circulatory trouble in the legs. Consult your doctor for treatment. If you have persistent cramps that are not caused by a medical condition, massage can be very effective at relieving the chronic tension in the muscle that is causing the problem.



*Liz Jarrom*

# News from the school



A very belated happy new year to everyone, it seems such a long time since Christmas in school which was as usual a lovely time of year. This year's performance of "The Gigantic Star" was brilliant - the children were all stars! Thanks to all the parents for helping us out with costumes. Parties, lunch and the pantomime visit were all very enjoyable.

The end of term was sad for us because we had to say goodbye to Mrs Smith and Mrs Cluer both of whom have worked at the school for.....ever such a long time! We all hope they have lots of fun now they are retired people! A big thank you to them both for all their hard work commitment and support of the school.

We are very pleased to have received an award for sport from the DFES. Our Partnership of schools have worked together to ensure that all children have at least two hours high quality P.E. / Games during a week. As we are a small school, a team of children usually involves all those in a class, but despite our small numbers Diseworth CE Primary School does very well. We won the Tag Rugby Tournament against other local schools and hope to do well in the next hockey tournament. A very big thank you needs to be recorded to Mrs Smith who has worked really hard with the children to get them to such a good standard and for all her hard work with P.E. in school.

We have had an eventful half term at school. Everyone had a lovely

Christmas break and came back to school fit and well - at least for the first three weeks! Then the dreaded flu bug struck, gradually at first with just a couple of children being off school but eventually with only 23 children left in school and members of staff off sick, Dr Philip Monk, Consultant in Communicable Disease Control from the Health Protection Agency in the East Midlands South Region advised us that school should close for at least 3 days. A big thank you to all those parents who had to find child care for last Friday at short notice. The good news is that most children are beginning to return to school over this week and hopefully after half term everyone should be back to their normal healthy selves!

We are holding a maths information evening on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. The way that maths is taught in school has changed and is continuing to change which means that lots of parents feel they are unable to help their children at home. There will be opportunities to find out about some of the different strategies that we teach children to help them with calculation. Hopefully we will be able to give maths a more positive profile with parents, many parents did not have good experiences of maths teaching mainly at secondary school

and this can have a very big impact on their child's confidence. Each family will be given a maths information pack to take home at the end of the evening which will give opportunities to practice and develop skills at home. Hopefully lots of families will attend – refreshments are part of the evening! We will be offering more information evenings after Easter.

Despite the flu the children have all been working hard.

**Class 1** have been working on a Bear topic based around George Bear who lives in class 1. He likes to spend weekends and holidays with the children and has been to some very interesting places. Staff in school never mention in George's hearing where they are thinking of going on holiday otherwise he ends up coming with you! He spent a few days in Las Vegas and arrived back with his holiday photos. He has been skiing in Switzerland and at present he is somewhere near the Cook I slands diving with Mrs Roberts. The children have completed some brilliant work finding out about places that George has visited, e-mailing Little George his cousin who

has gone to live with the Keane family in Australia, and writing bear stories.

**Class 2** now contains some "famous people". The children have been working on Anthony Brown books and have written book reviews some of which have been published on the Web! They are very impressed that their work can be read by children in other schools. They have been working together to write their own books in the style of Anthony Brown and these will be finished just as soon as we have everyone back at school.

**Class 3** are looking at adventure stories and have been reading Rebecca's World, a book by Terry Nation who wrote some episodes of the original Dr Who. They have been finding out how a good writer uses effective words and sentences to build up pictures of characters and settings, also how tension can be built up successfully. Eventually they will be writing their own short adventure story set in a fantasy world. In the meantime here are a few extracts

Rebecca walked past the stone that said WELL DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU! And then she heard someone saying "Rebecca wait we're coming with you." Rebecca wasn't listening because she was too busy staring at the army of GHOSTS in front of her, they were turning a poor man into a GHOST. Rebecca could not help herself, she began to scream  
NO!!!!!!!!!!!!

at the top of her voice.

*Oonagh Neil*



Rebecca thought this [place was not really as bad as the signs described, when all of a sudden things began to change. She started to hear strange noises and then a tree moved. Then every tree was moving and she found herself running. The trees were all crashing down attempting to crush her. She saw a hole, she was saved. She ran as fast as her legs could carry her and leapt into the hole. It was dark and wet but at last she was safe.....or was she! Then out of nowhere "Oi." Rebecca jerked in fright "you are on my leg" said the strange thing.

*Robin Frazer*

Rebecca ignored the signs not feeling very frightened anymore and walked on. Just then she heard a CRACK. She thought she might have stepped on a twig but then she heard it again C R A C K. Rebecca was feeling a little bit scared now. She heard a very loud noise. It seemed to be coming from where the others were. Rebecca recognised that noise. The GHOSTS were back!

*Charlotte Linthwaite*

She walked past the last rock thinking it was a joke. In front of her she saw a patch of leaves. "I wonder if this is safe?" she whispered to herself. "Of course it is." She thought. She walked on the patch of grass. suddenly she fell down, down, down on the floor of a trap. Three GHOSTS warbled "Halaaa, whooooohoo, welcome!" They had pieces of rope in their hands ready to tie her up!

*Jed Sillitoe*

## Music News

### Castle Donington Rotary Music Festival

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February was the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Castle Donington Rotary Music Festival held at Castle Donington Community College. The adjudicator was a Miss Ali Blackett-Howe who runs her own performing arts school in Coalville and Leicester and is also an examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music and LAMDA. Each entrant had to perform two contrasting pieces and several young people from Diseworth took part and performed to a very high standard. The classes were run in year groups and in the year 5 and under Bethan Henry played the piano. Georgia Millington performed in the year 7 Class, also on the piano and Aaron Smith, a year 9 student played the saxophone. Danielle Draycott sang a Brian May song in the year 10 and 11 age group. All were invited to play at the evening concert and did so beautifully.

### Melbourne Rotary Festival

Melbourne Rotary Festival takes place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March. The classes start in the afternoon culminating in an evening concert. Any music student who would like to perform can get an entry form from me.

### Congratulations Emily

Congratulations to Emily Jennings for passing her Grade 6 flute exam in December.



*Janet 01332 812330*

# WOMEN'S GROUP

A talk on the Black Death by Pat Guy made a very interesting subject for the February meeting of the Women's Group.

Pat began her talk by discussing the recent resurgence of interest in the true nature of the disease that caused the pandemic we call The Black Death, which killed 30 – 50% of the inhabitants of Europe in the 14th century. Long believed to be Bubonic Plague, there are now many who think it was really an even more dangerous disease, very similar to that which causes the devastating Ebola haemorrhagic fever in sub-Saharan Africa today. The possible role of rats in the spread of Black Death has also been questioned in the light of new evidence on their historical distribution.

The talk ended with thoughts on the parallels to be drawn with the reactions to outbreaks of dangerous diseases today – SARS, Bird Flu etc. and what might happen if a modern version of the Black Death (which had disappeared by the 1700's) were to reappear.

Pat was thanked by chairperson Liz Jarrom for her very knowledgeable talk on The Black Death.

## Next Meeting

**A.G.M. – Cheese & Wine – Quiz  
Monday March 12th  
8pm  
Village Hall**

**PLEASE** come along loaded with ideas for meetings and activities so that we can plan your chosen programme. Following on, we will have a quiz plus cheese and wine to enjoy with friends.

Now is a good time to join as a member. A £15 subscription is wonderful value for eleven meetings - including refreshments!

Any queries please phone 810858

*Sheila Dakin*

## 'A bit of Sue-foolery' continued from page 17

A truce was offered by the Sue's. They acknowledged we had 'caught' them and we all agreed we needed to be in bed and asleep. We turned out the lights and returned to our rooms.

We heard their door close and, with our telepathy working well, we glanced at each other as we stepped back outside our door and loudly closed it. We waited a breath and then stealthily sneaked back along the passage, tiptoed into the kitchen and then past their bedroom door into the empty bedroom at the bottom of the corridor.

We instinctively knew that despite their truce, this was far from over. The Sue's had been gotcha'd and would be trying for supremacy in fooling.

We sat on the bed behind the door and without needing to speak to each other, just knew that it would not be long before they came out of the room to head towards our bedroom on a revenge mission.

We had to put our hands over our mouths to keep from laughing out loud as we heard the Sue's 'whisper' their plans to launch a surprise attack.

It was so funny listening to how they were going to execute this SAS type venture, that our faces and stomachs were stretched and achy from the constant grinning and silent giggling.

Before long, from the dark of our hiding place we saw them in the doorway, lit by the light from their bedroom. They inched their way out, shush-shushing like thieves in a TV farce as they stalked round the corner and down the corridor towards our room.

We looked at each other and with one accord, quietly and so very swiftly slipped into their bed room.

Holding our breath and our laughter we slid under the bed, waited and listened. We heard the two Sues roaring and hollering as they banged our bedroom door wide open.

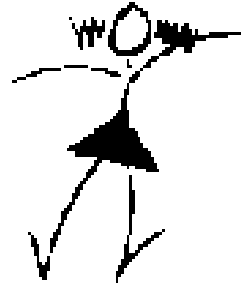
We could picture them leaping into the room like a pair of demented Ninjas, then a long silence followed as they found our beds and room empty.

When one Sue announced that we were not there, and the other Sue asked where we could be, we very nearly lost control and laughed out loud.

We lay under the bed, silently laughing so hard that it hurt, as we listened to them search in wardrobes, behind the curtains, bathrooms, cupboards and other bedrooms apart from the one we had first hidden in and their own. They talked all the time about where we could be and how we could possibly have so effectively disappeared.

It was clear that they were unable to comprehend that we might be in their own room, so we nudged each other and whispered that we might as well be warm. We carefully crawled from underneath the bed and slipped into it instead, pulling the duvet up high so as not to be noticed.

We heard the Sues come past their bedroom, having decided that we must



be in the vacant room, and we marvelled that they never even glanced inside their room as they passed. They then returned to the kitchen, again passing their room, where the light was still on.

Once in the kitchen they decided we must be secreted away in the cupboards, even though a Sue acknowledged I, for one would not be there because of confined spaces. They even tried the oven and fridge. Finally, after exhausting all hiding places, one Sue suddenly announced that the only solution remotely possible was that we had clearly been the victims of an alien abduction.

It was at this point that we found complete hysteria creeping upon us. We rocked with laughter so much that the bed shook and we thought they were bound to hear us.

It was only when they agreed reluctantly that the idea was perhaps too far off the wall even for them and so we must be outside, that we regained a little control of our shaking bodies.

There was a sharp intake of breath from both of us, as the two Sues opened the doors to go out on to the patio leading down to the lake. One of us whispered that this was starting to get a bit worrying now. It had been damp all day, the patio was slippery with duck droppings, heavy clouds hung like soggy grey blankets and in that poor light it would be hard to see the edge of the lake. We did not want to be responsible for two dozy tarts tumbling into the cold water in the night.

We were just about to declare our hiding place to prevent them doing anything rash, when we heard them return into

the chalet and go to the front door instead. We had only just started breathing easily when they commenced a conversation about how we might have contrived to go through a locked front door with the key still turned in it, or through the windows, which they kept checking to confirm that they were shut from the inside.

Hysteria overtook us again and laughing bubbles were almost bursting out loud as we struggled to stay quiet.

One Sue wondered if we had gone to the neighbouring chalet and actually opened the door to go and see, when they decided we would not disturb our other friends. It was hard to believe that these were two very intelligent women who could actually have used their mobile phones to ask our friends in the other chalet.

They returned to the sitting area and for some reason, probably temporary insanity, heaven only knows why, decided that the only place we could now be was in the sofa, or the arm chairs and so they proceeded to dismantle the entire furniture to see if we were ensconced inside.

It was practically impossible now for us not to laugh out loud, our bodies and the bed were shaking uncontrollably and we cried helplessly with silent laughter until the Sues announced once more that they must go and look for us outside as there was nowhere else left.

We whispered to each other that this would have



to be brought to a close before they did something stupid, but we also wanted to find a way to make them enter the room and realise that we had been in there, warm in their bed all along. My partner in Sue-foolery picked up a book and dropped it onto the floor making a dull thud. There was a very audible gasp from the Sue's in the sitting room and we heard them ask each other what the noise was. We lay very quietly in the bed and listened to their approach, as they discussed whether or not the noise had come from their room.

We waited until we saw the two Sues side by side, cautiously creep through the door and then we shot straight up in the bed, howling with laughter at their shocked expressions and at their shouts and expletives.

There followed much chuckling and explaining about how they had been fooled so completely, yet still they could not grasp the concept of them moving

out of the room and us moving in behind them. Even more amazingly, they simply had been unable to work out that their room was the only place they had not looked.

A truly perfect bit of Sue-foolery, excellently executed by supreme champions.

To end with more quotes, they say that 'revenge is a dish best served cold' and we were warned in no uncertain terms that we should be expecting to eat ice cream very soon. Not now, not tomorrow, but definitely some time when we least expected it they would repay us. However, it is also said that 'attack is the best form of defence' and, to prevent our cold dish of revenge being served, that is exactly what transpired on another trip.

But that's a tale for my partner in foolery to tell another time.

*Karen and Sally*

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## Diseworth Millennium Meadow



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

*Pat Guy*

# EMA Wins Best Regional UK Airport



East Midlands Airport (EMA) has won ‘Best Regional UK Airport’ at the 2007 Travel Weekly Globe Awards, beating other airports such as Manchester, Birmingham, London Gatwick and Stansted, who were also nominated in the category.

The Travel Weekly Globe Awards are the industry’s most prestigious accolades and winners are voted for by the UK travel industry professionals; the travel agents on the high street, in call centres and in their own homes who are selling holidays day in, day out. The awards ceremony in London was attended by over 1,500 senior members of the UK travel trade, recognising the very best operators and suppliers within the UK travel industry.

Nine of the UK’s top airports were short-listed for the award before independent data analyst’s, AC Nielsen ensured the votes were accurate and legitimate. The awards ceremony provides travel agents with a platform to voice their appreciation and celebrate the best in the industry.

EMA Managing Director, Penny Coates said, “We are absolutely delighted to have won the award for ‘Best Regional UK Airport’ at the Travel Weekly Globe Awards 2007, a title which has previously only been awarded to larger UK airports.”

East Midlands Airport is proud of its history of awards; in 2005 the Airport won ‘Best UK Airport’ at the British Travel Awards, in a category with eleven other UK airports and in 2006 was voted ‘Best Regional Airport (UK)’ at the annual ‘Selling Long Haul and Short Breaks and Holiday Travel Awards’.

We always welcome feedback and suggestions from our community. Please email them to [community@eastmidlandsairport.com](mailto:community@eastmidlandsairport.com) or write to us; Community Relations, Building 34, East Midlands Airport, Castle Donington, Derby, DE74 2SA

## Directory of Useful Numbers

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

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

**The beat constable for the parish is PC 2012 Zeique Robinson.  
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Friends of Diseworth School	Jane Hughes	01332 850994
Guides	Sandie Fletcher	01332 811143
Heritage Centre	Martin Hening	01332 853647
History Society	Pat Guy	01332 811119
Millennium Meadow	Pat Guy	01332 811119
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Playgroup & Toddlers	Katrina Paling	01332 811362
Scouts & Cubs	Jenny Buckle	01509 842593
Soar Valley Twinning Assoc.	Sheila Hawksworth	01509 568793
W.I.N.G.S.	Erica & Andy Foxall	01332 811689
Womens' Discussion Group	Liz Jarrom	01332 810358
Womens' Group	Sheila Dakin	01332 810858

## Diseworth Village Hall

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

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CONTACTS

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## YOUR LOCAL PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

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

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