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Diseworth Diary

MARCH

Monday	1 st	Women's Discussion Group. "Vive la Difference" Venue 13a Hall Gate. 2pm
Wednesday	3 rd	General Knowledge Quiz at the Plough Inn.
Thursday	4 th	Coffee, Cakes and Computers at the Heritage Centre 10.30am - 2pm
Thursday	4 th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm at Long Whatton Community Centre
Saturday	6 th	Charity Race Night at The Bull and Swan, 9pm
Monday	8 th	Womens Group. Dog Training with Dot Levin. Village Hall 8pm
Wednesday	10 th	Social Group, Village Hall, 2pm
Thursday	11 th	Coffee, Cakes and Computers at the Heritage Centre 10.30am - 2pm
Thursday	11 th	Annual Parochial Church Meeting. 7.30pm in Church
Sunday	14 th	'Drop In' at the Heritage Centre, 2pm to 4pm. Have a cup of tea and learn more about the centre
Wednesday	17 th	Music Quiz at The Plough Inn
Saturday	27 th	Spring Coffee Morning in Church. 10am - 12 noon
Sunday	28 th	'Drop In' at the Heritage Centre 2pm to 4pm. Have a cup of tea and learn more about the Centre

APRIL

Thursday	1 st	Annual Parish Meeting 7.15pm at Diseworth Village Hall, followed by Parish Council Meeting
Friday	2 nd	Childrens Activity Morning in Church. 10.30am - 12 noon
Saturday	3 rd	Baptist Easter Service, 6.30pm at Diseworth Heritage Centre. All welcome
Monday	12 th	Womens Group. AGM

MAY

Monday	10 th	Womens Group. Calligraphy
Wednesday	12 th	Village Hall AGM

JUNE

19th & 20th The Diseworth Arts Festival Weekend

Castle Donington Farmers' Market



2nd Saturday of every month
from 9am.

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

Beat Surgeries

Tuesday 16th March 10am - 12noon Long Whatton Post Office
Thursday 15th April 10am - 12noon Osgathorpe, The Storey Arms
Monday 24th May 10am - 12 noon Diseworth Village Hall

For any further information regarding these surgeries please contact the beat officer PC 1760 Underwood, PCSO 6638 Richardson or PCSO 6178 Stanhope on 0116222 2222 and leave a message for the officer by entering their collar number.

Welcome to the March 2010 issue of the *Diseworth Dialogue.*



One of the joys of this time of year is sowing seeds in the potting shed. I love my shed, and although it is very cluttered at the moment and is home to an awful lot of spiders, I find it very peaceful.

With Spring just around the corner, we can look forward to all sorts of exciting events happening in the village. A new social club in the village hall has been proposed, there will be a Good Friday workshop for the children in church and there are computer courses running at the Heritage Centre. The puppy obedience classes have started in the village hall, the Guides are planning centenary celebrations in the Heritage Centre and.....

.....over the next couple of issues you will receive information about the new Arts Festival taking place in Diseworth. (see page 8 for more details) This sounds very exciting and something everyone can be a part of. Details of all these events can be found in this month's *Dialogue*.

Now for some congratulations. Firstly to Nikki Hening for becoming the new chair of the Rural Community Council. Well done and well deserved! Congratulations also to Damian Snee for his very successful fundraising event in February. We wish him the very best in his forthcoming trip to Africa and look forward to receiving news of his ventures in the months to come. The Community Theatre put on a wonderful performance of Cinderella and our sincere praise goes to the cast and crew. Last but not least, The Plough has won a Best Pub of the Year award, so well done to Rob and Rachael.

Last month I asked the residents of Diseworth what they would like to see in their magazine. I had only one reply which has been published in this edition. It has been suggested that we might make people more aware of proposed plans but I feel it would not be practical for the magazine to publish all existing planning applications within the village and surrounding area. However, on the back page of each issue you will find all the contact details and websites for the Parish Council which includes information about pending planning applications. I urge everyone to read the notice board at the Cross and any notices that have been posted on poles around the village. We have also included the guidelines published by the Parish Council which explains what they do. I hope this information proves useful and in the meantime, the magazine is always very interested to hear of issues affecting the village, so if anyone has concerns about planned projects, the *Dialogue* would be very happy to publish those concerns.

I am off to the potting shed now, but I do hope you enjoy this month's magazine.

Handwritten signature of Peggy Under.

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church



photograph Julia Silifoe

As I write this pastoral letter, it's the first warm day of the year. The winter had been cold and snowy and now with temperatures in double figures and the sun shining, maybe, just maybe we're turning the corner and spring is in the offing. Of course I'll not celebrate just yet. The British climate has plenty of tricks up it's sleeve. Wintry weather can return right through to May or even June (on 2nd June 1975, the cricket match between Derbyshire and Lancashire at Buxton was delayed when a fall of snow in the early afternoon covered the pitch to a depth of around an inch). But I'll take today, it's good enough.

This has been a strange time for Diana and I. We have said goodbye to many lovely friends in the parishes around Barrow upon Soar and the Wolds as my work as associate priest in the benefice has come to an end. It has been quite a loss and has left us feeling uprooted. Now however we are looking forward as we prepare to move furniture and cats into the vicarage at Belton. We are beginning to think of the new friends that we shall make in the villages and churches of the Kegworth and Hathern team. I'm sure there will be many moments of joy and surprise and change and challenge for all of us as we come into your communities. For us this has been a time of sorrow which is now turning into a time of expectation and great hope: it has been like moving out of winter and into spring.

Winter turning into spring is such a powerful image of hope and promise and new life. In the Chronicles of Narnia the 100 year winter of the White Witch gives way to spring as Aslan returns to his people. In the bible, the wonderful love poem that is the 'Song of Songs or the 'Song of Solomon' uses the transition of winter to spring as a way for the lover to gently call his beloved to come with him:

See! The winter is past;
the rains are over and gone.

Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves
is heard in our land.

The fig tree forms its early fruit;
the blossoming vines spread their fragrance.

As winter turns into spring I hope all of us might feel that fullness of hope and promise that God has for us and that sense of God's gentle but insistent call to come with him and experience all the fullness of his love.

Tony Edmonds

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

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

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

For **Wedding** enquiries and bookings, please
contact Gill .

Please note that Gill takes Monday as her day off.

Other Benefice Services, Meetings and Social Events in March 2010

Mar. 2 nd	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
Mar. 3 rd	Wednesday	Hathern House Group 7.30pm
Mar. 6 th	Saturday	Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am- 12noon
Mar. 7 th	Sunday	Hathern Church Music Café, 6pm-8pm
Mar. 11th	Thursday	Diseworth APCM
Mar. 13 th	Saturday	Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am- 12noon
Mar. 20 th	Saturday	Long Whatton Coffee Morning, Friendship Centre
Mar. 22 nd	Monday	Benefice Bible Study, 33 Green Hill, Hathern 7.30pm
Mar. 24 th	Wednesday	Benefice Praise Evening, Hathern Church, 7.30pm
Mar. 27th	Saturday	Diseworth Spring Coffee Morning 10am- 12noon
Mar. 28 th	Sunday	Kegworth Church Concert with Sutton Bonington Choir 6.15pm

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Services & Locations for March 2010

	Time	Service	Location
March 4 th	7.30pm	Licensing of Revd. Tony Edmonds	Belton
March 7 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Belton
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Diseworth
		Morning Prayer	Osgathorpe
		Family Service	Hathern & Kegworth
		All Age Worship	Long Whatton
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton & Kegworth
March 14 th Mothering Sunday	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Belton & Kegworth
	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	10.30am	Family Service	Diseworth & Kegworth
		CW Holy Communion	L. Whatton & Hathern
	6.15pm	United Healing Service BCP Evensong	Hathern Kegworth
March 21 st	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Diseworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion Family Communion	Belton & L. Whatton Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion BCP Evensong	Hathern Kegworth & Belton
March 24 th	7.30pm	Benefice Praise Service	Hathern
March 28 th Palm Sunday	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Diseworth & Kegworth
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong Concert	Belton & Hathern Kegworth

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

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

Lessons and Readers for March 2010

	Time		Reader	Sidesman
March 7 th	10.30am			
Lent 3	1st Reading: Isaiah 55.1-9		A Stone	M Howe
	2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13		M Gidlow	
	Gospel: Luke 13.1-9		D Blenkinsopp	
March 14 th	10.30am			
Mothering Sunday	1st Reading: Exodus 2.1-10			
	2 nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7			
	Gospel: Luke 2.33-35			
March 21 st	9.00am			
Lent 5	1 st Reading: Isaiah 43.16-21		S Brompton	G Stone
	Second Reading: Philippians 3.4b-14		S Bird	
	Gospel: John 12.1-8		M Hening	
March 28 th	8.00am			
Palm Sunday	1 st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-9a		D Griffin	T Griffin
	2 nd Reading: Philippians 2.5-11			
	Gospel: Luke 23.1-49		S Bird	

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



Church Flowers and Brasses

	Flowers	Brasses
March 14 th	Mrs I Tebbutt	Mrs R Smith

News From the Pews

The Scarecrows are Changing

We thought that as everyone else in the surrounding area had pinched our idea of having a Scarecrow Festival, we would change ours to an "Arts Weekend" in its broadest sense this year. Just consider the talented people we have in this village, Painters, Musicians, Poetry and Drama readers not forgetting our budding sculptors who have made the fantastic Scarecrows over the last few years. We are sure we have the next Anthony Gormley (Angel of the North) or Damian Hurst (pickled cow) in the village or even the next poet laureate. There also must be a mother who's willing to volunteer their son's/daughter's room in competition against Tracey Emin's famous bed.

So, put this date in your diary and on your calendar:

**19th & 20th June 2010.
The Diseworth Arts Festival
Weekend**

Start planning your garden sculpture now (using any form of materials) don't just leave it to Mat Dakin and family, paint a new picture, design a collage, practice your favourite piece of music or write a new poem. Join in and have some fun in this new adventure.

For further details keep reading the Dialogue or ring Mary Gidlow 01332 810953 or Rosemary Harris on 01332 810140.

Stop Press: We have two local colleges interested in joining us over the weekend.

New Team Vicar/ Mothering Sunday

Our new Team Vicar, Tony Edmonds, will be licensed in Belton Church on Thursday, 4th March at 7.30pm, in a service led by

Assistant Bishop Christopher.

Tony's first service in **Diseworth Church** will be on **14th March at 10.30am** when there will be a **Family Service for Mothering Sunday**.

As always children of all ages are welcome at this service, when they will be given posies of flowers to give to their mother.

The PCC hope as many of you as possible will attend this service to welcome Tony to our parish.



Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Thursday, 11th March at 7.30pm in church. All parishioners are welcome to attend this meeting to approve the annual accounts and to hear the annual reports, as well as to appoint churchwardens and members of the PCC for the forthcoming year.

Baptist Easter Service

Saturday 3rd April 2010 6.30pm

Diseworth Heritage Centre

All Welcome

Refreshments afterwards

*St Michael and All Angels
Parish Church
Good Friday
Children's Activity Morning*

*There will be a Children's
Activity morning in the
church on Good Friday, 2nd
April, from 10.30am until
12noon.*



Spring Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning on
Saturday, 27th March will be held
in Church from
10am until 12noon.



There will be a spring/Easter theme, and as well as the usual book stall and Fair Trade stall, there will be seasonal refreshments, a tombola and a raffle.

Please come along if you can.

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

Doreen Pass

3rd July 1924 – 5th January 2010



Doreen was born in Loughborough and as a teenager convalesced at the seaside to recuperate from rheumatic fever. She went to work at *The Brush* and during the war worked as an Air Raid Patrol Warden.

Doreen came to 5 Hall Gate in 1952 with her husband and four children, moving to 9 Hall Gate two years later. (Numbers 5 and 9 Hall Gate are now Primrose Cottage)

The late 1950's saw the family move to 8 Page Lane where two more children were born. This remained the family home for the rest of Doreen's life.

In the early days she enjoyed her involvement with the Women's Institute and helped with the Senior Citizen's Club, although she never saw herself old enough to attend as she became older. Doreen maintained an interest in village life despite being unable to participate in later years.

She will be fondly remembered as a loving grandmother to her seven grandchildren and one great grandchild and a much loved and respected mother, mother – in - law and sister.

The *Diseworth Dialogue* Committee were very sorry to hear of the death of Marie Walker.
We extend our sincere sympathy to Martin.
A fitting tribute will appear in a future issue of the Dialogue.



HOSEPIPES IN THE KITCHEN



For quite a few winters, I have got away without having to have hosepipes defrosting in my kitchen. A run of mild wet winters had meant that frozen pipes in the farm yard were just a distant memory.

The cattle sheds at Ladygate Farm are many, and the water troughs for the cattle are all fed by assorted plastic pipes and a few ordinary garden hosepipes. When the winter frost isn't too severe and the temperature gets above freezing in the day, the

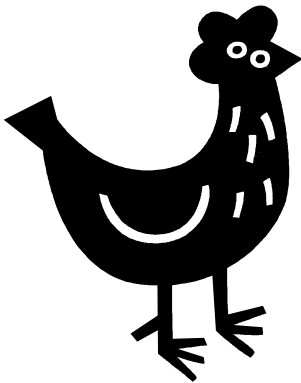
water pipes may freeze up at night, but then defrost during the day, so that the cattle can drink again. But this January we had some days when the temperature was down to minus 10 degrees at night and only about minus 3 degrees in the day, all the exposed pipes froze solid and all attempts to defrost them were a futile operation. Buckets of hot water were ferried out and poured on the pipes but to no avail. So the ultimate solution had to be applied.

Each pipe was disconnected and wrestled with until it was finally coiled up and tied with string to stop it leaking when it finally defrosted. These frozen monstrosities were then manhandled into the kitchen and propped up next to the Rayburn to defrost.

From experience I know that it is important to keep a close eye on the pipes as they defrost as they can soon leak water out of the ends. Once they do start to go, I carefully carry them outside so as not to spill water all over the kitchen floor. Once outside, I upend them and let all the water and icy bits pour out, then put them in my heated greenhouse upside down to be sure they are

totally drained. Will can then collect them and reconnect them so that the cattle can get a drink. Usually the pipes run freely until the cattle have all had a good drink, but overnight they will freeze again, and the whole episode has to be repeated again the next day.

So as you can imagine, I was really happy when the icy weather finally went away and my kitchen was finally free of defrosting hosepipes! Now there are two spare hosepipes in my greenhouse just in case the Siberian weather returns, but I hope that by the time you read this, the weather will be warmer and spring will finally be on the way.



Easter Eggs.

Are you interested in keeping chickens? Would you like to have a “try before you buy” by helping with ours - there’s very little to it? We need someone to look after our 6 chooks for a few days over Easter in return for free lovely fresh eggs. If you are interested please contact us on 814454 or call at 9 Hall Gate, Diseworth.
Meg and Paul.

Letter to the Editor



What would you like to see in the Diseworth Dialogue?

Hi Peggy,

Firstly I'd like to thank you and the team that contribute to the Dialogue for producing an entertaining and well written village magazine.

You asked in the Feb issue, what would you like to see in the Diseworth Dialogue? I feel that the Dialogue does not print enough information on issues that will affect the villagers. The Parish Council News section reports on issues that have happened after a meeting, but I think there is a need for articles which explain these issues prior to the meeting and also for the meeting dates to be published. Which would allow us to attend / provide feedback as we feel necessary.

I understand that you may feel that the information is available already, i.e. if you attended the last council meeting or on notice boards, but I feel that the Dialogue could be the ideal platform to inform us. At the moment I only hear about issues that will affect myself and the village after they have happened via the Parish Council News.

I take the Skylink Bus service for example. It was reported in the Dec issue that there was concern regarding the 'long-rumoured' withdrawal of some bus services. Now as a resident, I had not heard about the 'long-rumoured' withdrawal of the service and I feel that the Dialogue could be bringing issues like these up in advance and allowing more of us to respond to such threats.

Similarly, I feel that the proposed runway extension at the Airport has not been reported effectively in the Dialogue or across the local community. A paragraph in the Parish Council News mentions that it has been discussed, yet we as residents are not being made aware of the details and possible effect it will have if it goes ahead. The December issue reported that the plans have now been approved and yet up until this point I was not aware this decision was imminent. The airport has an enormous impact on our village and whilst the local council communication appears to be poor, I feel that we could be more informed via the Dialogue on any potential issues.

It would be great to get an outline from one of the local councillors in the Dialogue of what they are planning to discuss at future meetings, as well as what they have agreed at previous meetings, so allowing villagers the opportunity to get involved in issues.

Unfortunately, due to our busy lives, not all of us can attend parish council meetings. We may not have children, so do not have the opportunity to discuss issues at the school gates and we may not go to the pubs much, but that does not mean that we don't care about our village and our neighbours. The Dialogue is the ideal avenue to inform all of the residents, young and old, of any potential issues that could affect our village and it would be great if this can be addressed in further publications.

PS. If Council meetings are to be held in Diseworth village hall and the Long Whatton Community centre on alternate months at 7.30pm. How are we to get there and back without a bus service?

Name and e mail address supplied

Village Residents Parking Group



Dear Resident,

The first survey of 'nuisance' parking in Diseworth has been completed and a report of its findings with recommendations will be offered to the Parish Council at their next meeting in March 2010. Thereafter, the outcome of the survey and the next steps in attempting to deal with 'nuisance' parking will be published for the village to consider.

The report will indicate the number and types of vehicles, both residents and 'nuisance' parkers. To give legitimacy and integrity to the collected data, part-license plate numbers have been recorded. This measure identifies the regional office where the car has been registered and nothing else. This aims to secure the privacy of resident car owners who regularly park their vehicles on the roadside.

May I remind people that we are still continuing to monitor 'nuisance' parkers in the village and will record any information residents give us about offending vehicles. We cannot act on behalf of individuals with reports to the police. We urge individuals to do this themselves but also inform us so we may keep a log of incidents for later use.

Any of the following VRPG members will help:-

Chris Draycott	850856
Alison Evans	810279
Tony Griffin	tony_griffin@talk21.com
Bruce Keeling	850188
Steph Keeling	850188
Alan Leech	812044
Alan Preston	811123
Jim Snee	812345

Thank you.

Alan Leech on behalf of the VRPG.

Guide Centenary Comes to Diseworth

The celebrations for our centenary year started on the 5th September 2009 when 700 girls and leaders from Loughborough Division joined the rest of the county when approximately 6000 members spent the afternoon and evening at Belvoir Castle. Although not a very warm day the rain stayed away and a fantastic time was had by all. There were many activities from outdoor activities, a heritage tent, activities based around 100, one being to get 100 different people to sign your programme. There was a flag pageant when all the old and present flags were paraded. One from Loughborough was a banner from the 1920s. The evening finished with fireworks.



Fun with the Aqua Ball

Our next event was when 1800 Brownies and leaders from around the county spent the day at the Great Central Railway. The girls all had different coloured hats to wear, a badge and a passport to get stamped at the different stations. All the girls and leaders had a ride on a steam train getting on and off at the different stations and again the weather was kind to us and girls are still talking about it.



Diseworth Guides crossing the rope bridge

In January a display of guiding in Loughborough Division was placed in Loughborough Library and will move to the Heritage Centre in Diseworth for March and April, where we hope it will be enjoyed by many of you who are or have been members of the movement. We hope you will record your memories on the sheets provided and bring any photos or memorabilia you may have and we look forward to meeting you all.

So many wonderful things are planned during 2010 to help celebrate our Centenary, ending with an event in October 2010 when anyone who has ever made a promise in the movement can renew it and have a new promise badge. If you wish to help with a unit or have a daughter who would like to become a member or have any memories then please contact me.

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Loughborough Division Commissioner
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Cinderella

Pantomime is a complete entertainment package and the enormously talented Charnwood Community Theatre is very good at entertaining. The recent sell-out production of Cinderella had it all: comedy and pathos; song and dance; slapstick and innuendo and a version of Diseworth's Got Talent. It kept the cast on their toes, the audience on the edge of their seats and, as C.C.T. love to surprise the house, there were many noisy entrances from the back of the hall.

Mike Doyle was magnificent as wicked stepmother Baroness Dorien Hardup. He created quite a commotion as he staggered tipsily through the main door, making suggestive remarks and flirting outrageously with the men in the audience, much to their embarrassment and our delight. The fun had begun.

The Ugly Sisters, Sharon & Tracy, were really rather attractive in their high heels and matching pink outfits; they had us in gales of laughter when they pranced across the stage singing 'Sisters' and their rendition of 'Girls just wanna have fun' as they got ready for the ball brought tears to our eyes. Tony Hilton and John Hurley as the terrible twins were a delight to watch, if I had to choose a favourite scene, (and that's not easy), it would have to be their performance of the 'Stripper' in Diseworth's got Talent.

Sarah Cox was disarming as Cinderella and so was little Taylor Brown who, in a brief flashback as young Cinders, sang 'The sun will come out tomorrow'. Her applause was well deserved. Ady Bryan as the besotted Buttons was superb, bringing laughter as he attempted to cheer up the love of his life and a lump to the throat when he sang 'Don't laugh at me cos I'm a clown'.



Julie and Hannah Doyle as Fairy Candy Floss and Assistant Fairy Dental Floss

Julie Doyle, godmother Fairy Candy Floss; frock festooned with chocolates and a huge lollipop for a wand, and Hannah Doyle as assistant fairy Dental Floss, were a hugely entertaining and energetic double act. The puns were abundant and they made clever use of props.

Supporting members of the cast: Mick Marlow as Prince Charming (though he wasn't so charming in a very dodgy wig), Emma Peters as Queen Loofah and Matt Wilcox in his debut performance as Dandini, were the terrific trio who organised the talent contest, complete with bribes and rigged votes.

Also making his debut with the group was Russell Ward as Baron Hardup and he proved to be very versatile as Dorien's hard done by husband. He danced, he sang, and had us crying with laughter when he was the target for Dorien's blindfolded dart throwing display in the Diseworth's got Talent scene.

Thanks to Buttons switching some of the props in Fairy Candy Floss's magic bag, the ball had a different outcome. In an unusual twist, Prince Charming lost his wig and gained the hand of an ugly sister while Cinderella, a slender vision in black Lycra, was won over by the one that she wanted, her beloved Buttons. Quite right too!

Cleverly written by Ady Bryan and Kym Godfrey, the script was liberally spiced with jokes and innuendo, local references, lots of hissing and booing and plenty of audience participation. "Oh yes there was!"



*Tony Hilton and John Hurley as the ugly sisters,
Sharon and Tracy*

This group is good; they love what they do and it shows. They pride themselves on 'taking theatre to where there isn't theatre' and they tailor the performances to their audiences. Diseworth village hall was packed to capacity for both matinee and evening shows; subtly toned down for the former, which had a very young audience, while double entendres were rife for the latter.

The Charnwood Community Theatre always welcomes new members, in whatever capacity, experienced or not. For more details, phone Mike & Julie Doyle on 01332 810785 or visit their website: <http://www.freewebs.com/ctheatre/>

Sue Brompton

Note from Mike Doyle.

The raffle raised £70 for the Haiti Relief Fund, and that over the entire run £120 was raised. A nice display of generosity from the splendid community of Diseworth!

There are more photos at: <http://www.freewebs.com/ctheatre/> . . . just click on the Photo Gallery.

Diseworth Village Hall



Flower arranging for the men. Motor mechanics for the ladies. Well, maybe ... who knows! I have been approached by one of our retired village residents to look at the possibility of starting up a social type club, maybe one morning or afternoon a week in the hall.

At the moment nothing has been decided as to the form it might take, but a few thoughts have been discussed.

This is an invitation to anyone living in the village, be it the elderly, the young, the bored housewives, those out of work and those who don't need to work. It really doesn't matter. To meet at the village hall probably once a week, for a coffee and a chat, as well as maybe a game of cards, dominoes, bingo, a beetle drive or maybe learn new skills, get involved in discussions, hold a political debate, catch up with the village gossip, outings and male strippers for the ladies, not! Mostly to enjoy an informal, possibly 2 hour session and even maybe put names to faces you have seen many times before in the village, but never got to know.

The sessions are not intended to be formal or money raising, just a relaxing and friendly occasion, probably at a small cost of say £2 including a coffee and biscuit, or a home made cake even. Who knows, another one for the men there.

Anyway, plenty up for discussion, lots of maybe's to sort, so if you are interested please take up this invitation and join us for an inaugural meeting at the hall on the afternoon of Wednesday March 10th at 2pm. The club can and will only succeed with your support. Please indicate your interest to me beforehand if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Dave Adcock 850337.

**Invitation - Come Along
Wednesday March 10th 2pm
Village Hall**

Other news

Unfortunately the Upholstery classes were unable to commence due to lack of support, however the dog training classes look as though they will go ahead as planned.

Other unfortunate news is the cost of new external upvc doors. We have received 2 quotations both around £2000. A little more than anticipated so for the time being these will be on hold whilst further funding can be raised.

We welcome a new group to the hall in March on a monthly basis, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. This is a national charity based organisation looking to hold meetings centrally in the UK.

And finally a reminder that with the village hall AGM coming up on May 12th and our need to find a replacement for both Chairman and Treasurer, we welcome anyone interested in joining the committee to our next meeting on Wednesday March 10th at 8pm at the village hall.

Dave Adcock

HEALTH PAGE

HOT STUFF for Respiratory Problems



In this age of modern medicine with all its pills and treatments, it is surprising to find that many age old food remedies for respiratory problems can have as much of a beneficial effect as pharmaceutical drugs. Apparently, both therapies have a common action, they thin out and help move the lungs secretions so that they do not clog up air passages and can be coughed up or expelled naturally. The foods that can help in this way contain chemicals known as “mucokinetic” (mucus moving) agents which act as decongestants and expectorants.

Top of the list of mucus shifting foods is the chilli pepper which was a food recommended by Hippocrates as an excellent remedy for all respiratory problems. The mouth burning chemical in chilli peppers is capsaicin which has some chemical resemblance to guaifenesin. This is a drug that is an expectorant which is found in many over the counter and prescription cough syrups and cold relief tablets. Allicin, which gives garlic its distinctive flavour, is converted in the body to a chemical similar to S-carboxymethylcysteine (Mucodyne) a popular European lung medication that helps regulate mucus flow. The main active ingredient in horseradish is allyl isothiocyanate or mustard oil, which stimulates the endings of olfactory nerves, causing tears and salivation.

All these naturally hot foodstuffs trigger a flash flood of fluids in the air passages that thin out mucus so that it flows more easily. The effect works like this; as the active ingredient in the hot food hits the mouth, throat and stomach, it touches nerve receptors that send messages to the brain, which in turn activates the vagus nerve which activates secretion producing glands that line the airways. The glands instantly release waves of fluids that can make the eyes water and the nose run. This release of watery fluids inside the bronchial passages of the lungs breaks up congestion, flushes out the sinuses and washes away irritants.

So, if you are suffering from any type of respiratory illness, it is worth including hot foods such as chilli, mustard, horseradish and ginger at least three times a week. In addition, eating these foods regularly seem to lessen the likelihood of developing chronic respiratory illnesses such as chest infections, bronchitis, asthma, hay fever and even emphysema.

Liz Jarrom

LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



Passions were raised for more than an hour at February's meeting of the Council in Diseworth Village Hall, as the Council and more than 30 local people raised numerous questions about the intended reduction of the Skylink bus service. The questions were directed at representatives of the airport, Colleen Hempson and Anna Thompson who had offered to attend this meeting. Consultations had been carried out last year (as reported here in November) and it was explained that the decision to re-route the service between 7pm and 7am via Kegworth instead of Long Whatton and Diseworth had been taken on commercial grounds as there were currently very few passengers carried between our villages and the airport. Given the budget available, the subsidy paid by the airport, only intended to support airport passengers and staff, could no longer be justified. The service would revert to what it was 4 years ago.

Local people disputed the figures given as many people rely on the early morning/evening service to go to work and there were no viable alternatives for some. The green credentials of the airport were questioned as the evening service via Kegworth would parallel the Indigo service, giving Kegworth a choice of two evening services. It was suggested that this should allow reconsideration of the proposals. It was reported that, at its meeting two days previously, Kegworth Parish Council were unaware of the proposals and had sympathised with the plight of Long Whatton and Diseworth. Colleen promised to consult with both the bus company and with Kegworth PC on these matters, but with that proviso, confirmed that the service changes would take place in April.

The Council is party to an agreement in which the developers of the small housing development off West End, Long Whatton were required to provide a small play area. We had been consulted about the design of the play equipment for which the Council would become responsible.

A County Council grant might be available towards the cost of a bus shelter at Hathern Road and Turvey Lane but there are a number of hoops to jump through. It is important that we provide evidence of usage and a survey form has been distributed to houses within a few minutes' walk of the stop. Anyone with a survey form is asked to return it as soon as possible after the end of February please.

Following a request from a local resident during the recent freeze, the Council has investigated the arrangements for providing local roadside salt bins. Consideration is to be given to where these might be usefully sited, bearing in mind the cost of £110 each.

Following complaints, the Council has asked the District Council to bring to an end the long-standing eyesore of green shuttering at a building site on Grimes Gate, within the Diseworth Conservation Area. We have been advised that the Planners will look into this to see what can be done. They have also offered to provide an overview of the arrangements for Conservation Areas to the Council. It has been suggested that this could usefully be done at the Annual Parish Meeting on 1st April. Hopefully more of this next time.

Douglas Maas, Parish Clerk
website: longwhattondiseworth.org.uk

Parish Council Meeting Dates

THURSDAY 4th MARCH at 7.30pm at
Long Whatton Community Centre.

THURSDAY 1st APRIL 2010

Annual Parish Meeting

7.15pm at Diseworth Village Hall, Hall Gate, Diseworth

Thursday 1st APRIL 2010

Parish Council Meeting

7.30pm (or at the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting, if later) at
Diseworth Village Hall, Hall Gate, Diseworth

Long Whatton and Diseworth Parish Council - PUBLICITY

At fairly regular intervals the Council receives comments, suggestions and even one or two complaints about various aspects of publicity. This note might be helpful in setting out the position. Some things we do are statutory requirements. Others are optional but not cast in stone and can be reviewed.

The Parish Council comprises seven elected or co-opted volunteer Councillors who meet twice each month. One meeting - on the first Thursday - is the Council meeting. Then, in order to do its best to meet the statutory planning timetable, the Councillors meet again on the third Thursday as a Planning Group.

The people of the villages put forward and elect their Parish Councillors to represent them and it follows that these volunteer Councillors - because they are villagers themselves -

want to do their best for their villages. On many issues there can be more than one strongly held point of view and the Council has the unenviable task of deciding which or none to support.

It is widely recognised that engaging with the public and publicising what the Council is doing is an important function of the Council. My role in this on behalf of the Council (as its part-time paid Clerk, supporting what the Council wants to do) is to:

1. Comply with the statutory requirements which comprise (i) publishing meeting notices and agendas, in practice about 5 or 6 days prior to all meetings, on the 3 notice boards and on the website where they are easily accessible; (ii) publishing the minutes of the previous meeting on the website, again easily accessible. The history of a subject can be followed in the Archive. In most cases when matters arise after the agenda is published and which can't wait until the next meeting, they are included in an Update by email to Councillors and Village.Mail subscribers about 24 hours before the meeting.
2. Provide a short article to *Diseworth Dialogue* and *Long Whatton News* summarising the main topics considered and decided upon at each Council meeting. I usually need to do this as soon as I arrive home from the evening meeting in order to comply with the *Dialogue's* deadline. The same article is simultaneously added to the home page of the website so that it is instantly available to those interested.
3. Maintain the Council Website - longwhattondiseworth.org.uk - which, when I took it over in June 2007, was almost dormant and little used. Since then it has been steadily improved though of course this is a time-consuming task and there is always room for "more". Usage has now increased considerably.
4. Forward selected items of useful and/or important news via our Village.Mail to anyone who wishes to subscribe. This is a new service of the Council (November 2009), full details of which can be found on the website.
5. Arrange occasional distribution of various surveys/literature, usually via the village magazines (e.g. the Affordable Housing surveys, bus shelter survey, etc.)

In summary:

- **What the Council is scheduled to discuss at a meeting is listed in the agenda;**
- **The decisions the Council has taken are listed in the minutes;**
- **Significant topics from meetings are given in the magazines and website;**
- **Some news is expanded on the website and general news received, mainly from others, is forwarded to Village.Mail subscribers.**

The foregoing is what we do. The following notes are offered in response to the occasional comments/complaints which we receive about publicity:

"We should have MORE information". We always have a desire to do more and it's a question of balance between time spent on this (in effect duplicating the agendas and minutes) and on implementing the work of the Council. Occasionally there is a slack period and this might show up with a more detailed website for a while and maybe a few new pictures. Most times the priority has to be the running of the Council.

“We should have EARLIER information”. Items for agendas arrive steadily during the month leading up to the meeting and are included on the agenda (plus occasionally on the Update). The valuable Village Magazines are published monthly and there is also Leicestershirevillages.com. To manage a regular daily or weekly issue of information (by whatever means) is likely to be time-consuming, expensive, unmanageable in the context of this small Council and probably of little interest to most people. Also important in this context is that it will be the Councillors at the meeting who will decide what action should be taken on each of the various topics, including publicity.

“I want you to keep me informed about what I am interested in”. Requests similar to this have been made a number of times but with the best will in the world, providing such a personalised service routinely to villagers would be highly complex, expensive and nigh-impossible. This is the function of the statutory notices and agendas.

Understandably there is a regular concern about local PLANNING issues. The Parish Council’s influence on what happens is unlikely to be greater than that of anyone else but we do have a right to be consulted. We also do our very best to comply with the tight statutory timetable by holding a Planning Group meeting between Council meetings. All our meetings are open to the public who are always welcome to take the opportunity to talk to the Council, although their own comments should always be sent directly to the Planning Authority. There are good reasons why this cannot be a perfect system but we do our best.

Decisions taken by the Planning Group are presented to the full Council at the following meeting for any review and ratification, though any changes at that stage are likely to be out of time. The observations made by the Council can be seen in the minutes. There is a common misconception that the Parish Council carries out consultations with neighbours and/or others. It does not. The Planning Authority - NW Leicestershire District Council - does that. The Parish Council’s only role is to look at the planning application and to give its views on any planning issues based on Councillors’ local knowledge.

It’s very easy to see any current planning application via the website: Click Planning Applications to bring up a map of the Parish with flags showing the applications (they are also listed below the map). Click on any that interest you - to be taken to the NWLDC Planning Site where you can see all the plans and documents. If you wish you can then go on, while you are there, to submit your comments.

In conclusion, I hope that this explanation of the current arrangements has been of some help. Of course the arrangements can always be reviewed by the Council.

*Douglas Maas, Parish Clerk
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Puzzle Page *from Anna Groves*

Sudoku

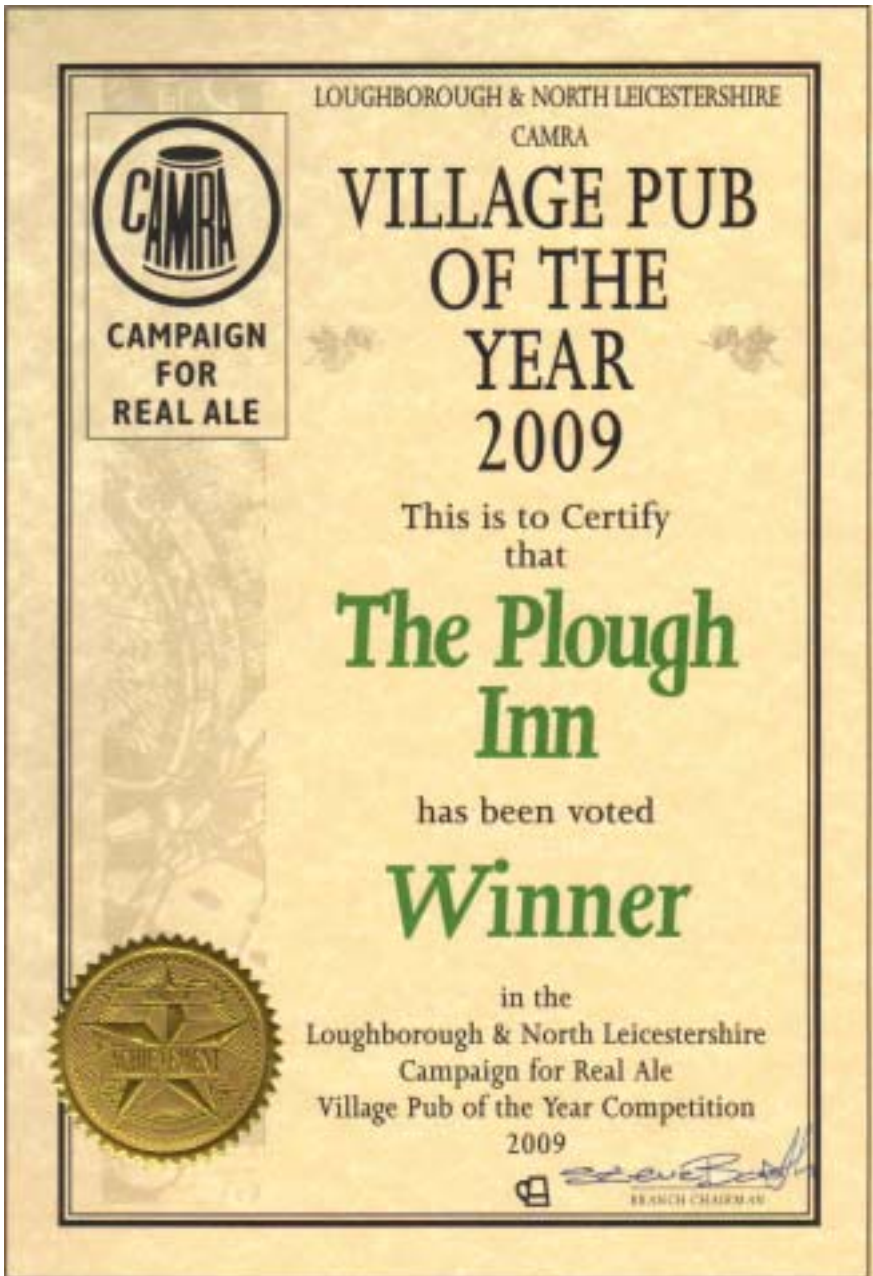
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Turn to page 35 for the answers

Congratulations to Rachael and Rob at The Plough Inn



DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

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

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

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

Please share with us your stories and announcements.

PLEASE MEET THE DEADLINE of the 7th MARCH



The Mobile Library visits Diseworth on the 5th and 19th March.

The Bowley 11.55 – 12.15
Clements Gate 12.20 – 1.20

The contact number for the mobile library is 0116 3053565

The Plough Inn News

Turn to the yellow pages for our **evening menu**, which has changed recently.

We also provide **free bar snacks** (including bread and dripping!!!) on a Monday evening, from 5pm - 7pm (ish), or when they run out!

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



View *The Diseworth Dialogue* online at

<http://www.diseworth.org/dialogue.htm>
Back issues are available on line here too.

Visit Diseworth on the Leicestershire villages web site at

<http://www.leicestershirevillages.com/diseworth/>

200 Club Diseworth village Hall

The latest winners of the 200 Club are:-

January	February
1 st (26) D Adcock - £30	1 st (25) K Paling - £30
2 nd (102) S Hill - £20	2 nd (68) G Coulson - £20
3 rd (72) K Moakes - £10	3 rd (180) B Fairweather - £10

Extra copies of the Diseworth Dialogue will be on sale in both The Plough and The Bull & Swan and also in Long Whatton Post Office

The Plough Inn Bar Staff and Kitchen Staff Needed
Please contact Rachael on 01332 810333 for details.
Over 18's only, please.

DIALOGUE DISPATCHES



Security Audit

If you are over 60 years old and have less than £25,000 in savings, then you are eligible to have a free home security audit. This is sponsored by Age Concern and is completely free, although you can make a contribution. The Audit covers smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, window and door locks and chains etc. Once the audit is complete the items are fitted free in your home by an experienced workmen.

If you would like to benefit from this service, or know someone in need of this service, then please contact :-

PCSO Nicola Stanhope on
0116 222 2222,

follow the instructions and when prompted enter
6178 and leave a message.

Charity Race Night at the Bull and Swan



The Bull and Swan will be holding a horse racing night on Saturday

6th March at 9.00pm in aid of Wish House, a charity that organizes special events and treats for terminally ill children.

If you have information about crime, contact Leicestershire Constabulary on Leicester (0116) 222 2222 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

In an emergency, call 999.

News from our advertisers

Welcome to the yellow pages

Bark and Bubbles with their Dog Grooming service.

Castle Donington based. Contact Barbara on 01332 850058

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Call Ian on 07973 223604 or 01455 846905

G D Groundworks, Castle Donington based, offering Field Maintenance Services and equestrian needs. Contact Gary on 07970163424

Long Whatton Post Office and Shop have updated their advert

Reduce Reuse Recycle

From furniture to computers, waste reduction is about much more than what we throw away. We all need to think about what we buy, reusing what we can and recycling what we can't.



For tips on how you can do more visit
Direct.gov.uk/waste

Coffee, Cake and Computers

Thursdays in the
Heritage Centre
10.30am - 2pm

£1 per hour.

£3 per session

No need to book ...
just drop in

40 Years of Dance

It seems only a few years ago that I was off each Saturday morning to have an hour's Ballroom Dance lesson with my brother, Paul. I was at the ripe old age of 8. Now, 40 years later, I have taken a look back at my years of dancing with great pride. I spent 8 and a half years going through lessons, completing my medals, (achieving Highly Commended on each one) entering and winning competition after competition and then moving on from Ballroom, Modern and Latin to Disco and now Line Dancing.

I think the pride I felt after taking and gaining each medal has been re-felt just recently. I don't know if it is because of my age or because I have had the Christmas break when I have had a lot of time to myself. With having time to reflect, I decided it was now the right time to complete my dream. I had wanted to do something for a very long time and probably put it off with the fullness of work and life in general. However, I feel you must pursue your dreams. Make the time, because you only get one chance.

Therefore, in the first few weeks of January, my son, Chris, and I set up the village hall to film an instructional DVD. I have been teaching Line Dancing for the past 14 years and knew the time was right to pass this knowledge onto others. I spent all of Christmas and into the New Year researching what was needed for the licenses, bar code, web-site, marketing and a multitude of other pieces of information necessary to make it happen. Without this time consuming job, there would never be able to be a DVD. Chris had everything planned as usual for the filming side of things. He set up the angles, the sound and the setting. I had the dances ready in my head that I would be teaching. I got the music and sound system ready. We were all set to go.

Now usually, I get out of bed in the morning and am not too fussed what I wear. But this was the day of the filming, which was extremely important to me, so I had gone armed with changes of tops, hair tongs, a brush, deoderant and even make-up (which is never known for me to wear). I think Chris expected me to be quite nervous, but to be honest, it felt like every weekday night, teaching newcomers who are so worried they all rush for the back line in the room, then realise they can't see a thing you are doing.

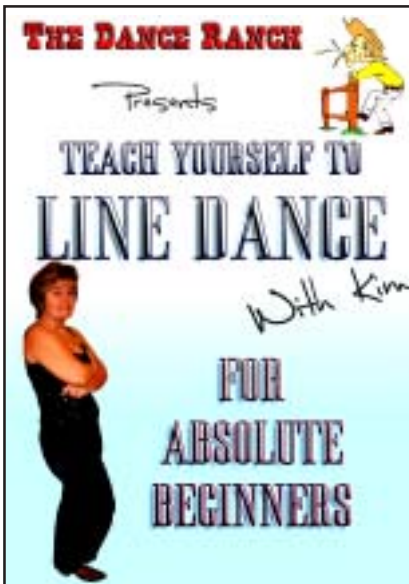
So the filming started. After a couple of "shall we do it like this" and "shall we include that" and one "look at the way it is going" through the viewfinder, we settled into a steady stream of dance it, teach it, dance it again. Chris gave silent directions from behind the camera and I learnt to read them like a book. We worked really well together for a couple of dances, then, like true hollywood tradition, went for lunch. We discussed tactics during the break in The Plough (where else)? Then it was off again. After the first two, we were well into the swing of things now and the afternoon flew by. The last dance on the DVD came along so quickly. The satisfaction for both of us as we said our last few words was evident. We started to pack up and I felt drained, but so happy. I now felt my dream was floating in the wind at the end of a nicely tethered strong rope. Done, but just needed to be pulled in and folded up.

The next couple of weeks were just as busy as the ones since Christmas. Chris and Nicole set to work on editing the master DVD and putting it together so that it could go to press for several hundred to be run off to sell. They ran smoothly, then had a few hiccups, but the day they called and told me it was ready made me get butterflies in my stomach. One of the worst things that I had to do, was to proof watch it, step by step, making sure it ran fluently. It is so awful watching yourself and listening to your own voice. I couldn't wait for it to finish even though I was very very pleased with the way it came across. I was self-critical of my stance and the way I danced. I managed to do all the things I would normally point out: head up, shoulders back, footwork perfect. I also had to have it like I wanted it. That may sound a little obnoxious, but I had had a dream and did not want to just 'accept' it. I wanted it to be what I wanted it to be.

Chris knows me too well though and I never needed him to change a thing. He had done a fantastic job and had in fact gone further and better than I ever expected. This is his forte and his editing made it look very professional. Nicole was in charge of the artwork for the front, back, spine and DVD itself. Once again, after a couple of changes of the font and wording, she also did a fantastic job and was also very quick with the results.

On Friday 29th January 2010, I was presented with a completed copy, THE MASTER COPY.

I was so proud. I stood for a while with it in my hand, just looking at it. I turned it over and over, studying every word and every picture. On Saturday January 30th 2010, both Chris and I sent it off to the press and we are currently waiting for a very large box of several hundred DVD's to turn up with the post man. The dream is complete.



Teach Yourself to Linedance with Kim is ready to go live. This is now the first in a long line of DVD's due to be released, going through all levels including Intermediate, Advanced and Pop.

My complete and sincere thanks go to my son, Chris, who without his professionalism in producing this DVD, my dream would still be just that. Also, a huge thanks to Nicole who has done a great job to make the DVD look brilliant.

Kim Alcock, 7 The Bowley

Dvd's are on sale now for £12 each.
They can be obtained from
thedanceranch@hotmail.co.uk

Just Another Thought – *Here's mine, with a solution!*

Your October correspondent raised a philosophical political question in posing the view that our existing government institutions have become anachronistic and that, presently, our three main political parties offer no real positive choice to us as to the principles by which we are governed. The article (written by 'Name And Address Supplied', or 'Naas One' for short) offered examples as to why this is now the case. I disagree with only one point made by Naas One, of which more in a minute!

A response to this first missive was penned in your February edition by your October correspondent's close relative – 'Name and Address Supplied' (now to be called 'Naas Two'). Why all this anonymity, they can't surely both really believe that the unelected Lord Mandelson, or one of his acolytes, will steal them away to prison on a dark and stormy night – or can he? I disagree with none of the points he (or she) made either. Certainly, I would endorse the call for the aspiration of aiming to achieve the highest levels of integrity and process in the quest for a fair society.

I would postulate that Naas Two got closest to the reasons for our present political ills in quoting Mr. Aristotle – essentially the quote paraphrases as 'you get what you deserve!'

And that's the main thrust of my point on this subject, Naas Two is on the money with that observation. It's not so much the system that's broken, it's us who have let it get sick by means of the best ally any despot ever had – apathy! We built the system, we voted the parasites into office (as well as the good guys), or didn't vote at all and it's we who therefore suffer the consequences, by our own actions. I wouldn't argue that the system is perfect. Certainly it needs some tuning and tweaking.

For example, I had the greatest of respect and admiration for our own MP and would have happily returned him to office at every election. But, I could never, ever, vote the odious Tony Blair into the position of Prime Minister. Trouble is, with our present system I couldn't have one without the other – dilemma, tweak required!



Equally, I have not (and neither have you) voted for Gordon Brown as PM, nor voted for the Prince of Darkness, not even an MP, to be selected as a minister. Nor did we ever vote Tony's friend and former flatmate Charlie Falconer into parliament, never mind into the position of Justice Secretary [sic!] – wrong, another tweak required!

Naas One argued that in days gone by our politicians had high aspirations, integrity, honour, etc. Really? Some perhaps, but what about the Rotten Boroughs and the pillorying of John Wilkes? Even the great William Wilberforce had to give of his health before his corrupt and self interested fellow parliamentarians finally succumbed to repealing slavery. T'was ever thus. There is a lack of democratic representation in all this that brings me to another important point.

We are currently without an MP. We in sunny Diseworth therefore have no voice. We are not represented in Parliament. We have now been unrepresented for two months or more. Your friend Gordon (well he's not a friend of mine anyway) is not minded to order a by-election so we will remain in this state of unrepresentation until the next General Election. I'm told that the illustrious member from South Derbys is overseeing our constituency but if this is so he hasn't told me and he hasn't announced this fact in the Dialogue (now the only remaining bastion of local communication, as Naas Two observes) and as far as I know, he hasn't even advised Parliament. I doubt he's told you either. I just hope he's not now drawing two salaries and two sets of expenses!

In any event, if he can represent two constituencies efficiently then we should routinely only need half the MPs we currently have – half the salary bill, half the expenses, half the spin, half the election cost, half the lies and half the corruption - result!

My solution to this issue is to write to Uncle Alistair – he with the black eyebrows – to advise him, in his capacity as keeper of the purse strings, that as we are no longer represented in Parliament we are unwittingly unable to be a part of the democratic process. As a consequence of this the good citizens of the village of Diseworth should no longer be required to pay taxes to the Exchequer - until such time as full restoration of representation in Parliament is again in place.

I have previously espoused in these pages the viability of declaring the Independent Republic of Diseworth. Perhaps now really is the time for UDI. The only question remaining is do we want a Republic or a Monarchy? Your call Mr. Apathy – answers on a postcard please, to the Diseworth Dialogue.

Thank-you Diseworth!

..... For your magnificent support at our Promises Auction held on January 15th!

Our son Damian is attempting to raise £10,000 (or £6,000 minimum) for the Future Sense Foundation who are working in Africa to give AIDS devastated communities the means to provide livelihoods for themselves.

At the end of March Damian hopes to leave for Tanzania where he will live with a local family and spend his days helping to set up and monitor business projects using the money raised in the UK. He is attempting to learn Swahili and prepare himself for a very different kind of life from the one he has been used to living in London for the last 13 years. Time will pass very slowly without the pressures and pastimes of western city living. Although Damian has travelled widely he has yet to set foot in East Africa and adjusting to the slower pace and limitations there will be quite a challenge.

Family and friends have been rallying to the cause by holding fund-raising events in public and private venues. The Promises Auction in Diseworth Village Hall was an example of true community spirit. People inside and outside of Diseworth generously cooked and baked for the Supper and provided a marvellous selection of 'Promises' ranging from a lovingly nurtured Bonsai Tree, to meals for two at local hostleries, airline tickets, beauty treatments, a hamper of organic produce and much, much more. The table of raffle prizes was almost groaning under the weight of donated bottles and gifts. We tried to give the Village Hall a warm and welcoming ambiance to show how much we appreciated everyone leaving the comfort of their homes on a freezing January night, but the real warmth came from the gathering of supporters with their palpable goodwill and generosity as they enthusiastically bid for everything including a useless Toilet Syphon!

Jim (Snee) showed a, hitherto hidden, talent for auctioneering and maybe has found a second career for his retirement, successfully encouraging the bidders to part with many pounds.

One way or another we are all affected by the Recession which makes it all the more touching that so many people put aside their own concerns for the welfare of others on the far side of the world. Hopefully Damian will be able to paint us a

picture of the characters he meets and the place where he will be living, to give us an insight as to how the money raised will give help where it is most needed.

The Snee Family and particularly Damian are so grateful for the hard work given and kindness shown to us by so many people, some of whom barely knew us and who bravely faced glacial conditions on Clements Gate to deliver donations. Particular thanks must go to Sandie Moores, Jan Firth and Tricia Thomas who supplied the use of her kitchen, to allow us all to cook vast quantities of Chilli! Thank-you also to Kay Robertson, Lynne Rowbottom from Rempstone, Helen Connelly from Long Whatton, Gina Pilling from Hathern and the ladies from the Gym who all provided delicious puddings. Sheila and Ian Dakin kindly allowed the use of their Post Box at the farm for envelopes and Chris Draycott lent and set up a wonderful sound system so a big 'thank-you' to them. . Finally thank-you Ruth for the printing and the positive support!

We are very proud to let you all know that the final sum raised was **£2,300** which with Gift Aid came to approximately **£3,000!**

Thank-you!

Carly Snee

There is another Promises Auction to be held at the RAC Club on Pall Mall, London on March 6th organized by Damian.

It is a Black Tie event and if anybody feels they would like to attend (and are feeling wealthy!) tickets are £65 per person for a 3 course Dinner with wine & coffee.

Contact 01332 812345

Also look out for a Car Boot Sale here in Diseworth.

Quiz Answers from page 26

4	3	7	9	2	5	1	6	8
9	2	1	6	8	4	5	7	3
6	5	8	3	7	1	4	2	9
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7	6	2	1	9	8	3	4	5
8	4	9	5	6	3	2	1	7
1	8	6	4	3	7	9	5	2
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Link Word Answers

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| 1 Tool | 9 Rule |
| 2 Wax | 10 Christmas |
| 3 Time | 11 Call |
| 4 Man | 12 Main |
| 5 Top | 13 Play |
| 6 Heart | 14 Party |
| 7 Wife | 15 Apple |
| 8 Stamp | |

Gardeners Bring Spring to Life in Leicestershire Libraries

Top gardeners will visit Leicestershire Libraries in March to celebrate the end of winter and the advent of spring.

Nick Hamilton (Barnsdale Gardens), Derek Cox (from Radio Leicester's "Down to Earth"), Graham Pavey and Andrew Mikolajski are well known names around the East Midlands and will be bringing their expertise to various county libraries during the month. The talks are:

Derek Cox: "Vegetables in Containers".

Wigston Library: Tuesday, 23rd March 2-3pm.

Syston Library: Tuesday, 30th March, 7-9pm

Nick Hamilton: "Vegetables All Year Round"

Oadby Library: Friday, 5th March, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Ashby Library: - Friday, 19th March 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Nick Hamilton: "Spring into Spring – Plants to give Spring Interest"

Hinckley Library: Monday, 8th March, 6.30pm-7.30pm

Melton Library: Wednesday, 31st March, 6.30pm-7.30pm

Andrew Mikolajski (Lecturer at Warwickshire College):

"Fruit & Vegetables in Containers".

Newbold Verdon Library: Tuesday, 16th March 7.30pm-8.30pm

Braunstone Town Library: Monday, 22nd March, 6pm -7pm.

Graham Pavey (Lecturer for the RHS): "The Mistakes Gardeners Make" –

Castle Donington Library: Monday, 22nd March 6pm -7pm

"Low Maintenance Gardening –

Mountsorrel Library: Monday 29th March 7pm -8pm.

Tickets for all events will be £2, and can be obtained from the library concerned. Places may be limited, so early booking is recommended. For further information please contact Development Librarian John Martin (john.martin@leics.gov.uk or 0116 305 3813)

Diseworth Heritage Centre opens for the Spring and Summer

The new season starts in March, and the pattern of Sunday openings from 2pm to 4pm will begin again on 14 March, when all are welcome to drop in, have a cup of tea, and learn more about the Centre. As you will read elsewhere, the Guides will have opened their Centenary exhibition; this has been a popular feature at Loughborough Library since January and provides a local flavour to a twelve month programme of celebration throughout the world of Guiding.

Our Annual General Meeting will have taken place in February, and our computer classes also started in February. They are proving popular but we can always welcome a few more – come and try what's on offer.

During the rest of the year we also plan a Craft exhibition which will give local talent a showcase for their work and perhaps a chance for visitors to try a new skill.

The two History Societies of Diseworth and Long Whatton aim to file their extensive archives of records and photographs; these will be available for visitors to study and research.

Early March marks the first anniversary of the handover of the Centre by the builders, and we plan one or two surprise events to mark this landmark.

Martin Hening



Directory of Useful Numbers

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

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

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

Village Directory

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

Diseworth Village Hall

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CONTACTS

CO-ORDINATORS:

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Barry Smith, 18 Hall Gate. 812600

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Victoria Britton contact person for Clements Gate. 850184

YOUR LOCAL PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Email: longwhatdisepc@hotmail.com.

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

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

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