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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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We aim to be able to deliver one copy of the *Diseworth Dialogue* to each household in Diseworth. Our objective is to fund production through advertising, fund raising and voluntary contributions. We aim to deliver a quality publication which enriches village life and encourages such voluntary contributions, these we invite annually. Additional copies are available for purchase at 50p. If you know somebody living outside the village who would like to have a copy mailed on a subscription basis, please let us know. Mail subscription is £10 per year, including postage.

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DISEWORTH DIARY

MAY

Thursday	1 st	The Dolphin Morris Men will dance at the Plough Inn from 8.30pm
Friday	2 nd	Coffee Afternoon, Diseworth Village Hall, 1.30pm - 3pm
Saturday	3 rd	Car Boot and Table Top Sale. Diseworth Village Hall, 10am - 12noon
Wednesday	7 th	General Knowledge Quiz at The Plough Inn. 9pm. £1 Per Person Teams of up to 4 people
Thursday	8 th	Retired Residents Lunch. Village Hall 1pm
Saturday	10 th	Farmers' Market. 9am – 12.30pm. St Edward's Primary School. Castle Donington.
Monday	12 th	Discussion Group. Venue: 20 Clements Gate. 2pm. "Feel Good Factor"
Monday	12 th	Women's Group. Village Hall, 8pm. Kathy Wright, Castle Donington Surgery. Open meeting
Wednesday	14 th	AGM Millennium Meadow. 8pm. Small Committee Room Village Hall
Wednesday	14 th	Wine Tasting Evening, The Plough Inn. 7.30pm start
Tuesday	20 th	Bookworms DVD "Notes on a Scandal" Venue 12 Lady Gate. 2pm
Wednesday	21 st	Music Quiz. The Plough Inn. 9pm
Monday	26 th	Barbecue. The Plough Inn. 3pm
Thursday	29 th	Dialogue Collating and Committee Meeting. 8pm, 9 Clements Gate

JUNE

Monday	2 nd	Discussion Group. Venue: 9, The Woodcroft. 2pm "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"
Saturday	14 th	Farmers' Market. 9am – 12.30pm. St Edward's Primary School, Castle Donington.
Sat/Sun	14 th /15 th	Scarecrow Festival & Open Gardens.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday	13 th	Diseworth Open Flower Show
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Castle Donington Farmers' Market
May 10th
2nd Saturday of every month From 9am.
St Edwards C of E Primary School,
The Dovecote, Castle Donington DE74 2QU

Welcome to the May issue of the Diseworth Dialogue.

May is one of those months that can only be truly appreciated by those living in the country. After an unsettled April, hail one day, snow another, things should really come together in May. I say 'should' because the weather so far this year has been highly unpredictable!



Traditionally, May was a time for Maypole dancing and I remember learning to dance around a Maypole at primary school. Though the girls thought it great fun, the boys were not impressed. It looks easy but from what I can remember, it certainly isn't. If the sequencing isn't just right, the beautiful ribbons wrapped around the Maypole can look like a dog's dinner!

Talking of dogs, I mentioned Molly in last month's issue and I thought you might like an update. We took her to the Lake District in April and for the first time she saw sheep up close and personal (through a fence!) Unfortunately Molly thinks that all other animals - and humans for that matter - are her best friend. She doesn't have a mean bone in her body but the sheep farmer doesn't know that and the innocent jogger minding their own business doesn't know that either! She seems to have telescopic vision too and despite me having a bucketful of biscuits at hand for just such occasions, if Molly sees something/somebody in the distance, no amount of coaxing or yelling will deter her from going to say "hello". So for now she is walked on a lead and I have started using a 5m training lead. Eventually when she learns to come on command whilst on the training lead I will try her off the lead using human bait! Any volunteers? I promise she will only jump up and lick you to death. Mind you, if she has just rolled in something disgusting deposited by a fox, this might not be a pleasurable experience!

I digress. Though we may not have Maypole dancing in the village this month, we do have Morris dancers courtesy of The Plough which should be great fun. Whilst the baby lambs gambol in the fields, (as a child I had a mental picture of lambs playing cards whenever I heard that phrase,) we in the village can celebrate the arrival of two bouncing baby boys, Freddie and Max. Congratulations to all.

On a more serious note, both the Parish Council and those involved in the Parish Plan urge us to consider the future of affordable rural housing in our village and before long we will all be getting a questionnaire about the subject. Meanwhile, the wind turbines at the airport have been given the go ahead.

It just remains for me to say I hope the retired residents have a delicious lunch and I wish you all a Happy May Day.

Peggy Under.

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church



photograph Julia Sillitoe

Dear Friends,

Over the last few weeks I have been thinking about the notion of friendship. Why? You may ask. Well... partly due to my studies, as I have been reading the various views of theologians and academics regarding friendship, which I have to say has been fascinating; and then through my own personal experience. I recently celebrated my birthday and I was visited by a small number of my friends. They arrived with cards and flowers and of course, chocolates, along with other gifts. Some of these friends I hadn't seen for a number of months due to work commitments and distance, but when we met it was as if we had only seen each other yesterday! We spent the whole evening exchanging stories and experiences, some of which were very humorous and embarrassing. What was so wonderful was the whole house seemed to be filled with laughter! Later that evening when I went to bed I felt very joyful, and very loved.

We in our churches have also celebrated something quite wonderful and amazing recently, Easter, and the resurrection of Christ. Christ is alive, and He is with us, and now we have this wonderful opportunity to have Jesus Christ as our friend. A friend who loves us just as we are, and not just today but for eternity. This is a friendship, which also brings gifts, the gifts of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, understanding and so much more. Importantly that friendship with Christ brings us into relationship, and hopefully into friendship with each other, as we are brought together by Christ's love.

I pray that our churches can always be a place of friendship, where we all can find joy, peace and love, and I give thanks for the gift of friendship given so generously and beautifully by Jesus Christ.

Love & blessings
Julie Ann

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

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Please note that Alison takes Friday as her day off.

Other Benefice Services, Meetings and Social Events in May 2008

May 1st	Thursday	Benefice Ascension Day Service, Diseworth 7.30pm
May 3 rd	Saturday	Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
May 4 th	Sunday	Hathern Church Music Café 6.00pm-8pm
May 6 th	Tuesday	Churchwardens' Visitation, Coalville Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
May 7 th	Wednesday	Hathern House Group 7.30pm
May 8th	Thursday	Church Fund Raising Meeting. Wartoft Grange. 7.30pm
May 10 th	Saturday	Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
May 13 th	Tuesday	Belton House Group 7.30pm
May 14 th	Wednesday	Benefice Representatives Meeting, Belton 7.30pm
May 16 th – 19 th	Fri. – Mon.	Kegworth Church Flower Festival
May 17 th	Saturday	Long Whatton Friendship Centre Coffee Morning 10am - 12noon
May 20 th	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
May 24th	Saturday	Diseworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
May 24 th – 26 th	Sat. – Mon.	Belton Church Plant Sale 10am-6pm
May 26 th	Monday	Benefice Bible Study, Hathern 7.30pm
May 28 th	Wednesday	Benefice Praise Evening, Belton 7.30pm
May 31 st	Saturday	Long Whatton Church Jazz Night Contact Betty Cawdell for tickets.

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Services & Locations for May 2008


	Time	Service	Location
May 1 st Ascension Day	9.00am	School Assembly	Diseworth
	7.30pm	United CW Holy Communion	Diseworth
May 4 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion Family Service	Diseworth , Belton, Hathern, Kegworth & Osgathorpe
	4.00pm	All Age Worship Messy Church	Long Whatton C. Centre Long Whatton
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton & Kegworth
May 11 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth & Belton
	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	10.30am	Family Service CW Holy Communion	Diseworth Long Whatton, Hathern & Kegworth
	6.15pm	United Pentecost Praise	Long Whatton
May 18 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Diseworth & Osgathorpe
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion Family Service	Belton & Long Whatton Kegworth
	4.00pm	Messy Church	Osgathorpe
	6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion BCP Evensong	Hathern Belton & Kegworth
May 25 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Diseworth & Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion CW Morning Prayer	Hathern & Kegworth, Osgathorpe
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Hathern, Belton & Kegworth
May 28 th	7.30pm	Benefice Praise Evening	Belton

Week Day Services

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

	Flowers and Church Brasses	
	Flowers	Brasses
	May 4 th /11 th May 18 th /25 th	Mrs I Tebbutt Mrs P Fletcher

Lessons and Readers for May 2008

		Time	Reader	Sidesman
May 4 th Easter 7	First Reading: Ezekiel 36.24-28 Second Reading: Acts 1.6-14 Gospel: John 17.1-11	10.30am	A Stone M Gidlow D Cherry	M Howe
May 11 th Pentecost	First Reading: Numbers 11.24-30 Second Reading: Acts 2.1-21 Gospel: John 20.19-23			
May 18 th Trinity Sunday	First Reading: Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31 Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13.11-13 Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20	9.00am	S Brompton S Bird M Howe	D Cherry
May 25 th Trinity 1	First Reading: Leviticus 19.1-2, 9-18 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3.10-11, 16-end Gospel: Matthew 5.38-end	8.00am	S Bird D Blenkinsopp	M Cowley

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

News from the Pews

Notes from the Belton Rectory May 2008

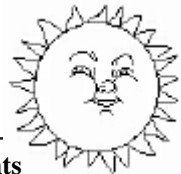
Appointment of team rector

I am very happy to announce the appointment of the new team rector to the Kegworth & Hathern Team Ministry. Revd. Gill Turner-Callis will be commencing in this post in September. At present she is completing her curacy in the parish of Shepshed and Oaks in Charnwood. Gill will be covering for the area dean's sabbatical (May to July). She has a holiday booked during August and a commitment to a kids club in September.

Gill has a BA in Divinity and worked as a youth/student leader before training for the ministry at Wycliffe Hall. She was ordained in 2005. She has already taken services in our Benefice over the last three years and is known to the clergy. I will invite her to write about herself in a future edition.

For the time being life in the Benefice will continue as normal. We will be building on all the hard work that many have done over the last two years to support the church. The next few months are an ideal opportunity to strengthen the life of the individual churches.

We have no date as yet for an induction service for Gill, but this will be announced in due course.



Come & Celebrate

Earlier this month I sent out a leaflet entitled "Come & Celebrate" to all members on each electoral roll. The purpose was to explain what some of the lesser known Benefice events are. In addition, Julie Ann and I are hoping that each individual will nominate three or four events to support over the year. Why? Because some of our churches are small and feel isolated and there is great encouragement in meeting with other Christians. Each church has a lot of ideas and expertise to share. Those who do attend such meetings find them a real inspiration and love meeting people from all six churches.

Summer Events

May through to September is the time of year each church holds most of its fund-raising activities. These are always publicised in the weekly e-mail and Benefice Diary. This year please consider supporting one or two events at the other churches. So much hard work goes into all of them and it would be a great encouragement to see visitors from across the Benefice at each event.



SCARECROW FESTIVAL AND OPEN GARDENS

**Saturday, 14th and Sunday, 15th June
11am – 5pm**

**Admission tickets £2 per adult
available from church**

**Refreshments including lunches each day
in church**

Morning coffee and afternoon teas at 47 The Woodcroft

**Sunday, 15th June
SONGS OF PRAISE
6.30pm**

***WE HOPE EVERYONE WILL JOIN IN YET AGAIN TO
PRODUCE SOME FABULOUS SCARECROWS AND MAKE
THIS EVENT AS GOOD AS LAST YEAR!***

**Saturday, 7th June
Scarecrow Making Workshop**
All children are invited to come along to church between
10am and 12noon to make their scarecrow.
Bring some old clothes and your wooden cross from last year's
scarecrow if you still have it!

**If you are able to open your garden for this event please
contact David Bird on 01332-810381 or any member of
the PCC**

Catholic Church of the Risen Lord.

Hillside, Castle Donington

Mass every Sunday 9am



Kegworth Methodist Church

High St. Kegworth



Sunday Services

Morning Worship - 10.30am

Praise Worship – 6.15pm (First Sunday each month)

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



Kegworth Baptist Church

High St. Kegworth



Sunday Services

Morning Worship & Sunday School – 10.30am

Evening Worship – 6.15pm (2nd Sunday each month)

Lead Deacon: Paul Phillips 01509-551464

Bishop Tim visiting Diseworth on his Lent Pilgrimage

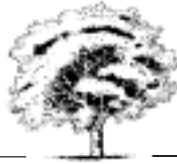


Baby Hannah Walker greets Bishop Tim in Diseworth Church

The Bishop taking well earned refreshment during his visit to Hathern



Bishop Tim with parishioners in Diseworth



A DOZEN LITTLE EGG LAYERS



The last few weeks we have spent constructing a new pen for our young hens. To be fair Will has done all of the building of it and I have been doing things like fetching the wood and netting from round the farm and then creosoting all the woods, which is very messy, not my favourite job by a long way.

The chickens arrived back in February before the pen was even started but we had already cleaned out the old hen house, fixed the door and checked that it was fox proof. The dozen pullets were released inside their new home. For the next few

weeks there they had to stay, shut in safely away from the fox. Unfortunately, this made it a bit of a nightmare to feed them.

Each morning I opened the entrance door with my bucket of corn in hand to be met with a swarm of enthusiastic hens all trying to escape out the door or jump in the bucket of food. I really needed three hands to fend them off and make it into the hen house to feed them. Gloves were essential as they pecked at my hands all the time I was trying to empty out the corn and check that they had enough water. I'm sure they

were not being malicious, just curious.

Eventually the pen was finished and the little bob hole could be opened. Out they came, all piling out like a feathery brown wave, excited to explore their new surroundings. Almost immediately they started scratching the soil looking for food. Hens will eat almost anything, seeds, insects, worms and all types of vegetation which gives the yokes a lovely golden colour.

I have really missed having some hens since the fox got into the old run and killed them all. We knew that there was no point in

having any more until we had a fox proof pen. Now every time they spot me, they all fly across in a cloud then run along the fence, falling over themselves to see what tasty titbits I might have for them. When I toss the food over the fence they grab it and run around chasing each other about and trying to snatch bits off each other. Food scraps that are not suitable for the compost bin and tough perennial weeds all get thrown into the pen to be pecked to bits.

Now we just need longer days and some sunshine and we shall soon have plenty of eggs.

Dear Editor,

I would just like to say how much I continue to enjoy the Dialogue and congratulate you all on how you keep it going each month. Obviously it is an important medium to pass on information to the villagers about the church, life, the universe and everything but also it is a tool for people to write informative and/or entertaining articles that will entertain all and sundry. I think we have a very talented pool of people out there who would be welcomed with open arms to share their views, observations or comments or perhaps even contribute with an article or two. I laughed out loud when I read Jim Snee's response to his retirement in last months' Dialogue - it was so delightfully written - and so obviously true.



Long may the Dialogue reign.

Sue Roberts

DISEWORTH HERITAGE TRUST

Vandalism at the Baptist Chapel

We are very sorry to report that there has been an incident of vandalism in the village involving the Baptist Chapel in Lady Gate. Over the weekend of 5th and 6th April one of the stained glass windows in the front wall was broken in several places by, what seems to be, a football being kicked into it. This follows a similar incident a few months ago when one of the upstairs windows was also broken in the same way – the round hole being particularly obvious. However, in the case of the stained glass window, the damage is quite literally irreparable as the glass from which they are made is no longer available and so the whole window will have to be rebuilt at considerable cost. It is particularly regrettable that, having stood empty but untouched for 7 years, this damage should occur just as we are about to start the restoration work. Doubtless the culprits are unaware of the cost and seriousness of the damage they have caused but they do know that they were responsible and that to damage property in this way is wrong.

Work to start soon on restoring the Baptist Chapel

We are very pleased to report that we have now chosen a contractor to

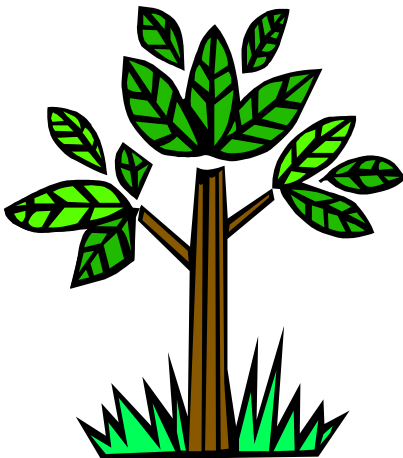


carry out the restoration on the Chapel in Lady Gate. They are **Midland Stonemasonry** from Normanton on Soar, who are currently working on the church spire in Belton. They are planning to start work in mid May and the first task will be to remove the asbestos that lines the building. This will involve specialist contractors as the asbestos has to be removed with great care and all of the waste collected in sealed containers for safe disposal. This is likely to involve a number of vehicles being parked in the road outside the Chapel for up to two weeks whilst this work is carried out. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience but it is essential that this work is carried out in accordance with all of the safety regulations. Residents are also warned that during the restoration the site will be hazardous, especially to children and whilst it will be secure they should ensure the inquisitive youngsters are not tempted to trespass and be injured as a result. The external building and interior work are scheduled to take about 6 months after which time further fitting out will be needed prior to the building reopening some time in the late autumn. *Meg Galley*

Retired Residents Spring Lunch

Thursday
8th May 2008

Village Hall
1pm



£2 per person

Book now with
Nikki

01332 853647

AAADD - KNOW THE SYMPTOMS PLEASE READ!

*Thank goodness there's a name for this disorder.
Somehow I feel better, even though I have it !!*



Recently, I was diagnosed with A.A.A.D.D. - Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder.

This is how it manifests:

I decide to water my garden. As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing. As I start toward the garage, I notice mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mail box earlier. I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.

I lay my car keys on the table and put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table. I notice that the can is full. So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first. But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my cheque book off the table, and see that there is only one cheque left. My extra cheques are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Coke I'd been drinking. I'm going to look for my cheques, but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. The Coke is getting warm and I decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As I head toward the kitchen with the Coke, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye — they need water. I put the Coke on the counter and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching

for all morning. I decide I'd better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.

I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table.

I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs. But first I'll water the flowers. I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor so, I set the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill, then, I head down the hall trying to remember what it was I was planning to do!!

At the end of the day:

The car isn't washed.

The bills aren't paid.

There is a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter.

The flowers don't have enough water.

There is still only 1 cheque in my cheque book.

I can't find the remote.

I can't find my glasses and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.



Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all damn day and I'm really tired. I realize this is a serious problem and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail Do me a favour. Forward this message to everyone you know. Because I don't remember who the hell I've sent it to!!

Don't laugh, if this isn't you yet, your day is coming!!



THE
DOLPHIN
MORRIS MEN

will dance at the

Plough Inn
Diseworth

on **Thursday**

1st May 2008

8.30pm

Years of Dancing

40

THE
DOLPHIN
MORRIS MEN
of NOTTINGHAM



News from The Plough Inn

VACANCY - COOK
AT THE PLOUGH INN
33 HALL GATE, DISEWORTH

MONDAY AND SATURDAY
LUNCHTIMES

10.00am - 3.00pm

We require a cook to work in our small, friendly public house.

Duties will include preparation of meals, cleaning duties, food stock management, etc.

Experience not essential as full training will be provided.

£6.00 per hour.

Please contact Rachael on
01332 810333 *for details.*

VACANCY - BAR STAFF
AT THE PLOUGH INN
33 HALL GATE, DISEWORTH

MONDAY EVENINGS

7.00pm - 11.30pm

SATURDAY LUNCHTIMES

11.30am - 3.00pm

Other shifts also available on occasion

We require bar staff to work in our small, friendly public house.

Duties will include service of meals and drinks, cleaning duties, handling of cash, customer service, etc.

Experience not essential as full training will be provided.

£6.00 per hour.

Please contact Rachael on
01332 810333 *for details.*

WHAT'S ON AT THE
PLOUGH, DISEWORTH

MAY 2008

Thursday 1st
THE DOLPHIN MORRIS
MEN

will dance at The Plough Inn,
Diseworth from 8.30pm.

Wednesday 7th
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE
QUIZ

Starts at 9.00pm £1 per person, teams of up to four people Prizes include a half gallon of beer, Sunday lunch for two, and spot prizes. Snack included.

Wednesday 14th WINE
TASTING EVENING

Starts at 7.30pm Join us at The Plough Inn, Diseworth, for an evening of wine tasting from our comprehensive wine list. Snacks will be provided to compliment the wine. £15 per person Please book early, as places are limited.

Wednesday 21st MUSIC

QUIZ Starts at 9.00pm £1 per person, teams of up to four people Prizes include a half gallon of beer, Sunday lunch for two, and spot prizes. Snack included.

Monday 26th

BARBECUE Starts at around 3pm, weather permitting.
Pub open all day.

SPECIAL DELIVERY!

*Oh what joy! A second grandson —
Frederic Willem Kleijwegt,
born on Friday 28th March*

*A son for Sally (nee Dakin) and Enver,
weighing in at 5lb 15oz.*

So special because Sally has been a kidney patient all her life. We want to announce it to the village as so many people joined in and worked very hard for the celebrations of her 10th Kidney Birthday Weekend back in August 2004 raising an amazing £2500 for Kidney Research.



When Sally's kidneys finally failed to work properly at the age of 21, she went on dialysis and finished her studies at Bournemouth University and then worked from home in order to go on the transplant list. Six months later she received the call from Nottingham City Hospital with news of a kidney. That night, she also won £10 on the first lottery draw.

Now after their marriage Sally and Enver live and work near Windsor, Sally changed her medication, under her consultants' supervision and became pregnant. She sailed through pregnancy with a few tense moments when the test results shot through the roof. Finally at 38 weeks, the baby was doing well, but the kidney's condition was paramount and so baby was brought into the world, a great relief to all.

Sally has recovered quickly and Freddie, although tiny, is perfectly formed and hungry!

Sheila & Ian Dakin

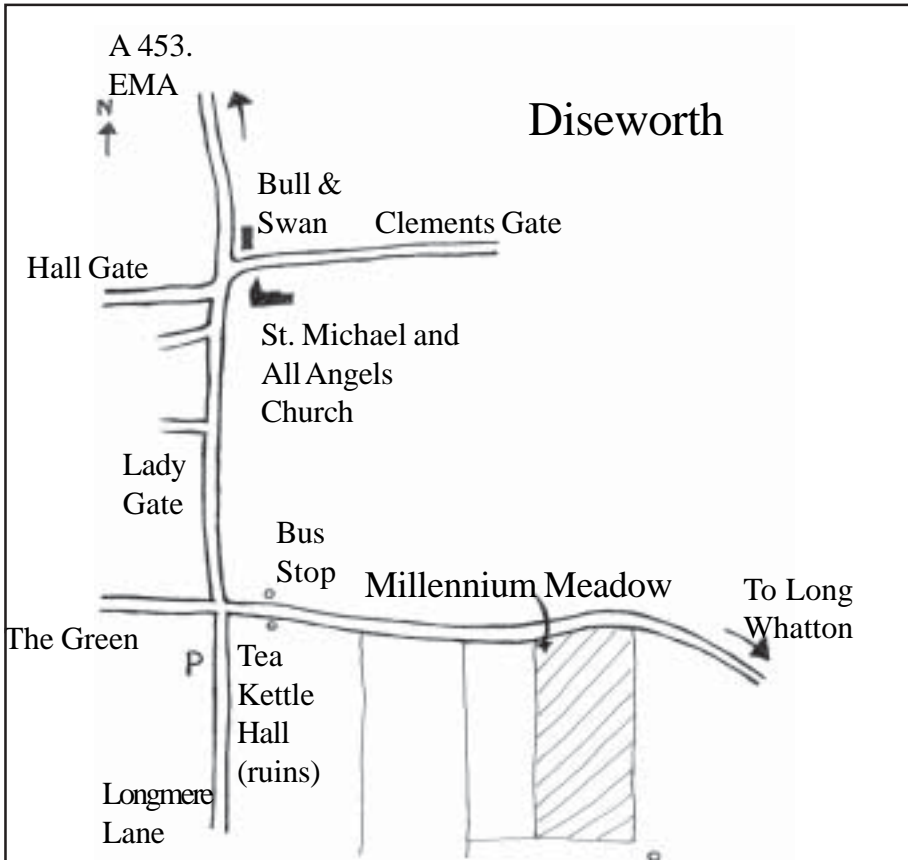
Diseworth Millennium Meadow

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 small gate is always open. Please ensure the catch is secured when you leave.

AGM. Details of the AGM can be found on page 29.

Map

Last Year the Parish Plan Survey showed that a number of people in both villages are still uncertain as to the location of the Diseworth & Long Whatton Millennium Meadow. We promised then to publish a location map of the Millennium Meadow each year in the Dialogue to help anyone new to the village to find us.



DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

If you have items for the JUNE ISSUE of the *Dialogue* please give to a committee member or email to peggy.tudor@btinternet.com sue@cbrompton.fsnet.co.uk and ruth@airnig.co.uk

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

PLEASE MEET THE DEADLINE of the 7th MAY



The Mobile Library visits Diseworth on the 2nd, 16th and 30th May.

The Bowley 11.55 – 12.15
Clements Gate 12.20 – 1.20
The contact number for the mobile library is 01530 835951.

Long Whatton Post Office

New Opening Hours

The shop is now open

Mon – Fri 6.30am – 5.30pm

Saturday 6.30am – 1pm

Sunday 7am – 12 noon

Please note that the shop is now open all day Wednesday but the Post Office will close at 1pm.



Lawns Cut

Competitive Rates
Contact Michael Thrift
01332 864360

Music News

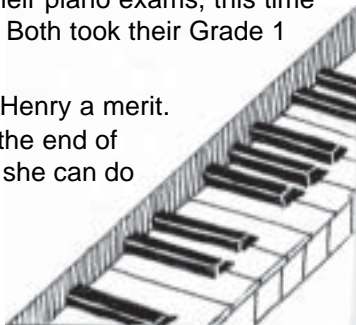
On March 12th a couple of my students sat their piano exams, this time at Loughborough Emmanuel Church Centre. Both took their Grade 1 and passed with good marks.

Ellie Bunyan gained a distinction and Arthur Henry a merit.

Kate Henry sat her Grade V theory exam at the end of February and passed with a distinction. Now she can do her Grade V1 piano exam!

Congratulations to you all.

Janet Moorhouse.



DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

Need a babysitter?



I am a mature, reliable 15 year old girl who lives in Diseworth and I am available for babysitting. Call Hannah on 01332 810785

Congratulations



Richard and Cherie Sisson of 9 Grimesgate would like to announce the birth of their son Max born at the QMC on the 29th March 2008. A brother for Harvey.

Welcome to Diseworth



- Bob Wright to The Bowley,
- Annabel, James, Imogen and Jack to Hall fields Farm,
- Richard and Jacqui to Linthwaite Court

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



Saturday May 24th Diseworth Church
Coffee Morning
10am-12noon

News from our Advertisers -

Welcome to **Mercian Building Services** offering Extensions, Renovations, Plumbing and Heating, Bathroom and Kitchen Re-fits, Plastering and Rendering, Roofing.

Welcome to **Cassies Care**, Pet & Home Care Services. Dog walking, Pet sitting, House sitting and Domestic cleaning.

See page 34 for more details.

Print Copy Design have updated their advert as has Emma offering **Circuit Training** on Tuesdays from 6.30 – 7.30pm in the Long Whatton Friendship Centre

LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



■ The threatening ash tree in Grimes Gate, Diseworth has gone. An excellent and efficient operation was carried out by the contractor and the Council's worry about the potential danger has disappeared with the tree.

■ A major topic arising from the Parish Plan was the need for affordable housing in both villages and – very swiftly – the Parish Council has taken up this important challenge by holding a meeting with the Rural Housing Enabler and a District Council Officer. In an intense discussion, the advantages of proceeding with the scheme were explained. This was likely to provide a very real benefit to a great many local people over the years to come. The way forward was explained in great detail and all of this was discussed at our Council meeting the following evening. Parish Councillors had no hesitation in accepting that this was potentially a Very Good Thing for the villages and agreed to immediately sign the Protocol which would ensure the progress of the survey which was essential to formally establish the need for affordable housing.

And the starting gun has already fired! The action will begin immediately with an article in this newsletter. Please do read it carefully. Everyone is asked to be involved when the questionnaire is delivered very soon.

Everyone's response is important. Many local people will benefit if there's a positive response. This is a really tangible and effective way in which everyone can participate in supporting their community. Just by ticking the boxes!

■ At another local meeting the Chairman, Martin Hening, had discussed with a Highways Officer the problem of "airport parking" in local streets. It's cheaper to park your car in Clements Gate or Hall Gate and elsewhere and catch the bus to the airport to fly off for your holiday in Majorca or wherever. It was agreed that various steps would be taken to mitigate this real nuisance to local people who are denied parking places for their own legitimate purposes.

■ Also agreed was a sign to Long Whatton Post Office and action on fly tipping on County Council owned land.

■ At most meetings it seems that some small jobs need doing on Parish Council property, such as a fence repair, minor play equipment maintenance, a notice fixing up and even litter clearance on a regular basis. In the past, reliance

has been placed on the goodwill of Councillors and others to do odd jobs like these. It was accepted that this was inadequate and enquiries are to be made to find a local person who would be able to take responsibility for these tasks on a regular basis.

■ The specialist firm which maintains the Long Whatton Church clock has told us there is a need for the clock face to be “refurbished”. This caused a few raised eyebrows and more enquiries will be made.

■ We’re still awaiting the installation of the youth shelter at Diseworth – any time now!

■ We are to respond to the offer of some grant funding to provide a bus shelter at Hathern Road, Long Whatton (at the bus layby near Turvey Lane). Some local funding would be needed and enquiries are to be made.

■ The meeting concluded with a discussion about the procedure which is used by the District Planners to decide potentially controversial planning applications. Questions will be asked at the forthcoming Area Community Forum.

Just a reminder – on 1st May at 7.15pm at Long Whatton Methodist Hall – will be your Annual Parish Meeting. This is the meeting at which every Elector of the Parish is an equal member and can raise issues, propose action and vote on anything of direct relevance to the Parish. More details about all this and more on the website longwhattondiseworth.org.uk and on the notice boards.

Douglas Maas, Parish Clerk

Response from PARISH PLAN ACTION PLAN

“We are driving young families away from our villages – there is no affordable accommodation for them” - Quote from Parish Plan Long Whatton & Diseworth 2008

Following the Parish plan, the Parish Council is becoming increasingly concerned that the community is being adversely affected by people having to move elsewhere to find a suitable home. Young and old alike may be forced to move away from their family and friends because rents and house prices have soared in rural areas making it impossible for them to stay; much as they might like to. This may result in schools

and other amenities having to close, worsening the situation. As was also highlighted in the Parish Plan, developers tend to build large family houses which may be unsuitable for those starting out in life or older residents looking for bungalows.

To address this problem planners are able to approve small developments on the edge of villages for affordable housing only, resulting in housing for those who cannot afford to access the open market from their own means. The properties fit well with their surroundings and remain for the use of people with a strong connection to the Parish. In planning jargon this is known as an “Exception” site.

These properties, usually a mixture of property types and sizes, may be rented or part purchased. The latter option gives younger villagers access to the housing ladder which may otherwise be closed to them. However, these properties cannot be completely owned and then sold off. When sold they are recycled for the use of villagers, in perpetuity.

There is a good example of this in action at Swannington, where a small development has been established on the edge of the village. The properties, finished in 2007, were built to a very high standard by a firm of local builders and the scheme has been welcomed by the community. Some of the homes are rented and the others are for shared ownership. These are managed by a local housing association.

To start a scheme in your community the first thing to organise is a survey to assess local housing needs in the village. This has been agreed by your Parish Council and takes the form of a questionnaire delivered to each household in the village and is conducted in partnership between the District Council, Parish Council and the Rural Housing Enabler. The costs of printing and postage are covered by the Enabler.

The results are then analysed by the Enabler and presented to the Parish Council in a form that is acceptable to local planning authorities. If a need for homes is shown then the search starts for a site.

If this is successful, and the usual planning permissions are granted, then it is subsequently developed by a housing association. They manage the properties on behalf of the village - liaising with the parish council to ensure that all important local connection of applicants.

For further information contact the Parish Council or Richard Windley, the Rural Housing Enabler:-

Tel: 01530 276546

richard.windley@midlandsrh.org.uk

Coffee Afternoon

at
Diseworth Village
Hall

Friday May 2nd
1.30-3pm

Come and join us for
a cuppa, a cake & a chat

**In aid of the Diseworth
'Playground Fund'**

TABLE TOP £ SALE £ & CAR BOOT SALE

In aid of the
'Resurface The
Playground'
Fund

Saturday May 3rd
10am - 12noon
Diseworth Village Hall
Entrance 50p
Refreshments available

Diseworth Millennium Meadow AGM

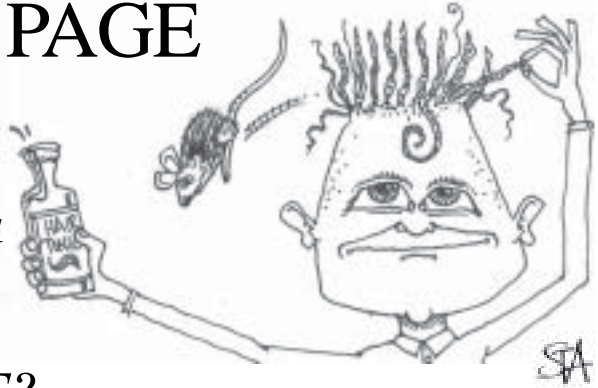
Please note that our AGM will be held in the small committee room at Diseworth Village Hall on the evening of Wednesday, May 14th 2008, at 8.00pm.

All residents of both villages are most welcome to attend, as all are considered to be members of the project by virtue of living here, and we are always seeking extra practical help with the various maintenance and planting tasks.

There are vacancies on the Committee, and we would ask that anyone who would like to put themselves forward should get in touch with Pat Guy, (tel. 811119) as soon as possible.

HEALTH PAGE

HAIR, OUR CROWNING GLORY OR RAT'S NEST?



The condition of our hair can be a strong indicator of our general health. Almost any illness or emotional stress can cause our hair to become dull and lifeless. So the condition of our hair can act as an early warning sign that we are not well or maybe lacking in certain vitamins and minerals.

Healthy hair shines from a thin coating of sebum, an oily substance secreted by the scalp's sebaceous glands near the root of each hair. If the sebaceous glands are overactive and the hair becomes greasy, it may help to cut down on sugar in the diet. If the hair becomes dry and is affected by dandruff this may indicate a zinc deficiency. Foods rich in zinc include shellfish, red meat and pumpkin seeds.

Essential fatty acids also help to prevent dry and flaky skin so can be of great benefit if the hair and scalp become dry. Include plenty of cold pressed vegetable oils, nuts and oily fish such as sardines, mackerel and salmon in the diet. If dandruff and scalp problems persist, consult your doctor as they can sometimes indicate more serious underlying health problems.

Some hair loss is quite normal, healthy people shed about 100 hairs a day. Age related hair loss, especially in men, is largely genetic. Hair loss can be caused by a variety of other conditions such as pregnancy, anemia, circulatory problems, thyroid disorders and stress. People suffering from stress are often found to be deficient in all the B vitamins. Good sources include wholegrain cereals, oily fish, yeast extract, peas, natural yogurt, eggs and milk. A deficiency in vitamin A may also cause dull, lifeless hair. To correct the imbalance, include lots of dark leafy green vegetables, carrots, sweet potatoes and dried apricots, all of which contain beta carotene, which the body converts into vitamin A when required.

Liz Jarrom

WOMENS' GROUP

The History Society joined with us to hear Wendy Eccles account of the Lancashire cotton trade. In the eighteenth century raw cotton arrived at the Manchester or Liverpool docks and was transported along the canal system and delivered to the workers cottages via the 'putters out' carrying the cotton bales on mules or packhorses. The whole family would be involved but it was the women who did the spinning, hence the name spinster.

In time, small sheds were erected to hold several looms. They were kept very damp as the cotton needed moisture. The Industrial Revolution had begun in 1780 and by 1800 there were 1200 looms.

Blackburn expanded quickly and people came to find work. The potato famine brought an influx of Irish people. They worked 12 to 18 hours a day. Robert Peel brought in a Health and Morals Act to protect workers and children.

The rivers became badly polluted with over-usage by the mills. The landowners became wealthy and William Fielden gave land for a hospital in the town centre. Another family, the Eccles, built a school to educate young adults and built cottages with gardens enabling healthier fresh vegetables to be grown.

The Hornby family paid £160,000 for the railway to be built, a stretch of 15 miles from Blackburn to Preston around 1907. Now of course most of the cotton trade has gone!

Sheila Dakin

The May meeting has changed!

KATHY WRIGHT
PRACTICE MANAGER

of the Castle Donington Surgery

has agreed to come along with some members of a newly formed patient forum to discuss the appointments system and problems facing the modern day surgery.

This is an OPEN MEETING for both men and women.

There will be no charge.

If it is your surgery, come along!

MONDAY MAY 12TH The Village Hall 8pm

WINE TASTING EVENING

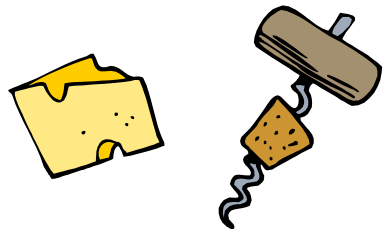
WEDNESDAY 14th MAY
at 7.30pm



Join us at The Plough Inn,
Diseworth, for an evening of
wine tasting from our
comprehensive wine list.

Snacks will be provided to
complement the wine.

£15 per person
Please book early, as
places are limited.



**MONEY TO
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FULL BY WEDNESDAY
30TH APRIL PLEASE**

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CHURCH
LONG WHATTON
PRESENT
NEW ORLEANS HEAT
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SATURDAY 31ST. MAY
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AN EVENING OF JAZZ
ADMISSION £7.50**

Tickets Available From:
Long Whatton Post Office
and 01509842234

All proceeds for All Saints Church
Fabric Fund.



WIND TURBINES TAKE OFF AT EMA



East Midlands Airport has been granted permission by North West Leicestershire District Council to install four turbines on site. EMA will be the first UK airport to install four 31.5 metre wind turbines. The Airport has announced that the green energy makers will be up and running by late 2008. The four turbines are expected to produce up to 225kw each, which is enough to power 503 houses per annum and result in an estimated carbon saving of 850 tonnes per annum.

The location of each turbine has been carefully selected in order to ensure that the turbines are well screened with little impact on local residents. The four turbines will be located more than 800 metres from the closest property and will not be audible from any residential property.

The turbines, which will generate 10% of the Airport's energy, are an important step in

the Airport's commitment to make its ground operations carbon neutral by 2012. Over the last 10 years the Airport has invested more than £3 million in environmental initiatives and monitoring, from emission control to waste management and surface water management. In 2007 the Airport demonstrated its commitment to green energy by extending the departure lounge with a new green pier costing £6 million. The energy efficient pier obtains heat from 27 boreholes, each 100 metres deep, this is five times more efficient than other heating sources. In addition the toilets use rain water for flushing and all lighting is natural or low energy, reducing the impact on the environment.

For more information contact:

EMA Press Office Tel: 0845 108 8542

Email: pressoffice@eastmidlandsairport.com

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Directory of Useful Numbers

BBC East Midlands	0115 955 0500 www.bbc.co.uk/england/eastmidlandstoday/
BBC Radio Derby	01332 361111
British Gas - Service Gas Escape Emergency	0645 605040 0800 111999
Castle Donington Community College	01332 810528 postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk
Castle Donington Volunteer Bureau	01332 850526
Chemist, Gerald Porter, Castle Donington	01332 810213
Derby City Hospital	01332 340131
Derby Playhouse	01332 363275 www.derbyplayhouse.co.uk
Derby Royal Infirmary - accident & emerg	01332 347141 ext 2170
Derbyshire Children's Hospital - emergency (health emergencies not caused by injury)	01332 340131 ext. 6808/6809
Diseworth C of E Primary School	01332 810208
Doctor's Surgery - Health Centre, Castle Donington	0844 477 3092
Orchard Surgery, Kegworth	01509 674919
East Midlands Airport	01332 852852 www.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
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
Severn Trent Customer Service	08007 834444
Skylink	0115 9506070 www.skylink.co.uk
Traveline - for all public transport information	0870 608 2 608 www.traveline.org.uk

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

The 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:

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

YOUR LOCAL PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Email: longwhatdisepc@hotmail.com.

Please visit the website at www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk (being updated).

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

Martin Hening, 9 Clements Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QE	01332 853647
Sue Roberts, Chapel Farm, Hall Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QJ	01332 810813
Kevin Brown, 10 Grimes Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QD	01332 850910
Derek Wiggins, Bull & Swan, Grimes Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QD	01332 853960
Andrew Cawdell, 58 The Green, Long Whatton LE12 5DB	01509 843273
Michael Downs, 12 Barnfield Close, Long Whatton LE12 5BZ	
Thomas Wilkins, 1 Hathern Road, Long Whatton LE12 5DD	07971 730499

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.