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*We extend an open invitation to members of the village to come to our meetings.*

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Please let us have your items for publication (this includes advertising) by the 7th of the month for the following month's issue. Remember that we produce 2 double issues (July/August and December/January). **All contributions will be considered for publication.** They can be delivered to any committee member or emailed to [admin@airnig.co.uk](mailto:admin@airnig.co.uk) and to [sue@cbrompton.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:sue@cbrompton.fsnet.co.uk) or via our village web site at <http://www.diseworth.org> Contributions for our dispatches page are most welcome. Share your news with the village - birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, congratulations etc. When contributing, please **include your name**. We do need your name, but we won't publish it if that's your wish. If you're a child, our readers appreciate seeing your age too!

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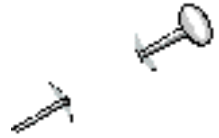
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# Diseworth Diary



## August

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Sunflower Measuring. **Date Changed.** See Dispatches

## September

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Diseworth Open Flower Show

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> **Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Ride & Stride day**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> RCC Beaumanor Hall from 11am

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Women's Group. African Drumming. Village Hall. 8pm

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Book Worms. Venue Sandie's unless otherwise advised

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Diseworth Parochial Church Council, 7.30pm in the church.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Guides and Brownies Family Barn Dance. 7pm village hall

September 22<sup>nd</sup> Coffee Morning with bring and buy stall, raffle and a Fair Trade stall. 10am-12noon in church

Sat/Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> Auction and Ploughing Match, Diseworth

## October

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> **Harvest Supper.** 7.30pm Village Hall

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival in church

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> SVTA Theatre Trip

## November

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> SVTA Soup Kitchen Evening

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Heritage Trust. Cheeses for Christmas. 7.30pm. Village hall

## December

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> SVTA, Christmas Wine Tasting Evening and Supper

**To report relatively minor matters about highways defects (potholes, street lights, damage to signs, overgrown hedges and the like) use the free phone number 0800 62 62 03 or use the link within the County Council website.**



# *Editorial Letter from Nikki*

As Sue Brompton takes a well earned holiday in August, I take the opportunity to thank her publicly from the editorial team and many others for the tremendous work she has put in as editor to the *Diseworth Dialogue*.

Sue took over a very good magazine run by a very good editor, Carly Snee, who had taken the *Dialogue* to the dizzy heights of winning the Country Living national competition for village magazines. Sue proceeded to enhance the magazine further with her own style and deservedly also achieved a national prize and the 'Grand Prize' from the David St. John Thomas Charitable Trust in association with Writers' News and Writing Magazine for the *Dialogue*.

It has been a pleasure to work on her editorial team. Sue comes to the meetings with a list of the entries she has received, possible page numbers, collections of photographs, ideas for the dispatches pages and names of those 'still to come' entries. It is a belt & braces approach, she will say as we compile a list of the contributors, fill in a folder with pages marked ready and even make up a mini dialogue for checking. The result is a well turned out pack for Ruth Smith to turn into the village magazine using her talents to slot in late entries, extras etc. We are pleased that although Sue is stepping down as editor she will continue with the team.

A hard act to follow. Fortunately, a village resident, Peggy Tudor, has come forward and offered to take on the role. Peggy and husband Christopher came to live in Hall Gate in 1999 with son Thomas being born five years ago. Peggy has attended a couple of editorial meetings and has quickly picked up the editorial team style. She is a talented cellist and former music teacher and plays with a string group called the Spanish Quartet (the other players are Spanish). Peggy will be writing the next editorial letter and we offer her our best wishes and continued support.

After the August break, it is a full magazine with something for everyone. It is worth commenting on the involvement of the young people of our village, 'the hope of tomorrow'. With the disappointment of the closure of the Playgroup (and the withdrawal of promised funds for the playground) it is very important that we ensure that recreation areas suitable for our younger residents are kept safe for them and Anna Groves is to be complimented on her efforts to achieve this.

*Nikki Hening*

PLEASE NOTE - The *Dialogue* team decided to bring forward the 'envelope' month to September in order that those collecting the envelopes do so in relative daylight. The contributions of village residents to the *Dialogue* funds are essential to the continued successful production of the magazine and our grateful thanks are extended to all who support us.

# St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

## ***Fun and Laughter***



photograph Julia Sillitoe

Holidays are, or at least should be, all about fun and laughter. Both of these are essential to our individual and corporate well being. Indeed this week I've been telling those leaving their primary schools that God is a God of laughter. In doing so, I've used the image of little child running across the road and saying: Give us a swing Jesus. Whereupon the two are lost in an intimate game of fun and laughter.

The problem for us adults is that troubles seem to keep coming and are no respecter of holidays or times of relaxation. And sometimes our internal barometer registers most of the time "heavy and overcast".

This Summer I need the checks and balances of play: doing things simply because they are fun and light-hearted. Part of this needs to be building into my routine from September onwards time for celebrations, treats, surprises; spontaneous parties, a special meal or home-grown entertainment. No excuses about time does not permit!

I grew up in a culture where having fun was frowned upon and the less you enjoy something the more good it does you. Today the opposite is often true: Everything ought to be fun – go for it. Grab it!

The best kind of play falls between these two extremes. It has a sort of innocence but is by no means for children only. There's something about this kind of fun which has an eternal quality, a sense of unnessariness and exuberance.

That is why it is so vital to our own well being. Play and playfulness are delightful qualities – you just have to watch a young animal cavorting about to see this. They keep us sane under pressure, helping us to catch a glimpse of the joy and creativity of God.

Have a holiday full of laughter.

*Alison*

# St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

*Dear Friends,*

The kettle has boiled, the packet of biscuits has been opened, and it is now time for me to sit down and write to you. What have I got to tell you? Well there doesn't seem to have been a week when Barry and I haven't been entertaining this summer. It has been one occasion after another, friends for the weekend, an ordination party, a leaving bash, lunch for colleagues, our diary has been full. Luckily for me I have an excellent cook for a husband, so I am left to be the hostess. This role includes laying the table, getting the drinks and most importantly, chatting to our guests. As we sit around the table sharing a meal, the conversation flows and usually develops to cover all sorts of subjects as we reflect on our individual life experiences.

My dining table isn't the only table I have attended this summer; I have also celebrated Holy Communion at the Lord's table for the first time as a priest. Meeting together with others sharing bread and wine has been one of the most awesome experiences of my life. At the Lord's table each of us brings our own issues, troubles and joys, but as we come together we know that we are met by God. Our God is a God who listens and who promises to take our burdens from us, to comfort us and to strengthen us.

Talking, listening and laughing with one another are in my opinion essential ingredients for a supper party with friends and for our relationship with God. Two different types of table, both of which offer love, but only the Lord's table offers us the addition of everlasting life, and a Divine companion for our life journey. God's invitation to walk with us has no RSVP date, it is always there waiting for us to respond.

Enjoy September, it is a beautiful month for late holidays, new beginnings and autumn invitations, and may the Lord bless you and keep you in everything you do.

Time for tea!

*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 September**

Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday	Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday	Hathern Church Music Café 6-8pm
		Long Whatton Village Summer Fete, Royal Oak 1-6pm
Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Hathern House Group 7.30pm
Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
	Saturday	Leicestershire Historic Churches Sponsored Ride & Stride 10am - 6pm
Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Belton House Group 7.30pm
Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Diseworth PCC 7.30pm in church
Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
<b>Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Diseworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon</b>
Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Benefice Bible Study 33 Green Hill, Hathern 7.30pm
Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Benefice Praise Evening Long Whatton Church 7.30pm

Every Saturday	Kegworth Church Informal Prayer 9.00-9.30am
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There are also meetings of the Mothers Union throughout the Benefice and Kegworth Wives Group, to which all women are invited. Kegworth Men's Group is open to all men.



# St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

## Services & Locations for September 2007

	Time	Service	Location
September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>CW Holy Communion &amp; Baptism</b> Family Service	<b>Diseworth</b> & Belton Hathern, Kegworth & Osgathorpe
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	All Age Worship Messy Church	Long Whatton CC Long Whatton
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton & Kegworth
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>School Assembly</b>	<b>Diseworth</b>
September 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Belton & Kegworth
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Service</b> CW Holy Communion	<b>Diseworth</b> Long Whatton, Hathern & Kegworth
	6.15pm	Prayer and Peace BCP Evensong	Hathern Kegworth
	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>CW Holy Communion</b>	<b>Diseworth</b> & Osgathorpe
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	CW Holy Communion Family Service CW Morning Prayer New Beginnings	Long Whatton Kegworth Belton Hathern
	6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion BCP Evensong	Hathern Belton & Kegworth
	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>Diseworth</b> & Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion Harvest Festival CW Morning Prayer	Hathern & Kegworth Long Whatton Osgathorpe
	4.00pm	Messy Church	Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Long Whatton, Belton, Hathern & Kegworth
	September 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Benefice Praise Evening
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Long Whatton & Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion Harvest Festival	Hathern & Kegworth Belton
	<b>6.15pm</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion – Patronal Festival</b> BCP Evensong	<b>Diseworth</b> Belton, Kegworth & Osgathorpe

## Week Day Services

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

# St Michael and All Angels Parish Church



## Flowers and Church Brasses

	Flowers	Brasses
September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs P Cotton	Mrs D Griffin
September 9 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs S Dakin	Mrs N Cowley
September 23 <sup>rd</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs L Gaymer	Mrs E Mitchell

## Lessons and Readers for September 2007

	Time	Reader	Sidesman
September 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trinity 13	First Reading: <b>10.30am</b> Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18 Second Reading: Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16 Gospel: Luke 14.1,7-14	<b>S Brompton</b>  <b>R Harris</b> <b>M Gidlow</b>	<b>M Howe</b>
September 9 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 14	First Reading: Deuteronomy 30.15-20 Second Reading: Philemon 1-21 Gospel: Luke 14.25-33		
September 16 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 15	First Reading: <b>9.00am</b> Exodus 32.7-14 Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1.12-17 Gospel: Luke 15.1-10	<b>D Cherry</b>  <b>S Bird</b> <b>A Stone</b>	<b>G Stone</b>
September 23 <sup>rd</sup> Trinity 16	First Reading: <b>8.00am</b> Amos 8.4-7 Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2.1-7 Gospel: Luke 16.1-13	<b>S Brompton</b> <b>D Blenkinsopp</b>	<b>M Cowley</b>
September 30 <sup>th</sup> <b>St Michael &amp; All Angels</b>	<b>6.15pm</b> First Reading: } See Second Reading: } Weekly Gospel: } Email	<b>M Gidlow</b> <b>R Edwards</b>	<b>F Hill</b>

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

Bell Ringing at Diseworth Mondays 8pm

# News From The Pews

## Coffee Mornings



The Coffee Mornings continue to be held in church on the fourth Saturday of each month

from 10am-12noon – on September 22<sup>nd</sup> this month.

As well as refreshments there is a bring and buy stall, raffle and a Fair Trade stall selling a wide variety of goods. Please support this if you can.

**There will be a meeting of  
Diseworth Parochial  
Church Council on  
Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>  
at 7.30pm in the church.**

**Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Ride & Stride Day** will take place this year on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> September from 10am until 6pm. Cyclists and Walkers can seek sponsors for the number of churches they visit on the event day, and money raised by each participant is shared equally between the church of their choice and the Trust. There will be around 400 churches and chapels open in Leicestershire. Sponsorship forms and lists of churches and chapels open on the day are available in church or from Sue Bird, 01332-810381.

## Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper will be held in the Village Hall on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm, prior to the Harvest Festival on October 14<sup>th</sup>. This is usually a popular event so please order your tickets in good time from any member of the PCC.



## Turn onto Junction 24

### A new and relevant road to faith

- make new friends
- contemporary Christian music
- explore challenges that we face today

**Whitehouse Hotel  
Function Room  
Kegworth  
M1 - Jn 24 - A6**

**Starting 30<sup>th</sup> September, at 8pm**

"J24 is a new non-denominational Christian outreach initiative due to commence at the Whitehouse Hotel, Kegworth on Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The declared aim is not to set up a new church, but to introduce the Gospel to non-religious people of the villages, hamlets and farms of S.E. Derbyshire, S.W.

Nottinghamshire and N.W. Leicestershire, i.e. centred on Kegworth, junction 24 of the M1 in fact, and in so doing acting as a catalyst or springboard from which some if not all will go on to becoming practising Christians.

The meetings planned so far are each Sunday evening commencing on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 p.m. until the week before Christmas. They are expected to last for an hour to an hour and a half each."

# Notes from the Belton Rectory

## Appointment of new Team Rector

By the time you read this, the six elected parish representatives will have met and finalised the advertisement for our new team rector. At a meeting in July the archdeacon, Paul Hackwood, suggested the time was now right for an advert to go out nationally. The advert will appear in the Church Times and on the diocesan website. Hopefully, this will trigger interviews at the end of October. At the same meeting, Paul also said that three people from within the diocese had been approached and had not taken the matter further. Please continue to pray for the appointment of the person of God's choosing.

## Messy Church

Following on from the success at Kegworth this will be happening from September onwards in Long Whatton and Osgathorpe. We are still requiring people with children skills or craft skills to help out.

Long Whatton	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	4pm
Osgathorpe	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	4pm

We still need more help before we start in Diseworth, but children from there are welcome at Long Whatton. Further information from Julie Ann or Alison.

## Confirmation Classes

Have you been baptised but would like to follow this through for yourself? Do you feel that there is more to life than work? Is it a long time since you regularly went to church? Maybe you would like to join a group considering confirmation? We are forming a friendly group for all ages to engage with this. The group will meet on Monday nights in Kegworth starting on 10th September. Confirmation will be at the Cathedral on 1<sup>st</sup> December for those wishing to proceed. Further information from Julie Ann or Alison.

## Alpha Coming Soon

We will be hosting two Alpha courses in the autumn. The first will be for all comers and probably take place in Kegworth. The second will be aimed at an older age-group, probably in Long Whatton. Whichever you join, you will be assured of fun, fellowship and food for thought. It's a great way to explore some of the big issues of life on your terms and at your speed. Join us to make it very special. Further information from Julie Ann or Alison.

## Retreats

All of us live life in the fast lane and need time for ourselves and our own refreshment. If you feel your batteries are running low, join us in the autumn on one of our retreats. These are open to church goers and others alike. The first one will be led by Derek Goodman on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September at Julie Ann's house.

*Catholic Church of the Risen Lord.*

Hillside, Castle Donington

Mass every Sunday 9am



*Kegworth Methodist Church*

High St. Kegworth



**Sunday Services**

Morning Worship - 10.30am

Praise Worship – 6.15pm (First Sunday each month)

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



*Kegworth Baptist Church*

High St. Kegworth



**Sunday Services**

Morning Worship & Sunday School – 10.30am

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

Lead Deacon: Paul Phillips 01509-551464

# DOROTHY GLADYS YEATES

## (nee WINFIELD)

‘Dot’



*Dot and Alan Yeates.  
Happy memories*

Dot Yeates was born in Diseworth at Town End on 14<sup>th</sup> October 1922 and spent her whole life in the village. She attended the village school with her close friend and neighbour Bessie Poynton (nee Howe). Dot was one of three children, her mother Hilda, a Baptist, cleaned the Baptist Chapel and was paid 2/6 (12.5p) a week in the summer and 5/- (25p) in the winter. At the age of fourteen Dot began work at Dakin's Hosiery Factory in Kegworth, but when war broke out women were needed to work in the munitions part of the Brush works. It was there she met Alan Yeates in 1947 and they were married in 1951. They lived first at Town End and then moved to the house in The Bowley where she spent the rest of her life.

Dot and Alan have four children, Arthur, Stephen, Wendy and Suzanne, seven grandchildren and Joshua, a great grandchild. Throughout her life Dot was a good member of the village, delivering milk and bread when a young girl, being a Sunday School teacher, belonging to the Women's Institute and supporting village functions. With her cheerful personality and ready smile Dot was a very popular village resident. Although she suffered a great deal of pain in her last months Dot made a joke of it when anyone met her. She will be much missed. We extend our sincere sympathy to Alan and all the family.



*Dot Yeates on Clapper Bridge, 1940*

# COUNTRY MATTERS



by Liz Jarrom

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## IS THIS THE END OF THE CHEAP FOOD ERA?

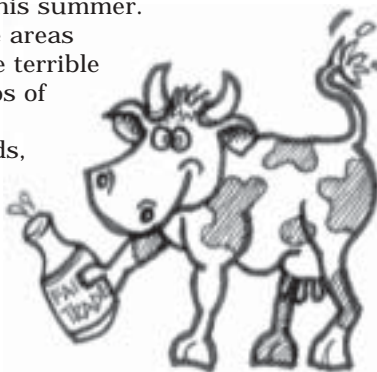
Prices paid to farmers and growers have been low for the last decade, but in the last few months there has been a gradual upturn in farm gate prices. Wheat for feed and bread making has shot up to £135 a tonne, far higher than I can ever remember. The main reasons for this price rise is a growing world demand for wheat as a source of bio fuel, and the booming economies of India and China who are consuming more food as they become wealthier.

In the last year, there has been an increase of about 20 pence a kilo for the cattle we sell at market, and dairy farmers have also seen a modest increase in the price they are paid for their milk. Even the Government is concerned that there may be shortages and is considering relaxing the rules and allowing farmers to grow crops on set aside land from this autumn. Then throw into the mix the terrible rains we have had this summer. Many farmers in the areas worst affected by the terrible floods have lost crops of cereals, potatoes, vegetables and salads, and some farm animals have also drowned. Nine months of work and financial input, all washed away in a matter of hours. A

disaster for the farmers involved who may never recover financially and may ultimately decide that enough is enough and stop farming altogether.

All these problems within the farming industry are leading to demand outstripping supply and contributing to a steady rise in the price of food commodity prices. Food prices are rising in the supermarket, up 6% in the last twelve months, and will probably continue to do so steadily for the foreseeable future.

Of course we live in a global economy now, and our food comes from all over the world. But there is a lot more to the cost of food than the price paid to British farmers. Twenty years ago, wheat was £10 a tonne more than it is today. You could buy a loaf of bread for the equivalent of 30p. Today a loaf of bread costs 90p. The figures don't add up. Wheat should be more than £300 a tonne if the farm gate price is the driving force behind all the price rises. Transport costs have soared and food is transported many more miles than it ever was twenty years ago. Even with the steady rise in the retail price of food, in



real terms food is still cheaper than twenty years ago. Back then, the average family spent 33% of their income on food, now the average is 10%.

Then there is the astounding fact that 25% of all the food purchased ends up being thrown away. Food is obviously perceived as cheap and plentiful. We have all seen the television pictures of people in the floods in July desperately searching for water when their mains supply

was cut off. What if a similar scenario occurred and the complicated distribution network supplying our supermarkets and shops were disrupted by terrorism or there was mass crop failure on a global scale? If British agriculture remains strong, then at least there would be enough food available countrywide to feed us all. So maybe the steady rise in food prices will keep British farmers in business and encourage us all to value the food we eat each day.

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## Market Day

I got the lambs in Monday  
To draw the ones for mart  
I tagged them and I marked them,  
I'd need an early start.

Then I cleaned trailer,  
Though it was clean before,  
Sprayed the wheels most carefully,  
Put sawdust on the floor.

Next I did the DEFRA form  
(You've got to get it right)  
Flock and holding numbers,  
It took me half the night.

Tuesday I got up early  
To give me time to load,  
Filled in the destination  
And started on the road.

At last I got to Melton,  
For once no traffic jams  
But when I pulled the ramp down,  
I'd forgot to bring the lambs.

*David Griffiths*





## ***That's Life***

Oh what a lovely life I lead,  
I seem to have everything that I need.  
I've a lovely home and garden too,  
I can do just whatever I want to do.



You see I'm not tied to work anymore,  
There's no need to dust or mop the floor,  
Nor make the beds or clean the loo,  
I can do all these things when I want to!

I can get up late, have breakfast in bed,  
My hubby, dear chap is easily led.  
Since I broke my arm a few years ago,  
He keeps his eye on me wherever I go.

My health's not bad, though you might disagree.  
Without my specs, I can't really see.  
I've still got teeth – but not a lot  
And my knees, I think they are nearly shot.

I've got books to read from the library.  
I can watch the birds flying high and free.  
I chat to my neighbours now and then,  
We have a good gossip and sort out the men.

I've no wish to travel, no more do I roam,  
I'm really quite happy here in my home.  
I can have a ciggie. A wine, two or three,  
I'm being myself – how I want to be!  
JUST REMEMBER – ENJOY LIFE WHILE YOU CAN.  
THIS IS NOT A REHEARSAL. *Les Brown*

## **News from the Snailhunter**

Don, the window cleaner, has done the snailhunter proud, and helped in the battle against the slugs and snails. He brought her some seedlings which she planted in her ornamental wheelbarrow. They were marigolds, not French but the English ones – known as Pot Marigolds because in mediaeval times they were used in cooking.

She watched as her enemies crawled up and into the wheelbarrow and apart from one or two holes in the bottom leaves, the slugs and snails have left the marigolds alone. Three cheers for Don!



# LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

## A NEW PARISH CLERK

For the past year or so, the seven members of Long Whatton and Diseworth Parish Council have been coping well with the strains which have inevitably arisen due to the May election (with the loss of some members as well as welcoming others) and also the retirement of the Parish Clerk and the temporary arrangements which followed. The business of the Council - safeguarding and promoting the amenities of the villages - has continued.



Now, I should like to introduce myself as the newly-arrived Parish Clerk. If you should happen to see a largish, tallish, oldish, greyish chap sticking notices on the notice boards or poking around the play areas with a piece of paper in his hand - it's probably me. Please say "hello". I've already made some acquaintances and I'm enjoying getting to know the two villages of the Parish. I have had occasional reasons to know the area over the years but not in detail.

My 30 years' experience as the Clerk at Narborough and Littlethorpe have been interesting. Moving here (with an overlap period) will be a different kettle of fish and I look forward to the challenge. Getting to know the local ropes will, I suspect, take some time, as every Council does things in different ways to meet the requirements of its communities. Much of a Clerk's time is taken up these days with legal and financial things, doing the paperwork and so on. I do hope that as much of my Clerking time as possible is taken up with helping the Parish Council do useful things for the villages. You might like to see how your Parish Council is doing by keeping an eye on the website which I am steadily bringing up to date and hope to make more and more useful and interesting as time goes on - [longwhattondiseworth.org.uk](http://longwhattondiseworth.org.uk).

Details of how to contact the Council are given elsewhere and the Council meetings are held on the first Thursday each month. Villagers are welcome to attend. You are welcome to ask me if you have any query about the arrangements.

*Doug Maas*

# LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL



As there had been no meeting in July, the agenda for the August meeting was unusually long. Many village issues were addressed but also the arrangements within the Council. The annual audit of the Council's accounts and affairs was dominating activity back at the office while the new Clerk was getting to know the Council and the villages.

Chairman, Martin Hening, expressed some concern that it almost appeared that the Villagers' Parish Plan had been 'taken over' by County Hall if the recent summons to a meeting was to be believed. But he stressed the importance of attending the meeting as there were some substantial advantages for the Parish to be gained.

The annual RoSPA safety inspection report on the three play areas had been received. There were no major issues but many items needed some attention and arrangements were made for members to keep an eye on the areas and for attention to be given as thought necessary. New identity badges were to be arranged for Councillors and the Clerk. Three 'No Dogs' signs would be ordered and fitted to the gates.

In Long Whatton, the footpaths around the village had come under scrutiny at the request of the County Council. They had asked the Council for help with identifying any problems with access. The village Councillors were looking at this in detail and would report to County in due course.

Polling Stations and the District's public conveniences were also the subject of consultations. Councillors expressed themselves satisfied with the former but had little experience of the latter.

The arrangements for reporting relatively minor matters about highways defects (potholes, street lights, damage to signs, overgrown hedges and the like) were considered. While the Parish Clerk could spend time passing on such messages to the Highways Department, it was so easy and much quicker and more efficient for anyone to report them directly. The free phone number is 0800 62 62 03 and is worth keeping handy for reference. There is also a link within the County Council website for the same purpose.

This advice is also given in the Parish Council's website which is very slowly improving. More people are now taking a look at - [longwhattondiseworth.org.uk](http://longwhattondiseworth.org.uk) - and keeping an eye on what is happening. It will take a long time but we hope to steadily make the site more useful and topical.

A large number of local planning applications had been looked at during the two months, the new Planning Group arrangements having worked well. Very little comment had been required.

*Doug Maas, Parish Clerk*

# Village Weddings

30<sup>th</sup> June

Sandra Fletcher & John Clark  
St Michael & All Angels Church

Sandie and John began arranging their traditional wedding in the village before they moved to The Bowley from Loughborough last November. Louise Mee was chief bridesmaid accompanied by Faye Adkin, Amy Goy and Sandie's niece from Australia; Anitah Kumar. John's brother Dave Clark was best man accompanied by 3 close friends who were ushers. Diseworth Guides formed a guard of honour outside church.

The afternoon reception was held for over 80 guests in a marquee at the family home on Clements Gate with an old fashioned country style theme running through out. In the evening the Hog (which was monitored closely all day by Corrie the family retriever) was finally roasted and was served for approximately 200 people. Entertainment included a disco and an unforgettable rhythm and blues band, Roadrunner.

Friends were invited back the following day to continue celebrating by holding a barbecue and nursing hang overs! Sandie and John had a fabulous Honeymoon in Italy's Lake Garda and Venice.

21<sup>st</sup> July

Jim Fletcher and Dia Mukhtarova  
Loughborough Registry Office

Jim and Dia of Grimes Gate were joined by close friends and family at Loughborough Registry Office. Hayley March was chief bridesmaid accompanied by Feruza Ykshemetova. Jim's friend Jim Tyler was best man. Following the service Jim and Dia were served champagne as they were driven to Livio's restaurant in Shepshed for a superb Italian wedding breakfast. In true Russian spirit Dia concluded the speeches as her father wasn't able to be there.

The evening venue had to be changed on the day due to flooding from Loughborough Boat club to Lockington Village Hall. Approximately 200 guests enjoyed a fantastic barbecue and great entertainment from local band The Murkin's. Jim and Dia went to Bude in Devon for their honeymoon where they had a great time and the summer finally began.

Jim and Sandie's older sister Carolyn has been visiting from Australia for the big events with 3 of her 4 children, Eddy, Rohan and Anitah. Unfortunately Phill couldn't join them but is kept well informed of events! It has been a wonderful time for the family to be together for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in over 16 years. 2007 will be a most memorable year for all our families.

Both weddings were not spoiled by the awful weather but enhanced as so many people helped us all in so many ways to make the days special and drier! People's good will, friendship and generosity will never be forgotten. THANKS to everyone who's been involved in any way.



30<sup>th</sup> June  
Sandra Fletcher & John Clark  
St Michael & All Angels  
Church

*Photograph by Dave Thomas*



21<sup>st</sup> July  
Jim Fletcher and  
Dia Mukhtarova  
Loughborough Registry Office

**Mia Nelson was married to Ben Woolley at Diseworth Church on Friday August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007.**

Mia originates from Hall Gate, Diseworth and attended Diseworth Primary School, Castle Donington Community College, Ashby Grammar School before graduating from Leicester University. Mia now teaches English at St. Crispin's School in Leicester. Ben is from Rothley and was educated at St. Crispin's School, Leicester (!) before graduating from Leeds University. Ben is a consultant working for an international insurance group.

Mia and Ben spent 12 months travelling around the world visiting Thailand, Australia, New Zealand, Chile, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico and other South American countries before returning home in November 2005.

Mia opted to walk from her home in Hall Gate to Diseworth Church and stopped to chat to local well-wishers en-route. This spectacle was very popular with villagers and reflected Mia's wish to involve as many people as possible from her home village on her special day. Andrew Charsley was the best man and the bridesmaids were Mia's sister, Holly, friends Sally and Katherine and Ben's niece, Lois.

Mia and Ben will make their home in Barrow-Upon-Soar.



**Ian & Sue Wright of 39, Clements Gate are proud to announce the wedding of their son Daniel to Kate Hulse on the 4<sup>th</sup> August at West Bridgford.** The reception was held at Chilwell Village Hotel followed by a honeymoon in Mexico.

Many thanks to Kate & Dan for a wonderful day and also to best man, Lee Elliott.

With congratulations and love  
Mum & Dad x x x



**Guy Moores and Rachel Hancher were married on 28th July at St. Mary & St. Hardulph's Church, Breedon-on-the-Hill** followed by a Reception at Abbots Oak Country House Hotel, Whitwick. Damian Snee did a brilliant job as Best Man, and his brothers Dan and James were amongst the welcome guests, James having made the long journey from Vietnam for the occasion. The Church looked wonderful with flowers beautifully arranged by Rosie Smith and Denise Blenkinsopp, and behind the scenes, Barry Smith carried out all the architectural structure for the flower bedecked arch. The happy couple were fortunate to have a sunny day for their celebrations, and left for of an even sunnier honeymoon in Australia.

## Diseworth Women's Group

It's Tuesday and I'm looking out on a thoroughly damp and miserable day. But we were so fortunate to have a perfect summer evening for our August barbeque the previous day. David and Diana Cherry kindly invited us, and 30 or more members, husbands and guests gathered in their lovely, colourful cottage garden. We were cosily seated under gazebos enjoying barbequed meats and delicious salads etc prepared by the ladies. After the raffle Sue Roberts thanked the Cherrys for their hospitality. It was certainly one of the best! A perfectly orchestrated and idyllic evening full of friendship and laughter.



*Ian & Sheila Dakin with David Cherry performing a sterling job on the BBQ*

Next Meeting -  
Monday September 10<sup>th</sup>  
AFRICAN DRUMMING a hands on evening  
led by Sue Cheney and Sue Roberts

# Garden Party Success - Thank You



*Caitlyn, Tamzin and Kiera sheltering from the rain*

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who helped in any way on Saturday June 30th to make the Garden Party for Rainbows and the Air Ambulance such a success. The weather was not good but everyone was in very good spirit.

It would not have been a success if it had not been for the Plough Inn providing the marquee.

The amazing total of over £1000 was made.

Thank you to everyone

Norma



*'The Wisdom Tree', Chorus Theatre with their 'Play-in-a-Week' project at Diseworth Village Hall. Report on page 38*





Rural Community Council  
(Leicestershire & Rutland)

**Enjoy the grounds of  
BEAUMANOR HALL  
from 11.00am  
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9th**

**BRING A PICNIC LUNCH**

followed by  
Best Village Competition presentation  
3pm

Beaumanor Hall  
Old Woodhouse  
Leicester  
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*CREAM TEAS AVAILABLE*

# Diseworth Open Flower Show 2007



Saturday September 8th  
Village Hall,  
Hall Gate

Gates open at 2pm

*Pony Rides*  
*Tombola*  
*Skittles Raffle*  
*Long Whatton*  
*Scouts*  
*Card Stall*



Steam Engine  
Display  
with Robin Hood  
from  
Long Whatton

*Heritage Centre Information Stall*  
*Castle Donington Volunteer Centre displays*

Hall opens at 2.30pm for viewing  
of exhibits

**Teas served from 2pm**

Presentation of Prizes 3.30pm

Sale of Produce 4pm approx

**Entrance 50p Children Free**

# Diseworth Open Flower Show

This year's Flower Show, on **Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** will again include a very special attraction, the steam traction engine "**Robin Hood**" from the collection of the Dockray family of Long Whatton.

We shall also be joined by representatives of the Castle Donington Volunteer Centre, who operate the Community Bus, and who will put on a display and answer questions about their services, and by members of Long Whatton Scouts, who will also stage a display.

This year's Flower Arrangement classes include the usual popular **Petite Arrangement** – no more than 25cm (9 inches) in any dimension. There is also an arrangement in a **Basket** – of any size, and one to challenge your ingenuity – as it says – "**When Flowers Are Scarce**" – which they may well be after all the battering by the rain!

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

Last Year's new classes for **both Children and Adults involving the production of a home-made Greetings Card** are repeated. It can be a Birthday, Get Well, Special Anniversary, Christmas or whatever occasion you like. This year, the **Computer-based class for Children**, involves the creation of a work of art with a "My Village" theme **with the aid of your computer.** You may interpret the theme however you wish.

All the other usual Children's classes are there.



The Photography classes have reverted to the previous 'any size' conditions. You can still enter up to 5 items in each class. Prints may be framed or unframed. Little did we realise when we chose the topic "**Water, Water, Everywhere**" just how apt this would be this year. We expect a bumper crop for this class! Please don't disappoint us.

The "Home Made Produce" classes are very similar to last year, with just the change to the '**Diseworth Men Only**' class, Class 40 – **Biscuits** – this year.

There are no changes to the "Fruit and Vegetable" classes. After all the rain this year, we hope we may have some really good entries, especially, perhaps, some giant marrows or pumpkins! Also – why not try the **Model Garden (Adult)** class – No.60!

In addition to the usual Tombola and Children's Games, there will be a stall selling Home-made **Cards** and a Millennium Meadow **Plant Stall.** In the wake of its **recent Lottery success**, the Diseworth Heritage Trust will put on a display including the details of the **plans for the restoration and development of the Baptist Chapel.**

The beneficiaries of this year's Show will be the British Legion, Castle Donington Volunteer Centre, Long Whatton Scouts and the Village Hall Car Park resurfacing fund.

*Pat Guy*

KEGWORTH VINTAGE AGRICULTURAL CLUB  
& THE FORD AND FORDSON ASSOCIATION

are holding  
the

**2<sup>nd</sup> CHARITY WORKING WEEKEND,  
COLLECTIVE AUCTION AND PLOUGHING  
MATCH**  
at  
**WOODHOUSE FARM,  
DISEWORTH**

SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> AND SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007

Last year 8 DOE's, Roadless and County's working together  
and 63 ploughing entrants

IN 2006 WE GAVE AWAY £4,800 TO CHARITIES  
COME AND HELP US TO BREAK THE RECORD THIS YEAR!

TRADE STANDS \* MARQUEE WITH SEATING  
\*BAR \* REFRESHMENTS \* TOILETS

Enquiries for the working weekend to:  
Peter Andrews Telephone 07711 137194 or 01332 553715

Enquiries for the Ploughing Match and Auction to:  
Phil Gibson 07713 251155 or 01509 844165

Enquiries for the Trade Stands to:  
Paul Winson 07850 241904 or 01509 673191

## TRACTOR PULLING



## AIR AMBULANCE



*TOTALLY FUNDED BY  
PRIVATE DONATIONS*

## SATURDAY

Auction – 10.30am

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Tractor Pulling  
after Auction

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Static Tractors,  
Lorries, Motorbikes,  
Engines & Crawlers  
*(inc 1927 Caterpillar 60)*

## SUNDAY

Vintage Ploughing Match  
10am – 1pm  
+ 5 Teams Horses

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Tractor Pulling  
Ford and Fordson Working  
Day, Doe's, Countys,  
Roadless, Fords  
Working Crawlers

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Cutting Corn with Binder and  
Hedge Cutting,  
*(subject to weather)*

## BOTH DAYS

Marquee, Hog Roast, Bar, Trade Stands, Machinery/  
Tractor Parts, Farm Supplies, Plants, Meat and Vegetable  
Stalls, Painting, Sticks, Tombola etc ...

Admission £3 each day – Under 14's FREE

# Diseworth Heritage Trust



*“Permission to start”*. These are the words that any applicant to the Heritage Lottery Trust waits to see. At the beginning of August that is what we read. After over two years of bids, trials, discussions and applications, we learned that the Heritage Lottery Fund have awarded us over £538,000 to buy and restore Diseworth Baptist Chapel as a Heritage Centre for Diseworth and Long Whatton, with support from neighbouring villages.

By the summer of 2008 we hope to present a week of opening events to celebrate the preservation of this historic village building for everyone to enjoy and appreciate.

Since the great flood in November 2000, the Trust has worked to maintain the graveyard and to ensure that the Chapel will be preserved for the community it served for over 250 years. It will include a museum, and exhibition space, village office (including IT training and a Parish Council base), a coffee bar for young and old, space for business meetings, and exhibition and performance facilities.

By the beginning of 2008, we hope the builders will move in and start to restore the building to the state it should be in, with key improvements such as indoor toilets, a reception area, central heating, a new kitchen, state of the art lighting and display areas.

The support of many must be recorded: Geoff Smith from Long Whatton History Society, and Pat Guy from The Diseworth equivalent. All those from both villages who have contributed artefacts from their families (which we now have to store out of the way of the builders); our six trustees, who are only now realising just what they have taken on; of course Meg Galley, our Company Secretary, who has worked indefatigably, and her husband Paul Taylor who has set up our web site (see separate announcement).

May I make a special mention of my wife Nikki who has made innumerable grant applications with seemingly unflinching success. Without her we would not have got where we are today. Ask the Heritage Lottery Fund!

*Martin Hening, Chair, Diseworth Heritage Trust*

We have set up a web site at [www.dhtrust.org](http://www.dhtrust.org), where you can learn more about the Trust and the plans for the conversion of the Chapel building, and follow the progress of the restoration project through regular reports and pictures. We will be adding more material to this site as part of the Heritage Centre project, to cover the history of the Diseworth and Long Whatton area and the Chapel, and to publicise future events and activities. You can even download a membership form, join the Trust, and be part of this exciting project: so why not visit us today?

**DISEWORTH HERITAGE TRUST**  
Presents

## **CHEESES FOR CHRISTMAS**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
**7.30pm**  
**Diseworth Village Hall**

**Glasses of wine and breads on the tables**

**After many requests we are delighted to welcome the return of Dorothy Davis Long Clawson Dairy, Melton Mowbray for another of her tutored tastings of new Christmas cheeses, plus many old favourites.**

**Tickets £10 each**  
**Trust members £8**  
**(advanced tickets 01332 80016)**



# DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

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

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

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

*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 Mobile Library visits Diseworth fortnightly - 7th and 21st September.  
The Bowley 11.55 – 12.15  
Clements Gate 12.20 – 1.20  
The contact number for the mobile library is 01530 835951.

## **MOBILE PHONE WARNING.**

If you receive a phone call on your mobile from any person, saying that he or she is a company engineer, or telling that they're checking your mobile line, and you have to press #90 or #09 or any other number, end this call immediately without pressing any numbers. There is a fraud company using a device that once you press #90 or #09 they can access your 'SIM' card and make calls at your expense.



## **Book Worms**

The next book to be read is *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards. This book will be discussed on 11th September, venue Sandie's unless otherwise advised.



## **Diseworth Flower Show – Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.**

If you have not yet had a copy of the full Show Schedule, or if you would like extra copies for friends or family, do please contact Pat Guy – 811119.



# DIALOGUE DISPATCHES



## New Arrival

Congratulations to Karen and Stuart Olif at 2 Tenterfield on the birth of Summer Patricia, born on 13th July weighing 8lb.



## Sunflowers

It had been planned to measure Sunflowers on Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Unfortunately, this had to be changed to Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup>, TOO LATE to let you know through the *Dialogue*. If you DID NOT find this out by any other means and have a plant which needs measuring - please let Pat Guy know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and she will do her best. Ring 811119 or pop a note into 51 The Woodcroft with your name, address and a tel. no.

## HAPPY 5TH BIRTHDAY TOTAL BEAUTY

I would like to say a great big thank you to every one who has supported me and all the wonderful people I have met over the last 5 years. I can remember contacting the *Dialogue* and waiting to see my 1st advert appear in the September 2002 issue. Since then business has truly taken off and I have to say I have enjoyed every minute of it. Thank you once again for your support.

**Cherie Sisson**



# Welcome

*to Diseworth*

Fabien, Eric and Jeremy to  
Tenterfield  
*and*  
Nikki, Peter, Adam, Tom and  
Graham Miller to  
Clements Gate

Turn to the yellow pages to see updated ads from Long Whatton Post Office and Shop and from Ian Freestone, Carpenter and Joiner

# BOXING DAY FUN RUN - HELP WANTED

As we all know the Boxing Day Fun Run is a Diseworth tradition. I have been organising this event for the past 3 years, but have been involved for longer. As I cannot remember a Boxing Day without the Fun Run being a highlight I would personally hate to see it discontinued. However this is what may happen.



After 25 years Dave Adcock and Malcolm Pass have stepped down as helpers for this event. Although various people have organised the event after Dave hung up his organising boots, he still helped to organise the setting-up on the day - he put out all the signs round the village and constructing the start / finishing line. Both him and Malc have always manned the start line and the finish line too so that the organisers have been free to distribute fancy dress prizes and do any other arranging necessary. Mary Gidlow has also stepped down after 25 years as a marshal, so her position is also 'unmanned'.

So I am asking for any villagers who have an hour free on Boxing Day morning and don't fancy the energetic run round the village after a Xmas day of excess, to please consider helping me to keep the Fun Run going. I need people to help set up the course and distribute signs round the village on Boxing Day morning, help me man the start line (a very important position and you even get a whistle to blow!!!!), and finish line, marshal the course and also sell raffle tickets to the spectators during the actual race.

If you think that you might be able to lend a hand then please phone me on 01332 810014 to discuss the options.

*Anna*

## Playground Fund - Another Update

In the last edition of the *Dialogue* I said that we had almost raised enough to complete the playground resurfacing. However we have had a small set back.

Due to the playgroup closing, **the airport has asked us to return the £3,000** that they donated to the playground fund. Because of this, the resurfacing project has had to be delayed until we can raise the necessary money that is now required

Watch this space for further details and fundraising ideas!!!! *Anna Groves*



# Girlguiding UK

1<sup>st</sup> DI SEWORTH BROWNIES  
& 1ST DI SEWORTH GUIDES 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Come and join us at a  
**FAMILY BARN DANCE**  
on  
Saturday 22nd SEPTEMBER  
2007



7pm till 11pm  
at Diseworth Village Hall  
Buffet included

Tickets £8 Adults, £5 Children

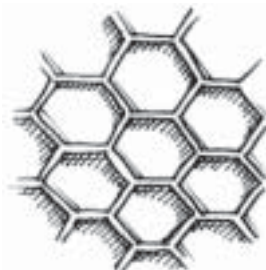
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01332 814939 Sandie  
01332 853673 Jane,  
01332 810796 Jane

Please bring your own drinks.

# HEALTH PAGE

## *HONEY AND CINNAMON, A POTENT COMBINATION*

A group of American nutritional researches were running tests on the effect of foods on blood sugar levels, when they made an interesting discovery. One of the dishes they were testing was an American favourite, apple pie flavoured with cinnamon. They expected the samples taken from the volunteers would show a significant rise in sugar levels in the blood due to all the sugar and flour in the dish. Surprisingly, this was not the case at all.



It has since been discovered that cinnamon contains a water soluble polyphenol compound referred to as MHCP which mimics insulin, activates its receptor sites and works with insulin in cells. Amounts of cinnamon required daily to significantly reduce blood sugar levels seems to be quite low, half a teaspoon is enough apparently. Patients with type 1 diabetes do not produce insulin and type 2 diabetes patients do make some insulin, but their bodies are not able to use it properly. Even people who appear to be healthy may have blood sugar problems, especially if they are over 25 years old, overweight and lead a sedentary lifestyle. When cinnamon is combined with a good quality honey, the darker the better, it has even more health benefits.

Even though honey is sweet, when combined with cinnamon, made into a paste and spread on toast for breakfast instead of marmalade or jam, it does not harm diabetic patients and has other health benefits. The paste, eaten daily, helps lower bad cholesterol and helps prevent hardening and clogging of the arteries. Breathing seems to improve and the heartbeat is stronger.

Arthritis sufferers can gain relief from pain by using a joint rub. Take 1 tsp honey, 2 tsp lukewarm water and 1 tsp cinnamon powder. Mix to a paste and apply to affected joints. Apply 3 times a day if pain is severe. Drinking a

tea of 1 tablespoon of honey and half a tsp of cinnamon in a cup of hot water, 3 times a day can also be beneficial. Bladder infections can be relieved by drinking 2 tablespoons cinnamon and 1 tsp honey, dissolved into a cup of warm water.

A patient with raised cholesterol levels was given a tea of 2 tablespoons of honey and three level teaspoons of cinnamon mixed in half a litre of warm water. The level of cholesterol was measured before the patient drank the tea, and then again two hours later, the level of cholesterol in the blood had reduced by 10%. This test was carried out by a GP during a talk on managing cholesterol. Research is ongoing, and other conditions that may be helped by taking honey and cinnamon together include, colds, infertility, digestive problems, immune system dysfunction, skin problems and fatigue. These two foods seem to have many health benefits and no side effects when taken in the amounts stated here, but if you have concerns about any of the above medical conditions, consult your doctor.

THE PASTE for using as a spread.

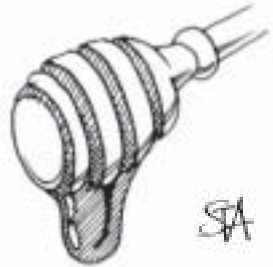
1 454gm jar of good quality dark runny honey

1 17gm jar of cinnamon powder

Pour honey into a warm bowl, sprinkle in the cinnamon powder and stir with a spoon until mixed thoroughly. Return the mixture to the honey jar. Put the excess in another jar.

Allow to stand for a week. It should now look like

a gritty chocolate spread. Use on toast, crackers, with stewed fruit or in any dish that requires sweetening. *Liz Jarrom*



## You Couldn't Make it Up!

Orchestras could be encouraged to play more quietly as part of new European 'Health & Safety' rules. Orchestra managers could be forced to supply musicians with ear plugs and orchestras may have to stop playing too many noises in one performance.

The regulations - capping average exposure to 85 decibels - came into force last April but the music industry was given two years to implement them.

*Oh well, I guess that's the 1812 overture removed from the repertoire then!* Sue Brompton



# Young People's Theatre Group in Diseworth

Professional Theatre Company 'Chorus Theatre' ran a 'Play-in-a-Week' project from the 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August at Diseworth Village Hall. The aim of the project was to devise and create an original piece of theatre with young people aged between 8 and 13 years of age. An enthusiastic group attended each day for the five days and on Saturday morning produced a half hour performance to parents and friends that was a credit to themselves and the work of Andy McWilliam and Annette Brooks.

'The Wisdom Tree' involved a witch, a detective, travellers, fortune tellers and dancers. The young people had written their own lines and kept the audience highly amused for half an hour. After the Show each young person received a Certificate of Achievement from Andy and Annette.

Director Andy McWilliam, from Loughborough trained in Theatre Direction at Bristol Old Vic Theatre School following a degree in Theatre Studies. Annette Brooks is experienced in Youth Work and Drama. The directors were so pleased with the response of the group that they hope to return next year for a similar venture.

*Nikki Hening*

*see centre pages for photograph*

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## Diseworth and Long Whatton Millennium Meadow



The Millennium Meadow is available for use by all inhabitants of Diseworth and Long Whatton at any time. It is the perfect place for a quiet stroll, especially in an evening at this time of year – or, very early in the morning.

If you plan to have a picnic there, please do. Just let us know in advance if a large gathering is planned. Dogs are welcome in the Meadow provided they are under control and not allowed to foul the site. The small gate is always unlocked. Please ensure it is secured when you leave.

Contact: Pat Guy 811119.

# Scarecrow drawings, poems and stories ...

....from the workshop at church before the Scarecrow Festival.

## **There was an old scarecrow named Jill**

Who stood quietly swaying on a hill  
One day came some crows  
Who nibbled her toes!  
And it made her feel incredibly ill.

Bethan Henry



## **The Sad Scarecrow by Oonagh Neill**

I am the saddest scarecrow in the whole world. I'm in the same clothes, I'm on the same spot, I'm in the same field and I've got the same sadness. But there's only one good thing about this and that's my four best friends in the whole world, the crows. I am fed up with the farmer who I have to watch riding in his tractor and he scares my friends away. But one day the four crows picked up the scarecrow and flew away with him to a wonderful place with lots of scarecrows and crows.

## **Magical Scarecrow Party**

Jasper, farmer Jack's scarecrow was a lonely, lonely scarecrow. He did his job very well and stood alone in the middle of the field. Jasper wished he had someone to talk to. One day a little bird whispered in Jasper's ear that there was going to be a Diseworth Scarecrow Festival. Jasper was so excited.

The day came. As the clock struck midnight by magic all the scarecrows came for their magic scarecrow party. From all over the village they danced their way to farmer Jack's field. Jasper had the most wonderful time of his life.

By Charlotte Linthwaite



**There was a scarecrow** who lived in a field far, far away. The problem was the farmer wasn't very happy because the scarecrow had made friends with the crows. The scarecrow heard the farmer talking to his wife about throwing him on the bonfire. So that night he ran far, far away. He ended up in Diseworth and there was a Scarecrow Festival and he made lots of new friends.

By Jonathan Peake

**There was once a scarecrow** who lived in a field. Every night when everybody was asleep the scarecrow walked to 7 houses or more and stole 1 thing from every house. In number 95 there lived a girl called Amy. One night Amy saw the scarecrow opening the door of her neighbours. With his special key he went in. Amy went downstairs and opened the door that led in to the other house and spied on the scarecrow. She jumped out to the cupboard and said "BOO!" Not too loud to wake up the neighbours and the scarecrow dropped the golden chandelier that he got out of a cupboard and Amy whispered "do not, I repeat, do not, come and steal things from here again and never come back so stay in the field!"

After that, when every night Amy stayed up until 10.00 o'clock she watched the scarecrow and he never even moved a straw of hay again. So next time you see a scarecrow make sure it does not take anything from any houses.

By Harriet Jarrom



Katie McGough



### **Horse Rider Scarecrow**

Horse Rider Scarecrow was taking a stroll through the wood when she saw a unicorn. It was a shiny white horse with a black mane and tail. She jumped on and galloped away on the sunset, but what she didn't know was that it was a magic unicorn.. The unicorn started to drift upwards. HELP!! she yelled. Then she started to realise that she actually enjoyed it. Horse Rider Scarecrow went up to the moon and had lunch.

Ellie Bunyan



Robert Dowsett

**Once upon a time** there was a farmer called Fred who lived on a farm with his wife Rosie and his dog Sammy. One night they all went to bed and in the morning a quarter of his crops had vanished so his wife said “quarter of your crops in that field has gone”. Then Fred looked out of the window and said “something strange is going on” so Fred went round the farmyard.

1st farmer Fred went to the horses field and asked them “did you see or hear anything happening to my crops in that field over there? But the horses reply was “Nay, no sorry”. Next Fred went to ask the cows, but their reply was “moo, no, sorry”. So Fred thought I'll just ask the chickens, sheep and pigs and then I'm done. So he asked the chickens and their reply was “buak, no sorry” and then he asked the sheep but their reply was “baa, no, sorry”. So he went to the pigs and they said “I did hear something but I didn't see anything, Oink”.

So Fred stayed awake all night and then he saw blackbirds and crows eating his crops, but then he saw his scarecrow picking the crops for them to eat! So Fred examined him and did some research, then he found out the scarecrow had obviously been hypnotised to pick my crops and feed it to the birds. Fred hypnotised the scarecrow to never do it again, and it never happened again but the birds still came and didn't get up to mischief again.

By Georgia Hughes

# SOAR VALLEY TWINNING ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2007  
Theatre Trip



**GRUMPY OLD WOMEN**  
At the Royal Centre Nottingham  
Starring Dillie Keane, Denise Black  
(Denise Osborne in Coronation St)  
And the third grumpy lady still to be announced.  
More details to follow

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Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2007  
Soup Kitchen Evening



7pm at Kegworth Community Centre  
For those of you that are unable to attend the regular monthly  
Soup Kitchens here is your chance. Funds go to help Khasdobir an  
area of Bangladesh. We are hoping to invite a representative from  
the charity to attend.  
Come along and enjoy homemade soup, pudding and glass of wine  
£5 per person  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2007



Christmas Wine Tasting Evening and Supper  
with Pierre Hourlier  
7.30pm  
Kegworth Community Centre  
£10 SVTA members £11 non members  
Book early for this event as it's always well attended

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE ABOVE PLEASE LET  
SHEILA (01509 568793) OR CLARK (01509 674234) KNOW.**

## Directory of Useful Numbers

BBC East Midlands	0115 955 0500 <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/england/eastmidlandstoday/">www.bbc.co.uk/england/eastmidlandstoday/</a>
BBC Radio Derby	01332 361111
British Gas - Service	0645 605040
Gas Escape Emergency	0800 111999
Castle Donington Community College	01332 810528 <a href="mailto:postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk">postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk</a>
Castle Donington Volunteer Bureau	01332 850526
Chemist, Gerald Porter, Castle Donington	01332 810213
Derby City Hospital	01332 340131
Derby Playhouse	01332 363275 <a href="http://www.derbyplayhouse.co.uk">www.derbyplayhouse.co.uk</a>
Derby Royal Infirmary - accident & emerg	01332 347141 ext 2170
Derbyshire Children's Hospital - emergency (health emergencies not caused by injury)	01332 340131 ext. 6808/6809
Diseworth C of E Primary School	01332 810208
Doctor's Surgery - Health Centre, Castle Donington	0844 477 3092
Orchard Surgery, Kegworth	01509 674919
East Midlands Airport	01332 852852 <a href="http://www.nottinghamema.com">www.nottinghamema.com</a>
East Midlands Electricity emergencies customer services	0800 056 8090 0800 363363
Environment Agency	0800 807060
Kinchbus	01509 815637. <a href="http://www.kinchbus.co.uk">www.kinchbus.co.uk</a>
Loughborough Hospital	01509 611600
NHS Direct	08 45 46 47 <a href="http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk">www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk</a>
North West Leicester District Council	01530 454545 <a href="http://www.nwleics.gov.uk">www.nwleics.gov.uk</a>
Nottingham Concert Hall	0115 989 5555
Nottingham Playhouse	0115 941 9419
Nottingham Royal Centre	0115 989 5555 <a href="http://www.royalcentre-nottingham.co.uk">www.royalcentre-nottingham.co.uk</a>
Police	0116 222 2222
Post Office - Long Whatton	01509 842264
Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham	0115 924 9924
Radio Trent	0115 952 7000
Reel Cinema Loughborough	01509 212261
Severn Trent Customer Service	08007 834444
Skylink	0115 9506070 <a href="http://www.skylink.co.uk">www.skylink.co.uk</a>
Traveline - for all public transport information	0870 608 2 608 <a href="http://www.traveline.org.uk">www.traveline.org.uk</a>

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

**The 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	Jane Hughes	01332 850994
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
Playgroup & Toddlers	Katrina Paling	01332 811362
Scouts & Cubs	Jenny Buckle	01509 842593
Soar Valley Twinning Assoc.	Sheila Hawksworth	01509 568793
W.I.N.G.S.	Erica & Andy Foxall	01332 811689
Womens' Discussion Group	Liz Jarrom	01332 810358
Womens' Group	Sheila Dakin	01332 810858

## Diseworth Village Hall

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

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CONTACTS

### 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](mailto:longwhatdisepc@hotmail.com).**

Please visit the website at [www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk](http://www.longwhattondiseworth.org.uk) (being updated).

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

Martin Henning, 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.