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

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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 and to 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!

ADVERTISING

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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

OCTOBER

- Monday 1st Discussion Group. "One Wish for Mankind". Venue Tricia Thomas, The Woodcroft.
- Saturday 6th Charnwood Community Theatre. "Can't Pay? Won't Pay!" Village Hall. 7.30pm.
- Monday 8th Women's Group. The Shoe Box Appeal. Village Hall. 8pm.
- Tuesday 9th Bookworms. DVD "Little Miss Sunshine" 12 Lady Gate 2pm.
- Thursday 11th Outreach Surgeries. East Midlands Airport. Diseworth Village Hall 3pm – 7pm.
- Friday 12th Harvest Supper. Village Hall. 7.30pm.
- Thursday 25th Dialogue Collating. 16 Clements Gate. 8pm.
- Saturday 27th Church Coffee Morning. In church 10am – 12noon.

NOVEMBER

- Saturday 3rd Bonfire Night Long Whatton Cricket Club. Fire lit 7pm. Fireworks 7.30pm.
- Monday 5th Bonfire Night Diseworth Village Hall.
- Monday 5th Discussion Group "Predicting The Future"(Health). Venue 10 Lady Gate 2pm.
- Monday 12th Women's Group. Water Colour Painting. Village Hall 8pm.
- Tuesday 13th Bookworms. Discussion of the book. "The Kite Runner" Venue 7Lady Gate. 2pm.

DECEMBER

- Monday 3rd Discussion Group. Bring your Wedding Photographs. 12 Lady Gate. 2pm.
- Tuesday 11th Bookworms. DVD, venue & film to be advised.

DISEWORTH HERITAGE TRUST

Presents

CHEESES FOR CHRISTMAS

**Friday 23rd 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 850016)



Editorial Letter

from Peggy



It is with some trepidation that I write this, my first editor's letter. Although may I make it quite clear I am not editor yet! I am still very much Sue's apprentice and I have a lot to learn.

Since agreeing to become editor's assistant to the *Dialogue*, I have seen the magazine in a completely different light. Before, it just used to drop through my letterbox at the beginning of each month and I would make myself a cup of coffee and mull over it.

Now, having been to a few editorial meetings and one collating meeting, I realise just how much work goes into producing each and every monthly edition. Firstly, the *Dialogue* wouldn't exist without your contributions. Heartfelt, amusing, informative pieces from poems to anecdotes, health matters to celebrations of people's lives, the contents of the magazine are truly diverse and informative. Then there is the work that goes into putting all those wonderful contributions into some semblance of order (I think that's where I come in!) and handing it to Ruth to magically put it onto the computer.

Finally, and perhaps least recognised of all is the task of collating the *Dialogue*, stapling it with a very vicious electric stapler, and delivering it to each and every household in the village. The collating team are like the elves in the Shoemaker and the Elves fairytale! They work swiftly and efficiently and within an hour over 340 magazines are folded and stapled. Then it is just up to the delivery team to slip the copies through your letterbox. Come rain or shine you will receive your copy by the 1st of the month.

So the next time the *Dialogue* drops on your doormat take a good look at it. A lot of hard work has gone in to making it. A combined effort and I feel very privileged to be a part of it.

This month's magazine has something for everyone; from cycling the JOGLE to mountain climbing, a piece on the very successful Flower Show to a report on Diseworth School. A pat on the back to the whole village for our success in the Best Village competition and congratulations to those children who passed their Associated Board exams.

Finally, on a personal note, (as I live on Hall Gate) reading between the lines it looks like work may continue at 13, Hall Gate. I look forward to seeing the end result.

So, make yourself another cup of coffee and enjoy!

Peggy

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church



photograph Julia Sillitoe

The Internet and The Trinity

I have been thinking recently about what it means to be a Eucharistic people. How the church community differs from a secular club and how we can grow in our depth of fellowship within our churches. At this time in our common history we are embarking on a new chapter of interconnectedness. We have some exciting goals to set ourselves as we learn from and with one another. To this end we have some training days for PCC members this autumn.

No one could have predicted the popularity of the internet. Part of its attraction is the interconnectedness it offers - via email, Instant Messenger and reunion sites.

The idea of connection is at the heart of the search for meaning and purpose in our lives. The bible, moreover, teaches us about the essential connectedness of all that God has made. It uses the word *koinonia*, meaning close connection, a sharing genuinely, lovingly and honestly with others. The older prayer book uses the word communion for such an experience. Hence the coining of the phrase a Eucharistic people.

The Trinity in essence displays that perfect communion. God at his heart is loving connectedness. Or looking at things from another angle, God is three persons and so perfectly interconnected as to be One. Made in the image of God, we too find ourselves invited to be part of that interconnectedness. As we approach All Saints and All Souls we realise how important that connectedness is with those who have gone before us ... with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven. It also reminds us of our links with the wider community at a time of grief and the importance of all church members being at that service to support local people.

Human lives gain meaning and purpose though connection to God and each other. So it is not surprising that the Internet has taken off to answer that need for belonging. It presents us with the challenge to make the relationships we have with others godly and meaningful right here and now in this world.

Next time you kneel at the communion rail unashamedly look around and see who else is there. Then ask the question: how can I make my relationship with these people of God godly and meaningful?

In this way may God bless the Benefice as we find our connectedness within it, that we might reveal a community of divine love which is to be found at the centre of everything we do.

Alison

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 October

Oct. 2 nd	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
Oct. 3 rd	Wednesday	Hathern House Group 7.30pm
Oct. 6 th	Saturday	Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon Hathern Church Event 2.30pm-7.00pm
Oct. 7 th	Sunday	Hathern Church Music Café 6-8pm
Oct. 9 th	Tuesday	Belton House Group 7.30pm Deanery Synod, Good Shepherd, Loughborough Kegworth Church Harvest Supper
Oct. 12th	Friday	Diseworth Harvest Supper 7.30pm
Oct. 13 th	Saturday	Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon Long Whatton Faith Harvest Supper & Quiz
Oct. 20 th	Saturday	Long Whatton Coffee Morning, Friendship Centre, 10am-12
Oct. 22 nd	Monday	Benefice Bible Study 33 Green Hill, Hathern 7.30pm
Oct 23 rd	Tuesday	Fund Raising Meeting, Wartoft Grange, Diseworth 7.30pm
Oct. 24 th	Wednesday	Benefice Praise Evening Long Whatton Church 7.30pm
Oct. 27th	Saturday	Diseworth Church Coffee Morning
Oct. 30 th	Tuesday	Benefice Alpha Style Supper, Hathern Church

Every Saturday Kegworth Church Informal Prayer 9.00-9.30am

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

St Michael and All Angels

Parish Church

Services & Locations for October 2007

	Time	Service	Location
October 7 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion Harvest Thanksgiving	Diseworth & Belton Hathern, Kegworth & Osgathorpe
	4.00pm	All Age Worship Messy Church	Long Whatton CC Long Whatton
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton & Kegworth
October 13 th	9.00am	School Harvest Assembly	Diseworth
October 14 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Belton & Kegworth
	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	10.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving CW Holy Communion	Diseworth Long Whatton, Hathern & Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Kegworth
	7.30pm	United Praise Service	Belton
October 21 st	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Diseworth & Osgathorpe
	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
October 24 th	7.30pm	Benefice Praise Evening	Long Whatton
October 28 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Diseworth & Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion Kid's Praise CW Morning Prayer	Hathern & Kegworth Long Whatton Osgathorpe
	4.00pm	Messy Church	Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton, Hathern & Kegworth

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Week Day Services

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

Bell Ringing at Diseworth Mondays 8pm

Lessons and Readers for October 2007

		Time	Reader	Sidesman
October 7 th Trinity 18	First Reading: Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4 Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1.1-14 Gospel: Luke 17.5-10	10.30am	D Blenkinsopp R Harris A Stone	M Howe
October 14 th Trinity 19	First Reading: 2 Kings 5.1-3,6-15c Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2.8-15 Gospel: Luke 17.11-19			
October 21 st Trinity 20	First Reading: Genesis 32.22-31 Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5 Gospel: Luke 18.1-8	9.00am	M Gidlow S Bird S Brompton	G Stone
October 28 th Bible Sunday	First Reading: Isaiah 45.22-25 Second Reading: Romans 15.1-6 Gospel: Luke 4.16-24	8.00am	 D Griffin D Cherry	T Griffin

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

Flowers and Church Brasses

	Flowers	Brasses
October 7 th /14 th	Mrs P Fletcher	Mrs S Briggs
October 21 st /28 th	Mrs I Tebutt	Mrs R Smith



News From The Pews

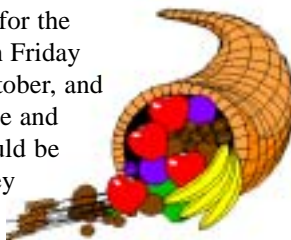
The enjoyable
Pimms and Pudding Evening
made £576 for the church.



Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival service will be held in church on Sunday, 14th October at 10.30am. This will be a family service to which all are welcome. Children are invited to bring harvest gifts if they wish.

Decoration of the church for the Harvest will take place on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th October, and all gifts of harvest produce and non-perishable items should be taken to church where they will be gratefully received.



Coffee Mornings

The Coffee Mornings continue to be held in church on the fourth Saturday of each month from 10am-12noon – on October 27th 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.

Notes from the Belton Rectory

Annual Benefice All Souls Service

This year's service will take place on Friday 2nd November at Kegworth Parish Church, 7.30pm. Each year this service is rotated around the Benefice. During the year a record is kept of all the funerals that take place within the Benefice. A letter is sent to the next of kin, inviting them to attend the service and light a candle in memory of their loved one. At this service the names of those who have died over the last year are read out. If you would like someone you know who has died this year to be mentioned by name, please send the details to me, Alison Prince, at the Belton Rectory and consider yourself warmly invited to the service. It would be good if members from all the congregations in our Benefice attended the service and supported those from their village. Refreshments will be served after the service. There will also be opportunity to speak to members of the team, if you wish to.

Appointment of Team Rector

By the time you read this, the advert for the Team Rector should have been placed in the national Christian press and on the Diocesan internet. Please keep praying that the right people might apply for the post.

Meeting for all PCC

Members in the Benefice

This autumn two meetings are planned to help us to understand how PCCs operate and what part we as individuals play in this strategic body of the church. It is really crucial that all members of each PCC attend to gain the full benefit of these evenings. The first is on **Wednesday October 17th**, the second on **Wednesday 14th November** – both in the evening. Full details to follow. For now, please put the dates in your diary as a priority.

*St Michael and All Angels
Parish Church*



HARVEST SUPPER

Friday, 12th October 2007

7.30pm

Diseworth Village Hall

Tickets £12 from any PCC member

Please bring your own drinks
Raffle



MESSY CHURCH

Is starting at 4.00pm in
Long Whatton Parish Church
on
Sunday 7th October

This is aimed at all the family and is **Fun**
Messy Church lasts about an hour and includes

Crafts

Stories

Music

Singing

Imaginative Play



Parents and Guardians stay with their
children throughout
Messy Church
See you there!

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

Obituary

Barbara Fletcher

Barbara was born in Leicester on 22nd October 1925 the only child of Nora and Harry Jackson. She lived in the house behind her Mum's sweet shop and her Dad was a foreman in a Shoe Factory following a long military career. When she left school at 14 she worked as a Doctor's Receptionist and on reaching 18, during the war years, she was "conscripted" into the Women's Land Army and was based at a farm in Woodhouse Eaves. Literally thrown in at the deep end, this city girl, who didn't know one end of a cow from another, soon learnt to milk, drive tractors, deliver lambs and do any other work required around the farm. It was whilst at Woodhouse Eaves that she met Arthur Fletcher at a Young Farmers Ball and a long courtship ensued which entailed much travelling on foot, buses, bikes and motorbikes!

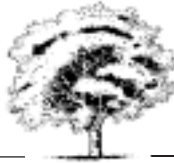


When Arthur and Barbara married in 1949 they moved into the brand new houses in Page Lane where they lived all their married life. They had three children Graham, (who was stillborn), Julia and Pauline. During her early days in Diseworth Barbara worked as a "milk lady" for Bill and Edith Adkin in Lady Gate, delivering milk around the surrounding villages. For many years she was the Secretary of the Co-operative Towns Women Guild organising speakers, outings and especially the children's outings, probably remembered by many Diseworth "children" (now of a certain age) to places such as Wicksteed Park, Drayton Manor Park, the seaside and zoo. She was also a member of the Castle Donington Flower Arrangers Group and was involved in many Flower Festivals in local churches. She made and decorated many local wedding cakes, took part in the village shows and some amateur dramatic productions and generally enjoyed village life.

During her working life she worked in hosiery factories, The Willowbrook and Fisons in Loughborough. She cared for many elderly family and friends during her life and she was an energetic, fun-loving person. She enjoyed spending time with her family, particularly her grand-children and holidays with friends either camping, abroad or coaching holidays with Lesters of Long Whatton.

Barbara died following a long illness on 30th August 2007. She will be greatly missed by her many friends and family.

COUNTRY MATTERS



by Liz Jarrom

CEREAL PRICES UP BUT PRODUCTION DOWN

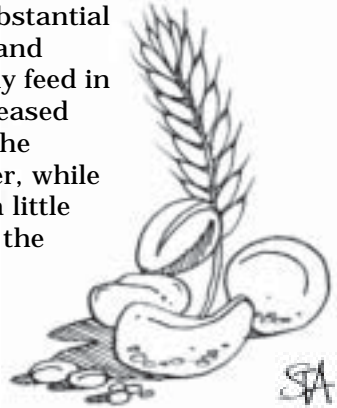
It has been a strange year for farmers and growers with many factors being involved. The recent floods, the sudden rise in feed prices, not to mention the foot and mouth scare. There has been a lot in the press and on television about the price of food in general, but behind the scenes farmers are still struggling with low returns.

Livestock farmers who have to buy in wheat and rape meal, are facing higher costs. One farmer told Will that his feed costs had gone up £350 in a week. For farmers who grow their own cereals to sell and feed to their cattle, this isn't such bad news, but for dairy farmers and beef farmers who have to buy in supplies, the escalating cost of feeding their animals may be the final nail in the coffin especially for farmers who live on an overdraft from the bank.

Ironically, this year has been a terrible year for cereal crops, the dry spring has stunted the straw growth, and the rain during the summer has beaten the heads off the straw stalks, leaving as much as half the heads of wheat lying on the floor of the field. There is no way of retrieving those lost cereal heads, so all that input has been for nothing. So just when the price

of cereals is soaring, many farmers are struggling to harvest enough cereals to feed their own cattle, never mind have any cereals left to sell.

There has been a growing trend to grow a variety of barley known as six row these days. This has very dense heads, six rows thick with a higher yield than the usual two row varieties. Sadly, many of these ears potentially promising a higher yield per hectare are now also lying in the field, totally irretrievable. A complete waste in a year that has had more twists and turns than a switchback in the mountains. A great deal of meat, bread and milk is sold through supermarkets. There is a strong feeling that the supermarkets should absorb some of these extra costs out of their substantial profits, and gradually feed in the increased cost to the customer, while paying a little extra to the farmers.



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We would like to thank The Diseworth Dialogue for being a great advertising vehicle for our business locally. We are a small family company and have found that the response from the Dialogue readership has been the best of any local advertising we have done – possibly even more cost effective than the Yellow pages!

As experienced tree surgeons we have done a range of tree and hedging jobs in the village and we hope to continue to develop this further. Based locally in Breedon on the Hill, we aim to be competitive and professional. We can provide teams of qualified Arborist's for one off jobs, long term projects, contract work and also offer a 24hr emergency call out service.



Diseworth Wildlife

I think the slugs and snails have been broadcasting the fact that the Snailhunter has been supplying them with melon rind. Last week I caught a fox chomping away on a piece of rind and the next day a stag beetle was waving his legs about while stretched out on a large piece of rind. The snail hunter has had an easier time this summer because of the dry weather; the snails seem to have dug themselves into the soil to keep moist.

No doubt the autumn will bring her plenty of enemies, so be prepared for some windy weather!

Les Brown



Geoff's Big Adventure

Plenty of people know Geoff Brooks. He's often seen around the village walking to Whatton, Belton, and Kegworth or across the fields around us. In winter he's wrapped up against the cold and in summer in shorts but walking is his passion, not normally big distances but just for pleasure.

What is not commonly known is Geoff recently went on a big adventure. He had an opportunity to do some serious miles in the Highland of Scotland. So Geoff went into training. It appears that there's a 24 steps path leading up to Breedon Church and frequent visits were made to it in May and June. Our adventurer was up and down time after time to strengthen two aging legs

and prepare for what was to come, because Geoff had the chance to climb Ben Nevis, no mean task for anyone. The climb starts virtually at sea level and rises to 4400 ft in about 4 miles. Then of course there's the return journey!! Plenty of energy needed for that as well. After some organisational difficulties were sorted off he went, not alone, but with a couple of experienced hands as companions.



The early part of the week away was spent in the Glen Coe area with a couple of strenuous training jaunts spaced for some recovery time. Geoff's wonderment at the Scottish Highlands was continually tempered by the prospect of climbing "The Ben", but he wasn't there to fail. Weather forecasts were watched as this climb is a serious undertaking. There was likely to be snow on top with the prospect of cloud and rain. A wrong turn can send the unwary over the side of the tallest rock faces in Great Britain.

The big day arrived with the certainty that the top 1500ft would be in cloud. Visibility would be between 50 and 100feet according to the Information Centre in Glen Nevis. All manner of people had gathered in the car park to make the trek and in all honesty the path up is well trodden. Seeing Geoff in a quiet and sombre mood at the start showed the task ahead was worrying our "Mountain Man". With rucksack full of food and water and good weatherproof clothing it was best foot forward and start the climb. The path's well maintained but the higher the climb the rockier and steeper it becomes, perfect for a broken ankle or leg.



*Geoff at the top
of Ben Nevis*

Just short of two hours on the up and a flattish area was reached next to a small locken. Time for a rest and some much needed food and drink, but only for 10 minutes to prevent stiffening up or getting cold. True to the forecast the next two and a half hours was spent trudging through moisture sodden clouds. The number of people continuing had definitely reduced, paying respect to the conditions, but our lad climbed ever upwards leading throughout. The route follows a seeming unending zig zag path over shattered rocks and scree. Very tiring work with an accident certainly needing the services of the Mountain Rescue Helicopter.

The top of Nevis eventually appeared through the cloud and of course plenty of others had reached their goal. And down came the clouds even more. For those who have not done this climb there's a shelter on top for about 6 people. Entry is via a square steel door opening to what looks like a stone air raid shelter. Quite sobering but a life saver for anyone stranded in fierce winter storms. 15 minutes spent on top with photos and more food then off on the long trek down.

Down sounds fine but down is a different sort of struggle to up. Some find down more tiring than up, Geoff falls in to that group. A brief stop for another photo in the snow and the descent began. Same rocks but this time when they move you have the sensation of falling head over heels. With one or two stumbles and a few more rests the car park was reached with no accidents or blisters just sore knees and ankles. Ask Geoff if he was tired at the finish and he'll tell you graphically. Up and down in just over 7hours (an average time so the books say).

Not bad for a chap with determination and a training path at Breedon Church.

LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL



It was a long meeting at Long Whatton on 6th September. Anna Thomson and Neil Robinson, representing the Airport came to appraise Councillors of the plans to install 4 wind turbines on the site. The scheme is just one way in which it is hoped that the site will become carbon neutral by 2012. Local Councillors were interested to find out what the visual and noise impact on the Diseworth area would be. They will be keeping an eye on developments and no doubt will be asked to form a view on behalf of villagers about the proposal in due course. Local people have the opportunity meanwhile to attend local events to judge for themselves.

The recent Parish Plan co-ordination meeting had produced a positive action plan; no doubt the Parish Council would need to take some actions on board but other authorities also had specific tasks. There are growing concerns about the cycle 'racing' through the villages and Councillors have attended a recent meeting with the police at which this was a hot topic. Local police officers had been seen in the villages more frequently.

The Council has forwarded its nomination to the County Council for a local older person to receive an accolade as part of the International Day of Older People celebrations. In turn, the Council has been asked by the Audit Commission to respond to a survey into the quality of services provided by the County Council.

A 'free trees' scheme is available and villagers are asked to make suggestions about where these could be planted (not private land or highway verges) before the Council meets again on 4th October.

A consultation about the proposals for new speed limits on the B5324 was responded to and generally welcomed though the Highways department was urged to re-think and continue the reduced 50mph limit to the east of Smithy Lane.

Training on the revised Code of Conduct introduced by the Standards Board for England is to be undertaken by two Councillors. This will continue as part of an informal 'training' session with the Clerk to improve the effectiveness of the Council and the way it works. Meanwhile local members will be rolling up their own sleeves to take on a few odd jobs around the place. Signs prohibiting dogs from entering play areas and amended telephone numbers for the signs at the entrances are in hand.

Planning applications took up a long time and particular interest was shown in some substantial proposals in Hall Gate and Grimes Gate in Diseworth. The minutes of the meeting will be available towards the end of September on the website – leicestershireparishcouncils.org/longwhattonanddiseworth/ which is now being updated regularly with current news.

Douglas Maas, Parish Clerk

From the Chair, Long Whatton & Diseworth Parish Council

Two major events to comment on.

The Flower Show was as ever a lovely occasion, and I congratulate Pat Guy and her team for making sure everything ran smoothly. Details are elsewhere, but I love seeing Robin Hood with a full head of steam, and I also thought Alison Prince gave her full attention to just about every exhibit, and every stall, as well as presenting the awards with grace and humour.

That of course is an expected event. We entered for the Best Village competition again - last year you remember we won the Village Venture Award for Jackie's kitchen. This year we hoped to win one such category and indeed came away with the winner's prize for Business, where we demonstrated how many local business people help each other and the village as a whole, and thanks to Victoria Britton for making such an effective presentation.

She and I went to the Awards ceremony at Beaumanor Hall along with Sue Brompton. I am told that when Diseworth was announced as Best Village, our mouths fell open simultaneously. We were both surprised and delighted! We had a lovely team making the presentations - in addition to the three of us, we had Anna Groves, Dani Draycott, and Vera Allen, representing various interests and age groups. What clinched it I believe was the Scarecrow display -



Diseworth judges Jean Lee and Harold Norman with Nikki Hening at Beaumanor Hall

“a wonderful demonstration of village spirit” said one judge; and within that, two particular elements. The decoration of the Church was greatly praised, but the stars were the two scarecrow judges outside Barrie and Rosie Smith's house. So lifelike that the judges refused to be photographed with them in case we couldn't tell the difference!

Many thanks to all. A plaque will shortly be erected at The Cross, and watch out for a small celebration of our success.

*Martin Hening
Chair, Long Whatton & Diseworth Parish Council*

Women's Group

The Flower Show, brings the annual challenge, the afternoon teas. Diana Cherry and I actually enjoy producing the variety of cakes etc. and then recruit a few members to help on the day. So it's thanks to them that it ran so successfully and made it enjoyable. We were able to give a good donation and help fund speakers for the group, so come along ladies and enjoy the proceeds this winter!

Sue Cheney and Sue Roberts volunteered to organise an African drum beat session. Together they gathered 10 drums, theirs and others in Diseworth, from those who also have followed in the addictive pastime. The drums are made from the hollowed out trunk of the Djembe trees in Western Africa and played with the palms and fingers of your hands, no thumbs! The bass drums are called dun-duns and drum sticks are used.



In one hour we quite successfully learnt a few beat sequences. No doubt practise would make perfect with a lot of concentration as well! As I recall the Diseworth drummers played very professionally at one of the charity musical evenings. Sincere thanks to both Sues' for giving their time and giving us such a fun meeting.

Sheila Dakin 810858

NEXT MEETING -
The Shoe Box Appeal
A talk by Sarah James – the Christmas child area organiser



Book Worms

On 11th September we discussed the book *The Memory Keepers Daughter*. Those who had read it found it an engaging book to read highlighting the problem of children with Downes Syndrome, and the effect it has on close family and friends.

The next book to be read will be *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. This will be discussed at the meeting scheduled for 13th November. The DVD showing will be at Jan Firth's on 9th October - *Little Miss Sunshine*.

Programme now as follows:

9th October, *Little Miss Sunshine*, DVD at Jan Firth's, 12 Lady Gate.

13th November discussion of the book *The Kite Runner* at Denise Blenkinsopp's, 7 Lady Gate.

11th December, DVD, venue and film to be advised.

Diseworth Open Flower Show 2007



The annual Flower Show took place at the Village Hall on Saturday, 8th September, and attracted a very gratifying number of entries considering the vagaries of the weather this year. There were particularly good exhibits in the apple and novelty tomato classes and lots of beautiful dahlias and single roses, and some very impressive flowering pot plants.

The various Home Made Produce classes included some really spectacular cakes and the greatest number of pots of jam we have seen in a long time. The Photography and Art and Handicraft classes also attracted many entries and, as usual, the Children's classes were very well supported, with vegetable monsters, flapjacks, hand-made cards, paintings by the Playgroup children, computer generated collages and short essays in the creative writing class.

Outside attractions included the splendid Steam Engine – Robin Hood – brought from Long Whatton by Fred and Linda Dockray, to whom we are most grateful. Mick Shaw and Julie Logan from the Castle Donington Volunteer Bureau brought the Community Bus and answered many questions about the benefits of this facility, especially for the more isolated village communities in the area. They are hoping to establish a number of new routes in the near future.

The Long Whatton Scouts set up a tent and entertained many visitors with their display. There were also Pony Rides and stands for the Heritage Centre, Plant Sales, Home-made Cards, the Church Tombola and Games by the Playground team.

We were very pleased to welcome the Revd. Alison Prince who presented the trophies this year. As usual, Malcolm Robey from Castle Donington dominated the floral classes with his dahlias, and took Best in Show, but the locals gave him plenty of competition in other classes and the Best Vegetable exhibit went to Ian Dakin's runner beans – in a difficult year, the judge was most impressed by their quality.

Ian Tebbutt won three trophies, including the Retired Residents cup for most points overall. The Adkin Cup, for the Lady with most points saw the closest competition we have had for many years, with Sheila Dakin the winner by one point from Zoe Millington with Liz Jarrom only one point behind in third place. Colin Pickles took the Dialogue Jubilee Trophy for the second year running and Sue Bird won the award for most points in the Home-made Produce classes. Jennifer Castledine won the Heritage Trophy with a delightful watercolour of Hall Gate as it used to be, and Ian Bagguley from Long Whatton won all three photographic classes.

In the Children's classes, Alex Henry won the Tallest Sunflower award and Maria Brennan the award for most points. There were special extra rewards this year for children's Best in Show exhibits – won by Bethan Henry for her computer collage of 'My Village' and Tamzin Frost for her painting in the Playgroup Trophy class.

The Alan Rose Memorial Trophy for a Garden on a Plate produced a real ‘surprise’ result – the winner lives in Australia! We pride ourselves on being an ‘Open’ show and this proves it. Anitah Kumar is the granddaughter of Gordon and Pauline Fletcher and most of her family have been here all summer celebrating the marriages of Sandie and James. Sandie’s husband John added to the family’s success by taking the Whitehead Shield for the best onions.

Once again the Women’s Group provided the most delicious cream teas and we are very grateful to them. Thanks too to Gordon, who again ran a very effective auction, and to the British Legion who man the gate for us every year. Many thanks also to all who helped to run the stalls, to Sue Roberts for her stalwart work on the Entry Desk, to all those who acted as Stewards, and all our Judges. Last but certainly not least, thanks to all those who helped to set up the Show, and, tidy it all up afterwards, with especial thanks to Phil and Tom Millington and my husband, Jeff.

Pat Guy

TROPHIES AWARDED

The Wooldridge Memorial Rosebowl	Malcolm Robey
The Mr & Mrs Igoe Trophy	Ian Dakin
The Phil Stanton Memorial Trophy	Ian Tebbutt
The Retired Residents Cup	Ian Tebbutt
The Mr & Mrs Adkin Cup	Sheila Dakin
The Peter Pass Trophy	Malcolm Robey
The Alan Rose Memorial Plate	Malcolm Robey
The Linthwaite Memorial Trophy	Ian Tebbutt
The Wilfred Sheffield Memorial Plate	Margaret Mellors
The Mr & Mrs M Stevenson Shield	Ron Hunt
The Mr & Mrs P Whitehead Shield	John Clark
The Oliver Brooks Memorial Trophy	Nikki Hening
The Ernie Lees Trophy (1)	Alan Bowyer
The Ernie Lees Trophy (2)	Adele Jarrom
The Jack Page Trophy	Sue Bird
The Dialogue Jubilee Trophy	Colin Pickles
The Mr & Mrs P Whitehead Shield (child)	Maria Brennan
The Tallest Sunflower Trophy	Alex Henry
The Alan Rose Memorial Trophy	Anita Kumar
The Diseworth Playgroup Trophy	Tamzin Frost
The Diseworth Heritage Trophy	Jennifer Castledine
Best Children’s Exhibit (under 9)	Tamzin Frost
Best Children’s Exhibit (over 9)	Bethan Henry

Annual Flower Show 2007



What would we do without Pat



Rev. Alison Prince presenting the Mr and Mrs P Whitehead Shield (child) to Maria Brennan ...

... and the Mr and Mrs P Whitehead Shield to John Clark



Rosemary Harris ably judging the cakes



Madeleine Linthwaite selling raffle tickets



The splendid Steam Engine – Robin Hood – brought from Long Whatton



A decorated cake, passion fruits and flowers, chilli peppers and gingerbread men



Vegetable Monster



A woven willow bird



An unusual plant in flower



Diseworth harvest basket



Jane Goy with her popular pony rides



Members of the Long Whatton Scouts



One perfect rose



Mick Shaw from the Castle Donington
Volunteer Bureau with the Community Bus

Men at Work



Ian Dakin with cakes



David Cherry washing up



David Bird setting up



Manning the gate



Christine Agar, Kate Henry and Jane Hughes enjoying a cuppa in 'Last of the Summer Wine' style

**DISEWORTH OPEN FLOWER SHOW
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8th 2007
WINNERS OF CLASSES**

FLOWERS

1. 3 Roses			M. Hening / I. Tebbutt
2. One Perfect Rose	S. Dakin	M. Hening	
3. 3 Incurved Chrysanthemums			
4 3 (Refl Chrys) Semi-Cacti Dahlias	M. Robey	M. Robey	
5. 3 Pompom Dahlias			
6. 3 Cacti Dahlias	M. Robey	M. Robey	
7. 3 Decorative Dahlias	M. Robey	M. Robey	
8. One Perfect Dahlia	M. Robey	M. Robey	
9. 3 Sunflowers	I. Tebbutt	S. Blyth	
10. Fuchsia in pot	I. Tebbutt	D. Exton	
11. Pot of Herbs	S. Blyth	N. Hening	N. Hening
12. Orchid in pot - in flower	L. Jarrom	P. Guy	P. Tilley
13. Flowering plant in 8" pot	I. Tebbutt	L. Jarrom	N. Hening
14. Flowering plant in 8"+ pot			N. Hening
15. Foliage plant in 8" pot	P. Guy	S. Blyth	D. Exton
16. Foliage plant in 8"+ pot			

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

17. "When Flowers are Scarce"	S. Dakin	M. Mellors	Z. Millington
18. "Arrangement in a Basket"	M. Mellors	Z. Millington	
19. Petite Arrangement	S. Dakin	M. Mellors	R. Adkin

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

20. 5 Cooking Apples	R. Hunt	M. Hening	M. Hening
21. 5 Dessert Apples	M. Robey	R. Hunt	R. Hunt
22. 8 Kidney Beans	I. Dakin	M. Robey	I. Dakin
23. 3 Beetroot	J. Fletcher	I. Dakin	M. Robey
24. 6 Red Tomatoes	I. Tebbutt		J. Fletcher
25. 6 Novelty Tomatoes	A. Jarrom	L. Jarrom	I. Bagguley
26. 1 Cauliflower			
27. 1 Cabbage	I. Tebbutt		
28. 6 Onions from sets	J. Fletcher	R. Adkin	
29. 3 Onions as grown	J. Clarke	L. Jarrom	I. Tebbutt
30. 1 Marrow I. Tebbutt	I. Tebbutt	S. Dakin	
31. 5 Potatoes	I. Tebbutt	I. Tebbutt	I. Dakin
32. 3 Leeks as grown	I. Tebbutt		B. Howe
33. 3 Carrots	M. Robey		
34. Any other vegetable	I. Tebbutt		
35. Any other fruit	M Tait		R. Hunt / I. Tebbutt
36. Novelty Marrow Species	I. Tebbutt	M. Mellors	M. Robey
37. The Diseworth Harvest Basket	N. Hening	I. Tebbutt	

JUST FOR FUN

38. Mis-shapen Vegetable or Fruit

39. Longest Runner Bean

D. Exton J. Clarke

HOME MADE PRODUCE

40. 6 Sausage Rolls (men only)

C. Pickles D. Exton A. Allman

41. Homemade Loaf

42. Cake of Your Choice

M. Exton S. Bird S. Dakin

43. Fruit Cake

A. Bowyer M. Exton A. Jarrom

44. Victoria Sponge

A. Jarrom J. Bagguley S. Bird

45. 6 Scones

R. Adkin S. Clarke

46. 6 Bread Rolls

47. 6 Cheese Straws

48. A Fruit Crumble

S. Bird J. Bagguley P. Orr

49. Jar of Jam

J. Broderick P. Orr N. Miller

50. Jar of Lemon Curd

51. Jar of Chutney

S. Dakin

52. Jar of Marmalade

53. 6 Eggs in a basket

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION.

54. "The Hills are Alive"

I. Bagguley A. Bowyer I. Bagguley

55. "Water, Water, Everywhere"

I. Bagguley G. Millington R. Smith

56. "Man's Best Friend"

I. Bagguley T. Miller J. Bowles

ART & HANDICRAFTS - ADULTS

57. Art - any medium

J. Broderick Z. Millington L. Allman

58. Textile Craft - any medium

Y. Quick J. Broderick J. Brennan

59. Non-Textile Craft – any medium

R. Smith

60. A Model Garden

Z. Millington Z. Millington

61. A Home-made Greetings Card

Z. Millington Z. Millington J. Castledine

62. Painting of a Scene in Diseworth
(Diseworth Heritage Trophy)

J. Castledine A. Bowyer

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

63. Tallest Sunflower

Al. Henry H. Jarrom Ar. Henry

64. Handicraft item - 8 & under

M. McGough /
K. McGough

65. Handicraft item - 9 & over

M. Brennan A. Leahy J. Brennan /
W. Allman

66. A Garden on a Plate

A. Kumar M. Brennan H. Jarrom

67. Flower arrangmt. in a 10cm glass vase

M. Brennan J. Brennan P. Johnson

68. Painting - "My Garden" under 5

T. Frost N. Johnson L. Cox

69. A Picture –"My School" - 5 & over

K. McGough

70. A Storyboard "My Day as a Slave" 10+

C. Agar M. Brennan A. Leahy

71. A Home-made Card

B. Henry A. Leahy M. Brennan

72. A Computer-generated Collage
– "My Village"

B. Henry M. Brennan

73. 3 Flapjacks

K. McGough J. Agar M. Brennan

74. A Vegetable Monster

M. Brennan M. McGough B. Henry

JOGLE 2007

John Jarrom Diary Notes



George Hutton, Josh Knowles, Josh Wicks, Tom Chambers and John Jarrom bicycle ride from John O'Groats to Lands End (JOGLE). 16th July to 1st August 2007.

Day 1 - John O' Groats to Helmsdale

I had been given a lift up to John O'Groats the day before and so the route we were taking was new which made this day a bit daunting. There were lots of hills and further along some very big ones indeed with gradients of 14 and 16%. We walked up them and each were about ½ mile long. What goes up must come down though and on the last hill coming into Helmsdale we reached the highest speed of the journey of 43 mph.

Day 2 - Helmsdale to Beaulieu

We were warned it would be a long day of about 70 miles but it didn't seem that long. Lovely weather in the morning and then outside a shop a religious man came to us and told us to repent our sins and such; we fobbed him off and continued. Torrential showers hit in the afternoon and soaked us through. We arrived at Beaulieu campsite and I found that I had also lost my wallet along the journey. Later went out for an Indian, I had hot sweats in the night and was sick but outside my tent so I would not recommend the Beaulieu Indian. This was not a good day for me.

Day 3 - Beaulieu to Fort William

Started the day with a slow climb and we met a group of bikers who were panting and said "you're at the top now." It was a brilliant downhill with lots of twists and turns got about 38 mph but brakes were on for most the trip. After this we enjoyed the lovely scenery of Loch Ness and Loch Lochy. It was a good day with a few slow long climbs.

Day 4 - Fort William to Inverarnan

Woke up to Ben Nevis overlooking the campsite. Had probably the hardest day of the journey. Glencoe, 3 hours of climbing with a huge headwind and could only do 7 mph up it. The way down was not even easy with a massive headwind had to almost pedal downhill. Then we had another 25 miles of flats with a massive headwind and could only do 8mph along that. The last 5 miles were easy though downhill with wind shelter. The campsite was full of walkers and millions of midges. And the repellent didn't seem to work.

Day 5 - Inverarnan to New Lanark

Nice start to the day along Loch Lomond, beautiful scenery. Found a brilliant cake shop and then headed into the hell, that is the rest of the day. Glasgow - I will never willingly go there again. We had decided to take the bicycle route through the city along the river Clyde. This was slow progress as the track was rough and bumpy. We got closer to the city and there were road works along the bike path so we followed the diversions which apparently led us in a big u turn back the way we came. We got lost and after consulting many Glaswegians, who weren't very helpful, found our way back on the right cycle route. Then in the space of 10 minutes riding time got 2 punctures. It was 6 o'clock by the time we had a clear run out of Glasgow. After the city it was very hilly and windy and slow progress was made with still 25 miles left. And to finish we were greeted with a 15 % slope up to Lanark. We didn't arrive till gone 10 o'clock.

Day 6 - New Lanark to Lockerbie

An easy day after the hell of Glasgow we went mostly on a wide, quiet road which ran parallel to the M 74. It was a slow downhill slope as well and many a free-wheel race was had. The camp site was further away than expected so we knocked 8 miles off the next day which was the expected longest day.

Day 7 - Lockerbie to Kendal

Woo. Finally out of Scotland and onto England. Unfortunately about 3 miles across the border a black car with unsociable youths inside sprayed us all in the face with a water pistol. They also soaked a girl at a bus stop. Although this made us all angry, I have to say I was rather hot at the time and it was quite refreshing. Next up was Shap. Apparently the highest village but I'm not sure. It was an easy climb to Shap but then we found the road goes to Shap summit which was 5 miles on from Shap and a much harder climb. Steep and windy and not at all nice. After this we had 15 miles of mostly downhill and a nice youth hostel to stay in.

Day 8 - Kendal to Preston

Not a day I remember much about, through Preston which was quick and painless. The campsite was soaking and we all had to pitch on a hill which meant sliding to the bottom of the tents during the night. 2 for 1 meals and very good nachos at the pub.

Day 9 - Preston to Prees

Easy hills and 1 big one of about 15%. Tom got a puncture about 7 miles in and we stopped on the pavement. A man coming back from the shops asked if we



were doing the JoGLE, we said yes and he offered us tea. We all stood bemused by this as it was all out of the blue, but said yes after a few moments of awkward silence. We enjoyed the tea and biscuits and then got away again. About 10 miles from the campsite Tom showed us his frame. The top cross-bar had almost got a crack all the way around it. He was adamant he would ride to the campsite tonight and it was decided he'd buy a new bike tomorrow.

Day 10 - Prees to Leominster

Josh Wicks, Josh Knowles, George and I set off leaving Tom to go buy a bike with George's parents. It was a very windy day only doing about 11mph at the start. We saw our first car accident and then within half an hour found our 2nd. A major accident meant that the road was closed and we would have to take a different route. The Sat Nav took us in some windy steep country lanes over a big hill. We got back on the main road 15 miles from Leominster and soon saw our 3rd accident with glass smashed over the road. We arrived at the youth hostel, Tom showed us his new bike and we had a good night sleep.

Day 11 - Leominster to Chipping Sodbury

The bad weather finally caught up with us and we were heading into the floods. The day started badly with us all going 5 miles north instead of south so we wasted an hour going there and back. We hit flood country going through a foot of water outside Gloucester. Only 1 road was open to Gloucester and so we took it. We went over the river which was very high. It was 2 feet high on the foot path next to it! We couldn't see the city flooding as trees lining the road blocked our vision. All shops were closed apart from Tesco which sold prepacked food only as there was no tap water to wash hands. We climbed out and into some big hills expecting to go down on the other side but it was flat and incredibly windy. We arrived at Knowles dad's house at 9pm and were exhausted.

Day 12 - Chipping Sodbury to south of Bristol

Only a 27 mile day and easy at that. A few hills but not much as we skirted around Bristol

Day 13 - Bristol to Taunton

Only a 33 mile day but a bit hillier and harder. Still an easy day though

Day 14 - Taunton to Okehampton

We hit Devon and by gum, it isn't half hilly. Very hilly and steep, a reminder after 2 easy days. We stopped at an amazing maze in maize but it was £4 entry and a very big place of 10 acres. We got free water though. Even steeper and harder after the maize maze. It was very hot and hard work.

Day 15 - Okehampton to Lostwithiel

Same as before very hilly and steep got about 38 down them. Held up by a lorry down one hill and then on the next by a combine harvester. Was very frustrating after working so hard to climb up. George and I got lost finding the camp site and did an extra 4 miles. We were ahead and missed the turning

Day 16 - Lostwithiel to Embla Farm

A much easier day on flatter ground, but still by no means flat. I got lost finding Embla Farm (home of the Screamon family, originally from Diseworth) as I sped off down a hill while the others got directed by a man, the man then came down the hill and gave me directions somewhere else and I ended up doing about 4 extra miles again. We swam in the evening and had a great time.

Day 17 - Embla to Lands' End

We were all very knackered and it was probably because of the swimming. 17 hilly miles to Lands Ends but we made it. We all decided to wear our casual clothes and cut down on weight as well, so we could stylishly cross the finish line in 1 big line at the same time.

Background to ride:

How the idea emerged to cycle the JoGLE . Myself and Josh Wicks want to go on a conservation field trip to Honduras with the school next year and each need to raise £2000 to cover our costs, so the JoGLE was proposed as a fund-raising idea. As for George Hutton, Josh Knowles and Tom Chambers, the challenge was the thing. They chose to direct their fund-raising to Cancer Research.

See us at gagejogle.blogspot.com further pictures www.flickr.com

Donations www.justgiving.com/jogle or see myself or Mum

John Jarrom

Community Bus

to extend services

The Community Bus Scheme run by Castle Donington Volunteer Centre provides a variety of services to provide transport for the elderly, disabled, visually impaired, people with learning disabilities, children, people with terminal illness and carers, or people who are unable to use public transport. The scheme provides transport that allows people to maintain their independence and helps enhance a quality of life that most of us take for granted.

Four specially adapted, fully accessible minibuses are available, fitted with the latest design wheelchair clamps and seatbelts and are easily accessible by using a hydraulic lift at the rear. The vehicles are available for hire at a cost of 80p a mile, which includes all fuel and the services of a driver, and are used extensively for social outings. Recent wheelchair passenger destinations have included Cleethorpes, Skegness and Southport.

Dial-a-ride shopping schemes are supported by Leicestershire County Council.

On each Wednesday from Castle Donington, **Diseworth**, Hemington & Lockington a service operates to ASDA and Tesco Super stores at Long Eaton. Cost £2.00 return.

Passengers are picked up from and returned to their home address and all shopping is carried to the door by the driver. A similar service operates every other Tuesday from Castle Donington and Long Whatton to Morrisons at Coalville. This may be made available to **Diseworth** residents if required.

Other services which the Volunteer centre hopes to provide include:

Farmers Market Transport

Free transport calling at Diseworth, Lockington, Hemington and Castle Donington for the monthly Farmers Market.

Hospital Transport Scheme

For people registered at Castle Donington & Kegworth surgeries, a free service for the elderly and disabled, and/or those considered by their GP to be medically unfit to use public transport.

For further information and details of other services provided, contact:

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News from the school



Last term was so busy we missed the deadline for the summer edition so what follows is a summary of last term.

Ofsted

On the 25th April we had our Ofsted Inspection and we were very pleased that the inspectors confirmed all our judgements about our school.

The report confirmed that:

Diseworth CE Primary school is a good school where all members of staff work together to help pupils develop the skills and values to help them succeed in later life. Children are at ease when talking to adults and behave exceptionally well. Children enjoy school, our pupils are eager and happy learners who comment that 'Everything we do is fun, even our work'.

Good teaching ensures that pupils achieve well throughout the school. Provision for children in the Foundation Stage is good. They receive sensitive help, ensuring that they make good progress so that by the start of Year 1 most have reached or exceeded the expected levels for their age. Standards in English and Maths are well above average overall by the end of Year 5, and the pupils make good progress in English and mathematics because teachers plan carefully to meet differing needs.

The curriculum is enriched well by a good number of clubs, visits and visitors. These give pupils many opportunities to learn new skills, especially in sport. As one pupil said, 'Even though we are a small school, we do lots of fun things in and out of lessons'. The school is well led and managed. There have been many useful recent developments and members of staff share the headteacher's commitment to ensuring that pupils fulfil their potential.

There are good systems for setting targets and tracking pupils' progress from year to year. There are good links with parents. They contribute well to pupils' achievement by supporting learning at home.

One parent summed up the views of many: 'Our children love this school. Members of staff are very approachable and the children are well behaved'.

Pupils make especially good progress in communication, language and literacy because a recently introduced programme for teaching letter sounds has been particularly successful.

The headteacher has established a good understanding of the school's strengths and weaknesses and an accurate picture of overall effectiveness. There has been a good pace to changes made, with the school rightly focusing first on improving progress in English and mathematics. Recent initiatives, such as the introduction of new assessment procedures and the organising of pupils into ability sets in mathematics, have had a good effect on learning.

The children, staff, governors and parents of the school were rightly very pleased with the report which reflects the hard work that is put into the school on a daily basis. Hopefully this will help to bring more children to our school.

Bike for Life

All the year 5 children who took part successfully completed the course and gained their certificate and badge to allow them to cycle proficiently on the roads.

Creative partnership Performance

We have been very lucky to have had the opportunity to work with two dance/drama experts in school. The two "Marks" worked with all the children through school on a "water" theme. Parents and friends came to watch the performance which took place outside in the school grounds with areas being made into fish tanks, beaches, whirlpools and river beds. The end result was fantastic and spectacular and our thanks go to the two Marks for all their hard work with the children. All the children will be receiving a DVD showing the performance and some of the build up to the final product.

Ocean Commotion

Children in class 3 took part in a choral event at the college along with children from other primary schools. The whole event was very successful, the children looked brilliant dressed in "shades of water" T-shirts which we were able to afford because of a kind donation from Paul Bishop at DHL. The children sang brilliantly and the whole event was enjoyed by the children and parents.

Residential trip to Whitby

Class 3 went to Whitby with the children and staff from Belton Primary School. We were accompanied by an Inspector from the LA who came along to check that we carry out all the correct procedures and risk assessments during the trip to ensure that the children have a safe and enjoyable experience. As always the children behaved really well and were a credit to the school, they also had a thoroughly enjoyable time and many did not want to go home!



Class 2 trip to Sea life centre

Class 2 enjoyed their trip to the Birmingham sea life centre and came back with some brilliant ideas for designs for their sea creatures. These are being displayed around school.

Aeroplane Competition

We were invited by the management team at the new Premier Lodge hotel to design and make model aeroplanes from recyclable materials. All the children who entered were given a certificate and balloon and the three lucky winners were invited to the hotel with parents to be part of the opening ceremony. Our three winners were Christopher Morris, Edgar Quinton and James Bannister. They were delivered to the hotel by local radio black thunder jeeps and spent a pleasant afternoon enjoying the buffet and other activities.

Class 1 trip to Skegness

The children and parents had a brilliant day out at Skegness, lots of sand, sea and sunshine! They all had donkey rides, built sandcastles, played in the sea and even buried a brave volunteer parent in the sand – they did remember to dig her up again before the return journey! They all returned to school after a fantastic day out with requests for another day out!

Transfer to CDCC

Our year 5 children took part in a well planned transfer to their new school, with lots of visits and activities. Although they are ready, we will really miss them they have all in their own way been assets at the school and have made a great contribution to the life of the school. We wish them well in the next stage of their education. As a celebration of their time at Diseworth and as a thank you we had an evening tenpin bowling during the last week of term.

Dave Adcock

We were really sad to hear that Dave is going to give up his job at the school as he is moving on to pastures new. He has made such a big difference to the school environment and we are finding it hard to imagine Diseworth school without him. We wish him well in his new venture but are hoping we can still call on him for some of those projects that still need doing.

Mrs Peake

Sadly Mrs Peake left us at the end of term. She has worked at the school for the past four years and has been an important part of our team. She is expecting her second baby next year and we hope everything goes well for her and her family. We owe her a big thank you for all her hard work and wish her well in the future.

I expect that this year will prove to be just as busy, exciting and interesting as the previous ones and look forward to welcoming the children back.

Alison Woffindin

Top 10 Things Overheard on Noah's Ark

1. Are we there yet?
2. Nice doggie.....
3. And whatever you do. DO NOT pull this plug out.
4. No Ham, you cannot eat the pig!
5. Don't make me pull this ark over and come back there!
6. Help! I need some stomach medicine for the elephants, QUICK!
7. Okay, who's the wise guy who brought the mosquitoes on board?
8. Wasn't someone supposed to put two shovels on board?
9. Hey, there are more than two flies in here!
10. Did anybody think about bringing a couple of umbrellas?

DISEWORTH wins

BEST VILLAGE

It seems a long time ago that a small group put together the applications for the Rural Community Council' Best Village Competition. Sponsored by Calor Gas, this annual event is a challenging task for any village whether it is very small (500 pop.) or very large (5000). Diseworth comes into the second group 500 – 1000 pop. Which can be both an advantage and a disadvantage.

There are a number of categories from which to choose. Building Community Life is compulsory for those wishing to compete for the Best Village title. This year the entrants had to select one other category from Best Village Hall, Village Venture, Use of Information Technology and Business.

After much discussion it was decided that in addition to Building Community Life, Diseworth would enter the Business category. It is surprising how much business takes place in our village, in addition to the Airport, DHL, Moto etc. In the Building Community Life section judges look for evidence that community buildings are put to good use and that best use is made of the village's assets to ensure it is a good place to live. Diseworth can do that! Over 20 organisations take place regularly in the village and they cater for all ages. A calendar of the year from March 2006 to February 2007 showed that in addition to these activities each month something special takes place, theatre production, fund raising, Harvest supper etc.

The entry emphasised that Diseworth does care for its own and the wider community, proceeds from events go to village charities (e.g. Flower Show) national charities such as Air Ambulance and international charities such as Aids Victims in Africa.

In the Business entry, the big firms around Diseworth certainly employ many local people, but so do the two village pubs. Local farms sell produce, our own Gents hairdresser has appeared, and the Village Garage is a great help to those of us with car concerns. We have reflexologists, beauticians, a mortgage broker, an ironing service, IT service and a complete desk-top publishing service. Many homes can boast something made by our local woodwork and joinery firm and all the news is in our award winning Diseworth Dialogue. The entry was compiled by the MD of one of the larger local firms, Pennline, which provides promotional and marketing material, with special rates for villagers.

So off the entry went sometime in March. In June came the date for the arrival of the judges. How fortunate that it was the day after the Open

Gardens and Scarecrow Festival. People had been asked to keep their scarecrows out for the judges to view.

Three judges duly arrived, drove round Diseworth and then came to the Parish Church. What awaited them was a small group of people. They were welcomed by Martin Hening and the presentation commenced. Dani Draycott spoke as a young person living in Diseworth, followed by Anna Groves who arrived with her little ones which was a good effect, then Sue Brompton spoke about the role of the *Dialogue* and Vera Allen talked as a senior citizen in Diseworth. Victoria Britton gave the presentation for the Business category. The whole process took about an hour. Whilst we may consider Diseworth to be the best, as the weeks go by one wonders about all other entries. All the villages were invited to Beaumanor Hall to hear the results on 9th September.

Those present from Diseworth thought they ought to get one or other in best category but none of them dreamed they would actually get Best Village. The Lady Gretton, President of the Rural Community Council, presented the Award, accompanied by Councillor Mike Jones, Chair of the County Council. So as Diseworth sat and glowed, suddenly came the news that we had won in the Business category as well.



Receiving the Best Village Award are Victoria Britton, Marting Hening and Sue Brompton from Lady Gretton and Councillor Mike Jones

These awards belong to the whole village because without the work of the many groups and individuals in Diseworth there would be no achievement. The praise of the judges was lovely to hear.

**A vibrant village, a good community, thriving businesses,
what a fine place in which to live!**

Nikki Hening

DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

If you have items for the NOVEMBER 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 7th October

Now available from
Long Whatton Post Office

Christmas cards with the message
“Greetings from Diseworth”



Wanted – to loan

Old English traditional willow or other woven baskets, trugs etc. by a willow weaver based in Castle Donington who is preparing a database recording traditional English made baskets. The condition of the basket is not at all important – it’s the techniques that matter.

**If you can help please contact
Maggie Cooper on 01332 811639**



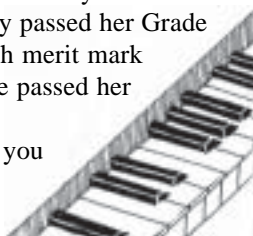
The Mobile Library visits Diseworth fortnightly - 5th and 19th October.
The Bowley 11.55 – 12.15
Clements Gate 12.20 – 1.20
The contact number for the mobile library is 01530 835951.

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

Music News

The Associated Board practical music exams took place at the start of July and after three weeks we finally received the results. Kate Henry passed her Grade V piano with a high merit mark and Meghan Moore passed her Grade VI piano. Congratulations to you both.

Janet Moorhouse



DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

Important Information - (as seen on the village Post Box)

From 28th October 2007 we will no longer collect from letter boxes on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

For further details of all our products and services visit www.royalmail.com or call customer services on 08457 740740



Welcome to Diseworth

Mr and Mrs David Bamford
to The Woodcroft



Sincere thank you
FLETCHER, Barbara

Arthur, Julia and Pauline would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the many cards, expressions of sympathy and donations to The Rainbows Children's Hospice, following the loss of a dearly loved wife, mother, grandma, great grandma, and friend.

Thanks also to N.W. Leicestershire Home Carers, particularly Theresa; staff of Ward 31 Derby City Hospital, The Willows Care Home, Ward 3 Leicester City Hospital and the Loughborough Community Hospital and friends for their support and care during her illness. Thanks also to Celia, Swanns Funeral Directors and Sandra and Derek at The Bull and Swan.

Before her illness Barbara was an active member of the Diseworth Community and will be sadly missed by her many friends and family.

East Midlands Airport Outreach Surgeries

Come along to find out more about your local airport. This event offers you the opportunity to meet the team and get the information you want first hand.

Diseworth Village Hall

Thursday 11th October 2007,

3pm – 7pm

**Kegworth Community Centre/
Parish rooms**

Thursday 10th January 2008,

3pm – 7pm

For further information please contact: telephone: 0871 919 9000
ext: 3834 email:
community@eastmidlandsairport.com

Diseworth village Hall 200 Club

The latest winners of the 200 Club are:-

May

1st (147) G Roberts - £30

2nd (140) G Bowles - £20

3rd (177) S Orme - £10

June

1st (191) R McConachie - £30

2nd (73) M Dokanian - £20

3rd (14) C Hurley - £10

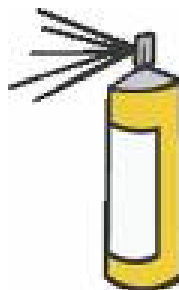
Turn to the yellow pages for more details of our new advertisers

Buckle Up Driving School offering a first lesson discount with their advert.

Exclusive by Design with their ad for bespoke, handcrafted, quality furniture and made to measure service.

HEALTH PAGE

CHEMICAL CLEANERS AND FRAGRANCES COULD BE HARMFUL TO OUR HEALTH



Most of us have to do some cleaning every day. Even though the cleaning products smell lovely and fresh and are very effective all is not as it seems. For example, the warning on a common air freshener states that inhaling the chemicals it contains could be harmful to children.

The University of Bristol published a study that had followed 14,000 children since before their birth. It concluded that air fresheners and aerosols used daily in the home resulted in an increase of 32 per cent of cases of diarrhoea compared to homes where they were used once a week or less.

Another study focused on a class of chemicals called terpenes. These are found in pine, lemon and orange oils. On their own, terpenes are not dangerous but when combined with ozone produced by electrical equipment such as printers or air purifiers, they can create the gas formaldehyde which is classed as a class one carcinogen and respiratory irritant. Many multipurpose cleaners, detergents, washing up liquids and laundry powders contain an arsenal of chemicals that can have serious detrimental effects on our health. For example, exposure to the vapour from ethyl glycol monobutyl ether acetate irritates the eyes, skin and respiratory system. Long term exposure also affects the lungs, liver and bone marrow.

Optical brighteners such as benzoxazolyl-naphtalenes can cause allergies. Sodium lauryl sulphate can be absorbed by the body where it mimics oestrogen. This can contribute to PMS, a drop in male fertility and rising breast cancer rates.

Alternatives are available that do not contain these harsh chemicals, and apparently bicarbonate of soda can be used throughout the home as an oven cleaner, sink descaler and even air freshener. Mixed to a paste with a little lemon juice, water and vinegar, it will remove grease stains from the cooker. Lemon juice mixed with salt will apparently clean copper and brass. White wine vinegar will descale a kettle. Leave overnight and rinse in the morning.

Perhaps we have all become too obsessed with cleaning and smells. Perhaps just opening the window to let in the fresh air is a better bet for us and the environment.

Liz Jarrom

CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY THEATRE

returns to Diseworth with

CAN'T PAY? WON'T PAY!

A Farce

by **DARIO FO**



Diseworth Village Hall
ONE NIGHT ONLY!
Saturday 6th October
7.30 pm

Tickets £6
Concessions £4
Available from:
Mike & Julie Doyle
Phone: 01332 810785

Selling fast -
please book in advance!

Also being staged at:

The Polish Club, Loughborough, Sat 29 September
Birstall Village Hall, Fri 5 October. *Both at 7.30 pm*

***THIS PLAY CONTAINS ADULT LANGUAGE
AND ANCHOVIES***

Exclusive by Design UK

Exclusive by design uk is a furniture manufacturer with a difference. Situated in Breaston with a new showroom located above their long established factory off Draycott Road, you can go along and see for yourself your furniture being made. We pride ourselves on offering manufacturing skills of a bygone era coupled with direct from the factory prices. All furniture is tailor made to suit each individuals needs, and with over 2500 fabric and leathers to choose from, you will get what you want and not have to compromise with limited choices. Each piece is made with only you in mind so it can be tailored around your individual requirements and needs. All designs from traditional to contemporary, sharing the same solid build that will keep you sitting comfortably for years and years not months. Bespoke furniture at direct from the factory prices with no 'time limited offers'.

Why not come along and see for yourself ... we are open 7 days a week and we also offer a free home design service. Alternatively visit our website www.exclusivebydesignuk.co.uk or call 0845 0945 880 for a free information pack.

Turn onto Junction 24



A new and relevant road to faith

- * make new friends
- * contemporary Christian music
- * Guest speakers who explore challenges that we face today

starting 30th September, at 8pm

Whitehouse Hotel

function room

Kegworth

M1 - Jn 24 - A6



Who's stopping off at J24?

Sept. 30 Roy Monk

Oct. 7 TBA

Oct. 14 Rob Cotton

Oct. 21 duo 'Only by Grace'

Oct. 28 Roger Johnson

Fireworks

at Diseworth Village Hall
Monday 5th November



Adults £2.50
Children £1.00
Gates open 6:30pm
Fireworks approx
7:15pm
Hot Food &
Sparklers available.

LONG WHATTON CRICKET CLUB
PRESENTS
BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS NIGHT

SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2007
AT
THE CRICKET CLUB, MAIN STREET

BONFIRE LIT 7.00PM
FIREWORKS AT 7.30 PM

TICKETS : ADULT £5.00 CHILDREN £ 2.50
AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE AT THE POST OFFICE

ON THE NIGHT : ADULTS £6.00 CHILDREN £3.00

CLUB BBQ AND 2 BARS

AIRPORT PLANS



FOR WIND TURBINES

Plans have been unveiled today for the first UK Airport wind turbines, at East Midlands Airport.

The four proposed wind turbines, which will generate 10% of the Airport's energy, are another important step closer to making Airport site operations carbon neutral by 2012.

The Airport has approached North West Leicestershire District Council to seek permission to install the turbines on-site with careful consideration being given to all aspects of the proposals. Advice has been sought from world leading safety assessment company Qinetiq and the Civil Aviation Authority, in order to ensure the safety of the plans ahead of the planning process.

Powered entirely by wind, the turbines will be installed by Lancaster based company, Wind Direct on the Airport site, away from the runway and other functional areas to ensure operational safety. Measuring 31.5 metres in height, the airport is confident that the green energy makers will be up and running by spring 2008.



Penny Coates, East Midlands Airport Managing Director said "This is fantastic news for the airport as we are delivering on the promises that we made in our Master Plan. In addition to our plans to install turbines, we have increased the proportion of our energy that comes from renewable sources this year to 20%. We have already introduced a number of new environmental measures such as our on site recycling facility and our "green" pier. The turbines will be a welcome addition to our suite of environmental measures and I hope that this initiative is something which the community and indeed the East Midlands region can feel proud of."

Adrian Maddocks, Development Director, Wind Direct said, "This project sets an impressive milestone for the Airport and we are very pleased to be working with them. The four wind turbines demonstrate the airport's commitment to green energy and help reduce carbon dioxide emissions for the lifetime of the project."

Senior managers will be in attendance at local parish council meetings in the coming weeks to discuss the plans in more detail, full details of which will be available on the Airport website www.eastmidlandsairport.com

Directory of Useful Numbers

BBC East Midlands	0115 955 0500 www.bbc.co.uk/england/eastmidlandstoday/
BBC Radio Derby	01332 361111
British Gas - Service	0645 605040
Gas Escape Emergency	0800 111999
Castle Donington Community College	01332 810528 postroom@castledonington.leics.sch.uk
Castle Donington Volunteer Bureau	01332 850526
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.nottinghamema.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

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Flower Show	Pat Guy	01332 811119
Friends of Diseworth School	Meryl Tait	01332 850370
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

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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: longwhatdispec@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:

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Kevin Brown, 10 Grimes Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QD	01332 850910
Derek Wiggins, Bull & Swan, Grimes Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QD	01332 853960
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Parish Council meetings are held at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of each month, alternately at Diseworth and Long Whatton. Please see the Notice Boards or ask the Parish Clerk for current information or to make general enquiries about the Parish Council.