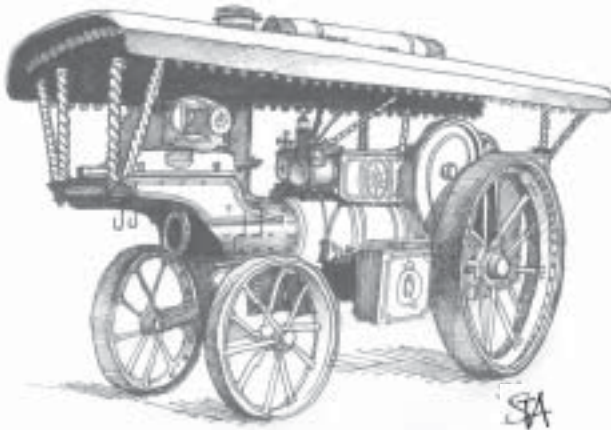


The Diseworth Dialogue



SEPTEMBER 2010 ISSUE
ISSUE No 158

Delivered free to households
in Diseworth

<http://www.diseworth.org>

50p

The Diseworth Dialogue

COMMITTEE

Chairman Nicky Miller 814663
Vice Chair Liz Jarrom 810358
Editor Peggy Tudor 810780
Assistant Editor Sue Brompton 850592

Treasurer Christine Agar 850181
Advertising Victoria Britton
Production Ruth Smith
Minutes Secretary
Founding Editor Carly Snee

Committee Members

Sue Bird, Linda Gaymer,
Nikki Hening, Jim Snee, Julie Werb

Delivery Team

Leader Linda Gaymer 812246
Sue Bird, Norma Chapman, Nancy
Cowley, Julie Doyle, Rosalyn Edwards,
Jan Firth, Sue Hill, Jayne Moore,
Sandie Moores, Pauline Needham,
Rosie Smith, Julie Werb

Line Drawings by Steve Allison

*Details of our committee meetings can be found in the diary section of the magazine.
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 **peggy.tudor@btinternet.com** and/or to **ruth@airnig.co.uk** and to **sue@cbrompton.fsnet.co.uk** or via our village web site at **www.diseworth.org** and **www.leicestershirevillages.com/diseworth/**

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!

Designed & produced by

Ruth Smith, ruth@airnig.co.uk
01332 811538

Printed by Ashfield Screen Printing Ltd.
www.ashfieldsp.co.uk

ADVERTISING

Advertisements in our Yellow Pages can be placed yearly or monthly according to your needs. Please contact **Victoria Britton** by email at **victoria@pennline.co.uk** or **01332 850184** for details.

DISCLAIMER

Any views or opinions expressed within the pages of the *Diseworth Dialogue* are not necessarily those of the Editorial Team or Committee. All advertisements are accepted in good faith.

OUR PRICING POLICY

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.

Contents



Regulars

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| Church News | 6/11 |
| Country Matters | 14/15 |
| Diseworth Diary | 4 |
| Dispatches | 28/29 |
| Editor's Letter | 5 |
| Health Page | 33 |
| Heritage Centre | 39 |
| Millennium Meadow | 15 |
| Parish Council | 30/32 |
| Village Hall News | 24 |

Features

| | |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Christening Celebration | 12 |
| Flower Show Reminders | 16/17 |
| Grumpy of Diseworth | 18/22 |
| Long Whatton History Society | 23 |
| Love Food, Hate Waste | 26/27 |
| Mee Family Genealogy | 34 |
| My 90th Pint | 17 |
| Rural Broadband | 35 |

Notices & Ads

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| 200 Club Results | 25 |
| Annual Flower Show | 13 |
| Apartment For Rent | 37 |
| Diseworth Working Weekend | 36 |

Diseworth Diary

SEPTEMBER

- Thursday 2nd Coffee, Cakes & Computers at the Heritage Centre 10.30 – 2pm
Thursday 2nd Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm at Long Whatton Community Centre
Friday 3rd Sunflower Measuring 2pm onwards
Monday 6th Discussion Group 'Revival of Self Sufficiency' 2pm 10 Lady Gate.
Thursday 9th Coffee, Cakes & Computers at the Heritage Centre 10.30 – 2pm
Thursday 9th P.C.C. Meeting in church 7.30pm
Saturday 11th Diseworth Open Flower Show Village Hall 2pm
Thursday 16th Coffee, Cakes & Computers at the Heritage Centre 10.30 – 2pm
Saturday 25th Coffee Morning Diseworth Parish Church 10.30 – 12pm
Thursday 23rd Coffee, Cakes & Computers at the Heritage Centre 10.30 – 2pm

OCTOBER

- Thursday 1st Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm at Diseworth Village Hall
Monday 4th Discussion Group 'Keep Young and Beautiful' 2pm Ladygate Farm.
Friday 8th Harvest Supper 7.30pm Diseworth Village Hall

NOVEMBER

- Monday 1st Discussion Group 'Education' 2pm The Wheelhouse,
1 Main Street, Long Whatton.

DECEMBER

- Monday 6th Discussion Group 'Handbags! Bring Your Own' 2pm 20 Clements Gate

**Flower Arranging Workshop in Diseworth
Village Hall
Saturday's
2pm – 4pm**



September 4th, 18th,
25th
October 9th, 23rd
November 6th, 27th
December 11th

**Castle Donington Farmers'
Market**

2nd Saturday of every month
from 9am - 12.30pm



**11th September
9th October**

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

Welcome to the September 2010 issue of the Diseworth Dialogue



September.... mists and mellow fruitfulness.
Blackberry and apple pie and the heady scent of
the first autumn bonfires. Oh, I do love this time of year!

As the harvest comes in and the children go back to school, we have time to sit back and reflect. It wasn't a bad summer after all. We used our barbeque a few times, the sunloungers even got an airing and we had a super crop of plums. No, not a bad summer at all.

So, as the swallows fly south and the air gets a little nippy in the evenings, what can we look forward to over the coming weeks. Well, the Open Flower Show is just days away and even though the annual ploughing match is not in Diseworth this year, it is still taking place in New Kingston. Iris Tebbutt's flower arranging classes continue in the village hall, see inside for details, and Muriel Howe urges us all to take photographs for a calendar the church is hoping to produce in time for Christmas. What a good idea.

It's also that time of year when, like Oliver Twist standing in front of Mr Bumble with an empty bowl, I ask "Please sir, can I have some more?" and I don't mean gruel! You will probably have already found the *little brown envelope* enclosed, and I would just like to say that production costs of the magazine continue to go up as sponsorship dwindles during these financially trying times. Each magazine now costs over £1 to make and without your generous donations, *The Diseworth Dialogue* is in real danger of coming to a standstill. So, please, please, please give whatever you can. Thank you.

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church



photograph Julia Sillitoe

Pastoral Letter

Well, that was a bit quick. It doesn't seem more than a few days ago that the school summer holidays started and now they're over and the new school year has started. Mind you, maybe it didn't seem quite so quick for the harassed adults trying to find fresh activities for their energetic offspring. Yes, I suppose that's it: whether something goes quickly or not depends on how we're involved with it. As a preacher my sermons seem to be over in a tick, but to the congregation.....it's helping them to think about eternity, but not in the way I intended. Oh well, time is funny stuff.

Recently I was thinking about those famous verses on time from the book of Ecclesiastes in the Bible:

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under heaven:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

The writer of those words is sometimes referred to as 'The Wise Preacher' or 'The Philosopher', but for my money he's the original grumpy old man. His general message seems to be: 'Well most things are a bit rubbish, life is chancy and then

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

TEAM RECTOR

Revd Gill Turner-Callis The Rectory, 24 Nottingham Road,
Kegworth, Derby. DE74 2FH. 01509 673146
e mail kandhtm@gmail.com

TEAM VICAR

Revd Tony Edmonds The Rectory, Presents Lane, Belton
Leicestershire. LE12 9UN 01530 223447
e mail t.e.edmonds@btconnect.com

READERS

Mrs Celia Harris 01509 844141
Mrs Nadine Hawkins 01509 646957
Mrs Audrey Hunt 01509 646478

CHURCHWARDENS

Mr David Bird 01332 810381
Mrs Muriel Howe 01332 850338

Please note that Gill takes Monday as her
day off and Tony has Friday as his day off.

For **Baptism** enquires, please contact Gill.
Baptisms in the benefice occur on the first
Sunday of the month in most of the churches
on a first come first served basis.
For **Funerals**, please contact Gill. The local
undertakers have now been asked to contact
Gill direct. Gill will then make arrangements
for a member of the team to take the funeral.
For **Wedding** enquiries and bookings, please
contact Gill.

you die' You have to admit, that is classic grumpy old man stuff. But he's got a point, when we get up close to events, sometimes it can be very hard to see their meaning and very hard to see God at work in them.

In the book of Ecclesiastes, the Wise Preacher offers two responses to the strangeness of life. One is 'Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die'. Now, I've no particular problem with people eating, drinking and being merry, in fact that seems like a good celebration of life to me. But just partying now, because there's nothing tomorrow feels like a rather empty and somewhat purposeless philosophy. The alternative is to recall that 'God has set eternity in the heart of man'. In other words God has put a connection in all of us that helps us to begin to understand Him. Instead of giving up on understanding life and just indulging ourselves, we could take time to cultivate that connection and so discover something of God and his purposes for us. Often its only when looking back, some time afterwards that we can spot a pattern or a direction to all the strange things that happen in life. Then we might see that there is indeed 'a time for everything'.

Tony Edmonds

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Services & Locations for September 2010

| | Time | Service | Location |
|----------------------------|----------------|--|--|
| September 5 th | 8.00am | BCP Holy Communion | Hathern & Kegworth |
| | 9.00am | CW Holy Communion | Belton |
| | 10.30am | Morning Prayer | Diseworth |
| | | Family Service & Baptism | Kegworth & Hathern |
| | | All Age Worship | Long Whatton |
| | | Baptism | Osgathorpe |
| | 6.15pm | BCP Evensong | Kegworth & Belton |
| September 12 th | 8.00am | BCP Holy Communion | Belton & Kegworth |
| | 9.00am | BCP Holy Communion | Osgathorpe |
| | 10.30am | CW Holy Communion | Diseworth, Hathern, L. Whatton & Kegworth |
| | 6.15pm | United Prayer, Peace & Healing Service | Hathern |
| September 19 th | 8.00am | BCP Holy Communion | Kegworth |
| | 9.00am | CW Holy Communion | Diseworth |
| | 10.30am | CW Holy Communion | Belton & L. Whatton |
| | | Family Service | Kegworth |
| | 6.15pm | BCP Holy Communion | Hathern |
| | | BCP Evensong | Kegworth & Belton |
| September 22 nd | 7.30pm | Benefice Praise Evening | Hathern |
| September 26 th | 8.00am | BCP Holy Communion | Diseworth & Kegworth |
| | 9.00am | CW Holy Communion | Osgathorpe |
| | 10.30am | CW Holy Communion | Hathern & Kegworth |
| | 6.15pm | BCP Evensong | Belton & Hathern |

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

Regular Weekday Services

| | | |
|-----------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Tuesday | 12.30pm | CW Holy Communion, Belton Church |
| Wednesday | 9.30am | BCP Holy Communion, Kegworth Church |

St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Lessons and Readers for September 2010

| | Time | Reader | Sidesman |
|--|--|----------------|--|
| September 5 th Trinity 14 | 1 st Reading: Deuteronomy 30.15-end 2 nd Reading: Philemon 1-21 Gospel: Luke 14.25-33 | 10.30am | |
| September 12 th Trinity 15 | 1 st Reading: Exodus 32.7-14 2 nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1.12-14 Gospel: Luke 15.1-10 | 10.30am | G Stone M Gidlow M Howe D Blenkinsopp |
| September 19 th Trinity 16 | 1 st Reading: Amos 8.4-7 2 nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2.1-7 Gospel: Luke 16.1-13 | 9.00am | M Hening D Cherry S Bird S Brompton |
| September 26 th Trinity 17 | 1 st Reading: Amos 6.1a,4-7 2 nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6.6-19 Gospel: Luke 16.19-end | 8.00am | T Griffin S Bird D Griffin |

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

Other Benefice Services, Meetings and Social Events in September 2010

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| September 1 st | Wednesday | Hathern House Group 7.30pm |
| September 4 th | Saturday | Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon |
| September 5 th | Sunday | Hathern Church Music Café, 6pm-8pm |
| September 7 th | Tuesday | Kegworth House Group 7.30pm |
| September 9th | Thursday | Diseworth PCC 7.30pm Church |
| September 11 th | Saturday | Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon |
| September 18 th | Saturday | Long Whatton Coffee Morning, Friendship Centre |
| September 22 nd | Wednesday | Benefice Praise Evening, Hathern Church, 7.30pm |
| September 25th | Saturday | Diseworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon |
| September 27 th | Monday | Benefice Bible Study, 33 Green Hill, Hathern 7.30pm |

News from the Pews

Tombola Stall

We will be having a Tombola stall at the Village Flower Show on 11th September to raise funds for the church. If anyone has any items they can donate please either leave them in church or give to Sue Bird.

St. Michael & All Angels Christmas Fair 2011 CALENDAR

At our Christmas Coffee Morning on November 27th we hope to have on sale a seasonal calendar for 2011 and we are looking for local photographs which we can take prints of.

Perhaps the winning entries in this month's Diseworth Flower Show photography competition could be used.

Are you interested in having your photographs on the calendar?

Please ring Churchwarden Muriel Howe on 01332 850338

Apology

Mary & I would like to apologise to Janet Moorhouse and her talented young musicians and everyone at St Edwards School who displayed art work during the Art Festival.

We failed to highlight your talents in the official programme and the role you all played in the festival. May we take this opportunity of thanking you all most sincerely for all the time you spent in preparing for the event and giving lots of pleasure to all our visitors over the weekend.

Mary & Rosemary

HATHERN PARISH CHURCH "FILM NIGHT "

On Saturday September 25th at 7.30 pm Hathern Parish Church are holding a Film Night when they'll be showing the hit musical "Mama Mia" in Church on a big screen.

Tickets priced at £3 will be limited so get in early and book yours now by contacting John or Rosemary Worsfod on 01509/842585.

This is the first of what might become a regular event at Hathern Church

Church Flowers and Brasses

| | Flowers | Brasses |
|--|---------------|--------------|
| September 5 th /12 th | Mrs R Harris | Mrs R Harris |
| September 19 th /26 th | Mrs A Brookes | Mrs R Smith |

**The Parochial
Church Council
will meet in church
at 7.30pm on
Thursday, 11th
September.**



Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride Day will take place on Saturday, 11th September between 10am and 6pm. Around 400 churches and chapels in Leicestershire will be open, including Diseworth, and you can be sponsored as a walker, cyclist or welcomer in the church to raise funds which will be shared equally between the church of your choice and the LHC Trust. Lists of open churches and sponsor forms are available in church or from Sue Bird (01332-810381).

Catholic Church of the Risen Lord.

Hillside, Castle Donington

Mass every Sunday 9am



Kegworth Methodist Church

High St. Kegworth



Sunday Services

Morning Worship - 10.30am

Praise Worship – 6.15pm (First Sunday each month)

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



Kegworth Baptist Church

High St. Kegworth



Sunday Services

Morning Worship & Sunday School – 10.30am

Lead Deacon: Paul Phillips 01509-551464

www.kegworthbaptist.org.uk

Celebrations



www.chrisdugganphotography.co.uk

Two little girls " **Isabella Sophia Cheney**" and "**Erin Lily Smith**" were Christened on the 4th July in the village church.

A large family gathering came together to welcome the latest additions to the Cheney, Farnan and Smith family. It was a wonderful day with both babies deciding that having water poured over them was no big deal - no tears from either of them!

Many thanks to Tony Edmonds for performing the baptism and giving the families such a warm welcome.

Many thanks also to Chris Duggan who took some wonderful photographs and to the Plough for providing us all with a lovely lunch.

Sue Cheney

Diseworth Open Flower Show 2010

Saturday
September 11th

Village Hall,
Hall Gate



Gates open 2pm

Exhibits on view from 2.30pm

Teas served from 2pm

Presentation of Prizes 3.30pm

Sale of Produce 4pm approx

Come and see the
Model T Ford



Steam Engine Display with
Robin Hood from Long
Whatton



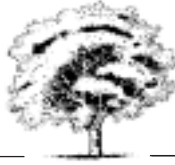
TEAS

Tombola, Pony Rides, Raffle
Plant Stall

Children's Games
Heritage Centre and Recycling
Information Stalls
Community Support Team with
Home Safety Information

Entrance 50p

Children Free



FIRING UP THUNDERBIRD 4

As the days start to shorten, and the corn fields slowly start to change from green to gold, it is time to fire up the combine, known as Thunderbird 4.

For ten months of the year the big yellow beast, a New Holland 8060, lives quietly undercover, then about a week or two before combining is anticipated to start, Will fires her up and gets her out ready for servicing and any repairs that need doing.

This particular combine has been on the farm for twenty years, and it wasn't new when he bought it, but it does the job just as well now as when it first arrived. First job is to give the old girl a good wash down. Will doesn't wash the combine when he puts it away in the shed at the end of the season, as it is important for it to be put away dry. Less chance then of things rusting up over the winter. Next he gets down to checking all the belts, chains and pulleys in case any are worn and need replacing. The cutting knife on the front needs to be razor sharp to chop off the corn stalks cleanly, so that has to be checked to see if any of the sections need replacing. This



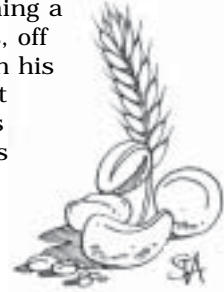
whole servicing process takes a few days and once he is happy, he can fill her up with diesel and wait for the weather.

Many jobs on the farm are mucky, but this one is one of the dirtiest. Having to work under and partly within the innards of the machine, Will ends up covered in corn dust that has accumulated within the machine over many years. This results in the washer working overtime and lots of grimy water cascading down the plughole when he has a shower! So why does he do it himself instead of having a mechanic in? Mostly cost, but also because he can do it and he actually enjoys doing it.

Like most farmers he has a good basic knowledge of his machinery, and regularly does oil changes and repairs himself. A lot of farmers don't like new machinery as it is impossible to maintain it themselves as, in common with modern cars, they have computer controlled management systems.

So at lunch time Will announced that the combine is all ready to go, so he is going to mow a bit of winter barley. Half an hour later, the rain starts, and now he is sitting at the kitchen table reading the Farmers Weekly, drinking tea and eating a

chocolate mallow biscuit. "Never mind, "I say cheerfully. "They say it will be dry tomorrow." I am crossing my fingers as I say this and hoping that the dry weather will continue. Soon I hope I shall be walking up the fields some afternoons, clutching a bag full of goodies, off to feed the man on his dusty yellow beast slowly mowing his way through acres of ripened corn.



Diseworth Millennium Meadow



The Millennium Meadow is available for use by all inhabitants of Diseworth and Long Whatton at any time. It is the perfect place for a quiet stroll, especially in an evening or very early in the morning. Hopefully, the grass will have been cut by the time you read this. All the trees are thriving and some are now quite an impressive size. Most of the special plants we introduced have settled in well and are beginning to spread and produce really good displays of flowers.

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.

Diseworth Open Flower Show

Reminders

Diseworth Flower Show takes place on **Saturday, September 11th**, its traditional slot – the second Saturday of the month. Last year we had excellent weather and a very good attendance so we are keeping our fingers crossed. There are lots of attractions, including for the first time, a vintage car - a **Model-T Ford** in perfect working condition.



The steam engine, **Robin Hood** will be there again and there will be various stalls, including one with members of the local Police **Community Support Team** with advice on Home Safety. **Teas** will be served from 2.00pm onwards. There will be the usual Raffle, the Church will run a Tombola and there will be Pony Rides, Recycling information from NWLDC, a Plant Stall, a Heritage Centre Information Stall and Long Whatton Scout Group will be there.

We hope that the entries will be of the usual high standard. If you have never “had a go” before, why not try this year. There are four photography classes again this year and for the first time - a tallest sunflower competition for adults. For details of all the other, traditional, classes, please see the previous issue of the *Dialogue*, or the schedule.

The main **beneficiary** of this year’s show will be the Parish Church’s fund for the installation of toilet facilities, and donations will also be made to the British Legion and the local Scouts and Guides & Brownies Groups.

This year we are very happy that the Presentation of Trophies will be made by our Rector – the **Rev. Gill Turner-Callis**, to whom we extend a most warm welcome.

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



Sunflower Measuring will take place on the afternoon of **Friday, September 3rd** - starting at 2pm. If you have a plant to be measured - please let Pat Guy know before 12.00 noon that day. Ring 811119 or pop a note into 51 The Woodcroft with your name, address and a telephone number.

Entries on the Day

Please remember that the Village Hall **is open** for Show Entries between **9.00 am** and **11.30 am** on the morning of the Show. A further half-hour is then allowed for the arranging of your exhibit, but all exhibitors **must leave** the Hall by **12 Noon** when the judging will commence.



If you are absolutely unable to attend during these hours, arrangements can be made to leave entries with one of the stewards. Please contact Pat Guy if this is necessary.

Pat would also be very grateful if any able-bodied people who are available would come to the Village Hall at about **6.00pm on the Friday** evening (the 10th) to help set up the Hall ready for the next morning. She would also be even more grateful if a similar group would stay behind at **the end of the Show** to help tidy up and put everything away.

Pat Guy

My 90th Pint



When I first went to donate blood back in May 1965 you could only donate twice a year, some years later this was increased to three times a year.

After donating 25 pints of blood I received a silver bar pin brooch and after 50 pints a gold bar; also I was awarded a cut glass Edinburgh crystal plate in May 1994. All being well, when you read this I will have given my 90th pint on August 23rd.

Being quite well and no serious health problems, my aim by the end of 2013 is to have donated my 100th pint.

Muriel Howe
(Blood Group O Rh positive)

More from

‘Grumpy of Diseworth’

In 1978 my good wife and I purchased our house in Clements Gate. It was in a bit of a state and we spent considerable time and effort in a brave attempt to make it more presentable. With, I like to think, some success [if I might say so, modestly, myself].

In the intervening thirty years or more its façade had become somewhat faded – to the point that it was now detracting from the general ambiance of our locality. Accordingly, in July, I finally decided that something had to be done, so I set to and returned to decorating/renovation mode – in order to alleviate our embarrassment from letting the side down. This involved erecting some scaffolding because I’m only 6 foot tall and the house, as you might envisage, is a bit bigger.

All went well until I received a letter of censure from North West Leicestershire County Council, Highways Department, admonishing me for the temerity of having placed a part of my scaffolding on the Queen’s Highway without their express consent.

The following is my response to their correspondence to me. Readers will note the calm and unruffled tenor of my reply, as well as my appreciation for their edification.

I send this copy to the *Dialogue* so as only to alert fellow villagers to the seriousness of transgressing rules and regulations, as interpreted by those to whom we pay our Council Tax, from our own [already taxed] income.

Never let it be said that these people do not give us the best value for money.



Some folk might opine that my response is a small ‘over-reaction’, others might agree with my reply. I’m sure the *Dialogue* will welcome comment – as appropriate!

Customer Service Team,
Environment & Transport Dept.,
Leicestershire County Council,
County Hall,
Glenfield,
Leics.
LE3 8ST

22nd July 2010

Your Ref. AL/AP/SEB/Diseworth

Dear Sirs,

Deposit of Things on the Highway. Highways Act 1980 Section 148 RE: Scaffolding on Carriageway.

Many thanks for your kind letter of 19th July, received yesterday, on the above subject as referenced.

I note the error of my ways, as described, and have now removed the offending *'things on the highway'*, within the 3 day timeframe requested. In mitigation I have to confess that I am not familiar with Section 148 of the Highways Act 1980 and so much appreciate the courtesy you have afforded me in bringing this matter to my attention.

However, given that you have found the time to write to me on this subject – laudable indeed, as you must also be battling with the overriding need to prioritise activities at a time of severe austerity whilst at the same time desperately trying to meet the significant need to achieve budgetary constraint and prudence during this highly recessionary period - in which constructive time management is essential so as to deliver best value for money – you will no doubt also find the time to read this response and ponder on a few well meant observations.

1. Your letter was addressed to 'The Owner/Occupier' and I was greeted as 'Sir/Madam'.
Your records will show that you have raised taxes on this property in the form of variously:- Rates, Poll Tax and [currently] Council Tax, on an annual - and ever increasing level – which I have been dutifully paying for the last thirty years. With my present contribution for the current year at circa £2.5k comes a name and a gender. It would have been courteous if both had been researched and correctly applied.
2. As a matter of interest, in my experience letters addressed to 'The Owner/ Occupier' predominate in the World of 'junk mail' and mainly involve such subjects as car insurance, life insurance, double glazing, inheritance opportunities in Nigeria, prize draws or similar. In our household they usually

visit the shredder unopened. Fortunately, on this occasion your important missive escaped such a fate.

3. The final paragraph of your letter suggests that I contact '*..the officer named above..*' should I '*..require further information or advice..*'. Unfortunately I am unable to find the name of any '*officer named above*' despite my best efforts. I have re-read your letter several times in search of this named officer and remain defeated. Maybe I'm still missing something – such as the opportunity to speak to someone able to offer help and advice?
4. Your letter advises that my scaffolding constitutes a '*nuisance/hazard to highway users*'. This I appreciate, which is why I parked my car in front of said scaffolding - to specifically preclude any issue of nuisance/hazard by means of shielding the scaffolding from the traffic flow. A bit pointless that, I now realise, as in reality I clearly only substituted one '*nuisance/hazard*' for another.
5. Your letter further says that '*lawful authority*' is required to '*deposit*' scaffolding on the highway. This I also now appreciate - thanks to your kind intervention. What I don't understand however, is how '*lawful authority*' [i.e. a piece of paper demonstrating that one has visited the approved process] can make the scaffolding any less of a nuisance or a hazard than it was without the piece of paper. I appreciate that anarchy cannot be allowed to prevail but where went '*common sense*'?
6. Being a responsible individual who has spent his working life operating in a safety critical industry, I conducted both my own Safety Analysis and Risk Assessment prior to erecting my tower scaffold. This exercise demonstrated that the probability of accident was minimal as was the consequence. Conversely, using a ladder in place of the scaffolding reversed the conclusion. Risk of accident would be high and the consequence of accident would be severe. I have revisited my calculations several times with critical intent but am unable to discover any obvious error.
7. Clearly your '*Customer Service Centre Team*' came to a different conclusion, hence your letter to me. I would be interested to learn from you the methodology used in their calculations of both Safety and Risk so that I can benefit from what is obviously a much superior philosophy than that applied by myself.
8. It should be noted that Clements Gate, the '*highway*' in question, is a residential cul-de-sac which therefore - by definition - means that it leads to nowhere. Thus, traffic flow is measured in single figures of vehicle movement per hour – maybe slightly more on a Thursday when our dustbins are emptied. This is because the refuse lorries have a statistically significant impact on the road usage during the 10am hour. It may be that this was the factor which skewed my Safety/Risk calculations?
9. Clements Gate is also used as much as a parking lot for holiday makers, flying from our local airport, as it is by village residents. These vehicles do indeed constitute a '*nuisance/hazard*' but I doubt that you will be sending any of them a similar letter. No doubt they comply with the Highways Act 1980?

10. I do appreciate however, that the presence of my scaffolding tower [with a footprint on the road of 3 ft. wide by 9ft long] could well have constituted a 'nuisance' to the above category of highway user as it was denying them a parking space outside my house – two spaces if you include my car. This I now feel was somewhat selfish on my part. Had I achieved 'lawful authority' prior to erecting my scaffolding it follows that it would have made all the difference and these people would have happily understood, hopefully complimented me on the standard of my workmanship and then moved off [with alacrity] to park in front of someone else's house for the fortnight.
11. I am perplexed as to how my transgression was brought to your attention. I cannot envisage that any of my good neighbours would have lodged a complaint, we live in a friendly and understanding community in this village. In any event, I doubt that they are any more familiar with the Highways Act 1980 than am I [but I could be wrong, I often am]. I am therefore led to assume that one of your officers must have noticed the offending item when in transit to/ from the building site situated at the end of Clements Gate where an 'affordable housing' development is currently under construction. If this was the case would it not have been more effective if the officer had stopped to have an informal word with me, on site, about the requirements? This would have been more friendly, less costly and would have achieved a satisfactory result much more swiftly. If I were mischievous I would point out that this didn't happen because it would have involved a small modicum of common sense. But I'm not, so I won't.
12. Having now been made aware of the significant safety issues I can see the potential consequence of my thoughtless action. If a vehicle had indeed collided with my small tower scaffolding it could have demolished my house and ruptured the gas main. The resulting fire would require the attendance of the fire service. The scaffolding, now blocking the road [along with the burning vehicle], would have meant that the fire appliance could not have reached the house and so the fire could not have been extinguished. The resulting electrical short circuit would have blown the local sub station. This in turn would have had a chain reaction and caused all traffic lights within the locality to fail. Thus traffic at Junction 24 on the M I would have been brought to a standstill. The ensuing tailback, once rush hour arrived, would migrate, in no time at all, all the way back to London which would then become gridlocked. The subsequent chaos caused by this monumental jam would result in public frustration and riot. The consequent conflagration in this great metropolis, as people set fire to vehicles and buildings to vent their feelings, would then burn out of control because the emergency services would be a part of the gridlock and so be unable to react. In short, London would burn to the ground. Thus we would lose our Government and our financial institutions. This would bring political and fiscal chaos to the whole of mainland Europe. In hours rather than days, the meltdown would spread to all five continents. Thus would end civilisation as we know it.

All so obvious really, when you think about it. What a good thing you sent me your letter.

13. I have had one final reflection which I feel I should share with you. It is an unlikely scenario and I hesitate to mention it as it will no doubt give the impression that I am being somewhat uncharitable. I mention it only because, if correct, it obviates much of what I have said above and provides a simple solution to the problem.

My thought – and it has only just occurred to me and it is only a thought – is that maybe, just maybe, there is within your team a silly little jobsworth who has nothing better to do with his/her time than to write petty, obnoxious and unnecessary letters to people to prove a point and make said individual feel important.

Clearly such people are not important and you will know that this type of sad individual does no one any favours at all but contributes only to a feeling of disrespect for their office and those of their peers by the public.

In the unlikely event that this is indeed the case you will no doubt deal with the matter internally. The predictable response from such people is *'not me guv., it's the rules'* [only a small variation on the Nazi defence, also often used].

You may bear in mind that I still have my scaffold and I also possess some rope. Maybe you could ensure that this individual fills his/her spare work time learning to tie a good slip knot. It might come in handy on my scaffold. Better still, retrain him/her to do some more constructive and cost effective work.

14. You should know that the dire threat to remove my scaffolding *'forthwith without Notice'* and then charge me for the work involved, as expressed in your letter, has led to sleepless nights on my part. I have suffered from a repeat nightmare as a result of this threat. I don't remember all the detail [dreams are like that, as you know] but it definitely involves a sledgehammer and a nut. There's a fool in it somewhere too. Maybe now that I've removed the scaffolding from the road these nightmares will go away, as will the fool also. I do hope so.

Finally, perhaps you would enlighten me as to how I gain 'lawful authority' to place my scaffolding on the highway should I require to do so again at some future point?

In the meantime I thank you for your kind attention and look forward to your reply in due course.

Yours faithfully,
Name and address provided

c.c. Diseworth Dialogue

Long Whatton History Society Receives Award

Congratulations to LW History Society on receiving a Highly Commended Award from the County Museums Forum. The presentation was made at a grand reception at Snibston Park in the presence of leader of the County Council and leaders of the Borough Councils, including NW Leicestershire, Mr Nigel Smith, who afterwards congratulated the group on their achievement.

Long Whatton History Society is the newest member of the Museums Forum and the entry was based on the 70th Anniversary of the Reunion of the Wartime Babies born at Whatton House. The event took place last September in the presence of Lord & Lady Crawshaw and while over 60 'Babies' attended, many others had made contact with the History Society but were unable to attend.



Whatton House

The planning took over two years; Geoff Smith, secretary, contacted people through the Leicestershire villages website. Although the History Society is only a small group, the event attracted much support from the village and the neighbouring area. Hathern Band played wartime music on both days of the Reunion, the Community Bus, sponsored by East Midlands Airport, transported visitors from Diseworth and Long Whatton to Whatton House, an exhibition of wartime nursing memorabilia was on display at Diseworth Heritage Centre and Snibston Museum staged a display of wartime baby clothes.

The support from Long Whatton residents contributed to the success of the event and attracted the comments of the judges. The Scouts were on hand on both days offering help with setting up marquees and staffing the car park. The Community Centre loaned the marquees and the Organic Farm hosted cream teas while local residents offered all forms of assistance in transporting chairs etc to Whatton House. Commemoration Services were held at All Saints and the Methodist Church and local schools were invited to the Diseworth Heritage Centre to view the exhibition and learn about life in World War 2 Britain.

To recognise the achievement members of the History Society were invited to a Reception for all winners in NW Leicestershire by the Mr Nigel Smith, Chair of NW Leicestershire District Council.

DISEWORTH VILLAGE HALL



As most will have noticed in passing the new notice board has been erected. The board was kindly donated by Mr Eric Clarke of The Green, and is for the advertising of forthcoming events and general notices. Anyone wishing to place a notice should leave the item at 9 Page Lane. As well as thanking Eric on behalf of the village and hall committee, it's also an opportunity to thank Frosty and his mate (our 2 resident moles) who seem to love digging holes as and when necessary, (free of charge by the way). As well as erecting the notice board a working party also formed of committee members, partners and friends to clear out the stage area, and rear playgroup cupboard, so many thanks to all those who helped on these projects.

On other news, the committee held its first meeting recently, with many new members and many new ideas, with emphasis on continuing to improve the hall on a short and long term plan, which will include new exterior doors and sound system (including tv/dvd) being approved immediately and maybe larger developments in the future. This being only the start in what we hope will create the focal point for the village and once again start to bring the community together. To this end we are always open to support and suggestions from the residents of the village be it in a committee or non committee capacity and would be more than happy to hear what our residents would like from their hall so we can further discuss what we are able to deliver in the short or long term. A few ideas to get you thinking would be a part time Doctors surgery, blood donor centre or a community evening, bingo and all. Although the hall gets reasonably well booked in the evenings there is still much scope for bookings in the daytime.

Finally it was once again agreed at the last meeting to hold the Fireworks Evening. This will take place on November 5th. (further details in the October Dialogue). And many thanks to the new influx of new 200 Club members who have come on board to join those already supporting us.

Dave Adcock

Diseworth village Hall

200 Club

May 2010

| Prize | Number | Name | Amount |
|-----------------|--------|------------|--------|
| 1 st | 166 | H Adkin | £30 |
| 2 nd | 29 | J Leech | £20 |
| 3 rd | 28 | S Fletcher | £10 |

June 2010

| Prize | Number | Name | Amount |
|-----------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| 1 st | 47 | Mr Llewelyn | £30 |
| 2 nd | 102 | S Hill | £20 |
| 3 rd | 77 | J Whitehead | £10 |

July 2010

| Prize | Number | Name | Amount |
|-----------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| 1 st | 99 | R Chester | £30 |
| 2 nd | 108 | P Whitehead | £20 |
| 3 rd | 90 | R Smith | £10 |

August 2010

| Prize | Number | Name | Amount |
|-----------------|--------|------------|--------|
| 1 st | 32 | V Johnson | £30 |
| 2 nd | 66 | R Webber | £20 |
| 3 rd | 30 | K Fletcher | £10 |

September 2010

| Prize | Number | Name | Amount |
|-----------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| 1 st | 56 | J Moorhouse | £30 |
| 2 nd | 29 | J Leech | £20 |
| 3 rd | 85 | B Barnet | £10 |

Love Food Hate Waste Community Cooking Classes



Introduction

As part of Leicestershire's Love Food Hate Waste Campaign this year, we are focusing on providing residents with practical skills and knowledge to help reduce their food waste. As part of this, we would like to use the medium of cooking classes to enable residents to pick up these practical skills and knowledge. In particular, we would like to:

- improve confidence in cooking with leftovers
- provide greater awareness of the issue of food waste
- provide greater awareness of the importance of shopping lists, meal planning, portion control, food storage in reducing food waste
- improve awareness of the financial and time benefits of improved food management and of reducing food waste

At this point, we feel that the Love Food Hate Waste practical skills and knowledge could be delivered as part of a 2-4 hour session, depending on how much detail/depth that is gone into. We are keen to explore the possibilities of working with individuals or organisations that already provide cooking classes and integrating the Love Food Hate Waste practical skills and knowledge into existing courses or providing a bespoke Love Food Hate Waste cooking class.

Background

Love Food Hate Waste is a national campaign run by WRAP (Waste Resources & Action Programme) that aims to raise awareness of the need to reduce the amount of food thrown away in the UK every year. The campaign gives tips and advice to the public by showing how shopping more efficiently, using correct storage, planning proportions and cooking with leftovers can help reduce waste and save the average household up to £50 a month.

WRAP has identified that reduced confidence of cooking with leftovers, and low knowledge of cooking and preparing food are major barriers to people reducing their food waste.

In Leicestershire, we are in the third year of the campaign. During the first year we focused on making residents aware of food waste as an issue and what it was costing the average UK household, during the second year we focused on providing advice and tips on how people could reduce their food waste, while this year we are focusing on providing residents with practical skills and knowledge to reduce their food waste and save money.

Project Description

We wish to use the medium of cooking classes to enable residents to pick up the Love Food Hate Waste practical skills and knowledge that will enable them to reduce their food waste and save money. In particular, we would like to:

- improve confidence in cooking with leftovers
- provide greater awareness of the issue of food waste
- provide greater awareness of the importance of shopping lists, meal planning, portion control, food storage in reducing food waste
- improve awareness of the financial and time benefits of improved food management and of reducing food waste

We would like to hold the cooking classes in the community and use the experience of providing the classes to possibly produce a toolkit that could be used by others to run Love Food Hate Waste Cooking Classes in their communities.

Key Messages

The key messages of the campaign are:

- Learn to cook with leftovers to save money and reduce waste
- Save up to £50 a week through reducing food waste
- Get to know about portion sizes and food date labels
- Plan your meals and use a shopping list

Participants

We see the cooking classes being of particular interest and benefit to those with low cooking confidence, on low incomes, with families or younger people.

Outcomes

The project is seeking to achieve the following outcomes:

- A reduction in the amount of food waste produced by the residents of Leicestershire.
- A reduction in the amount of money Leicestershire residents waste on throwing away food.
- The provision of a tangible resource in the form of the Love Food Hate Waste Cooking Class Toolkit that residents can use to help others reduce their food waste and save money.
- Provide people with the beneficial lifelong skills and confidence to cook with leftovers and to better manage their food.

Timescales

Ideally, we would like to deliver cooking classes during September and October 2010, which is when our peak promotion of the Love Food Hate Waste campaign takes place. However, these timescales can be flexible as we recognise they are quite tight, and we may need to coincide with any activities you already have planned.

The project has potential synergies with other initiatives such as healthy eating, growing your own, living on a budget and cooking skills.

If you are interested in working with us in any way or wish to get further information, please contact me at the details below:

Samantha Johnson, Tel: 0116 305 7175, Email:
Samantha.Johnson@leics.gov.uk.



DI A L O G U E D I S P A T C H E S

FOUND

DOUBLE HORSE SHOE
EARRING
ALONG THE BROOK
BETWEEN PAGE LANE AND
LADYGATE
CONTACT 850337

Advertising News

Welcome:

to Julie with her Clean & Fresh Residential and Commercial Carpet Cleaning Service.

to An Apartment to Rent in Bansko, Bulgaria, £99 per week.

Dog Training classes with dot Levin start again on Tuesday, 7th September.



The Mobile Library visits Diseworth on the 3rd and 17th September.

The Bowley
11.55 – 12.15
Clements Gate
12.20 – 1.20

The contact number for the mobile library is 0116 3053565



Flower Arranging Workshop in Diseworth Village Hall

Saturday's 2pm – 4pm

September 4th, 18th, 25th

October 9th, 23rd

November 6th, 27th

December 11th

For more information telephone Iris Tebbutt on 01332 810182



Congratulations

Congratulations to Lizzie and Daren at 1 Hall Gate on the birth of Martha. A sister for Oscar.

Music Exam Results

July was the month for practical music exams and everyone who sat them did really well achieving excellent results.

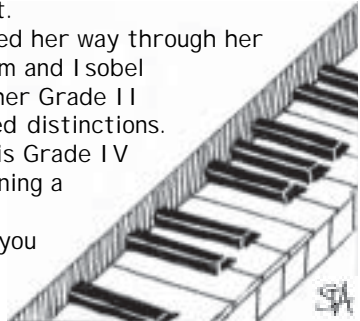
Katy McGough took her Grade I flute exam, Alex Henry and Lesley Allman Grade I piano and all passed with a merit.

Katy McGough played her way through her Grade II piano exam and Isobel Smithies sang for her Grade II exam, both achieved distinctions.

Sam Bunyan took his Grade IV piano exam also gaining a distinction.

Congratulations to you all.

Janet Moorhouse



DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

A SECRET WHISPER FROM EMA

The news has leaked from East Midlands Airport that Father Christmas has booked in for refuelling at the airport on Saturday 11th December. Further information tells us that he has decided to come down during the afternoon to visit the village and have tea at the Diseworth Heritage Centre and wishes to meet local children. Book the date, further information as we hear.



The Plough Inn

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Quiz Night

1st September

1st WEDNESDAY of the month
Entry £1 each person, maximum of four in a team, first prize is half a gallon of beer, other prizes as well, including Sunday Lunch for two.
Entry to the quiz includes a snack at half time.

HORSE RACING NIGHT

The horse racing night at the Bull and Swan on Saturday 24th July raised £344.00 for the charity Wish House.
Thanks to all who attended.

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

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

Please share with us your stories and announcements.

PLEASE MEET THE DEADLINE
of the 7th SEPTEMBER

Women's Afternoon Discussion Group

6th September at 10 Lady Gate.
Revival of Self Sufficiency

4th October at Ladygate Farm.
Keep Young and Beautiful

1st November at The Wheelhouse,
1 Main Street, Long Whatton.
Education

6th December at 20 Clements Gate.
Handbags!! Bring Your Own!

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

If you have information about crime, contact Leicestershire Constabulary on Leicester (0116) 222 2222 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.
In an emergency, call 999.

LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



JULY

July meetings of the Council can sometimes be quite short as people turn their attention to warmer weather and holidays. And so it happened this time. However, the Council did discuss how best to assist Long Whatton Village show committee urgently take advantage of the valuable offer of a storage shed, available also for other community uses. It was agreed in principle that, after seeing quotations, the Council would make a grant covering the cost of the concrete base for the building.

Police based at the airport had offered a presentation about their work there, particularly about anti-terrorism measures. They wished to keep the Council and the public generally informed of their work. The Council has invited an officer to give the presentation at a future meeting.

Chairman Tom Wilkins explained that he had had a busy month, attending the Diseworth Open Gardens event, the AGM of the CPRE local branch and two excellent Councillor/Chairman training sessions.

After many attempts since January to get County Highways to acknowledge the Council's request for salt bins in the Parish, the Clerk had finally pointed out to them that it would soon be Winter! This received a response and we now, once again, await the outcome.

Separately, County Highways have consulted the Council at an early stage in the process of providing speed reduction measures in Long Whatton. The Council has welcomed the proposals but have pointed out a number of concerns about the details and have suggested a meeting on site to discuss the matter. A full public consultation is promised in due course.

The Council has assisted over many months with the pursuit of an answer to the "eyesore" of many years of shuttering along the Grimes Gate, Diseworth boundary of a building site within the Conservation area. It has become clear that neither the District Council nor the landowner is able to change the situation at present and Councillors have now reluctantly accepted the impasse.

The Community Forum to be held on 7th July in Kegworth has an item on its agenda about the bus service and Councillors are likely to attend.

The seemingly large amount of land and property currently for sale in Diseworth was noted with some concern about the potential for future uses which might adversely affect the village. The importance was stressed of the public being involved at the strategic planning

stage when land uses were determined. Often it was much too late to object at the time of individual applications, especially in the case of large-scale developments.

Councillors noted the dedicated service which Mrs Kathleen Payter had given to her village as Editor of 'Long Whatton News' and the Council is sending her a letter of thanks. Additionally, it was decided that in wishing the new Editor well in his task and while acknowledging the great value of this local newsletter and the dedication of its volunteers, the publication should be asked if it would consider ways of broadening the range of current news it publishes.

AUGUST

Having discussed last month how best to assist Long Whatton Village show committee urgently take advantage of the valuable offer of a storage shed, available also for other community uses, at the August meeting Councillors were delighted to note that the building had now been erected, in double-quick time!

Andrew Bridgen, MP attended the meeting. He raised a number of issues relevant to parish councils, including affordable housing, issues surrounding parking at the airport (as well as Diseworth being used as an airport car park), parish council publicity and the government's intention to help by minimising irrelevant rules and regulations which had expanded so much in recent years. The various issues were discussed and co-operation and assistance promised. He would go to take a look at the affordable housing developments as it had been explained to him that the people of the Parish had already taken this forward following the outcome of the Parish Plan.

It was noted that there had regrettably been a "mini crime wave" in Long Whatton. Steps were being taken to revive the Neighbourhood Watch scheme there.

Having pointed out to County Highways a number of issues with the proposed speed reduction measures in Long Whatton, Councillors had attended a site meeting with a Highways Officer. This had proved to be very helpful, with a number of the Council's views being taken on board. There will soon be a formal public consultation on the matter. The annual safety inspection of the play areas had now been carried by RoSPA no major issues had been identified. The Report would be examined and any recommendations considered and acted upon as necessary.

Preparations to draw up proposals for the management of the new allotment site in Diseworth were in hand. These would become available for discussion with prospective allotment holders at a joint meeting arranged for October.

County Highways had agreed with a number of recommendations made by the Diseworth Village Residents' Parking Group and had also advised that the requests for salt bins in both villages were to be assessed shortly. The request for hard standing for bus passengers at the bus stop in West End had been quickly met. They had also taken steps to improve the footpath at Hathern Road and would be including further works into a future programme.

Representatives of Long Whatton School would be invited to discuss any ways in which the Parish Council might be able to help with the School Travel Plan.

Upon being invited by the District Council to comment on their proposals for new executive arrangements, it was decided to recommend the “strong leader” proposal rather than having an elected mayor as this would be a costly and unnecessary change at this time.

Councillors had been encouraged to note that, gradually, a wider range of reports were appearing in Long Whatton News.

There are regular reports from both villages about hedges and bushes in residents’ front gardens which become overgrown and impede the use of the pavement. Some users (e.g. those who use a wheelchair or buggies, etc.) are seriously impeded and there is often a danger of injury caused by overhanging trees and hedges. The Parish Council urges everyone to ensure that their own trees, hedges, bushes, etc. do not cause such inconvenience and danger to passers-by. Thank you.

Douglas Maas, Parish Clerk

Telephone: 01530 242534

email: longwhatdisepc@hotmail.com

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

will be held on

THURSDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

at 7.30pm

at Long Whatton Community Centre.

THURSDAY 07 OCTOBER

at 7.30pm

at Diseworth Village Hall, Hall Gate, Diseworth

Tony Dakin has taken over as Editor of the Long Whatton News.

Tony’s details are:

Tony Dakin

61 West End

Long Whatton

LE12 5DQ

01509 646751

anthonydakin543@btinternet.com

Diseworth Parish Registers

I am transcribing data from very poor images of Diseworth Church records. Anybody interested?

Kindest regards, Nick Furniss.

zen56694@zen.co.uk

HEALTH PAGE

FRIENDLY FOODS TO FEND OFF DIABETES

Type 2 diabetes is a well known disease that tends to develop very slowly and it is known fact that being overweight is a risk factor, but that is not the whole picture. Even people who seem to be of normal weight may have a condition called insulin resistance.

This means that their insulin is not performing the task of controlling their blood sugar as effectively as it should. Insulin resistance frequently exists in people who are diagnosed with diabetes a decade or so later on. Some experts are convinced that diet is significant in preventing the onset of insulin resistance and so reducing the risk of developing diabetes later in life.

Eating high amounts of saturated fats found in red meat and dairy products dramatically increases the risk of developing diabetes. Also foods high in sugar, white bread, sugary breakfast cereals and to a lesser degree things like instant mashed potatoes, carrots and honey should be eaten with caution. These foods have quite a high glycemic index, but are okay if eaten sparingly with other foods that are low on the glycemic index such as kidney beans, lentils, butter beans, lima beans, whole-wheat spaghetti, sweet corn, sweet potatoes and green leafy vegetables.

The good news is that there are lots of foods that can help to reduce the risk of developing insulin resistance and ultimately diabetes. People who consume lean, fatty and canned fish two or three times a week seems to have a greatly reduced risk of developing diabetes. Onions either raw or cooked seem to affect the liver's metabolism of glucose, and slow down the destruction of insulin. Broccoli is an excellent source of chromium, a trace mineral that greatly increases the ability of insulin to metabolize glucose. Fenugreek seeds, cinnamon, cloves, turmeric and bay leaves all have drug like properties that help insulin work more efficiently to keep blood sugar in check. Finally, bring on the beans, because eating high fibre complex carbohydrates like legumes can help to prevent the development of diabetes and may even help to keep it under control.

Liz Jarrom



Genealogy Information regarding the Mee Family.



From: Kathleen Woodward
[mailto:geney_88@yahoo.com]

Sent: 31 July 2010 15:08

To: admin@airnig.co.uk

Subject: Genealogy Information regarding the Mee Family.

A number of years ago, (possibly 11-12 years ago) I wrote to the Diseworth Dialogue, requesting information on the Mee family. I live in Canada and my Grandfather, Oliver Mee, was born in Diseworth. His father was Israel Mee, born in Diseworth around 1863. His mother was Mary Mee, later marrying a Charles Gascoigne. Her parents were Richard Mee and Sarah (Oliver) Mee.

At the time, the information request was also published in some local newspapers and a kind lady had a copy of an old family bible. She photo copied about 3 pages of the newspaper and mailed it to me. It gave me the birth date of my great grandfather and took me back 3 more generations into the Oliver family tree.

I have now moved from BC Canada to Ontario, Canada (3000 miles away) and all my genealogy information I had was left in storage. I do not recall this lady's name, however if she sees this, would it be possible for her to contact me with some of the information? I do believe that she was a school teacher and was wanting to get into some more family history once she retired. I have now begun to restart my interest in finding out more about my roots, and specifically, I would like to know more about the Oliver Family.

I had thought, from memory, that Sarah Oliver's father was John and I believe she had a brother Henry, who witnessed her marriage to Richard Mee. I would like to know if I have her father's name correct and what her mother's name and siblings names were with any dates. My name is Kathleen Woodward and I can be reached at either my email of geney_88@yahoo.com or my mailing address of 2341 Midlothian Rd.

RR #1Burk's Falls,
Ontario
Canada
POA 1C0

Thank you for your time and any help that you may be able to offer.
Kathleen

DISEWIRED!

Are you on Broadband in Diseworth? Or can't even get Broadband? Are you satisfied with the service you receive? Want to go faster?

Together, we can change things!

- Villages like ours are becoming a “Broadband Backwater” with slow, unreliable and expensive internet connections.
- DISEWIRED is a group of villagers whose aim is to bring fast, reliable and affordable Internet access into Diseworth.
- With your support, this is achievable. Visit:

www.disewired.com

Email:

info@disewired.com

Phone:

Mike Doyle: 07708 952942

Mik Griffin: 07787 505505



**Facebook Group: search
“Disewired”**

Diseworth Working Weekend

11th and 12th September 2010



The Kegworth Vintage Agricultural Club is holding its fifth charity fundraiser for the Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance and local charities on 11th and 12th September 2010 at Kingston Park Farms, West Leake Lane, New Kingston NG11 0DN, (near

Kegworth) by kind permission of Lord Belper and Mr. Pat Taylor and Sons.

Last year Diseworth Working Weekend gave away more than £7,000 – nearly double the amount raised from the first year. Over £5,000 was donated to the Air Ambulance with the remainder going to local charities.

As we did last year, throughout the weekend there will be 'Grandad's Harvesting' – a fantastic working show of vintage combine harvesters, threshing machines, balers and tractors recreating the 1950's harvesting – a sight not to be missed.

This year is the 50th anniversary of the Fordson Super Major tractor and we hope to have a large contingent of Super Major owners ploughing and exhibiting.

The main event will be a large ploughing match, commencing at 10 a.m. on the Sunday. There will be a large number of working tractors – County, Roadless, Doe, Marshall, Fords etc., from all around the country. Crawlers and other makes of tractors will also be working and there will be teams of Shire Horses. As well as the participating ploughmen and their tractors, there will be many tractors in the static section.

There will be trade stands of all types, both inside and outside of the marquees, to include local produce, crafts, parts, hardware, etc. Also there will be a hog roast, refreshments, bar, raffles, children's entertainment, etc.

All proceeds to charity - please come and join us

Admission £5 each day Accompanied children free



Apartment for Rent in Bansko, Bulgaria Only £99 per week!!

2 bedroom apartment (sleeps up to 6) available for rent in Bansko. Perfect all-year round destination. Excellent skiing through the winter months, and beautiful scenery for walking, mountain biking, & horse riding in summer.

For more info visit:

www.freewebs.com/banskobreak

For availability phone or email:

John & Sue: 01332 810130

Mike & Julie: 01332 810785

banskobreak@live.co.uk



FleetServicesOnline.co.uk

Multi Manufacturer Acquisition, Disposal Support & Servicing



WE OFFER OUR CUSTOMERS

Skilled Experienced Technicians At Competitive Rates

TO WORK ON YOUR VEHICLE FOR

**Servicing : Repairs : Tyres : Air Conditioning PLUS
Diagnostic & Auto Electrical Services**

ON

Small & Medium Sized Fleets of Cars & Light Vans up to 3.5 Tons GVW

Special Offer - Auto Air Conditioning Service from £39.99

Tel: Derby 864414 or Email us: autoservice@fsold.co.uk

Fleet Services Online Ltd, Castle Lane, Melbourne, Derby DE73 8JB

Outsource Your Payroll, Book Keeping & Associated IT Services

Everyone in business is looking to save on staff costs, and many businesses can no longer afford to employ their own payroll or accounts staff. This job must be done by someone, and its probably you when you get time in the evenings or at week ends or maybe at the last minute when you have no choice!! If you recognise this scenario, we may be able to help you from as little as £49 per month* with our payroll, accounts and business support services by our Sage Accredited team.

Sage Payroll Services Sage Accounts Services with IT Infrastructure Setup

Web Domain Registration & Email Account Setup

IT Systems Setup & Support On our Servers With Remote Client Access

Tel: Derby 865311 or Email us: newclient@fsold.co.uk

*Minimum 12 month service agreement for payroll only services up to 5 employees paid monthly
All enquiries will be handled in complete confidence by our team.

Fleet Services Online Ltd, Castle Lane, Melbourne, Derby DE73 8JB

Directory of Useful Numbers

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

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

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

Village Directory

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

Diseworth Village Hall

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CONTACTS

CO-ORDINATORS:

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

YOUR LOCAL PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Email: longwhatdisepc@hotmail.com.

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

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

| | | |
|-----------------|--|--------------|
| David Bamford, | 43 The Woodcroft, Diseworth DE74 2QT | 07802 817691 |
| Sue Roberts, | Chapel Farm, Hall Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QJ | 01332 810813 |
| Derek Wiggins, | 6 Clements Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QE | 01332 810209 |
| Andrew Cawdell, | 58 The Green, Long Whatton LE12 5DB | 01509 843273 |
| Linda Downs, | 12 Barnfield Close, Long Whatton, LE12 5BZ | 01509 842117 |
| Michael Downs, | 12 Barnfield Close, Long Whatton LE12 5BZ | 01509 842117 |
| Thomas Wilkins, | 1 Hathern Road, Long Whatton LE12 5DD | 07521 461326 |

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.