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Contributions for our dispatches page are most welcome. Share your news with the village - birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, congratulations etc. When contributing, please **include your name**. We do need your name, but we won't publish it if that's your wish. If you're a child, our readers appreciate seeing your age too!

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

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DISEWORTH DIARY

DECEMBER

Sunday	2 nd	Messy Church 4pm in Long Whatton Parish Church.
Monday	10 th	Discussion Group. Bring your Wedding Photographs, 12 Lady Gate. 2pm.
Monday	10 th	Women's Group Christmas Dinner. Clock Warehouse, Shardlow. Details page 40
Tuesday	11 th	Bookworms. DVD of the film "Becoming Jane".10 Lady Gate 2pm.
Thursday	13 th	Retired Residents Christmas Lunch. 1pm. Village Hall.
Wednesday	19 th	Hathern "B" Band Concert. 7.30pm. In Church. £5.
Sunday	23 rd	9 Lessons & Carols 6.15pm. In Church.
Monday	24 th	4pm Crib Service in Church. 10.00pm. Holy Communion in Church.
Wednesday	26 th	Fun Run.

JANUARY 2008

Monday	7 th	Women's Discussion Group. "Dreams for This Year." Venue Liz Jarrom. Lady Gate Farm. 2pm.
Monday	14 th	Women's Group. Village Hall. 8pm. "Identifying your own Behavioural styles."
Tuesday	22 nd	Bookworms. Venue & book to be advised.
Saturday	26 th	Charnwood Community Theatre. "Jesus' Birthday Party ". 7.30pm. Village Hall.
Saturday	26 th	Coffee Morning. In Church. 10am – 12noon.

FEBRUARY

Tuesday	22 nd	Bookworms. 10 Lady Gate. 2pm. (book to be advised)
Friday	29 th	Diseworth Church Leap Year Special. 7.30pm. Village Hall

JUNE

Sat/Sun	14 th /15 th	Scarecrow Festival & Open Gardens.
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Welcome

to the December/January double issue

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to thank the committee for making me feel so welcome. In particular I would like to say a big 'thank you' to Sue for her guidance and support over the last few months and although she steps down as editor I hope Sue will continue to nudge me in the right direction at future editorial meetings! I would also like to thank Ruth for showing me just how the magazine comes together on the computer, and Steve, for all his fantastic illustrations.

This special double issue is full of interesting articles; communication between divers, childhood memories of Diseworth and because we are approaching Christmas, we thought it would be nice to have an item on babies born this year. Some were born in the village and some have parents who used to live in Diseworth and grandparents who still do!

The centre pages are dedicated to a review of the year and although the farming community might understandably disagree with me, I think, all in all, Diseworth has had a good year. Despite an awful summer, the scarecrow festival/open gardens weekend and the flower show were a huge success. Whilst the village itself achieved its success in the Best Village Competition, individual villagers accomplished their own goals such as climbing Ben Nevis and cycling the JOGLE

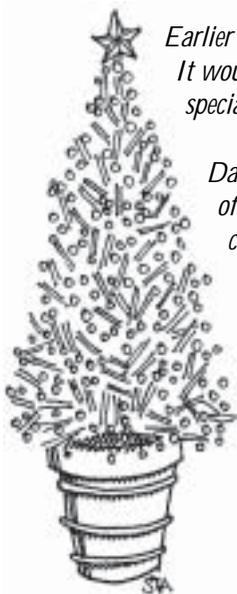
Earlier in the year Grumpy Old Diseworth was introduced in the Dialogue. It would be lovely to have more contributions for this page and there is a special Grumpy Old Christmas in this month's edition.

David Griffith's festive poem is very funny and brought back memories of my Christmas just last year when both my son and I suffered from chickenpox. My son did just manage to be in his Christmas play but I ended up in bed for most of Christmas Day and Boxing Day!

On that note, it just remains for me to say that on behalf of The Diseworth Dialogue, have a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Peggy Taylor.



St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Advent is Coming

No I haven't got it wrong; I really do mean Advent rather than Christmas. If we could only make use of this invaluable time of preparation we might escape some of the more bizarre extremes of commercialised Christmas.



photograph Julia Sillitoe

I am passionate about the seasons of the church's year, just as I am passionate about Advent. For many, however, it is merely a name given to the time before Christmas and as such it is rather drab.

For me Advent is a time of mystery and a time of discovery. One of my "heroes", Oscar Romero, the great South American martyr of the last century, put it this way:-

“Advent should admonish us to discover
In each brother or sister that we greet,
In each friend whose hand we shake,
In each beggar who asks for bread,
In each worker who wants to use the right to join a union,
In each peasant who looks for work in the coffee groves,
The face of Christ.

Then it would not be possible to rob them,
To cheat them,
To deny them their rights.

They are Christ,
And whatever is done to them
Christ will take as done to him.
This is what Advent is:
Christ living among us.”

From the 1st of December we can all take a second look at the bus driver, shop assistant, the policeman on the beat, the carol singers, the unemployed and ask to see Christ in their faces. We can all watch the news about far-away places where

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there is slave trade, child abuse, no protective labour laws and query whether we are robbing, cheating and denying them. It only takes a moment to discover that Advent is Christ living amongst us.

For you and for me that is the only thing of worth during the hectic countdown to the 25th. We are asking that Christ of the cosmos comes from the depth of eternity and the dawn of time to unfold his purposes to us. He can be found incognito in our streets, beneath the concrete, between the cracks. In his quiet hidden way we find him behind curtains, within our dreams, in ageing memories, in childhood wonder, in secret ponds, in broken hearts, and in the Bethlehem stable. Mystery and discovery. Don't let's miss him.



Alison

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Services & Locations for December 2007

	Time	Service	Location
December 2nd	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Diseworth & Belton
		Christingle Service	Hathern
		Family Service	Kegworth & Osgathorpe
	4.00pm	All Age Worship	Long Whatton CC
	6.15pm	Messy Church	Long Whatton
		BCP Evensong	Belton & Kegworth
December 6 th	9.00am	School Assembly	Diseworth
December 9 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Belton & Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Hathern Kegworth, Long Whatton & Osgathorpe
	4.00pm	Christingle Service	Diseworth & Belton
	5.00pm	Christingle Service	Kegworth
	6.30pm	United Songs of Christmas Praise	Hathern
December 16 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Diseworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Long Whatton
		Family Service	Kegworth
		CW Morning Prayer	Belton
		New Beginnings	Hathern
	4.00pm	Christingle Service	Osgathorpe
	6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern
		BCP Evensong	Belton & Kegworth
December 22 nd	1.00pm	Wedding	Diseworth
December 23 rd	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	3.00pm	9 Lessons & Carols	Osgathorpe
	6.15pm	9 Lessons & Carols	Diseworth, Belton, Long Whatton, Hathern, Kegworth
December 24 th Christmas Eve	3.00pm	Crib Service	Belton
	4.00pm	Crib Service	Diseworth & L. Whatton
	5.00pm	Crib Service	Kegworth
	6.00pm	Crib Service	Hathern
	10.00pm	CW Holy Communion	Diseworth
	11.30pm	CW Holy Communion	Belton, Hathern, Long Whatton & Kegworth



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	Time	Service	Location
December 25 th	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
Christmas Day	10.30am	Family Service	Kegworth
December 30 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
	4.00pm	Christingle Service	Long Whatton
	6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion	Diseworth
		Special Cantata	Kegworth

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		Family Service	Hathern, Kegworth & Osgathorpe
	4.00pm	Messy Church	Long Whatton
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton & Kegworth
January 13 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Belton & Kegworth
	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Osgathorpe
	10.30am	Family Service	Diseworth
		CW Holy Communion	L. Whatton, Hathern & Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Kegworth
	7.00pm	Plough Service	Osgathorpe
January 20 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Kegworth
	9.00am	CW Holy Communion	Diseworth & Osgathorpe
	10.30am	CW Morning Prayer	Belton
		CW Holy Communion	Long Whatton
		New Beginnings	Hathern
		Family Service	Kegworth
	4.00pm	Messy Church	Osgathorpe
	6.15pm	BCP Holy Communion	Hathern
		BCP Evensong	Belton & Kegworth
January 23 rd	7.30pm	Benefice Praise Service	Belton
January 27 th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Diseworth & Kegworth
	10.30am	CW Holy Communion	Hathern & Kegworth
		CW Morning Prayer	Osgathorpe
	4.00pm	Messy Church	Kegworth
	6.15pm	BCP Evensong	Belton, Hathern & Kegworth

Week Day Services

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

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Lessons and Readers for December 2007

	Time	Reader	Sidesman
December 2nd Advent 1	First Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5 Second Reading: Romans 13.11-end Gospel: Matthew 24.36-44	10.30am S Bird S Brompton A Stone	M Howe
December 16 th Advent 3	First Reading: Isaiah 35.1-10 Second Reading: James 5.7-10 Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11	9.00am M Howe D Cherry D Blenkinsopp	G Stone
December 24 th Christmas Eve	First Reading: Isaiah 52.7-10 Second Reading: Hebrews 1.1-4 Gospel: John 1.1-14	10.00pm D Bird M Gidlow S Bird	T Griffin
December 30 th Christmas 1	First Reading: Isaiah 63.7-9 Second Reading: Hebrews 2.10-end Gospel: Matthew 2.13-end	6.15pm R Edwards M Gidlow	F Hill

Lessons and Readers for January 2008

	Time	Reader	Sidesman
January 6 th Epiphany	First Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6 Second Reading: Ephesians 3.1-12 Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12	10.30am M Howe R Harris D Blenkinsopp	G Stone
January 20 th Epiphany 3	First Reading: Isaiah 49.1-7 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 Gospel: John 1.29-42	9.00am S Brompton A Stone M Gidlow	D Cherry
January 27 th Epiphany 4	First Reading: Isaiah 9.1-4 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.10-18 Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23	8.00am D Griffin S Bird	M Cowley

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

Flowers and Church Brasses

	Flowers	Brasses
December 2nd	Advent	Mrs M Linthwaite
December 23 rd	Christmas – Help from everyone	welcome
January 6 th /13 th	Mrs A Brooks	Mrs D Blenkinsopp
January 20 th /27 th	Mrs S Bird	Mrs M Linthwaite



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Other Benefice Services, Meetings and Social Events in December & January

December 1 st	Saturday	Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
December 2 nd	Sunday	Hathern Church Music Café 6.00-8.00pm
December 4 th	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
December 5 th	Wednesday	Hathern House Group 7.30pm
December 7 th /8 th	Fri/Sat	Hathern Church Christmas Tree Festival 10am-8pm
December 8 th	Saturday	Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
December 9 th	Sunday	Hathern Church Christmas Tree Festival 1pm-5.30pm
December 9 th	Sunday	Hathern Church Songs of Christmas Praised 6.30pm
December 11 th	Tuesday	Belton House Group 7.30pm
December 18 th	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
December 19th	Wednesday	Diseworth Church Hathern 'B' Band Concert 7.30pm
December 30 th	Sunday	Kegworth Church 'The Wonder of Christmas' with The Sutton Bonington United Choir
January 2 nd	Wednesday	Hathern House Group 7.30pm
January 5 th	Saturday	Hathern Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
January 6 th	Sunday	Hathern Church Music Café 6.00-8.00pm
January 8 th	Tuesday	Belton House Group 7.30pm
January 12 th	Saturday	Kegworth Church Coffee Morning 10am-12noon
January 13 th	Sunday	United Plough Service, Osgathorpe 7pm
January 15 th	Tuesday	Kegworth House Group 7.30pm
January 16 th	Wednesday	Benefice Representatives Meeting, Belton 7.30pm
January 22nd	Tuesday	Diseworth Church Fund Raising Meeting 7.30pm Wartoft Grange
January 23 rd	Wednesday	Benefice Praise Evening, Belton
January 26th	Saturday	Diseworth Church Coffee Morning with Fair Trade Stall 10am-12noon
January 28 th	Monday	Benefice Bible Study, 33 Green Hill, Hathern 7.30pm

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.



Bell Ringing at Diseworth Mondays 8pm

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**Do join us for our Benefice
PRAISE EVENINGS
OF WORSHIP & LIVELY SONGS IN 2008**



Belton 23rd January
Diseworth 27th February
Hathern 26th March
Long Whatton 23rd April

**The Praise Evenings are held on a
Wednesday and start at 7.30pm
Followed by Refreshments
and a time for fellowship**

MESSY CHURCH

continues at 4.00pm

Sunday 2nd December - Long Whatton

Sunday 6th January - Long Whatton

Sunday 20th January - Osgathorpe

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

***Tel: Revd Alison
Prince, Team Vicar
on 01530 223447***

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News From The Belton Rectory



At this time life seems particularly busy with planning - mainly for the New Year. As I share these plans I want you to get behind them in prayer and support. They have all been organised to strengthen our local churches. Please put the dates in your diary so you don't miss out.

Benefice Social Evening, Saturday 16th February, at Belton Village Hall.

If you came to and enjoyed the Italian Soiree in the summer, you won't want to miss this. A chance to meet friends in the other churches and eat well

A PCC Evening with ReSource, Wednesday 30th January, 7.30pm Oaks in Charnwood

It is really important that all members of each PCC are present. Please put the date in your diary. The evening is designed to increase the effectiveness of each PCC and to help us in discerning God's will. Two things which are especially important during this time of interregnum

New Team Rector

There were no applicants after the last advertisement. The archdeacon will approach personally those looking for a new post and the Benefice will re-advertise in the new year. Please pray for the 6 elected members who are responsible for the Parish Profile and advertising, along with the archdeacon. The existing Kegworth Rectory is to be refurbished

Back to Church Sunday

All the churches in the Benefice have been asked to support a Back to Church Sunday in their village, either in January or February. This is an opportunity for any member of the community to come to church again or for the first time. They will be welcomed warmly. Others there will be in the same "boat". Look out for details in your local shops etc.

Hope '08

This is a nationwide initiative to spread the hope of the Christian Gospel in 2008. A group of Christians in Loughborough are working hard to make this happen in our area. Please make sure that everyone knows about it. Regular updates and information www.loveloughborough.org

Harvest Basket

***Just a little note to say:
thank you for my harvest
basket.***

**Many thanks
to everyone
involved.
Madeleine**



Day-time Alpha coming to Long Whatton

Starting on Thursday 10th January, we will be running a daytime Alpha in Long Whatton in conjunction with the Baptist Church. This will be from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. A chance to find out what you think about the big questions of life. Inquiries to Ali Boston (01509 415647) or Alison Prince (01530 223447)

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

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**CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

Featuring
HATHERN 'B' BAND

Wednesday, 19th December

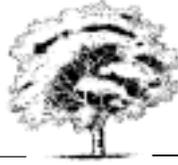
7.30pm

Admission £5

inc. glass of wine & mince pie



COUNTRY MATTERS



***by Liz
Jarrom***

DESPITE A TOUGH YEAR STILL LOTS TO BE POSITIVE ABOUT

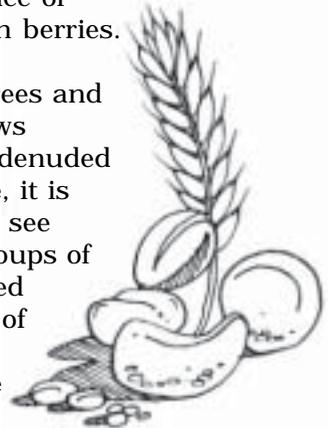
As we come to the end of what has been an extremely difficult year for farming, I felt it was time to reflect on some of the advantages of farming for us all.

First is the obvious one of having a plentiful supply of food. Even though a lot of food is now imported, a great deal of food is still produced here. Then there is the shape of our countryside. Without farming, the hills would be covered in bracken instead of sheep, and the lowlands would be a wasteland of thistles and nettles instead of a patchwork of cereals and cattle pastures. I love to see the changing seasons, and now it is autumn and the brown and apparently lifeless fields have been drilled with corn.

Slowly, as the days shorten, these fields become clothed with green as the seeds sprout and push that first precious blade of green skywards. Hares can be seen running across these fields during this time. The short succulent shoots of corn are ideal food for them this time of

year, we just hope they don't nibble too much and leave bare patches in the crop. Pheasants, the males in their magnificent plumage, roam abundantly across the fields. I know some of them will end up in the pot but the survivors may breed successfully next spring, likewise the partridges. Even the ones that sadly end up as roadkill will feed the buzzards through the winter. Hedges and the now obligatory field margins, supply valuable corridors and habitats for many types of wildlife. The fieldfares have now arrived, chattering amongst the trees and dining on the abundance of hawthorn berries.

As the trees and hedgerows become denuded of foliage, it is easier to see many groups of long tailed tits, one of my favourite birds,



flitting about in groups. A less obvious type of wildlife thrives on the pastures where cattle graze. Cowpats support certain types of fungi and beetles, and as these cowpats slowly break down, the worms incorporate their goodness back into the soil. Ants apparently need the grass to be a certain length for their survival. Grazing cattle help to keep the grass at an ideal length for them.

Each year has its shortages and abundances; this year has been disastrous for potatoes and cereal crops, but excellent for all types of fruit. I have had a bumper year for apples and one of my biggest pleasures this

autumn has been picking wild blackberries. Living close to nature and farming has made me acutely aware that nature has a way of balancing things out. Lean years are often followed by abundant years so we are looking forward to next year with hope, especially as all our cereal crops have gone in well. So if next year proves to be a good year for cereals and a poor one for fruit, nature will have redressed the balance.

Hopefully, farming will continue here far into the future, and we shall all reap the benefits of its positive effects on nature.



Diseworth Wildlife

It was very sad to see the snail hunter one night, looking down the situations vacant column in the paper. She is really depressed and has no get-up-and-go anymore. If her little enemies don't come out of hiding soon she will have to sign on the dole.

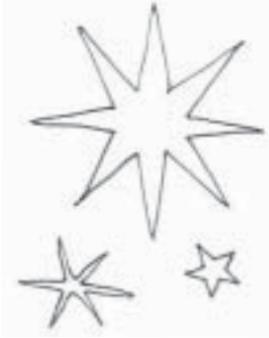
Either this global warming we've all heard about is really starting to make itself felt, or the snail hunter has killed them off with the melons. She was only trying to be kind.

Honest!

from Les Brown



She is Mary



*In the school at Christmas
There's talent all galore
Especially in the village
Of Normanton on Soar.*

*There's roles for everybody
As cattle or as sheep,
For shepherds and for wise men
And fowls that just go "cheep!"*

*There is a pecking order
For those who would be Star.
It's not quite friendly rivalry
It's not quite open war.*

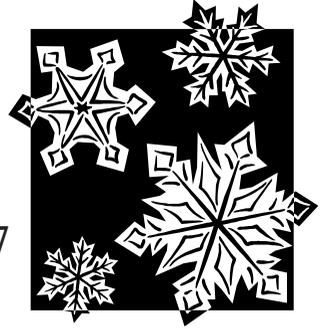
*To look at them impartially
They all look much the same.
It's not the fault of little ones.
Their mothers are to blame.*

*But then there can be chicken pox
And then there can be 'flu'
So some can rise up through the ranks
That's Show Business for you!*

*There's little Leah Griffiths
Stands up to take her bow
Nursing Baby Jesus
A halo round her brow,
She set out as a turkey
But she is Mary now.*

David Griffiths

Diseworth
Retired Residents



Christmas Lunch
Thursday 13th December 2007

1pm

Village Hall

Welcome to our usual
Festive Fare and Fun
contact – Nikki 853647

Junction 24

A spiritual service station

The Whitehouse Hotel

Kegworth

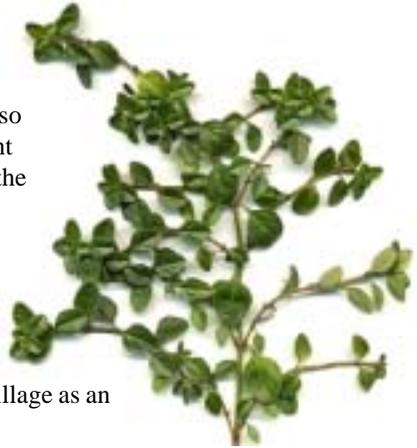
Every Sunday at 8pm

A united Christian project

Jasmine and Thyme

Childhood memories are so precious, none more so than mine of my birthplace, Diseworth. The recent report of the Heritage Trust's success in funding the restoration of the Baptist Chapel brought many memories flooding back for me.

I was born at 59 The Green on 5th June 1943, home of my maternal grandmother, Mrs. Hilda Hickling. My mother, Hilda (nee Winfield), met my father Sidney when he was stationed in the village as an RAF member of the village Decoy Station.



Returning to my father's home in Norfolk after the war, Diseworth has continued to hold a special affection in my life. During the 1950's I spent most of my summer school holidays staying with my grandmother, Uncle Jack and Cousin Josie. Cricket matches on Town End and chalk arrow chases through the village and over the disused aerodrome stick especially in my mind. Many idyllic summer days were spent in the harvest fields of Mr. Mills with my uncle, concluded by the milking of the cows and taking home the milk. Sometime in between I would have to find time to fetch 20 Woodbines for my Aunt Dot! Barry Lakin became a close friend and has remained so ever since even though he now lives in Cardiff.

Childhood is a formative time of life and my grandmother's hard work and family commitment made a lasting impression on me; whether she was working for Wheildon's coach company in Castle Donington, Cotton's farm at the top of Grimes Gate or cleaning the Baptist Chapel every Saturday afternoon. The sight of jasmine and the smell of thyme, both of which grew profusely around the front door of No. 59, still evoke childhood memories of Diseworth.

I shall follow with interest the restoration of the Baptist Chapel, where I attended every Sunday afternoon service when staying in Diseworth. Several of the congregation had known me since my birth, especially Mrs. G Jarrom who was an elder of the church. She would always greet me with a half-crown at the end of the service from the time I was a small child to the time I took my future wife Mary to a service. That, however, was not the reason for my regular attendance!!

Reading the Diseworth Dialogue has brought back many happy memories and I wish the Diseworthians every success in the future.

Barry Coleman.
Leader of Great Yarmouth Borough Council.



Geoff Brookes on his way to the summit of Ben Nevis



'When Flowers are Scarce'
Sheila Dakin's prize
winning arrangement at
the annual flower show



Paul Taylor and Magdalen (Meg)
Galley, of Primrose Cottage in
Hall Gate, celebrated their
marriage on Saturday 12th May



All set for the Fun Run



Our new Editor, Peggy Tudor (left) with Sue Brompton at the Best Village Award Ceremony. 17th November



A little drop of what you fancy does you good - the scare'crow' at West View



Sheltering from the rain - Open Gardens at 14 Lady Gate

Congratulations to Heidi, Baz and Toby Hollis of Clements gate on the birth of their daughter/sister Fern Olivia born on 5th November at Leicester General Hospital weighing 7lbs 12 1/2 oz. Many thanks for all the good wishes cards flowers and presents.



Edward George Melling, born on 4th October in Yarm, North Yorkshire to Vicky (nee Smith, formerly of 4 Brookside) and Paul Melling.



Jacob Oliver Smith born in Australia on October 18th to Karen (nee Cheney) and Barry Smith



Another new addition to the Cheney family" Congratulations to Chris and Sharon Cheney on the birth of a son 'William Connor' born 25th October 8lb 5oz. Another new addition to the family, and another Grandson! Loads of love to you all, from Grandma Cheney, Grandpa, and Great Grandma Cheney. Love also from your new cousin Jacob, Auntie Karen and Uncle Barry.



Oliver Frederick Marshall born 3rd July 2007 to Helen (nee Dakin) & Dominic Marshall of Marton cum Grafton, North Yorkshire. A first Grandchild for Ian & Sheila Dakin. 7lbs 7oz



Fintan Roderick Edward Weekes was born on Friday the 12th October to Mariann Weekes, (nee Polley, formerly of The Woodcroft) , now living in Essex. 9lbs

Diseworth Celebrates



Winner Best Village Competition

It was good to see so many people turn out on a beautiful day to celebrate Diseworth winning Best Village in the 2007 Leicestershire Best Village competition. Refreshments were enjoyed in the church after the unveiling. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a successful, warm and friendly event. Diseworth - a village to be proud of.

Martin Hening

Unveiling the plaque.
Baroness Byford and David Taylor MP with Martin Hening at the unveiling ceremony.





Baroness Byford raising a toast to the village accompanied by Martin



Enjoying the refreshments in the church

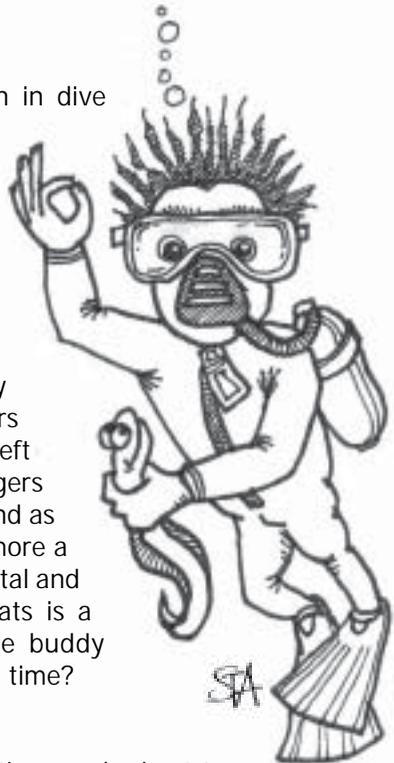
Communicating Underwater

by Sue Roberts

I have written before about our various diving activities both above and under the water and it has occurred to me that you may be asking yourselves (or not) about the way in which we communicate with each other in order to point something out, whether trivial, interesting, wildly exciting or an extreme emergency. Fortunately we haven't had to do the latter.

Obviously all means of verbal communication goes out of the window as once underwater you are very concerned with the preservation of life, your own, and that means keeping the air source, the demand valve, firmly clamped in your mouth. Of course it is possible to remove it, and that is one of the skills we have to learn when diving in case a stray size 12 fin kicks you in the mouth and knocks the demand valve out.

So, what do we do? Again, very early on in dive training, you learn basic hand signals such as the infamous OK signal – thumb and forefinger together to form a circle and the other three fingers held up straight. A thumb pointing up means ascend, and pointing down means descend, nod the head – yes, shake it - no. Simple really. Air consumption has to be monitored and the quantity of air left in the tank is ingeniously conveyed to ones buddy by holding up fingers (1 finger = 10 ats.) The minimum to be left with at the end of a dive is 30 ats so 3 fingers are held up. A tank starts off with 200 ats and as it's a bit difficult holding up 100 fingers or more a T sign is made with both hands, one horizontal and the other vertical indicating 100 ats. 50 ats is a clenched fist – ready to punch your dive buddy perhaps, because he's pestering you all the time?

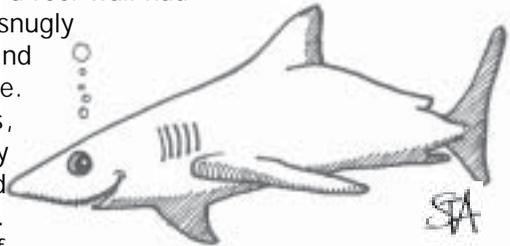


But I digress. Most of the time communication can be kept to the very minimum depending on the type of dive. A wreck dive

consists mainly of pointing in vague directions – look at that, look over there; shall we descend this dark passageway? The latter is accompanied by a quizzical look on the face of the asker, and the response can be varied. A vigorous nod if I'm feeling good, or a scowl and shake of the head which means 'What the heck do you think you're asking me? Go down there? You must be out of your tiny mind.'

If the dive is on a reef that usually means there is a great deal of fish life and this is where it gets really hysterical at times. Years ago when we were diving in Malta Graham did not have prescription lenses in his mask (unheard of) or even snug fitting glasses to go under his mask. His vision was poor and underwater most things were a blur – like an artists palette of all mixed up colours. Three of us drifting along a reef wall had

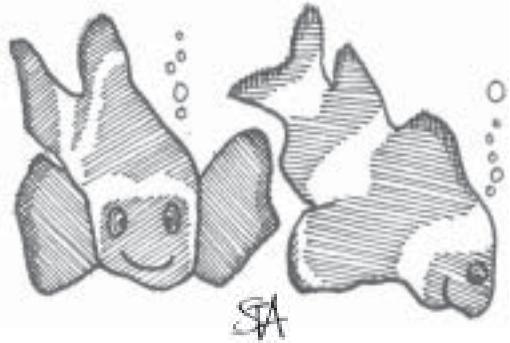
found a moray eel that was sitting snugly in its hole with its mouth agape and staring at us with its beady eye. Graham swam up behind us, muscled in and put his face very close to the reef to see if he could make out what we were looking at.



Only the quick thinking of one of the divers saved him from losing his nose as the eel shot out of its hole and shut his jaws with a mighty snap inches from Graham. After that incident glasses were found to wear underwater and communication became easier. The sign for an eel, which we should have made clear to him, is to make your fingers and thumb into a 'yakking mouth' (think sock puppet) and then open and shut the fingers and thumb.

Reefs and their associated fish are a delight to behold. Big fish like barracuda or jacks, tiny fish that hide in the coral and fish that are so well disguised it is hard to spot them, all give rise to being able to use various signs to point them out. I remember Fiona pointing out a red spotted wrasse and I just couldn't see it. She was madly pointing and I was just as madly looking. It wasn't until it moved that I saw it. So that is why there are various signs used underwater to give you some indication of what it is you are meant to be seeing. They are universal and most people will know what it is you are trying to tell them. Pointing wildly in a direction is no good if you don't know what to focus on. Barracuda are shown by tapping three fingers of your right hand on your left forearm – this is because they are a long stripy fish. Blue spotted rays are indicated by clenching the left fist and then dotting spots on it in a circle on the

back of your hand with your right index finger. This is because they are round and have blue spots on them. Sharks – if you have the presence of mind and don't just scream down your demand valve – are shown by raising either hand and holding it to your forehead in a vertical position like a sharks fin. For hammerheads – and I have yet to try out this one – both hands are made into fists and held at each side of your head like the eye position on the shark. Sometimes there is no universal sign for a type of fish and that is where imagination comes in. It is possible to cry with laughter underwater and this is what Fiona and I did one holiday when I showed her some anemone fish. I pointed to them and then pulled my left arm in to make it really short and then waggled it around (as in Finding Nemo...). We both got a huge fit of the giggles and this sign has now been passed on to other divers we have met around the world.



I did buy Graham an underwater slate for Christmas but by the time you've written something down the moment has passed and more than likely the critter has swum away. It can have its uses though, to ask more ponderous and unwieldy questions such as 'There were five of us on this dive and now I can only see four. Who's missing and where are they?'

It is important to be able to communicate underwater successfully and as the years have gone by I think that we have managed to make ourselves understood without resorting to blows and frustrating gestures and shrugs. The environment that you are in means that you have to be effective otherwise that is when things can start to go wrong. But it is mostly about finding a way to 'chat' while diving and to share your finds and observations with those around you.

** The answer to this question was no-one. I counted the four other divers but forgot to include myself!*

LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH PARISH COUNCIL



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A thousand apologies for my omission of 'News' last month. I admit to forgetfulness but ask that the mitigating factors of regulation, rules, recalcitrant banks and so on, demanding priority attention immediately following the meeting, be accepted as sufficient excuse.. No? Quite right. Doing useful things like keeping everyone informed about what the Parish Council is doing should be far more important.

Councillors have recently undergone training in various ways so that all those 'rules' can be better understood. A schedule of meeting dates for 2008 has been agreed (Council 1st Thursday, Planning Group 3rd Thursday if required). The meetings will alternate between the villages and there will be a recess in July. The website will soon be updated – go to: leicestershireparishcouncils.org/longwhattonanddiseworth/ for a meetings calendar, agendas, minutes, a list of Parish Councillors, contact details and current news.

At the meeting the District Council's Street Scene Manager, Lindsay Weaver, gave an outline of the work of her department and staff. "Environmental Crime" was the term of the month ... litter, dog control and fouling, parking, fly tipping, abandoned vehicles. When required, the Street Wardens gather evidence and deal appropriately with offences in these categories.

Councillors had collected a great deal of evidence about overgrown hedges, obscured traffic signs, etc. and this had been forwarded to the Highways Department. Still on roads, the Council will make representations after receiving a complaint about speeding buses in Long Whatton. Also in that village, it was heard that the newly painted signs on the road were slippery, with a particular danger to horses and their riders.

Chairman, Martin Hening, reminded everyone about Diseworth's big day on 17th November – the unveiling of the Best Village plaque.

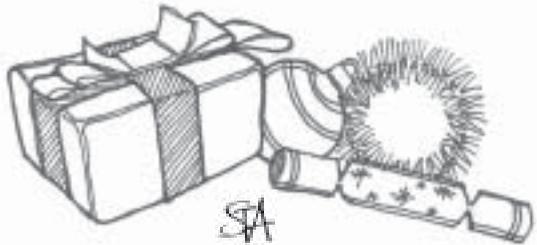
Amongst several planning applications, the Council considered very carefully the application to extend Harlow Bros. site in Hathern Road. The value to the local economy and employment opportunities arising from this business were recognised.

However the proximity to houses, together with a variety of specific environmental concerns persuaded the Parish Council that it must support the local residents and strongly object to the development.

“Money” is a major topic now because, early in January, the Council will decide how much of your Council Tax it needs. Next year’s Budget will be decided. This is a good opportunity for Villagers to tell their Parish Councillors if what they pay (roughly £16 per person on average this year) for local services is about right or maybe too much. Or if they would like the Parish Council to spend more ... on what?

On that note, I will leave you with the Council’s very best wishes for a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Douglas Maas, Parish Clerk



Dear readers,

On behalf of the Parish Council, may I wish Long Whatton and Diseworth residents a happy and peaceful Christmas, and a very good New Year. I am minded to make some new year resolutions (the list is entirely personal, not approved by the Council).

We will initiate Speedwatch, to help make our villages safer

We will support the Parish Plan findings in every way we can. I especially hope we can provide something for the 12-18 age group (we do have a cunning plan for a Youth Shelter in Diseworth, which should appear soon).

We will try again to get pavements swept by those who determine our Council Tax (one of the highest in the District).

I daresay one or two of you could add to this list. Let’s hear your suggestions,

Martin Hening



A Grumpy Old Christmas

Spending beyond their income on gifts for Christmas
Swing doors and crowded lifts and draped jungles
What shall we buy for our husbands and sons
Different from last year?

Louis MacNeice

Children's Toys

Why do children's toys have so much unnecessary packaging which often require a whole tool kit to open?

When that task has finally been achieved after much swearing from Dad, why is it that you then need C batteries to make the toy in question operate?

You have an ample supply of AA batteries and there may even be a couple of D batteries in the drawer somewhere but C batteries? Not a chance!

We wish you a P.C. Christmas

I heard the other day that one store manager is hiring a thin Father Christmas because a fat one sends out the wrong message to children.

POLITICAL CORRECTNESS GONE MAD!

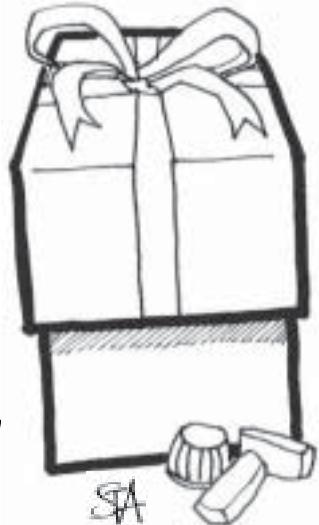
“But Mum, I hate sprouts!”

Which bright spark first decided to serve Brussel sprouts as an accompanying vegetable for Christmas Dinner?

They take forever to prepare, they don't look appetising raw or cooked and considering Christmas Dinner is usually a sociable occasion, the after effects can clear a room in seconds!

So why, oh why do we still buy them at Christmas?

How do you teach a five year old to say 'Thank you' for a gift he or she really isn't impressed with? No, really I'd love to know, so answers on a postcard please. Last year I tried to teach my child to say "Thank you. It's just what I always wanted." But it just sounded a bit false, especially when accompanied by throwing the gift in question on the floor and starting on the next!



Charnwood Community Theatre

invite you to a performance of

Jesus' Birthday Party

(an alternative Nativity play for all ages)

on

Saturday 26th January 2008

at

Diseworth Village Hall

7.30pm



Tickets - £5 and
£4 (concessions)

To book tickets, ring
John Hurley on
01332 810130

News from the school



We have had a busy term so far, with 11 new children joining us over the term, 8 of them in reception. We were sad to say goodbye to Christian Murray who has moved with his family to Tenerife, he was such a character and will be missed by all the children and the staff.

Work in school

Class 1 children have been doing some work based around popular Nursery rhymes and have been reading, writing and learning Nursery rhymes. They have had fun being Humpty Dumpty and falling off the wall! Being Mary Mary in her garden planting bulbs for the spring, and being Kings and Queens of Hearts making different flavoured jam tarts.

Class 2 have been looking at plants and habitats and have also been planting seeds and bulbs outside – school should look lovely in the spring when all the bulbs flower.

Class 3 have enjoyed finding out about the Tudors and will be having a Tudor Christmas experience in December.

Harvest festival took place in church on 11th October and all the children took part in various activities and brought fruit, vegetables or other food which was distributed to residents in the village. We have our school assembly in church on the first Thursday of each month at 9 o'clock. Village residents are always welcome to attend.

Children in Class 3 took part in our family of school's Tag Rugby tournament. We didn't win this time but the children enjoyed the experience and played really well throughout.

The children had a great afternoon just before half term demonstrating their drumming skills with Mrs Roberts. We had the use of a set of African drums over half term and all the children had sessions to practise their skills. This culminated in a demonstration to parents and friends. We now have several children who are keen to have drums for Christmas!!!!

Plea for resources and information

After Christmas all the children will be working on a topic based around the village and we are using the school as a starting point. If you were a pupil in the school in the past and have any photographs of classes, events, individuals, the building or anything to do with the school we would be very grateful if we could borrow them. Also we will need village volunteers who went to the school to take

part in some interviews with the children. If you are willing to help us out please could you leave your name and address at the school office or on the answer phone, and we will contact you after Christmas. Thank you in anticipation.

On a personal note

Can I say a big thank you to all those ex parents in the village who sent me cards and letters when my Dad died last month, it was very good of you and I am very appreciative of your kindness and support.

In Conclusion

We are having a dress rehearsal of carols by candlelight in the church on the afternoon of Monday 17th December at 1-45pm. We look forward to seeing younger brothers and sisters and any village residents who would like to attend.

All the children and staff at Diseworth CE primary school wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and happy new year.

Alison Woffindin



Hallgate Flowers



“For a fresh, contemporary & individual style!”

Christmas Wreaths

Bouquets

Floral Decorations

Telephone Kate on 01332 853678

20 Hallgate, Diseworth

Orders now being taken. Flowers for sale



DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

If you have items for the FEBRUARY 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 January

Women's Discussion Group

We have again changed the next discussion group meeting from Tuesday 4th December to Monday 10th December.

Monday 10th December -

Bring your Wedding photographs.
Venue: 12 Lady Gate

Monday 7th January -

Dreams for this year
Venue: Liz Jarrom's Lady Gate Farm



The Mobile Library visits Diseworth fortnightly - 14th December and the 11th and 25th January
The Bowley 11.55 – 12.15
Clements Gate 12.20 – 1.20
The contact number for the mobile library is 01530 835951.

Diseworth Flower Show 2007
made £400. This will be distributed between the four chosen charities



Now available from
Long Whatton Post Office
Christmas cards with the message
“Greetings from Diseworth”

Orders are now being taken for Spencers Mince Pies, Christmas Cakes and Chocolate Logs.

Diseworth Village Hall 200 Club

The latest winners of the 200 Club are:-

September	October
1st (108) P Whitehead - £30	1st (33) D Blenkinsopp - £30
2nd (36) Z Adkin - £20	2nd (16) J Mearns - £20
3rd (73) M Dokanian - £10	3rd (110) C Smith - £10



DIALOGUE DISPATCHES

Part Time Administration Job in Diseworth.

Pennline is looking for a part time administrator to help this growing business.

Duties will include answering the telephone, typing orders and invoices, checking clothing orders and packing, filing, chasing payments and general office duties.

Good telephone manner essential, but training will be given on all other duties.

Please apply with CV and references to Victoria Britton, 8 Clements Gate, Diseworth or on 01332 850184.

Book Worms

Tuesday 11th December

DVD - 'Becoming Jane'

Venue - 10 Lady Gate

Tuesday 22nd February

Book to be advised but meeting at 10 Lady Gate



*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*

News from our

Advertisers

See the yellow pages for an updated ad from the **Bull & Swan** with details of their opening times, lunchtime "Sandwich" menu and "Lite Bite" & "A La Carte" menus which are available lunch & evening.

Also Monday – Saturday Take Away food available - home made curries and fish, chips and mushy peas.

Buckle Up Driving School have a "**Special Offer**"

First 5 Hours
only £60.00

Gift vouchers available.

Picture This Gallery and Bespoke Framing in Kegworth now have a new online shop with 100's of pictures, all styles and prices. www.picturethisgallery.co.uk More details in the yellow pages



Congratulations to Tony and Pam Tilley on the news that LONG WHATTON POST OFFICE is on the Post Office list to remain open



Congratulations

Liz and Will Jarom are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Catherine to Carl Pickering.

Christmas and New Year at The Plough Inn Diseworth



We would like to wish all of our customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Our opening hours over the festive period are:-

Christmas Eve	11.30am - 12.00am
Christmas Day	12.00pm – 2.30pm
Boxing Day	10.30am – 10.30pm
Thursday 27 th Dec	11.30am – 3.00pm 5.00pm – 11.00pm
Friday 28 th Dec	11.30am – 11.00pm
Saturday 29 th Dec	11.30am – 11.00pm
Sunday 30 th Dec	12.00pm – 10.30pm
New Year's Eve	11.30am – 1.00am
New Year's Day	12.00pm – 10.30pm

The village Fun Run takes place on Boxing Day – then back to The Plough for a much earned drink!

Our FANCY DRESS theme for this New Year's Eve is Film or TV Characters. Feel free to dress up. Prizes for the best male and female.

Hot Roast Pork and Stuffing cobs served on New Year's Day.



Manor Organic Farm
77 Main Street
Long Whatton
Loughborough
LE12 5DF



CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES AND COLLECTION OF CHRISTMAS POULTRY

- ◆ Turkeys, geese and duck will be ready from Thursday 20th December
- ◆ Chickens will be ready from Friday 21st December
- ◆ Beef, pork and lamb will be ready from Thursday 20th December
- ◆ Venison will be ready from Friday 1st December
- ◆ Organic Christmas trees with or without roots available to order 4ft upwards.

For shop opening times turn to the yellow pages

ANNUAL
BOXING DAY FUN RUN

In aid of Diseworth's 'Resurface the playground' fund



Wednesday
26th December



Meet at the Cross at 11am

Race starts - 11.30am

Fancy Dress competition
Decorated trolley/buggy competition
Prizes awarded to the best

Tickets £2 for adults and £1 for children

In Memory of Malcolm Pass

All donations for the raffle are gratefully received
Phone Anna on 01332 810014



Womens' group

Painting with watercolours.

It was another popular hands-on evening which everyone enjoys. Teacher Carol Woodland brought along all the equipment for us to paint a single colour scenic landscape. The picture base had a slightly textured surface. Carol showed us how to create the sky, the mountains and then the water, we all followed the same techniques and copied the sample picture using different strengths of the brown paint. Already, everybody's picture was taking on its own character. We were then shown how to add bushes and trees with reflections in the water. An hour and a half later we had learnt five different brush strokes and painted really amazing watercolours as it was a first try for most of us. It was so enjoyable, that we have invited Carol to a second session in February or March. Liz Jarrom thanked her on behalf of the group.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

on Monday 10th December is our last gathering in 2007. Just a reminder, we shall be leaving the Village Hall at 7.15pm bound for the Clock Warehouse Restaurant at Shardlow. Places should already have been booked!



January 14th 2008

Sue Hill has offered to entertain us for the evening with a business linked subject which will be of great interest to us all.

' Identifying your own behavioural styles'

By the end of the evening you will understand your own personal style and also be able to identify other people's style. It will reveal why you get on better with some people than others, why some things irritate you plus much more!

We meet at 8pm in the Village Hall. Guests are welcome to come along, £3 including coffee etc and good company!

Happy Christmas

Sheila Dakin 810858

HEALTH PAGE

STRESS AND WORRY, PUT IT DOWN BEFORE THE END OF THE DAY



If a person held a small glass of water out at arm's length for a few minutes, it wouldn't really cause much of a problem. Now imagine that this person continued in this position for an hour. Now probably their arm would start to ache and they would feel uncomfortable. If this person continued to hold out the glass for a whole day, their arm would probably go numb, and the muscles would certainly be stressed, in spasm or paralysed. During this time, the weight of the glass hasn't changed, so why has the arm become stressed? The answer is that the arm has constantly been holding the glass with no respite. The only way to relieve the stress on the arm is to put down the glass. Quite quickly, the arm would start to feel better, but may take some time to fully recover. Now imagine if someone attempted to hold a glass of water in this way for days. The damage to the arm could be permanent, it may never fully recover.

So what has this got to do with stress and worry?

This is an interesting illustration of how we all sometimes worry and obsess about problems and challenges in our lives. If we focus constantly on a particular problem, our minds become paralysed and we can't deal with the other aspects of our life. It becomes impossible to relax and enjoy ourselves and sleep becomes disrupted as the problem goes round and round in a circle. Obviously, we do need to think about our problems in a constructive way in an attempt to solve them, but even more importantly we need to put them down, especially at the end of the day before sleep.

This is easier said than done, but here are a few tips that might help. Write the problem down and put the piece of paper in a drawer and tell yourself that you will worry about the problem tomorrow. Take the paper out the next day and allow yourself to think about it for a while, then return it to the drawer again and do something else. If you wake in the night, put the problem in an imaginary drawer and try to go to sleep again. If the problem really won't go away, rest your head in your hands, tips of the fingers resting on the forehead halfway between the hairline and the eyes. Breathe quite slowly and deeply while concentrating fully on the problem. Within a few minutes you should find a sense of relief and calmness come over you, and as this happens you will find it difficult to keep the problem in your mind. Sometimes the effect is permanent and the worry will not return. If it does, repeat the exercise as necessary.

Jarrom

Liz

Christmas and New Year Greetings ... in aid of Rainbow's Children's Hospice, Loughborough

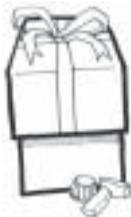
Season's Greetings from the Doyles!
Mike, Julie, Matthew & Hannah wish all their
friends and neighbours a Very Happy Christmas
and a Peaceful New Year



*Martin & Nikki Hening wish all friends and
neighbours a very Happy Christmas and a very
Healthy and Peaceful 2008*

Christmas Greetings to all in Diseworth and very best wishes for a
Happy and Healthy New Year. Carly and Jim Snee.

*A Very Merry Christmas
And A Happy New Year To All
From The Austs.*



Liz and Will Jarrom wish all family and
friends a very Happy Christmas and a
prosperous and healthy New Year.



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

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

Diseworth Village Hall

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CONTACTS

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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: longwhatdisepc@hotmail.com.

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

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

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Kevin Brown, 10 Grimes Gate, Diseworth DE74 2QD	01332 850910
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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.