

DIPTFORD AND NORTH HUISH

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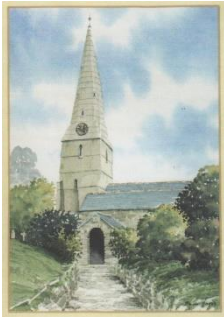
If you know anyone who would like to receive the Parish News – contact Val Haddy 01548 821418 or email valjohnhaddy@aol.com

There are many new residents within Diptford Parish – who are all welcome to join the mailing list for the Parish News – find out what is going on in the village and come and join in this vibrant community

CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

	01.09.2024 Trinity 14	08.09.2024 Trinity 15	15.09.2024 Trinity 16	22.09.2024 Trinity 17	29.09.2024 St Michael & All Angels Trinity 18
	Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9 Ps.15 James 1: 17-end Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Isaiah 35: 4-7a Ps. 146 James 2:10{11-13} 14-17 Mark 7: 24-end	Isaiah 50: 4-9a Ps.116: 1-8 James 3: 1-12 Mark 8: 27-end	Jeremiah 11: 18-20 Ps. 54 James 3: 13-4:3 & 7-8a Mark 9: 30-37	Genesis 28: 10-17 Ps. 103: 19-end Revelation 12: 7-12 John 1: 47-end
Diptford with North Huish	11am Morning Prayer 4.30pm Brick Church	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	11am BENEFICE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
Ermington	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	11am Family Service	As Above
Harberton	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion	As Above or As Below	As Above
Ugborough	9.30am All Age Worship	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Service	9.30am Holy Communion 4.30pm Messy Church	As Above
Halwell	As Above	3.30pm Evening Service	As Below	As Below	As Above
Moreleigh	As Above	As above	As Below	3.30pm Harvest Praise	As Above
Harbertonford	As Above	As Above	HARVEST	As Above	As Above

Further information can be found on the Mission Community website www.3rivers.org.uk or at www.achurchnearyou.com/8942



DIPTFORD CHURCH CLEANING

Would you like to keep our lovely Church sparkly?

You will be very welcome to come along to

St Mary's Church, Diptford

Saturday 7 September

From 9.30 am til 11 am

Steve Partridge is now organising our cleaning sessions

partridge.steve@btinternet.com

NORTH HUISH COMMUNITY GROUP



This group was set up in 2023 with the purpose of organising community events for the residents of North Huish and surrounding villages. The venue is St Mary's Church, North Huish, now closed for regular public worship but kept open to the public, providing a meeting space for the local community. This beautiful Grade 1 listed building is in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust, a national charity protecting historic churches at risk. Funds donated at events held there, help to support the cost of repair and maintenance which, in a typical year, can amount to nearly £2,000. Currently, there is a power supply but no electric circuit installed so, this year, a proportion of the funds raised are to be set aside to pay for the installation of electric sockets where they are most needed for safety and convenience when running events.

- Saturday 21st September: **Harvest Lunch, 12.00 – 2.00pm.** Homemade soup and bread + dessert + cider or apple juice.
- Monday 11th November: **Armistice Day short Act of Remembrance, 10.50** in support of the Royal British legion. Coffee and biscuits served.
- Sunday 8th December: **Carols by Candlelight, 4.00pm.** Mulled wine and mince pies served.

The North Huish Community Group look forward to welcoming you at any of these events.

NEWS ON THE MAINTENANCE OF ST MARY'S DIPTFORD GRAVEYARD

The Diptford Church graveyard has had it's first cut under the management of the South Hams District Council. It is the first time for many years that the complete graveyard has been cut. Much of the cut grass has been removed but a substantial amount still needs to be raked off. The plan of action is for the church and volunteers to keep the paths clear to visited graves. This is solely dependent on volunteers coming forward. The grave mapping is continuing and work is being scheduled to build a large compost bin for the excess grass cuttings to be stored in and for visitors to graves to put spent flowers into. They are also looking at some of the trees to potentially clean out dead wood and provide access to the grave's underneath.

Retirement of Steve 'the Postie'

After lots of secret card signing and donations, the day finally arrived to present Steve the postie with his leaving gift. It was thanks to Marion our post mistress that we got him on time to the post office thinking that he had parcels to collect. Instead a very large turn out from the village were waiting to say there farewells.

Nancy, the prime mover in this as in so many other village initiatives, said how much he had meant to each and everyone and that he was going to be greatly missed. He was presented with the card and donations totalling £1250.

He said he was touched and thanked everyone individually.

Having done the rounds for something like 45 years, he is already missed by so many of us.



Courtesy of Ralph Images

Diptford Parish Council Ali Kohler, Parish Clerk diptfordpc@yahoo.co.uk

Diptford Parish Council Notes on August Meeting

Easy Fundraising has now been set up to help with fundraising for the Amenity Trust. This is a registered charity number **Registered Charity Number 276979**

If you are purchasing anything online sign into the Easy Fundraising website and then go to the website for the company, you wish to purchase from. It means that the Amenity Trust get a donation, but it does not cost you anything. This means we get a monetary donation every time you shop which can be for groceries delivered from all the big retailers or a one-off purchase from others.

Currently we have 14 members using the Easy Fundraising Website and as clerk I personally have raised a donation total of £36.21, it is really easy to do. If anyone needs help please contact me.

We can also accept one off donation direct to the Amenity Trust to help us with the fundraising for new play equipment. Any donations will be gratefully received and can be paid into the following bank account.

Account Name: Diptford Amenity Trust

Sort Code: 30-98-69

Account Number: 00196602

Defibrillator Training – we are looking at the possibility of running a session at the end of September/October. There is still availability if you wish to come along. The session is around 90 minutes and will be held on an evening.

Hedges/Verges – on some roads in the parish, it has been noted that the condition of the hedges/verges is causing some visibility issues to drivers. Although hedges should not be trimmed during nesting season, there are exceptions when there are road safety issues.

Highways:

19th August to 8th September Gara Bridge to Lower Common, Gara Bridge. Alternative route will be signposted for vehicles. **This restriction is to allow emergency repairs to Gara Bridge.**

NOTE received 19 August Unfortunately, we have had to install an Emergency Road Closure at Gara Bridge as it was damaged this morning. We anticipate the closure to be in place for approximately 6 weeks although we will endeavour to open it sooner. Our contractor is starting the repairs asap. We are disappointed to see the grade 2 listed structure damaged once again, although we have the vehicle details and will seek to reclaim the cost of repairs. To utilise the road closure, we are **bringing forward Phase 1 of the protection scheme, which was originally programmed for 7th October.** We will send out another letter to the residents informing them that we have brought our scheme forward to complete it early. We are confident that once Phase 1 is installed we will reduce the likelihood of the bridge being damaged significantly. For updates regarding the closure please refer to the website 'One.Network'.

2nd to 9th September, Beneknowle to Brushford Bridge, Avonwick. Road Closure and diversions in place between the hours of 08.00 hrs and 17.00 hours. Temporary closure of Avonwick-Diptford road to allow repair of former railway bridge.

9 September to 13 September Road closure at Kitterford Cross Road From Ladywell Farm to Kitterford Cross to be closed for alterations to defective dip at Kitterford Cross roundabout.

9 September to 13 September Traffic lights on road to Woodpecker Temporary traffic lights on road from Avonwick to Woodpecker during diversion due to road closure at Kitterford cross.

7th to 25th October, Gara Bridge to Lower Common, Gara Bridge. Alternative route will be signposted for vehicles. This is to enable the repairing of the damaged bridge parapet and installing protection works. **Note** – this may have been superseded by the above.

21st to 25th November, Road Closure from junction of Lincombe Cross to Bradridge Cross for South West Water to complete utility works.

Primrose Trail – It has been noted that unauthorised signs have been put in place on the proposed trail.

Graveyard – currently the mapping of the graves is ongoing. The Graveyard has had its first grass cut under the management of South Hams District Council. It is the first time in many years that all the Graveyard has been cut. There is still a substantial amount of grass to be raked off. Hopefully the church and volunteers will be able to rake the grass to enable families to easily visit their family graves. Work is being scheduled for a compost bin to be built for excess grass cuttings and spent flowers to be put in.

Councillors David Hancock and Guy Pannell (SHDC) To read the District Councillor's Report, please see the following: See appendix 2 <https://www.diptfordparishcouncil.org/meetings.php>

In addition to the Councillor's report, Cllr Pannell also advised of a new 65-acre site at South Brent for a variety of uses such as woodlands, wildlife, meadow, market garden, etc. More information to follow as it is confirmed.

Next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 10 September 7pm in the Parish Hall

Parishioners are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings and have the opportunity to raise matters of concern by either attend the open forum at the start of meetings or by asking a Councillor to represent them. Parishioners are asked to limit their input to 4 minutes in order to permit the meeting to progress without undue delay, and may only speak during the open forum.



LADYBIRDS EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER
ALL WELCOME – VISITORS £5
9 September - 7pm Needle Felting with Kath
14 October – 2 pm – Lizzie Hubbard – A Play with Kinseology



LADYBIRDS

The new Diptford ladies' group was successfully launched in May with a fantastic wine and cheese evening that was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended.

Membership continues to grow, there are now twenty-four of us! We would be delighted to welcome you as a new member. If unsure, please come along to one or more of our events as a non-member, I am sure we can tempt you to join us.

We have held various events since the launch.

The enormously entertaining and “laugh-out loud” comedy poet Jackie Juno delivered us a terrific show. As this was an open event the men were also there in numbers. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.

An event that we just must repeat was our Pub Night. Fourteen of us went to Avon Inn for food, drinks and just so much laughter and fun. We are considering a darts team or a quiz team (or both!) to justify our visits to the local.

On a more sophisticated level we had cream tea in the Parish Hall, which turned out to be a lovely afternoon.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

We have the following events planned, although look out on social media, press and village notice board for those unexpected events which we are always looking to arrange.

September 9th at 7pm – Needle Felting

A remarkably interesting evening with a demonstration on how those delightful furry animals are actually made.

NB: From October meetings move to the afternoons at 2pm.

October 14th at 2pm – Liz Hubbard presents “A Play with Kinesiology.”

An intriguing afternoon awaits. **November 23rd – Diptford Advent Fair**

The much-loved annual Diptford Christmas event is with us once again.

MARIE CURIE COFFEE MORNING AT MANOR FARM



Diane Hunt and family thank everyone who supported the Coffee Morning on Saturday 24 August which has raised £574 for Marie Curie



Diptford Short Mat Bowls Club

We meet every Wednesday 6.45-9.15.

Please do come along and give it a try we have spare bowls of various size and weight.

Outdoor shoes not allowed so stocking feet or spare pair of flat soled shoes please.

It's £3.00 per club night and £15.00 should you like it enough to join.

We have a lot of fun so do please come along.

We are in the South Hams League so compete from October to March.

We would love to see you if you need further info

please contact Nancy Team Captain 07730589469



DIPTFORD JIGSAW FESTIVAL 2024

August Bank Holiday weekend saw the return of the Jigsaw Festival. I think probably everyone-one in the village might, just, be aware of that fact.

It is surprising how our discrete, understated advertising worked so effectively.

Well, there was a magnificent display of made-up donated jigsaws. So many that the Church just was not big enough to display them all, so unfortunately very many did not make it into the limelight.

In addition, there were a vast number of unmade donated jigsaws. I have never seen so many in one location. The variety was staggering.

“Do you have one of Exeter Cathedral in the snow?”

No problem

“Do you have one of the Outer Hebrides in August?”

No problem

“Do you have one of a Chinese junk on the Yangtse and the time of the Boxer rebellion?”

No problem

“Do you have one of an elephant when it was being delivered to London Zoo on 26th June 1865?”

No problem

It was undoubtedly a fantastic display, with nearly a hundred jigsaws finding new homes.

And just a quick mention for the excellent teas, scones and cakes that were all donated. They were lovely with calories running into the millions.

Finally, the exceedingly kind donations have raised much needed funds for the Church.
THANK-YOU.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !

A Playing Field clean-up is being held on Saturday 14 September 2024

Please join us between 09.00 and 14.00

and please bring your secateurs and garden tools

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will be provided!

Do join us in supporting our Village Playing Field and don't forget your gardening gloves!!

Contact Mike Cox pjc.mcc10@gmail.com or Ralph ralphyimages@mac.com



DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

**The 3 Rivers Mission Community
Saturday 14th September 2024**



**Car trip to visit Harbetonford, Halwell and
Morleigh Churches**

Start and park at Shepham Mill PL21 0LX

Transport and Church Tour with driver

**Return to Shepham Mill for tea, cake, open
garden and swimming pool**

2pm tour and 5pm tea

Everybody of all ages and ability welcome

Suggested donation of £10 per person

Join us for the tour and tea or just the tea

50% for Ermington Church and 50% for the DHCT

If you want further details please phone or email Mary Burnell-Nugent

01548 830397 07990582786



shepham@btinternet.com

DIPTFORD AREA OIL CO-OPERATIVE



Heltor in Newton Abbot are now our supplier of choice for the Oil Co-Operative and are proving to be reliable and better matching the original brief we had with Watsons. They are prepared to support the group need for regular top up or fixed amount deliveries at competitive pricing. Basically the arrangement we originally had with Watsons.

Also to support sporadic urgent requests that sometimes arise with group members, without ridiculous spot charges/prices.

Please see flyer attached or website www.heltor.co.uk for more details. I am monitoring and agree prices, as previously, to ensure we retain the lowest possible pricing.

If you are interested in joining the Diptford Oil Co-Operative please contact Steve Hill on 01548 821272 or email mr.sjhill@yahoo.co.uk

NORTH HUISH COMMUNITY GROUP



HARVEST LUNCH

Ploughmans with Dessert & soft drink

Saturday 21st Sept.

12 - 2.00pm **£6**

AT NORTH HUISH CHURCH

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SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE VILLAGE

We have our Village Website
www.diptfordvillage.co.uk

Parish Council website
www.diptfordparishcouncil.org

Facebook
 Diptford Sustainable Community
 WhatsApp Diptford Support
 Network

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

THE NOTICE BOARD IN THE SQUARE IS FOR COMMUNITY NOTICES ONLY

NO COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING WILL BE ALLOWED

WE WOULD ASK ALL ORGANISATIONS NOT TO 'HOG' THE SPACE AVAILABLE

**This additional facility has been installed by Diptford Parish Council
with funding from our County and District Councillors**

**There is a combination lock – details of which have been given to voluntary organisations within
the village**

**Business adverts as in Page 9 will be considered by the Editorial
Team and are charged at £50 per advert –**

for 12 issues of the Parish News

**If wishing to advertise please contact the Editor Val Haddy
valjohnhaddy@aol.com**

Diptford Parish Lands Eleemosynary Charity

An independent charity

**Do you know that there are funds available for people living in the parish of Diptford to
access in times of need?**

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Contact: Reverend David Sayle at parish_sayle@me.com

HIGHWAYS CONTACTS

**To report any Highways problem, either report direct on Devon County Council
website – devon.gov.uk (Report a Problem) or telephone the Call centre on
0345 155 1004**

**This applies to faulty streetlights, potholes and problems of visibility though
landowners are encouraged to keep road signs on their land clearly visible and
to cut roadside hedges on an annual basis out of the nesting season. There are
exemptions from the timing if there are road safety issues.**

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Contributions subject to change due to availability of space

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