

DIPTFORD AND NORTH HUISH

PARISH NEWS

OCTOBER 2024 **No. 645**

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 OCTOBER

Three Rivers Mission Community Services October 2024

Date & Liturgical Colour	06.10.2024 Trinity 19	13.10.2024 Trinity 20	20.10.2024 Trinity 21	27.10.2024 Bible Sunday
Harvest Readings: Joel 2: 21-27 Psalm 126 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Matthew 6: 25-33	Genesis 2: 18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1: 1-4 & 2: 5-12 Mark 10: 2-16	Amos 5: 6-7 & 10-15 Psalm 90: 12-end Hebrews 4: 12-end Mark 10: 17-31	Isaiah 53: 4-end Psalm 91: 9-end Hebrews 5: 1-10 Mark 10: 35-45	Isaiah 55: 1-11 Psalm 19: 7-end 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 John 5: 36b-end
Diptford with North Huish	11am Morning Prayer 4.30pm Brick Church	11am HARVEST SERVICE	11am Songs of Praise	11am Holy Communion
Ermington	11am Harvest Service	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	11am Family Service
Harberton	9:30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	9:30am Holy Communion	9:30am Morning Prayer
Ugborough	9:30am Harvest All Age Morning Praise	9:30am Holy Communion	9:30am Morning Praise	9:30 Holy Communion 4.30pm Messy Church
Halwell	As Above	3.30pm Evening Service	As Below	As Below
Moreleigh	As Above	As Above	As Below	3.30pm Evening Communion
Harbertonford	As Above	As above	3:30pm Evening Service	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 October 12

Saturday 2 November and Saturday 7 December

From 9.30 am til 11 am

Steve Partridge is now organising our cleaning sessions

partridge.steve@btinternet.com

REST IN PEACE

SUSAN MARGARET HUSBAND

Susan died peacefully 12 August 2024

The Funeral Service, conducted By Rev David Sayle, took place at St Mary's Diptford

On 29 August 2024

May Susan Rest in Peace

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.

- 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.

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

Diptford Parish Council Notes on September 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**

Easy Fundraising has now been set up to help with fundraising for the Amenity Trust.

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, to date we have raised over £200.00. 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 October on a Thursday evening – date to be confirmed. There is still availability if you wish to come along. The session is around 90 minutes and will be held on an evening.

Amenity Trust/Playing Field – The Bamboo at the edge of the playing field has been chopped down and the roots have been treated. Currently the area is sectioned off whilst this is being completed.

Highways:

1. 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.
2. 21st to 25th November, Road Closure from junction of Lincombe Cross to Bradbridge Cross for South WestWater to complete utility works.

Graveyard – currently the mapping of the graves is ongoing. The Graveyard grass cutting is now under the management of South Hams District Council. If anyone has problems accessing any grave, please contact the church in the first instance.

Councillor Dan Thomas (DCC)

To read the District Councillor's Report, please see the following:

See appendix 1 <https://www.diptfordparishcouncil.org/meetings.php>

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>

Concerns have been raised by members of the parish with the Parish Council regarding the speeding vehicles travelling through the village, making it dangerous for those who walk to school particularly where there are no pavements. If anyone has concerns about this matter, please can you also raise the matter with Nick Colton at Highways Department at Devon County Council as well as the Parish Council

Ali Kohler Diptford Parish Clerk

Next Parish Council Meetings

8th October 24 at 7pm Parish Council Meeting – Diptford Parish Hall

12th November 24 at 7pm – Diptford Amenity Trust AGM

12th November 24 at 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting

10th December 24 at 7pm

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.



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.

Its £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 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

TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS ON THE TARMAC

The peril of potholes is a reality on our roads and, as the weather gets wetter, road damage worsens. Why are they dangerous and how can you stay safe?

Damage - If you hit a hole, you risk wrecking your tyres, suspension and steering system, not to mention the possibility of dinking your undercarriage. Regular small jolts enhance damage over time, too.

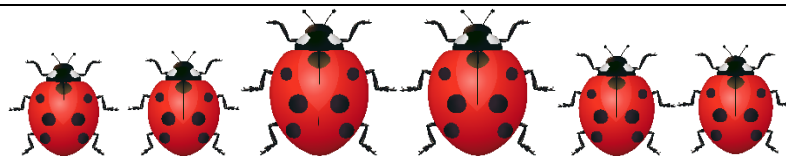
Control - Smack into a decent-sized hole - even smaller ones - and you will lose control, for a brief moment at least, or longer. This endangers yourself and other road users.

2 wheels, 2 feet - Cyclists are increasingly being injured from hitting potholes. And dodging them on two feet – on pavements, zebra crossings or when crossing the road – is becoming an ever-more hazardous trial for pedestrians.

Advice - Avoid potholes where it is safe to do so. If you have to pass over them, reduce speed and increase your distance from other vehicles. Report potholes to local authorities and lobby for more work to be done!

To report any Highways problem, report direct on Devon County Council website – devon.gov.uk (Report a Problem)

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.



LADYBIRDS EVENTS FOR OCTOBER / NOVEMBER

ALL WELCOME – VISITORS £5

14 October – 2 pm – Lizzie Hubbard – A Play with Kinseology

8 November - 2pm Xmas Craft Workshop at Springfield

11 November – A Lesson with Handbells

23 November 10.30 – 1 Advent Fayre as per above advertisement



THE DIPTFORD GRUMBLER

“It is part of English hypocrisy or English reserve, that whilst we are fluent enough in grumbling about small inconveniences, we insist on making light on any great difficulties or griefs that beset us.”

Whilst we tend to be scornful of the moaner, the whiner, the constant complainer, there is no doubt that grumbling does have its therapeutic advantages. Not least, if controlled under one’s breath, it avoids those awkward situations where we must confront someone or something. Muttering about the queue jumper is much preferred to the actual horror of confronting them. God forbid we should really do something; this might lead to a “scene” and that can only lead to total embarrassment in a public place. No, a gentle mutter to oneself avoids “all the fuss.”

So, I am going to write each month about all the things you would just love to say out loud but feel it better to be discrete about.

Where to begin? A bit spoilt for choice, I can think of a dozen things I have, very quietly, complained about this week. But rather than producing the whole catalogue, let’s just concentrate on one.

We have probably all walked up (or down) Totnes Fore Street. It seems aptly named “fore” being the warning shouted out on golf courses for the impending collision of your head and a speeding hard missile.

I fully accept that the pavements are narrow, but this is all the more reason to tread carefully and courteously. Not barge about on a bicycle or walk four abreast like a tank clearing the way. Being a rather sad individual, I actually counted the number of times I was forced onto the road today. Seven, and I only walked from the Morrison’s car park to the Post Office. “Stand your ground” I hear you say, force the opposition into the road! But that makes me no better than them, I prefer to be forced off the pavement and quietly tut, at least I can reassure myself if I am hit in the back by a truck, I died a gentleman.

And that is not all. There are some among us who deliberately walk in the road implying some superiority to the traffic – I do not have to move for you! Supercilious idiots.

And the dog walkers. I have nothing against dogs, excellent creatures. But is it a clever idea to take them six at a time up the main road in the holiday season? They do tend to congest things. Also do you need a lead twenty yards long, it does tend to trip us old people up.

And a few more things:

The shop windows in Totnes are mostly delightful and will attract attention. However, the whole coach party does not need to proceed one window at a time, you could spread the load.

I know your mobile call is important, life and death matter no doubt, but you could, just occasionally look where you are going?

I know you are in love, but do you really need to hold hands and walk religiously side-by-side, could you let somebody pass occasionally?

Is poking people’s eyes out with an umbrella a new Olympic sport? They seem to be practicing just about everywhere on Totnes Fore Street.



QUIZ TEAMS



Miss Inga Brain



Noah Idea



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Don Key

FOR DIPTFORD ANNUAL QUIZ

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2024

AT DIPTFORD PARISH HALL

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- ★ Prize Winning Raffle

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GREEN LIGHT FOR DEVON AND TORBAY COMBINED COUNTY AUTHORITY

Devon and Torbay's proposal to create a Combined County Authority (CCA) has been given the green light by the new Government. It means that a whole raft of powers, responsibilities, and funding will be devolved to Devon and Torbay from Whitehall, enabling important decisions to be made locally on local priorities such as jobs and skills, housing, and the environment.

Establishing the CCA is legally required in order for Devon and Torbay to assume responsibility for the new funds and powers, but the decision by the previous Government was deferred in June pending the General Election in July.

Last month, the two Leaders of Devon County Council and Torbay Council initially wrote to the new Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, the Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP, asking the Government for a meeting to discuss the proposal. And now, the Government has confirmed that the Devon and Torbay proposal, first submitted to Government in May 2024, is officially back on track.

It's hoped that with draft regulations to create the CCA to be made this Autumn, the Devon and Torbay CCA could hold its first meeting early in the New Year.

PLAYING FIELD CLEAN-UP

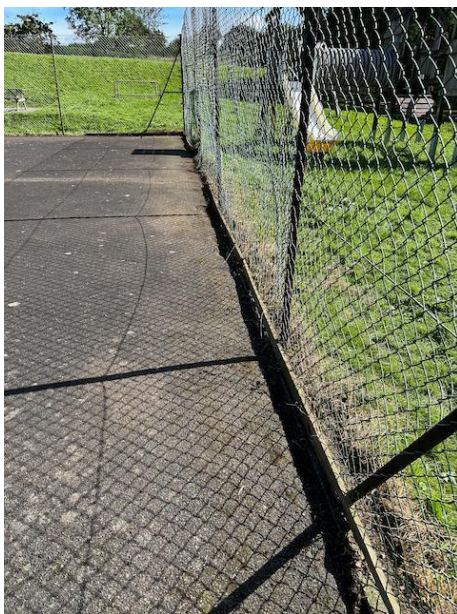
Saturday 15th September dawned bright and dry, and the first volunteers for the Playing Field clean-up started arriving early to be greeted with tea, coffee and biscuits.

With a steady stream of helpers, a variety of tasks were undertaken through to mid-afternoon.

Among the work undertaken, the tennis court was completely cleared of weeds, encroaching undergrowth and debris.

The Barbeque area received a thorough clean and a significant amount of brambles were cut back, as well as a new compost area being created for all that was cut back.

It was a great effort by all that attended, and a big “well done” to everyone involved!



Images courtesy of Ralphy Images

DIPFEST 2024

FODS (FRIENDS OF DIPTFORD SHOOL)

Thank you to everyone who made Diptfest a success. We made about £600 profit which will pay for the planned play equipment and class enrichment pots this term!

Well done everyone!



Jumble Sale raising funds towards 2025 Diptford Horse Show

Jumble Sale
Moreleigh
Village Hall
Saturday 19th Oct
11-3pm

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www.diptfordvillage.co.uk

Parish Council website

www.diptfordparishcouncil.org

Village Hall Bookings

www.diptfordparishhall.org.uk

Facebook

Diptford Sustainable Community

WhatsApp

Diptford Support Network

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

DIPTFORD PARISH HALL

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

TO MAKE A BOOKING FOR DIPTFORD PARISH HALL

Diptford Parish Hall has just launched a website!

www.diptfordparishhall.org.uk

It is brand new & will we expect have a few teething problems, but I would encourage you to take a look & take advantage of the online Calendar & Booking System.

Also, there is a facility to 'Add an Entry' if your group /organisation would like to add any local events or organisations.

Please feel free to share this amongst your groups & friends.

I hope you find the website useful & helpful in your interactions with the Hall.

Feedback welcomed.

Steve.

Chair of Trustees Diptford Parish Hall.

DiptfordPH@yahoo.com 07944 098174

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

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?

Confidentiality Guaranteed

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

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