

DIPTFORD AND NORTH HUISH PARISH NEWS

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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

Three Rivers Mission Community Services February 2025

Date & Liturgical Colour	02.02.2025 Presentation of Christ in the Temple	09.02.2025 4th Sunday before Lent	16.02.2025 3rd Sunday before Lent	23.02.2025 2nd Sunday before Lent
	Malachi 3. 1-5 Psalm 24 7- end Hebrews 2. 14- end Luke 2. 22-40	Isaiah 6. 1-8 Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15. 1-11 Luke 5. 1-11	Jeremiah 17. 5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15. 12-20 Luke 6. 17-26	Genesis 2. 4b-9 & 15- end Psalm 65 Revelation 4 Luke 8. 22-25
Diptford with North Huish	11am Morning Prayer 4.30pm Brick Church	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion
Ermington	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	11am Family Service
Halwell	9.30am Holy Communion	As Above	As Above or Below	As Above or Below
Moreleigh	As Above	As Above	As Below or Below	3.30pm Evening Service
Ugborough	9.30am Family Service	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion 4.30pm Messy Church
Harbertonford	As Above	As Above	9.30am Holy Communion	As above

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

Diptford Parish Council Ali Kohler, Parish Clerk

clerk@diptfordparishcouncil.org

Diptford Parish Council Notes on January 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**

Don't forget 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 17 members using the Easy Fundraising Website, to date we have raised over £270.00. 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.

We are now able to accept **GIFT AID** donations from taxpayers, which will increase donations from taxpayers at no cost to the donor. Again, please contact the Parish Clerk for further information

Account Name: Diptford Amenity Trust

Sort Code: 30-98-69

Account Number: 00196602

Important – Please note

The Parish Council Councillors now have dedicated email addresses and if you wish to contact any of the Councillors directly, please use the email addresses listed below or alternatively contact the Parish Clerk on clerk@diptfordparishcouncil.org

Cllr S Franklin (Chair) – sue.franklin@diptfordparishcouncil.org

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Cllr G Paterson – gavin.paterson@diptfordparishcouncil.org

A locality grant from Cllr Dan Thomas (DCC) of £500 has been awarded towards the cost of the planned works of the MUGA at the playing field. A grant from the Devon Community Foundation (Diptford Community Grant Application) has also been applied for, and that plus the monies already raised should be enough to get the MUGA works completed in the playing field. The work for the MUGA should hopefully start around the end of March 2025.

All councillors agreed to go ahead with the quote from A J Paine & Sons for the removal of the Monterey Pine in the playing field. It was agreed that quotes would be obtained for crowning the other trees in the playing field if it was deemed necessary that this should be carried out.

Due to concerns raised about the future of Broadband in the parish, Cllr Peach has contacted MP Caroline Voaden regarding this, as it is a very important issue for the parish.

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>

Ali Kohler Diptford Parish Clerk

VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK POSITION

The Parish Council has received the resignation of the Current Clerk to the Council and will shortly be advertising the position.

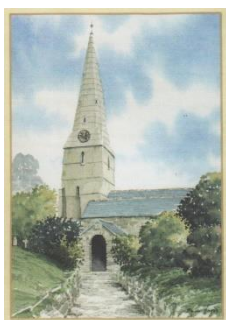
APOLOGIES TO EVERYONE

Due to an administrative catastrophe, an organizational debacle, a management fiasco, a bureaucratic calamity and simple incompetence, there were no mince pies and mulled wine at the Christmas Eve carols.

Sorry

We will carry forward the funds raised at the Diptford Quiz to this year's event where I promise there will be the very best pies and the very best wine for everyone.

Rob Worms



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

Saturdays 8th February , 1 st March

From 9.30 am til 11 am

Steve Partridge is now organising our cleaning sessions

partridge.steve@btinternet.com

KEITH STOW

15.09.49 – 12.12.24

“Those who are loved they shall not die”

Following a sudden and short illness, Keith passed away peacefully on 12th December. A cremation has taken place.

I want to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone for their sympathy and acts of kindness and support.

I am so grateful and fortunate to live in such a caring community.

Thank you all.

Mary

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We are running a refresh of our successful 100 Ball lottery - bigger cash prizes! If you would like to join up for 2025, please contact Lucy Carroll Chair of FODS !

Its a brilliant way of supporting School, and for about £1 a week you can have a chance to win every term.

Fundraising is really challenging, we are a very small school and we need this kind of regular support!

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FODS WILL BE RUNNING A COMPETITION IN DECEMBER TO SIGN UP MEMBERS MORE TO COME ON THIS SHORTLY





FODS have funded £1500 this this school year already - including theatre trips, science workshops and sports equipment

READERS' LETTERS

“The news that the cables of the old telephone system, the “old style phone lines” is dismal news for this New Year 2025. The loss of telephone services is especially serious to the local users who will be deprived of their familiar system and expected to buy a computer – telecom machine.

In 1968 our home telephone cable was connected to the public cable system of the then PTT, later privatised. The cable and lawful utility easement needed for the connection costs included the fee payable to the local solicitor, Mr WIndeatt of Totnes.

Is it lawful to impose on the individual the expensive nuisance of the change from “the Land Line” system to the “Broadband system?”

Daniel J J Sutherland



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



THE DIPTFORD GRUMBLER

Welcome to 2025.

It has been a bit cold of late particularly in supermarkets I notice. Perhaps they are trying to stop the pensioners, who have lost their winter fuel allowance, from clogging up the aisles as they shelter from the snow.

I remember the Department Stores of old, who had those lovely warm jets of air as you entered their premises and a pleasant ambient temperature as you wandered round. Shops that made you welcome with the charming, if old-fashioned, Sir or Madam service.

The modern supermarket doesn't seem to care too much. Not only is it freezing cold it has a certain authoritarianism. "Card Only," "One Hour Parking Only," "Exit Only," "Queue Here," "Did You Bring Your Own Bag?" "Do You Want a Receipt?"

Even before you get to the checkouts there are problems. The supermarket seems to assume you know where everything is or if you don't you are quite willing to wander up and down the aisles like a lost sheep. Whilst your partner is constantly reminding you there are only 17 minutes of parking time left, and why don't you ask someone? I ask. "Well, they used to be aisle three, but I don't think we sell them anymore, no demand. Your best bet is to go to Customer Services they can look it up on the computer."

The queue at Customer Services is eight people. One holding forty lottery tickets she wants checked. Another who is returning a trolley full of unwanted clothing, and the woman at the till on the phone explaining to someone at the other end the shop opening and closing times every day for the next month.

We decided to give it a miss.

The layout is somewhat bewildering. All the things I seem to want are either too high up or too low down. A loaf of bread is the furthest thing from the door. There are sweets, chocolates, and crisps everywhere. The seasonal aisle particularly, Christmas chocolate (leftovers), Valentine's Day chocolate, Easter chocolate, Halloween chocolate (very leftover or incredibly early).

Head for the checkouts.

Rather than spend a couple of hours (and a parking fine) waiting to be served by a person, one reluctantly heads to the self-service. It may be just me, but I find these machines awfully rude. If you are trying to buy a few beers or a packet of paracetamol, sirens start blaring, lights flashing, as if you are trying to escape from prison. Eventually an assistant, sighing heavily, strolls over tuts, rolls their eyes and with no enthusiasm whatsoever "authorizes" your transaction.

Sorry to be such a nuisance.

And why are they filming me scanning items? Surely the doziest of thieves would not wait until being filmed to hide the stash!

Then into the car park. Where people roam like they are on the plains of Africa. Taking no notice of reversing cars, walking down the centre of the road, pushing trolleys in front of the passing cars, and letting their children run around as if it is a playground.

I think we will get them to deliver in future, but that eventually will lead to no shops whatsoever, not sure that is a good thing.



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 maintaining the building.

Events planned for 2025 are:

- Saturday 29th March: **Coffee Morning with Bring & Buy Cake Sale, 10.30 -12.30.**
- Friday 20th June: **Quiz Night, 7pm.**
- Saturday 27th September: **Harvest Lunch, 12.30 – 2.30pm.**
- Tuesday 11th November: **Armistice Day short Act of Remembrance, 10.50.**
- Sunday 7th December: **Carols by Candlelight, 4.00pm.**

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



NEWS FROM DIPTFORD SCHOOL

Dear Readers

We have had a busy start to the Spring term here at Diptford Primary School. One of the highlights so far was our relaunch of Building Learning Power (BLP) on Tuesday 14th January with the whole school focusing on 'Learning to Learn' using resilience, relationships, resourcefulness and being reflective. It was lovely to see the children so absorbed in the activities throughout the day and thank to our staff and Mrs Wilson the Year 5&6 Teacher who is leading this initiative.

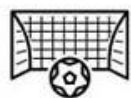
For the remainder of this half term, we will be focusing on developing our resilience such as responding to setbacks in our learning , being able to persevere and not give up, managing distractions and noticing when you are stuck. Our aim is for our children to be able to apply these important skills in all areas of their life!

Looking ahead, we have much more to look forward to. Hawks & Kingfisher Classes are planning a Dartmoor Field Trip to Hound Tor at the end of January to explore ancient settlements on Dartmoor. They will be undertaking some field work, spending the day exploring the remains of the medieval village and also understanding the geology of Hound Tor and the surrounding area. Meanwhile, our younger members of school in Dippers & Robins Classes are organising a trip to Dartmoor Zoo to meet the animals and learn about their habitats.

Our Parent, Carer, Baby & Toddler Group is a thriving group of new members who are all looking for a Tuesday morning activity for their young children and themselves - it takes place in Diptford Village Hall every Tuesday from 10am - 11.30am. Please do come along if you have any children aged up to 5 years old, we would love to see you - grandparents and carers also very welcome. Refreshments are available, and the session is FREE!

Anyone who would like to come and have a look around the school, please do get in touch. Telephone 01548 821352 or email admin@diptford.thelink.academy.

With kind regards
Mrs Edgington



Diptford Playing Field



Plans for 2025 & AGM

13th February 2025

7pm, Diptford Village Hall

Come along and contribute to this valuable asset within the community. Help needed for the upkeep of playing field, suggest new facilities, organise events, apply for funding etc...

Plans for 2025 so far include resurfacing of the tennis court, installation of a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) including all-weather table tennis. Fund raising will include the annual boundary walk, in spring as last year.

What ideas do you have for this space, or events to suggest or raise funds for?

Contact - Mike Cox, 01548 821186

Brick Church
children must be accompanied by an adult

Sunday
2nd February 2025
4.30pm
@ Diptford Parish Hall

For further information contact David
parish_sayle@me.com

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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

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

DIPTFORD PARISH HALL

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

TO MAKE A BOOKING FOR DIPTFORD PARISH HALL

Diptford Parish Hall has 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

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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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**PLEASE NOTE THAT all copy MUST be received before
the 25th of the preceding month**

Contributions may be submitted by e-mail to valjohnhaddy@aol.com

Contributions subject to change due to availability of space

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