

DIPTFORD AND NORTH HUISH

PARISH NEWS

JUNE 2023 No. 629

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 June 2023

Date & Liturgical Colour	04.06.2023 Trinity Sunday	11.06.2023 1st Sunday after Trinity	18.06.2023 2nd Sunday after Trinity	25.06.2023 3rd Sunday after Trinity
	Isaiah 40.12-17-end Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13.11-end Matthew 28.16-end	Hosea 5. 15-6.6 Psalm 33. 1-12 Romans 4. 13-end Matthew 9. 9-13, 18-26	Exodus 19.2-8a Psalm 100 Romans 5. 1-8 Matthew 9. 35-10.8[9-23]	Jeremiah 20.7-13 Psalm 69.8-11,18-20 Romans 6. 1b-11 Matthew 10.24-39
Diptford with North Huish	11am Morning Prayer 4.30pm Brick Church	11am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer
Ermington	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am Family Service	11am Holy Communion
Harberton	9:30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	9:30am Holy Communion	9:30am Morning Prayer
Ugborough	9:30am Morning Prayer	9:30am Holy Communion	9:30am Morning Prayer	9:30 Holy Communion 4.30pm Messy Church
Halwell	As Above	3.30pm Evening Service	As Above	As Above
Moreleigh	As Above	As Above	As Above	As Above
Harbertonford	As Above	As above	As Above	As above

Nature Notes June Edition [May notes 2023]

Well, the Swallows [*Hirundo rustica*] successfully returned in late April. They have taken advantage of the myriad of gnats and flies stacked over the garden. Joined in early May by House Martins [*Delichon urbica*] and they are all waging war on the food bounty. All the birds are looking for nesting sites, although most have taken up the most convenient locations. The Pheasant [*Phasianus colchicus*] is still 'shouting' loudly down in the valley, mainly in the afternoons on sunny days. Wood Pigeons [*Columba palumbus*] wobbling around the gardens, as clockwork toys, eating any seeds and pecking at greenery. Curved beaks ripping into soft leaves, watch out cabbage plants! Its soft cooing has a soothing and sleepy sound. A pair of collared doves have joined the queue for the seed feeders. Not that they actually perch on the feeders. They wait for any spoils other birds have disturbed or discarded. They are particularly shy birds flying off at the slightest movement or noise. The Wagtails seem to have left us, probably gone to the moors for the summer! Buzzards are taking to the thermals stacking high for observation. Just a few in competition for the 'high flyers' award!

Cheeky Sparrows amuse with their antics. They have learnt how to hover by the greenhouse searching for spiders or insects along the frames. When crumbs from breakfast are thrown out on to the grass they are already waiting in the foliage to fly down for a quick meal before the Rooks get there to clean up. Gangs of Sparrows search for every crumb in the grass. They take any larger sized morsel to hide



in the Clematis to eat it before another bird steals the tasty titbit from them. Disputes are noisy affairs with much flying and protesting. This is often when a Sparrow will fly into a pane of the conservatory. Falling down to the ground to wait until the headache had cleared, then they fly back to the protection of the foliage protesting loudly, or simply to let the others know that they were still 'active, despite the mishap.

Several pairs or 'teams' of butterflies visited the garden: Whites, Admirals, and Tortoiseshells in particular. A joy to see them alight on a flower head and unroll their tongue to insert into the nectar bearing flower. Having refuelled they are off to catch up with the rest of the 'team'. There has been a rush of Buddleia flowering as the weather improved. Good food plants for both butterflies and bees.

Many Bumble bees have been very busy on the comfrey flowers. Sitting quietly, one senses the garden is alive with their buzzing. Mid-May many honey bees visited the garden and a number visited the house. As they were still slow flying, it was easy to manoeuvre them out of a window. These dark workers intent on collecting pollen or nectar made no protest at being helped onward to find their particular choice of flowers.



On moving containers and pots uncovered colonies of woodlice and a few small worms amongst the washed-out silt from the vessels. Not sure whether the visiting hedgehog eats woodlice when on its rounds through the garden. If it could raise the plant containers, it would find a take-away of vast numbers of snacks. Snail numbers are still high despite the Hedgehog's appetite. In fact with the drier weather, the snails have started to climb up the trunks of bushes and trees and seal themselves in to await wet weather again.

Ants are on the move ferrying aphids around the crab apple. This has finished flowering and now the ants are herding aphids onto the tips of the apple-bearing extremities. Here the new growth is soft and sweet, just what the aphids like. Fortunately, the Blue Tits waiting to feed from the seed feeders, search out aphids from these twisted leaves as a starter to their main course.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you from the whole Diptford Community to everyone involved in putting on a wonderful celebratory Coronation event in the Hall.

So good to see the hall buzzing with happy people and full of children too, a day to remember for the village

Rogation Sunday Spring Celebration at North Huish Church

In early evening spring sunshine on 14th May, about 70 people attended the 'Spring Celebration' at St Mary's North Huish, to be greeted outside as they arrived by a peal of handbells. The North Huish Handbell Ringers also performed inside as part of an informal Words and Music evening. A particularly effective moment was when the audience spontaneously began singing along with the handbells as they played the tune of 'Edelweiss.'

There were readings of spring-themed poems by Wordsworth, Blake, Rossetti and Manley Hopkins. 'UFOLK' – a folk-music quartet from Ugborough played some lively pieces on guitar, fiddle, flute, ukulele and penny-whistle. And there was some hearty audience-participation, singing some well-known hymns with piano and guitar accompaniment.

After a most pleasant concert, refreshments were served in the south aisle community space. Many thanks to those who organised and helped run the event, all performers and all who attended. Donations received are being given to the Churches Conservation Trust who own and maintain the building.

PLOUGHMANS and PUDDINGS

TUESDAY 20th JUNE

12 - 2 pm £8.00

in Harbertonford village hall

Raffle etc

In aid of St Peters church

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Everyone welcome

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7am-10am Sunday 4th June.

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Garden Notes June 2023

Summer solstice this month, then daylight hours begin to shorten!

Research by the RHS, Vitacress Herbs and Royal Holloway, University of London has shown that the addition of mycorrhizal fungi to growing media leads to increased production of essential oils in rosemary, making the herb more aromatic and flavoursome. Mycorrhiza are beneficial fungi widely available commercially to gardeners. The study showed that the fungi didn't alter plant shape or structure, just the production of compounds that enhance taste. This effect could be used by trade growers to grow rosemary plants with the potential for extra flavour. Although exact research conditions cannot be replicated at home, curious gardeners might want to try adding the fungi to their rosemary plants.

[This is very interesting as rosemary in the garden, over the last five or six years, has had to be treated as a short-lived plant. It has been grown in pots, and various soil locations around the garden. Each time the plant has died, despite every effort to keep it alive. Changing the soil from acidic to alkaline has not had much positive effect either.]

How about a bit of work in the garden for June?

- Water, from the water butt, when necessary
- Keep control of the weeds, hoe, hoe, hoe when the weather is dry & sunny.
- Watch out for pests & diseases, taking appropriate action.
- Finish planting out tender annuals & perennials
- Are your baskets & containers ready to go out?
- Fill gaps among perennials
- Clear away spring annuals such as forget-me-nots
- Sow biennials [Sweet Williams, wallflowers etc]
- When the foliage of spring bulbs has died back, remove.
- Plant autumn-flowering bulbs
- Have you spread a mulch or cardboard under strawberry foliage. This is to prevent splash back of soil to stop mildew on leaves & fruit.
- Tie in new blackberry, raspberry & loganberry canes
- Thin tree fruit if necessary. The 'June drop' may happen automatically as the tree tries to lessen the amount of fruit it is carrying!
- Pinch out shoots & tie in wall-trained fruit
- Is the greenhouse adequately ventilated, & shaded?
- Dampen down the floor to raise humidity & cool the greenhouse
- Try not to splash water on the leaves as this can cause scorching & give rise to mildew
- Mow regularly, but not too closely or too frequently if the weather is hot & dry
- In the perennial beds check that plants that need supporting are supported
- Deadhead flowers to encourage more flowers
- Pot on spring sown perennials.
- Fill unexpected gaps with annuals
- Your mulching, using all that great compost made last season will have slowed down moisture loss. But, if necessary, water from the water butt, then cover with mulch.
- Deadhead spring flowering shrubs, then prune to shape
- Remove suckers, cut along the root junction not just at soil level
- Lightly trim hedges
- Continue successional sowing of vegetables.
- Plant out autumn & winter brassicas

General Parish Council News

With the local election process completed, the Parish Council start a new 4-year term of office. After serving the Parish Council for many years, John Foster stepped down from the Parish Council as Chairman and did not stand again for the Parish Council. The Parish Council thanked John for his years of service to the Parish Council.

Going forward to the new term of office, Sue Franklin was voted in as Chair (previously vice-chair), and Steven Parker-Davidson was voted in as Vice-Chair. The following councillors are remaining on the Parish Council for the new term of office, and there are currently vacancies for 2 councillors:

Trevor Crocker

Louise Lethbridge

Stephen Hill

Chris Peach

Although Guy Pannell was voted in again as District Councillor, we have said goodbye to Peter Smerdon as one of our District Councillors' and have welcomed David Hancock who joins us as our other District Councillor.

Should anyone wish to be co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill one of the vacancies, please can you contact Ali Kohler the Diptford Parish Clerk in the first instance on the following email address: diptfordpc@yahoo.co.uk. Any enquiries can be made up to the 27th June 2023.

The lanes were finally serviced by the road sweeper and we can now look at the ploughing of some of the lanes to bring them back into good order again.

Ali Kohler

Diptford Parish Clerk

May 2023

Following an uncontested election for Parish Councillors in May, there are TWO VACANCIES ON DIPTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

If you would be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor for Diptford, please contact the Clerk, Ali Kohler, at diptfordpc@yahoo.co.uk in the first instance.

You may like to come along to the next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 12 June at 7pm in the Parish Hall to get an idea of what is involved.

Local Government Act 1972 Section 87 (2)

POST ELECTION VACANCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a vacancy exists in the office of Parish Councillor for the Diptford Parish Council.

Unless ten or more electors of the Diptford Parish Council, on or before the 27th June 2023 submit a request in writing for an election to be held, **the Parish Council will take steps to fill the vacancy by co-option.**

Requests must be sent to the Returning Officer, South Hams District Council, Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes, TQ9 5NE

Ali Kohler

Full Minutes will be found on the Parish Council website – www.diptfordparishcouncil.org

All Parishioners are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings.

If you wish to raise any matter at Council, please contact the Clerk, at diptfordpc@yahoo.co.uk

Open Forum is held at the start of each meeting, where parishioners are able to bring up any items of concern or interest to them.



**AVON
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Wednesday 14th June 10.30 am to midday
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DIPTFORD W I MAY REPORT

To begin the meeting, we were visited by Sue Gilbert and Kelly from Derriford Hospital who accepted our charity cheque of £2,200 on behalf of the **Birch Ward Trust**. Kelly and Sue also gave a brief outline of how such monies might be used. Angela and her daughter Isobel presented them with posies. After they had left Angela thanked everyone for their kind support and generosity.

Transport plans for the Lady Astor visit to Plymouth were sorted and this has now taken place.

The toiletries gathered by members for the Acute Mental Health unit at Derriford were taken to the Spring Council meeting via a member from Ashprington.

Members were asked if anyone else wanted to join the Willow Weaving planned for Wednesday 12 July. Final names were Tracey, Angela, Pat, Jenny and Juli.

The first **book club** meet up had taken place at the Station House, S Brent on 26 April and the next is planned for Wednesday 14 June, venue to be confirmed. Ann will ask Diane Reed if she is interested.

Devon News

P1 – Devon Fed income not covering expenditure

P6 – photo of Joan on her 90th birthday

P3 – MCS page. The disability access to our hall was discussed and still found to be poor with the sloping car park. Sue to keep details unchanged on WI website.

Finance Ann thanked Juli for getting the books audited.

Future Events The Gun Room visit is on 19 June, between 11-12am at a cost of £6 pp. Pay on day.

Next Meeting: 12 June at 7.30. Talk by local florist Jo Moore. Competition: a floral container (one used to put flowers in rather than any container decorated with flowers)

RESOLUTION VOTING

The resolution “Clean rivers for people and wildlife” was the resolution with the most votes in both Diptford in Devon. This will go forward to the AGM at Cardiff. The meeting unanimously agreed that our delegate should vote for this.

DIPTFORD W.I. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Monday, 15 May 2023

Approval of Last AGM Minutes: Approved

Matters Arising: None

Financial report: Books audited. Current account balance £1228.42

Secretary's Report: Juli's report read and to be distributed on chatlist

President's Report: Ann's report read and to be distributed on chatlist

Election of Committee:

Juli, Tracey, Angela, Maggie, Ann and Val agreed to stay on the committee. Jeni Mortimer had previously resigned. Ann to step down as President. Mary and Nancy agreed to join the committee. Juli would continue as Treasurer and Secretary.

Election of President:

As in the previous year, committee members were reluctant to take on the role of President. Much discussion followed as to why this was. The meeting agreed that for Diptford the present form of the WI was not what they wanted. **The difficult decision was therefore taken to wind up Diptford WI at the end of its financial year (when this subscription year ended) and to form a Women's group with less paperwork and a less rigid form.** The meeting unanimously agreed and voted for this outcome. It was realised that we still required a President for the coming year and Pat Sampford agreed to take on the role.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm

Church Cleaning



Church Cleaning at St Mary's Diptford

SATURDAY 10 JUNE

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Mary (01548 821330)



Friends of Diptford School (FODS) Sharing school news with the Parish

Jo 07977219689

Our next big event is the Diptford Arms and beetle drive on 15th July.

HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR A NEW YURT AT SCHOOL

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DIPTFORD ARMS

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**If you are interested in joining the Diptford Oil Co-Operative
please contact Steve Hill on 01548 821272 or email**

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Have you seen the NEW Diptford Village website yet?
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**UGBOROUGH FAIR OPEN GARDENS
& G-UP Nature Walk
SATURDAY 1st July 2023**



10am - midday - **Short and Slow Nature Walk**
Meeting in Ugborough Square at 10am
A slow amble looking closely at hidden wildlife locally

2 - 5pm - **Gardens open**
An opportunity to visit and admire a variety of lovely
gardens in and around the village

Cream Teas at Hill House all afternoon

Entry to the Open Gardens by programme @ £6 each
available from outside the church from 1.45pm

Children's competition trail @ £1

All funds raised from open gardens will go towards the church building

SCAM SPOTTING GUIDE

Nearly a third of ALL fraud is committed over the telephone.

Criminals can impersonate your bank, the Police, Tax Office, Investment or Software companies and other trusted organisations. They will try to convince you to part with your money.

Hang up on all cold calls from any business or authority. Then “Take 5” to check it out as genuine via a trusted source.

The three most common scams are:-

- 1 Your computer has a problem
- 2 A fraud investigation
- 3 An investment opportunity

Out of the blue – no thank you!

Criminals can disguise their phone number to look like its from a bank, police etc.

They can call you from what looks like a genuine phone number.

They will keep your landline open by not hanging up or even play a dialling tone.

They can text messages asking you to call them or to click on a link.

Most of these calls do not come from UK centres but from massive fraud units abroad. The caller will frequently be aggressive if you do not comply with their instructions. Many are initially automated calls, giving you erroneous information and asking you to press a key on your phonepad to speak to someone. At that stage, you will be speaking to a FRAUDSTER. They will tell you to install software on your phone or computer, which will then allow the device to be controlled by the fraudsters. NEVER install such software as a result of a cold call, however confused the caller may make you.

They appear to target the more elderly amongst us! If you are unsure, just hang up. They can be very persistent.

PHONE SCAMS

5 THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR ON A SCAM PHONE CALL

1. The caller doesn't give you time to think, tries to stop you speaking to a family member or friend or is insistent and makes you feel uncomfortable.
2. The caller asks you to transfer money to a new account.
3. They phone to ask for your 4-digit card PIN or your online banking password. Even if they ask you to give it to them by tapping into the telephone keypad rather than saying the numbers out loud, this is a scam.
4. They ask you to withdraw money to hand over to them for safe-keeping.
5. They may say that you are a victim of fraud and offer to send a courier to your home to collect your cash, PIN, payment card or cheque book.

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**This additional facility is as a result of the first meeting of the Diptford Sustainable Community and
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with funding from our County and District Councillors**

**There is a combination lock – details of which have been given to voluntary organisations within
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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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Contributions may be submitted by e-mail to valjohnhaddy@aol.com

Contributions subject to change due to availability of space

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