DIPTFORD AND NORTH HUISH PARISH NEWS

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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

Date & Liturgical Colour	06.08.2023 Transfiguration of our Lord	13.08.2023 Trinity 10	20.08.2023 Trinity 11	27.08.2023 Trinity 12
	Daniel 7.9,10,13,14 Psalm 97 2 Peter 1.16-19 Luke 9.28-36	Genesis 37.1-4,12-28 Psalm 105.1-6,16-22,45b* Romans 10.5-15 Matthew 14.22-33	Genesis 45.1-15 Psalm 133 Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15.[10-20]21-28	Exodus 1.8 - 2.10 Psalm 124 Romans 12.1-8 Matthew 16.13-20
Diptford with North Huish	11am Morning Prayer NO BRICK CHURCH	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion
Ermington	11am Holy Communion 1pm Baptism 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 1pm Baptism Service
Ugborough	9:30am Non-Communion Service	9:30am Holy Communion	9:30am Non-Communion Service	9:30 Holy Communion NO MESSY CHURCH
Halwell		3:30pm Evening Service	As below	
Moreleigh		As above	As Below	3:30pm Evening Service
Harbertonford		As above	3:30pm Evening Service	As above

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

Would YOU like to add a contribution to the monthly Parish News? If so, contact Val Haddy on valjohnhaddy@aol.com or Sue Franklin on sue@jassy.org.uk Diptford Parish Council Ali Kohler, Parish Clerk diptfordpc@yahoo.co.uk Councillor Dan Thomas (DCC)

To read the County Councillor's report, please see the following: See appendix 1 <u>https://www.diptfordparishcouncil.org/meetings.php</u> <u>Councillors David Hancock and Guy Pannell (SHDC)</u> To read the District Councillor's Report, please see the following: See appendix 2 <u>https://www.diptfordparishcouncil.org/meetings.php</u>

PARISH COUNCIL

Playing Field – A wasp's nest was reported to be in the playing field. This has now been removed and disposed of. We are currently waiting for the inspection team to do a full inspection on the condition of the tennis courts. The condition of the play equipment and the repairs needed was also discussed.

Lanes – A request has been made for an inspection of the lanes with regards to overgrown vegetation.

Parish Councillor Vacancies – Both vacancies have now been filled, the Parish Council welcome Cllr Jeremy Randall and Cllr Lucy Baldwin to the Parish Council.

Dog Waste Bins – Further to being reported that emptying was required, SHDC have now been and emptied the dog waste bins

Refuse Collection – The parish council will be requesting that if there are any direct issues affecting refuse collection in the parish that they are made aware.

Virtual Parish Council Meetings – the parish council are supportive to having virtual parish council meetings in the future, if needed for accessibility to all.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 8th August 2023 at 7pm, Diptford Parish Hall

Diptford Parish Councillors are:-

Cllr Sue FranklinChairmanCllr Steven Parker DavidsonVice ChairmanCllr Lucy BaldwinCllr Trevor CrockerCllr Steven HillCllr Louise LethbridgeCllr Jeremy RandallCllr Chris Peach

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

Full Minutes will be found on the Parish Council website – www.diptfordparishcouncil.org All Parishioners are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings.

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.

Rain has come md-July just in time, as many plants were suffering from lack of sufficient water. Some plants, however, are in their element. Never seen the lavender looking so healthy and full of bloom. Bees and butterflies really keen having found such a treat as the lavender flowers. Not as many different butterflies as expected, nor have their numbers been numerous. The 'Whites' have put in the numbers. Red Admirals have been active, as have Small Tortoiseshells. Peacocks have been noticeably absent. A few Meadow Browns and Gatekeepers as well as a number of Common Blues. Grasshoppers have come in from the field to feast on the garden bounty. Small House Flies have become a problem, in particular small Greenbottles, but these are mainly in the garden. The small Black house flies appear from nowhere, especially when preparing fish. No wonder fish mongers had those long sticky tapes hanging from the ceiling, in bygone times. The tapes used to be full of flies stuck by a wing, body or even just a leg. It was the answer to infestation of particular insects. The Baker had jam jars with a hole pierced into the lid. Wasps would crawl inside to discover the left-over jam, but with a sufficient amount of water in which to drown. Late summer was the wasp season when they were looking for sugar, as there was insufficient caterpillars and small insects to take back to the nest. This is when they pester us for any sweet flavoured food, especially on a picnic.

Aphids on the tips of the plum shoots and on the roses attracted ants, which carried them to new 'grazing' shoots to find sugary sap to eat. Excess sap under pressure would pass through the aphids for the ants to milk and take the liquid back to their nest. The ants would protect the aphids from other insects which preyed on them. But sparrows and Blue Tits feast on the aphids, cleaning the shoots of these potentially virus -carrying creatures. In any case the exuded excess sugary liquid dropped onto leaves and causes black moulds to form, which in turn damages the leaves. The wasps have already turned to the apple fruit. Where a bird pecked the fruit to test for ripeness, wasps have quickly eaten inside the flesh, enlarging the hole. These 'cider' drinkers are dozy with the fruit juice, falling to the soil when they cannot hang on any longer! This is just the start of the wasp season with just the odd fruit attacked.

Seen many squirrels as road kill. Possibly the young which have not understood the danger of passing traffic. Rooks and the Buzzards clear up the waste, but ensuring they in turn do not become victims. Three Buzzards have taken to sitting on three separate telephone poles on the way down Kerswell Hill. Very attentive to activity in the surrounding fields. They were waiting to see what mishaps occurred on the road caused by the traffic up and down the hill. Saw a group of rabbits in the field by Benecknowle station. Have not seen many rabbits for a few years. Will a Stoat or Weasel be active again now that a food source has returned?

Watch out for wildlife, especially when driving!

Ham



Almost a daily daytime visitor to Sue's garden

BINGO

Friday 11th August at Moreleigh village hall Eyes down 7.30 pm Caller Melvyn Treeby In aid of St Peters Church Good prizes and refreshments Everyone welcome.

CREAM TEAS

at Harbertonford Church

Saturday 26th August 2.30

Brixham Town Band will be playing between 3-4 pm Come and enjoy tea and music

DIPTFORD PARISH LANDS ELEEMOSYNARY CHARITY

Diptford Parish Lands Eleemosynary Charity

We would like to make you aware that there are funds available for people living in the parish of Diptford to access in times of need. Confidentiality Guaranteed

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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 <u>www.heltor.co.uk</u> 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

SAVE THE DATE!

Diptford 10th Advent Fair Saturday November 25th

Only a month before Christmas so come and get your Christmas shopping.

Proceeds in aid of Totnes Hospital League of Friends.

If you wish to have a table contact Pat Sampford on 01548821419 or email patsampford@hotmail.co.uk.

DIPTFORD W I JUNE REPORT

Diary Dates

August – Friday 4th – Book Club at Endsleigh Garden Centre
August 14th – Cream Tea and Raffle in Hall 2.30pm – invitation to locala residents
August 19th – Rattery Craft in Action
September 11th – Chris and Sara Bellworthy from the Air Ambulance service
October 9th – Charlie on her experience with the Cirque du Soleil
October / November Owens Coffee at Endsleigh
November 13th – Lez (the Fez) this time as Dartmouth Town Crier.
December – week commencing 11th – Christmas Meal at the Avon Inn



An entertaining and puzzling evening for our July meeting, where we were entertained by Lez the Fez. Lez is one of the most popular magicians and entertainers in Devon. He described his life journey from being interested in magic from an early age, getting to know the likes of Tommy Cooper and David Nixon, through to joining the Police at age 17. Becoming a member of the Magic Circle and Devon Magic Circle. He told us of the history of the Magic Circle which was recognised in 1990 as a Performing Art. Initially the Circle was only open to men,

but Faye Presto, the first openly transgender magician, opened the way for women to be admitted to the Circle. After baffling us with sleight of hand magic, he went on to show us some balloon modelling which was amazing. He produced a parrot in a cage, a unicorn, flower, wasp, mermaid, penguin, helicopter and dolphin and ended with a little ladybird which will be the name of our new group when we disband the WI Group.

Despite many apologies, we had a good number attending and it was a great, light-hearted evening. Nancy went on to Chair the meeting in Pat's absence – the various events are highlighted above. Juli confirmed that finances remained strong and plans were made for various outings in July. Sue Franklin Press Secretary

Devon Libraries				Ivybridge Mobile Library Timetable 2023					
Week 2				Week 2					
Tuesday	,			Friday					
Jan 17	Apr 11	Jul 4	Oct 24	Jan 20		Jul 7	Oct 27		
Feb 14	May 9	Aug 1, 29	Nov 21	Feb 17		Aug 4	Nov 24		
Mar 14	Jun 6	Sep 26		Mar 17		Sep 1, 29			
Village	Stop	Arrive	Depart	Village	Stop	Arrive	Depart		
Ugborough	Square	09:30	10:00	Woolwell	Community	09:45	11:00		
Diptford	Square Village edge	10:15	10:45	Whitchurch	Friars Walk	12:15	12:45		
Moreleigh	(along Gara Bridge Rd)	11:10	11:30	Sampford Spiney	Brook Cottage	13:05	13:30		
Blackawton	Normandy Arms Chapel St	11:55	12:15	Higher Longford	Silent Woman Caravan Park	14:20	14:50		
Slapton	Village Hall	13:30	14:00		Park				
Torcross	Bus Stop	14:10	14:30	Saturday					
Stokenham	Village Hall	14:40	15:15	Jan 21	Apr 15	Jul 8	Oct 28		
Beesands	The Chapel	15:25	15:45	Feb 18		Aug 5	Nov 25		
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Feb 15	May 10 A	ug 2, 30	Nov 22	Modbury	Square	9:45	12:15		
Mar 15	Jun 7 S	Sep 27		Disclaimer	: Due to open	ational circu	mstances		
Village	Stop	Arrive	Depart	the mobile lit	ary may nee	d to be off r	oad and		
Lifton	Arundell Arms War	10:30	11:15	unable to visit on some dates. Details will be publicised closer to the time. These timetables may be subject to change.					
Lewdown	Memorial	11:30	12:00						
Bratton	Village	13:00	14:00	Libraries	Libraries U , charity (11)				
Clovelly	9			Unlimited	running De	von Librarie	is and		
Thursday				Torbay Libraries. You can support us to continue delivering life changing library services, find out					
Jan 19	Apr 13 Jul 6 Oct 26			delivering life changing library services, find out more: librariesunlimited.org.uk/support-us					
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Mar 16		ep 28	-						
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Horrabridge	Pencreber Rd	10:45	11:30		facebook.com/devonmobilelibrarie twitter.com/devonmobilelibs				
Dousland	Iron Mine Lane	11:45	12:15		info@librariesunlimited.org.uk				
	Briar Tor	13:15	14:00		devonlibraries.org.uk				
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Devon County Council has made a decision to 'call in' the decision to stop the mobile library service. This we think means that the decision is now being scrutinised to make sure that the right decision was made. There will be a second cabinet meeting on October 11th where a final decision will be made.

This means that the mobile library will continue to visit all stops until that time.

We urge you to continue to use the service – see Week 2 Tuesday dates for Diptford stops between 10.15 am and 10.45 am

August 2023 IN THE GARDEN

You are probably aware of the BBC's weather records 'broken' this year? At last, after one of the hottest and driest periods the rain has come, just in time! Many trees, especially fruit have been desperate for moisture. The usual 'June drop' continued into July to thin out the amount of fruit the trees and bushes could carry. Even drought resistant plants have looked a bit 'fed up' with the lack of moisture. The hose-pipe ban is likely to carry on for a long time! At least with the July rain the water butts have been topped up, ready for use!

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Well, how about a more enthusiatic approach? What can you tackle in the garden?

The garden may take on a sleepy quality this month. Colours might be little More subdued and the air filled with buzzing bees and lazily fluttering butterflies. This is the month when gardeners may be able to relax a little and enjoy their earlier efforts!

Watch out for those weeds and take appropriate action.

Be on top of the pest and desease problems.

You may have to used some of that water from the water butt for recently planted/sown vegetables or flowers.

Keep deadheading and tidying annuals and perennials.

Feed and water hanging baskets and containers.

Transplant hardy annuals and biennials.

Plant muscario and crocus bulbs.

Have you tried collecting lily bulbils and growing them on?

Pick and use early fruit [stone or apples and pears].

Summer prune trained forms of apples and pears.

Summer prune soft fruit.

Cut back canes that have finished fruiting: raspberry, loganberry, blackberry.

Pot on any strawberry runners you want for next year or to increase your plants.

Make sure the greenhouse is adequately ventilated and shaded.

Dampen down the floor to cool and humidify the greenhouse, especially in hot weather.

Watch out for any pests [white fly!] and take appropriate action.

Water at least once a day and feed once a week.

Try some pelargonium and fuschia cuttings. [Watch out the Fuschia gall midge is about! Mutates the buds of Fuschias]

You will have got used to mowing the lawn less frequently and not too closely. With a damp spell treat the lawn with a weed and feed preparation.

Gaps can still be filled with late flowering annuals.

Have you ever tried layering Carnation 'pipings'? Very easy in a sandy mix in a seed tray. Insert either horizontally or lay on the surface and lightly cover with a sandy soil mix. Water, then rest in a shady location. Don't forget to lightly water from time to time!

Trim topiary as required, even lightly trim hedges towards the end of the month. But remember to watch out for bird activiity.

Have you lifted and dried the onions?

Plant out spring cabbages if ready, or have the cabbage whites reduced them to lace?

Continue to harvest vegetables as they are ready. Do you freeze excess, bottle or give them away? Take the opportunity to visit other gardens for inspiration and ideas. Just a few hours out can be most enjoyable, especially with a cream tea!

Think about what garden wildlife excites you the most? What are your earliest gardening memories? Which plants really inspire you? What do you find most fascinating about gardening? What tasks do you really look forward to tackling? Do you try to conciously encourage wildlife into your garden? Do you actively plan out your garden, or do you just follow on from previous years? Success or failure, do you review what has happened each season? Do you take sufficient time out to sit and enjoy your garden environment?

What benefits do you derive from gardening? How do you reward your efforts?

Have a good August 2023

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-8-QUIZZICAL

1. I'm lighter than a feather yet the strongest person can't hold me for more than six minutes. What am I?

2. I always leave a trace, so you can see where I've been. I have some extra legs, and I make people scream. What am I?

- 3. What has many teeth but cannot bite?
- 4. What is so fragile that saying its name breaks it?
- 5. What is always in front of you but can't be seen?



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

Jo 07977219689

FODS News will return in the Autumn

We are all hugely excited to see the progress being made on the new classrooms at School which will give the children a much improved learning experience.

For those looking for out of school activities for the children?



QUIZZICAL ANSWERS

- 1 Your Breath
- 2 A Spider
- 3 A Comb
- 4 Silence
- 5 The Future

END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER FROM DIPTFORD SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that I am writing my last newsletter of the year already. It has been a lovely last two weeks with much to celebrate alongside some sad goodbyes.

Today, we said goodbye and good luck to Miss Pritchard, our very popular and talented Year 3 and 4 teacher who will be moving to Harbertonford in the Autumn Term. She will be greatly missed and has touched the hearts of so many of our children but we wish her well in her new role. We also say goodbye to Penny, our fantastic administrator, who has only been here since October but has supported staff, pupils and parents in so many ways. We wish you the best of luck as you start your new adventure. Finally, we said goodbye to Miss Ward on Wednesday. She had to run through 'a tunnel of applause' created by the children which I have never seen before. This may become a new Diptford tradition!

Last week, we were treated to a 'West End' worthy production of Peter Pan. Each and every child contributed in their own unique way to make this a very special performance. The singing and acting was

amazing and one guest said it was the best school show she had ever seen! Well done to our amazing and talented children. A special mention to both Mrs Wilson and Miss Pritchard who worked tirelessly to help the children prepare. Thank you.

On Tuesday, the children took part in Valerie Belsey's Song of the Slate living museum performance which was an opportunity to learn about the slating history of our village and other quirky facts from the last 100 years. This was very different to Peter Pan with a folk style of music accompanied by the slate xylophones, singing and slate tapping. The children worked hard in a couple of days to learn their parts - well done.

Thank you to our FODS (Friends of Diptford School) for another fantastic fundraising effort last Saturday with the revival of the ever popular Diptford Arms in the Village Hall. The support of FODs has enabled us to secure new forest school equipment, new books for the library, a gazebo, fun craft days for the school and much, much more!

The next meeting is in school on Thursday 7th September at 7pm in school and new members are very welcome and much needed if FODS is to continue to support us. All of the FODS team are friendly and you can be assured of a warm welcome. We hope to see you on the 7th as we discuss fundraising ideas for the next year.

The building work continues to progress at speed as the new classrooms take shape. We can't wait to see them in September when we return and will of course keep you informed as to when we can move in. Don't forget that the date for your diaries for our return is Wednesday 6th September and I will send a letter on the Monday regarding drop off and pick up arrangements etc.

Finally, goodbye to our wonderful group of Year six children as they move onto their new schools. It has been a pleasure getting to know each and every one of you during my first and your last year at Diptford. I wish you all the luck in the world as you continue your learning journey and build on the memories and friendships you have built here in Diptford. Go forward with confidence and 'Let your Light Shine'.

All that remains is for me to wish you a very relaxing and enjoyable summer break. Enjoy!

Kind regards,

Mrs Edgington

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This additional facility is as a result of the first meeting of the Diptford Sustainable Community and 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

THE MOBILE LIBRARY

VISITS DIPTFORD EVERY 4 WEEKS

TUESDAYS 10.15 - 10.45

August 1 and 29 September 26 October 24 November 21

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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 <u>landowners</u> are encouraged to keep roadsigns 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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