

# **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  
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join in this vibrant community



## **Christingle Service**

4.30pm Sunday 3rd December

St Mary the Virgin Church Diptford TQ9 7NY

## **Carol Service**

7pm Wednesday 20th December

St Mary the Virgin Church Diptford TQ9 7NY

## **Carols Around the Tree**

7pm Christmas Eve

Diptford Square

Cash Collection for YOUNG LIVES vs Cancer CLIC SARGENT

Please bring a torch

## **Christmas Praise**

11am Christmas Day

St Mary the Virgin Church Diptford TQ9 7NY

All are Invited to come and join any of the events

Date & Liturgical Colour	03.12.2023 1st Sunday of Advent	10.12.2023 2nd Sunday of Advent	17.12.2023 3rd Sunday of Advent	24.12.2023 4th Sunday of Advent	25.12.2023 Christmas Day	31.12.2023 Christmas 1
	Isaiah 64. 1-9 Psalm 80. 1-8 & 18-20 1 Corinthians 1. 3-9 Mark 13. 24-37	Isaiah 40.1-11 Psalm 85. 1-2 & 8-13 2 Peter 3.8-15a Mark 1. 1-8	Isaiah 61. 1-4 & 8-11 Psalm 126 1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24 John 1.6-8 & 19-28	2 Samuel 7. 1-11 & 16 <i>Magnificat or</i> Psalm 89. 1-4 & 19-26 Romans 16. 25-27 Luke 1. 26-38	Isaiah 9. 2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2. 11-14 Luke 2.1-14 [15-20]	Isaiah 61. 10-62.3 Psalm 148 Galatians 4. 4-7 Luke 2. 15-21
Diptford with North Huish	11am Morning Prayer  4.30pm Christingle Service	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	11am Christmas Praise	Benefice Holy Communion
Ermington	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Service	11am Christingle Service	No Morning Service	11am Christmas Communion	As Above
Herberton	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Christmas Communion	As Above
Ugborough	9.30am Morning Praise	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Praise	4.30pm Christingle Service	9.30am Christmas Communion	As Above
Halwell	As Above	3.30pm Evening Service	As below	As Below	As Above	As above
Herbertonford	As Above	As above	3.30pm Carol Service	As Above	As Above	As Above
Moreleigh	As Above	As above	As Above	11.30pm Holy Communion	As Above	As Above

Further information can be found on the Mission Community website [www.3rivers.org.uk](http://www.3rivers.org.uk) or at [www.achurchnearyou.com/8942](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/8942)





All are invited to  
Christmas services in Diptford

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at  
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on  
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at 7pm

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**Christmas Day**  
at 11am



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All are invited to  
Come to Sing

## **Carols Around the Tree**

In Diptford Square  
**On Christmas Eve**  
At 7pm

Cash Collection for  
**Young Lives vs Cancer**  
**CLIC Sargent**

Followed by free mince pies etc. courtesy of  
Diptford Parish Hall Committee

Please bring a torch

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**CHRSTMAS SCAM ALERT**

# Don't fall for fake deals

Scammers love the holiday shopping season. It's the perfect time for them to lure people in with fake deals and trick their victims into paying for items that are counterfeit or don't exist. Here are some tips to help you protect yourself.

**Do:**

- Open websites by typing them into your browser, not by clicking links
- Consider whether deals you see on social media are too good to be true
- Research sites and sellers – reading reviews can help you understand if they're genuine.

**Don't:**

- Open links in emails or text messages you weren't expecting
- Buy high value items from sellers on social media that you can't view in person first
- Agree to use gift cards as a payment method – criminals might ask you to do this because it's harder to trace.

**Remember: if a deal looks too good to be true, it usually is.**

**Would YOU like to add a contribution to the monthly Parish News?**

**If so, contact Val Haddy on [valjohnhaddy@aol.com](mailto:valjohnhaddy@aol.com)**

**or Sue Franklin on [sue@jassy.org.uk](mailto:sue@jassy.org.uk)**

## DIPTFORD PARISH LANDS ELEEMOSYNARY CHARITY

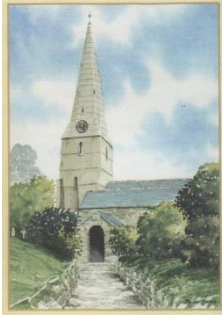
### **Diptford Parish Lands Eleemosynary Charity**

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**

**Contact: Cllr Peach, Cllr Crocker & Cllr Hill**

See [www.diptfordparishcouncil.org](http://www.diptfordparishcouncil.org) for contact details



### **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 2 December**

**From 9.30 am til 11 am**

**Steve Partridge is now organising our cleaning sessions**

[partridge.steve@btinternet.com](mailto:partridge.steve@btinternet.com)

## **ST MARY'S CHURCH DIPTFORD**



**Diptford Church has a happy band of volunteers to help decorate the Church with floral arrangements.**

**We would like a few more people to call on.**

**If you would like to help – no experience necessary, you would be most welcome.**

**It does not have to be on a regular basis, just as and when you are able.**

**Please get in touch with Mary Sams if you are able to assist.**

**01364 72435**

### **Diptford with North Huish Parochial Church Council**

**Is still looking for a Treasurer, if you are interested please contact Rev D. Sayle**

**01548 821199 for details**

### **St Mary's Diptford**

**Help with Brass Cleaning- would you like to help and be added to the Brass Rota? Clean a piece of Brass in your time; this would be for Christmas and Easter only.**

**Please contact Val Haddy on 01548 821418 to be added to the rota Thank you.**

### **Diptford St Mary's Church Bells 2023.**

Be prepared for some 'noise' on Friday evenings! The Church Bells will ring out again! Please come along and contribute to the heavy metal 'music'. Watch this space for dates and times.

Cheers,

Ham Sampford (01548 821419) [Captain]

### **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](http://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](mailto:mr.sjhill@yahoo.co.uk)**

### **CULINARY CORNER**

How to cook a Turkey

- Step 1 Buy a Turkey
  - Step 2 Have a glass of wine
  - Step 3 Stuff Turkey
  - Step 4 Have a glass of wine
  - Step 5 Put Turkey in Oven
  - Step 6 Relax and have a glass of wine
  - Step 7 Turk the bastey
  - Step 8 Wine of glass another get
  - Step 9 Hunt for meat thermometer
  - Step 10 Glass yourself another pour of wine
  - Step 11 Bake the wine for four hours
  - Step 12 Take the oven out of the Turkey
  - Step 13 Tet the sable
  - Step 14 Grab another wottle of bine
  - Step 15 Turk the carvey
- Better still – leave it all to someone else and keep taking the wine



### **Social Media in the Village**

We have our Village Website [www.diptfordvillage.co.uk](http://www.diptfordvillage.co.uk)

Parish Council website [www.diptfordparishcouncil.org](http://www.diptfordparishcouncil.org)

Facebook Diptford Sustainable Community

WhatsApp Diptford Support Network



## DIPTFORD W I REPORT

### NOVEMBER 2023

A large number of members turned out to see and hear our hilarious speaker, Jackie Juno. She is a well known comedian, poet and singer in a rock band. A popular figure on the South West arts scene, Jackie is a former Grand Bard of Exeter and winner of multiple poetry slams. If, like most of us you don't know, this is a competition for performance poets. Jackie performed several of her funny, clever, insightful poems, inspired by, amongst other things, her favourite cosmetic tweezers(!), a Betterware catalogue (who remembers those?), trees and her love of maps. A brilliant speaker.

Following after coffee, the business part of the meeting interested some in lunch at Rattery Hall on two dates in February, with speakers and lunch.

A crafty card making session with Juli will be on Friday 8 December and the WI Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday 12 December. The following day, 13<sup>th</sup>, will be Plymouth WI carols at St Andrew's Church, Royal Parade with entry by donation.

Monday 18 December – we will be in the Hall attempting to make table decorations again, always a fun afternoon with maybe mince pies and drink. Cost of this is £5 per head.

#### January

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> film night with refreshments.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> DFWI Quiz 2pm to 4pm at Ipplepen. Teams to be entered by 5<sup>th</sup> January. We have one team of four to enter. Cost is £6 pp.

#### February

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, speaker will be from the Breakthrough Transformation Trust.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> soup and sandwiches fundraising open event. Details to be sorted in January.**

#### March

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, speaker from Firesafe.

#### April

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, AGM followed by a social evening and beetle drive.

#### May

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> first meeting of Ladybirds.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm.



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

**Xenia Ball Chair of FODS** [xlball28@gmail.com](mailto:xlball28@gmail.com)

FODS had a table at the Christmas advent fair on Saturday and we decorated biscuits with the children.

We are holding a Christmas jumper swap this week at school

Christmas craft day is on 13th December where fods will be supplying fun Christmas crafts and there will be a visit from Father Christmas in the afternoon. Followed by with mince pies and mulled wine in the playground after school.

100 club winners for October:

3. Laura Bell
2. Chris Carrol
1. Buckley

**November Parish Council Meeting****Cllr Dan Thomas (DCC)**

There was no report from Cllr Thomas but it was reported that there were over 80 incidents during the recent storm.

**Cllrs David Hancock and Guy Pannell (SHDC)**

To read the District Councillors' Report please see the following - Appendix 2 to the Minutes on Diptford Parish Council website <https://www.diptfordparishcouncil.org/meetings.php>

**PARISH COUNCIL****IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**The play park has been reopened as the necessary tree works have been carried out. Repairs are planned to the Play Equipment as there needs to be some work carried out to ensure that the equipment continues to be safe in the interim.**

**To help with the running costs of the Play Park, as a Parish Council, we are trying to raise a large sum of money to enable us to add to the existing equipment and keep on top of any repairs required.**

**Everybody can help us by using EASY FUNDRAISING whenever you purchase something online. To use the EASY FUNDRAISING, just go to it on your browser and search out DIPTFORD AMENITY TRUST . Once you have added the DIPTFORD AMENITY TRUST, then it should ask you every time if you wish to make a donation. The donation does not cost you anything other than your time. PLEASE SUPPORT US WITH THIS, EVERY PENNY COUNTS. If you have any query regarding this, please contact the Parish Clerk Ali Kohler at [diptfordpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:diptfordpc@yahoo.co.uk).**

**GRAVEYARD – there are continued complaints from parishioners on the condition of the graveyard grounds. Complaints have been forwarded to the Secretary of the Parochial Church Council.**

**COMMUNITY POLICING – The Police would like to hold regular drop-in sessions in the parish Hall. They would also like to set up a Farm Watch with local farmers as there is not currently anything set up. Further information will be advised when a firm date has been agreed.**

## **DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2023 7.00 PM IN THE PARISH HALL**

**All Parishioners are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings and are able to speak in Open Forum at the start of the Meeting. If you would like to do so, please contact the Clerk in advance.**

### **Diptford Community Fund Programme**



Grants up to £2000 are available to community groups in Diptford to tackle deprivation and make a positive difference to the lives of local disadvantaged people.

**Funding themes include:**

- training & work opportunities
- access to services in rural areas
- enable disabled people
- assist families in need
- bring people together
- Promote access to arts, culture & nature

For more information and to apply for a grant, call 01884 235887 or go to <http://devoncf.com/apply/community-benefit-funds/>



## PARISH QUIZ

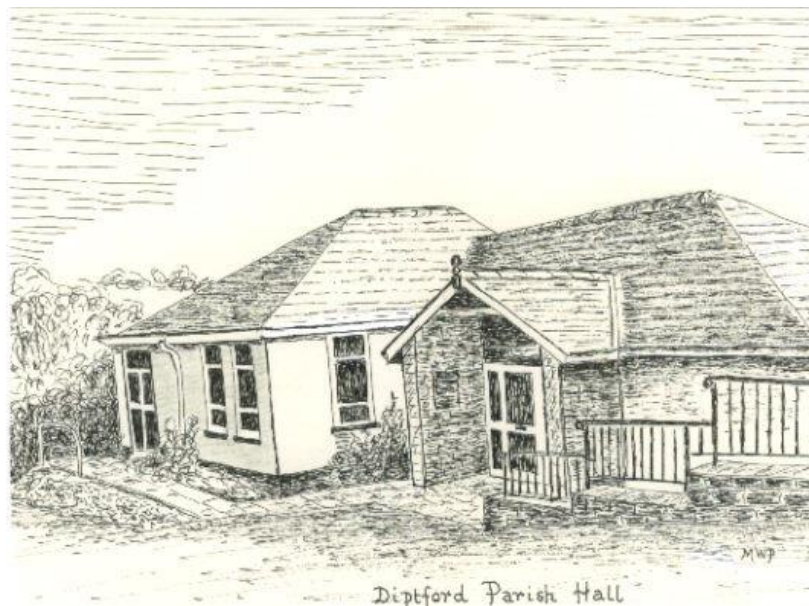
On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November a happy band of villagers met at the hall for the annual quiz armed with some delicious snacks and a variety of liquids! Under the guidance of the quiz master Rob Worms we had 10 rounds of team questions on a variety of subjects from general knowledge to geography, science, natural history and Devon. It was amazing how much we did or didn't know ! Juli kept us in line with the time keeping and the scores.

There were 7 teams on the night with names varying from M and M's, We 2, The Young Ones and Over The River. The final winners of the cup were The Book Club.

As a result of the evening, we raised just over £100 which will go to help pay for the refreshments round the Christmas tree on Christmas Eve.

Although a good time was had by all it would be good to see a few more teams next year. It's not that serious and a good laugh.

Thank you to everyone who came and to Juli and Rob.



## W.I. ADVENT FAIR

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Advent Fair last Saturday. This was the 10<sup>th</sup> Fair we have done. There were 14 craft stalls { unfortunately one broke down on the way}, games and crafts for the children, guess the weight of the Christmas cake, Tombola, cake stall , an amazing raffle and of course bacon butties and Father Christmas even came and visited!

It seemed very busy and it was lovely to see so many people from the village and surrounding areas.

Henry won the Penguin, whose name was Robin!

Rob won the sweets in the jar, there were 59

Christine Steer won the Christmas cake , it was just over 7lbs

As a result we raised just over £700, which was a fantastic total and it will be going to Totnes Hospital League of Friends. I am sure they will be very grateful, so thank you again to everyone who came or helped in any way. Without you it wouldn't have happened.

Pat Sampford {Diptford W.I.}

## From Totnes Times 'Peep at the Past' 9 November 2023

By kind permission of Mr Ken Prout and the Editor of the Totnes Times

### 50 years ago

Miss Cynthia \*Clapp followed in her mother's footsteps as Clerk of Diptford Parish Council 25 years ago – but the prospect of re-training after local government reorganisation and pressure from other commitments has now forced her to retire.

Miss Clapp joined the Parish Council when her mother, who had also been clerk, retired.

"I feel it is time for someone else to have a go at the job," said Miss Clapp, who runs the village Post Office and is a Totnes Times correspondent.

"Under local government reorganisation, clerks are required to re-train, but I feel I do not have the time to spend on going away on a course."

Miss Clapp is one of the village's best-known residents. She is the parish Church organist and secretary of the Parochial Church Council, a job which she hopes to continue.

"I have always been very interested in local government and I will miss the Council," said Miss Clapp who was born in Diptford.

In the Parish magazine, the Vicar of Diptford, the Rev Peter Willis, says "For 25 years Miss Clapp has loyally served as clerk and, as in everything she does, nothing has been too much trouble."

- Note – the Totnes Times of November 1973 made an error with Miss Clapp's name. She was in fact Miss **Cecily** Clapp.

When Val Haddy, and coincidentally ourselves, moved to the village in 1977, Miss Clapp was still a very important part of the Diptford community. As well as running the Post Office, pictured below, she produced pantomines in the old parish hall which many residents of the village will remember. Miss Clapp was awarded the BEM (British Empire Medal). In St Mary's Church, Diptford is a cabinet with memories of Miss Clapp – well worth a visit. Indeed a pillar of our community. SF



Who can name the people in this photograph?

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Diptford Parish Hall. [DiptfordPH@yahoo.com](mailto: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 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

Update expected on cessation of this service

### HIGHWAYS CONTACTS

To report any Highways problem, either report direct on Devon County  
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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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