# DIPTFORD AND NORTH HUISH PARISH NEWS

**APRIL 2024** No. 639

If you know anyone who would like to receive the Parish News – contact Val Haddy 01548 821418 or email <a href="mailto:valjohnhaddy@aol.com">valjohnhaddy@aol.com</a>

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	07.04.24 2nd Sunday of Easter	14.04.2024 3rd Sunday of Easter	21.04.24 4th Sunday of Easter	28.04.24 5th Sunday of Easter
	Acts 4. 32 - 35 Psalm 133 1 John 1.1 - 2.2 John 20. 19 - end	Acts 3. 12 - 19 Psalm 4 1 John 3. 1- 7 Luke 24. 36b - 48	Acts 4. 5 - 12 Psalm 23 1 John 3. 16 - end John 10. 11 - 18	Acts 48. 26 - end Psalm 22. 25 - end 1 John 4. 7 - end John 15. 1 - 8
Diptford with North Huish	11am Morning Prayer LWL's	11am Holy Communion Revd D Sayle	11am Morning Prayer LWL's	11am Holy Communion Revd D Sayle
Ermington	11am Holy Communion Revd D Sayle	11am Morning Prayer LWL's	11am Holy Communion Revd D Sayle	11am Family Service LWL's
Harberton	9.30am Holy Communion Revd D Sayle	No Service at Harberton	9.30am Holy Communion Revd D Sayle	No Service at Harberton
Ugborough	9.30am Family Service LWL's	9.30am Holy Communion Revd Dr. P Povey	9.30am Family Service LWL's	9.30am Holy Communion Revd D Sayle 4.30pm Messy Church LWL & Revd D Sayle
Halwell	As above	3.30pm Evening Service	As Below	As Below
Moreleigh	As above	As above	As Below	3.30pm Evening Service
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

#### **MINDFUL PLONKER – Avon River Champions**



Many small tributaries search their way through the rural idyll of our agricultural landscape, tumbling their way to the River Avon. The river is a living ecosystem that also provides us with clean drinking water and a nice place to swim occasionally and feel its restorative grace. Myths, folklore and stories naturally draw inspiration from rivers. Our footpaths and bridleways often trace the river's circuitous route from the moor to the estuary. Plenty of time for us to ponder as we wander with the river to the sea.

A river is not simply an amenity or an ecosystem service – it's home to tiny aquatic invertebrates, it's a fish nursery, a safe haven

for migrating salmon that have navigated hundreds of miles to return to their breeding grounds and iconic birds such as the Dipper, Kingfisher and Wagtails which search for the bounty of riverflies that abound in clear waters. It's not difficult to feel joy at the gathering pace of the headwaters across river boulders, the surge of water under the bridges, or the babbling of Torr Brook or feel the thrill of the swoosh in the tidal flow of the estuary. The water cycle replenishes the water that passes under the bridge and dilutes the salty water of Bigbury Bay. Rain clouds rise above the oceans and replenish the peat bogs on Dartmoor which soak up this bounty of life-giving pure water. It's a natural circle that runs on the energy inherent in the natural environment. A gift from Nature. We are also part of this amazing water cycle. We drink the water. We use the river system as a drain for the rain that falls on our roofs, roads, gardens and farmland. When this water is not polluted – our part of the water cycle seems justified. But we are not simply returning rainwater. Throughout the UK we are polluting our rivers and have done much harm to the wildlife that lives there and even harming the people who like to swim in rivers. No river in Great Britain is of Excellent Ecological Status because of the ubiquitous presence of 'forever chemicals' and the intermittent agricultural and sewage pollution. It's a complex story of responsibility with many lifestyle and behaviour changes needed if we are to minimise our impact on the health of our rivers.

#### **River Safari Creatives needed**

Avon River Champions are calling out to photographers, artists, local naturalists, landowners, parish footpath wardens, poets and writers. We would like to identify a series of local walks on public footpaths where we can celebrate and record the seasonal flora and fauna which lives there and also explain the issues which are affecting them. We would like to produce a series of beautifully illustrated footpath maps in a simple booklet form that could be sold in local village shops and pubs—to raise funds for the work of local River Guardians and the teams working to protect our local water bodies. Can you help us? Please get in touch if you want to enjoy this creative endeavour. <a href="mailto:info@avon-river-champions.org">info@avon-river-champions.org</a>

#### The Mindful Plonker

Have you ever wondered where the things we flush down the toilet or go down our sink plugholes – end up? Condoms, sanitary products, cigarettes, wet wipes, cotton buds, nappies, fat, rubbish, beauty products, medicines – they all become part of the water cycle once they go down the toilet or the drains. They have to be removed. That costs more money and sometimes causes blockages. If we get a Combined Sewer Overspill event – they can go directly into the river with all the poo and pee too. Best not to use the loo or the sink as a bin. Less 'out of sight – out of mind" would help quite alot.

#### **Volunteer Efforts**

The almost biblical rainfall this winter is a portent of what is to come due to the seemingly relentless momentum of climate change. Flood defences are firmly on the agenda of landowners and local government. They are doing what they can. Budgets and time are always tight. Volunteer groups working with **Force4Nature** and the **Woodland Trust Volunteers** are working full throttle to assist farmers and landowners by building leaky dams, silt traps and planting bands of trees along the contours of steep fields and along river banks. The **Westcountry Rivers Trust** volunteers are working with riparian landowners to restore eroded riverbanks using firmly staked fallen tree branches. If you would like to join these merry bands – check out the website <a href="https://www.avon-river-champions.org">www.avon-river-champions.org</a>



# INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF THE DIPTFORD AUGUST JIGSAW FESTIVAL?

IF SO,
YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR JIGSAW EVENT
PLANNING MEETING
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024
AT: SPRINGFIELD, DIPTFORD, TQ9 7NU

TIME: 10.30 AM

[CALL ROB ON 07808933360 IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION]

#### 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 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 4 May and 1 June
From 9.30 am til 11 am
Steve Partridge is now organising our cleaning sessions
partridge.steve@btinternet.com

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

#### April Edition [March Notes 2024]

The Woodpecker has been really active early in the mornings for a few hours immediately after sunrise. The drum beat on old boughs in the valley rings out loud and clear, followed by its shrill calling as it flies from tree perch to perch looking for grubs hiding in the decaying wood. More than

likely this is the call work of the yaffle or Green Woodpecker [Picus viridis]. All the birds are making ready for Spring 'activity'; nest building, territory claiming, procreation. The flocks of Sparrows are dividing up into small groups and pairing off promiscuously! Collared Doves have returned earlier than expected, and they are in pairs. The Rooks have settled to 'stealing' their neighbour's nesting material. This will cause a short-lived commotion with much 'argument', but is soon over as every bird is trying the same enterprise!



In the pond the nightly noise of frogs and toads continues, but still no spawn as yet. Several creatures were seen in the vicinity in the dark, and many more heard throughout the hours of darkness. Looking in watery places there does not seem to be any spawn around! The dark 'goldfish' are really active and have been fed. They are considerably larger than last season already. The food intake has been taken up all through winter without ceasing, as it has been so mild. Stacks of gnats collect over the pond, and even some blue damsel flies have been noted. Not much to be seen in the murky depth though. Must remove some of the pond weed on the temperature rises or else there will be no room for fish or newts, or even smaller insects.



Considerable numbers of Ladybirds found in clusters among the leaf litter. When exposed to the light they quickly scatter to hide under the protection of leaves.

Many Bumble bees searching for nectar and pollen of early flowers. A favourite seems to be the 'soldiers' and 'sailors' of the comfrey plants. These have flowered very early this year.



Little field mice are busy on the bird feeders helping themselves to easy meals. They come out of the slate wall to run up the branches to find the seed container, help themselves then jump down quickly to hide back between the slates. Somewhere deep in the wall must be families of these small creatures. Not surprisingly the local cats are paying increased vigilance along the wall!

Had several reports of Slow Worm activity. They are moving around much earlier considering the ground is not that worm. On a quiz on Television a question was posed 'What are Slow worms? snakes, molluscs, reptiles, mammals. Surprisingly several people thought they were 'snakes'. The answer is reptiles, with vestigial legs and other reptilian features, such as eye lids.



It has to be said that once again the yellows have been superb. Daffodils, Celandines and then Primroses on the 'warm banks sides' of the hedgerows. Ready made posies with moss-covered twigs for emphasis. March had a lot to see.

Ham 2024

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



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

### Friends of Diptford School Easter Newsletter - March 2024



#### UPCOMING DATES

March 23rd FODS @ Diptford Village event March 28th Easter Raffle Draw April 17th - Summer fundraising FODS meeting Preloved Summer Uniform Sale

Frozen Fridays Sports Day

End of Summer term production

#### Hello to all our families and the Diptford School team

Welcome to the Spring newsletter 2024. We hope you have all had a wonderful Spring term.

As a recap, this year we have run a number of fundraising activities including:

Diptfest, Spooky Disco, Two Diptford Arms, Tea Towels and Xmas cards. 100 Club

#### We are making a big difference! £2600 raised since September



Christmas Craft day Spooky Disco Books refresh

Still to come over the Summer term:

New Sports Kit Class enrichment funds New books New equipment for Preschool Technology Whole School experience Year 6 Residentials



#### 27th March for Raffle ticket returns! £500 target



#### OUTDOOR LEARNING UPDATE





We have exceeded our target for the outdoor learning space to replace the Yurt. Thanks go to Chris Carrol for organising its removal, - it will be repurposed by a Diptford resident.

We are now reviewing designs and expect to have the build completed within 4-6 weeks dependent on availability of the supplier

As we have raised excess funds, these will be released to School with plans to use on Summer enrichment



Please remember to hand back your raffle ticket stubs and monies to School by Wednesday 27th March - we will have a drop off box available before and after the Easter Service as well! The draw will take place on the last day of term



#### Preloved Uniform

We will be holding a Summer uniform sale shortly after Easter, maybe this will make the Sun come out!!.

The week before the sale you will be able to drop off Summer dresses, shorts, jumpers, PE kit etc. at School – dates TBC



#### How you can help:

- · Support the Easter Raffle; it will all get spent on the Children this Summer
- · Volunteer at Sports Day we will let you know what we need soon!
- . Donate Summer school uniform for our preloved sale
- Buy a Ball! Encourage your friends and family to join 100 Club, email lucy\_baldwin88@hotmail.com
- Join our regular FODS meetings next one is 17th April covering Sports Day, Frozen Fridays and the preloved sale
- Committee we need new Committee members, talk to the team about what it entails!
- Share your ideas for fundraising or events lets try new things!

#### KEEP UP TO DATE

Follow us on Facebook - just search for Friends of Diptford School



#### Spring Clean 'Thank-You'

St Mary's Diptford wish to thank everyone who assisted with the Spring Clean at Diptford churchyard on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March. It wasn't the best of weather, but the hard work of those attending has made a real difference and the churchyard looks all the better for it. It was a day of teamwork and the bacon sandwiches were a just reward for everyone's hard work.

The mapping exercise of the graves has also started, though there is much more to do on this point. We are therefore hoping to hold another similar event later in the year when the weather will hopefully be kinder!

#### **April 2024, Gardening**

Well, the garden is looking slightly wind swept, battered and definitely very damp. Spring Colour is making a welcomed appearance, joy and delight! The soil is beginning to warm up and more work can be carried out in the garden. Don't overdo it! Do you have any of that wonderful mulch you made earlier. Get rid of those weeds and cover the ground with a thick layer of mulch. This will conserve the moisture in the soil and keep the seedlings down. You may not be aware just how strong the sunlight is at the moment, so take appropriate precautions cover up bare skin and smother with suncream to prevent those over-wintered pale skins from getting sunburnt.

#### Enjoy the spring work:

- ❖ Hoe & weed all borders & beds
- ❖ Watch out for pests & diseases
- ❖ You will have mulched the soil already!
- ❖ Have you potted on all those cuttings you made earlier?
- Long hours can be spent in the greenhouse pricking out those seedlings you grew
- ❖ Are you preparing pots & containers?
- ❖ Continue to plant summer & autumn flowering bulbs.
- Prune plum trees & bushes, but not too severely!
- ❖ Protect early flowering fruit from frost! Yes, frost!
- ❖ Are the greenhouse beds ready for tomatoes, cucumbers peppers?
- Sow tender annuals such as runner beans under glass.
- ❖ Watch out for early pests & diseases under glass. Take appropriate action!
- ❖ The grass is beginning to wake up so start increasing the cut height & frequency.
- ❖ Feed lawns, they have a lot of work to do & deserve encouragement.
- ❖ Apply selective weed-killer if not incorporated in the lawn feed.
- ❖ Fill in the gaps in the lawn, one cut up turf will go a long way to improving the general look of the lawn by patching!
- ❖ You can improve the edges of the lawn by 'patching'
- ❖ Finish border maintenance & preparation
- Complete planting of borders, or at least be prepared!
- ❖ Prick out seedling as they germinate. Holding them by a 'true' leaf to move them on.
- ❖ Pot on developing seedlings to give more root room.
- Stake perennials & bushes
- Finish pruning shrubs that will flower on this current season's growth.
- Prune back spring shrubs that have finished flowering.
- ❖ Tie in climbers.
- ❖ Complete pruning out the damaged, crossing, & diseased shrub wood.
- ❖ Check ties & stakes on shrubs & trees. Don't tie in too tightly you don't want to strangle the shrubs!
- Continue sowing hardy vegetables
- **Earth** up potatoes in case of frost, yes frost!
- ❖ Have planted out your onions, shallots, and main crop potatoes?

Enjoy the colour and scent of spring, it's not just all work! A cup of tea or something stronger will go down a treat.

Zephyrus April 2024

Whan that April with his shoures sote And bathed every veyne In swich licour, Whan Zephirus eek with his swete breeth The tendre croppes, and the Yonge sonne And smale fowles maken melodye, The droughte of Marche hath perced to the rote, Of which vertu engendred is the flour; Inspired hathin every holt and heeth Hath in the Ram his halfe cours y-ronne, That slepen al the night with open ye.

[The Prologue to the Canterbury Tales: Geoffrey Chaucer (c.1340 – 1400)]

Possibly the first written extract in 'English'! Amazingly understood today, with a bit of licence!



### DIPTFORD AMENITY TRUST (THE CHARITY BEHIND THE VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD)

Easy Fundraising has now been set up to help with fundraising for the **Diptford 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 purchases from others.

We can also accept one off donations 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

### <u>Diptford Parish Council</u> <u>Ali Kohler, Parish Clerk</u> <u>diptfordpc@yahoo.co.uk</u> Parish Council Meeting <u>March 2024</u>

**Playpark update** – The activity frame is still currently not available for use due to the repairs that are required. We are hopeful that the contractor who has been assigned will be able to complete these repairs soon. Three grants (National Lottery, Sport England and the Diptford Community Fund), have been applied for to upgrade/replace the playpark equipment and we are currently waiting to hear the outcome of the grant applications.

#### **Councillor Daniel Thomas (DCC)**

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

See appendix 1 <a href="https://www.diptfordparishcouncil.org/meetings.php">https://www.diptfordparishcouncil.org/meetings.php</a>

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

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

See appendix 2 <a href="https://www.diptfordparishcouncil.org/meetings.php">https://www.diptfordparishcouncil.org/meetings.php</a>

**Primrose Trail** - — a letter has been received from the Primrose Trail Group. The letter gave an update on the latest progress of the Primrose Trail project. They outlined proposals to lay down way markers on Stage 1 from South Brent to Gara Bridge — quiet lanes and bridleways. The route of the trail has been altered to include only existing public rights of way from South Brent to Kingsbridge, using safer off-road options and quiet lanes. Importantly NO mapping of the proposed route has been received by the Parish Council despite repeated requests to the organisers.. This stage has been chosen before revisiting other parts of the route which are apparently presenting more challenging issues.

The Parish Council has been in discussions with Devon County Council and South Hams District Council regarding the claims of the Primrose Trail Group. Save the Avon Valley Group are exploring options of having the waymarking revoked with Councillors Julian Brazil, Rufus Gilbert and Dan Thomas.

It is understood that at a recent SHDC meeting regarding the cycle path development that the Primrose Trail was dismissed as a non-viable Green Travel option. The Parish Council do not support the Primrose Trail Group with their proposals and have also received letters of objection from residents.

**Garden Refuse** - With spring approaching, subscriptions to the South Hams Garden waste collection service are now open. Early bird subscription will cost £52 for the year if you sign up before 1 April 2024. The price from 1 April will be £55. A subscription covers a single brown wheelie bin, with a maximum of two subscriptions (which would cover two bins) per household. The new subscription year will run from Monday 1 April 2024 until 31 March 2025. You can sign up for the service on our website. The annual cost applies for fortnightly collections, excluding the weeks over the winter period when the service is suspended. Happy gardening!

**Highways notice** – Order number 21060511 – resurfacing of road from East Leigh Cross to East Moore Cross in Diptford has now been cancelled and it is hoped that the works can be rescheduled for Mid-May

Defibrillator Training – It has been agreed in conjunction with North Huish Parish Council that there will be training provided on how to use the defibrillators in the 2 parishes. Further details will follow when agreed.

The Next Parish Council Meeting, to which all Parishioners are welcome, will take place at the Village Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 9 April. If you have an item you would like raised, please contact the Parish Clerk, diptfordpc@yahoo.co.uk in the first instance.





In aid of Diptford Playing Field up-keep Entry £5 adult, £1 child, £10 family Includes Cream Tea at finish

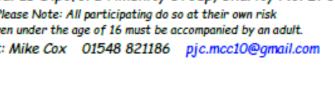


Starts at Diptford 9:30am Lunch Stop at Horner from 1pm - bring a picnic lunch! Afternoon section great for the younger adventurers Scenic views and chance to walk on sections of the old Primrose line Finish in Diptford where refreshments are provided in the church!

Proceeds towards Diptford Amenity Group, Charity No. 276979

Certificates available. Open to join on route. Route available by email

Please Note: All participating do so at their own risk Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Mike Cox 01548 821186 pjc.mcc10@gmail.com



#### W.I. and FODS Soup and Sandwich lunch

A big thank you to everyone that came to the Easter lunch on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>. There was a lovely atmosphere in the Hall with people meeting up and chatting.

We finally made a profit of £284 which means added to what we had already raised over the year we can now give Totnes Hospital League of Friends a grand total of £1061.20. So thank you everyone for your support.

Pat Sampford

#### From your Member of Parliament Anthony Mangnall

As your Member of Parliament, I spend a great deal of time working on local matters. It has always been my ethos to put people before politics and ensure that you, the residents of South Devon, have a strong voice in Westminster.

This has led to my work being predominantly focussed on local matters such as farming, fishing, local job opportunities and housing. While politics might well be the art of the possible, I am pleased after four years to report some significant successes, from ensuring that farming is never off the agenda and attracting millions of pounds of investment into the fishing and photonics sectors, to campaigning (successfully) to temporarily reduce VAT for the tourism and hospitality sectors and addressing the imbalance between short-term and long-term rentals.

Getting it right locally means being able to listen to what you, as residents, need and then setting off to deliver. Regular local meetings have also led to me delivering two new local banking hubs, a new chamber of commerce, an updated local infrastructure plan and a number of new bus routes.

All of these measures have helped to change the local landscape for the better, but the 'to do' list is never complete. While some current challenges are significant, they are by no means impossible. Whether it be addressing affordable housing or changing attitudes about the local job market, there are ways in which significant differences can be made. Through the creation of my annual Careers Fair for local students to introducing new measures to register and permit short term lets, we are steadily changing the perspective to benefit those who live and work in South Devon.

Each week, I hold open meetings in towns and villages across South Devon where local residents can come along to meet me and raise local and national issues. I am holding one such meeting at Diptford Village Hall from 6-7pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – all residents are welcome so I hope to see you there!

Please note, it may not be appropriate to discuss issues of a sensitive personal nature at this meeting, so if you would like to make an appointment to meet me at another time then please do call my office on 01803 868378 or email <a href="mailto:anthony.mangnall.mp@parliament.uk">anthony.mangnall.mp@parliament.uk</a>.

#### **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 <a href="www.heltor.co.uk">www.heltor.co.uk</a> 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 <a href="mailto:mr.sjhill@yahoo.co.uk">mr.sjhill@yahoo.co.uk</a>

#### **REST IN PEACE**

#### **ROBERT (BOB) ELLIS**

Bob Ellis died peacefully at home on 2 February

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

On 7 March 2024

May Bob Rest in Peace

#### **Doreen Margaret Clayden**

Doreen Margaret Clayden passed away at the age of 103 years

Long time resident of Diptford

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

on 21 March

May Doreen Rest in Peace

#### NORTH HUISH COMMUNITY GROUP

Events planned for 2024 are:

- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April: Coffee Morning with Bring & Buy Cake Sale and Plants, 10.00 -12.30. For offers of cakes, please contact: <u>caroline.n.stradling@hotmail.co.uk</u> For offers of plants, please contact: <u>jacciandjohn@icloud.com</u>
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Cream Tea with a local history display entitled:
   Memories of North Huish, 2.00 5.00pm. If you can lend old photographs or articles for display, please contact: <a href="mailto:sara@artgilbert.co.uk">sara@artgilbert.co.uk</a>
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September: **Harvest Lunch, 12.00 2.00pm.** Homemade soup and bread + dessert + cider or apple juice.
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Armistice Day short Act of Remembrance,
   10.50 in support of the Royal British legion. Coffee and biscuits served.
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December: **Carols by Candlelight, 4.00pm.** Mulled wine and mince pies served.

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We have our Village Website
www.diptfordvillage.co.uk
Parish Council website
www.diptfordparishcouncil.org
Facebook Diptford Sustainable

Community
WhatsApp Diptford Support
Network

#### **COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

#### DIPTFORD PARISH HALL

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS
TO MAKE A BOOKING FOR DIPTFORD PARISH HALL
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DiptfordPH@yahoo.com or via the village website www.diptfordvillage.co.uk

Chair of Trustees

Diptford Parish Hall. <u>DiptfordPH@yahoo.com</u> 07944 098174

#### **COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

THE NOTICE BOARD IN THE SQUARE IS FOR <u>COMMUNITY</u> NOTICES ONLY <u>NO COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING WILL BE ALLOWED</u>

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

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.

Editor: Mrs Val Haddy, School House, Diptford Tel: 01548 821418

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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