

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 Sunday Services August 2025

Date & Liturgical Colour	03.08.2025 Trinity 7	10.08.2025 Trinity 8	17.08.2025 Trinity 9	24.08.2025 Trinity 10 <i>Bartholomew the Apostle</i>	31.08.2025 Trinity 11
	Colossians 3. 1-11 Psalm 49.1-12 Luke 12. 13-21	Hebrew 11. 1-3 & 8-16 Psalm 33. 12- end Luke 12. 32-40	Hebrews 11. 29-12.2 Psalm 82 Luke 12. 49-56	Hebrews 12. 18 -end Psalm 103 1-8 Luke 13. 10-17	Hebrews 13. 1-8 Psalm 112 Luke 14. 1 & 7-14
Diptford with North Huish	NO SERVICE @ Diptford Church	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	11am Benefice Service
Ermington	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Praise	11am Holy Communion	11am Family Service	
Ugborough	9:30am Songs of Praise	9:30am Holy Communion	9:30am Songs of Praise	9:30 Holy Communion	
Halwell	9.30am Holy Communion	As Above	As Above or Below	As Above or Below	
Moreleigh	As Above	As Above	As Above or Below	3.30pm Evening Communion	
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

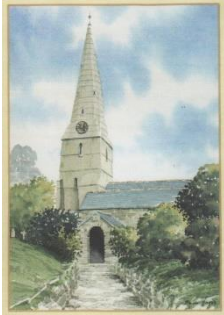
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Do you know that there are funds available for people living in the parish of Diptford to access in times of need?

Confidentiality Guaranteed

Contact: Reverend David Sayle at parish_sayle@me.com



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 August 2nd,

6th September, 4th October, 1st November

From 9.30 am til 11 am

Steve Partridge is now organising our cleaning sessions

partridge.steve@btinternet.com

PARISH COUNCIL OF DIPTFORD

NEXT MEETING

DIPTFORD PARISH HALL TQ9 7NY

TUESDAY 19 AUGUST 2025 at 7.30pm

All Parishioners welcome to attend

Minutes of Meetings are published on the Parish Council website
diptfordparishcouncil.org and on the Notice Board by School

NOTES FROM DIPTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING JULY 2025

Development Opposite Wheat Park

Morrish homes cancelled their attendance at late notice, as not all the representatives were able to all make it to the meeting to discuss their new plans for Wheat Park, Diptford. They have confirmed they will come to a future meeting possibly in September but **this is to be confirmed**.

A brief History of the site – the site was zoned for housing over 20 years ago by SHDC, the site was never gifted to the Parish Council, it has never been in the ownership of the Parish Council, it was sold on the open market and a planning application in 2012 by the company who bought it for 15 dwellings with 5 affordable for people with a local connection was put in. The first full application was approved in 2013, for the 15 dwellings which were not built and in 2018 another application was made for 12 dwellings with 4 affordable this application was also approved in 2018 and later a certificate of lawfulness was made by Morrish Homes for the commencement of the site. It now seems as though they want to revert back to 15 homes on site – but in what style or design is currently unknown as **no plans have been viewed**.

Diptford Parish Council clerk@diptfordparishcouncil.org

Note – change of date of Diptford Parish Council Meetings
Parish Council Meetings will be held on the
THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH in the Parish Hall,
commencing at 7.30pm



DIPTFORD SHORT MAT BOWLS

We play in the South Hams League which runs from October to March.
The season ended with us mid table having been in top position by Christmas.

Not only do we play League matches but also The Graham Collier Trophy and the KO competition. For the very first time in the history of our club we reached the semi finals in the KO. This all happened when we were grieving the loss of Ham who started the club 25 years ago.

Club night is every Wednesday 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the Parish Hall and if you would like to come and have a go please do come along we are here to show you how and have spare bowls to use.

Bowls is a really fun sport and is an opportunity to try something different.

Look forward to seeing you. If you would like further information please contact Nancy Hill 07730589469

DIPTFORD PLAYING FIELD – APPEAL FOR NEW MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Do you live in the village or surrounding area and have children who use the Playing Field? We are looking for more people to volunteer so that we can rejuvenate a group to help arrange events in our village Playing Field. We are thinking of occasional small maintenance jobs, the Parish Council pays for the big stuff! Also to help think of and arrange events on the field.

This year we have managed to repurpose the tired tennis court into a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and, with a generous donation from the Ladybirds group, have installed an outdoor table tennis table. We are so pleased that these new facilities are being well used. We are commissioning repairs to the slide on which a small defect has been reported and hope that this will be carried out in the next couple of months. We are looking into grant funding for one or two other replacement projects too!

We are inviting everyone in and around the village to get involved, so please do!

This year also includes repair of the ball wall and reinstating the fence at the entrance following major tree surgery.

There is plenty going on for the community to be involved with and enjoy social time and the great outdoors.

Please initially register your interest with (name and contact details) to the interim Chairman, sue.franklin@diptfordparishcouncil.org or with others involved with the field. Thank you.

DIPTFORD AMENITY TRUST Registered Charity Number 276979

Account Name: Diptford Amenity Trust Sort Code: 30-98-69

Account Number: 00196602

These are the details to use if you would like to donate towards the upkeep of our village Playing Field

Diptford Amenity Trust is registered on #easyfundraising which means you can raise free funds for them as you shop online this year, at no extra cost! All the big names like John Lewis & Partners, M&S, Argos, eBay and more are ready to donate. Every donation makes a difference! GIFT AID REGISTERED TOO!

PARISH COUNCIL OF DIPTFORD

A vacancy for the office of **COUNCILLOR** on the Parish Council of Diptford has become available and anyone who wishes to apply can do so by writing to -

THE PARISH CLERK

MRS S RAGGETT

clerk@diptfordparishcouncil.org

Anyone interested is welcome to attend our next Parish Council meeting
7.30pm Tuesday 19 August at the Parish Hall



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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.

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 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

**Business adverts as in Page 7 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**

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 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**

SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE VILLAGE

Parish Council website www.diptfordparishcouncil.org

Village Hall Bookings www.diptfordparishhall.org.uk

Facebook - Diptford Sustainable Community

WhatsApp - Diptford Support Network



LADYBIRDS FORTHCOMING DATES

Saturday August 16th Open Event – Cream Tea and Cake

Everyone Invited Diptford Parish Hall 2 – 4pm

Cream Scones and Cakes, Tea and Coffee

All included in entry fee of £5 (Adults) Children under 11 £2.50

Variety of Craft Stalls Raffle

Raising Funds for ELM Hedgehog Rescue

September – Curry Night

November 10th Felting with Kath 2.30pm

November 22nd – Advent Fayre

COME ALONG – TRY US OUT VISITORS £5



Devon County Council's new leader has sharply criticised plans to restructure local government as he launches a campaign to ensure the public have a chance to shape services in the county.

Devon County Council Leader, Julian Brazil, says he doesn't agree with the way that the government is going about reorganising local government structures, but that he does believe it's an opportunity to look properly at how councils could

deliver better public services.

He says it's his aim for the council to do the best it can to make sure the lives of Devon residents are improved through local government reorganisation.

The government said last year that it wants to abolish two-tier authorities – County Councils and District Councils – and to replace them with single unitary authorities, some of them Mayoral led.

It now wants local authorities affected to engage with local residents, to seek views on new local government structures for their areas.

Councils need to submit proposals for new structures by 28 November, after which the government will lead formal consultation of firm proposals.

We, Devon County Council, are embarking on a series of 28 roadshow events in towns across the county, beginning Friday 18 July in Ilfracombe.

We will be asking residents to prioritise public services that are most important to them.

The public will be asked what they value most in their local area, and what they would like to see more of in their communities.

As well as the roadshow events, the council will have an online survey running until mid-October, and will be meeting with key stakeholder groups.

Council Leader, Councillor Julian Brazil, said:

"Government has decided to reorganise local government. The number of councils in Devon is due to be reduced, with district councils and Devon County Council ceasing to exist and unitary authorities, which combine services, formed. I can't say I'm particularly impressed with the process, but it does give us an opportunity to look at how services are delivered. It is our aim to try and achieve the best we can.

"As we plan for the future, we want to hear from you. Your feedback will help shape local policies, services, and investments to reflect the needs and priorities of our community."

DIPTFORD FETE 2025 from Steve Partridge

Diptford fete was held this year on Saturday 19th July at Diptford Court which was later than in previous years. However, it did not disappoint, it was a vibrant occasion for the whole community. The afternoon was enjoyed by all with fantastic cake, plant stall, book stall and ice creams, as well as several artistic makers. Lots of people enjoyed a cream tea and the children enjoyed races whilst the dogs had a good show and came away with lots of rosettes. This all resulted in raising some much needed funds for St Mary's church.

Thanks go to our hosts Amelia Eyston and Tessa Clarke, not just for the fantastic venue but all their hard work and organisation, as well as the numerous people who contributed in making this an enjoyable and successful afternoon.

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

DIPTFORD PARISH HALL

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

TO MAKE A BOOKING FOR DIPTFORD PARISH HALL

Diptford Parish Hall has a website!

www.diptfordparishhall.org.uk

Please use 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

Diptford Parish Councillors

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

CLlr S Parker-Davidson (Vice Chair) – steven.parker.davidson@diptfordparishcouncil.org

CLlr C Peach – chris.peach@diptfordparishcouncil.org

CLlr T Crocker – trevor.crocker@diptfordparishcouncil.org

CLlr L Lethbridge – louise.lethbridge@diptfordparishcouncil.org

CLlr L Carrol – lucy.carrol@diptfordparishcouncil.org

CLlr G Paterson – gavin.paterson@diptfordparishcouncil.org

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 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

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