

DIPTFORD AND NORTH HUISH

PARISH NEWS

OCTOBER 2025

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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

Three Rivers Mission Community Sunday Services October 2025

Date & Liturgical Colour	05.10.2025 Trinity 16	12.10.2025 Trinity 17	19.10.2025 Trinity 18	26.10.2025 Last Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Readings: Deuteronomy 26. 1-11 Psalm 100 Philippians 4. 4-9 OR Revelation 14. 14-18 John 6. 25-25	2 Timothy 1. 1-14 Psalm 137 Luke 17. 5-10	2 Timothy 2. 8-15 Psalm 66. 1-11 Luke 17. 11-19	2 Timothy 3. 14-4.5 Psalm 111. 97-104 Luke 18. 1-18	2 Timothy 4. 6-8 & 16-18 Psalm 65 Luke 18. 9-14
Diptford with North Huish	11am Morning Prayer 4.30pm Brick Church	11am Harvest Service	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion
Ermington	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Praise	11am Holy Communion	11am Family Service
Ugborough	No Service	9:30am Holy Communion	No Service	9:30 Holy Communion 4.30pm Messy Church
Halwell	12.30pm Harvest Lunch and Service	As Above	As Above	As Above or Below
Moreleigh	As Above	As Above	As Below	3.30pm Evening Communion
Harbertonford	As Above	As Above	12.30pm Harvest Lunch & Service Harbertonford Village Hall	As above

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

Attached is a article on the support of dementia in the South Hams undertaken by Dementia Friendly Parishes Around the Yealm and the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance. Diptford Parish Council has representation on the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance and is working with the South Hams Dementia Forum run through South Hams District Council to improve the lives of people living with dementia, their carers and families in a rural community.



Dementia Friendly Parishes
around the Yealm

In partnership with



Dementia Friendly Parishes Around the Yealm supports people with dementia and their families in the parishes of Wembury, Yealmpton, Brixton, Holbeton, Newton & Noss with home visits, advice and information plus a variety of welcoming, friendly inclusive groups. The groups are open to everyone from any area:

Every Last Monday of the month - Free Monday Club, 10.30 to 12.30 in the Methodist Church Hall, Yealmpton. Currently run in partnership with "Life on the Edge" project, involving creative activities with a nature focus. All materials provided.

Every Tuesday morning - Gentle Exercise Classes at Yealmpton Methodist Church 10.00 to 11.00 and also 11.15 to 12.15. (£5). Free taster session.

Every Wednesday morning - Free Walking Group led by qualified walk leaders meets in the car park at Barton Close, Wembury at 10.30 am. There is a gentle walk with friendly company in various locations e.g. Wembury, Saltram, Jennycliff etc followed by refreshments.

Every Thursday - Listen and Laugh to familiar stories and poetry, 10.30 to 12.00 at the Parish Rooms, Bakery Square, Yealmpton over a cuppa. (£2). The informal library in the Parish Room is open from 10.00 to 10.30 to exchange books and you can stay on to join the group!

Every First Friday of the month - Free Carers Catch Up - A support group for carers 2.00 to 3.30 at Yealmpton Methodist Church. Refreshments provided.

Every Second Friday of the month - Free Coffee and Chat at The Rose & Crown, Yealmpton, 2.00 to 3.30. Friendly and relaxed time to catch up.

Every Third Friday of the Month - Singing Along 2.00 to -3.30 in Yealmpton Methodist Church. (£3 towards refreshments).

For more information about the groups, please call Claire (Community Development Lead) on 07450206312 or email: info@dementiayealm.org or visit: <https://www.dementiayealm.org/> or Follow us on Facebook

Four Rivers Dementia Alliance (4RDA) developed on from the work of Dementia Friendly Parishes and is made up of 20 rural and town parish councils and other organisations (Diptford Parish is one of them).

4RDA works to build inclusive dementia friendly communities across the area through the councils and by working to engage all sectors of the community e.g. individuals, businesses, voluntary, faith, health and care, transport, education, leisure etc, encouraging and supporting them to make their services inclusive and easier for people with dementia to use.

4RDA offers FREE support via delivering:

-  Dementia awareness sessions to any organisation and the public.
-  Carrying out dementia friendly building assessments on community buildings, shops, cafes etc, to ensure they are easier to navigate for people living with dementia.
-  Advising on dementia friendly signage, making processes and written information dementia friendly.

4RDA does all of the above and more!

Even the smallest of changes can make a very big difference to experiences of people living with dementia and their families in your community.

If you would like to find out more and get involved in the work of 4RDA, please contact Claire (Community Liaison and Support Lead) on: 07349160447 or email: development@4riversdementia.org.uk or visit: <https://www.4riversdementia.org.uk/>.

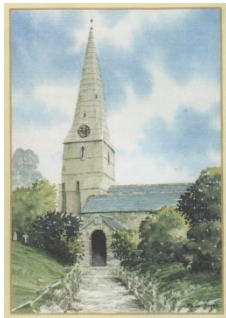
Diptford Parish Lands Eleemosynary Charity

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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?

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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

4th October, 1st November

From 9.30 am til 11 am

Steve Partridge is now organising our cleaning sessions

partridge.steve@btinternet.com

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

NEXT MEETING

DIPTFORD PARISH HALL TQ9 7NY

TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER 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

DIPTFORD SHORT MAT BOWLS



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

FRIENDS OF DIPTFORD SCHOOL

(FODS)

Diptfest was a great success and the Children had a great afternoon, thank you to everyone who came along and to all our brilliant helpers... Spooky Disco next on Friday 24th October....

The FODS AGM will be held on Monday 13th October at 7.30pm- this has to be face to face as part of the Charity regulations. Likely in School, but that will be confirmed.

We would really love to see some new faces there.. the current Committee will be looking to stand down next September 2026, and so new members will be needed if FODS is to continue.

We have a whole year to help new people pick up the ropes and help with that transition so please, if you think you can get involved come along.
FODS has achieved so much over many years so we must keep it going!



Open to all Diptford children 12U or family and friends, whether Diptford school students or not...

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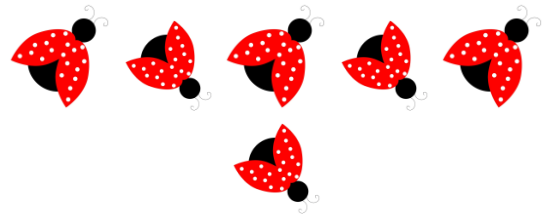


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**November 10th Felting with Kath
2.30pm**
November 22nd – Advent Fayre
COME ALONG – TRY US OUT
VISITORS £5

ADVANCE NOTICE! DIPTFORD LADYBIRDS ADVENT FAYRE

Saturday November 22nd 10 am- 1pm
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Thank You

The Parish Council P3 Co-ordinator would like to thank Rod Sugden for his invaluable help in laying the woodchip from the felling of the Monterey Pine on a section of the public footpath between the Parish Hall and Mill Lane that has no stone chippings underfoot. Approximately 90 metres has been laid and hopefully will reduce slipping and sliding underfoot on mud throughout the Autumn and Winter seasons.

Business adverts as in Page 8 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

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

Diptford Open Gardens Sunday 7th June, 2026



Just to let everyone know, we're planning a village OPEN GARDENS in aid of St Luke's Hospice next June. Eight gardens will be open from the top to the bottom of the village.

Diptford last took part in 2017 when we raised over £3000 and had around 200 visitors!

We will need plenty of volunteers to make this another success, especially for cake baking, serving teas in the village hall, setting up tables and parking attendants. Please consider taking part as we'll need to firm up volunteers in the New Year.

2026 is also the 800th anniversary of the village church and as part of celebrations we'd love people, especially children, to get involved by helping to line the pathway to the church with shoes/boots filled with flowers. This will be a representation of 800 years of people treading the church path.

Finally, if anyone is dividing their plants this autumn, please set some aside for us to sell on the day.

Ruth Partridge, Angela Seymour, Beverley Sugden

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



DIPTFORD ANNUAL QUIZ 2025

The Diptford Quiz will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday 5th December.

First Question 7.30 sharp.

This year entry is **free for every team.**

Teams of four please, and please bring your own refreshments.

There will be a raffle, it would be appreciated if each team could supply a prize.

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE

NOTES FROM DIPTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 2025

With a number of Councillors unable to be present, Cllr Steven Parker Davidson took the Chair.

Discussion centred on the Terms of Reference for the Diptford Community Fund when originally set up. Our Clerk and Cllr Lethbridge are following up with both the Fund and with SHDC. We want to apply for funding towards further improvements to the Playing Field.

The October meeting will review the contract of our Parish Lengthsman in relation to hours and hourly rate.

Three estimates have been obtained for new or replacement equipment at the Playing Field. Cllr Crocker has dismantled, repaired and replaced the long slide which had been reported as broken. Cllr Paterson has also carried out some repairs. Their help is much appreciated.

Repairs to the Climbing Frame are currently being done by contractor which will hopefully make this safe for a time to come. However, this too will need replacing in the longer term.

Alas, there is still no update from Morrish Homes on the site opposite Wheat Park.

The next Diptford Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 21 October.

Notices and Minutes will be published on the Parish Council noticeboard near School, and on the Parish Council website.

All Parishioners are welcome to attend and can raise any item for a limited time within Open Forum at the start of the meeting. Recommend to contact clerk@diptfordparishcouncil.org beforehand.

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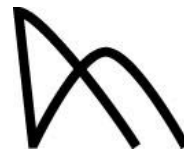
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DIPTFORD PARISH HALL

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

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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.

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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

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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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Contributions may be submitted by e-mail to valjohnhaddy@aol.com

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