

DIPTFORD AND NORTH HUISH

PARISH NEWS

NOVEMBER 2025

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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 November 2025

Date & Liturgical Colour	02.11.25 All Saints Sunday	09.11.25 Remembrance Sunday	16.11.25 2nd Sunday Before Advent SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY	23.11.25 Christ the King	30.11.25 Advent Sunday
	Daniel 7. 1-3 & 15-18 Ps. 149 Ephesians 1. 11-end Luke 6. 20-31	Genesis 9. 8-17 Luke 12.1-7	2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13 Ps. 98 Luke 21.5-19	Colossians 1. 11-20 Ps. 46 Luke 23.33-43	Isaiah 2. 1-5 Ps. 122 Matthew 24. 36-44
Diptford with North Huish	11am Morning Prayer 4.30pm Brick Church	10.50am Service of Remembrance	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	11am Benefice Holy Communion
Ermington	11am Holy Communion	10.50am Service of Remembrance	11am Holy Communion	11am Family Service	As Above
Ugborough	9:30am All Age Worship	9:30am Holy Communion 10.50am Service of Remembrance	9:30am Morning Praise	9:30 Holy Communion	As Above
Halwell	9.30am Harvest Holy Communion	10.45am Act of Remembrance	As Above	As Above or Below	As Above
Moreleigh	As Above	As Above	As Above	3.30pm Evening Communion	As Above
Harbertonford	As Above	10.50am Act of Remembrance	9.30am Holy Communion	As above	As Above

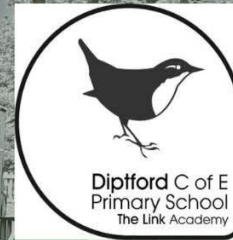
Further information can be found on the Mission Community website

www.3rivers.org.uk or at www.achurchnearyou.com/8942



Small Schools, Big Opportunities

Diptford C of E Primary School



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19th November 2025
3rd December 2025

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Website: www.diptford.thelink.academy



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DIPTFORD 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



Fundraising Event In aid of Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled Group

Sunday, 30th November 2025

Ugborough Village Hall

1 pm - 3 pm

£5 per person

Raffle tickets on sale

to include

Mince pie and clotted cream

Tea and coffee

Ukulele Christmas Sing-a-long



Organised by Janine Fox, ex resident of Diptford

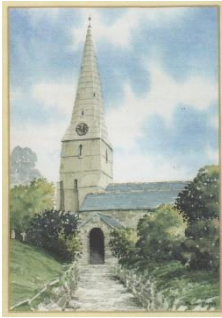
Diptford Parish Lands Eleemosynary Charity

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



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

Saturday 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 18 NOVEMBER 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

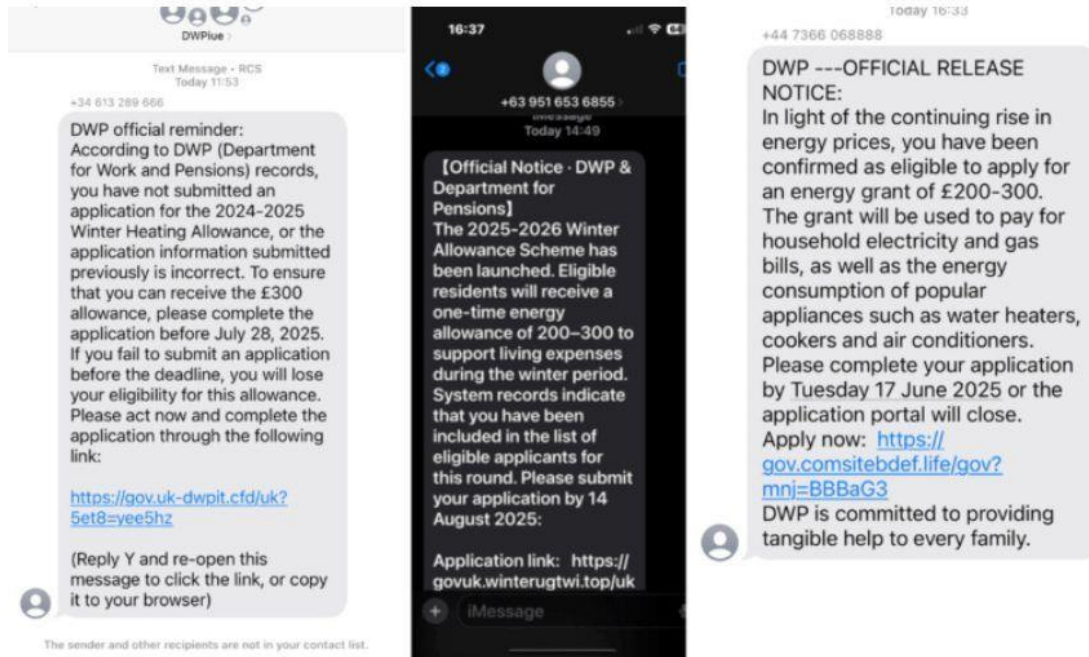
DIPTFORD SHORT MAT BOWLS



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



TRADING STANDARDS WINTER FUEL SCAM WARNING

Residents across the region are being warned of text message winter fuel payment scams. The text invites people to apply – but Heart of the South West Trading Standards Service, which covers Devon, Somerset, Torbay and Plymouth, says that most eligible people would receive the winter fuel payment automatically and wouldn't need to apply.



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NORTH HUISH COMMUNITY GROUP

Invite you to attend a short

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

On Armistice Day

Tuesday 11th Nov. 2025

In North Huish Church

Please arrive by 10.50

*In support of the
Royal British Legion*



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 ADVENT FAYRE

Saturday 22nd November 2025
10am to 1pm

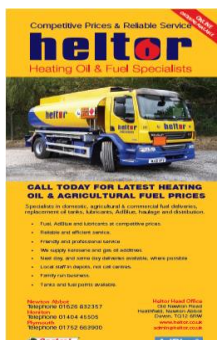
Diptford Parish Hall

Father Christmas, Tombola, Cake Stall,
Variety of craft stalls with gifts,
Preserves, Christmas puddings etc.
Bacon Butties and refreshments,
Raffle and games.

Free entry
Come and join in the fun!

Raising funds for
ELM Hedgehog Rescue

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



Ladybirds Forthcoming Dates
2025

November 4th
Pub night
6 pm

November 10th
Felting with Kath
2.30 pm

November 12th
Xmas card Workshop
At Springfield
10.30 am

November 22nd
Advent Fayre

November 28th
Buckfast Christmas fair
Leave Diptford 9.30 am

December 3rd
The Avon Xmas Lunch
12 Noon

Come along, try us out. Visitors £5.

Business adverts as in Page 12 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

NOTES FROM DIPTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 2025

DIPTFORD CROSS STOP SIGN

Some really good news for the village. For many years there have been concerns about the safety of the junction at Diptford Cross where there have been numerous near misses over the years. Our County Councillor, Dan Thomas, has succeeded in getting Traffic Management to agree that the current Give Way at the junction **IS TO BE REPLACED WITH A STOP SIGN!** For this to be enforceable, it has to be illuminated and has to be attached to a power source. This is the email sent to Dan and onwards to Parish Council. We appreciate that there is no timescale, but at least funding appears to have been allocated, at no cost to Diptford, and it is in the programme.

Dear Councillor Thomas,

I just wanted to update you with the current progress of the Diptford stop sign request. We have received a quote from Enervo for a total of £10,606.11. We have ordered the works to be done and Enervo will implement the works. Unfortunately, they are unable to give an estimation when the works will be complete as they are reliant on National Grid to coincide with the works. As soon as there is an update, I will let you know.

AMENITY TRUST / PLAYING FIELD

Safety repair works have now been completed to the Climbing Frame by our contractor, and the large slide has now been reinstalled. An application is to be submitted to the Devon Community Fund to enable a Trim Trail to be installed although this is not expected to be a quick process.

Donations towards improvement works continue to be welcome, to Diptford Amenity Trust, see Page 4 for details. Gift Aid is reclaimable too.

The next Diptford Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 18 November.

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.

Parishioners are recommended to contact clerk@diptfordparishcouncil.org beforehand.

FIBRE BROADBAND PROGRESS OR LACK OF IT!

Diptford Parish Council has been attempting to get answers as to why large parts of our community are not yet able to receive fibre broadband and Cllr Peach has been liaising with Caroline Voaden MP. This is the latest response, shared by agreement.

Dear Chris,

Please see below the response I received from Openreach this morning. Unfortunately, they still haven't provided a local contact, but you are welcome to share this response with your neighbours.

I will continue to push for improved digital connectivity across rural South Devon. To help build a clearer picture of the situation on the ground, I recently circulated a survey and will use the results to make informed representations to Ministerial colleagues. As I have said previously, this is very high on my agenda, and I will continue to press for tangible improvements so that all of my constituents can access the reliable digital services they need.

Thank you again for your email on behalf of the constituents of Diptford Village, and Curtisknowle. I hope my reply helps a little further.

Diptford village is already connected to fibre, so it's unclear why this area is described as being in the early stages of planning. – I've checked our records and although there may be some properties already connected to the Openreach full fibre network, there are lots of homes and businesses still waiting for full fibre to be built.

Fibre from the Gara Bridge exchange passes through Curtisknowle, yet residents there remain unable to access Full Fibre services. – I totally understand the constituent's feelings on this, but to build full fibre (FTTP) to the homes and businesses in Curtisknowle would need to be delivered under a specific programme of works i.e., our commercial fibre delivery. Extending the full fibre network to these properties is not as straight forward as it sounds and will require investment and building the fibre infrastructure. So this will still take us some time.

Our full fibre build is done in a phased approach, so some homes and businesses may have full fibre (FTTP) already, while others may not.

Our website is still showing this exchange area may be picked up in a later stage of our fibre build plans, but for now, I'm sorry I'm unable to offer any better news or timescale for our fibre delivery to Diptford or Curtisknowle within the Gara Bridge exchange. As I've mentioned previously, our website is the best place to check for updates, as this will be updated as soon as there are any changes. But for now it's too soon to offer any updates or timescale.

I'm really sorry I'm unable to offer any better news for your constituents Caroline. From Openreach

With best wishes,
Caroline

CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

It is very disappointing to report that our Parish Hall suffered an act of vandalism during the School summer holiday.

As we have been unable to discover who caused this damage, can we all remain vigilant and, if anything suspicious is seen, please make others aware straight away.

The aftermath of the damage has been extremely distressing to deal with for all concerned.

Contact for the Parish Hall is the Chair of Trustees, Steve Hill at

DiptfordPH@yahoo.com 07944 098174

FIREWORKS



I have been asked to remind everyone in the village please to remember that we live in a rural area, with a lot of vulnerable animals around. Not only dogs and cats, but horses, sheep and cattle etc can all be frightened by fireworks.

There are laws in place limiting the use of fireworks but apart from those, please consider your neighbours and their animals all of whom may be more vulnerable than you may think.

Fireworks can be seriously disturbing to those with PTSD and Autism too.

Think before you buy - is it better to go to an organised display than have a limited number in your own garden? If you do, why not look for the less noisy ones which are available?

FIREWORKS CAN BE FUN FOR YOU, BUT NOT FOR ANIMALS

Every year, thousands of animals will suffer as a result of fireworks being let off. Animals have very acute hearing. Loud bangs and whistles may cause them actual pain in their ears.

Fireworks must not be set off near livestock or horses in fields, or close to buildings housing livestock.

Anyone planning a firework display in a rural area should warn neighbouring farmers in advance.

The Laws concerning fireworks

- It is illegal for anyone under 18 to possess a firework in a public place
- Fireworks cannot be set off by a private individual between 11pm and 7am except for certain nights of the year
- It is an offence to cause any unnecessary suffering to any captive or domestic animal

ENJOY YOUR FIREWORKS IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Added to this are the dangers of 'Chinese Lanterns' being released – the wind can take them considerable distances and, pretty though they undoubtedly are, there have been instances locally of their remains, still alight, landing on or near agricultural barns with the risk of fire. Animals can sometimes eat fallen parts, leading to internal bleeding and a painful death.

Sue Franklin

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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

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CLlr G Paterson – gavin.paterson@diptfordparishcouncil.org

CLlr D Dugdall – debbie.dugdall@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.

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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