

DIPTFORD AND NORTH HUISH PARISH NEWS

MAY 2026 No. 664

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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 May 2026

Date & Liturgical Colour	03.05.2026 Easter 5	10.05.2026 Easter 6	17.05.2026 Easter 7	24.05.2026 PENTECOST	31.05.2026 TRINITY
	Acts 7.55-end Psalm 31. 1-5 John 14. 1-14	Acts 17.22-31 Psalm 66. 7-end John 14. 15-21	Acts 1. 6-14 Psalm 68. 1-10 John 17.1-11	Acts 2. 1-21 Psalm 104. 26-end John 20. 19-23	2 Corinthians 13.11-end Psalm 8 Matthew 28. 16-end
Diptford with North Huish	11am Morning Prayer 4.30pm Brick church	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	11am Benefice Holy Communion
Ermington	11am Holy Communion	As Above or Below	11am Holy Communion	As Above or Below	As Above
Ugborough	9:30am Family service	9:30am Holy Communion	As Above or Below	9:30 Holy Communion 4.30pm Messy Church	As Above
Halwell	9.30am Holy Communion	As Above	As Above or Below	As Above or Below	As Above
Moreleigh	As Above	As Above	As Above or Below	3.30pm Evening Communion	As Above
Harbertonford	As Above	As above	9.30am Holy Communion	As above	As Above

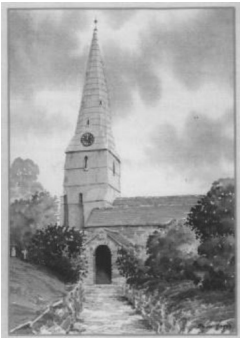
**Further information can be found on the Mission Community website
www.3rivers.org.uk or at www.achurchnearyou.com/8942**

PARISH COUNCIL OF DIPTFORD
NEXT MEETING DIPTFORD PARISH HALL TQ9 7NY
Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.00pm
Followed by normal Parish Council meeting
TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026
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 Ladybirds presented a cheque to the hedgehog rescue centre E.L.M. For just over £1600. Thank you to everyone in the village who has supported the events over the last year. We couldn't have done it without you.
New members are always welcome.
We meet on second Monday of the month at 2.30 in the hall with tea and cake !! Come and make some new friends.

DIPTFORD CHURCH CLEANING



2026 is a very special year for our Church as it is 800 years old
Would you like to keep our lovely Church sparkly?
You will be very welcome to come along to
St Mary's Church, Diptford From 9.30 am til 11 am
Saturdays 2nd May 6th June 4th July .

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

GIFT AID REGISTERED TOO!

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! Did you know that you can register on the EasyFundraising app to get a donation when you shop in-store too?

DIPTFORD PARISH ELEEMOSYNARY CHARITY TRUST

Grants for teenagers in Diptford going on to higher or further education are available from a historic local charity that was originally created last century to benefit rural apprentices. The current Trustees now wish to broaden the eligibility and invite applications from a wider group of young people, who are resident in Diptford Parish and need financial assistance with equipment/books to support their university courses or further education including technical courses and apprenticeships.

Applications are also invited from any local parishioner who is undergoing or preparing for higher education or a further training scheme that provides a suitable life skill or employment qualification. Regular University course and accommodation costs do not qualify, but other supplementary one-off costs could be considered. Successful applicants will need to show evidence of the benefit and grant expenditure.

Applications to The Eleemosynary Charity Trust should cover the following headings:

- Full name: and name of parent for applications from children under 16.
- Address: (applications can only be accepted by residents of Diptford Parish).
- Email & Telephone:
- Reason for the application providing any evidence of need, the benefit, and details of what the grant will be expended on:
- A proposed breakdown of grant expenditure with associated cost evidence.

The merit of all applications will be assessed by trustees of the Eleemosynary Charity Trust on the individual's financial need and their personal benefit from a grant.

Applications should be sent by email to the Chairman of the Eleemosynary Charity Trust by 30th April each year (Revd P David Sayle, Rector of The Three Rivers Mission Community, parish_sayle@me.com).

Applications of special merit and immediate need may be made at short notice using the above application

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

**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**

NOTES FROM DIPTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS APRIL 2026

First was the **Annual Parish Meeting of Diptford Parish Council** with reports by the Parish Council Chairman, Devon County Councillor Dan Thomas and South Hams District Councillors Guy Pannell and David Hancock.

Followed by reports from Diptford Ladybirds, FODS (Friends of Diptford School), Amenity Trust incorporating the Playing Field, and Diptford Church.

Copies of all these Reports will be found on the Parish Council website diptfordparishcouncil.org.

Following on was the normal **April Parish Council meeting**.

It was agreed that we would work through the Appendices of the **Emergency Plan** in tranches at each meeting, beginning in May.

It was agreed unanimously that Council would press ahead with the **replacement of the ageing climbing frame** and Cllr Baldwin made a presentation on how this was to be funded. Our chosen contractor again is RhinoPlay who have done such a good job on the new equipment recently. They have shaved their quote to accommodate. Fundraising is ongoing for this considerable expenditure, and all parishioners are invited to donate to Diptford Amenity Trust where even a small donation can be increased via Gift Aid. Details are Diptford Amenity Trust Sort Code 30 98 69 Account number 00196602. Gift Aid forms are available from our Clerk – clerk@diptfordparishcouncil.org.

It has been very disappointing to see an increase again in the amount of **dog fouling** around the village, and a number of loose dogs. All owners are reminded of their responsibilities to pick up and bag dog poo.

Similarly, there has been a huge increase in the amount of **fly tipping** in the area, from an abandoned caravan in Broadley Woods to in excess of 10 k of electrical waste dumped in the River Avon around Bickham Bridge. A reminder to all – if using a waste contractor please ensure that they will dispose of your rubbish in a responsible and legal manner.

Highways / Potholes – these are a constant source of complaint and all are encouraged to report via the Devon County Council website.

The next Diptford Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 19 May 2026 which will be the Council's Annual Parish Meeting commencing at 7pm when the Council's Officers are appointed, together with appointments to outside bodies. This meeting will be immediately followed by the April Parish Council Meeting.

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

St Mary's Church, North Huish

Churches Conservation Trust

NORTH HUISH COMMUNITY GROUP

This group was set up in 2023 with the purpose of organising community events for the residents of North Huish and surrounding villages. The venue is St Mary's Church, North Huish, now closed for regular public worship but kept open to the public, providing a meeting space for the local community. This beautiful Grade 1 listed building is in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust, a national charity protecting historic churches at risk. Funds donated at events held there, help to support the cost of maintaining the building.

Events planned for **2026** are:

- Friday 19th June: **Quiz Night, 6.45 for 7.00pm.**
- Saturday 26th September: **Harvest Lunch, 12.30 – 2.00pm.**
- Wednesday 11th November: **Armistice Day short Act of Remembrance, 10.50.**
- Sunday 6th December: **Carols by Candlelight, 4.00pm.**

The North Huish Community Group look forward to welcoming you at any of these events.

LITTLE DIPPERS PRESCHOOL @

Diptford Primary School

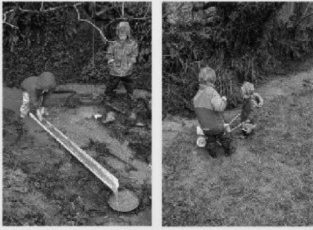
STAY & PLAY

Welly Walks


Every Term-time
Thursday


10.00am - 11.45am

Join us for an adventure at our Stay & Play sessions
Parents/Carers and children aged 2-6 years welcome




Come and play in our
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followed by Welly Walk in
the outdoor learning areas






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amphitheatre style outdoor
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regular outdoor learning
sessions



Explore more at Diptford

Diptford Primary School, TQ9 7NY
Telephone: 01548 821352
Email: admin@diptford@thelink.academy

FRIENDS OF DIPTFORD SCHOOL (FODS)

A massive thank you for the huge village support for the FODS Easter raffle - we raised a whopping £1040 which is amazing! The Children and School really are lucky to have such great support from the Community.

DIPTFORD BOUNDARY WALK 2026

The 26th April saw fantastic weather for walking, bringing an impressive 35 locals and, some from wider afield, to enjoy the Diptford Boundary Walk 2026.

Lower Horner provided an idyllic garden setting for lunch to recharge, with tea / coffee and cake laid on!

Continuing over the highest point in the parish, we then descended to the River Avon and the old Primrose line. Finally, after 14 to 15 miles, we ended up where we started, in Diptford enjoying a cream tea, kindly served by the Ladybirds and sponsored by California Cross Filling Station!

A day full of fresh air, scenery, wild flowers and chat!

Thank you to all the landowners for providing access , and hosts and sponsors for supporting this event. We have raised over £200 for the Playing Field climbing frame replacement fund, with a 'Gift Aid' option adding further to this.

Look forward to repeating in 2027!

Mike Cox



SUNDAY 7 JUNE DIPTFORD VILLAGE GARDENS



Please save the date for this exciting village day, showcasing several gardens in and around the village all in aid of St Luke's hospice.

This will also mark the beginning celebrations of the church's 800th year, with the path to the Church being decorated by our community and the Church open and its fascinating history shared.

You are warmly encouraged to plant a boot or shoe to add to this display remembering all those who have trod the path over 800 years.

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

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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)	–
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Cllr S Parker-Davidson (Vice Chair) –				
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Cllr	C	Peach		–
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Cllr D Dugdall -				
debbie.dugdall@diptfordparishcouncil.org				

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 roads 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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HIGHWAYS CONTACTS

More Pictures from this year's Boundary Walk
Walk
Permission given for all junior images

