

# **DIPTFORD AND NORTH HUISH**

## **PARISH NEWS**

**SEPTEMBER 2026**

**No. 668**

If you know anyone who would like to receive the Parish News – contact  
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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 September 2026

| Date & Liturgical Colour                                                                       | 06.09.2026<br>Trinity 14                                              | 13.09.2026<br>Trinity 15                                               | 20.09.2026<br>Trinity 16                                                            | 27.09.2026<br>Trinity 17                                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Harvest Readings</b><br>Deut.8.7-18<br>Psalm 65<br>2 Corinthians 9. 6-end<br>Luke 12. 16-30 | Exodus 12. 1-14<br>Psalm 149<br>Romans 13. 8-end<br>Matthew 18. 15-20 | Exodus 14. 19-end<br>Psalm 114<br>Romans 14. 1-12<br>Matthew 18. 21-35 | Exodus 16. 2-15<br>Psalm 105. 37- end<br>Philippians 1. 21 -end<br>Matthew 20. 1-16 | Exodus 17. 1-7<br>Psalm 78. 1-7<br>Philippians 2. 1-13<br>Matthew 21. 23 -32 |
| <b>Diptford with North Huish</b>                                                               | 11am<br>Morning Service<br>4.30pm<br>Brick Church                     | 11am<br>Holy Communion                                                 | 11am<br>Morning Service                                                             | 11am<br>Benefice<br>Farewell Service<br>of<br>Holy Communion                 |
| <b>Ermington</b>                                                                               | 11am<br>Holy Communion                                                | <b>No Service at Ermington</b><br>Services as above or below           | 11am<br>Harvest Holy Communion                                                      | As Above                                                                     |
| <b>Ugborough</b>                                                                               | 4.30pm<br>All Age Worship                                             | 9:30am<br>Holy Communion                                               | 9:30am<br>Morning Praise                                                            | As Above                                                                     |
| <b>Halwell</b>                                                                                 | 9.30am<br>Holy Communion                                              | As Above                                                               | As Below                                                                            | As Above                                                                     |
| <b>Moreleigh</b>                                                                               | As Above                                                              | As Above                                                               | 3.30pm<br>Harvest Praise                                                            | As Above                                                                     |
| <b>Harbertonford</b>                                                                           | As Above                                                              | As above                                                               | 9:30am<br>Holy Communion                                                            | As Above                                                                     |

Further information can be found on the Mission Community website  
[www.3rivers.org.uk](http://www.3rivers.org.uk) or at [www.achurchnearyou.com/8942](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/8942)



You are warmly invited to a coffee morning on **Thursday 17th September at Diptford Green** 10.30 am-12.00 with proceeds going to St Mary's Church Diptford. There will be opportunity to purchase produce, cards, art ( cash donations only )

Many thanks  
Ruth Partridge and  
Sheena McCready

Come & Explore More at

**LITTLE DIPPERS PRESCHOOL**

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#### MARION ANDREWARTHA – DIPTFORD POST OFFICE

It is over twenty five years since I was first persuaded to take over the running of our sub Post Office here in Diptford. Unfortunately, due to my ill health, it has remained closed for several weeks and I have now decided that it is time for me to retire, and the Post Office is now officially permanently closed.

I could never have taken on the role without the support of my family and I would also like to thank the hundreds of customers I have served over the years, many of whom are, of course, friends and neighbours. I will miss our over the counter chats and send you all my very best wishes.

*Marion*

#### THANK YOU

On behalf of the village, and as Chair of the Parish Council, I would like to say a huge Thank You to Marion for all she has done for the village in running the Post Office over so many years. I and, I am sure, many others well recall Marion offering to run the Post Office from her laundry room all those years ago when Claire Irish moved from the village having run the Post Office from Salamus for a good number of years. Marion, your contribution to the village has been huge.

*Sue Franklin*



NORTH HUISH COMMUNITY GROUP  
**HARVEST LUNCH £10**

Ploughman's with dessert & soft drink  
 GF option available

Proceeds to the Churches Conservation Trust

**SATURDAY 26TH  
 SEPTEMBER**

**12.30 ~ 2 PM**

At North Huish Church

All Welcome!



The Haystacks by Vincent Van Gogh (1853-1890) .

\* Donations of non-perishable and in-date items \*  
 for the local food bank will be gratefully received

**MANOR FARM**  
**5K**  
**Challenge**

A CHARITY  
**FUN RUN**  
 FOR ALL  
 THE FAMILY!

TOGETHER  
 WE CAN MAKE  
 A DIFFERENCE

IN AID OF THE MUSTARD TREE MACMILLAN  
 CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE  
 FOR DERRIFORD HOSPITAL

NEW THIS YEAR!

5K ROUTE 10K ROUTE

CHILDREN'S  
 FUN RUN

5K & 10K  
 ROUTES  
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CHILDREN'S  
 FUN RUN  
 FOR OUR LITTLE  
 SUPERSTARS!

CAKE  
 STALL  
 SWEET TREATS  
 FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

RAFFLE  
 FANTASTIC PRIZES  
 TO BE WON!

**SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER** 10.30 AM  
 KIDS FUN RUN STARTS AT 10AM

The Mustard Tree  
 Macmillan Cancer  
 Support Centre  
 FOR DERRIFORD HOSPITAL

Thank you for  
 your support!

MORE INFORMATION  
 @manorfarm5k  
 WHAT3WORDS:  
 devoured.open.immediate

Looking for a goal? Its around 4 weeks till the Manor Farm Challenge- Let's get those entries in!! It's off road (mainly) and a bit hilly but new course so less so than last time! Walkers and joggers also welcome. Great fun - 5k, 10k and children's fun run options! Medal for every finisher! Cake stall and raffle too. Plan of the day - 10am children's fun run. 10.30 - 10k start and 11am 5k start. Also looking for volunteers for marshalling and baking cakes! Please share with any friends who might like to come along!

[www.ticketsource.com/manorfarmchallenge](http://www.ticketsource.com/manorfarmchallenge)

## **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

Saturday 5 September.

Steve Partridge is now organising our cleaning sessions

[partridge.steve@btinternet.com](mailto:partridge.steve@btinternet.com)

## **SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE VILLAGE**

Parish Council website [www.diptfordparishcouncil.org](http://www.diptfordparishcouncil.org)

Village Hall Bookings [www.diptfordparishhall.org.uk](http://www.diptfordparishhall.org.uk)

Facebook - Diptford Sustainable Community

WhatsApp – Diptford Support Network

## **Recycling & Waste Collections over Summer Bank Holiday**



| Normal day            | New day               |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Monday 31 August      | Tuesday 1 September   |
| Tuesday 1 September   | Wednesday 2 September |
| Wednesday 2 September | Thursday 3 September  |
| Thursday 3 September  | Friday 4 September    |
| Friday 4 September    | Saturday 5 September  |

These changes  
also apply for  
Garden Waste  
Customers



**Please put your waste out by 7am**



For more information go to  
find my collection day on our website

[www.southhams.gov.uk](http://www.southhams.gov.uk)

 recycle for South Hams

## **HIGHWAYS**

To report any Highways problem, either report direct on Devon County Council website – [devon.gov.uk](http://devon.gov.uk) (Report a Problem) or, if urgent, telephone the Call centre on 0345 155 1004. This applies to faulty streetlights, potholes and problems of visibility though landowners 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.

This year, despite the heat waves and drought, the amount of vegetation growth on hedges alongside our already narrow lanes, is causing problems for road users. Please can everyone endeavour to cut or get cut their roadside hedges to maintain visibility and safety.

## **NOTES FROM DIPTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 2026**

Unlike many local Councils, Diptford Parish Council has a meeting in August.

The draft Emergency Plan was adopted with this focussing on local issues with further additions as time goes on .

Raised by members of the public at the July meeting was the provision of an additional **Dog Waste Bin**. SHDC are unable to provide an additional serviced bin to the one by the Parish Hall and dog walkers are asked to poo pick and put it in their **own** black waste bins.

**P3** Cllr Parker Davidson confirmed that work on FP1 is to continue alongside the landowner.

**Caroline Voaden's MP summer surgery** was well attended with questions about rural broadband and the seemingly unworkable plan for Local Government Reorganisation.

**Village Speed Limit** Reporting on a very productive meeting with Nick Colton of Highways and Cllr Dan Thomas. Nick is to plot the existing speed limits and work out the signing required to reduce to 20mph. He will then provide Council with an estimate of the costs involved. Once agreed he and Cllr Thomas still have to speak with the County Traffic Policy team on how to proceed with Parish Council **self-funding** a reduced speed limit of 20mph to replace the existing 30mph and 20mph zone.

**Road Warden Scheme** To enable volunteers to safely instal a solar powered flashing speed sign, it was agreed that 2 volunteers will be trained to do this. They will then be able to supervise others to help. The bulk of the training cost will be borne by Devon County Council with Parish Council funding the sign. Suitable sites have been identified by Highways for the siting and it is recommended that it be moved around the village to have most impact. It is likely that the installation of the sign will come before any reduction in the speed limit.

**Damaged road signs** Several road signs have been damaged by passing traffic, particularly from Christone Cross to Diptford Cross. The damaged Playing field sign above the field entrance has been reported and is to be replaced. 30mph repeater signs have also been damaged along with the 20mph zone sign coming up from the river. Anyone can report damaged or missing signs along with potholes and street lighting issues on the DCC website under Report a Problem.

**Overgrown Hedges / Trees** With abundant vegetation growth in the Spring, many of our lanes are now hard to navigate and landowners are reminded of their duty to have their hedges and road boundaries trimmed from September. With many trees being under extreme stress with the dry summer, we are all reminded to be aware of sudden branch drop.

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

**The next Parish Council Meeting will take place in the Parish Hall on TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER at 7.30pm**

**All Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend and can raise any item for a limited time within Open Forum at the start of the meeting.**

## PROVISION OF FIBRE TO PREMISES IN DIPTFORD

Many residents will be all too painfully aware of the limitations of the present provision of broadband via Fibre to the Cabinet situated by School, whereby the signal drops out by the time you reach Holsome Lane. Some residents do not even have that level of provision and have to rely on the mast at North Huish.

Parish Council has been trying to get answers for some time as to when Full Fibre to Premises will be achieved, and it is pleasing to note that Openreach engineers are busy now with the installation to some premises. However many, particularly down in the valleys, are not even in survey and we have been pressing via Caroline Voaden MP to get some answers. See below for the latest information sent to Caroline Voaden from Matt Barrow of Openreach:-

*I see from the history here that residents have been following progress for some time and I can understand they are keen to get full fibre within the village.*

*I've checked our systems and while there's no commercial delivery, I see there are early plans for a publicly funded delivery.*

*You may be aware of the Government's Project Gigabit programme. Local authorities are using Government funds to provide gigabit capable services to communities not included in any commercial plans. I see Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) are still managing the programme in this area. We have teams that will be working with CDS on the proposed build.*

*We do have properties in Diptford in plans for 2030. These are in the early stages and will require full survey and planning. My advice to residents would be to register on our website and we can give updates at premises level as plans progress. CDS will also be updated with the latest on any project.*

*Sadly, there are no current projects for Curtisknowle and the area is also not in any commercial plans. Again my advice to residents would be to register on our website and if anything changes we will let them know direct.*

*I'm genuinely sorry I don't have an immediate solution for everyone, however I hope this confirms the details provided by CDS on the proposed build for Diptford. If you need anything further, please get in touch with me.*

### DID YOU KNOW?

Why is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'?

BECAUSE:

Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.



## ***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:

- Saturday 26th September: **Harvest Lunch, 12.30 – 2.00pm. See P4**
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November: **Armistice Day short Act of Remembrance, 10.50.**
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December: **Carols by Candlelight, 4.00pm.**

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

#### **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? Almost £97 has been raised this year for the Playing Field using EasyFundraising.

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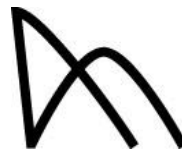
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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### DIPTFORD PARISH HALL BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

TO MAKE A BOOKING FOR DIPTFORD PARISH HALL

[www.diptfordparishhall.org.uk](http://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](mailto:DiptfordPH@yahoo.com) 07944 098174

### Diptford Parish Councillors

The Parish Council Councillors 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](mailto:clerk@diptfordparishcouncil.org)

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### PARISH COUNCIL OF DIPTFORD

**NEXT MEETING DIPTFORD PARISH HALL TQ9 7NY**

**TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER at 7.30pm**

**All residents welcome to attend**

Minutes of Meetings are published on the Parish Council website  
[diptfordparishcouncil.org](http://diptfordparishcouncil.org) and on the Notice Board by School

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