

DIPTFORD AND NORTH HUISH

PARISH NEWS

DECEMBER 2022

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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

Date & Liturgical Colour	04.12..2022 Advent 2	11.12.2022 Advent 3	18.12.2022 Advent 4	24.12.2022 Christmas Eve	25.12.2022 Christmas Day	01.01.2023 Naming and Circumcision of Jesus New Year's Day
Readings	Isaiah 11.1-10 Ps.72.1-7 Romans 15.4-13 Matthew 3.1-12	Isaiah 35. 1-10 Magnificat James 5.7-10 Matthew 11. 2-11	Isaiah 7.10-16 Ps. 80.1-8 Romans 1. 1-7 Matthew 1. 18-end	Isaiah 45.22-end Psalm 119.129-136 Romans 15.1-6 Luke 4. 16-24	Isaiah 9.2-7 Ps 96 Titus 2.11-14 Luke 2. 1-14 [15-20]	Numbers 6.22-end Ps. 8 Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 2. 15-21
Diptford with North Huish	11am Morning Service 12.30pm Baptism 4.30pm Lego Church	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Service	7pm Carols in the Square	11am Christmas Communion	11am Morning service
Ermington	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Service	11am Christingle Service	?pm Carols in the Square	11am Christmas Communion	11am Holy Communion
Harberton	9.30am Morning Service	9.30am Morning Service	9.30am Holy Communion	7pm Carols in the Square	9.30am Christmas Service	9.30am Holy Communion
Ugborough	9.30am Morning Service 2.30pm Baptism	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Service	4.30pm Benefice Christingle	9.30 Christmas Communion	9.30am Morning service
Halwell	As Above	3.30pm Craft Service	As Above/Below	11.30pm Christmas Midnight Communion	As Above	As Above
Moreleigh ⊗ Halwell Church	As Above	As above	As Below	As Above	As Above	As Above
Harberton-ford	As Above	As above	6.00pm Carol Service	As above	As Above	As Above

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

Village Events ... all at Diptford Parish Hall



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Carols in the Square



Father Christmas, tombola and cake stall.

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Bacon butties and refreshments.

Raffle and games.

Come and join in the fun!

10am to 1pm | Free entry
Proceeds to
Diptford Leukaemia Centre



Put on your glad rags and join us for festive frivolity at the first village Christmas Party for so many years that we can't remember the last one!

Bar and - you guessed it - raffle.

Tasty nibbles and lively music are guaranteed.

7pm to 11pm | Free entry
Strictly over 16s only

Keep up to date with events in Diptford at www.diptfordvillage.co.uk

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Councillor Dan Thomas (DCC)

Please look up Appendix 1 on the Diptford Parish Council Meeting for November 2022, to find the link to the full report from Councillor Dan Thomas (DCC) on the Diptford Parish Council Website. The report this month covers the awful financial situation that Devon County Council currently is trying to improve. A Media Release: 01.11.22 was issued with more detailed information should you wish to read it.

Councillors Peter Smerdon and Guy Pannell (SHDC)

Please look up Appendix 2 on the Diptford Parish Council Meeting for November 2022 to find the link to the full report from Councillor Peter Smerdon (SHDC) on the Diptford Parish Council Website. The full report covers the following items:

1. Waste - Improvement in performance across the board in October
2. Preparations for subscription garden waste service. The current garden waste service will cease from **31st OCTOBER**. The proposed new service will start from **MARCH 2023**. The subscription will be **£49 per bin**, with a maximum subscription of two bins per household. If you want to sign up to the new collection service go to the website **www.southhams.gov.uk/gardenwaste** or call **customer services on 01803 861234**. **IMPORTANT You MUST subscribe to this service between 1st NOVEMBER 2022 and 22 JANUARY 2023**. This will be a yearly service, collection every two weeks, suspended for four weeks over Christmas.
3. Plymouth and South Devon Freeport
- 4 COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF)
5. Council Tax Reduction Scheme
6. Bird Flu - Following a number of detections of avian influenza in poultry and wild and captive birds across the southwest of England a regional Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ) was declared on 31 August in Cornwall, Devon, Isles of Scilly, and part of Somerset. From 17 October the Prevention zone was declared across Great Britain. All bird keepers must follow strict biosecurity measures to help protect their flocks from the threat of avian flu.
7. Annual Rough Sleeper Estimate

Parish Council

Open Forum

Some members of the local community feel that the community is being deprived of the use of the Parish Hall due to the continued long-term booking of the school, to make up for the classroom space they are currently unable to use.

It has been clarified that **daytime bookings can be made** if sufficient notice is given, so the school can be notified and can be advise if they do not need the hall. The Parish Hall Committee should be contacted in the first instance if anyone would like to make a daytime hall booking and they will liaise with the school. The Parish Hall Committee will then confirm any daytime bookings, as per normal.

Highways

1. Garabridge update. There will be a temporary closure with short notice due to the bridge being inspected by a Council Inspector after it was deemed unsafe, so that repairs can be carried out to make it safe again. DCC will be able to recharge the cost of repairs as the driver of the vehicle was identified from the camera footage
2. Glebeland – there is great concern about the amount of surface water running across the road even on dry days. It is of great concern due to coming into the winter months when the water is likely to freeze causing black ice on a main route to Diptford. The parish council is following this up with Savills the land agent to try and come to a resolution.
3. Ploughing of lanes – This has not taken place as there is no place for the Bobcat to dispose of the rubbish/mud/etc which is ploughed up. This will be on the agenda of the January Parish Council Meeting.

Graveyard

Members of the Public have raised their concerns on a health and safety issue which is making it difficult for people to access visiting graves. The Parish Council are requesting that the access to graves be improved, and the grounds spruced up to make access safe.

There is currently no further update on the closure to burials in the graveyard.

Christmas

The Christmas Tree has been ordered. All the Christmas decorations from last year are in good enough condition to be used again this year.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 13th December 2022 7pm.

Church Cleaning



Church Cleaning at St Mary's Diptford

SATURDAY SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER

Can you spare an hour and a half each month to help clean

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND CAROLS

With the

BRIXHAM TOWN BAND

Thursday 8th December

7.30pm in

Harbertonford Village Hall

£5 Entry

Refreshments and Raffle

In Aid of St. Peter's Church and the Village Hall

DIPTFORD W I NEWS

Sue Franklin Press Secretary sue@jassy.org.uk

A very well attended November meeting, with several new faces who were warmly welcomed. Our speaker was Jess Wojak from ThinkPhysio in Totnes. Jess took over the practice around 5 years ago from past Diptford resident Bella Foale and has recently opened a brand new clinic, including treatment rooms and rehab gym at Burke Road. Jess explained that aging is a natural process, but that we can all approach it with positivity rather than the opposite. As we age, the production of cartilage by the body slows down and can lead to osteoarthritis and possibly osteoporosis in later years. Exercise is key to avoiding falls and accidents, along with healthy living (!). We should aim to increase our bone density using regular stretching to maintain range of movement, along with strengthening and aerobic exercise and weight bearing -not sitting at a computer as I am doing now! Fear of falls and pain is natural but can be overcome – don't be afraid to ask for help. Jess was an inspiring speaker and very willing to engage with her audience.

Our annual Advent Fair will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday 26 November. Many stallholders are expected and we hope the whole community will support the event and where offers of help are still appreciated. Earlier, nine of us headed out of the village in 'Bob the Bus' for a Wine Tasting at Majestic, where the very knowledgeable Ben guided us through various bubbles, white and red wines before we were transported back to the village. A great and educational afternoon out. A group had also been to the Palace Theatre in Paignton for tea. Arrangements were made for our Christmas meal before we went through the correspondence from NFWI and DFWI and looked at the Devon News. Juli, our Treasurer advised us that WI subs nationally are to increase next year to a whopping £46, which provoked an interesting discussion.

Future events include more workshops with our very talented Juli, our usual fun evening attempting to make Christmas Table decorations in the hall, and an air rifle shooting experience at the Gun Room in Ivybridge in January. We WI girls are NOT to be messed with! We are thinking of re-starting our Book Club too. We re-started our Treasure Box and were delighted when Auriol found the right key and pocketed the contents.

Next up is our Christmas Lunch on Monday 12 December, and on January 9 we will have a Film Night in the Hall.

We always welcome new ladies to our friendly Group – we meet in Diptford Parish Hall on the second Monday of the month. If you are interested in joining us, either just come along to a meeting where you will be made very welcome, or contact Pat Sampford 01548 821419 or Ann Baker 01548 821 748

Women are welcome to come along to Diptford Women's Institute's free film evening to enjoy a screening of "Mrs Harris Goes to Paris" at Diptford Parish Hall. This free 'taster session' is an opportunity to meet new faces and make new friends, for fun, support and companionship.

- **Start: Monday 9th January 2023 at 7.30pm**
- **Location: Diptford Parish Hall**
- **Address: Diptford, Totnes, TQ9 7NY**



December 2022

Winter is upon us! What has been 'coined' as the 'mid-winter festival' will be with us by the end of the month! **Christmas will be here too, for celebration!**

Let's get on with a bit of seasonal work!

- Has your garden taken on a definite wintry look? Try to keep on top of the various tasks that need doing at this time of the year! After all the wind and rain in November I realised the auto-vents in the greenhouse had not been tied down. Tackled the task whilst it was still very windy!
- Shred 'clean' prunings & herbaceous material, ready for composting.
- Collected wet leaves put them in black sack, forked holes in them & put them in a sheltered spot to rot down.
- Continue digging & cleaning up when conditions allow. Remember your little friends, don't be over enthusiastic with tidying up as they need a place to shelter.
- Have you cleaned & oiled hand tools before resting them?
- Surely you have cleaned & sterilized all the unused pots, trays & containers, & cleaned the greenhouse glass inside & out, to let in as much wintry light as possible!
- Enjoy planning next year's displays & vegetable plots. Order seeds & plants for 2023.
- Avoid walking on sticky or wet soil. This can rapidly cause compaction & puddles collecting.
- Have you sown sweet peas yet? Try long-stemmed, fragrant old-fashioned varieties.
- Heel in bare-rooted trees & shrubs when they arrive, to be planted in final positions later.
- Winter prune fruit trees & bushes to encourage flowering.
- Formative prune new trees & bushes.
- Check stored fruit, even that in jars!
- Are the greenhouse heating arrangements working satisfactorily? Check regularly!
- Ventilate the greenhouse unless in very cold or windy weather.
- Lawn work; remove debris & leaves, light mowing if conditions allow, spike if necessary.
- Have you tried root cuttings? Great way to increase your stock. Be aware of PBR [plant breeders' rights] especially if you are going to sell or 'gift' items.
- Try to maintain beds when conditions allow. You have put a thick layer of mulch on the beds? This will protect the soil from heavy rains, give the soil friends some work & save heavy digging in the spring. 'To dig or not to dig', that is the question!
- Have you checked all the stakes & ties. You don't want to 'strangle' your trees or shrubs!
- You could also take hardwood cuttings now. Currants are usually very successful. Pencil sized specimens inserted two thirds in soil in pots & placed in a sheltered position outside. Inspect in the spring, & plant out in the autumn to final positions.
- Do your greens suffer from 'bird attack'? Pigeons & pheasant are the main culprits. You may have to net your plants!

Are you aware that the retail sale of peat-based composts is to be banned in 2024, in England? This is part of a coordinated range of Government actions to protect peatlands. The ban will end peat extraction for horticultural purposes.

This year has seen the biggest fall of all time - down over 30% to a total content, in potting composts, of just 29.8% in 2020-21.

To protect the horticultural industry from surging demand for peat-free products, and logistical problems hampering supply, the GMT [Growing Media Taskforce] says: "An outright ban will be potentially fraught with unintended consequences for the sector".

When is a ban not a ban?

Enjoy the month of December 2022

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Carol Service

at

St Mary the Virgin Church
Monday 19th December
at 7pm

Christmas Communion

at

St Mary the Virgin Church
Christmas Day
at 11am



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All are invited to

Come to Sing

Carols Around the Tree

In Diptford Square

On Christmas Eve

At 7pm

Cash Collection for

Young Lives vs Cancer

(Formerly known as CLIC Sargent)

Followed by free mince pies etc. courtesy of

Diptford Parish Hall Committee

Contact: John Foster : 01548 821654

For further information or to submit a Grant Application form, please contact the Chairman of the Eleemosynary Charity Trust (parish_sayle@me.com).

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

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Diptford Village Quiz
held on 18th November 2022

Eight teams collected at 7.0.p.m. to contest the Quiz. Graham Jordan of South Brent was the quizmaster and Bob Baggott the Scorer. All the rounds and questions were team rounds. There were **no** individual rounds. Starting with two rounds of 12 questions, then a picture round, ably setting the pace and demonstrating the knowledge of the contestants; the first two rounds showed marks ranging from nine to eleven, out of a possible twelve [18 -22 out of 24], with the 'Unmentionables' leading with 22 out of 24 points. Downhill from then on for that particular team! After the picture round there was a break for refreshments, and a brain rest! The raffle was drawn at this stage. Thanks to each table for providing a prize for the draw.

All the teams came prepared with snacks and grey-cell liquid refreshment to keep them going during the evening! But a welcome break with supplies of tea and coffee was taken up with enthusiasm, and much chatting. Three more general rounds of ten questions each followed the break. The lead was swapped as teams closely contested the positions. A final general round proved how exhausted the brains were, as the marks only ranged from 2 to 5 out of a possible ten! The eventual winners were 'Bonnie Stone' with 51 out of 74. 2nd equal were 'Book Club' and 'Top Marx'. 4th equal were 'Comfortably Dumb' and 'Unmentionables (U/s)'. Following on closely were: 'The M & M's', 'The Young Ones' and 'Stert Simpletons', but not necessarily in that order! All the teams achieved over half marks, which shows how suitable the questions were, or how gifted the participants were!

The evening ended with the previous winners ['Top Marx'] from 2021 presenting the new victors of 2022, 'BonneyStone', with the Trophy, followed by presentation and thanks to Bob for scoring, and to Graham for being the fantastic quizmaster. The assembled gathering 'brain trust' quickly tidied up and we were gone around 9.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable and entertaining evening. Everybody looking forward to next year's event!

Next year, 2023, will be the twentieth anniversary [allowing for the missed covid – 19 year of 2020].

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Friends of Diptford School (FODS)

Sharing school news with the Parish

FODS NEWS

Jo 07977219689

Monday 12 December at 2pm Christmas Service / Nativity – parents invited

Tuesday 13 December 9.15 am Whole School Christmas Service / Nativity – parents invited.

We have our Christmas Social Afternoon on Wednesday 14th December with carols from the school children, mulled wine and mince pies. All welcome.

Friday 16th December is the last day of the Autumn Term, with School finishing at 2pm. Spring Term commences on Wednesday 4th January.

The ever popular Diptford Arms will be open for business on 25th February. More information to follow. For those not in the know – the Diptford Arms is the village's pop-up pub in the Hall raising funds for FODS.

100 club winners

August: 3rd Knight; 2nd Franklin; 1st Tomlinson

September: 3rd Penny/Simon Baldwin; 2nd Trudi Bell; 1st Hampton

October: 3rd T Bell, 2nd Fisher, 1st Zeiher

The next meeting of the FODS Committee is Thursday 19th January 7.30pm at the Church House Inn, Rattery.

CHRISTMAS RUM CAKE RECIPE

ANON

Once again this year, I've had requests for my Christmas Rum Cake recipe so here goes: Please keep in your files as I am beginning to get tired of typing this up every year!

1 cup Sugar	1 tsp. Baking Powder
1 cup Water	1 tsp. Salt
1 cup Brown Sugar	Lemon Juice
4 Large Eggs	Nuts
1 Bottle Rum	2 cups Dried Fruit

Sample the Rum to check quality. Take a large bowl; check the Rum again to be sure it is of the highest quality. Repeat. Turn on the electric mixer. Beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add 1 teaspoon of sugar. Beat again. At this point, it is best to make sure the Rum is still OK. Try another cup just in case. Turn off the mixer thingy. Break 2 eggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit. Pick the fruit up off the floor. Mix on the turner. If the fried fruit gets stuck in the beaters, just pry it loose with a drawscraper. Sample the Rum to test for consistency. Next, sift 2 cups of salt, or something. Check the Rum. Now shift the lemon ice strain your nuts. Add one table. Add a spoon of sugar, or somefink. Whatever you can find. Grease the oven. Turn the cake tin 360 s and try not to fall over. Don't forget to beat off the turner. Finally, throw the bowl through the window. Finish the Rum and wipe the counter with the cat.

Cherry Mristmas

2022 ADVENT FAYRE

Well - it went really well! I've just seen that we made £798.57 - incredible !!!!!!!!!!! This money, along with more which we have raised this year, goes to a very deserving and little known charity which is dear to the hearts of many of our members – the Leukaemia and Stem Cell Centre at Derriford Hospital. The Parish Hall was full of happy people. There seemed to be a lot of people that I hadn't seen for a while and others that I didn't know which was lovely. The Hall looked fabulous. The village really turned out on a horrible day.

A huge thank you to Pat Sampford who had been the mainstay of the organisation, to Juli and Rob and so many helpers (and their husbands) who stepped in, also Nancy who cooked the majority of about 80 slices of bacon and Maggie who was queen of the little kitchen, with help from Mary. When I said I would be President, I said from the beginning that organising the Advent Fair filled me with horror and Pat said she was happy to do it. What a lovely bunch of ladies.

We had an amazing variety of quality stalls, and we hope that all stallholders went away happy.

Father Christmas was busy in his Grotto, and the village is grateful that he spared time in his busy schedule to visit us in Diptford.

Thank you all.

Ann Baker



They guessed the cake weight



All these Tombola Prizes went

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