

Dittisham Village Voice 23rd September 2013

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It's goodbye to our wonderful summer and hello to Autumn which has just started peeking round the corner. Most of the visitors have left the village and now the pathways of Dittisham are buzzing with bees rather than holidaymakers. The honey bee is enjoying the ivy flowers especially in The Lane and the pathway down to the Ham. Honey bees rely on the ivy for the majority of pollen and nectar they collect during the autumn months, a crucial time when insects are trying to build up stores for the winter and feed their young.

Looking back over the past few weeks to the Dartmouth Regatta where Dittisham Sailing Club members had great success. Congratulations to Gilbert Hayward who won the Gaffers Class in 'Mary Hay', and congratulation also to Michael Bennett who won the Devon Yawl class in 'Two's Company'. Well done to both.

The Outdoor Swimming Society event was a huge success with almost 700 intrepid swimmers making their way down river from Totnes to the Ham in Dittisham. Claire Stevens and Stella Stothart ran a delicious cake stall feeding the hungry swimmers as they arrived after their swim raising money for next years Dittisham Arts Festival.

There's drama stirring in the village. The recent auditions in the Village Hall to cast for the Pantomime 'Peter Pan' were very well attended. The Ditsum Players are starting rehearsals for 'A Nice Cup of Tea' by Jos Biggs, directed by Paul Vincent for this years Dart Drama Festival in the Flavel, Dartmouth on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th November.

Early in September a large group of villagers met on the beach to re-dedicate a bench in memory of much loved villager Steve Widman, known as Wid, who died earlier in the year. Steve's infamous hound Colonel died some years ago and Steve erected a bench in his memory on the beach. The bench was re-dedicated to both Wid and the Colonel who were both best friends to the village and are sadly missed. Please do visit the beach and enjoy the bench and its spectacular views.