

Dittisham Village Voice 4th December 2012

Twenty years ago this week the first text message was sent. It read 'Merry Christmas' and was sent by a 22 year old test engineer in the UK. How far we have all come in those twenty years with instant messaging now being one of our prime forms of communication. So isn't it nice to hear that traditional forms of communication are still being encouraged and celebrated in our village hall. I am sure you will all agree that the children who took part in the wonderful fashion show held on the Ham to celebrate the Jubilee this year really helped to make the show the huge success it was. For almost all of the children this was the first time they had taken to the stage in front of a large audience. They wanted to do more, and this set the seed in Jenny Young's head. A few weeks later Jenny came into contact with Audra Mitcheson an inspirational lady who runs drama workshops in the area. Children from the Parish ranging in age from 5 to 12 have over the last eight weeks enjoyed taking part in drama workshops on a Saturday morning. The aim of the workshop is primarily to have fun, to encourage the children to enjoy drama in all its forms, and also to help give them confidence when speaking and communicating in a public forum. The workshops have been such a huge success that on Saturday 15th December at 11.45am 'The Ditsum Stars' will be presenting a short and informal showcase of song, poetry, music and dance in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome and entry is free. As if that wasn't enough for one day, later on in the evening the village hall will become the venue for a highly entertaining talk from Jonathan Dimbleby. Jonathan is giving what is likely to be a fascinating insight into his work as an author, film maker and broadcaster, the pitfalls and pleasures with, no doubt, many anecdotal asides. He will be happy to answer questions afterwards. Tickets are now on sale at £10 each and are available from Judi Williams on 01803 722223, the price includes a complimentary glass of wine. Copies of Jonathan's new book will be available to purchase at a discounted price. All proceeds from the evening will go to our Village Hall, which is such an important part of our community. And finally, please will you amend the date in your diary for The Art and Craft Christmas Fayre in Kendricks Restaurant, Dartmouth which is taking place this Sunday 9th December between 11am and 2pm.