

## Dittisham Village Voice 5<sup>th</sup> August 2013

Dittisham did it again! On the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> July six beautiful gardens in our village opened their gates for this year's National Garden Scheme and what a weekend it was. The weather was at its sunny best, the gardens were blooming and the village hall was filled with cream teas and local arts and crafts. Everyone involved worked so hard to make it a hugely successful day. Last year our open garden weekend broke the county fundraising record and I can report that we made even more money this year. All that weeding was worth it – proceeds to Macmillan, Marie Curie, Help the Hospices and other nursing charities.

Tomorrow sees the return of tenor and star of the West End stage Nigel Richards at a Summer's Eve Concert in St George's Church. Accompanied by our very own Jonathan Watts on the piano this promises to be a superb evening. Nigel wowed the audience at our St George's Concert a few months ago and now he's back by popular demand. Tickets cost £8 and will be available at the door. Doors and bar open 6.30pm with concert starting at 7.30pm.

Last Thursday Coombe Farm Studios was the venue once more for Jane Baxter's pop up restaurant. Having worked in the River Café, London, Jane set up and ran the highly successful Riverford Field Kitchen and now she tours the South West with her Moveable Feasts, a series of one-off dining events. Jane and her team prepared a superb informal feast. The guests at Coombe, including a hastily formed group 'The Ditsum Diners', ate gorgeous locally sourced produce from a mouth-watering menu of tasty dishes all set in the beautiful surroundings of Coombe Farm Studios. What a lovely evening. Thank you Jane.

Its Regatta time of year again. At mid day on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August Lez the Fez will open the proceedings followed by rowing and sailing events throughout the day. There will be all the usual stalls including cakes, art, craft, and so much more plus the ever-popular Ditsum Players barbecue on the beach. Jane Bibby and her trusty team will be putting on their aprons and getting their onions sizzling to serve visitors some of the tastiest burgers and sausages in the South Hams. And finally, after many years of outstanding service on the pontoon, Queen of Crabbing Edith has handed the title of Chief Officer of Crabbing to Claire Stevens. Over the years, Edith, together with her husband Bob, made the Crabbing Competition one of the Regattas main attractions, so thank you Edith and welcome Claire.