

Dittisham Village Voice 5th November 2012

As our village snuggles up for winter, and the last of the holiday visitors have returned home, the Anchorstone Café finally closed its doors on Sunday for the winter months. The shed was full of villagers and visitors and, as the sun shone over the river, guests enjoyed a wonderful roast lunch with all the trimmings, including an amazing selection of vegetables followed by Ditsum Plum crumble and clotted cream. The conversation that flowed ranged from the Dartmouth Ferry to world politics. It is so lovely to see the carved Halloween pumpkins outside some of our village houses. Hoots of excited children's laughter echoed around the village early evening on All Hallows' Eve as they went out to trick or treat. Sadly we have no bonfire party in our village once again this year, however I am sure a sparkler or two was lit and a sausage or two sizzled. I met Trevor Pollard while walking my dogs this morning, he was returning from a meeting with Pat Heighway to finalise the accounts and to report to the village on the Dittisham Jubilee Celebrations. So lets quickly look back to the summer days on the Ham, the weekend of 2nd to 4th June, when our village held the most wonderful Jubilee Celebrations. Our Church bells rang out to start the celebrations, a brass band played, huge numbers of dogs suddenly appeared to take part in the highly entertaining dog show, children and adults took part in sporting activities, the magnificent Fashion Show, cream teas, and evening entertainment. On Sunday the marquee was filled with villagers enjoying a Big Jubilee Lunch. Yet again through the efforts and contributions of many people in our village we were able to hold an immensely successful event. Proceeds will be split between our Village Hall, St George's Church and to purchase a gazebo which can be hired by organizations or individuals in the village – well done Dittisham, happy days. There is a call for help to source props for the Ditsum Players production of Black Comedy to be staged in December in the village hall. Several posters with the items required are on display around the village – please do see if you can help and start rummaging through your cupboards again. At the time of writing this article, seats are still available for The Dart Drama Festival at the Flavel this Friday and Saturday. The Ditsum Players will be performing Last Post. Tickets are available online or at the box office. And finally, a Service of Remembrance will be held at 10.55 in St Georges Church this Sunday 11th November.