

Dittisham Village Voice 8th January 2013

December was a very busy month in the village and it looks as though the New Year will be just as eventful. The Jonathan Dimbleby fund raising talk on 15th December was very well attended and raised a good sum for the Village Hall. On 23rd December St George's Church was full for the Family Carol Service. Father Will, along with the children, dressed as a shepherd. Everyone enjoyed singing the traditional carols and as the sound of the last carol filled the church, snow covered the congregation. It was a wonderful service and generous donations for the Children's Hospice South West were made at the leaving collection. Manor Street residents continued their tradition of lighting up the Manor Street Christmas tree. Rose Bastin, the official Manor Street Fairy climbed to the top of the tree and waved her wand and, as if by magic, the tree lit up! The street party was completed with hot dogs and gluvine. This Saturday 12th January Fingals Restaurant will be the venue for a special evening. Richard Johnson will be serving a delicious three-course meal in the Barn. In between courses a short powerful play 'The Stronger' written by August Strindberg and directed by Paul Vincent will be performed by three members of the Ditsum Players. This is a one evening event only and as you read this article there may be a few tickets left available. Ring Richard on 722398 to check. The Red Lion will be holding Burns Night on 25th January. A full Scottish menu will be served, and no Burns Night would be complete without the traditional Address to the Haggis. Book your place at the Red Lion or ring them on 722235. Pig Racing comes to Dittisham on 9th February. This promises to be a hugely entertaining evening in the Village Hall. Seven fluffy pigs will race along the course, and villagers will be able to place small bets on their favourite fluffy pig to win. Half way through the proceedings, the Anchorstone Café will provide a delicious supper, followed by further pig racing. And, as if all this excitement wasn't enough for one evening, everyone can then take to the floor to dance the night away. All this for £12.50 per ticket. Book yours now by calling Gail on 722633. Proceeds to the Dittisham Regatta. Can you make and keep a promise? On 2nd March there will be an Auction of Promises in the Village Hall. This will be a joint fund raising event for both the Village Hall and St George's Church. All promises gratefully received. Maybe you can spare an hour to walk someone's dog, maybe look after a hamster for a weekend, or even completely repaint a house? Some very exciting promises have already been made, so please make a note in your diary of the date and more importantly please drop Jenny or Robin Sjoberg an email at robinsjoberg@btinternet.com with your promise to be auctioned if you can make one. Alternatively ring your promise in to them on 722358. And finally may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year – it already looks like 2013 is going to be a fun time in Dittisham.