

Dittisham Voice 22nd April 2013

Tonight sees the return of the hugely popular St George's Day Concert to be held in St George's Church. This year will be a star-studded event for all ages to enjoy and features some wonderful performances including Nigel Richards who recently performed the lead role in Phantom of the Opera. Nigel will be singing many well known songs from West End shows and some old St George's Day Concert favourites. Doors open at 6.30pm and performance starts 7.30pm. Tickets available 01803 722633 or on the door. The concert is in aid of St George's Church and The Mission for Seafarers.

Now calling all 'Old Timers'. Can you sing, dance, juggle, ride a unicycle, do magic tricks, perform with others in a short melodrama? No, it's not 'Ditsum's Got Talent' it's 'The Ditsum Varieties', an evening of Victorian and Edwardian entertainment featuring acts from within our village, to be held in the village hall 28th and 29th June. If you think you can step up to the mark please send the details of your act to Ray Benson or Chris Malley via email to chris.malley123@btinternet.com or leave a note with description of your talent together with your contact details at the Red Lion Inn addressed to Ray or Chris. It's going to be an amazing two nights so don't be shy, let's make it a night to remember.

Sports news now. The exciting finish to the Bill Treeby Cup Final was fought out over 90 minutes plus nail biting extra time which saw Dittisham United beaten 4 – 3 in penalties. Such a shame, but we are all so proud of our team's continuing achievements, well done boys. Dittisham United would like to thank the Sportsman's Arms for sponsoring their new kit for the Cup Final and the season.

Huge congratulations to Hollie Tope who graduated last weekend from the Open University with a Masters Degree in Psychology. Well done Hollie, a great accomplishment and all done whilst still working hard at the Red Lion Inn.

Last month saw the funeral of one of our original residents. Maurice Bastin was born and bred in the village and lived his life here in Dittisham. The church was full for the service with a heartfelt eulogy given by Ray Benson.

And finally it is with great sadness that I tell you of the death of Fraser Hawkins last week. Fraser was such a well known and much loved member of our community who will be so sadly missed. Fraser's mother, also a Dittisham resident passed away a few days after Fraser. Our sincere condolences to the family at this very sad time.