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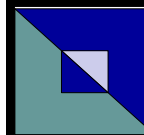
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ALVERDISCOTT AND HUNTSWAW

Welcome to the  
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**Editorial**



These are just a few of the many cards that I received from family, friends and colleagues while I was in hospital. There were hundreds in all - and they are still arriving now. My thanks go out to you all.

Elsie.

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**Friends of the Church of St Mary Magdalene  
 Huntshaw  
 What's going on at Huntshaw in 2019?**



**OPEN DAY** Saturday, 6th April 11 am - 2 pm at the church

Find out about Huntshaw's **eco-friendly graveyard** featuring **Bug-ingham Palace** our first 5\* Hotel for bugs, beetles and bees. Children come and help us build it. **Also:**

- ◆ Updates on repairs to the tower, the pews, the vestry floor and the bell restoration
- ◆ Launch of the **History of Huntshaw** in 100 objects
- ◆ Putting the Church on the **Torridge tourist trail**
- ◆ Meet the **new PCC** and discuss where we go from here (1:30 pm)
- ◆ Join the **graveyard survey**

**Admission Free** - Teas/coffees, homemade cakes, soft drinks (For a small donation) Or bring a picnic.

**Bats in the Belfry** - Thursday 23 May, 6.30 pm for 7 pm at the Church

An evening dedicated to our wonderful bats including an opportunity to see some bats up close. **Speaker:** Samantha Pickering of North Devon Bat Care.

Admission £5 to include a glass of wine, soft drinks and light refreshments.



**Top Marks for Towsers**

As from 1 October 2018 all establishments caring for animals have had to undergo a rigorous inspection process in order to qualify for the new Animal Activity License. The end result of this inspection is to award each establishment a star rating, similar to hotels, from a 1 star to a 5 star rating, with 1 being just about acceptable and 5 being the best available.

**We are very proud to say that Towsers have been awarded a 5 star rating.**

As we start our 19th year here it is official recognition that we are at the forefront of kenneling in the area, with our knowledge, care and genuine love for the animals entrusted to us. It also means that our customers can be confident that their best friend will be offered a service that is second to none. There has been much discussion over the past 12 months about how to halt the rise in the desperate plight of dogs kept on puppy farms in dire conditions, used purely as breeding machines, with their unscrupulous owners relying on the soft hearts of the general public to buy the puppies to 'help' the poor animals of a life of desperation. Sadly, all that does is perpetuate the trade and put money into these evil people's pockets. We truly hope that these new licensing conditions will begin to bring to an end kennels who are below the standard allowed. Sue and Shaun.

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**Community Hall Bookings**

<b>Alverdiscott</b>	David Potter 01271 858534
<b>Huntshaw</b>	Donald Easterbrook 01805 623113

**Community Contacts**

**Advice Lines**

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North Devon Council	01271 327711
Torridge District Council	01237 428700

Sandra Brown PCSO [30096@dc.police.uk](mailto:30096@dc.police.uk)

Your local neighbourhood policing team at Torrington Police Station email address:

[torrington@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:torrington@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

**Bright Nights****Solving 'Bright Nights'**

On ordinary moonlit nights the landscape is often impenetrably dark, exactly what you'd expect from a rural setting with little light pollution. On Bright Nights, moonlit or not, we sometimes get this remarkable light that suffuses the landscape, clear and strong and non-directional. You can see just as clearly under the trees as you can in the middle of a field.

The first time we noticed one of these Bright Nights there was no moon, but deep shadows sharply defined the land anyway. Everything was silvered with a strange, pale, milky glow. It was cloudy and the light seemed to radiate from the earth, not the sky. We could literally see for miles, see every detail.

Apparently the earliest account of Bright Nights comes from the Roman commander Pliny the Elder in AD 77, so they've been a mystery for a very long time. In 1909 a student in the Netherlands measured the total amount of starlight reaching earth and found a discrepancy on Bright Nights. He poetically named the phenomenon 'earthlight'. The 1800s saw still-mysterious Bright Nights called 'luminous smog'.

Finally, in the late 1980s, Gordon Shepherd of York University in Toronto found that the air waves rolling through earth's atmosphere sometimes pile up into vast towers of pressurised air, which affect the quality of light. He also found the sun's UV radiation splits molecular oxygen into atoms, which join up again at sunset. Together they create something an awful lot like a Bright Night, an 'airglow' that varies dramatically from night to night, place to place.

Shepherd's studies reveal there are Bright Nights all over the world, 7% of the time at any given place, as many as 25 a year, some brighter than others. What many once thought was rare is actually quite common, mainly because 99% Europeans sleep under an artificially lit sky whose subtleties are completely hidden. We're lucky. Isn't it fantastic that we have so little light pollution in the Parish?

Kate Goldstone - Huntsraw

**Anglican Community - Interim Rector Rev Tracey Doyle**

April 2019

<b>Sunday 7th</b>	<b>Lent 5</b>		
Alverdiscott		11.00am	US at Chapel
Newton Tracey		11.00am	Morning Worship
Tawstock		11.00am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>		
Huntsraw		11.00am	All Age Worship
Tawstock		11.00am	Morning Worship with Baptism
Yarnscombe		6.30pm	Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 18th</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>		
Newton Tracey		7.00pm	Holy Communion
<b>Friday 19th</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>		
Huntsraw		12.00 Noon	Good Friday Meditation
<b>Sunday 21th</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>		
Alverdiscott		11.00am	Holy Communion with
			Methodists, Horwood, Newton Tracey, Huntsraw and Yarnscombe
Tawstock		11.00am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	<b>Easter 2</b>		
Horwood		9.15am	Holy Communion
Tawstock		11.00am	Morning Worship
Huntsraw		6.30pm	Holy Communion

[www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org](http://www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org)

**Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel - Minister Rev Rob Blackhall**

**01805 628041**

<b>07 April</b>	11.00	Mr Roy Harris	US
	6.30	Rev A Vidamour	
<b>14 April</b>	11.00	Rev R Blackhall	S
	6.30	Rev L Burgon	
<b>21 April</b>	11.00	United Service at Parish Church	
	6.30	Rev R Blackhall	S
<b>28 April</b>	11.00	Mrs V Sheriff	
	5.00	LA EX	

[www.torridgemethodistcircuit.org.uk/](http://www.torridgemethodistcircuit.org.uk/)





**Activities at the Methodist Chapel**

Our Coffee Morning in March raised £85 for Talking Newspapers.

**The next Coffee Morning, which will be on April 4th from 10am until noon, is for “Guide Dog Puppy Training”.** Come and enjoy good coffee, good company and support a very worth while cause. Our Coffee Mornings are very popular and enjoyable social occasions.

**Café Worship** - The next Café Worship is on **Sunday 5 May at 5pm.** Come and enjoy your tea and maybe learn a thing or two...

**EXPLORE Services** - An interactive Bible Study. Fellowship, starting with tea or coffee, with a choice of hymns and shared prayers. The next EXPLORE service will be Sunday 28 April at 5.00pm.

**Gardening Club** - Details from Cynthia Courtenay on 01805 601323. Meeting fee is £1 which includes tea and biscuits. The next meeting will be on April 29th at 2.30pm.

**Alverdiscott Craft Group** - The Craft group meet at the Chapel on the second Tuesday of the month - next meeting is 9 April at 10.30am, but you can pop in when you want and leave when ready. The Chapel has ample car parking. Cost is £1 per meeting. All are welcome. For more information call Stuart Fuller on 01271 858258 or email stuart.fuller454@gmail.com

**Dates for your diary**

On Sunday 19 May at 7.00pm, at the Chapel, there will a Concert by the **Barnstaple Ladies Choir.**  
All are welcome.

**\*\*\*\*A Warm Thank You\*\*\*\***

Janice & Stuart Fuller wish to thank all those friends and neighbours, including the Queen, who sent them cards and greetings and helped them celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on March 7th.

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**Flowers and Plants  
27 To find.**

- RUE    POPPY    LUPIN    SWEETWILLIAM    FREESIA    PRIMROSE
- MOSS    ORCHID    DAISY    DELPHINIUM    HYACINTH    ASTER
- IRIS    TULIP    PEONY    FORGETMENOT    AZALEA
- MINT    LILAC    CROCUS    POLYANTHUS    MARIGOLD
- ROSE    LILY    DAFFODIL    FORSYTHIA    CLOVER

**Last time the word was: Routinely**

Only For Fun. You have 15 minutes to find as many words as possible using the letters shown in the grid. Each word must contain four or more letters, one of which must be the central square. No letter may be used more than once in each word. No proper nouns, plurals or foreign words allowed.

A	C	E
G	E	N
O	R	U

There is one nine letter word for which the clue is - Inspire

Word count 25 = Very Good. More than 30 = Excellent!

Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 151

Good Luck.

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Solution to Su Doku No. 150

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**ALVERDISCOTT COMMUNITY HALL**  
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Friday 12th April 2019

7:00pm for 7.30 pm - Licensed Bar

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We will be raising funds for North Devon Animal Ambulance and Hall Funds

**Newton Tracey Cricket Club**

We are holding a Wine and Wisdom Quiz Night at Alverdiscott Village Hall on Friday April 26 at 7.30 pm. Please contact Bill Soby on 07774 973991 to enter.

**!!! ALSO !!!**

This year the club is going to run cricket all stars for the 4-8 year olds.

You can enter via the following link

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/5599b948-e979-4d01-8de1-512f1e63cf9e>

Anyone interested in being involved with the club please contact me,

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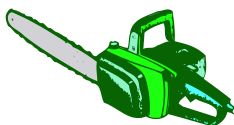
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Donald Easterbrook	01805 623113
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Colin Webber	01271 858419
Allan Clements	01271 858555
Bruce Millar	07392 304567
Mark Holmes	07767 888000

**Torrige Fly Fishing Club**

Our Club currently has a limited number of vacancies for new members for the 2019 season. Membership enquiries to **Mike Ball** on 07899 742757 or Email - [michael.ball54@btinternet.com](mailto:michael.ball54@btinternet.com)



The club has two 4 acre lakes located at Gammaton Reservoirs near Bideford stocked with Rainbow and Brown Trout. Fishing is permitted all year round using either dry or wet fly. Membership is limited to 35, so the lakes are never busy and the setting is a very quiet rural location with superb views over Bideford Bay. Contact Mike for more details.

**FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS ALVERDISCOTT**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at Alverdiscott  
7pm for 7.30pm

Tickets £6  
in advance from  
Licensed bar

Community Hall

**CANCELLED**

Liz and Graham 01271 858441 or pay on the door

**BINGO**

**Parish Council News**

Next meeting is in **Alverdiscott Hall on Wednesday 8th May 2019 at 7pm**. The Annual Parish Meeting will be followed by the Parish Council AGM. Any member of the Parish is welcome to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to bring up any issues they might have.

**Planning Applications**

Application Number and Date	Description	Parish Comment	LPA Decision And Date
1/0507/2018 23/05/2018	Conversion of Barn to Dwelling at West Webbery Farm, Webbery.	Emailed	Awaited
1/1021/2018 20/11/2018	Conversion of agricultural barn to 1 No. dwelling (Amended Plans) at Haddacott Farm, Huntshaw.	Emailed	Awaited
1/0021/2019 23/01/2019	Single storey rear extension and first floor balcony to front elevation at Becanleigh 8 Alscott Gardens Alverdiscott EX31 3QJ.	Emailed	Awaited
1/1326/2018 28/01/2019	Retrospective change of use of farm buildings and yard to a mixed B1, B8 & B2 use at Southdown Adventure Ltd. Alverdiscott.	Emailed	Awaited

**Parish Clerk - Jean Huxtable**

Garnacott Farm

Huntshaw

EX38 7HG

Phone: 01271 858282 - Email: [jean-huxtable@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jean-huxtable@hotmail.co.uk)**The Parish Council Website:** TBA**Update from the Huntshaw Friends 20th March 2019**

We have had a good start to 2019 with more grant awards and progress with essential repairs to the church. The contract for carrying out the work to the tower has been awarded to Kilbride Roofing Ltd, a Tiverton-based company. Josh Kilbride and his team are due to start the work at the end of June when the scaffolding will be erected. Work will continue through much of the summer however we will be able to use the church during this time. Funding for the work has been provisionally granted by the Coastal Recycling Community Fund who have generously awarded £25,000 (subject to a Faculty being granted and contracts being signed)

As we have several species of bats in the church, we have been working closely with Orbis Ecology from Dawlish who have implemented an ongoing survey. Special measures will be put into place should any bats be found during the work and an Orbis representative will be on site.

A lot of 'behind the scenes' work is going on regarding restoration of the bells. A fundraising plan has been developed and specialist bell restorers have visited and advised us on what is required. The bells will have to be removed and transported to Loughborough for the restoration work.

Our grateful thanks go to Allchurches Trust who have generously awarded a grant of £1,500 which will be put towards the cost of repair work to the pew platform at the rear of the nave. Allchurches Trust is one of the UK's largest grant-making charities. Their grants further their charitable objectives of promoting the Christian faith and other charitable causes. A further grant for £4,000 has been awarded from the Devon Historic Churches Trust which will also go towards carrying out the pew repairs. The Devon Historic Churches Trust is dedicated to funding repairs and maintenance to places of Christian worship. We are very grateful to the Trust for making this generous award and will continue to support them through our annual Ride and Stride event in September. And we must not forget an award of £1,000 from the Bideford Bridge Trust. Our thanks to the Trust.

And it is not only grants that we have been awarded. Thank you to Grow Wild who have awarded us a Wild Flower Seed Kit. As part of our eco-friendly churchyard we will be using the kit to create a patch of wild flowers that we hope will attract bees and butterflies. Grow Wild is a national outreach initiative of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and is supported by the The National Lottery Community Fund. Enthused by this award we have now applied for a Fungus Laboratory from Grow Wild.

More information available from our website : <https://www.huntshawchurch.com/>  
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## FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS ALVERDISCOTT

It is hard to believe that the Friends have already been operating for more than a year. In that time, with the support of our community, we have held some very successful events and raised a good sum of money. Our **Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at the Methodist Chapel**. There is a separate flyer enclosed with full details. At the meeting we will report on what has happened during our first year and also tell you about the plans for the future. We are facing new and more complex challenges if we are to keep All Saints open for occasional worship and in good order. We will be unable to do this without the support of our community.

Planning our programme of fund raising events seems to have been difficult with everyone leading such busy lives. We have had to cancel the Bingo night planned for 17<sup>th</sup> April, mainly because there is one in Lovacott the previous evening. The Quiz Sheets mentioned in last month's Rag will now not be available until later in the year.

Stuart Mair has very kindly offered to play the organ in the church at lunch time on the following Fridays; May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup> and August 30<sup>th</sup>. Before he starts to play we will be serving light lunches so come along, have a bite to eat and then relax listening to Stuart play. Full details next month.

Other events planned for the year are a Spring Lunch – Alverdiscott Hall Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, Cream Teas 27<sup>th</sup> May at the Chapel and the Safari Supper on 20<sup>th</sup> July. Please put the dates in your diary and look out for full details of these events in The Local Rag.

For further information about The Friends please contact Liz and Graham on 01271 858441 or email [bulworthy@aol.com](mailto:bulworthy@aol.com)

### Huntsraw Parish Hall

**There will be an open meeting at Huntsraw Parish Hall on Thursday 25 April at 7.30pm all are welcome. Please do come along.**

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