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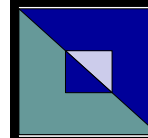
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ALVERDISCOTT AND HUNTSYAW

Welcome to the
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2019

Editorial

Welcome to our new look **Local Rag**. David and I have been thinking about changing the format for sometime now and have finally got around it. We hope that you like it and find it easier to hold and so easier to read. All the information inside remains the same and we hope that you will soon be able to find your way around the new layout without too much trouble.

We also wish you all the best for 2019 and pray that it will be a peaceful and prosperous year for us all.

Meningitis

Meningitis is an acute inflammation of the protective membranes covering the brain and spinal cord, known collectively as the meninges. The most common symptoms are fever, headache, and neck stiffness. Other symptoms include confusion or altered consciousness, vomiting, and an inability to tolerate light or loud noises. Young children often

exhibit only nonspecific symptoms, such as irritability, drowsiness, or poor feeding. If a rash is present, it may indicate a particular cause of meningitis.

If like me you thought that meningitis was a childhood disease then think again. Having just been through a bout of this disease I can testify to the fact that it is a very serious and critical illness.

I spent nearly four and half weeks in Barnstaple hospital, including the Christmas period, where I was unconscious for three days. I nearly lost my life.

However thanks to those of you who know how to pray and to the skill of the doctors I am now well on the way to recovery.

Thank you to all of you who sent greetings cards and good will messages for my recovery. David was kept very busy receiving and making telephone calls and passing on those messages which were all so very encouraging. Elsie.

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From The Assistant Editor

Welcome to the new style Local Rag.

I want to start by confirming Elsie's message from the front page. Christmas and New Year didn't go quite the way we had intended, they kind of passed us by! However thanks to all the support, the prayers, the kind wishes, cards and phone calls we managed to come through it. I can only say thank you to you all. Elsie is now back at home and we are hopeful that she will make a good recovery - we are looking forward to getting back to "normal".

Normal for Devon anyway!

Moving on to lighter things, I need to say a big **Sorry** about the Christmas

Su Doku! Yes, it was supposed to be difficult - to get you thinking. However thanks to my making two mistakes in typing it out it became almost impossible! I say almost because I know of one person who actually managed to solve it, despite my best attempts to sabotage it. Well done to him. And sorry - again.

I hope you find the new style and layout of the Rag to your liking. It is fair to say that The Rag has changed a lot over the years and this is just another step in its evolution.

Any useful comments and of course, contributions will be most welcome.

Happy New Year to you all.
David.

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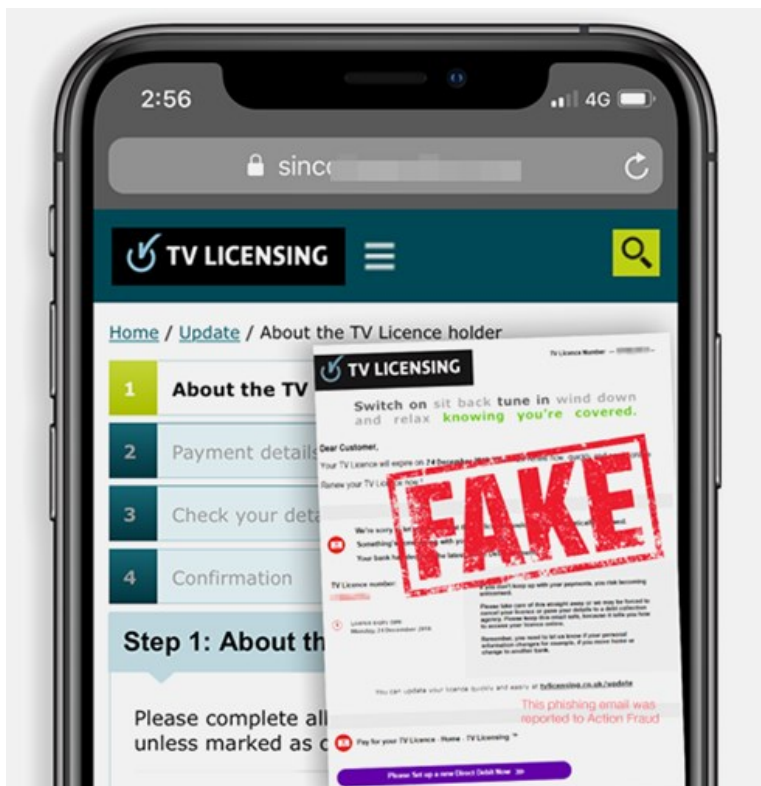
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Church Services

Anglican Community
Interim Rector Rev Tracey Doyle



February 2019

Sunday 3rd	5 Before Lent - Candlemas	
Alverdiscott	9.15am	
Newton Tracey	11.00am	Morning Service
Tawstock	11.00am	Holy Communion
Yarnscombe	All Afternoon	Outreach
Sunday 10th	4 Before Lent	
Horwood	9.15am	Morning Worship
Huntsraw	11.00am	All Age Worship
Tawstock	11.00am	Morning Worship
Yarnscombe	6.30pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 17th	3 Before Lent	
Alverdiscott	11.00am	Holy Communion
Newton Tracey	11.00am	All Age Worship
Tawstock	11.00am	Family Service
Yarnscombe	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Sunday 24th	2 Before Lent	
Horwood	9.15am	Holy Communion
Tawstock	11.00am	Morning Worship
Huntsraw	6.30pm	Holy Communion BCP

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Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel - Minister Rev Rob Blackhall
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03 February	11.00	Rev Sue Macbeth
	6.30	No Service
10 February	11.00	Rev Rob Blackhall
	6.30	No Service
17 February	11.00	United Service at PC
	5.00	Rev R Blackhall CW
24 February	11.00	Mr D Withall
	6.30	No Service

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Activities at the Methodist Chapel

Our Coffee Morning in December raised £100 for Encompass.

The next Coffee Morning, which will be on February 7th from 10am until noon, is for “Christian Aid”. 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 Service is on Sunday 17 February 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 in March, date TBC, at 5.00pm.

Gardening Club - Details from Cynthia Courtenay on 01805601323. Meeting fee is £1 which includes tea and biscuits. The next meeting will be on February 25th at 2.30 pm.

Alverdiscott Craft Group - The Craft group meet at the Chapel on the second Tuesday of the month - next meeting is 12 February 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

We shall be running a Lent course following the York Course “On the Third Day”. This course is open to anyone who would like to join us - feel free to just come along. There will be five sessions commencing Wednesday 13 March at 2.30pm for the five Wednesdays of Lent. If you would like further information, then please contact Elsie on 01271 858534. If you can’t manage all five sessions then just come along to those you can.

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Last time the word was: Pentangle

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. There is one nine letter word for which the clue is - Mesmerist.

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Word count 12 = Good. More than 20 = Very Well Done!

Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 149

Good Luck. I have triple checked this one...

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Solution to Su Doku No. 148

Once again, apologies for the errors.

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Anglican Community Announcement

From 13th January 2019, the Revd Mike Clark will be stepping down as Team Rector of the Two Rivers Mission Community and taking up a new appointment as the Mission and Ministry Development Advisor for Barnstaple Archdeaconry. This exciting new post will allow Mike to make use of his considerable experience of life and ministry in North Devon as he joins the diocesan team helping churches to have better conversations about their vision and strategy. Mike will not be returning to work as Team Rector before taking up the new appointment. As you may know the Revd Tracey Doyle has been appointed as Interim Team Rector and will continue to serve in this half-time role until the appointment of a full-time Team Rector. Mike and Helen and their family will continue to live in North Devon, and we hope to be able to say goodbye to them properly and celebrate their ministry with the mission team communities over the past 11 years, in the New Year - Blessings from The two rivers leadership team.

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS ALVERDISCOTT

Christmas seems a long time ago now but it is certainly worth casting our minds back to our Celebration of Christmas Evening. We were not sure how much support we would get on a Wednesday evening in December but we needn't have worried. The turn-out was excellent, we supped mulled wine, ate mince pies, shopped from the selection of stalls and then sang carols around the Christmas tree. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event which raised over £500. Special thanks to Frank Grills for supplying the tree and also for moving it to the church for the Christmas service.

We have already started planning fund raising events for this year. You might want to make a note of the following dates:

End of March or April – we are researching the possibility of a Bingo Evening
27th May – Cream Teas - 20th July – Safari Supper.

We are also preparing another Quiz Sheet and will no doubt fit in some more events during the year. Any suggestions gladly received.

The Friends have been in existence for almost a year now and value the support we have received. The money we have raised has helped to fund some small improvements on the church and we have plans for more work to be undertaken in the near future. We are determined to continue to raise funds to maintain our church and hope we can rely on the continuing goodwill and support of our community.

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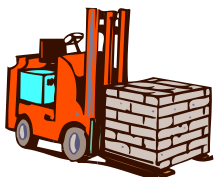
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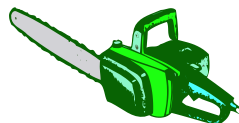


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Mark Holmes	TBA

Parish Council News

The next meeting of the Parish Council is due to be held at Huntshaw Village Hall on Wednesday 13 March at 7.30pm.



Planning Applications

Application Number and Date	Description	Parish Comment Date	LPA Decision And Date
1/0807/2018/FUL 08/08/2018	2 storey side extension and erection of garage. Tawny Cottage, Yarnscombe, Barnstaple.	Emailed	Refused
1/0347/2018 17/04/2018	Erection of conservatory to front of property, Higher Kingdon Barn, Gammaton, Bideford, Devon EX39 4QQ.	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
1/0507/2018 23/05/2018	Conversion of Barn to Dwelling at West Webbery Farm, Webbery.	Emailed	Awaited
1/1021/2018 17/09/18	Conversion of agricultural barn to 1 No. dwelling (Amended Plans) at Haddacott Farm, Huntshaw.	Emailed	Awaited
1/0977/2018 17/09/2018	Proposed Livestock & General Purpose agricultural building. Webbery Barton, Webbery.	Emailed	Approved

News From Around The Parish

UPDATE ON HUNTSYAW CHURCH

Well what a first year for the Friends! We are now well into 2019 and our second year as a group. Back in February we hit the ground running and have achieved an incredible amount in a short time. Someone recently commented that we have taken Huntshaw by storm! We have forged strong links with the PCC and seen congregations increase significantly at both of our monthly services. As part of the Growing the Rural Church project we have had great support from the Diocese and have a clear vision of where we want to be in five years from now.

We are delighted to announce that **Coastal Recycling** have provisionally awarded us £25,000 from their Coastal Recycling Community Fund. The generous award will be used to repair the church tower. Subject to contracts being signed, the work will start in July 2019. We are also very grateful to the Bideford Bridge Trust who have awarded us a grant of £1,000. Other grant applications have been submitted and we hope to create a flexible open space at the rear of the nave in the late Spring.



We are finalising our events programme for the year at our AGM but as a taster of what is to come, I can confirm that a focus for this year will be on eco-systems within the church and the church yard. We are kick-starting this project by hosting an exhibition entitled "Living Churchyards" produced as part of the Exeter Eco Diocese work in partnership with Devon Wildlife Trust. Confirmed dates are Sunday, 10th March, 12:30 – 3 pm and Sunday 24th March 12:30 - 3 pm. To include complimentary tea and cake. Hope to see you there.

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF ST MARY MAGDALENE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 7th February 2019 at 7pm at Huntshaw Water House (Lesley's place)
Further information Lorraine 07912 503992 lorrainehooper489@btinternet.com or Audrey audreyalimo@yahoo.co.uk 07952 028013
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It is with huge thanks that I am able to welcome Roy Cotton to the role of Local Rag Distributor. Some of you will know Roy already so when you see him next just say thank you to him for volunteering to fill this position.

Community Hall Committee

Over the last couple of years the committee for Alverdiscott Hall has been shrinking! No, we haven't lost weight! But we have lost a couple of the team. If you would like to join our happy band please do get in touch. Contact the Rag or any of the current committee members for details.

There hasn't been a massive queue of people rushing to join up. So if you are still thinking about it take the first step and come to our next meeting which is on Monday 4 February at 7.30pm at the hall. You will be very welcome. New Year - new role?

Planned Events at Alverdiscott Community Hall in 2019

The ever popular Big Breakfasts will be on Sunday 5 May and

Sunday 27 October.

Quiz Night

Friday 12 April

BBQ

Saturday 22 June

Flower Show

Saturday 10 August

Harvest Supper

Friday 20 September

Firework Party

Saturday 9 November

These are the scheduled dates so put them in you diary now, if anything changes we will give as much notice as possible.