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believe in  
telekinesis -  
raise my hand.  
  
Kurt Vonnegut

# HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE LOCAL RAG ALVERDISCOTT AND HUNTSHAW

Welcome to the February  
Edition  
  
Volume 13 Issue 1  
  
2016

## Notice of Public Meeting

Proposed Knockworthy Wind Turbines  
Public Meeting Wednesday 3 Feb. 2016  
Time 7 P.M. at  
Huntshaw Village Hall

A planning application has been submitted to Torridge District Council for two 48 m wind turbines on land at Knockworthy Farm near Huntshaw Moor Cross.

The Parish Council is a consultee in the planning process and we would like to hear all local opinions. A copy of the consultation document that was sent to some people in Huntshaw can be obtained from the parish council website. The easiest way to find it is search for **Alverdiscott and Huntshaw Parish Council** with your search engine e.g. Google.

Further details will be posted on the parish council website as they become available.

The government has recently emphasised the importance of local opinion in the planning process, so your opinion counts.

**Please come along and let us know what you think.**

Dave Dalzell

Welcome everybody to a brand new year. I hope it turns out to be everything you would like it to be.

I understand the Christmas Su Doku puzzle caused some head scratching over the holiday period. Even those adept at solving them in record time had a few problems. Well I tried to find a hard one for you all and it seems I may have succeeded. Maybe because there appeared to be more than one solution!!! Anyway I hope those involved had some fun with it. I will try to drop in the odd hard one from time to time in the coming year.

In the December issue we ran an advert regarding Christmas Trees for sale at Buddacombe Farm - Stony Cross. Well, thanks must go to all those who went along and bought a tree and as a result of your generosity £100 has been sent to the North Devon Hospice. Well done to you all.

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For the record the Alverdiscott Hall Committee members are:

Andy Rickard Chairman - Paul Matthews V. Chairman - Graham White Treasurer  
Cynthia Courtenay - Michael Lee - Joyce Ley - Liz Moore - Philip Squire - Liz White - Colette Woo - David Potter Secretary.

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What a jolly good read...

**And Remember**

If you've got any local news or **anything** you want to say or maybe get off your chest, the Local Rag is here for you. Just include your name and address. If you want these to be withheld we can do that. We only put it together, the content comes **from you...**

**+++++Kids Corner+++++**

The Local Rag is in need of someone to take over the Kids Corner. If you have a secret longing to give it a go, now is the moment. The chair is vacant. Are you big enough to take on the challenge? Email or give us a call.

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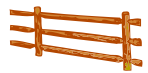
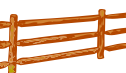
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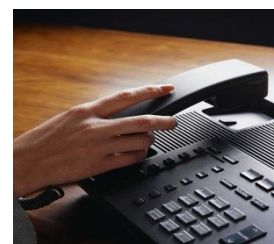
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**Community Contacts**



**Community Hall Bookings**

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Huntsraw Gill Easterbrook  
01805 623113

**Medical**

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## Church Services

**A**nglican Community  
Rector Rev Mike Clark  
01769 560870

### February 7th Sunday next before Lent

Alverdiscott 9.30 Holy Communion (CW)  
Tawstock 11.00 Holy Communion (CW)  
Newton Tracey 11.00 Holy Communion (CW)  
Yarnscombe 6.30 Evening Prayer (BCP)

### February 10th Ash Wednesday

**TBC- please call 01769 560870 for details**

### February 14th 1st Sunday of Lent

Horwood 9.30 Morning Worship (CW)  
Yarnscombe 10.00 Family Service  
Huntsraw 11.00 Holy Communion (BCP)  
Tawstock 11.00 Songs of Praise

### February 21st 2nd Sunday of Lent

Alverdiscott 11.00 Morning Worship at church  
Tawstock 11.00 Holy Communion (CW)  
Newton Tracey 11.00 Morning Worship (CW)  
Yarnscombe 6.30 Holy Communion (BCP)

### February 28th 3rd Sunday of Lent

Horwood 9.30 Holy Communion (BCP)  
Yarnscombe 9.30 Morning Prayer (BCP)  
Tawstock 11.00 Family Service  
Huntsraw 3.30 Evening Prayer (BCP)

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**A**lverdiscott Methodist Chapel

Minister Rev John Kenneth Morgan  
01805 628041

7 February 11.00am Rev Ken Morgan (S)  
6.30 pm Rev Stephen Hill

14 February 11.00 am LA  
6.30 pm Rev Ken Morgan (S)

21 February 11.00 am US PC  
6.30 pm US at Bideford

28 February 11.00 am David Ley  
6.30 pm EXPLORE  
What use is prayer?

### Accounts for Local Rag February - December 2015

<b>Brought Forward</b>		<b>£335.47</b>	
Income		Expenses	
Advertising	£230.00	Printing	£547.04
Donations	£49.00		
PC Grant	£320.00		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£934.47</b>		<b>£547.04</b>
<b>Carried Forward</b>			<b>£387.43</b>

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## Mike's Message

This year in our **Lent groups** we will be using two books from the Pilgrim Course.

The authors of the material include Bishop Robert Atwell, the Bishop of Exeter. Each session includes prayer and reflection as well as discussion. We have found the Pilgrim Course to be very accessible and inclusive - so all will be welcome to come and take part.

There will be four groups covering two different courses:

### The Lord's Prayer:

I'm sure most of us know it by heart whether we attend church regularly or not. But have we ever really thought about what it all means? Have we understood the consequence of praying those phrases just once, let alone regularly? What does it mean for God's will to really be done? Have we understood the seriousness of praying that God would forgive us *in the same way and to the same extent* that we actually forgive other people? Challenging stuff!

**Thursdays** for 6 weeks starting February 11th.  
**Afternoon group 2.30 pm and evening group at 7.30pm** - at Stable Barn, Huntsraw Barton, EX38 7HH- the home of Peter and Lyn Denard. Please ring 01805 622453 if you are interested in attending or would like to know more.

### The Beatitudes

These words of Jesus form part of the well known Sermon on the Mount and are often read at Remembrance services. We will be thinking about how we live them out in ways that make a difference in our lives and our communities.

**Monday afternoons** for six weeks starting **February 15th at 2pm** in St Giles Church  
**Tuesday evenings** starting **February 16th at 7.30 pm** in the Church Hall, High Bickington

If you would like to know more or let me know that you are planning to come please call me on 01769 560870 or send me an email on [revmikeclark@outlook.com](mailto:revmikeclark@outlook.com)

Every blessing

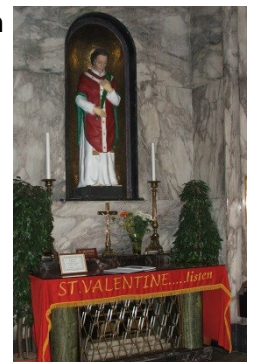
Mike

## Kid's Corner

### St Valentine's Day celebrated on 14 February

St. Valentine's Day began as a liturgical celebration of one or more early Christian saints named Valentinus. Several martyrdom stories were invented for the various Valentines that belonged to February 14, and added to later martyrologies. A popular hagiographical account of Saint Valentine of Rome states that he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire. According to legend, during his imprisonment, he healed the daughter of his jailer, Asterius. An embellishment to this story states that before his execution he wrote her a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell. Saint Valentine's Day is an official feast day in the Anglican Communion, as well as in the Lutheran Church. The Eastern Orthodox Church also celebrates Saint Valentine's Day, albeit on July 6 and July 30, the former date in honour of the Roman presbyter Saint Valentine, and the latter date in honour of Hieromartyr Valentine, the Bishop of Interamna (modern Terni).

The day was first associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. In 18th-century England, it evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). In Europe, Saint Valentine's Keys are given to lovers "as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart", as well as to children, in order to ward off epilepsy (called Saint Valentine's Malady). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.



## News From Around The Parish

**A**lverdiscott Gardening Club  
Contact - Cynthia Courtney on 858237.  
Meeting fee is £1 which includes tea and biscuits. Next meeting will be on **29 February**.

**A**lverdiscott Methodist Church  
**EXPLORE**  
An interactive Bible Study Fellowship, starting with tea or coffee, with a choice of hymns and shared prayers. The next EXPLORE service will be on **February 28th 2016 at 6.30 pm**. The subject that we will be exploring is "What Use is Prayer".

Our **Coffee Morning** in December raised £75 for **Encompass**. The next Coffee Morning, which will be on **4 February** from 10 am until noon, is for **The Parish Church Graveyard Fund**. Come and enjoy good coffee, good company and support a worthwhile cause. Our Coffee Mornings are very popular and enjoyable social occasions.

**Café Worship** - The next Café Service will be in March - date TBC - at 5.00pm. Come and enjoy Sunday afternoon tea - and maybe learn a thing or two as well?

### Alverdiscott Craft Group

The Craft group meet at Alverdiscott Chapel on the second Tuesday of the month - next meeting is 9 February starting at 10.30 am, 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@btinternet.com](mailto:stuart.fuller454@btinternet.com)

### The Woodcott Players

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**Hansel and Gretel**

**At Lovacott Village Hall**

on

Friday 12 February at 7.30pm and again on Saturday 13 February at 2.30pm with the finale at 7.30pm.  
Tickets £6 adults - £3 Children (2nd child goes free).

### Alverdiscott Community Hall

On behalf of the Alverdiscott Community Hall Committee I wish everybody a happy and prosperous 2016. We've got some great events planned for this year i.e. Big Breakfast, Flower Show, Harvest Supper and our new, but much enjoyed, Car Treasure Hunt. With this in mind we would like to invite members of the community to put forward any suggestions for events that could be held at the Hall for the community.

If you have an idea but need help with the organisation of the event the Committee would be willing to set up and run the event with you, or if you have a suggestion for an event that could be held at the Hall we would like to hear from you as well.

Over the past couple of years a number of improvements have been made to the Hall that a lot of you will have already seen and we would like to get more of the local community using the Hall for social events. The Hall is licensed for both alcohol and entertainment and has very good kitchen facilities.

The final stage of our improvements will happen this month when we take delivery of 120 new comfortable chairs, so the Hall will now be warm, dry and comfortable to sit in.

If you have any suggestions or ideas please feel free to contact any Committee member or to attend our next meeting that will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30pm to discuss possible proposals with the Committee.

Andy Rickard.

### Alverdiscott 100 Club

Results of the 3rd draw which took place at our Carol evening at Borough Farm on December 21st.

1st Gladys Webber	4th Ken Ford
2nd Arthur May	5th Steven Moore
3rd Colin & Sarah Webber	6th Freda Symons

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Thank you to everyone who came and supported Evelyn's Carol Evening. The collection amounted to £75 which will be sent to The Children's Society.

Barbara Ford.

## Parish Council News

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held in Huntshaw Hall on Wednesday 9 March 2016 at 7.00 pm.**

Tesco Stores are introducing a Local Community grant scheme funded by carrier bag charges to improve green spaces in communities across England. Grants will range from £8,000 to £12,000.



The grants programme will be open to organisations such as: voluntary/ community organisations, registered charities, health bodies, Parish/Town councils, social enterprises, Community Interest Companies, community councils, local authorities and housing organisations. Other not-for-profit organisations might also be eligible.

Projects that would typically receive funding include:

Parks, pocket parks and urban green spaces - Green corridors – river and canals, cycle ways - Formal and informal play areas.

Open access sports facilities within public parks and recreation grounds – e.g. football pitches, tennis courts and cricket pitches. Informal outdoor recreation facilities; e.g. gym equipment, trim trails and woodland walks.

Nature reserves, community woodland, ponds and village greens - Churchyards - Seafront improvements

Community allotments, community gardens, orchards and city farms.

Charities and local community groups can apply for grants to fund projects that will make lasting improvements to green spaces in our communities across the UK.

If anyone in Alverdiscott and Huntshaw has any scheme in mind that would fall into the above categories please let the Parish Council know. We can then look at the possibility of making it happen.

Dave Dalzell.

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Wild West Net have surveyed Huntshaw Church and it will be possible to provide a high speed internet service to those in sight of the church. Unfortunately the Tower Roof needs to be surveyed with possible remedial work before the installation can be made. So the service will not be available until some time in 2016 - please watch this space!!!

Peter Denard.

Application Number and Date	Description	Parish Comment Date	LPA Decision And Date
1/1324/2015/ FUL 21/1/16	Erection of 2 wind turbines - 30m to hub, 48m to blade tip (35m rotor diameter). Land At Knockworthy Farm, Huntshaw, Devon.	Awaited	Awaited

Parish Clerk Jean Huxtable: Garnacott Farm Huntshaw Torrington N Devon EX38 7HG

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### Parish Councillor Names and Contact Numbers

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<b>Donald Easterbrook</b>	01805 623113	<b>Allan Clements</b>	01271 858555

### Huntshaw Kicks off Christmas Celebrations in Style

Christmas has come and gone and we are now well into the new year, however, I want to reflect on a highly popular Christmas party that takes place each year in Huntshaw. The Bangers and Mash evening took place in the village hall on Saturday, 5 December and as usual tickets sold out quickly. Festive decorations were in abundance and the tables looked lovely. The evening kicked off with carols led as usual by Trevor on the organ. The party goers were in fine voice and I suspect that in some cases the wine helped with the vocals. The fun continued with Christmas crackers, party poppers and whistles and then, when we had donned our paper hats and exhausted the silly jokes, the bangers, mash and beans were served. As always the highlight of the evening was the wonderful array of puddings. Someone told me that there were 18 different puddings to choose from with reserves at the back for those who wanted seconds (and even thirds!) As if that wasn't enough we then had cheese and biscuits. It was a wonderful evening and an excellent start to the Christmas festivities. Thanks to Jill, Margaret, Donald and the team for all their hard work. Looking forward to next December already.



Audrey Alimo

### Huntshaw Village Hall General Knowledge Quiz Night

Saturday 19th March 2016 7.00pm for 7.30pm start  
£5.00 per person, maximum of 6 per team. Entry fee includes a cheese board, pickles and selection of biscuits per table.

#### Cash prize for the Winning Team.

All proceeds to go to the Friends of Berry Castle who are fundraising for a special event in the summer. Places are limited so to book your table please contact Emma Barrow on 01805 623266 or 07515 476295 (entry fee payable on the night). So why not come along and test your general knowledge and have a generally fun evening with the **FOBBERS!!!**

### Leisure

#### Su Doku Puzzle No. 115

Good luck...

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#### Solution to Su Doku No. 114

How did you get on?

Let us know if you solved it or if you didn't!

5	4	1	2	9	6	8	7	3
3	9	6	8	7	4	1	2	5
7	2	8	3	1	5	4	9	6
8	6	2	9	4	3	7	5	1
4	7	3	1	5	8	9	6	2
9	1	5	6	2	7	3	8	4
1	3	9	5	8	2	6	4	7
2	8	7	4	6	1	5	3	9
6	5	4	7	3	9	2	1	8

Last time the word was: Traveller

**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 - A Saint

**Word count 20 = Good. More than 25 = Well done!**

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