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From The Assistant Editor

Hooray - It's not raining! Well it had to happen eventually. There have been only 19 days without rain since 21 September 2019. It has been the wettest year ever, at Webbery Cross, since records began - well my records anyway - which means 2005. Rainfall was 1452mm or in English 58.3ins. The wettest month was October with 231mm or just over 9ins.

Roll on Spring, my favourite season. I really hope the weather gets back to something approaching "normal". The seasons seem to have merged into one. We need some sunshine and warmth to cheer us all up.

The birds shown on the front cover have all been seen in our garden

over the last few days. There are also the usual suspects such as robin, blue tit, wrens, pied wagtail and such. Some collared doves seem to be making a nest already, which seems a bit optimistic to me, but I guess they know what they are doing. I noticed that the wood pigeons were also getting a bit frisky and just to add to the fun they were balancing on a power line! There is also a male tawny owl who is often to be heard calling in the darkness, for a mate... Sadly, I didn't take these pictures so I should credit *Missy Osborn, of the New Forest*, for the gold crest.

So here we are in 2020. Anyone noticed anything different yet? If you have please do drop us a line and we'll give it a mention.

Planned Events for 2020 at the Village Halls

Watch out for details as the dates come around

Alverdiscott

Quiz Night
Friends Bingo Night
Big Breakfast
Friends Spring Lunch
Treasure Hunt
Friends Safari Supper
Flower and Produce Show
Harvest Supper
Big Breakfast
Friends Autumn Lunch

Friday 21 February. Details p9.
Wednesday 26 February. Details p3.
Sunday 3 May
Sunday 10 May
Sunday 5 July
Saturday 25 July
Saturday 8 August
Friday 18 September
Sunday 25 October
Sunday 22 November

Huntshaw

Skittles Social Night
VE Day Celebrations
A Bat Evening by Bats in Churches

Saturday 8 March. Details p14
Saturday 9 May. Inc. Spam sandwiches!!!
Thursday 14 May

Emergencies

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Water	0800 1691144
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Torrington District Council	01237 428700

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Torrington Police Station email address:

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Local News

Skittles and Social Evening at Huntshaw Village Hall

Saturday 8th March at 7pm

Beginners and or prospective Team Members all Welcome.

Come and have a go and meet some

Like minded people.

More details in the March Rag.

Hall AGM's

Huntshaw Village Hall is holding its AGM on Saturday 28 March at 7.30pm

All are welcome. If you are interested in the future of

Huntshaw Village Hall do please come along.

Alverdiscott Community Hall is holding its AGM on

Monday 6 April at 7.30pm All are welcome to attend.

Huntshaw Friends News Update - Audrey Alimo

We have had a busy second year with much of the time being taken up with repairs to the church. We now have a community space at the rear of the nave, a restored west door, a new vestry floor and a new tower roof. Our wonderful bats did their best to thwart our efforts, but we got there in the end. Richard Sears is progressing the bell restoration project and there is now a scaffold platform inside the tower (above the deadening chamber) to allow closer inspection of the bells and their listed frames by the Loughborough bell foundry. See our website for some fantastic photos taken by Richard.

<https://www.huntshawchurch.com/>

As we enter 2020, we want to continue celebrating the fantastic heritage in our church and village by launching the "History of Huntshaw in 100 Objects". This is a five-year project that we hope some (or many) of you will get involved in. Our Eco-church yard got off to a slow start last year but watch it flourish and "buzz" this year. We are delighted to be teaming up with the new parish hall committee to put on joint events and there will be more information on this in the next edition. We have said goodbye to Paul and Wendy but look forward to their return to north Devon soon. We would like to welcome Gary and his family and look forward to new-style services in the church.

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH ALVERDISCOTT

The Friends concluded their events of 2019 with a Christmas Social Evening at Alverdiscott Hall. The event was well supported and many mince pies and glasses of mulled wine were consumed. Stuart Mair played the piano for us and we sang a selection of well known carols around the Christmas tree. After the event the tree was moved to the church for our Christmas Service on Sunday 22nd December, where the Friends provided refreshments.

The new parish of **Newton Tracey with Alverdiscott** has elected their new PCC which includes representatives from Alverdiscott. The Friends will be meeting with some of the PCC to talk about future plans for the church. The first meeting is in February but we expect this to be an on-going arrangement.

We will be arranging a programme of events again this year so look out for details. Our first event will be a **Bingo Evening** at Alverdiscott Hall on Wednesday 26th February, 7pm for 7.30pm - see details below.

Our AGM will be on Wednesday 22nd April in All Saints Church.

Our thanks to everyone who supported our events in 2019, without your help we will not be able to care for our church and carry out the essential maintenance. We hope to see you at our events this year.

**FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH ALVERDISCOTT
BINGO NIGHT**

Wednesday 26th February
at Alverdiscott Community Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm
Licensed bar, tea and coffee.
Tickets £6 - pay on the door.

Activities at the Methodist Chapel

Our Coffee Morning in December raised £93.50 for Encompass SW. The next Coffee Morning, which will be on February 7, from 10am until noon, is for **“Christian Aid”**. Come and enjoy good coffee, good company and support a very worthwhile cause. Our Coffee Mornings are very popular and enjoyable social occasions.

Café Worship - The next Café Worship is on Sunday 2 February at 11am and will include bacon rolls. There is another Café Worship on February 16 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 date for the next EXPLORE service, in March, will be confirmed in the March Local Rag.

Gardening Club - The meeting fee is £1 which includes tea, coffee and biscuits. The next meeting will be on 24 February at 2.30pm, in the chapel schoolroom. The guest speaker will be our local gardening expert, Mr. David Hopkins. Please come along with any questions you may have and enjoy the company. Everyone is welcome.

Alverdiscott Craft Group - The Craft group meet at the Chapel on the second Tuesday of the month - the next meeting is 11 February at 10.30am, but you can pop in when you want and leave when ready. The Chapel has ample car parking.

The cost is £1 per meeting. All are welcome. For more information call Stuart Fuller on 01271 858258 or email stuart.fuller454@gmail.com

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Dates for Your Diary

Morning Café Worship 11am 2 February with added Bacon Rolls

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Leisure

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Mostly Coastal Birds 35 To Find.

The lower case letters spell out the name of a bird of prey.

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HERRINGGULL CURLEW AVOCET SMEW RAVEN EGRET OWL
KINGFISHER GANNET FULMAR KNOT GREBE SHAG AUK
ALBATROSS WIGEON THRUSH WREN SWAN RUFF IBIS
GUILLEMOT CHOUGH PLOVER COOT SNIPE TEAL RAIL

Last time the word was: Residence

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 - Love is in the Air

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

Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 160

Good Luck.

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Solution to Su Doku No. 159

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Anglican Community - Team Rector Rev Gary Owen
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February 2020

Sunday 2nd

Newton Tracey	11.00am	Holy Communion
Tawstock	11.00am	Morning Worship
Yarnscombe	6.30pm	Evening Worship

Sunday 9th

Horwood	9.15am	Village Prayers
Huntsnay	11.00am	All Age Worship
Tawstock	11.00am	Morning Worship
Yarnscombe	6.30pm	Communion

Sunday 16th

Newton Tracey	11.00am	Morning Worship
Tawstock	11.00am	Morning Worship
Yarnscombe	6.30pm	Evening Worship

Sunday 23rd

Horwood	9.15am	Communion by Extension
Tawstock	11.00am	Communion
Yarnscombe	6.30pm	Evening Worship

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Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel - Minister Rev Rob Blackhall - 01805 628041

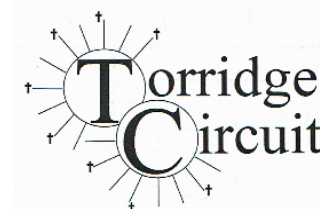
02 February 11.00 Café Worship - With Bacon Rolls

09 February 11.00 Mr Paul Bate

16 February 11.00 Rev Rob Blackhall S
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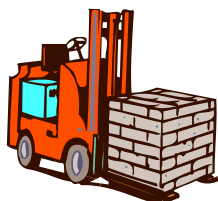
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We now have a Facebook page for the Parish Council. You can find it either by visiting Facebook and typing the username **@alverdiscotthuntshaw** into Facebook search, or searching for '**Alverdiscott and Huntshaw Parish Council**' in Facebook.

The Parish Council will be posting meeting minutes and other information on the page as well as using the physical noticeboards in both villages.

Parish Clerk - Jean Huxtable Garnacott Farm Huntshaw EX38 7HG

Email: jean-huxtable@hotmail.co.uk 01271 858282

The Parish Council Facebook page: [@alverdiscotthuntshaw](https://www.facebook.com/alverdiscotthuntshaw)

Parish Councillor Names and Contact Numbers

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Eddie Staines		01805 623255
Colin Webber		01271 858419
Mark Holmes		07767 888000
Tony Goldstone		01271 858437
Helen Bolton		01271 858885

Anonymous Letter Received

Before the January meeting we received an anonymous letter requesting that the Parish Council read it out at the meeting. As with the Editor of The Local Rag, it is the Parish Council policy not to accept any correspondence unless the name and address of the sender is supplied.

The name could remain private between just the Chairman and Parish Clerk but if a response was required to be sent, we would have no details to reply to. Should this person wish to contact us again the Chairman will take this up at the next meeting.

Parish Council News

The next Parish Council meeting is due to be held in **Alverdiscott Hall on Wednesday 11 March at 7.30pm** all are welcome.



The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

At the meeting on 20th November our Vice Chairman Andy Rickard agreed to step up to be Chairman until the AGM in May and Bruce Millar agreed to take on the role of Vice Chairman.

We are pleased to welcome two new Councillors, Tony Goldstone, of Haddacott Cottage to represent Alverdiscott and Helen Bolton of Little Guscott to represent Huntsraw.

Planning Applications

Application Number and Date	Description <i>Full Details Available from Torridge District Council Website - www.torridge.gov.uk/plans</i>	Parish Comment	LPA Decision And Date
1/0399/2019 03/12/2019	Proposed extension to shed and formalisation of B2 (General Industrial) Use (amend description, revised plans, transport and noise reports) Staines Trailers Ltd Huntsraw	18/12/19	Awaited
1/0862/2019/ FUL 29/10/2019	Conversion of agricultural building to 1 no. Dwelling house including erection of extension and porch Nethercott Farm Alverdiscott Barnstaple Devon EX31 3NA	Emailed	Approved 09/12/2019
1/1177/2019 10/01/2020	Construction of agricultural livestock shed and ancillary shed. Land at Grid Reference 252060 122725, Huntsraw	12/01/20	Awaited
1/0029/2020 16/01/2020	Prior notification for the change of use of Agricultural building to 1 No. dwelling under Class Q and associated operational Development. Barn at Nethercott Farm, Alverdiscott	16/01/20	Awaited

From the Rector - Gary Owen

By 31st January Rev Paul and Wendy will have finished their ministry amongst us. We thank them for all they have brought to the Two Rivers Mission Community, especially the 'northern' parishes of Newton Tracey, Horwood, Huntsraw, Yarnscombe and Alverdiscott, and we wish them well in their retirement.

We are now advertising for a new team vicar who will work with me across the whole mission community, whilst Rev Tracey will now concentrate her efforts on High Bickington and Atherington.

At an AGM on 14th January, the new united parish of Newton Tracey with Alverdiscott appointed wardens and a PCC. We look forward to drawing these two communities together whilst working with the Friends of Alverdiscott church to find an exciting future for the building there – both for church and community use.

We've launched a new website to help communication. Check it out at <http://www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org/>

And you can keep up to date with what's going on by signing up for our weekly email. Just email me on revgaryowen@gmail.com

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Wednesday 26th February. There will be two united Mission Community services:

High Bickington: 10.00am – Holy Communion with imposition of ashes.

Yarnscombe: 7.30pm – Holy Communion with imposition of ashes.

An invitation to Explore Life, Faith and Meaning

You are warmly invited to join our next Alpha—I I evenings of informal, fun and informative exploration of the Christian faith.

Each evening begins with a meal of soup, bread and cheese. Then we watch a DVD presentation before opening up discussion in small groups for people to share thoughts and ideas.

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There's no pressure, no question is off limits and there's no cost!

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Friends of Huntshaw Church - AGM

We will be holding our AGM on Sunday 16th February at 11am at Huntshaw Water House (Lesley's place). There is lots to discuss as we move into an exciting new phase of our work. An agenda will follow.

Would you like to join our committee? We are looking for people to help us with the running of the grade II* listed building and to get involved in celebrating its rich heritage. Get in touch if you would like to have a chat or just turn up at the meeting.

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