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ALVERDISCOTT AND HUNTSRAW

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Editorial

Community

Community can be defined as:

1 A social group of any size whose members reside in a specific locality, share government, and often have a common cultural and historical heritage.

2 A social, religious, occupational, or other group sharing common characteristics or interests.

3 A group of associated nations sharing common interests or a common heritage: *the community of Western Europe.*

Sounds familiar... Asst. Ed.

We all belong to a community by virtue of where we live whether we take note of it or not. There is always such a lot going on in our community and of course you can belong to more than one community, e.g. The Methodist Church is a community of people who attend worship on a Sunday morning. Anyone can join this community simply by attending on a Sunday, there is no charge and no particular qualification.

Then there is also a community worshipping at the Parish church and sometimes the Methodists and the Anglicans join together for worship and fund raising,

There is also a community called the Friends of All Saints Alverdiscott who come together to raise funds to preserve the church as a worshipping community. Then we have the friends group in Huntsraw who do similar work for St. Mary Magdalene.

There are a variety of activities promulgated by these communities including concerts, lunches and cream teas.

Then of course there are the "Community Halls", if you wished to join them I am sure they would be pleased to have you on the team. The last community activity at Alverdiscott was their *Big Breakfast*. A very popular event.

There are also the friends of Berry Castle, our very own Iron Age site in Huntsraw. You would be most welcome at their events.

To which of these communities do you see yourself belonging?

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From The Assistant Editor

First off, thank you to all who came to our Big Breakfast on 5 May. It was a most enjoyable morning with a steady flow of customers all the way up to about 12 noon when it all went a bit crazy. However the kitchen staff knuckled down and got on with it and with just a slight delay got all the customers fed and watered. I think everyone enjoyed themselves and to the lady who suggested we have one every month... I reckon 2 per year is just about right.

You will find a copy of the **Flower and Produce Show schedule** inside your Rag. If it's missing or you simply want extra copies do get in touch. Please make a note of the date and decide what it is you are going to enter. If you have always meant to enter something but have

never quite got around to it, make this **the** year. There are heaps of classes to chose from and subjects to suit all-comers - but if you really can't submit anything then just come along on the day and enjoy yourself.

The weather has turned warm and seems settled, for the moment at least. There were swallows in the local area but they didn't arrive in Webbery until 9 May with the house martins arriving a day later on 10 May. Numbers are definitely down from the heady days when we had 20 odd nests on the cottage and were ankle deep in *guano*! If we humans are to blame for the declining numbers of so many species, then I guess we only have ourselves to blame for whatever happens next...

And finally...

I'd like to say a big thank you to all those who turned out to help with the "Litter Pick" on 12 May. I'd like to, but I was on my own!!!

Obviously it wasn't as bad as I thought it was and in actual fact I did only collect half a bag of assorted rubbish. Which is good in one respect I suppose! However I think what happened was that during the time that passed between putting the notice in the May Rag and actually getting out there, the verges had put on a huge growth spurt. This meant that some of the rubbish had been hidden from sight. It was still worthwhile and I did enjoy the walk! Thanks do go to Phyllis and John, and Angela and Richard who were kind enough to wave to me as they drove past!

The odd thing is that the rubbish seems to be concentrated in certain places. Maybe it's got something to do with where the items are purchased, as most of the them were food and drink related and probably thrown from cars.

Red Bull may or may not "give you wings" but it clearly does **nothing** for your sense of pride in the local community...

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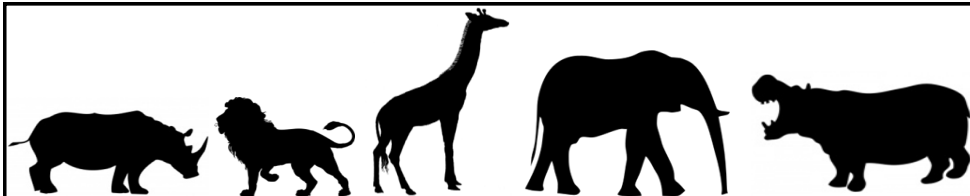
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Friends of All Saints Alverdiscott



SATURDAY 20TH JULY

SAFARI SUPPER

Our **Safari Supper** will be on Saturday 20th July. Courses will be served at 6 different locations, mostly the same as last year. This event was a huge success last year and we hope will be as well supported this time. Tickets will be on sale soon priced £15; contact Liz (bulworthy@aol.com, 01271 858441) or Joyce (01271 858230) to order your tickets.

Update from the Friends of Huntshaw Church

As the summer approaches we are looking forward to starting the first phase of our repair and conservation programme. The long awaited Faculty (special permission from the Diocese) has been granted and we must now agree a time-scale with the builders/roofers and the architect. Phase one involves working on the tower and includes replacing the roof and rainwater goods and masonry repair. There is also internal repair work to be done. Scheduling the work has been difficult as we have had to consider factors such as grant deadlines, the weather and regulations regarding the preservation of bats. However, we expect the work to start in June or July. The church will remain in use while the work is taking place. We are grateful to the Coastal Recycling Community Fund, Devon Historic Churches Trust, the Bideford Bridge Trust and Allchurches Trust for providing grants to cover the cost of the work.

We are currently creating our eco-friendly church yard and have bird boxes, feeders and bug houses in place. And we are pleased to let you know that the Living Churchyard exhibition, that was to have taken place in the Spring, will now be put on in the Autumn.

For more information see huntshawchurch.com

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH ALVERDISCOTT

On 1st May the Friends held their first Annual Meeting. Sadly, it was not well attended but those who were there received a report on the Friend's financial position, activities during the year and details of work that has been carried out on our church. A presentation was also given on the future of the parish. The key points of this presentation are as follows:

- * All Saints is no longer able to sustain a viable PCC, alternative arrangements therefore need to be made for the Church of England Governance of the Alverdiscott Parish.
- * Draft proposals have been presented by the Diocese of Exeter to merge the parish of Alverdiscott with the Parish of Newton Tracey.
- * A period of consultation will take place so it is anticipated that the merger will not come into effect until towards the end of 2019.
- * Assuming the merger takes place, the church of St Thomas-a-Beckett, Newton Tracey will be the Parish Church.
- * All Saints Alverdiscott will become a Chapel of Ease.
- * The PCC of the new parish will include elected representatives from Alverdiscott.
- * Weddings, funerals, baptisms and other regular services will continue to be held at All Saints.
- * Management of legal and ecclesiastical arrangements will be the responsibility of the new PCC. The Friends will be responsible to the new PCC for maintenance of the church and its grounds.
- * Further discussions will be taking place on the detailed financial arrangements for the new parish but any money raised by The Friends will be retained by the Friends specifically for All Saints.
- * The Friends have made a solid start but will need increased levels of practical and financial support to continue their work to save our church.

The Friends will continue to arrange a programme of fund-raising events but if we are to prevent our church falling into a state of disrepair we need to seek additional methods of funding. The committee are looking into various grants to help fund essential work but we need to do more than this. It is hoped that our local community will feel able to offer support by making regular donations to the church. The Friends will be registered as a charity so that Gift Aid can be claimed on donations. However small the donations, even £2 per month, they will all help us in our cause.

If you feel able to offer support and have not yet advised us please let Graham know by email bulworthy@aol.com or 01271 858441.

*Our programme of fundraising events this year started on Sunday 19th May with a **Spring Lunch** at the Village Hall. A huge thank you to everyone who helped to organise the event, donated food or raffle prizes or came along to enjoy the meal. Liz White.*

Activities at the Methodist Chapel

Our Coffee Morning in April raised £90 for Action for Children. The next Coffee Morning, which will be on June 6th from 10am until noon, is for the **“Farming Community Network”**. 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 16 June at 5pm. Come and enjoy your tea and maybe learn a thing or two. See note below for information on an extra Café Worship on Sunday 23 June...

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 30 June at 5.00pm.

Gardening Club - Details from Cynthia Courtenay on 01805 601323. Meeting fee is £1 which includes tea and biscuits. **Note** - the next meeting will be on June 24th at 2.30pm. The club has been invited, by Paul Case to view the garden at **The Forge**, Horwood.

Alverdiscott Craft Group - The Craft group meet at the Chapel on the second Tuesday of the month - next meeting is 11 June 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

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Café Worship on Sunday 23 June at **11.00am**. See p7 for more details...

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Last time the word was: Spectacle

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 - Assembly

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Word count 27 = Good. More than 34 = Well Done!

Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 153

Good Luck.

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Anglican Community - Interim Rector Rev Tracey Doyle

June 2019



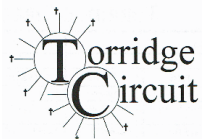
Sunday 2nd	Sunday after Ascension	
Alverdiscott	11.00am	At Chapel US
Newton Tracey	11.00am	Morning Worship
Tawstock	11.00am	Holy Communion With Baptism
Sunday 9th	Pentecost	
Huntsraw	11.00am	North Team Joint
Tawstock	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 16th	Trinity Sunday	
Alverdiscott	11.00am	Communion by Extension US
Newton Tracey	11.00am	All Age Worship
Tawstock	11.00am	Family Service with Baptism
Yarnscombe	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Sunday 23rd	Trinity 1	
Horwood	9.15am	Holy Communion
Tawstock	11.00am	Morning Worship
Huntsraw	6.30pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th	Trinity 2	
Tawstock	11.00am	Joint Holy Communion Rev Belinda - Leaving Service

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02 June	11.00	Mrs Elsie Potter
	6.30	At Shebbear
09 June	11.00	Mrs Lorna Dawe
	6.30	Rev Rob Blackhall S
16 June	11.00	At Parish Church US
	5.00	Café Worship
23 June	11.00	Café Worship LA
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Parish Council News

The date and location of the next Parish Council meeting is still to be confirmed.



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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.	Approved	Approved 26/04/19
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
1/0210/2019/ FUL 03/04/19	Erection of a dwelling and associated works Agricultural Building At Grid Reference 250454 123756 Huntshaw Devon.	Emailed	Awaited
1/0361/2019 TEL 24/04/19	Installation of telegraph pole, telecoms cabinet and fencing. Land at Grid Reference 253272 123140 Yarnscombe Devon.	Emailed	Awaited

Parish Clerk - Jean Huxtable

Garnacott Farm
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EX38 7HG - **Phone:** 01271 858282 - **Email:** jean-huxtable@hotmail.co.uk

The Parish Council Website: TBA

Do You Like Bacon Rolls?

Do you go to church? If not why not? Is it because you don't believe in God? Or maybe you don't have time, you can't be bothered, you think it irrelevant to your lifestyle or perhaps you do not like what happens during the hour on a Sunday Morning. Well, why not try a Café Service. At Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel we shall be holding a Café Service at **11.00 am on Sunday 23 June** (in the school room) to which everyone is warmly invited. We shall be serving Bacon Rolls, Tea, Coffee and Toast.

In order to ensure that we have enough food to go round please let us know if you are planning to come.

Contact Ken Moore 01271 858 284 or Elsie Potter 01271 858 534.

Newton Tracey Cricket Club News

All Stars is starting on 5th June for the beginners - you can book via this link <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/At/newtontracey>

Other Colts sessions have already started on Wednesdays, matches starting soon.

Senior Cricket, we haven't had the best of starts, the 1st team lost their first game to North Devon CC at Instow and were rained off at Hatherleigh, whilst the 2nd team have lost their first 3 games at Barnstaple, Lewdown and home to Victoria Park. Sadly the Braunton fixture fell victim to the rain. We did beat North Devon 3rds in a friendly though.

Batting highlights so far have come from Oli Symons, returning after not having played for nearly 10 years, we've also had half centuries from Dominic Robson, Kieran Soper, George Gibbs and Martin Gear. Best bowling so far has come from Tyler Jowitt with 4 wickets at Lewdown.

Anyone interested in playing or being involved please contact me.

On the weekend of 15 and 16 June we will be holding a Cricket World Cup themed event. We will be holding a lot of family themed events including in the late afternoon a Father's Day match, so will be doing a fathers v sons/daughters game. So we won't stop the kids taking their dads out for lunch! But from 5 o'clock we will get the new BBQ on and have a great evening, until it gets dark. We will probably do an All Stars session over that weekend too.

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Pentecost – It's the Church's Birthday!

Acts 2:1-4 The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit

The disciples became a church on the day of Pentecost; when God sent visible signs of his presence. The Holy Spirit, the mysterious 3rd person of the Trinity can be hard to understand. The work of the Spirit is as mysterious and invisible as the wind. The way we often take the Holy Spirit for granted resembles how we overlook the importance of the wind. Wind itself is invisible but we feel it and see its effects. The Holy Spirit is invisible but active and powerful around us. We are told that the promised gift of the Holy Spirit did not come to them as a gentle breeze, the disciples heard 'a sound like the blowing of a violent wind'.

The Holy Spirit also came as tongues of fire, individual flames over the heads of the gathered disciples. Fire is mesmerising wherever it is seen, capturing and holding our attention. It can speak of comfort and security, light in the darkness. A focal point that attracts our attention and enables us to find our way. The fire of the Holy Spirit is all these things and more. However, we cannot escape the fact that fire is also destructive and dangerous, as many of you know I've had first - hand experience of the destructiveness of fire when our house burnt down four years ago. So should we be afraid of the Holy Spirit?

In C.S. Lewis' story of The Lion, Witch and Wardrobe; Susan asks Mr Beaver if Aslan is safe. Mr Beaver replies, 'Course he isn't safe, but he's good'. Well I believe that The Holy Spirit isn't safe – but he's good! Unlike the disciples, we may not have the extraordinary experience of that day of Pentecost but, I pray that you will recognise The Holy Spirit at work in your life and the lives of those around you.

Rev Tracey Doyle

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