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ALVERDISCOTT AND HUNTSNAY

Welcome to the
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Volume 17 Issue 8
2020**Do it for Devon**Stick with us and [keep following the guidance to keep everyone safe and well.](#)[Devon extends a warm welcome to all visitors.](#)However, to keep us all safe, we need the support of local residents and visitors to keep following the guidelines with [social distancing](#), washing hands and hand sanitising, wearing a [face covering](#) in enclosed spaces and avoiding busy places.**Latest data is helping us keep on top of the situation.**[Dr Virginia Pearson](#), Director for Public Health Devon and Chair of the COVID-19 Health Protection Board, said:

Visitors to our website will have seen regular improvements since March to the way that we present public information and guidance about COVID-19.

We're still posting the latest national, regional and local updates and developments, but recently [we've included links to the available data.](#)

The data is publicly available from different sources, but we've pulled it together into the one place to give Devon residents and visitors to the county access to the latest information.

We're using the data to monitor exactly what's happening in the county in order to spot potential situations at the earliest opportunity. That way, we can work with our partners to implement plans immediately to contain a situation before it becomes a problem.

Devon, so far, is doing well to keep the number of confirmed cases low, even after there's been easing of lockdown restrictions. That's largely due to residents, and visitors, sticking to the guidance. There is no sign of any impact from the relaxation of lockdown or increased visitor numbers.

To protect yourself and others, when you leave home you must:

- keep washing your hands regularly
- wear a face covering over your nose and mouth in enclosed spaces
- stay at least a metre, or better still two, away from people not in your household.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/>

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From The Assistant Editor

Well folks, here we are again back in print, just like the old days. We'd had many folks asking, when is the Rag going to be back in print and so here we are. Thanks should go to the print room at NDDC and also to our distributors who agreed to carry on where they left off in March. Hand gel and masks at the ready of course.

I realise that having the Rag available on the Parish Council website is fine for some folks but others prefer the feel of a paper copy that can be picked up and put down as required. Well from now on we will hopefully have both options available to us.

Sadly all the planned events at Alverdiscott Hall have now been cancelled. Having said that, **The Friends of All Saints** are planning to have a **Sunday Lunch** if they get

enough people to support the idea. There is an update opposite on p3.

The **Anglicans** are going to have a **Harvest Service** at All Saints on Sunday September 13th at 11am. Details are on p4.

Things are slowly starting to happen again, but we have a long way to go yet. Looking at what is happening in France, Germany, Italy and Spain, easing restrictions seems to lead to the virus getting the upper hand again. We will definitely need a working vaccine before we can begin to relax.

It does suddenly seem very autumnal. The leaves on some of our Sycamores are turning to red and yellow. And at least one of the robins has started singing in that strangely mournful way they have, towards the end of the year.

Planned Events during 2020 at the Village Halls

All Events at Alverdiscott had to be Cancelled.
The Friends Autumn Lunch is under review.

Alverdiscott

Big Breakfast	Sunday 3 May	Cancelled
Friends Spring Lunch	Sunday 10 May	Cancelled
Treasure Hunt	Sunday 5 July	Cancelled
Friends Safari Supper	Saturday 25 July	Cancelled
Flower and Produce Show	Saturday 8 Aug	Cancelled
Harvest Supper	Friday 18 Sept	Cancelled
Big Breakfast	Sunday 25 Oct	Cancelled
Friends Autumn Lunch	Date TBA	See p3

Huntsnay

Huntsnay **"Ride and Stride"** Saturday 12 Sept Cancelled See p14

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Notice: Huntshaw Parish Hall AGM - Postponed

Due to Corona Virus lockdown restrictions the Emergency Committee for Huntshaw Parish Hall were unable to hold the AGM as planned at the end of March. The Committee have continued to care for the Hall in the mean time and hope that an AGM can be planned in the near future, once the Government allow us!

We do, however, want to keep the community involved and have therefore chosen to publish our "Officer" reports and accounts on the Parish Council Website. These will be formalised once an AGM can be held.

These reports will be available from 1st July at

<http://alverdiscott-huntshaw-parish.org.uk/your-parish-council/>

News from the Friends of Huntshaw Church

Our plans for the first event of the year – an open air picnic on 15th August at the church were sadly thwarted. We were not beaten by Covid-19 but by the great British weather! So, the event had to be cancelled. We have another event planned for Saturday 12th September – A Ride and Stride Day in support of the Devon Historic Churches Trust, however given the uncertainty around at the moment we have decided to cancel this event as well. Instead, a donation will be made to the Devon Historic Churches Trust.

We had planned to launch a recently completed graveyard survey at the Ride and Stride Day which would have included a guided tour around the churchyard. But fear not, this survey will soon be available online. We will hold a launch next year when things are more settled. The graveyard survey has been completed by Richard Sears a local boy who most of you will know. Among Richard's many skills is researching local history and he has written two books on the history of Huntshaw. I have not seen the graveyard survey yet but am impressed by the amount of work that has gone into it. Richard will be putting more information on accessing the online survey on the **Alverdiscott and Huntshaw Facebook page** and knowing Richard there will be some tempting titbits to get you interested. If you are not on Facebook then keep an eye on the Friends website www.huntshawchurch.com

As for what else takes place this year – who knows! Harvest Festival, Remembrance Day and Christmas are all events that both villages get involved in, but we shall have to see.

Audrey Alimo.

FRIENDS OF ALLSAINTS CHURCH ALVERDISCOTT

For obvious reasons the Friends have been unable to organise any events this year. We have missed our Spring Lunch and Safari Supper, two events which would have raised significant sums for us. Village Halls have received a grant from the Government to compensate for their loss of income but there has been nothing available for the church. Since the beginning of Lockdown some of our supporters have kindly set up regular payments and made one off donations to our funds which is very much appreciated. This has helped us to pay for the maintenance of the churchyard.

We are now looking at what we might safely be able to do to raise some essential funds and are considering holding a **Sunday Lunch in September or October** at the Village Hall. To ensure the safety of "staff" and "customers" and comply with Government Guidelines we would do the following:

- The event will only be publicised to local people who have supported other Friends events
- Social distancing – distance between tables and chairs will be in excess of 2 metres. Estimated number to seat is 30 to 35 depending on numbers in each family group or "bubble"
- Each booking would be seated at a separate table, no mixing of family groups
- "Customers" to be reminded of Covid guidelines with signs for 2m distance, hand washing and sanitising
- Hand sanitiser to be placed at the entrance, in toilets and on all tables
- Customers to enter one group at a time and be seated at their table and reminded they must social distance at all times
- All food and drink to be served at the tables
- All cooking/serving staff to wear masks

Before we make any definite plans we would like to know if people will support this event. If we have more people interested than we can seat at one time we will run a second lunch. If you would support our lunch please could you let us know by email – bulworthy@aol.com or telephone 01271 858441.

Graham White
Chairman

**ALL SAINTS ALVERDISCOTT
HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 11.00am**

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone to our Harvest Service. We will be following Covid 19 regulations with social distancing and please wear your mask.

After the service, as we are not permitted to provide food or drink, we invite you to bring a picnic lunch and share fellowship in the Churchyard.

Weather Permitting !!!

We look forward to seeing you all after such a difficult summer.

Barbara Ford.

Please email Rev Gary on revgaryowen@gmail.com to book a place.

Do You Need Assistance During Covid -19?

If you live in the Local Rag area and are having problems due to the current situation there are several groups in the local area who are offering to help out. They will take on tasks such as shopping, collecting prescriptions and even walking the dog, all of which can be more difficult than normal, right now. Please get in touch with the Rag and we will see if we can find someone to help you.

Quick Wit

I still can't believe people's survival instincts told them to grab loo rolls! I'm going to stay up on New Years Eve this year, not to see the new year in but to make sure the old one leaves...

If only I had known that March would be my last time in a restaurant, I would have had a pudding.

At the store there was a large X on the floor for me to stand on, but I've seen far too many "Road-Runner" cartoons to fall for that one...

Elaine Banks - MWiB Weekly email.

Leisure

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**26 Scientists
To Find.**

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HODGKIN	PASTEUR	DARWIN	SWAN	BELL	
FARADAY	SEABORG	AVERY	DAVY	OHM	

Last time the word was: Elsewhere

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 - Three months

Word count 28 = Good. More than 35 = Very Well done!

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Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 167

Good Luck...

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Solution to Su Doku No. 166

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Anglican Community - Team Rector Rev Gary Owen
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All Saints in Alverdiscott will be open for private prayer on Saturdays from 9.00am to 4.00pm.

**Please observe social distancing rules.
Sanitise hands on arrival and departure.
Only use those areas not taped off.**

www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org

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**We are living in very difficult times.
Life feels very different, and it is hard not meeting and worshipping as we usually do.**

**If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to ask.
I might not immediately know the answer, but I will endeavour to find out.**

**These are challenging times, but we are the Church
and we will carry on, just in a different way.**

**Please pray, read your Bibles and share in Worship in your homes.
And to start your Bible reading - try Psalm 91 - we are all under the care of Almighty God.**

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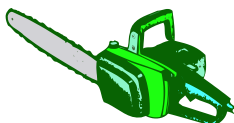
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Parish Council website: <http://alverdiscott-huntshaw-parish.org.uk/>

The new Parish Council website is packed with useful and relevant stuff, so do go and have a look around. If you have something that could be helpful, informative or entertaining in the current situation please get in touch, via the website or the Rag.

Parish Councillor Names and Contact Numbers

Bruce Millar	V Chairman	07392 304567
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Peter Ley		01271 858230
Donald Easterbrook		01805 623113
Eddie Staines		07831 262808
Tony Goldstone		01271 858437
Helen Bolton		01271 858885
Mrs Meaney		TBA
Mr Templeman		TBA
Mr Hardwicke		TBA

Parish Council Vacancies - Update

At the PC meeting held on 19 August, 3 new Parish Councillors were elected: Mrs Meaney - Mr Templeman and Mr Hardwicke.
Contact details to follow.

PLEASE NOTE - All the original events and planned work at St Mary Magdalene Huntshaw have been postponed until further notice, pending the course of Covid -19.

See p14 for the latest news

You can also keep a watch on our website www.huntshawchurch.com/ for the most up-to-date information.

Parish Council News

On Wednesday 19 August the Parish Council held their first Zoom meeting. The meeting was attended by three Parish Councillors, District Councillor Rosemary Lock (who took the minutes) and some members of the Parish. Four Councillors and myself did not attend, some did not have the technology to do so and some did not feel it was the best way to hold a Parish Council meeting. During the meeting 3 new councillors were elected.



I would like to take this opportunity to say that I have resigned from my position of Parish Clerk. If there is anyone interested in taking on this role please contact me by email, or any member of the PC. **Jean Huxtable.**

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 Huntshaw.	18/12/19	Awaited
1/0624/2020 28/07/2020	Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to 1 no. dwelling house And associated building operations under Class Q (affecting a public right of way) Nethercott Farm, Alverdiscott	Emailed	Awaited
1/0596/2020 03/08/2020	Part retrospective application for change of use from Agricultural Store to cold meat Store with ancillary cutting room. Barn at Nethercott Farm, Alverdiscott	Emailed	Awaited
1/003/08/2020 542/2020	Erection of 4 holiday lodges. Land at Grid Ref: 252226 123009 Huntshaw. Adjacent to Foxdown Woods.	Emailed	Awaited
1/0340/2020	Conversion of 2 Barns into domestic dwellings & associated site works, Woodtown Farm, Woodtown.	Emailed	Awaited
1/0434/2020 17/06/2020	Erection of a dwelling & associated works (Resubmission of application 1/0210/2019) Agricultural Building at Grid ref: 250454 123756 Huntshaw.	Emailed	Awaited

From the rector

For two weeks in August our family took a break. Often in the past we've gone away in our VW campervan (Vera) or holidayed at a Christian campsite in France. Neither seemed a good idea this year so we spent most of the time at home enjoying the garden and local beauty spots. But we did travel back to Kent for a few nights so that the children could visit friends. Fortunately, the sun shone and we met up in gardens and parks.

We've been remarkably blessed during the last 6 months – with no shortage of indoor or outdoor space in the Rectory. None of us have been seriously ill and neither have family or friends. But what we have missed is time with friends – being able to invite people round for a meal or go out together. It's not easy being new to an area and unable to meet up with, and get to know, people. No doubt the time will come.

This has made me reflect on Jesus' words to his disciples in John 15.15: *"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends."* The conviction of every Christian is that whilst God is awesome, mighty, holy and to be held in reverence, he grants us the immense privilege of knowing him as a loving heavenly Father and relating to his Son, Jesus, as a friend.

In Revelation 3.20, John, described in the bible as "the disciple whom Jesus loved" sees a vision of Jesus standing at a door and knocking. Jesus says, *"I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him and he with me."* The invitation from Jesus is clear – open our lives to him and he will come into our lives. We have the opportunity to share a deep friendship with Jesus, that not even covid-19 restrictions can hamper!

If you have not yet experienced this life-giving friendship now would be a great time to say to Jesus, "Jesus please come into my life and be my friend". If you do, please drop me an email and let me know. I'd love to help you find out more about how to grow in that friendship.

Best wishes

Gary

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Harvest Service – Alverdiscott Church

Sunday 13th September, 11.00am

Bring a picnic and (weather permitting) we'll sit in the churchyard and eat lunch after the service. To ensure social distancing is complied with, please email Rev Gary on revgaryowen@gmail.com to book a place. See p4 for more info.

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If you need a smile...

The following statements about the Bible were written by children in a School test. They have not been retouched or corrected.

1. David was a hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
2. Solomon, one of Davids sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
3. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the magna carta.
4. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived they found Jesus in the manager.
5. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
6. Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.
7. It was a miricle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
8. The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels.
9. The epistels were the wives of the apostles.
10. One of the oppossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.
11. St. Paul cavorted to christianity, he preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marraige.
12. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

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