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Bedlinen; The Revolution. Duvet whose parents were German and versus Sheets and Blankets she had a continental quilt, this

If it's not too personal a question was my first experience of this what is on your bed a Duvet or type of bedding and I couldn't Sheets and Blankets? understand why she didn't have any sheets or blankets.

When I first heard of duvets they were called continental quilts. Do you remember? A continental quilt, was stuffed with down or a synthetic material and containing pockets of air, used as a bed

cover in place of the top sheet I forget now when we changed and blankets. Also called: duvet over to a duvet. When my son and was probably the same as had a bed rather than a cot he what we now call a duvet had a duvet and of course that

As a child we had sheets and meant that as he grew up he blankets plus a bed spread and an could make his own bed, which eiderdown The bedspread would was very helpful.

be put on after the sheets and As to the washing and ironing (yes blankets and then the eiderdown I still iron my bed linen although on top, this would be filled with my friends tell me I shouldn't) is it the feathers from the eider duck. better to go for a duvet or the When I was about 10 or 12 I sheets and blankets. I'll leave you went to stay with a school friend to ponder that one...

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### From The Assistant Editor

The Friends Sunday Lunch was a real winner. So, if you didn't manage to get a ticket then watch out for other events organised by the Alverdiscott Friends of All Saints!

Also very interesting and enjoyable was the **Bats in the Belfry** evening held at Huntshaw Church. The talk, by Samantha of *North Devon Bat Care*, was really informative and enjoyed by more than 20 people. Then at 9pm we all ventured out into the Churchyard for a bit of bat spotting, great fun. Thanks and very well done to all concerned.

After a slow start the martins have got themselves in gear and we now have 5 nests either being built or repaired. However, all this activity is being carefully monitored by a house

sparrow who is just sitting on the roof waiting for the optimum moment. He is waiting for the chance to take over a nest after, that is, letting the martins do all the hard work. You can tell which nests the sparrows have commandeered by the festoons of dried grass dangling from the entrance.

Once inside the nest the sparrow has to fend off all attempts by the martins to retake their property.

This has happened in previous years and sometimes the battle is so intense that the nest fails and comes crashing down, so neither party wins.

Competition for these nesting sites is fierce and you obviously have to be strong to survive.

### And finally...

#### Events still to come at Alverdiscott Community Hall.

**Taw and Torridge Cavy Show.** Saturday 3 August - all welcome.

**Alverdiscott Flower and Produce Show.** Saturday 10 August.  
And if you can donate a cake or 2 for the Cake Stall that would be excellent!

**Harvest Supper.** Friday 20 September. Details to follow.

**Autumn Big Breakfast.** Sunday 27 October.

**Firework Party.** Friday 8 November. Details to follow.

**Taw and Torridge Poultry Show.** Sunday 10 November - all welcome.

**Filleighwood Ferret Show.** Saturday 30 November. Details to follow...

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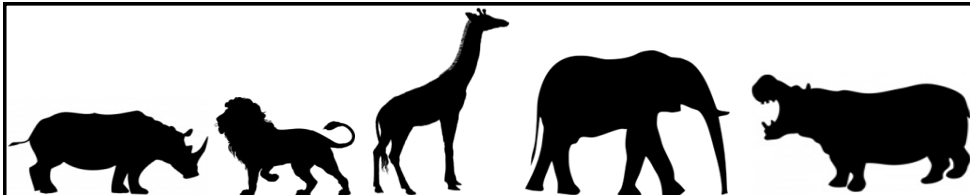
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## Friends of All Saints Alverdiscott



## SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY

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### Church Thoughts

Before we moved to North Devon, two years ago, we lived in Bristol for twenty eight years. Our children were born and grew up there and can all speak 'Brizzle'. If you are going to live in a city it's a pretty good place to live and it is certainly easier for the taxi of Mum and Dad.

At the beginning of June I had to go back for a meeting and I realised how noisy it was and how smelly and dirty the air was. We never noticed this when we lived there because we were acclimatized to it but going back from the quiet and the clean, though sometimes fragrant, air of North Devon it was very obvious.

As a nation we have just celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of D-Day. The soldiers who fought there did so for our freedom. If they could see their country now, a bit like me returning to Bristol, what would they think? Would they be amazed, delighted or horrified by the huge changes that have taken place since their time, in technology, culture and society?

Christians are to look at everyone and everything through the lens of God's love. If you are going away on holiday in the next few weeks you will have the privilege of seeing somewhere with fresh eyes and perhaps return home with new insights.

Tim Overton, Lay Reader.

### FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH ALVERDISCOTT

Firstly thank you to everyone who has supported our recent fundraising events. The Spring Lunch was well attended. We kept numbers to a manageable level and we believe everyone enjoyed a hot, tasty roast followed by a choice of desserts.

The first Musical Lunch was held at the end of May. Not a huge turnout but those who came along enjoyed a relaxing hour eating rolls and cakes and listening to Stuart playing the organ. Hopefully a few more will attend the next events on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 26<sup>th</sup> July and 30<sup>th</sup> August. Special thanks to Stuart for giving up his time to entertain us.

The stonemasons finished their work at the end of May. They have removed the damp plaster from the inside of the tower walls which has revealed some beautiful stonework. The outside walls of the vestry have been repaired and we have also had new metal grills fitted on several of the stained glass windows. While the grills were off the Friends cleaned the stained glass which revealed much brighter colours than we have been used to seeing.

Please don't forget our **Safari Supper** on 20<sup>th</sup> July, see the separate advert on p14, for details. It was a massive success last year so we are hoping for plenty of support again this time.

### FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS ALVERDISCOTT

#### MUSICAL LUNCHES AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY and 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST



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### Activities at the Methodist Chapel

Our Coffee Morning in June raised £95 for The Farming Community Network. The next Coffee Morning, which will be on July 4th from 10am until noon, is for **“Over and Above”** the after-care cancer unit at NDDH. Come and enjoy good coffee, good company and support a very worthwhile local cause. Our Coffee Mornings are very popular and enjoyable social occasions.

**Café Worship** - The next Café Worship is on Sunday 21 July at 5.00pm. 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 Sunday 28 July at 5.00pm.

**Gardening Club** - Details from Cynthia Courtenay on 01805 601323. Meeting fee is £1 which includes tea and biscuits. The next meeting will be on July 29th at 2.30pm.

**Alverdiscott Craft Group** - The Craft group meet at the Chapel on the second Tuesday of the month - next meeting is 9 July 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](mailto:stuart.fuller454@gmail.com)

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### In the Garden

29 To Find.

FORK	DIG	RAKE	WHEELBARROW	MATTOCK	FENCES
CROPS	HOSE	PATIO	GREENHOUSE	SHREDDER	LOPPERS
GRASS	GATE	WORMS	POTTINGSBED	PRUNING	SNAILS
MUD	TUBS	PEAT	PAVINGSTONES	SUNDIAL	SHEARS
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### Last time the word was: Gathering

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 - Common

Word count 26 = Good. More than 33 = Well Done!

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## Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 154

Good Luck.

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Solution to Su Doku No. 153

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## Anglican Community - Interim Rector Rev Tracey Doyle

July 2019



## Sunday 7th Trinity 3

Alverdiscott	11.00am
Tawstock	11.00am
Newton Tracey	11.00am

At Chapel US  
PCC Led Service  
Morning Worship  
With Holy Communion

## Sunday 14th Trinity 4

Huntshaw	11.00am
Tawstock	11.00am
Yarnscombe	11.00am
Horwood	11.00am

All Age Worship  
Holy Communion  
Pets Service  
Prayer Meeting

## Sunday 21st Trinity 5

Alverdiscott	11.00am
Newton Tracey	11.00am
Tawstock	11.00am
Yarnscombe	6.30pm

Holy Communion  
All Age Worship  
Family Service with Baptism  
Evening Worship

## Sunday 28rd Trinity 6

Horwood	9.15am
Tawstock	11.00am
Huntshaw	6.30pm

Holy Communion  
PCC Led Service  
Evening Worship

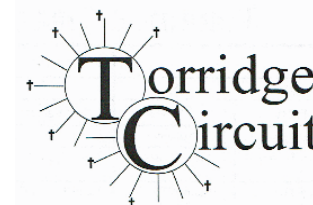
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07 July	11.00	Rev R Blackhall S US
	6.30	Rev A Vidamour

14 July	11.00	Mrs V Sheriff
	6.30	At Northam Circuit Service for <i>Action for Children</i>

21 July	11.00	LA
	5.00	Café Worship

28 July	11.00	Mrs N Hall-Tomkin
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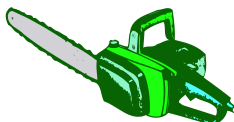
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### Parish Council News

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



### Planning Applications

Application Number and Date	Description <i>Full Details Available on Torridge District Council Website - <a href="http://www.torridge.gov.uk/plans">www.torridge.gov.uk/plans</a></i>	Parish Comment	LPA Decision And Date
1/0507/2018 23/05/2018	Conversion of Barn to Dwelling at West Webbery Farm, Webbery.	Emailed	Approved 12/06/19
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	Approved 18/06/19
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
1/0272/2019/ FUL 08/05/19	Erection of agricultural building on existing outside yard Little Pillhead Webbery Bideford Devon EX39 4PR	Emailed	Approved 12/06/19
1/0399/2019	Proposed extension to shed, Staines Trailers Ltd Huntshaw Torrington Devon EX38 7HH	Emailed	Awaited
1/0511/2019	Proposed triple garage with store above   Twitchen Farm Huntshaw Torrington Devon EX38 7HQ	Emailed	Awaited

### Celebrating our Bats

Our recent evening, in which we celebrated our bats, was very informative and entertaining thanks to **Samantha Pickering from North Devon Bat Care**. We were able to see bats up close and went on a bat walk around the church, complete with hi tech bat monitors.

There are over 1300 species of bats in the world with 17 species plus one found in the UK. The 'plus one' is a solitary Greater mouse-eared bat that has been hibernating in this country. This poor chap's colony was destroyed in a fire in a thatched cottage in Southern England but he returns each year.

Bats live for 30 years or more and they are creatures of habit returning to the same roosts each year. They hibernate during the winter, waking in April when they are hungry and thirsty. Females form maternity colonies in warm, safe places and give birth to a single pup, which they feed on their milk. At six weeks, the young bats begin to catch insects for themselves and the summer maternity colonies disperse with bats moving to mating roosts. Bats are very sensitive during the maternity season and if disturbed they may abandon their young.

All UK bats eat insects. Each species has its favourite types and hunts them in its own special way. Most insects are caught and eaten in mid-air. Bats have very big appetites, because flying uses up lots of energy. A common pipistrelle can eat over 3,000 tiny insects in a single night!

Unfortunately, in the UK bat populations have declined considerably. They are under threat from building and development work, the use of chemicals in agriculture, wind turbines, loss of habitat, lighting and cat attacks. For this reason, all bat species, their breeding sites and resting places are fully protected by law in Europe. This means that you cannot deliberately capture, injure or kill bats, damage or destroy a breeding or resting place or obstruct access to their resting or sheltering places.

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## \*\*\*\*\*Huntsraw Parish Hall Meeting\*\*\*\*\*

**On Thursday 27th June at 7.30pm.**

The Trustees of the hall would like to invite to the meeting, anyone from Huntsraw Parish who would be interested in becoming involved with the management of the hall.

*Cont'd from page 7*

A recent bat survey at Huntsraw church revealed around eight different species that are using the building at different times of the year. They live behind boarding, in masonry cracks, in roof spaces and even under the altar. Those of you who attended our Christmas Party at the village hall will remember that a bat joined us during the evening. It was flying around the hall and could not find the open door. None of us really knew what to do at the time. But now we know that if an injured or distressed bat is found, then *North Devon Bat Care* will send a licensed expert to rescue it. For more information contact: 01271 314809 or Mob: 07896 338346 (text after 6 pm) or access <http://www.northdevonbatcare.co.uk/>

## And while we are on the subject of bats ...

We love our bats in Huntsraw and were delighted to find out in early June that we have a maternity roost in the tower of the church. However, this has implications for the planned work to the tower. A start date for the 8<sup>th</sup> July had been agreed with Kilbride Roofing Ltd and everything was in place to complete the work during the summer. But we now cannot begin until 1<sup>st</sup> October. For more information see <https://www.huntsrawchurch.com/> Audrey Alimo.

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