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ALVERDISCOTT AND HUNTSRAW**Welcome to the
November Edition**
Volume 16 Issue 10
2019**A Soldier Died Today**

He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion,
Telling stories of the past

Of a war that he once fought in
And the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies;
They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbours
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew whereof he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For ol' Bob has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer
For a soldier died today.

He won't be mourned by many,
Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary,
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family,
Going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his passing,
'tho a Soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth,
Their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing,
And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories
From the time that they were young,
But the passing of a soldier
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution
To the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his promise
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow
Who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his Country
And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend
And the style in which he lives,
Are often disproportionate,
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary soldier,
Who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal
And perhaps a pension, small.

It's so easy to forget them,
For it is so many times,
That our Bobs and Jims
Went to battle, but we still pine.

It was not the politicians
With their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom
That our Country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,
With your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-out,
With his ever waffling stand,

Or would you want a Soldier,
His home, his country, his kin,
Just a common Soldier,
Who would fight until the end?

He was just a common Soldier,
And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us
We may need his like again.

For when countries are in conflict,
We find the Soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honour
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage
At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline
in the paper that might say:
**"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,
A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."**
Author Unknown

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From The Assistant Editor

More buns than you can shake a stick at... That's the first and probably the last time I'll ever type those words in the Rag.

"Hello, This is the second time I have used Muriel's wonderful bun recipe.

Delicious! However, my husband did remark he didn't get a sultana in his first bun from this batch." Kind Regards Helen White.

Thanks Helen for sharing them with us. Asst. Ed.



Now, on a sad note the Gardening Club that has been running at the Chapel for many years, is going to close down after the November meeting unless someone volunteers to keep it going. If you think you would like to take it on then do please contact Cynthia Courtenay, details on p4.

Also - Please note the Huntshaw Big Christmas Party will now take place in Huntshaw Hall. See advert on p9.

And finally...

Events still to come at Alverdiscott Community Hall.

Firework Party. Friday 8 November. See p11.

Taw and Torridge Poultry Show. Sunday 10 November - All are welcome.

Friends Sunday Lunch. Sunday 17 November. See p3.

Filleighwood Ferret Show. Saturday 30 November. Why not pop along all are welcome. Refreshments available.

Please note the Huntshaw Christmas Party is now at Huntshaw Hall. See p9 for full details.

Emergencies

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Community Hall Bookings

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| Huntshaw | Suzu White 07711 787853 |

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Local News

**Charity High Tea & Auction of Promises
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The Community Insight survey

Devon County Council is running an insight survey, until December 22nd, about life in Devon. The plan is to capture a snapshot of life in Devon.

They're asking people whether they can:

- ♦ Get around easily
- ♦ Access green spaces
- ♦ Look after themselves, feel safe
- ♦ Access community resources and adult learning etc.

They're also asking about your health and wellbeing and social connectivity along side views on fly tipping/cleanliness, decision making, whether you feel listened to and whether you think council tax should increase. Really! Asst. Ed.

It would be great if you could complete this survey so that DCC gets plenty of feedback.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/community-insight-survey-2019/>

County Councillor Linda Hellyer - Bideford East Division
07828 758360

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH**SUNDAY LUNCH****ALVERDISCOTT COMMUNITY HALL****17 NOVEMBER****12.30pm for 1pm**

Tickets £12 - 10 yrs. and under £6

Ticket price includes 2 course meal a glass of wine or a soft drink and tea or coffee.

Tickets from Liz White 01271 858441 or email bulworthy@aol.com
or Joyce Ley 01271 858230

News update from Huntshaw Friends:

The repair work to the tower began on 2nd October with the scaffolding going up. But by the 5th of October all work had been halted as the bats returned. Two lesser horseshoe bats were found in the deadening chamber beneath the bells. It is unusual for bats to be found in church towers at this time of year, but we think that the mild weather has delayed their move to their hibernation destinations. There is another inspection tomorrow (21st) and we hope that work will have resumed by the time you read this. We are grateful to Shawn and his team (the contractors) for their patience.

Activities at the Methodist Chapel

Our Coffee Morning in October raised £110 for The Shoe Box Appeal.

The next Coffee Morning, which will be on November 7 from 10am until noon, is for the MWiB **"SW Air Ambulances"**. 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 17 November at 5.00pm and will be led by Rev Rob Blackhall. 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 on Sunday 24 November at 5.00pm and will be led by Rev Andrew Baguley.

Gardening Club - Details from Cynthia Courtenay on 01805 601323. Meeting fee is £1 which includes tea and biscuits. The next meeting will be on 25 November at 2.30pm.

Alverdiscott Craft Group - The Craft group meet at the Chapel on the second Tuesday of the month - next meeting is 12 November 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

****See note on p7 for details of special event at the December meeting.**

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Dates for Your Diary

Remembrance Sunday is 10 November

The ever popular Carol Service with the Children from Horwood and Newton Tracey School is on Sunday 15 December at 6pm.

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Holiday accommodation for relatives or friends visiting North Devon and needing somewhere to stay. Reasonable terms.



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Last time the word was: Chocolate

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 - Vetting

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Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 158

Good Luck.

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November 2019

Sunday 3rd Trinity 20

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| Alverdiscott | 11.00am | At Methodist Chapel |
| Newton Tracey | 11.00am | Morning Worship |
| Tawstock | 11.00am | PCC Led Worship |

Sunday 10th Trinity 21

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| Tawstock | 10.45am | Remembrance Service |
| Yarnscombe | 10.50am | Remembrance Service |

Sunday 17th Trinity 22

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| Newton Tracey | 11.00am | Shoebox Service |
| Tawstock | 11.00am | PCC Led Service |
| Yarnscombe | 6.30pm | Holy Communion |

Sunday 24th

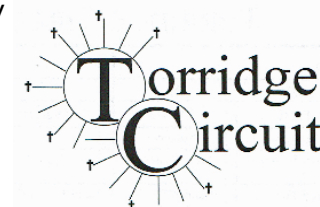
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| Alverdiscott | 11.00am | Holy Communion |
| Horwood | 9.15am | Holy Communion |
| Huntsyawl | 6.30pm | Evening Prayer |
| Tawstock | 11.00am | Family Service & Baptism |

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Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel - Minister Rev Rob Blackhall

01805 628041

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| 03 November | 11.00 | Rev Rob Blackhall S US |
| | 6.30 | Rev Andrew Vidamour |
| 10 November | 10.55 | Mrs Lorna Dawe - Remembrance Sunday |
| | 6.30 | Rev Rob Blackhall |
| 17 November | 11.00 | Mr Roy Harris |
| | 5.00 | Rev Rob Blackhall CW |
| 24 November | 11.00 | Mr Duncan Withall |
| | 5.00 | EXPLORE with Rev Andrew Baguley |

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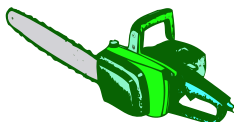
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Firework Party

At Alverdiscott Hall on Friday 8 November

The Bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm

with

Fireworks from 7pm.

Come along and enjoy the fun.

Free entry

Hot Drinks and Soup available

BBQ and Licensed Bar



Parish Council News

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in Alverdiscott Hall on Wednesday 13th November at 7.30pm.



It is with regret that we have to announce that Allan Clements has resigned as Chairman and from the Parish Council, prior to the last meeting. The Parish Council wish to thank him for the many years he has spent with us.

We had heard from a few residents who are interested in joining the Parish Council to represent Huntshaw. There will also be one vacancy for Alverdiscott so do please get in touch with the Parish Clerk if you are interested in joining.

The posters for the second vacancy have not yet been received but will be put on the notice board when available. We look forward to hearing from you.

You just need to live, work or own property in the Parish or within 3 miles of its boundary.

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 |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------|-----------------------|
| I/0399/2019 06/05/2019 | Proposed extension to shed, Staines Trailers Ltd. Huntshaw Torrington Devon EX38 7HH | Emailed | Awaited |
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From the Rector

Once again, thank you all for the warm welcome you've given Helen, the children and I to the Mission Community. Its been great to start to get to know you and we've enjoyed some wonderful harvest festivals.

By the end of November I should have made it to each church and spent some time with each community. Do come along and meet me when I visit your village church.

The Ministry team and Mission Council have been busy making plans for the future. We believe God is calling us to ensure that there is a service in each church in the Mission Community each week; so that the Christians of each village may join together to worship, learn, pray and plan their work in their community. These weekly services may take a traditional form, but equally as likely they will be informal gatherings, family services, prayer and praise – whatever each church feels will best serve the needs of their community. Many of the services will be led by church members. We pray that the Christians in each village will join in, whether they currently attend church or not.

The task we have set ourselves is not going to be easy, but we are committed to starting on the first Sunday in February, after we have joined together in Newton Tracey on 26th January to say goodbye to Rev Paul. To find out more about how we plan to move forward, and what part you can play, please email me on revgaryowen@gmail.com and ask me to add you to our new email list.

Please also follow the benefice and me on Facebook and feed in your comments to the discussions. **Rev Gary Owen.**

ALPACAS AND SOAP

Next month, on Tuesday December 10th the Craft Group that meets in the hall at Alverdiscott Chapel is holding a workshop on making Alpaca felted soap pads for washing or as gifts.

Sue Ashmole will also talk about the Alpacas she keeps on a farm near Torrington, and bring other Alpaca goods for sale.

The workshop will start at 11.00am and finish by 2.00pm. We are open from 10.30am. The cost is £2 per person. Tea/Coffee and Biscuits will be provided.

Please book with me if you would like to join us.
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CHRISTMAS IS COMING AND IT'S TIME TO PARTY

The Friends of Huntshaw Church are
 hosting a Christmas party on:

**Saturday, 7th December at
 Huntshaw Village Hall**

Come along to a fun evening including a
 festive buffet complete with lots of
 delicious puddings and sweets.
 £12.50 per person (£6.00 per child) to include a
 glass of mulled wine or a soft drink.



Tickets available from Lesley 01271 858552 or Lorraine 07912 503992.

Note the change of venue: The Huntshaw Village Hall is now under new management so we have moved the party back to Huntshaw. We thank the Alverdiscott Village Hall committee for their hospitality and patience as we made this late change.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for someone (or a small team of people) to volunteer to unlock the church in Huntshaw in the morning and to lock it up at night. As part of our plans to make the church more accessible we want to offer an open church for visitors from January 2020. This is likely to be a short term commitment as we are currently fundraising to have an automated lock fitted.

Further information from Audrey audreyalimo@yahoo.co.uk or 07952 028013 or any member of the Friends group or PCC.

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