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**THE LOCAL RAG**  
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Welcome to the  
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**Alverdiscott Flower and Produce Show - Cup Winners 2019**

Vegetables and Fruit	Most Points	Francis Courtenay
Flowers	Most Points	Maggie Edwards
Cookery	Most Points	Maggie Edwards
Arts and Crafts	Most Points	Audrey Long
Photography	Most Points	Sarah Andrews
Novelty Growers	Most Points	Cody Marchant
Under 16's	Most Points	Maddy Alexander

Vegetables and Fruit	Best Exhibit	Francis Courtenay
Flowers	Best Exhibit	Cynthia Courtenay
Cookery	Best Exhibit	Muriel Moore
Vase of Roses	Best Exhibit	Adrian White
Streptocarpus	Best Exhibit	Philip Heath
Sweet Peas	Best Exhibit	Maggie Edwards
Photography	Best Exhibit	Adam Andrews
Gardening Club	Best Exhibit	Janet Coleman
Floral Art	Best Exhibit	Wendy Johnson

It was a very successful and enjoyable show despite the inclement weather. Very well done to the winners and thanks to all those who entered. Our thanks also go to the judges without whom the show could not happen and to all those involved in the organising.

Hope to see you all again, next year...

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### From The Assistant Editor

Thankfully, the forecast bad weather didn't materialise so the Flower and Produce Show went ahead as planned and was well attended. In spite of everything being inside the hall there was a good atmosphere and all seemed to have a good time.

The next event will be the Harvest Supper, on Friday 20 September and tickets are available via the Rag or any member of the hall committee. Following the success of recent years there will again be four courses, including a hot main. The price has been held at £12 for adults and £5 for under 12's. There will again be a licenced bar and table top quizzes to keep you entertained. More details on p14. Hope to see you there. The bad weather may have missed us

to some extent but we have had a lot of rain over the last few days. In just the 5 days from the 8th to the 12th of August we've had 76mm in the gauge at Webbery Cross, more than the entire month of January.

The house martins are still with us. They managed to raise 2 broods from the nests that survived and they can now be seen wheeling overhead at Webbery. Hopefully they will soon be strong enough to set off on their long journey south. The sparrows who hijacked one of the nests also raised a brood and were last seen hopping around in the garden begging for food from the parent birds. It seems to have been a good year with scores of young birds of many species visible in the garden.

### And finally...

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

**Harvest Supper.** Friday 20 September - 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets available now.

**Friends Bingo Night.** Wednesday 16 October - 7 for 7.30pm. See p11.

**Autumn Big Breakfast.** Sunday 27 October. Don't miss it...

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

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

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

**The Huntsraw Friends Big Christmas Party.** Saturday 7 December...

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<b>Huntsraw</b>	Kelly Hill 07813 684090

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## Local Events

**Alverdiscott Community Hall****Harvest Supper - Four Courses**

To Include a Hot Main Course

Friday 20 September 2019 7.00 for 7.30pm

With Licenced Bar

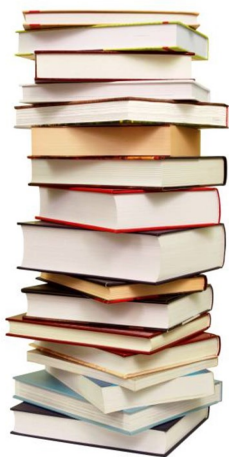
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***"Table Top Entertainment"***

Adults      £12.00

Under 12's £5.00

Tickets from the Rag or Committee Members

**St Michael's Church Horwood***Coffee Morning*

SAT 7th SEPTEMBER 10.00am until 12.00pm

Refreshments with Books &amp; Cakes to buy.

***In aid of the Devon Historic Churches Trust*****Two Rivers Mission have a new Team Rector**

On Monday 23rd September our new team rector, Rev Gary Owen, will be instituted and installed at a service in High Bickington. Everyone is welcome to come to the service, which starts at 7pm.

Rev Gary spent the first eleven years of ordained ministry in the Welsh Diocese of St Asaph, before serving as rector of three village churches in Kent for the last nine years.

Gary is married to Helen and they are parents to two grown-up children and two younger (one primary school age and the other secondary). Helen spent the first 18 years of her life in Devon and is delighted to be returning.

They are moving, at least initially, into the Vicarage in High Bickington.

Gary says, "I am looking forward to the challenge of helping the churches of the Two Rivers Mission Community flourish. Jesus promised life in all its fullness to those who followed him. Jesus is the most amazingly attractive person. Who else turned water into wine, poked fun at the self-righteous with stories about planks in eyes, healed the sick and raised the dead? The task facing us is not without its challenges, but with Jesus we can face them with a sense of expectation and even fun."

Gary's first service in the benefice will be on Sunday 29th September at 10.30am in Horwood. This will be an 'All Age Communion with activities for children and youth'. Refreshments will be served after the service during which Rev Gary will hold a 'quick fire question and answer session'. All are invited to come and join us, including those not normally in church....

**FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS ALVERDISCOTT****A MUSICAL LUNCH AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH****Friday 27 September**

***Light lunch available from 12.30pm, music from 1pm.  
Just turn up, relax and enjoy!***

### Activities at the Methodist Chapel

Our Coffee Morning in August raised £81 for **Water Aid**, not the Children's Air Ambulance as advertised. That will be included next year.

The next Coffee Morning, which will be on September 5th from 10am until noon, is for **"Methodist Homes"**. 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 will be led by Rev Lynne Burdon on Sunday 15 September 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 on Sunday 29 September 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 30 September at 2.30pm.

**Alverdiscott Craft Group** - The Craft group meet at the Chapel on the second Tuesday of the month - next meeting is 10 September 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)

### Dates for Your Diary

Harvest Festival Services with Rev Rob Blackhall  
Sunday 6 October at 11am and 6.30pm.

Morning Café Worship Sunday 13 October at 11am  
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### Leisure

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30 To Find.**

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### Last time the word was: Programme

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 - The Rag?

P	W	N
P	E	E
S	R	A

Word count 26 = Good. More than 30 = Well Done!

## Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 156

Good Luck.

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Solution to Su Doku No. 155

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## Anglican Community - Interim Rector Rev Tracey Doyle

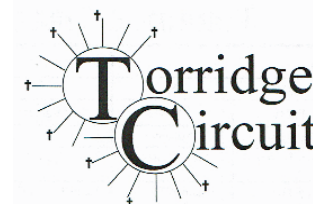
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<b>Sunday 1st</b>	<b>Trinity 11</b>		
Alverdiscott	11.00am	NOT At Chapel	
Tawstock	11.00am	PCC Led Service	
Newton Tracey	11.00am	Fellowship Breakfast & Worship	
<b>Sunday 8th</b>	<b>Trinity 12</b>		
Horwood	9.15am	Prayer Meeting	
Huntsraw	11.00am	All Age Worship	
Tawstock	11.00am	Holy Communion	
Yarnscombe	6.00pm	Holy Communion	
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	<b>Trinity 13</b>		
Newton Tracey	11.00am	All Age Worship	
Tawstock	11.00am	PCC Led Service	
Yarnscombe	11.00am	Baptism	
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	<b>Trinity 14</b>		
Alverdiscott	11.00am	Joint at PC HC Harvest	
Horwood	9.15am	Holy Communion	
Huntsraw	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	
Tawstock	11.00am	Family Service	
<b>Sunday 29th</b>	<b>Trinity 15</b>		
Horwood	10.30am	Rev Gary's first Service	

[www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org](http://www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org)
**Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel - Minister Rev Rob Blackhall**  
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<b>01 September</b>	11.00	At Langtree TRIPP
	6.30	Rev Andrew Vidamour
<b>08 September</b>	11.00	Mr Jim Wood
	<b>3.00</b>	<b>At Torrington for Circuit Discussion</b>
<b>15 September</b>	11.00	Mrs E Potter S
	5.00	Café Worship
<b>22 September</b>	11.00	At PC HC Harvest
	6.30	Rev Rob Blackhall S
<b>29 September</b>	11.00	Mrs J Spencer
	5.00	EXPLORE

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**FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH ALVERDISCOTT**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Safari Supper back in July. We raised an amazing £2,000 which will really help us to keep the church open.

Our next fund raising event is a **Bingo Night on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at Alverdiscott Hall**, 7pm for 7.30pm.

We also have Quiz Sheets for sale – contact Liz or Graham on [Bulworthy@aol.co.uk](mailto:Bulworthy@aol.co.uk) if you would like one (or can sell some for us).

In November we hope to have another Sunday Lunch, see next month's Rag for details.

Work on the amalgamation of our parish with Newton Tracey is continuing. There is a Notice on display in the Church porch. If you would like any further information contact Graham. The likely date for the completion is sometime in November.

Liz White

### Parish Council News

**The next Parish Council meeting is due to be held in Huntshaw Hall on Wednesday 4 September at 8pm.**

At the Annual Parish Meeting it was good to see a few members of the Parish in attendance, thank you for coming and thank you Louise for making the tea & coffee.



We were able to welcome our two new District Councillors Rosemary Lock & Michael Clarke. Also thank you to the Churches and Halls representatives for their yearly reports. This was followed by the Parish Council AGM. Councillor Allan Clements was elected Chairman (on the agreement the Vice Chairman would assist if needed) and Councillor Andy Rickard remained as Vice Chairman thank you both and all the other councillors for the roles they have agreed to accept.

Any organisation wishing to apply for a grant this year should contact the Parish Clerk, with an up to date copy of the accounts and a covering letter explaining why the grant is required, before the next meeting.

### Planning Applications

Application Number and Date	Description <i>Full Details Available from 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
1/0587/2019 FUL 02/07/2019	First Floor Extension to Northeast elevation with car port under. Huntshaw Mill, Huntshaw EX38 7HD	Emailed	Awaited
1/0210/2019/ FUL 03/04/2019	Erection of a dwelling and associated works Agricultural Building At Grid Reference 250454 123756 Huntshaw Devon.	Emailed	Refused 30/07/19
1/0708/2019/ AGMB 29/07/2019	Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to 1 no. dwelling under Class Q and associated operational development. Barn At Garnacott Farm, Huntshaw EX38 7HG	Emailed	Awaited
1/0399/2019 06/05/2019	Proposed extension to shed, Staines Trailers Ltd. Huntshaw Torrington Devon EX38 7HH	Emailed	Awaited
1/0511/2019 11/06/2019	Proposed triple garage with store above. Twitchen Farm Huntshaw Torrington Devon EX38 7HQ	Emailed	Approved 01/08/19

### Yeast Buns

At the recent Flower Show I was asked for the recipe of my 'Yeast Buns'! This is not an easy task as I have no official recipe, it is just something that has evolved over the years! So this is the approximate ingredients. But it is not critical to use exact quantities - they seem to turn out ok however much I use - so good luck.

1.5 kilo bag of strong white bread flour (S'bury's).

Approx. 6 ozs of white sugar.

Approx. 6 ozs hard margarine (cut into cubes).

3 sachets of fast action dried yeast.

A little salt.

Approx. 2.5 pints of half cold milk and half hot water.

Approx. 8 ozs sultanas.

I sometimes add about 8 ozs of strong wholemeal flour.

I use a Kenwood Major Mixer, but if you have a smaller one or mix it by hand divide the quantities I've given.

### Method if using a mixer.

Put all the ingredients in a mixing bowl except the liquid and sultanas. Mix for about 20 seconds to distribute the yeast, then gradually add the warmed liquid (you may not need it all depending on the flour, it can vary) it should be an elastic dough, not too wet, lastly add the sultanas and mix for about 20 seconds. Turn the dough onto a floured surface and knead well, working the sultanas into the centre, add a few more if you like plenty! The more you knead the better they are. Roll out to about half an inch thick and use the size cutters you like, then put on greased trays, cover with clean tea towels and leave them in a warm place until doubled in size. (Knead all the trimmings together and cut out more buns). Cook in a fairly hot oven until nice and brown, cool on cake racks and when they are completely cold, put in the freezer, when thawed they are just like freshly baked!

**If you make them by hand** - rub the margarine into the flour before adding the other ingredients. If these instructions seem daunting, give me ring on 858284 and make an appointment to come and watch me make some!!!

Muriel Moore.

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### Update from the Huntshaw Friends

Well the first phase of the internal work at Huntshaw Church began in earnest at the end of July and within two days the floorboards in the vestry and the pew area had been removed. Beneath the pews we found ventilation channels leading out to the exterior of the walls of the building (like a Roman hypocaust system). The foundations in the vestry were damp and the floorboards and joists were so decayed that they had crumbled and no longer existed. This explains why those of us who had previously been brave enough to enter the vestry used to "bounce" as we walked! New oak joists have been placed in both areas and new floorboards laid. We plan to open up the old fireplace in the vestry and hopefully get some ventilation down the chimney. Also, for the first time in 40 years the vestry door is usable. It had been secured with an ancient lock for many years and the key was missing so a new lock is now in place and yesterday I had the pleasure of walking from the vestry into the churchyard.

In tandem with the pew and the vestry work, the west door to the church is being restored. This door is hundreds of years old but it is not the original door and there is a story to tell about this but that is for another edition of the LR. We were aware, however, that there was no frame to the doorway, so the door never fitted allowing in drafts and the cold. It was also prone to wobbling on its pintles! So, a new oak frame is being made and the door has been removed to a workshop for restoration. We have had problems with the external metal work as the hinge ends were worn and did not fit the pintles. Rather than getting new iron work made (at great expense) we enlisted the help of a retired blacksmith from Bideford. He has done some clever things to the hinges and made new pintles to fit so we are just waiting for the door to be rehung now. In the meantime the plywood looks very nice and it is keeping the weather out.

The next big challenge is to install a compostable toilet at the rear of the church! There are photographs of the work at <https://www.huntshawchurch.com/>

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