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important for all of us.

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From next Friday 24 July it will be compulsory to wear face coverings
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(over mouth and nose) if you
are visiting hospital.



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From The Assistant Editor

Well here we are then, August. Another month has "Zoomed" by and we are still under lockdown, albeit with some relaxation of the original rules. Hands-up all those who have had enough! Well sorry, but it ain't over yet. There is still a long way to go.

Personally the novelty wore off about 3 weeks ago. I was doing quite well but now I want a change. Not sure what, just something different.

To be fair, the current situation isn't really having much affect on Elsie and myself. In some ways nothing much has changed! We are still just chugging along much as we were. Nothing to complain about one could say. Certainly not compared to living on the 22nd floor of a tower block, in a big city, with two frantic children to entertain.

Nothing to complain about at all.

The birds in the garden are still keeping us entertained. There are young sparrows, blue tits, great tits, robins, wrens and dunnocks all over the lawn. The fat balls are going down quicker than ever before.

Amazingly, some of our blackbirds have now learned to hang on the cages and peck at the fat balls just like the tits do. Previously they had been content to hop around on the grass under the cages waiting to feed on the crumbs that fell to the ground. Obviously they have decided to be more proactive. To be honest they are not as adept as the blue tits but given time they will get better.

Evolution in progress...

Planned Events during 2020 at the Village Halls

Events at Alverdiscott have been cancelled up to end August.
The situation after that 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	Under Review
Big Breakfast	Sunday 25 Oct	Under Review
Friends Autumn Lunch	Sunday 22 Nov	Under Review

New Events at Huntsbay

Huntsbay BIG PICNIC	Saturday 15 August	See p14
Huntsbay "Ride and Stride"	Saturday 12 September	See p14

Emergencies

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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/>



The Huntshaw BIG PICNIC

Saturday 15th August 2 - 5 pm, Huntshaw village

Meet up with friends for a relaxed afternoon in the sunshine catching up with all the news that you have missed during lockdown. Bring your own picnic and beverages. This will be an outdoor event and if rain is likely it will be cancelled. All welcome but please let us know that you are coming. Email: audreyalimo@yahoo.co.uk or contact any member of the Friends or Parish Hall committee.

The Huntshaw 'Ride and Stride' Walk

In support of the Devon Historic Churches Trust

Saturday 12th September 2 - 5 pm. Huntshaw Church



We will be launching our new graveyard survey, compiled by Richard Sears. The day will include a guided tour (or stride) around the churchyard where you will be able to find out about the graves and headstones of people who helped to make Huntshaw what it is today. There will be a collection for the Devon Historic Churches Trust.

Refreshments available.

All current guidelines will be followed during events, including social distancing.

From the Rector - Two Rivers Mission Community

Those of us of a certain age will be familiar with Boney M's song "By the Rivers of Babylon":

***"By the rivers of Babylon,
we sat down and wept
When we remembered Zion."***

It is, of course, a pop rendition of Psalm 137 from the Bible.

This psalm was written and sung by God's people, the Israelites, whilst in captivity in Babylon. Far from their homes, far from the Holy City of Jerusalem and the Temple where God's glory dwelt, they were forced to ask the question, "how shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?"

"Home" is really important to us as human beings. One of the places where I feel most at home is the cricket ground in Canterbury. I've never lived anywhere for more than 10 years; such is the lot of clergy that a change of jobs means a house move too! But every year as I take my place once again in a green plastic seat on the boundary, I feel that I'm 'home'. I've really missed that this year. I'm aware that many of my happiest times at cricket have been with my father and then my children – happy times of shared experience, even when the result hasn't been what we hoped for.

Maybe home is as much, if not more, about where our loved ones are than the actual place itself.

This is what the Israelites discovered during their time in Babylon. They had supposed that to feel and experience the presence of God they needed to go to the Temple, but they discovered that God was as much with them by the rivers of Babylon as in Jerusalem. Being 'at home' with God wasn't so much about a physical place as an experienced relationship.

As Christians we know that Jesus is the true temple – the place where God can be met and enjoyed. And we can meet with Jesus anytime, anywhere – just close your eyes (or keep them open!) and pray...

In the Two Rivers Mission Community we are reopening our buildings for public worship. We're doing this as quickly as we possibly can. Our church buildings are important to us. They are the places where God has been worshipped for centuries before us – they drip with prayer. Maybe we were married before the altar, our children christened at the font and our relatives are buried in the churchyard. We want to open our church buildings so that we can meet together again. As Christians we are family – brothers and sisters together as God's children – and which family does not want to meet together. But as we do, let's remember that the physical place is not as important as the God who we meet in it; and God is with us wherever we go... and wherever he is we can find our true home. **Rev Gary Owen.**

Alverdiscott Community Hall

The Hall has been really quiet since the lockdown started. We didn't actually "close", we didn't need to, all the bookings simply disappeared. However we have made use of the quiet time, we've had the place redecorated inside and out. And it looks really good, thanks go to **JP Property Services** for a job well done.

And then, in the last week, we've had some enquiries about new bookings. A couple of bands have called about bookings for band practice, socially distancing of course. And we've just had a call from a young man, planning on get wed next year and looking for a venue for the reception. Things are on the move but it will be a while before we get back to having a full diary.

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.

Swimming Pool to Re-open

For those of you who have been missing swimming, my friend passed on some good news. The local pool will be open soon - but lanes 1, 3, 5 and 7 will not be filled with water, to aid social distancing...

Thanks go to Elaine Dew and the MWiB weekly email for this gem.

Leisure

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**24 Cheeses
To Find**

Yum...

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CAMBOZOLA	CAMEMBERT	ROMANO	DERBY	EDAM
DOLCELATTE	MONTEREY	CHEDDAR	GRANA	

Last time the word was: Newspaper

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 - Not here...

Word count 20 = Good. More than 25 = Very Well done!

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R	E	E
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Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 166

Good Luck...

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Solution to Su Doku No. 165

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2	6	5	3	8	7	1	4	9
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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.**

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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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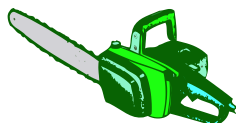
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Parish Council Facebook page: [@alverdiscotthuntshaw](https://www.facebook.com/alverdiscotthuntshaw)

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
Francis Courtenay		01271 858322
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Donald Easterbrook		01805 623113
Eddie Staines		07831 262808
Tony Goldstone		01271 858437
Helen Bolton		01271 858885

Parish Council Vacancies - Update

TDC have confirmed that the three vacancies on the Parish Council can now be filled. There are notices advertising the vacancies in the hall notice boards and on the website.

Anyone interested in joining the Parish Council should contact the Parish Clerk or speak to any of the existing Councillors.

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

The Parish Council still have no confirmed date for the next meeting. As soon as we are able to arrange it we will get it advertised.



Torridge District Council have now confirmed the Parish Council will soon be able to co-opt three new Councillors, at the next meeting. Two for Alverdiscott and one for Huntshaw. Anyone interested should contact the Parish Clerk. There are notices displayed on the notice boards at both halls.

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
1/1166/2019 30/01/20	Retrospective application for engineering works and change of use of land to B2 and B8 use including diversion of existing Public Right of Way. Staines Trailers Ltd Huntshaw.	30/01/20	Refused
1/0307/2020 02/05/2020	Proposed conversion of redundant barns to one dwelling and one holiday unit Myrtle Cottage Farm, Alverdiscott.	Emailed	Approved 06/07/20
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

If You Need A Smile...

Pay special attention to the wording and spelling. If you know the bible, even a little, you'll find this hilarious! It comes from a Caithness school test. The kids were asked questions about the old and new testaments. The following 12 statements about the bible were written by the children. They have not been retouched or corrected. Incorrect spelling has been left in.

1. In the first book of the bible, Guinness. god got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off.
2. Adam and eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of ark. Noah built and ark and the animals came on in pears.
3. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
4. The jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.
5. Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
6. Samson slayed the philistines with the axe of the apostles.
7. Moses led the jews to the red sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
8. The egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to mount cyanide to get the ten commandments.
9. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
10. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
11. Moses died before he ever reached canada then Joshua led the hebrews in the battle of geritol.
12. The greatest miricle in the bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

Thanks go to Diana Atkinson and the MWiB weekly email. More next month...

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UPDATE FROM FRIENDS OF HUNTSRAW CHURCH

As you are aware the church has been closed since March due to the Covid-19 pandemic but as the lockdown eases, we can now open the building for visits and services. First though we must do some serious cleaning. We hope that the church will reopen in August in time for the Big Picnic but services will not resume for the moment.

We have deliberated over whether to hold our two upcoming events - the Big Picnic and the Ride and Stride walk and have decided to go ahead with both. The Big Picnic, 15th August, 2 - 5 pm, will be an opportunity for us to get together and catch up on all the news and gossip that we have missed during lockdown. You are all very welcome. It will be an outdoor event and you are asked to bring your own picnic fare and drinks. The church will be open and we will give a nod to VJ day. Usually when we hold an event the sun shines over Huntsraw, however, if rain is forecast, we will have to cancel. To help with arrangements on the day we would like you to let us know that you are coming. Email: audreyalimo@yahoo.co.uk or contact any member of the Friends or Parish Hall committee.

Please keep an eye on the Alverdiscott and Huntsraw Community FB page for more detail which will be issued nearer the time. Or our website www.huntsrawchurch.com/



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