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Welcome to the
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Many Congratulations to Audrey Ley who celebrated her 100th Birthday on Sunday 13th June. In view of current restrictions a celebration was held at the Alverdiscott Community Hall abiding by Covid rules. Audrey enjoyed this event very much, meeting family and friends again for the first time since March last year.

Her many cards included one from H.M. the Queen to celebrate this landmark occasion. It was wonderful to see Audrey in such great spirits. She would like to thank everyone for the many cards and kind messages received.

Photograph shows Audrey with her two great grandchildren.



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From The Assistant Editor

Well, I have to say, I really am a bit disappointed. I didn't get any replies to my "Name that Poo" request! Not even any witty ones. Anyway I've decided that it was probably left by a pheasant.

I can also report that we now have evidence of a hedgehog in the garden. Although I haven't seen it, he is leaving his mark.

The raven has disappeared. Probably missing his chums and so has gone back to Huntshaw. I have since heard that there are also ravens in the Horwood area.

Tuesday 15th about 2.30pm.

Walking round the garden Elsie and I have just seen a mole, on the surface. It was rootling about in some rough grass in the wild bit at the far end. I've seen his tunnels from time to

time but it's the first occasion I've seen a live mole close up. Maybe the ground has become a little too hard for digging so he was taking it easy.

Two house martins finally arrived on Thursday 3 June. There appears to be about 6 of them now, frantically zooming around. I guess they are looking to start nest building but have got a lot to do in a short time.

The sparrow won the battle of the nest sites against the wren but now the martins are here he may have to start defending it all over again, and they might be a bigger problem for him.

We've enjoyed the 2 take-away meals from the **Alverdiscott Friends Group** and are now looking forward to the next one. See the insert for details.

***** **Newton Tracey Church** *****

Progressive Supper

Owing to a change in Covid Rules the Progressive Supper will now take place on

Friday July 30th and Saturday July 31st.

There will be 3 sittings at 6.00pm - 6.30pm and 7.00pm

Tickets are £15 per person.

To book your place please contact

Kate Clark on 01271 858268

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| Huntshaw Parish Hall | Suzy White 07711 787853 |
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huntshawparishhall@outlook.com

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Huntsraw Parish Hall

Huntsraw have been busy planning some events for the coming year. Obviously it will all depend on how things evolve regarding CV19 but please put these dates in your diary and let's hope they can all take place.

Saturday 3rd July - time tbc - Community Bonfire @ Jenny's. ***See note below**

Saturday 7th August - 12 noon? - AGM & Summer Sausage Sizzle ***Note below**

Saturday 18th September - time tbc - Harvest Supper

Saturday 30th October - time tbc - Halloween Skittles and Social night

Saturday 11th December - time tbc - Christmas Party

The committee at Huntsraw Parish Hall have been busy preparing for re-opening. We have given the front elevation a fresh coat of paint and have some beautiful flowers out too. We have plans for a new noticeboard and sign. We also have plans to install an overhead projector and some renovation/improvement work. The Hall is open for hire (subject to Covid restrictions) enquiries welcome to huntsrawparishhall@outlook.com - **Suzy White**

Saturday July 3rd 6pm. Bonfire and "Bring and Share" Supper

Meet outside the Parish Hall at 6pm and take the very short walk up the road to a lovely outside space where we can meet and socialise in safety.

Bring a chair and something to share! Just let us know you are coming please as numbers will be limited to 30.

Email: huntsrawparishhall@outlook.com

Saturday August 7th from 12 noon. Free BBQ for all residents of Huntsraw Parish. Meet at the Hall. Just let us know you are coming!

Email: huntsrawparishhall@outlook.com

Notice of AGM

HUNTSRAW PARISH HALL

Saturday 7th August @ 12.00 noon

Nominations welcome to join committee

Email: huntsrawparishhall@outlook.com

From the Rector Rev Gary Owen - 01769 560792

Last year I enjoyed reading **Raynor Winn's** book "**The Salt Path**". She recounts how, having been evicted from their home and her husband (Moth) being diagnosed with a terminal illness, the pair walked the south-west coast path; wild camping and living on next to nothing. It sounds bleak, but it's a wonderful story of hope found in nature.

I'm now half way through "**The Wild Silence**", which picks up Raynor and Moth's story as they make their home in Polruan, Cornwall. I've been struck by the words of their neighbour, Sarah, who says "I think it seems to be a bit of a mid-life theme. Lots of us find we have to go back to the beginning of our life in order to start again. Back to where we grew up, or where we were happiest. To a time before things went wrong."

For some people, of course, things went wrong in their childhood. Sadly, not every child grows up in a happy home. Others of us pick up knocks along life's way - sometimes a result of our own bad choices, sometimes a result of the actions of others and often just because bad things happen. We're only just beginning to grasp some of the consequences of Covid on our long-term wellbeing.

In Exodus 15.26 God tells the Israelites that "I am the God who heals you".

Healing comes in all sorts of shapes and sizes... because the "dis-eases" we suffer do too. We can suffer from mental as well as physical illness. We can be scarred by past events or mistakes, troubled by current circumstances, fearful or anxious about the future. Help can often be found in good relationships (that cuppa with a friend) and we are fortunate to have access to medical and health professionals when extra help is needed (albeit often from a very stretched NHS). I do though, believe that some things can only be healed by God - "the God who heals you".

Jesus came to earth to heal the broken relationship between God and humanity - it is through the love of Jesus that our souls find their true home in God - the place from which they came before "things went wrong". It is in Jesus that we can find forgiveness and healing for the past, strength for the present and hope to calm our fears about what lies ahead. This is why we love to pray for people at church - so that people might experience this healing of soul as well as the mind and body. At church we are happy to share a cuppa and listen. We can point people to professional services via our Parish nurse. And we're always happy to pray with people... just ask! **Parish nurse: Julia Halpin 07771 728016.**

Please see www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org for up-to-date information.



Now more than ever is the time to
take up music.

Ever wanted to try a sax, a flute
or the liquorice stick (clarinet)?

Playing the piano can be so therapeutic.

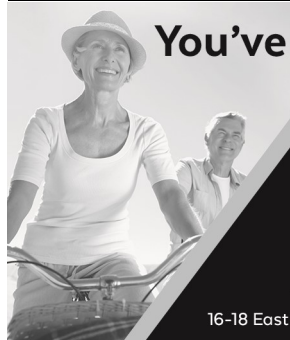
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"Nosey" Things

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| HUMAN | NOSTRIL | SMELL | SNOUT |

Last time the word was: Yesterday

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 - Advice

Word count 25 = Good. More than 32 = Well done!

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Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 176

Good Luck...

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Solution to Su Doku No. 175

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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

Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel
Minister Rev Rob Blackhall - 01805 628041

We continue to live in difficult times.
Life still feels very different, and it is hard not
meeting and worshipping as we used to.

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.

Services planned at Alverdiscott Chapel in July and August

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| 11 July | 11am | Led by Roy Harris |
| 25 July | 11am | Led by Rev Rob Blackhall with Holy Communion |
| 8 August | 11am | Led by Lorna Dawe |
| 22 August | 11am | Led by Duncan Withall |

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This is an actual letter sent to DFAT (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade) Immigration Minister. The Government tried desperately to censor the author, but got nowhere because every legal person who read it could not stop laughing.

Dear Mr Minister,

I'm in the process of renewing my passport, and still cannot believe this.

How is it that K-Mart has my address and telephone number, and knows that I bought a television and condoms from them back in 1997 and yet the Federal Government is still asking me where I was born and on what date? For goodness sake, do you guys do this by hand?

My birth date you have in my Medicare information, and it is on all the income tax forms I've filed for the past 40 years.

It is also on my driving licence, on the last eight passports I've ever had, and on all those customs declaration forms I've had to fill out before being allowed off planes over the past 30 years. It is also on those insufferable census forms that I've filled out every 5 years since 1966.

Also would someone please take note, once and for all, that my mother's name is Audrey, my father's name is Jack, and I'd be absolutely astounded if that ever changed between now and when I drop dead!

What on earth do you people do with all this information we keep having to provide.

I apologise, Mr Minister but I am absolutely cheesed off this morning and between you and me I've had enough of all this bull!

You send the application form to my house and then you ask for my flaming address!

What is going on in your department? Have you got a gang of mindless Neanderthals working there?

Another thing, look at my picture. Do I look like Bin Laden? I can't even grow a beard. I just want to go to New Zealand and see my new granddaughter. (Yes, my son interbred with a Kiwi girl)

Well, I have to go now because I have to go to the other side of Sydney, and get another copy of my birth certificate and then to part with another 80 dollars for the privilege of accessing MY OWN INFORMATION.

Would it be so complicated to have all this information in one place, to assist in the issuance of a new passport on the same day? Nooooo, that would be too easy and make far too much sense.

You would much prefer to have us all running around like headless chickens and then having to find some high society person to confirm that it is really me in the photo (the one where we are not allowed to smile)

You are all pen-pushing, paper shuffling idiots.

Signed- An Irate Australian Citizen.

This is the censored version. The full version is available upon request! Asst Ed.

Parish Council News**Parish Councillor Names and Contact Numbers**

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Thanks go to Olaf Falafel - Kai Humphries - Hardeep Singh Kohli

I built a pipe organ in my house!

Technology continues to move on apace and the world of music is not excluded from this, hence I decided to build myself a pipe organ in my house.

The instrument itself is based on a power computer running some special software called Hauptwerk 4 which is paid for.

A gentleman from Poland, Piotr Grabowski, took it upon himself to record several pipe organs from around Europe for his masters and so we are able to download and use many free instruments as well as being able to pay for even more if we wish. The organs are recorded on site so we have the real acoustics of each church, concert hall etc. We also have the recorded noises of the instrument without any musical notes, that is the mechanical noise of stops being pulled and notes being played as well as each individual sounding note. We therefore end up with, what can only be described as, a playable 'cd' of the organ and church/cathedral. It is an amazing sound and one which I hope at some point to be able to offer you by way of a mini series of recitals at home. I have a dozen or so instruments to choose from to play, my favourites being Azzio Parish church Italy, Giubasco parish Church, Switzerland, Friesach a large instrument in Austria and finally Orolon Saint-Marie Cathedral in France.

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