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Volume 18 Issue 8
2021**Free Support to Help Farmers Navigate the
Agricultural Transition**

Business Information Point are providing free, tailored one to one advice, webinars, and business skills development workshops to help farmers and land managers navigate the changes brought about by the Agricultural Transition.

Between 2021 and 2027, the government will gradually reduce and then stop Direct Payments. Instead, farmers will be supported to improve the environment, improve animal health and welfare, and reduce carbon emissions.

The move away from Direct Payments will be a big change for some farmers, so they will happen over a 7-year transition period to give time to plan and adjust. The Future Farming Resilience Fund has been funded by Defra to allow us to support farmers and land managers with this transition.

The support is free and available from September 2021 to February 2022 to any farmer or land manager currently in receipt of BPS payments and we can support farmers throughout Devon and Somerset.

Initially we will be running several free, local workshops to discuss the changes coming through the transition and look at new funding options, as well as planning strategies for the future, such as diversification and productivity improvements.

The workshops we are running locally are:

- ◆ Thursday, 16th September, 7pm to 9.30pm at the The Plough Arts Centre, Great Torrington
- ◆ Monday, 27th September, 7pm to 9.30pm at the South Molton Town Hall

All the workshops include a free buffet and refreshments.

Business Information Point has been supporting farmers since we began over 25 years ago and have built up a wealth of experience and expertise across all farm business types. Through this free support, we can tailor the advice to your specific needs and prepare you for the changes ahead.

For full details of the support and to register on any of the workshops please visit our website - <https://businessinfopoint.co.uk/ffr/>

or call 01837 659 059.

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From The Assistant Editor

So here we are in September already. We appear to have slipped in to Autumn almost overnight, and there does seem to be a very autumnal feel in the air at the moment. One minute we were sweltering in 30° temperatures and now Elsie is asking if we can put the heating on or light the fire! There are rumours of another heatwave coming but I shall wait and see...

The good news is there are signs that we are beginning to get back to normal. There are some bookings at the local halls, and church services are starting up again at All Saints and the Methodist Chapel. Throughout this issue of the Rag there are adverts for forthcoming events. Check them out and see if there is anything that catches your eye. If you

don't feel happy going out just yet there is going to be another Take-Away meal available soon from Alverdiscott Hall, see p7 for details.

There are Harvest Suppers planned at both halls. And, looking ahead to October, the musical lunch sessions, at All Saints, are planned to begin again. Also there is going to be a talk and workshop on the subject of **Dowsing**, at Huntshaw Parish Hall, should be really interesting. See p11.

Obviously all these events come with a Covid19 health warning, such that, if the situation locally deteriorates they may have to be cancelled or at least postponed. Not so long ago, Torridge was one of the safest places to be in all England. It is still good, but figures for the whole SW have all increased. Take care and stay safe.

ALVERDISCOTT COMMUNITY HALL

HARVEST



SUPPER

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Huntshaw Parish Hall	Suzy White 07711 787853
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Huntshaw Parish Hall - Latest Updates

Huntshaw 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 11th September - time 7pm - Harvest Supper *Detail below

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

Saturday 11th December - time tbc - Christmas Party

The committee at Huntshaw 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 huntshawparishhall@outlook.com - **Suzy White**

Huntshaw Harvest Supper - 11th September at 7pm

Cold cuts, wide variety of salads and delicious deserts.

Tickets in advance from Jenny Staines 01805 624490

£12 per adult, £8 under 12s.

In aid of raising **Community Spirit**,
the Church and Hall funds!



An **'Introduction to Dowsing'** A Talk & Workshop to be held at Huntshaw Parish Hall on Sat 9th Oct at 2pm.

Full details on p11

Richard Sears

From the Rector Rev Gary Owen - 01769 560792

We recently spent a week on holiday in Bude. Our plan was to stay at a campsite in our old VW campervan – Vera. She's been part of the family for the last 20 years and an integral part of many happy adventures. Sadly, just before we were due to go away, Vera's engine died. And so, we found ourselves packing what we could into our little car and heading off to Bude to camp in Vera's drive-away awning, but without Vera herself! The first night we lay awake until about 4.00am desperately praying that the tent pegs and guy ropes would hold up to the battering they were receiving from the strong gusts of wind.

A few days later we sat on top of a cliff watching the sea. We were struck by its beauty, but also by its untamed power.

It's not surprising that when the writers of the bible sought to describe God, within the confines of human words, they turned frequently to images of the wind and the oceans.

Psalms 93.4 says:

"Mightier than the thunder of great waters,

Mightier than the breakers of the sea –

The Lord on high is mighty."

Jesus says of the Holy Spirit that, like the wind, he blows where he pleases (John 3.8) and is beyond human control.

Too often, as humans, we attempt to make God in our image; a God who is 'nice', who is there for us when we need him (not dissimilar to a teddy bear), but who wouldn't challenge us or even judge us. Knowing that God, like the wind and waves, is beyond my control or even comprehension, is sometimes uncomfortable. But I'd rather be known and loved by a God who is infinitely bigger than me, whose thoughts are better than mine, and who inspires my awe and wonder, than a God I've made in my own image who is small, comfortable and easily moulded to my own very imperfect will.

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



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Anne - 07739 581839 or Email - gilksanne@gmail.com

Alverdiscott Parish Church

There will be a service at **All Saints Church on August 29th at 11.00am.**
A warm welcome is extended to everyone, especially our friends from the Methodist church.

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Barbara Ford

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**See Front Cover
For Details**

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"Y" Words

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Last time the word was: Immediate

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 - Alienated

Word count 30 = Good. More than 40 = Well done!

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Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 178

Good Luck...

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Solution to Su Doku No. 177

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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 during Sept & Oct

5 September 11am	Elsie Potter
12 September 5pm	Rev Rob - Café Service
19 September 11am	Rev Rob - Holy Communion
26 September 5pm	EXPLORE Service LA
3 October 11am	Rev Rob - Harvest Service

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Gwynn Paulett, Chair of Devon Dowzers, has kindly agreed to give a talk/workshop on Dowsing, in aid of the Project to Repair Huntshaw's Bells.

This talk will cover: - How to find water on your land, depth and quality etc., Blind Springs and Spirals, Information Dowsing and yes/no answers, Energy lines, Geopathic Stress, Locating underground services, water pipes, sewers, electric cables etc., Archaeological Dowsing for buried walls and buildings etc. (and work done at Berry Castle) and much more as time allows.

It is intended that this is not just a talk, but at some stages (having been shown how!) we shall divide into groups and go outside to try out our dowsing skills! (Weather permitting).

Bring your own "L" rods and pendulums if you have them, and if not, they will be provided. The event will run from 2pm to 5pm and the cost will be £5, to include tea & coffee, but as numbers will be limited you will need to reserve your place in advance, paying on the day, by emailing rs2017@gmail.com

Richard Sears

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Also in the meantime, the next event not to be missed, is the Harvest Festival in Huntshaw church at 6pm on Sat 11th Sept followed by the Harvest Supper in the Hall at 7pm. Come to one or both events. As per the Huntshaw tradition we will have lots of sweets/desserts so you will be able to have seconds or even thirds. Tickets £12 from Jenny.

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FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER

Light lunch available from 12.30pm, music from 1pm
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Parish Council News**Parish Council Meeting**

The next meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 8 September - 7.30pm
at Alverdiscott Community Hall.

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FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH ALVERDISCOTT

Our volunteers have taken a well earned rest in August but our need to raise funds has significantly increased. At some stage early in the month one of the church stained glass windows suffered some damage from the high winds. The section of the window will need to be temporarily removed to be repaired but fortunately the pieces of glass can be reused. The estimate for the repair is £2,000.

With the cost of the window repairs in mind we have arranged a couple more fund raising events. By popular request we are organising another **Take Away Meal on 10th September** - see advert below for details.

Before Covid hit we had been holding **Musical Lunch Sessions** in the church once a month. This involved about 30 to 45 minutes of live or recorded music with light refreshments consisting of filled rolls, cake, tea and coffee. It proved to be popular but not to the extent that the church was crowded. We are planning to start again on Friday 1st October - see advert on p11 for details. If you continue to be concerned about Covid there will be plenty of room to socially distance.

The results of the August Supporters Club Draw are as follows:

- 1st Michael Lee £18
2nd Rosemary Caton £11
3rd Megan Saunders £7

Thank you to everyone who is supporting this venture. We have now over 70 supporters participating but still room for more. If you would like more information please contact Louise Saunders on 01271 858522 or email louisesaunders4bp@gmail.com

**FRIENDS TAKE AWAY MEAL
FRIDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER**

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ALVERDISCOTT COMMUNITY HALL

The Hall committee held a brief AGM in August to approve the accounts for 2020 and to officially elect its officers. The Chairman is Liz White and Dave Potter and Graham White were re-elected to their roles of Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

The Committee has approved a significant upgrade to the electrics at the Hall, and the installation of a fire alarm system. Work is likely to start at the end of August or beginning of September but will be carried out around bookings so there will be no disruption.

The Committee is still concerned about the ongoing Covid situation and is reluctant to organise any indoor events for a significant number of people. However we hope to go ahead with the following.

HARVEST SUPPER – Friday 24th September. See separate advert on p15 for full details. Numbers will be restricted so that we can provide table service. The event will be cancelled if the Covid situation gives serious concern for the safety of our community.

"NOT QUITE SO" BIG BREAKFAST – Sunday 31st October. We will again restrict numbers, and places will need to be booked. Details next month.



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