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Volume 18 Issue 10  
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 are 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: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November The Plough Arts Centre Great Torrington 7.00 – 9.30 pm

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 659059.**

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### From The Assistant Editor

Welcome to the November issue. Yet another month has slipped by, almost unnoticed. We are firmly into Autumn. The grass has had its last cut, hopefully, and the hedges and banks are being trimmed and tidied. The leaves are falling and falling... as we slip ever nearer towards the end of the year. If you look closely, p7, you will see that the "C" word even gets a mention!!! In November, whatever next?

Well, our hall in *Stony Cross* is slowly coming out of hibernation and is starting to be used again. It's been a long time, but the regular **Country Music Club** booking on a Tuesday is already getting back into the swing, and the Monday evening **Dog Club** members are looking forward to starting up again soon.

Plus, we had a really good *Quiz Night* on Saturday evening, and I'm not just saying that because we came 3rd! It really was good fun and enjoyed by all. "Well done and thanks" go to Kate and Jim, and all who helped to make it work.

We know that Covid hasn't gone away, and that we should all still be being really careful and making every effort to stay safe. However, if any of our readers have any ideas about an event they would like to see at the hall, or maybe something they would like to organise, then do get in touch with the Rag or any of the hall committee.

It does look like we are going to have to learn to live with Covid for the foreseeable future, but we also need to get life moving again, if safely. Take care.

### Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

**Both the Garden Club and the Craft Group will begin to meet regularly again from the beginning of November.**

The Garden Club's first meeting will be in the Chapel schoolroom on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 2.30pm, and the guest speaker will be Mr. David Hopkins.

The Crafts Group will meet again as usual in the Chapel schoolroom on Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am till 1.00pm and will be led by Mrs. Helen White.

Both groups have been out of action because of Covid19 but are raring to get started again. If you used to attend please do come along if you can and if you've not been before you will be very welcome.

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## HUNTING and the LAW

The Hunting Act 2005 made hunting with dogs illegal. On 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021 a case heard at Westminster Magistrate's Court found that 'trail hunting' is a myth used by fox hunts since 2005 to cover up the illegal hunting of foxes, mink, hares and deer.

Recently two older parishioners, in separate chats, told me they didn't realise fox hunting is illegal. Now more than ever, it's really important for our parish's landowners to understand the law so they don't end up in trouble with the police and Crown Prosecution Service! Here it is:

- A person commits an offence when they hunt a wild mammal with a dog or dogs.
- If a person knowingly permits land they own to be entered or used 'in the course of the commission of an offence' under Section 1 of the Hunting Act, they are committing an offence.
- At the same time, ignorance of the law is no excuse. You can be prosecuted even if you didn't realise hunting is against the law. In legal language, 'A person who is unaware of a law may not escape liability for violating that law merely by being unaware of its content'.
- If a hunt parks in a church, village hall or pub car park, the church, village hall or pub can be legally liable for any crimes they commit.

From a concerned local resident.

From the Rector Rev Gary Owen - 01769 560792

***"No man has greater love than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" (John 15.13).***

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November we will celebrate Remembrance Sunday. We will remember the sacrifice made by so many during the horrors of war. We of course remember those who fought and died in the two world wars and in conflicts before and since. We also remember the many who were injured, physically or mentally, those who lost loved ones and those who served and sacrificed in other ways.

War is never a good thing, even if it is sometimes a necessary evil. I admire those young men and women who join our armed forces prepared to risk their own personal safety for a greater good. They are an example to us all.

In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught, "blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God". The sacrifice made by soldiers in times of war remind us of the sacrifice made by Jesus when he laid down his life on the cross for each and every one of us. When we make peace we are again acting like Jesus, whose death reconciles God and humanity – bringing them together in peace.

Both the first and second world wars were followed by a time of optimism; a collective determination to build a better society. Many of our village halls or scout huts were erected after the first world war to provide places of community. The aftermath of the second world war saw the foundation of the welfare state. We have recently lived through the biggest shock to our society since the second world war. We are not free of covid yet, but we hope that we are beginning to gain some measure of control over this deadly virus. Hard times are still ahead as we seek to rebuild our battered economy. How will we, as a society, respond?

It is tempting to think that individually there is little we can do. But this is a temptation we must resist. We must pray for our leaders and contribute our voice to conversations about our nation's future. We can also make a big difference in the small details of life; a kind word offered, a helping hand, brokering peace and understanding between family members or groups in the community. Jesus had many big profound things to say about life, the universe and everything. He also had some pretty simple things to say that if we put them into practice would make a massive difference. Let's try to put into practice this one: "treat others as you would have them treat you" (Luke 6.31)

Please see [Two Rivers Mission Community](#) for current information.

### All Saints Alverdiscott

The annual **Shoe Box Service**, which is normally held at Newton Tracey, will be at **Alverdiscott Church on Sunday November 21st at 9.30am**. Please note the time. This is to provide more space for social distancing.

We do hope you will be able to join us, a very warm welcome awaits you all.

**Barbara Ford.**

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

Ever wanted to try a sax, a flute  
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full details.**

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**"Panto"  
Words**

**There's 20 to  
find.**

**Oh no there  
isn't!!!**

AUDIENCE	ANTICS	CARRIAGE	FOREST	JOKE	HERO	ACTOR
CHARACTER	BADDIE	COSTUME	WITCH	MUSIC	SEAT	XMAS
HECKLING	CHEER	SINGING	SCENE	DAME	WIG	

**Last time the word was: Methodist**

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 - Mesmeriser

Word count 12 = Good. More than 20 = Well done!

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## Leisure

## Su Doku Puzzle No. 180

Good Luck...

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## Solution to Su Doku No. 179

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

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](http://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 Nov &amp; Dec

7 November	11am	Roy Harris
14 November	5pm	Elsie Potter Café Worship
21 November	11am	Rev Blackhall HC
28 November	5pm	EXPLORE LA
5 December	11am	TBA

Current advice from the Methodist Church can be  
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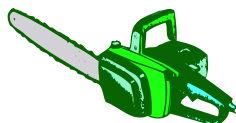
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**Local News Updates from County Councillor Linda Hellyer*****A New Campaign Calls on Communities and Countryside Visitors to Join the Fight Against Livestock Theft.***

Leading rural insurer NFU Mutual is joining forces with Devon & Cornwall Police to fund the Devon Livestock Initiative, in response to ongoing regular thefts of sheep in remote areas such as Dartmoor.

The project's key aim is to encourage people to report suspicious activity to local farmers when they are out and about in the countryside. It is initially being launched on parts of Dartmoor and if successful will be rolled out across Devon and Cornwall, where farmers and parishes have theft concerns and would like an opportunity to work together.

The Devon Livestock Initiative will provide farmers with gate signs which include the times that stock are normally moved and ask members of the public who see sheep being moved outside these times, to call a displayed phone number for a local farmer or the police on 101.

The initiative is part of a wider project being run by Devon & Cornwall Police, with support from NFU Mutual, to trial a range of security measures to prevent and detect livestock theft. View the full article here:

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/News/NewsArticle.aspx?id=12ff03f0-6ab4-433c-aafe-1884e5cef477>

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***£8.5m Extra Funding Agreed to Help Manage Covid-19 Pandemic Through the Winter*****Steve Brown, Devon's Director of Public Health, said:**

"The funding has provided the infrastructure, the building blocks on which Devon's initial response and ongoing management has developed. Now, with winter ahead, the funding will provide additional support in communities to meet further challenges. Coronavirus is still very much with us, with case rates rising again in Devon this week – a reminder to us that we are not through this. Add to that the pressures associated with winter and the strain already acute across the health and social care sector, and we need to ensure that our schools and colleges, care homes and communities have the funding they need to see us through."

**Parish Council News****Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 10 November 7.30pm**

The meeting will be in **Alverdiscott Community Hall**. The Parish Council would like to remind all residents of our Parishes that there are currently 5 vacancies on the Parish Council. If anyone would like to join, they need to live, work or own property in the Parish or within 3 miles of the boundary. Anyone interested please contact any Parish Councillor, County Councillor Linda Hellyer or District Councillor Rosemary Lock, or come along to the next meeting in Alverdiscott Hall and say a few words about why you would like to join the Parish Council.

The Parish Clerk position is also currently available. We look forward to hearing from you or seeing you on the night.

**Parish Councillor Names and Contact Numbers**

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More information in next month's edition...

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1<sup>st</sup> Maggie Edwards £18

2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Lee £11

3<sup>rd</sup> Brian Moore £7

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