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Red Kite by Dave Ward - BirdGuides

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### From The Assistant Editor

It seems that autumn has come early. The large sycamore by our gate has started to shed its leaves big-time. They haven't changed colour, rather they have simply shrivelled up and fallen off. It's presumably a result of the long dry spell and the seriously high temperatures. The trees are under stress and are protecting themselves. Hopefully, most of them will survive but some, younger trees with shallow roots, will probably die. The experts are saying it will take many months of rain, hopefully gentle, to begin to undo some of the damage caused. Where it all ends is uncertain. Our climate does appear to be changing. It is becoming more erratic - even in my lifetime I can see there have been changes. And so, even if mankind is only partly to

blame, we really are going to be faced with some massive changes and a very different and uncertain future.

Shouldn't we be making more effort to prepare for it...

I've put a picture of a Red Kite on the front page because there have been yet more sightings in our local area. Last year one was reported in the Rooty Cross area. Then just last week one was seen over Huntshaw Cross. So they're getting closer!

On p11 there is an update about the proposed undersea cables from a solar farm in Morocco to the sub-station at Alverdiscott. And you thought it was a joke!

Well apparently it is going ahead...

### ALVERDISCOTT & HUNTSNIAW PARISH COUNCIL

#### Vacancy for the position of Parish Clerk

The Clerk is the Proper Officer of the Council and is responsible to the Council for all aspects of administration of day-to-day business, preparing agendas and taking minutes of meetings, advising on regulatory and legal matters, and managing the Parish Councils website. The applicant must have good organisational, communication and IT skills and while it will be an advantage to hold the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) this is not essential. The Clerk will mainly work from home and is required to attend 6 evening parish council meetings per annum (normally held bi-monthly), an Annual Parish Meeting and such other council meetings as may be decided. This is a part-time post with hours proportionate to the workload at the time. The salary would be £1,800 per annum paid on a quarterly basis, plus any expenses arising directly from the necessary activities involved.

This position may also be suitable for a Clerk to another Parish who is already processing incoming mail from DALC and District/County Councils who has hours available for additional responsibilities. Further details are available on request from the Chairman of the Parish Council: **Graham White FCMA**  
Bulworthy Cottage, Stony Cross, Bideford, EX39 4PY - 01271 858441

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#### Community Hall Bookings & Enquiries

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#### Community Contacts

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North Devon Council	01271 327711
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Sandra Brown PCSO [30096@dc.police.uk](mailto:30096@dc.police.uk)

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prompt action.

**Friends of All Saints Church**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our **Safari Supper**, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves despite the damp weather. We raised over £2,000 for the church so it was certainly a worthwhile event.

**Church Maintenance**

During the very hot weather some plaster from the ceiling in the church collapsed. Fortunately there was no one in the church at the time but there was a lot of dust and rubble to clear up. We believe we have made it safe now by removing a section of loose plaster but as a precaution, a section of the church will be taped off until we receive advice from the stonemason. We are not currently opening the church on a regular basis.

**Planned Fund Raising Events**

Friday 26th August and Friday 30th September - Musical Lunch in the church.

Friday 18th November - Quiz at Alverdiscott Hall, a joint event with the Hall.

Saturday 3rd December - Concert at Alverdiscott Hall.

For further information about the Friends Group or our events please contact Graham and Liz [bulworthy@aol.com](mailto:bulworthy@aol.com) or 01271 858441

**The winners of the August draw were:**

1st Prize	Julie McKenna	£25
2nd Prize	Glynis O'Hare	£15
3rd Prize	Adrian Ley	£10

If you are interested in joining our supporters club please contact Louise Saunders on: [louisesaunders4bp@gmail.com](mailto:louisesaunders4bp@gmail.com) or 01271 858522.

**A Date for Your Diary**

At Huntshaw Parish Hall

*A Halloween Skittles*

*Night*

**Saturday October 29th from 7pm**

**£5 Entry on the door - Raffle.**

**Fancy Dress optional - but there will be prizes!**

**From the Rector****An Opportunity to explore the BIG QUESTIONS of life...**

Where do you go to when you want to chew over the big questions of life? Friends, family, the guys down the pub?

At church we believe that the Christian faith is a great way of making sense of life, the universe and everything.

And we love to help others check out the Christian faith to see if it might help them make sense of life too. That's why we run Alpha.

Alpha takes place over 12 evenings, during which we watch a 20 minute presentation about life and faith, followed by an open discussion. The discussion gives everyone chance to share their thoughts and listen to others.

You're encouraged to bring your own questions and see what others think. No pressure, no cost... just a warm welcome, great coffee and cake, and chance to explore.

We are running 3 courses starting in September:

Mondays from 19th September, 6.30pm in Beaford Village Hall – for adults in the kitchen-lounge and young people aged 11+ in the main hall.

Tuesdays, from 20th September, 7.30pm in Smallridge Bros, Tawstock

We'd love to invite you to join us. If you'd like to find out more check out [www.alpha.org](http://www.alpha.org) or get in touch with Rev Gary on 07947 358050, or email [revgaryowen@gmail.com](mailto:revgaryowen@gmail.com)

**Youth Alpha** – Monday evenings, September to December, 6.30pm in Beaford village hall (except for the 3rd Monday of the month when its youth group). A more structured hour, with a 20 minute video about an aspect of the Christian faith and then open discussion. No pressure or hard sell...just chance to engage in open discussion about life's big questions from a Christian perspective.

And here's our promise to you... if you come along and then decide its not for you, just don't come back... we won't chase you!

*Rev Gary Owen*

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Got Questions about life?

Try Alpha





## Events at Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

### Coffee Mornings

Our August meeting for the Buranpur Hospital Appeal raised £55, thank you to all who attended. On 1 September the charity will be the **Action for Children**, and then on 6 October it will be in aid of the *Shoe Box Appeal*. Please do come along and enjoy a coffee, or tea, and a good old chat. All are welcome, hope to see you there.

### Gardening Club

Garden Club meetings are on the last Monday of each month (except Bank Holidays when it will normally be the Monday before) at 2.30pm in the chapel schoolroom. Our next meetings will be on 26 September and 31 October. Everyone is welcome and the cost is just £1.00.

### Arts and Crafts Club

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the chapel schoolroom from 10.00am until 1.00pm. Tea, Coffee and light refreshments are provided. All are welcome, so why not bring along your craft or hobby and enjoy a pleasant morning with friends. The cost is just £1.00. Our next meetings will be on 13 September and 11 October.

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.

My adult pupils have found it really calming during these trying times  
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B	N	E	S	V	O	O	I	O	A	A
T	A	Y	O	U	E	U	C	M	D	M
T	F	L	S	L	R	S	M	I	E	A

“Wonderful” Words

There are 12 to find.

AMAZING	GLORIOUS	MARVELLOUS
FABULOUS	GRAND	SUBLIME
FANTASTIC	GREAT	SUPERB
FIRST RATE	LOVELY	TERRIFIC

### Last time the word was: Crossword

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 - Dwelling

Word count 29 = Good. More than 35 = Very good!

D	N	E
S	E	I
R	C	E

## Leisure

## Su Doku Puzzle No. 189

Good Luck...

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

## Solution to Su Doku No. 188

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

Anglican Community - Team Rector Rev Gary Owen  
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### Two Rivers Mission Community groups for Children and Young People

We want to make sure that children and young people can be as much a part of our church family as adults. We're working on increasing what we offer, which now includes:

Groups for kids to chill out, play games, get crafty and share in a 'God slot' with chance to explore something about the Christian faith:

#### For children in school years 1-6:

High Bickington Church Hall – Wednesdays 21st September, 19th October, 16th November, 3.30- 4.45pm.

#### For children in school years 3-6:

Newton Tracey Church – Thursdays 8th September, 13th October, 10th November, 8th December, 6.00 – 7.30pm

Beaford Village Hall – Mondays 19th September, 17th October, 21st November, 19th December, 5.00 – 6.00pm

#### For young people in school years 6-11:

Beaford Village Hall – Mondays 19th September, 17th October, 21st November, 19th December, 6.30 – 8.00pm.

### Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

#### Services planned at Alverdiscott Chapel for Sept & Oct

4 Sept	11 am	Margaret Price
18 Sept	11 am	Roy Harris HC
25 Sept	11 am	At Thornhillhead
2 Oct	11 am	Rev Rob Blackhall Harvest
16 Oct	11 am	Paul Bate
30 Oct	11 am	At Parish Church

Information about the Methodist Church can be found here:

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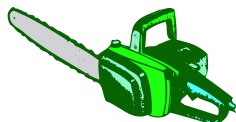
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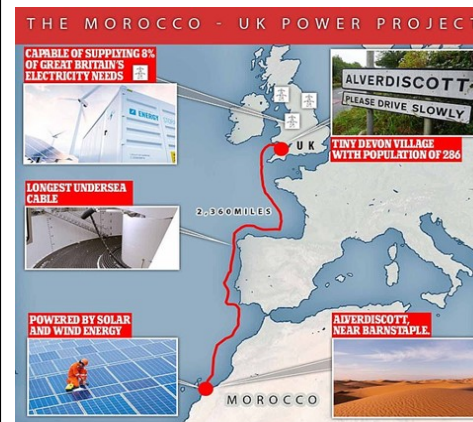


**All proceeds to church funds**

**The Morocco to Alverdiscott Pipeline**

Many of you will be aware of the proposal to connect Morocco to Alverdiscott by an undersea cable in a £16 billion clean energy plan. The undersea cable is part of the Xlinks Morocco - UK Power Project, which it claims will import enough sun and wind-generated energy to the UK to supply seven million homes by 2030.

Well things are moving on as planning permission has now been granted to build a factory in Hunterston, Scotland to make the cable. A feasibility study has been completed and it is reported that an agreement has already been reached with the National Grid for two voltage source convertor stations to be set up in Alverdiscott. More information is available from the Xlinks website and other sources on the internet. The diagram is taken from the Daily Mail online.



[Morocco-UK Power Project - Xlinks](http://www.xlinks.co.uk)

**Parish Council News****Notice of Parish Council Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be at  
Huntshaw Parish Hall on  
Wednesday 14th September at 7:30pm.

**Parish Councillor Names and Contact Numbers**

Donald Easterbrook	07971 278984
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**District Councillor**

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