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Elsie and David celebrated a significant birthday
and wedding anniversary in October.

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From The Assistant Editor

Last month I said I didn't have much confidence in our new PM, but that I wouldn't mind being proved wrong. Well, I wasn't. The chaos which ensued following her arrival at No 10 has been catastrophic and she has been forced, by her party, to stand down. Sadly, not before making the lives of millions of people even worse than they were going to be. How anyone can do so much damage in a matter of a few days and still maintain that their plans could work, is beyond my comprehension. What happens next? Can the Conservative party find someone to fill that role? Someone able to dig us out of the mire we are now in.

I'm not convinced - but time will tell. **I really won't mind being proved wrong...**

Last weekend Elsie and I celebrated two milestones.

It was Elsie's 80th birthday and also our 50th wedding anniversary. If time flies when you're having fun, we must be having a ball!

We have lived in this wonderful corner of North Devon for about 20 years and it still seems like only yesterday that we arrived. We both thank all those who celebrated with us and for all the cards and gifts. Here's to the next fifty!

I've been reliably informed that **Christmas is coming**. There, I've said it! The word Christmas appears at least twice in this issue, not including the 2 above! Talk about time flying by. That can only mean one thing, that the next issue of the Local Rag is the one with holly on the front page!

ALVERDISCOTT & HUNTSNAY 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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Friends of All Saints Church

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2nd Prize	Dave Potter	£15
3rd Prize	Mandy Ridd	£10

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

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 18th November the Friends Committee and the Hall Committee will be organising a Quiz at Alverdiscott Hall. Please see the advert on page 9 for full details. The monies raised will be split between the Friends and the Hall.

Saturday 3rd December we are holding a concert featuring the **Appledore Singers** at the Community Hall. There will be supper to follow the singing. Full details on page 11.

For further information about the **Friends Group** or any of their events please contact Graham and Liz White on bulworthy@aol.com or 01271 858441.

SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER 2022

Christmas Party Huntshaw Parish Hall



Come and join the Christmas fun with games,
quizzes, music and more

A glass of mulled wine on arrival

Festive finger fare

Mince pies

Bring your own drinks

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To reserve your tickets: Email

huntshawparishhall@outlook.com

or call Audrey on 07952 028013



From the Rector

Before November is out, the men's football world cup will have begun in Qatar. For some, a glorious month will be spent watching match after match... and no doubt cheering England to the trophy! For others it will be a thing to avoid.

In our house we will be cheering for Wales. I was ordained in Wales and all our children were born there. Wales have made it to their first world cup since 1958. Wales is not a large country, but a combination of good teamwork and a few outstanding players has enabled the team to make it to the promised land of the world cup finals. Go Wales!

It's amazing how far good teamwork can get you. Our communities and churches rely on it. St Paul tells the church in Corinth that the church is like a body – a single unit but made up of many parts. It's when each part does what it's designed to do that the whole body functions well (1 Corinthians 12).

I've been really pleased to see the ways our churches are trying to do their bit to help others. At harvest, collections have been taken to help local people struggling to put food on the table or a roof over their head. Charities working with poor people overseas have also been supported. Many of our churches are offering practical help over the winter period (see www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org for more information). We are now running monthly clubs for children and youth in both the north (Newton Tracey) and south (Beaford) of our patch. It's our contribution to add to what others are doing...

I often hear people say that you don't have to go to church to be a Christian. How true! It's faith in Jesus and inviting him into your life that brings you into a relationship with God, not where you spend an hour on a Sunday morning. But church is of course, not just a building and not just what we do for an hour on Sunday. Church is the family of those who follow Jesus...24/7. Like any family, we love spending time together, and one of those times is normally a Sunday.

If everyone who was a follower of Jesus got stuck into their local church I wonder how much we could achieve together?

A season of remembering

In November we spend time remembering. Around the feast of All Souls on 2nd November, many of our churches will be holding services to remember loved ones who have passed away. On Sunday 13th November we celebrate Remembrance Sunday when we remember those who have died or sacrificed in times of war, when we pray for all who mourn. Do check out what's happening at your local church and accept our invitation to join us, whether you are normally in church or not.

Christmas is coming...

We have many exciting events and services planned for the festive season. You can find out more at - www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org

Rev Gary Owen

01769 560792 07947 358050

Events at Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

Coffee Mornings

On 6 October we raised £60 for the Shoe Box Appeal, so thanks to all who attended. On 3 November all monies raised will be for the **FCN - Farming Community Network**. On 1 December it will be in aid of Encompass. 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 meeting will be on 28 November. Everyone is welcome and the cost is just £1.00.

Arts and Crafts Club

There will be no arts and craft meeting in November. Sadly there is no one available to run it at the moment. Please watch this space for further information regarding the future of the club.

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Words containing "OF".

There are 14 to find.

CROFTS	OFFLINE	ROOFS	SPOOF
GOOFS	PROFANE	ROOFTOP	TOFU
HOOF	PROFFER	SOFAS	
LOFTIER	PROOFED	SOFTER	

Last time the word was: Spaghetti

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 - Courteous

Word count 26 = Good. More than 30 = Well done!

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Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 191

Good Luck...

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Solution to Su Doku No. 190

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3	9	7	5	1	4	8	6	2
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Anglican Community - Team Rector Rev Gary Owen
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Huntshaw Church

Coffee, cake and cleaning with the rector.

Monday 7th November, 10.00am - 12.00 noon.

Tea, coffee and cake provided. Please bring a vacuum cleaner, mop and bucket, duster etc. if you might be willing to help spruce up the church. If you can't come but might be willing to help out at church on another

occasion please email revgaryowen@gmail.com

If your health means you can't clean, please come to offer moral support!

Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel
Minister Rev Rob Blackhall 01805 628041

Services planned at Alverdiscott Chapel for Nov & Dec

13 Nov 11am Elsie Potter - Remembrance & HC

20 Nov 11am Julia Spencer

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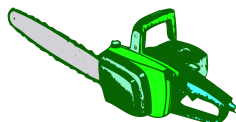
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Parish Council News**Notice of Parish Council Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at Alverdiscott Community Hall on Wednesday 9 November at 7.30pm.

Please note that there are vacancies for two Alverdiscott ward councillors. If you are interested please do attend this meeting.

Parish Councillor Names and Contact Numbers

Graham White - Chairman	01271 858441
Bernard Hardwicke - Vice Chairman	01271 858676
Peter Ley	01271 858230

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Parish Clerk email alverdiscotthuntshawparishclerk@outlook.com

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

Parish Council Website: <https://alverdiscott-huntshaw-parish.org.uk>

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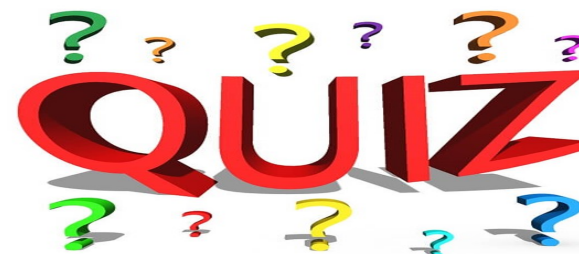
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