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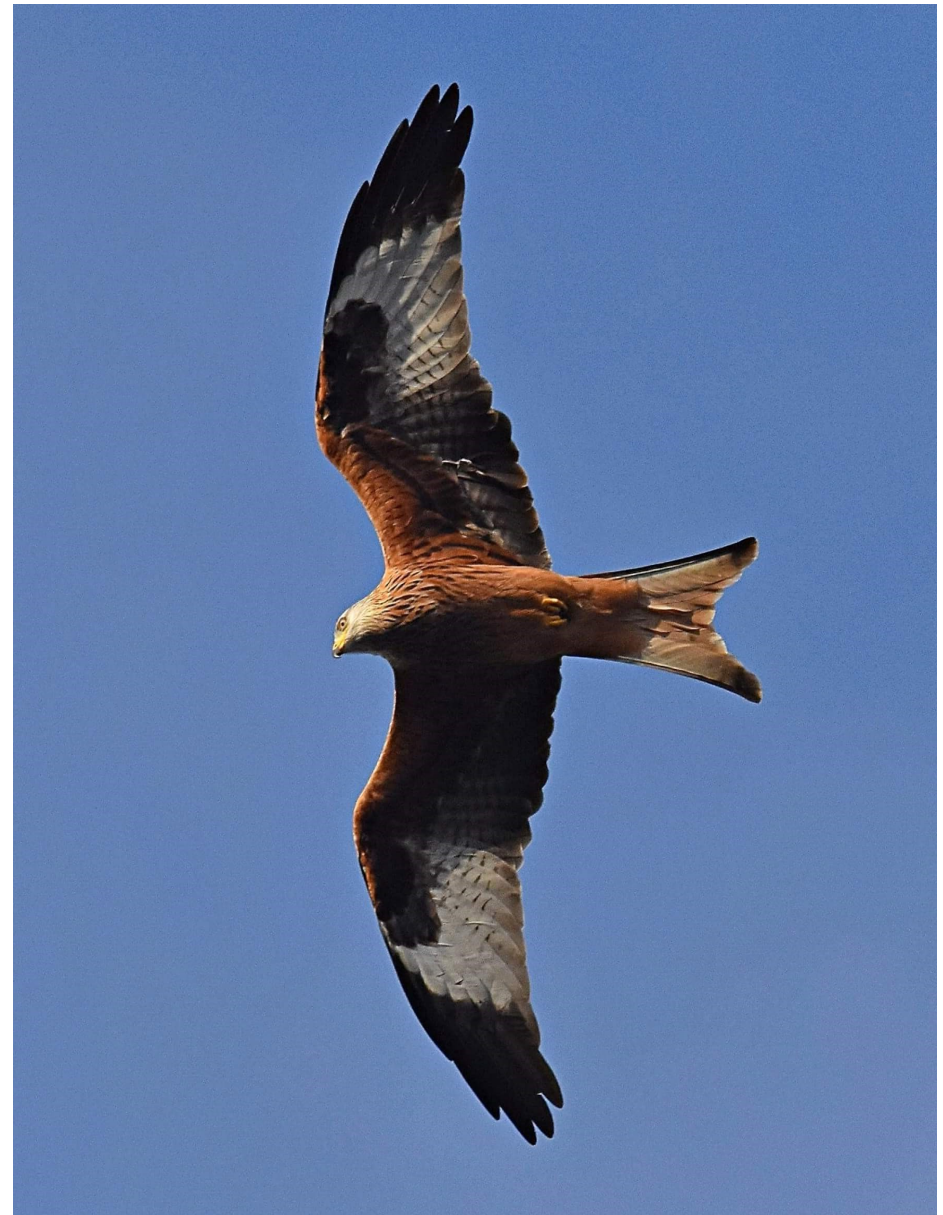
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From The Assistant Editor

Some good news to start with. At 8.30am on Monday 10 April a Red Kite flew over Webbery Cross Cottage! I know they have been seen locally for some time now but it's a first for me. Then on Friday 14 April I saw the first swallows of the year. Then on Thursday 20 in the afternoon I saw a young hare running around on our drive.

The Big Breakfast was great fun. It was busy right from the start and kept us all going right to the end. A little over 100 folks tucked in to a great meal and all appeared to enjoy themselves. Thanks must go to our good friends at **Webbery Moos** for kindly supplying the milk.

Assuming you will be going to vote at some point on Thursday 4 May, don't forget to take some form of

photo ID with you, or you won't be allowed to vote.

Plenty going on as usual, in particular the celebrations for King Charles Coronation. The Musical Lunches are running again at All Saints. The next one is on 26 May details on p9. Then there's advance notice of a **Music Quiz Night** in June - again details are on p9.

Finally, as the year progresses, it's time to start thinking about the Alverdiscott Flower and Produce Show. It's on Saturday 29 July, but it's not too soon to start making plans. The Schedule will be included with the next issue of the Rag. If you were a winner at last years show, you may have a cup hiding at the back of a cupboard.

Now is the time to dig it out!

...employed by the project. These align with the company's intention to minimise potential disruption during construction, including on local roads. The second period of public consultation runs from Monday 17th April 2023 until Wednesday 31st May 2023. **All responses will be considered ahead of the submission of a full planning application to the Local Planning Authority in summer 2023.**

The drop-in public exhibitions are open to all and are being held on:
Wednesday 26th April 2023 from 12.30pm to 8.00pm at Huntshaw Parish Hall, Huntshaw, Devon, EX38 7HH

Thursday 27th April 2023 from 12.30pm to 8.00pm at Alverdiscott Community Hall, Stoney Cross, Bideford, Devon, EX39 4PZ

Wednesday 17th May 2023 from 12.30pm to 8.00pm at Caddsdow Business Support Centre, Caddsdow Industrial Park, Clovelly Road, Bideford, Devon, EX39 3DX

All exhibition material can be viewed at: www.xlinks.co/devon

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For routine messages that **do not** require prompt action.

Your Help is Requested!

Local boy returning from New Zealand for the summer, May to October, needs to find work, Farming, Gardening, Driving anything considered!

I can be contacted by email on jackyandrich@hotmail.com

Or ring Pat on 01237 237228.

Thank you!

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Our AGM will be on WEDNESDAY 17th MAY at 7.30pm in the church. Everyone is welcome.

The committee will present a report on our last year, and the annual accounts. There will also be the opportunity to discuss ideas for fundraising events and ways of looking after our church.

Tea and coffee will be available.

Date for your diary: Our *Safari Supper* will be on Saturday 8th July. Full details next month.

***** Xlinks Project Update *****

Xlinks' second round of public exhibitions in Devon seeks local views on the project enhancements being proposed following community feedback at its first public exhibitions held last year.

Firstly, the company proposes to relocate the converter station site to the old Webbery Showground. This site is closer to the existing National Grid substation and less disruptive to local residents, particularly during construction. Work is being undertaken to ensure that the site is also less visually intrusive and substantially screened from view. Secondly, the company proposes an alternative route for the underground cable to avoid Abbotsham village. This takes the underground cable away from homes and schools.

Finally, further detail has been made available regarding the proposed construction methods and transport routes...

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A message from the Rector

This May, churches across North Devon are joining together to encourage people to "Try Praying".

We'll be popping up blue "Try Praying" posters to encourage people to give praying a try and we'll be offering a free booklet with some suggestions for how to go about it.



At its simplest, prayer is about spending time with God, much as we might with a human we love.

Sometimes we'll use words, although we might sit in companionable silence. Sometimes we'll talk, sharing what's on our heart, and other times we'll listen.

But prayer, of course, is not a conversation between equals. We do well to approach God with respect. We do well to make an effort to speak appropriately. Equally we do well to remember that God knows what's on our hearts and minds and we cannot hide anything from him... better to enter prayer honestly, warts and all.

When asked by his followers how to pray, Jesus taught them to pray to God as "Father", showing respect but within a context of a relationship of deep love.

If you aren't used to praying, or would like a bit of help growing in prayer, please feel free to pick up a Try Praying booklet from your local church or drop me an email on revgaryowen@gmail.com The booklets are free!

We'd love to hear how you get on... or to offer some more help, so please keep in touch.

Rev Gary Owen

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www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org

Events at Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

Coffee Morning

On 6 April we raised £110, which has been sent to All We Can for their ongoing Ukraine Emergency appeal.

On Thursday 4 May we shall be raising money for Action for Children. Looking ahead to 1 June, all money raised will be for Alverdiscott Chapel funds.

Please do come along between 10am and noon - to support our worthwhile causes.

Garden 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 22 May. Everyone is welcome and the cost is just £1.00.

Arts and Craft Group

The Arts and Craft Group has started up again. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 9 May, in the chapel schoolroom, from 10.00 till 12.00.

A Prayer for King Charles

On Sunday 7th May we will be holding services across the mission community to pray for our newly crowned King, our country and the commonwealth. All are welcome to join us.

As we prepare for the coronation, you might like to pray this prayer from the 1662 Book of Common.

Prayer for the Kings Majesty:

O Lord our heavenly Father,
 high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes,
 who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth;
 most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour
 to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lord, King Charles;
 and so replenish him with the grace of thy Holy Spirit,
 that he may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way:
 endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts;
 grant him in health and wealth long to live;
 strengthen him that he may vanquish and overcome all his enemies;
 and finally, after this life, he may attain everlasting joy and felicity;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Leisure

A New Team Vicar

The Two Rivers Mission Community leadership team will be bolstered in May when Rev Cathy Gardiner joins us as part time team vicar. Cathy will be living in the rectory in Newton Tracey and acting as focal minister for Tawstock.

Everyone is invited to Cathy's welcome service in Tawstock church on Tuesday 23rd May at 7.00pm, when the Bishop of Exeter will be licensing Cathy.

Cathy has written the following to introduce herself: **Rev Gary.**

Hi! I'm Cathy, married to Steve, we have three grown up children, six grandchildren and two on the way. We also have a Jack Russell dog named Ruby. I have been in ministry for nearly fifteen years, I served my curacy in Bedminster in The Diocese of Bristol, moved to Inner City London, Anerley, in the diocese of Rochester as team vicar, then back to Bristol as priest in charge in Knowle West.

My interests are walking, camping, and spending time with family and friends. I enjoy eating out, chatting and drinking tea and coffee.

I love animals, and am looking forward to keeping ducks again, maybe with a few extras. (I am told sheep make very good lawn mowers).

I love spending time with, and getting to know people, being out and about in the community. Having previously worked with children and families as a pre-school worker/manager I am looking forward to spending time at Holywell school, and exploring ways we as church can reach out to families in the area. Steve and I are really looking forward to getting to know our new church family and community, and all God has in store for all of us!

God Bless - Cathy and Steve

Last time the word was: Obedience

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 - Get started

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Word count 15 = Good. More than 20 = Well done!

Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 196

Good Luck...

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Solution to Su Doku No. 195

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Anglican Community - Team Rector Rev Gary Owen

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Huntsraw Church – a service every month!

We are planning to hold a service in Huntsraw church on the second Sunday of every month. Do put the following dates in your diary and pop along to join us...

Sunday 14th May, 11th June, 9th July, 13th August and 10th September.

Mission Community Ascension Day service

Thursday 18th May, 10.30am in High Bickington Church.

Join us as we celebrate Jesus' ascension to heaven, from where He now pours out his Spirit, watches over us and prepares a place for us.

Prayer Walk from Westward Ho! – Saturday 20th May

South West Awake are inviting Christians to pray at 10.30am on Saturday 20th May along the south west coast path. We will meet at 9.50am at the Seaford car park in Westward Ho! and walk a mile along the path before stopping to pray at 10.30am for 20 minutes.

Adults, children and well-behaved dogs are invited to join us.

Those who want to can stay on for a pasty in Westward Ho! before setting off home!

You can find out more at - www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org

Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

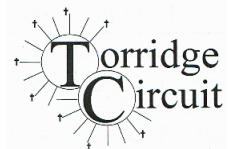
Minister Rev Rob Blackhall 01805 628041

Services planned for Alverdiscott Chapel in May

30 April	11 am	At Parish Church
07 May	11 am	Paul Bate
21 May	11 am	Rev Rob Blackhall HC

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There are about 50 or more people who each signed up to be a sponsor for Huntshaw’s bell refurbishment (at £10 or more), and in the last round robin sent out we were reporting that although close we still needed £2000 to reach the £28k target.

But when Eddie Staines read the email he rang me up saying... he was brought up in Huntshaw, he loved Huntshaw and as he’d always wanted to hear the bells ringing again... he was going to make up the difference of £2000 there and then via a bacs payment!

So not only did Staines Trailers donate the steel beams and pay for galvanising at the beginning of this project – it’s a very big thank you Eddie for doing this at the end as well.

In other news Taylors have set the date of Monday 17th October to revisit to rehang the bells over a 4 or 5 day period, and again we shall be looking for volunteers please, on a rota to assist the bell hanger.

The Bishop of Exeter has said he is also happy to come to take part in a Thanksgiving Service for the restoration of the bells. This will be on a Saturday afternoon (date to be confirmed for Oct or Nov) during which there will be the first pealing of the 3 bells for all to hear. Afterwards we shall have some refreshments either in the Church or the Parish Hall.

Also, if there’s enough interest on or just before the 17th of October, we might have a ‘bell viewing’ morning with the bells at ground level in the aisles before they are to “go up”... for the next 500 years!

Although we have reached the target, donations will still be welcome (!) One of the things we like to do is make some form of exhibition of all the bell related artifacts we have, like the medieval clappers and bell wheels etc., possibly mounted on the belfry wall, plus safety lighting up the pitch-black spiral stairway would be good to have.

So, roll in October - when maybe after 60 years - the Bells can Ring out across Huntshaw’s Woods and Fields Again!

Richard Sears

Parish Council News

Notice of Parish Council Meetings

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at Alverdiscott Hall on Wednesday 10 May starting at 7pm.

This will be followed immediately by a **Parish Council meeting**.

Parish Councillor Names and Contact Numbers

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Parish Clerk email alvhuntpc@gmail.com **Please note new address**

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CELEBRATION OF KING CHARLES III
CORONATION**



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Licensed Bar, Tombola (prize every time) Royal Quiz.
Come along and join in the fun!



MONDAY 8TH MAY – BIG HELP OUT DAY

We are looking for volunteers to do some work around our community.

Refreshments will be available in the Village Hall.

If you will be available to **help out** on Monday 8th please

let Liz know. bulworthy@aol.com



HUNTSRAW HALL



TO CELEBRATE KING CHARLES III CORONATION
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AFTERNOON TEA



ON SUNDAY MAY 7TH
3.00 PM AT THE HALL



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MUSICAL LUNCHES AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Our popular monthly Musical Lunches have started again in the church.

These will normally be on the last Friday of the month from April until October.

The next one will on 26th May. A Light lunch will be available from 12.30pm with music from 1pm.

We will be presenting different types of music each month. If you haven't been before why not come and give it a try. There is no charge for the event, we just ask for a donation. All money raised goes towards the upkeep of the church.



Music Quiz

Alverdiscott Community Hall
10th June, 7pm for 7.30pm
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