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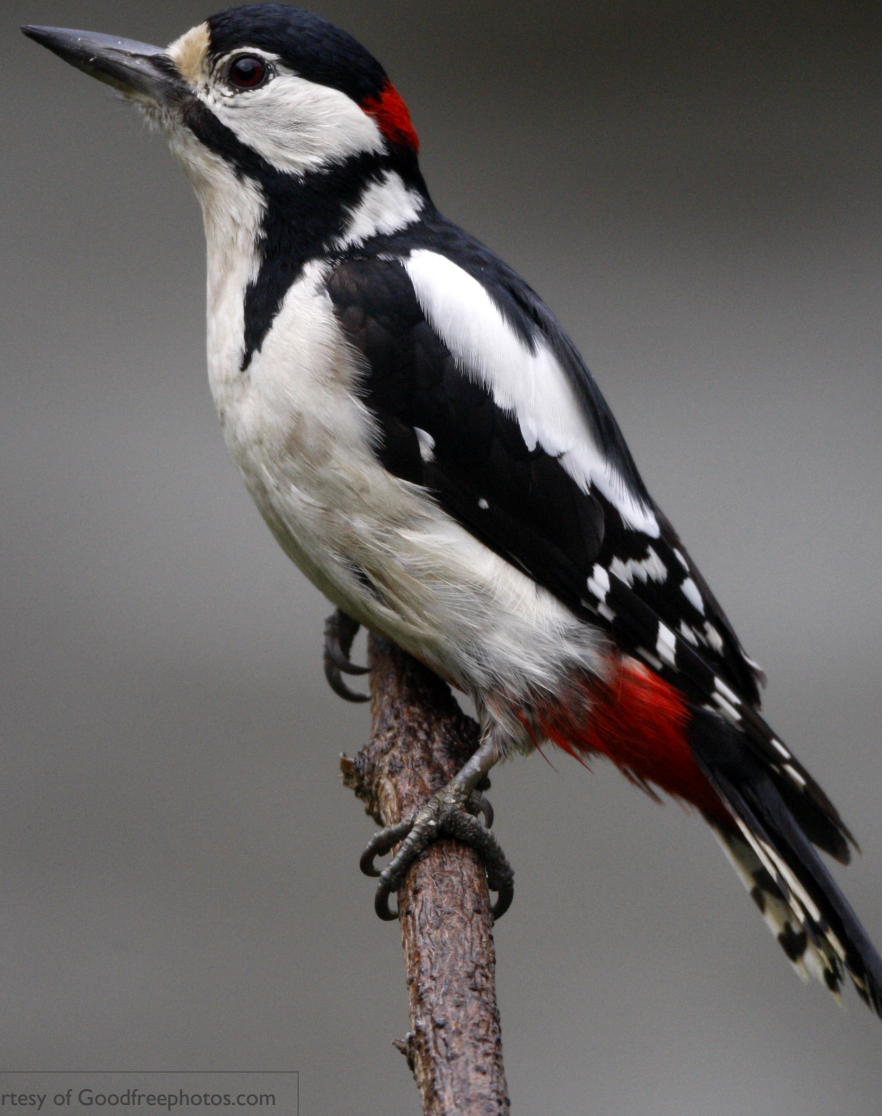
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**From The Assistant Editor**

Well the hot dry spell of weather has come to a gentle, thankfully, end it would seem. Over the months of May and June we had 26 consecutive days without rain. Rainfall in May was just 2.5 inches and so far in June it is just 0.65 of an inch. Total rain for the year to date is 18.8 inches. So it's looking like it's going to be a very dry year...

It also seems to have been a very good year for our local birds. We've had several species of young birds being fed by their parents in the garden including, blue tits, black caps, great spotted woodpeckers, robins and sparrows.

There was also a hornet that came into the conservatory, twice, or was it 2 hornets??? And also a young hare running around on the drive.

The house martins have been very obvious flying around the cottage, as the state of the car will testify, but they haven't managed to make or repair any nests. Maybe the lack of rain has made it difficult for them to find any suitable mud to make them?

And now, changing the subject completely, Elsie and I have been editing the Local Rag for close on 18 years. Which is a very long time. Without going into any details, I reckon it is time for a change.

So, is there anyone out there who has a burning desire to take it on? Or even just a vague notion that they need a fresh challenge!

If you are that person then get in touch so we can have a chat.

**\*\*STOP PRESS Xlinks Public Meeting STOP PRESS\*\***

**There will be another public meeting at Alverdiscott Community Hall on Friday 30 June at 2pm. All are welcome.**

This meeting has been arranged by Sir Jeffery Cox, who will be in the chair. There will also be representatives from Xlinks and in particular it is hoped that Simon Morrish (CEO) and David Kelly will be in attendance.

Quote from the Xlinks website - [Morocco-UK Power Project - Xlinks](#)

The Morocco - UK Power Project will be a new electricity generation facility entirely powered by solar and wind energy combined with a battery storage facility. Located in Morocco's renewable energy rich region of Guelmim Oued Noun, it will be connected exclusively to Great Britain via 3,800km HVDC sub-sea cables.

These cables will be connected into the UK National Grid via Alverdiscott Sub-Station **Two very large** HVDC/AC convertor stations will have to be built adjacent to the Sub-Station to enable this to happen.

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

**ALVERDISCOTT FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW****Saturday 29th July. Doors open 2.30pm.**

**The Flower and Produce Show** is coming up fast! Have you got a Show Schedule? If not then get in touch with the Rag so we can get a copy to you.

There are over seventy classes to choose from and there is still time to enter. You simply have to decide what you want to do. If you've already made your mind up what you're going to enter, then good luck and see you on the day.

We will have a **"Bits and Bobs"** stall at the show and if anyone has any items in **good condition** which could be donated please contact any committee member.

If you have a Cup from last year, please dig it out of the cupboard and let the Rag or any committee member know it's safe and sound!

Many thanks Jane Hardwicke 01271 858676

**A message from the Rector**

In July we will be celebrating patronal festivals in three of our churches. On 2nd July we will celebrate the feast of St Peter (the patronal festival for Roborough and Tawstock). We'll celebrate the feast of Mary Magdalene a little early in Huntshaw on 9th July.

Both Peter and Mary Magdalene were disciples of Jesus. Both were flawed characters, yet much loved by Jesus and used greatly by him.

Peter was the brave fisherman, not afraid to go where angels feared to tread. This led to him experiencing some wonderful moments, like the time he walked on water with Jesus. But it also led to him overpromising (remember that bold assertion that he would never deny Jesus, just before he did so three times) and even experiencing a rebuke from Jesus when he told Jesus he should not be crucified.

Mary has a bad reputation, but there is no real evidence she was a prostitute... just that she was a woman afflicted by demons who Jesus took pity on and healed.

Jesus' resurrection transformed the lives of Mary and Peter. Mary was the first person to meet Jesus after he rose from the dead and was given the job of sharing the good news... remarkable given that the testimony of women was regularly disregarded at the time! Peter, a small businessman became one of the most important leaders of the early church, delivering the sermon at Pentecost which led to the conversion of 3,000 people, and writing 2 books of the bible. We believe that he went on to be crucified for his faith, refusing to give up on his commitment to his Lord.

Celebrating the lives of the saints gives us chance to see how faith in Jesus has been lived out by imperfect people just like us. Perhaps Peter and Mary encourage us that we don't have to be perfect to be a follower of Jesus... just that we need to be committed to him and love him. Perhaps they give us hope that the resurrected Jesus can empower us to do great things in his service, despite our flaws. And perhaps they encourage us to share the good news of Jesus we have experienced for ourselves.

*Rev Gary Owen*

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**Events at Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel**

**Coffee Morning**

On Thursday 1 June we raised £150 for Alverdiscott Chapel funds. On Thursday 6 July all money raised will go to the **After Care Unit at NDDH "Over and Above"**. On 3 August the charity will the MWiB appeal for the Buranpur Hospital in India. 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 meetings will be on 24 July and 21 August. Everyone is welcome and the cost is just £1.00.

**Arts and Craft Group**

The Arts and Craft Group meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Our next meetings will be on 11 July and 8 August, in the chapel schoolroom, from 10.00 till 12.00. All are welcome.

**Church Service at Alverdiscott Parish Church**

There will be a Group Service at **All Saints Alverdiscott** on July 30th at 11.00am

A very warm welcome is extended to everyone, including our friends from the Methodist Church. Light refreshments will be served after the service.  
Hope to see you there - Barbara Ford.

**Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel**



**'Cream Tea and Cake'**  
On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August  
from 2.30pm until 5.00pm.



**£5.00 - All proceeds for Chapel Funds.**  
**Everyone Welcome.**

**Leisure**



**Local Bike Rides**



As a local resident and keen but not too serious a cyclist, I was wondering if anyone is interested in forming a local cycle group to enjoy our local beautiful countryside? Nothing too serious, just social bike rides to enjoy.

**If you are interested please drop an email to Nigel Davies at [b\\_davies6@sky.com](mailto:b_davies6@sky.com)**

**Back by popular demand!  
A Few More Witty One-Liners...**

The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless...

If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed.  
We're having a meeting.

So, you drive across town to the gym to walk on a treadmill?

More next month...

**Last time the word was: PENTECOST**

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 - Finding

Y	E	O
I	C	S
V	R	D

Word count 18 = Good. More than 22 = Well done!

Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 198

Good Luck...

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Solution to Su Doku No. 197

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Anglican Community - Team Rector Rev Gary Owen

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Services in Huntshaw Church

This month's service in Huntshaw Church is on Sunday 9th July at 11.00am.

Cream tea and Songs of Praise, Sunday 9th July in Yarnscombe  
Come along for a free cream tea (from 5.00pm) and stay for a songs of praise service (6.30pm). We'll be interviewing our new curate, Ally, and there will be chance to have a chat and say 'hello'.

Keeping in touch

We are learning all the time... and we now have a new format weekly email with details of what's going on around the Two Rivers Mission Community. If you'd like to receive this email please email [revgaryowen@gmail.com](mailto:revgaryowen@gmail.com)

You can find out more at - [www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org](http://www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org)

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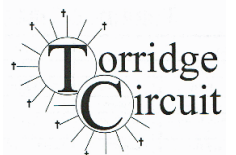
Minister Rev Rob Blackhall 01805 628041

Services planned for Alverdiscott Chapel in July and August

02 July	11 am	Elsie Potter HC
16 July	11 am	Rev Paul Booth
30 July	11 am	At Parish Church
06 August	11 am	Julia Spencer
20 August	11 am	Rev Rob Blackhall HC

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**Friends of Huntshaw Bells**  
**All set for October! Update.**



*The refurbished bells are due to be reinstalled during the week commencing Monday 16th October, and it's expected to take a week to hoist them up and rehang them. At the moment the Friends group are canvassing people to see if they'd like to come to a 'Bell viewing', on the ground, with the opportunity to take photographs etc., before they start to go up on the Monday, in which case we will endeavour to have them delivered a day or two earlier. It would be a rare chance to view the bells at ground level, in the aisles, before they are to "go up" ... for the next 500 years!*

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.

Although we have reached the target, donations will still be welcome (!) One of the things we would 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 on 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**

Two vacancies have arisen on the parish council, one to represent Alverdiscott, and the other for Huntshaw. Council meetings currently take place every other month on the first Wednesday, alternating between the two village halls.

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th July  
at 7:30pm in Huntshaw hall.**

We would welcome those interested in becoming a councillor, and invite you to come along and give a (**very!**) short presentation about yourself.

Graham White - Chairman.

**Parish Councillor Names and Contact Numbers**

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**FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

Anyone passing the church recently will have noticed that scaffolding has been put up around the tower. Repair work is due to commence later this month and will take up to three months to complete. It has been a long hard struggle to get the required permission and there were times when we began to wonder if it was worth the effort. It is, therefore, very rewarding to actually see work commencing. Thanks must go to all the supporters who have helped to raise funds towards the cost of the work.

While the work is being undertaken, please use either the gate from the lane or the gate to the lower graveyard to access the church. The path from the lychgate is obstructed by the scaffolding.

Our main fundraising event of the year, the **Safari Supper**, is coming up on 8th July. Please see the advert on page 9 for full details.

**MUSICAL LUNCHESES 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 ones will be on 30th June and then 28th July.*

*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  
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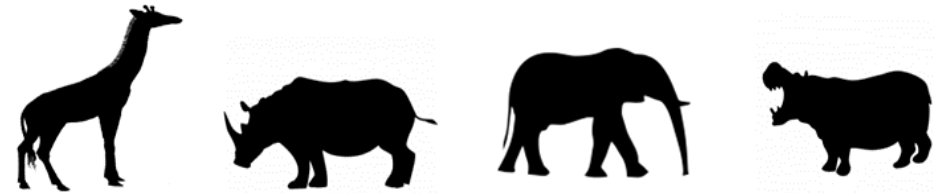
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**Friends of All Saints Church Supporters Club – June Draw Prize Winners**

1st	John Ridd	£25
2nd	Michael Lee	£15
3rd	Jane White	£10

Membership to the Supporters Club is due for renewal in June. Louise, our Treasurer, will be making contact with all existing members in the near future. If you are not a member but would like to join please contact Louise Saunders on 01271 858522, [louisesaunders4bp@gmail.com](mailto:louisesaunders4bp@gmail.com). The cost of a year's membership is £12. As a member you will be helping us to keep our church in good order and stand the chance of winning a monthly prize. All Members also receive the monthly Newsletter.



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