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From The Assistant Editor

Well, as promised you should find a copy of the Flower and Produce Show schedule inside this copy of the Rag. If not, or if you need another copy let us know.

The Coronation celebrations were nothing, if not truly spectacular. We can still do some things really well. Locally we had very good numbers at the ACH Royal celebration tea party on Sunday, and the weather was just right, thankfully.

On the avian front, there were baby robins in our garden, on Monday 1 May, being fed by the adults. Which seems a bit early given the bad weather we'd had up until then. Then the house martins arrived on Monday 8 May. This is a bit late but it's just good to see them anyway,

and there seems to be quite good numbers of them too.

The house sparrow is standing guard over his old martin nest but does not appear to have a mate as yet. That nest is at least 3 years old so surely can't last much longer. The poor thing will be mightily disappointed when it eventually falls to the ground.

The hawthorn bushes and trees are a real picture at the moment. The whole local area is awash with their wonderful blossom.

The picture on the front cover is one I found on the Cornwall Wild Life Trust site. Several people have commented on the Red Kite on the cover of the May issue. I'd love to say it was one of mine, but it wasn't, I've had it on file for ages.

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Alongside a passion for God, I have a few different hobbies that keep me occupied. I love walking, which is handy as my dog loves walking too. You will easily recognise me out walking in the winter as I have bright yellow wellies and a yellow bobble hat. I am very much looking forward to discovering some good walking routes within the benefice. I play and umpire netball, I find that team sport is good for both my body and my mind, and it is an essential part of my weekly activities.

I enjoy reading, although most of my reading over the last few years has been theological, I do try to read the odd bit of fiction when I am on holiday. I also enjoy doing puzzles and have just started collecting wooden ones.

My girls and I are really looking forward to moving to Beaford in June and I can't wait to get started working within the Benefice at the beginning of July.

Rev Ally Hope

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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!

A New Curate for the Two Rivers Mission Community

On Saturday 1st July our new curate, Rev Ally Hope, will be ordained deacon in Exeter cathedral by Bishop Robert. Ally will be with us for three years, training to take on parishes of her own. For her first year with us she will focus her ministry in Beaford, although she will be getting out and about around the whole mission community. Ally will be moving into the rectory in Beaford in mid-June. Ally introduces herself here:

I have been studying theology and mission at Ripon college Cuddesdon for the last three years. I currently live near Oxford with my two children, who are 17 and 13 years old, my miniature poodle, two cats and a snake.

My journey to becoming a curate in the Church of England has been a long one, I first felt called to this role in about 2014. I started my working life as a primary school teacher, which progressed to teaching adults and then doing specialist work with teenagers. I worked within various teams for 14 years, ending with working within the Young Offenders Team in Taunton. I have worked within secondary schools, care homes and family homes, as well as specialist education units. Alongside my work I have always been an active volunteer in my local church, I started off helping with children's groups, then started leading a home group, which then led to me leading services.

After leaving my work with the young offender's team, I had the opportunity to devote my time to my local church in Cotford St Luke. I was the church warden for two years and ran several different projects out of our church building. During this time, I went through the discernment process for ordination, which ended with me moving to Cuddesdon in the summer of 2020, right in the middle of the pandemic.

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A message from the Rector

In the Owen house, we've recently been watching the TV series "Race across the world". The programme follows 5 pairs of people as they attempt to cross Canada for the price of an aeroplane ticket... without taking to the skies! It was fascinating to see the places visited as well as the way each pair coped with the highs and lows of the journey. The pairs would never have completed their journey without the kindness of others; whether free rides or a night's accommodation.

You do not need to be a Christian to show kindness. But one of the fruits of the Spirit, the good character traits that the Holy Spirit seeks to grow in the lives of believers, is kindness (along with love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control). If we are Christians, we should be growing more kind as time goes on; in the same way that Jesus was kind.

Some acts of kindness do take much effort, but even small acts of kindness can make a real difference to the lives of others; they can put a smile on our face, a spring in our step, and make us feel like the world is not such a bad place after all. Kind words build up, whilst unkind ones tear down. Proverbs 12.25 reminds us: "Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up".

Sometimes I hear people say, 'The sun shines on the righteous'. The full quote, from Matthew 5.45 is, "God makes the sun rise on both the evil and the good and sends rain on both the righteous and the unrighteous". God is kind. He blesses those who love him... and those who don't.

Perhaps today we might take a few moments to thank God for his kindness to us and the kindness of others and to pray that we might be people who in turn show kindness to those around us.

Did you pick up a Try Praying booklet from church? Did you give Try Praying a try? If you did, we'd love to hear how you got on.

Rev Gary Owen

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www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org

trypraying

Events at Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

Coffee Morning

On Thursday 4 May we raised £90 for Action for Children. **On Thursday 1 June we will be raising money for Alverdiscott Chapel funds.** Then on Thursday 6 July all money raised will go to the After Care Unit at NDDH **“Over and Above”**. 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 26 June. 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 meeting will be on Tuesday 13 June, in the chapel schoolroom, from 10.00 till 12.00. All are welcome.



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

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

I went to the doctor with hearing problems.

He said “Can you describe the symptoms?”

I said: “Homer’s a fat dude and Marge has blue hair.”

When I get a headache I take 2 aspirin and keep away from children. Just like it says on the bottle!

“Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40 minute flute solo”.

More next month...

Last time the word was: INSTIGATE

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 - Jewish Festival

N	E	O
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C	T	P

Word count 20 = Good. More than 26 = Well done!

Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 197

Good Luck...

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Solution to Su Doku No. 196

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Anglican Community - Team Rector Rev Gary Owen

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Services in Huntshaw Church

We are now meeting on the second Sunday of the month at 11.00am for a simple morning service and refreshments.

All are welcome, whether committed Christian, inquirer or sceptic.

Our next services are on 11th June, 9th July and 13th August.

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

Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

Minister Rev Rob Blackhall 01805 628041

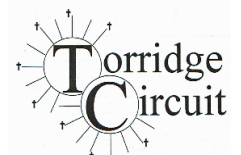
Services planned for Alverdiscott Chapel in June and July

04 June	11am	Lorna Dawe
18 June	11am	Rev Rob Blackhall
25 June	10.30am	Conference Service at Torrington
02 July	11am	Elsie Potter HC
16 July	11am	Rev Paul Booth
30 July	11am	At Parish Church

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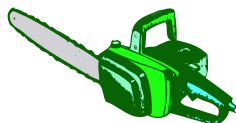


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All set for October!**



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

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

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

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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 ones will on 26th May and then 30th June.

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.



DROP IN RELAX & ENJOY

CORONATION WEEKEND

A big "thankyou" to all who came to the Coronation tea. Also thanks to those who made cakes for the occasion, it certainly was an amazing spread.

On the Monday we had several helpers for the "Help out" day and managed to achieve quite a few local clean up jobs, and even repair some pot holes. Well done everyone.

Alverdiscott Flower and Produce Show 2023

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.

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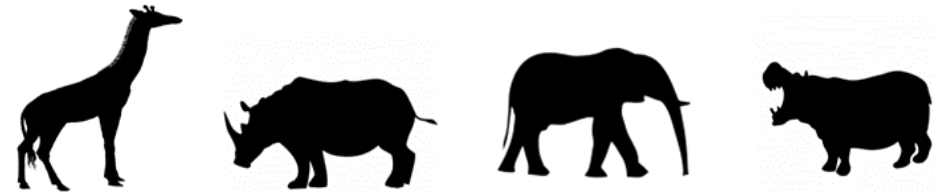
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Friends of All Saints Church Supporters Club – May Draw Prize Winners

1st	Rosemary Caton	£25
2nd	Tom Saunders	£15
3rd	John Hobbs	£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. 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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