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No - Mow - May in 2022

This is a picture from last year. This year there were daisies everywhere!

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**From The Assistant Editor**

First off, I must apologise for my error on the July Su Doku. The 5 and the 6 on the 4th row should have had an empty square between them. Thank you to all who got in touch!

You see, I said it was time for a change of editorship...

And on that subject, the response has been totally underwhelming! Not one person has been in touch to find out what creating the Rag involves. So, we will carry on for now but if no one takes over soon then the Rag will simply cease to be, which I think would be a shame...

I said last month that I thought the house martins had not managed to raise any young. Well I was wrong. Having had a closer look it seems there are two occupied nests, which

probably means there are maybe 8 young ones now flying around as well as the 4 adults. Which goes some way to explaining why there is so much poo all over the car!

There have also been a good number of butterflies fluttering around. We've had red admiral, peacock, speckled wood and large white, to name a few of them. I'm not very good at butterflies!

There is, however, still a total lack of bees. One or two bumble bees but no honey bees. And that in spite of not mowing the grass since May! The whole grass area has been covered in ox-eye daisies. It all looked really pretty, but they are now dying off and it will be a real pain when I do attempt to mow it!

**Lammas-Tide Service**

A service of thanksgiving for the first fruits of the harvest.



Followed by light refreshments.

Sunday 6 August at 3.30pm.

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### A message from the Rector

Back in at the end of May, we took our campervan down to the south coast of Devon. The weather was fantastic, and we enjoyed a lovely few days away. Perhaps you are planning some time away over the summer, maybe even camping...

Camping is no new thing. In the Old Testament we read how each year the Israelites made 'booths' and camped out for a week, during a festival held to remember how their ancestors had lived in tents on a journey through the desert from Egypt to the Promised land.

It was during this journey from slavery to freedom that God instructed his people to build a special tent (Tabernacle) as a place where his glory might dwell. As the people moved from one place to another, so God would go with them... or perhaps more accurately, as God led the way, the people followed. But the tabernacle was a visible reminder that God was with his people... they were not alone.

Once the Israelites were settled in the Promised land they built a more permanent temple, and again, God was pleased in some mystical way to live there, even though his glory fills the heavens and the whole earth is full of his glory. Perhaps our church buildings function in a similar way, as a visible reminder that the God who created the whole universe and sustains it day by day, nonetheless dwells amongst us.

Let's not neglect to recognise God's glory in the universe he made; to perhaps look up at the stars and take a moment to ponder the awesomeness of the one who put them in place. Let's also take the time, perhaps whilst also gazing up at those same stars, to reach out to the God who is near to all who call upon him...

*The Lord is near to all who call upon Him,*

*To all who call upon Him in truth.*

*He will fulfil the desire of those who fear Him;*

*He also will hear their cry and save them.*

*The Lord preserves all who love Him,*

*But all the wicked He will destroy.*

**Psalm 145.18-20**

*Rev Gary Owen*

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**Events at Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel**

**Coffee Morning**

The July coffee morning raised £135 for Over and Above, well done all. On Thursday 3 August the charity will the **MWiB appeal for the Buranpur Hospital in India**. On 7 September all money raised will go to the RNLI station Appledore. 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 31 July when we will be visiting the garden of Gordon and Ann-Marie. On 21 August we plan to visit the garden of Paul and Carol Booth in Horwood. Everyone is welcome and the cost is just £1.00.

**Arts and Craft Group**

Due to declining numbers the Arts and Crafts group is now closed.  
Thank you to all who have supported it in the past.

**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! Well I like them anyway.  
A Few More Witty One-Liners...**

Does anyone else have a plastic bag full of plastic bags, or is it just me?

I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. He's 5 and it's past his bedtime.

If you ever think you are too small to be effective,  
you've never been in bed with a mosquito!

*More next month...*

**Last time the word was: DISCOVERY**

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 - Bedding

I	R	O
W	D	N
D	E	E

Word count 25 = Good. More than 30 = Well done!

Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 199

Good Luck...

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7						3		1
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Solution to Su Doku No. 198

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

Anglican Community - Team Rector Rev Gary Owen

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Upcoming Services in Huntshaw Church

Sunday 13th August at 11.00am

Sunday 10th September at 11.00am

Sunday 24th September at 2.00pm – Harvest Festival

You can find out more at -

[www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org](http://www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org)

Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

Minister Rev Rob Blackhall 01805 628041

Services planned for Alverdiscott Chapel in August & Sept.

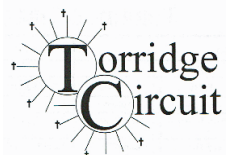
06 August	11.00am	Julia Spencer
20 August	11.00am	Rev Rob Blackhall HC
03 September	10.30am	Circuit Service at Torrington
10 September	11.00am	Duncan Withall
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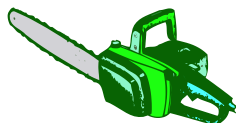


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**Friends of Huntshaw Bells**  
**All set for October! Update 2.**



*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!*

*Sadly, the Thanksgiving Service for the restoration of the bells may have to be rescheduled or may not now take place at all. Full details will appear next month, hopefully.*

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 will now take place **every other month on the third Thursday**, alternating between the two village halls.

**The next meeting will be on Thursday 21st September at 7:30pm in Alverdiscott Community 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

Graham White - Chairman	01271 858441
Liz Meaney - Vice Chairman	01805 624990
Bernard Hardwicke	01271 858676
Helen Bolton	01271 858885
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Alan Matthewman - Parish Clerk	01769 560740

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

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

*The Local Rag is available to view on the PC website*

#### County and District Councillors and Police & Crime Commissioner

##### County Councillor

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##### District Councillors

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### MUSICAL LUNCHES AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Our popular monthly Musical Lunches are continuing to please.

They are normally on the last Friday of the month and

will hopefully continue until October.

The next ones will be on 25th August and then 29th September.

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.

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## **Come and Celebrate**

### **"Harvest in Huntshaw"**



Our *Harvest Lunch* is on  
Sunday 24th September - 12 noon.



Weather permitting in the churchyard.

**£10 pp - please text Jenny to book your lunch  
on 07785 921371.**



***There will also be a short Harvest Service in the Church at 2 pm  
should you wish to attend.***