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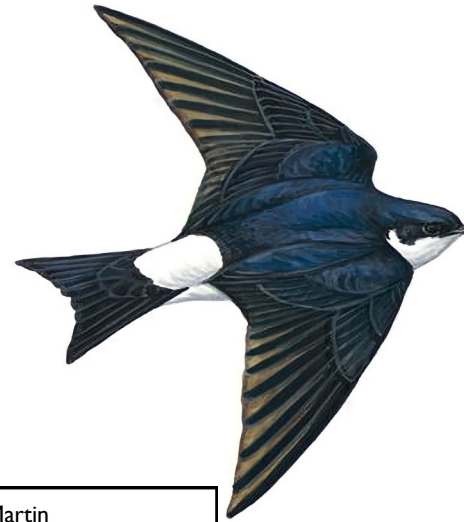
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ALVERDISCOTT AND HUNTSRAW

Welcome to the
May Edition
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2024



House Martin



Swallow

House martins arrived over Webbery Cross Cottage on Sunday 14 April.
Swallows arrived Thursday 18 April. Pictures are Courtesy of the RSPB

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From The Assistant Editor**Welcome to the May Local Rag.**

The talk at the Garden Club meeting, by Alison and Stuart was really very interesting and informative. One of the subjects it brought to our attention was the potential problems that may come from the continued invasion of the UK by the **Asian Hornet**.

This voracious predator presents a real danger to our native bees which are already under a lot of pressure from pesticides and climate change. The Asian Hornet has already become a problem across much of Europe and has also made its way to the Channel Islands. They've also been seen in Plymouth, and other parts of the UK. A report from the Channel Islands said, "The full impact on native ecology is not fully known at the moment, but individual bee

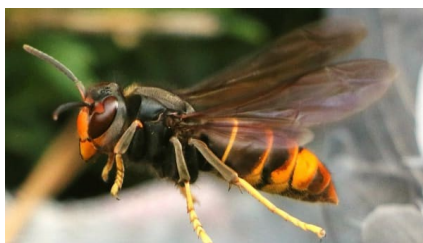
keepers can certainly testify to the dire effect of Asian hornets."

"The most dangerous time in terms of numbers is September/October but in late May/early June the nests will contain worker hornets who will defend the nest if it is disturbed."

If you think you may have spotted one locally you are asked to report it to: alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk

Trap it if you can, but be very, very careful, they have a painful sting!

The British Beekeepers Association website: www.bbka.org.uk has heaps of useful information on the subject.



***** **Quiz Nite** *****

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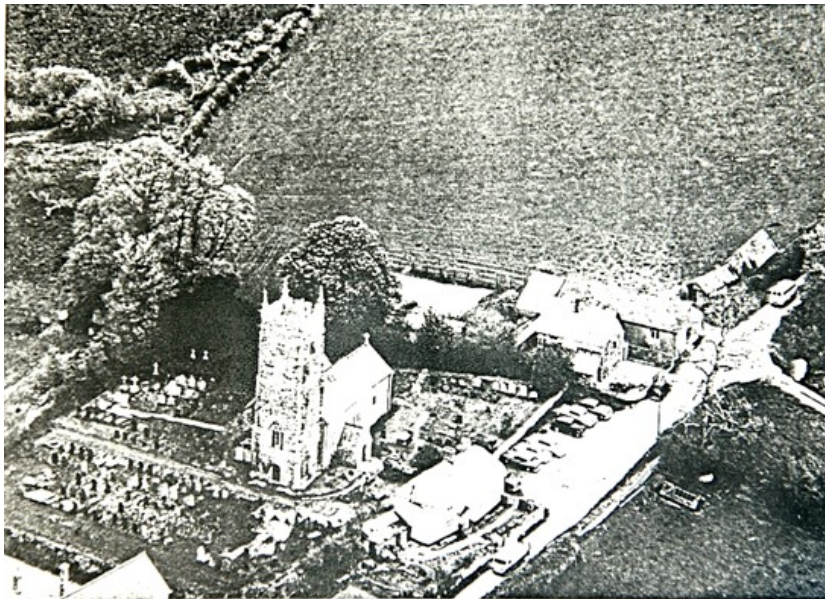
Huntshaw Village Hall

**Huntshaw village hall is 100 hundred years old!
It was built in 1924 on land donated by the then
Lord Clinton and indentured in 1925.**

We will be celebrating with a party next year and in the meantime, I am compiling a brief history of the hall. I would love to hear from anyone who has memories and/or photos of this wonderful place.

I can be contacted via email: audreyalimo@yahoo.co.uk

The photo below should get those memories flowing.



From the Rector

The California Institute of Technology believes that we human beings can only see 5% of the universe; the other 95% being made up of dark matter and dark energy (website 2019). I'm no scientist. They may well be right.

But I am convinced that there are lots of things that we can't see that are real nonetheless. Love would be one of them.

God, of course, would be another.

Although God is invisible to the human eye, God has not left us to just guess at what he's like. He has revealed himself in creation... who hasn't gazed at a beautiful sunset and been left in awe at the One who made it?

God has revealed himself through prophets; we read about them in the Old Testament of the Bible.

But God has revealed himself supremely in Jesus. In Jesus, God became man and lived among us. Jesus showed us what God is like and taught us all about him. "If you have seen me, you have seen the Father", Jesus said (John 14.9).

One of the things Jesus taught his followers was how to relate to the invisible God who dwells in "unapproachable light". He taught that through faith in him, we can talk to God and listen to him. "Our Father, who art in heaven" Jesus said to begin our prayers. The God who fills the heavens with his glory can be known as a loving and present heavenly father, who is interested in even us.

What did Jesus then suggest that we talk to God about?

Firstly, to offer our thanks and praise: "hallowed be thy name"

Then, to pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven... and wouldn't the world be a better place if we did listen to God and do as he says!

And finally, to pray for our own needs and the needs of others: for the things we need in life, for forgiveness and for help to resist temptation.

So, let's not fall into the trap of only believing that what we can see is real. To do so would be to miss out on so much that is good and life giving... not least a relationship with the God who made us, loves us and has plans for our lives.

Rev Gary Owen

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Events at Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning in March was for Water Aid and raised £95, so well done everyone, and thank you. The next event is on **Thursday 2 May, and all money raised will go to Chapel Funds.** After that on 6 June we will be raising money for **Action for Children** and then on 4 July it will be for **Over and Above**, the after care unit, at NDDH. So please do come along - between 10am and noon - and support these important causes, hope to see you there.

Garden Club

The Garden Club meetings are normally on the last Monday of each month (except Bank Holidays when it will usually be the Monday before) at 2.30pm in the Chapel schoolroom. The next one is on 29 April and then **20 May.**

Everyone is welcome and the cost is just £1.00.

For the latest information contact Philip Squire on 01237 473692.

Thy Kingdom Come 11 Days of Prayer

From Ascension (Thursday 9th May) to Pentecost (Sunday 19th May) The Two Rivers Mission Community will be joining in with the global prayer event, **Thy Kingdom Come** started by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. We'll be praying for our local communities, country and the wider world. We'll be praying specifically for people to discover the love of God and life in all its fulness through Jesus. You're invited to join us. Details are on our website: www.tworiversmissioncommunity.org/whats-on/spring-2024/ - or email revgaryowen@gmail.com about specific events.



Leisure

As promised...

A few more witty one liners

What was the best thing **before** sliced bread?

Why do they call it a TV set when you only get one?

If a stealth bomber crashes in the forest, does it make a sound?

Do cemetery workers actually prefer the graveyard shift?

Is it possible to be totally partial?

When it rains, why don't sheep shrink?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

And finally, Superman could stop bullets with his chest, so why did he always duck when someone threw their gun at him?

More next month, yes there are still some more to come...

Last time the word was: CROSSWORD

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 - Climax

D	C	C
S	R	N
E	E	O

Word count 25 = Good. More than 35 = Well done!

Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 207

Good Luck...

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Solution to Su Doku No. 206

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Anglican Community - Team Rector Rev Gary Owen
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Huntsraw Church Services

Sunday 11th May: Morning worship for Ascension and Pentecost; 11.00am.

Friday 17th May: Thy Kingdom Come prayers; 10.00am. (15 minutes).

Sunday 9th June: Morning worship, marking the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings; 11.00am.

Could you help clean our church?

We'll be giving the church a spring clean on Friday 17th May from 10.15am. All are welcome to come armed with a dustpan and brush, bucket and mop etc.

Coffee and cake will be provided

Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

Minister Rev Rob Blackhall 01805 628041

Services planned for Alverdiscott Chapel during May

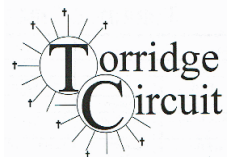
05 May 11.00am Stephen Hill - Holy Communion

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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 is the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm on Thursday 16th May at Alverdiscott Hall, and will be followed Parish Council AGM at 7.30pm.

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 - Chair.

Parish Councillor Names and Contact Numbers

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We will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 30th April at 7.30pm in the church.

We have lost a couple of committee members over the last few years. If you are interested in joining us, please come along and speak to one of the existing committee. Or contact Louise Saunders on 01271 858522 or, louisesaunders4bp@gmail.com



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