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From The Assistant Editor

Yes, I know the **Big Breakfast** is 2 months away but I really don't want anyone to miss it! Plus the fact that I had this beautiful poster/advert and there wasn't anywhere else to put it! Make a note on your calendar, now!

Something that starts much sooner is the brand new craft club **Craft and Chatter**, which starts on Monday 2 September in the school room at the Chapel, details on p4.

And we welcome a new advertiser, **Flush and Save**, who will flush out your radiators to make them more efficient. See the details on p7 & p14.

The musical lunches at All Saints are coming to an end. They have proved to be very popular throughout the year and if you haven't been to one yet give it a try, the details are on p6.

Huntshaw have their **Harvest Supper** on Friday 13 September, details on p7.

And then on Friday 20 September, Alverdiscott have their **Harvest Supper**. Details are on p9.

Seems like a bad time to start dieting!

Then, on p11 Alverdiscott & Huntshaw Parish Council are looking for new members. Seems there are soon to be 3 vacancies, so if you would like to be involved in local affairs contact Graham White for details.

And also on p11, a sad story from Merseyside which someone sent in.

And finally, on 26 October Huntshaw are holding a Pub Games and Charity Race Night. See p15.

**Huntshaw Village Pub Games
And Charity Race Night
Saturday 26th October 7.30 pm Licensed bar**

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For routine messages that **do not**

FLUSH AND SAVE

We live in a disposable age where very few items are repaired and most things are condemned and replaced. No one looks at the problem and tries to find the cause. Everything we use has a working life, but this life can be maintained and in a lot of cases extended.

Take your central heating system for example. It mainly consists of your heating source, the boiler, the pump that drives the water around and the radiators that deliver the heat to your home.

A lot of people have their boiler serviced, but very few have the rest of the system serviced. One of the main causes of boiler failure comes from the circulating water which over time collects from the radiators sludge and rust particles. Both your pump and boiler work better and more efficiently with clean water passing through them. You are losing a lot of your heating power, in some cases up to a third allowing this rust and sludge to remain in your radiators.

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You have a choice. You can continue working your boiler harder than it needs too, and in time have to replace it and probably the pump and spend more money on your monthly heating bill, or you can talk to - **FLUSH AND SAVE.**

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Umberleigh and Newton Tracey, eventually took no less than four and a half hours! I know that the roads do wear out, and have to be maintained, but the number of these at the moment is causing great aggravation and waste of time. Can I suggest that:

- 1 All holidaymakers to Devon and Cornwall be subject to a toll of £100 per person.
- 2 They are obliged to park up in a holding area and only allowed into the region between the hours of 1:00am and 4:00am.
- 3 Road works be ceased for 30mins every two hours, with the times published, so that traffic can proceed along the normal routes without having to divert along unsuitable lanes.

Graham White

From the Rector

As August draws to a close and the new school term begins, my thoughts are drawn towards all the children and young people who are headed back to school, and all the adults who will be working with them.

As a mum, I have known the ups and downs of the summer holidays, the freedom of not having our days bookended by school runs, not having to complete home-work in the evenings, not having to prepare yet another packed lunch, and not having to wait around at another after school club. I have known the joy of getting to know my children when they are more relaxed, not so tired from full days at school. I have also known the frustrations of finding fun activities to fill our time, juggling childcare so that I could work, and the added expense of taking the children out on day trips. I have also had the opportunity to practice patience and peace keeping skills when my two daughters have argued more due to being in each other's company for extended periods of time.

I have always looked towards the start of the autumn term with both a sense of sadness and relief, now my girls are older it doesn't feel the same. Instead, I am thinking about meaningful ways in which the church can engage with children and young people through their schools, toddler and youth groups. Luke 18. 16, says 'Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

My children have known the joy of growing up with a church family, they looked forward to Sunday mornings, when they would see their friends, spend time together, learn together and eat together. If you ask them about it, they will tell you what a joy it was. I would like that for every child in our mission community, the opportunity for fellowship, having fun together and learning about the love of God together.

On the first Sunday of each month, we have an 'all age' service in Beaford church at 9:30am and at Tawstock church at 11am, in Atherington we have 'Messy Church' on the second Sunday of each month at 4pm in the Pavilion. Yarnscombe does a café style church on the first Sunday of the month in Yarnscombe village hall at 10am. The third Monday of every month we run a Christian youth group in Beaford village hall, between 6:30 and 8pm, and Newton Tracey run a youth group on the second Thursday of each month at 6pm. Children are always welcome at any of our services, it is a joy to see them and it is a joy to see their guardians too.

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Events at Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning in August was for The Friends of All Saints, Alverdiscott, and we raised £100, so many thanks to all who came along. The next event is on **Thursday 5 September, when all monies raised will go to the Farming Community Network.** Then on Thursday 3 October we will be raising funds for The Moorings @ Barnstable - a mental health charity, so please do come along - between 10am and noon - and support these local 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. **HOWEVER - Please note, our next meeting is on Monday 16th. September** when we will be visiting the gardens at **The Forge** in Horwood. Everyone is welcome and the cost is just £1.00.

For the latest information contact Philip Squire on 01237 473692.

Our previous visit, to the gardens at **Stone Farm**, was very enjoyable and much appreciated by all. Our thanks go to Ray and Hilda Auvray, and Fiona.

ADVENTURES WITH ROAD CLOSURES

The other day, we had to drive over to Devizes (that's a town in Wiltshire). According to the AA route map, this journey should take two and three quarter hours.

We set out with the knowledge that the Newton Tracey road was closed, as was the bridge at Umberleigh, so we decided that we would not go via South Molton, but continue straight on and join the link road at Tiverton instead.

The road though Chawleigh had fortunately just been re-opened, but three miles from Tiverton there was again a full road closure!

We eventually arrived at the A303/A39 junction at Podimore. We wanted the A39, which was again fortunate, as the road works on that section of the A303 were severely restricting the traffic flow which had led to a two mile queue on to the junction. Of course there were further diversions along the A39, and we eventually arrived in Devizes three and a half hours later.

My lady wife, who knows about these things, suggested that we return by the M4 and M5. This was going well until ten miles along the M4 we slowed to a crawl (cause unknown), and did not clear again until shortly before the M5 interchange. This led us into a false sense of security, and we soon started crawling again!

This however was not entirely unexpected, as the traffic around Bristol (that's another town to the east of here) is almost always very heavy, but continued all the way to Avonmouth, shortly after which there had some time previously been an accident, which always slows the traffic flow.

Having negotiated this, the speeds miraculously increased back to normal, apart from when vehicles had to negotiate the obligatory camper vans in the middle lane! (Have you noticed that since the implementation of middle lane driving on motorways as a motoring offence, it has increased??)

This route home via the motorways, bearing in mind that we once again had to avoid

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Last time the word was: ELSEWHERE

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 - To move

G	E	N
R	R	R
A	A	E

Word count 18 = Good. More than 24 = Well done!



*****CRAFT and CHATTER*****



!!!The new monthly craft club starts!!!

Monday 2 September from 2pm to 4pm.

Meeting in the School Room at Alverdiscott Chapel.

Bring your knitting, crochet, sewing, painting or whatever craft you enjoy.

Plenty of parking. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided all for £1.



For further details contact Wendy on 01271 858539.



Alverdiscott Church Harvest Thanksgiving Service

There will be a Harvest Thanksgiving service at Alverdiscott Parish Church on Sunday September 29th at 11.00 am.

Followed by light refreshments and fellowship.

We do hope you will be able to join us for this traditional service.

Barbara Ford

Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 211

Good Luck...

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Solution to Su Doku No. 210

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2	6	1	7	8	5	4	9	3
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Anglican Community - Team Rector Rev Gary Owen
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Huntsraw Church Services

Sunday 8th September Harvest Festival 11.00am.

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If you work in a school, or nursery, or if you run a children's group, and you would like us to come and do an activity/visit/service with your group, please do get in contact with me. If you would like to get involved in supporting our mission communities' children's and youth work, then please do contact me.

I wish you all a very blessed September.

Rev Ally Hope

Rev Gary's sabbatical: 27th July to 18th November

During Gary's sabbatical, the first point of contact for church will be the Rev Ally Hope, our curate, on revallyhope@yahoo.com or 01805 439085, or 07359 294056, or your local church focal minister or church wardens.

Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

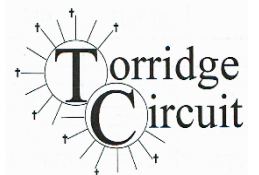
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Services planned for
Alverdiscott Chapel during September

08 September	11.00am	Elsie Potter
15 September	11.00am	Stephen Hill HC
29 September	11.00am	At Parish Church

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DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A SAY IN THE FUTURE?

There are currently two vacancies on Alverdiscott & Huntsraw Parish Council, and there will shortly be a third.

Are you prepared to spend a few hours a month to help influence the future of the local area, including housing, roads and infrastructure?

It is important that the residents of this area have a say in these, and especially with the advent of the Moroccan power line into Alverdiscott, we need a full council consisting of residents with knowledge of the area.

I am sure that you do not want our affairs run solely by the District Council, which is what will ultimately happen if we are unable to run without at least a minimum number of members.

If you feel that you would have something to contribute, please get in touch with me, or any of the other councillors – our contact details are in the Rag.

Graham White - Council Chairman.

****Stop Press Stop Press Stop Press****

Terrible news from Merseyside earlier. The Birkenhead tunnel has been closed and the speed limit will be 25mph for the foreseeable future. The highways agency found over 200 dead crows on the tunnel approach recently, and there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu.

A pathologist examined the remains of the crows, and has confirmed that the problem was NOT Avian Flu but rather the cause of death appeared to be from vehicular impacts.

However, during the analysis it was noted that varying colours of paints appeared on the beaks and claws. By analysing these paints it was found that 98% of the crows had been killed by impacts with lorries, whilst only 2% were killed by cars.

The agency then hired an Ornithological Behaviourist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentage of truck kills versus cars.

The Ornithological Behaviourist quickly concluded that when crows eat road kill, they always have a lookout to warn of danger.

They soon realised that, while all the lookout crows could shout "cah, cah", not a single one could say "lorry, lorry"...

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 19th September in Alverdiscott Community Hall at 7.30pm - all are welcome.

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.

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

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Thank you to everyone who has renewed their Supporters Club tickets for a further year. Anyone who is not a member but would like to join should contact Louise Saunders on 01271 858522 or, email louisesaunders4bp@gmail.com

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