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From The Assistant Editor

untouched by human hand. Where put together a list of events they did 2024 go? It just seemed to speed hope to hold throughout 2025. by, with hardly a word said.

I really do hope that 2025 is a lucky number and things do get better, but I'm not going to hold by breath!

As happened last year, you will notice that this is a slim-line version of the Rag. That will be because there were fewer articles and adverts sent in and so we are down to just 12 pages.

I regret to say that I have also had to resort to half a page of dubious iokes.

Hopefully next month normal service will be resumed...

However, looking ahead, the Alverdiscott Community Hall Committee held their first meeting

So here we are in a brand new year, of the new year on Monday and have

The following list is provisional. Any changes, and full details will of course be advertised in the Local Rag before each event.

The Spring Big Breakfast will be on Sunday 23 March, details p7. The Flower and Produce Show will be on Saturday 2 August. Harvest Supper is planned for Friday 19 September. The Autumn Big Breakfast will be on Sunday 26 October, and we finish with a Christmas Quiz on Saturday 29 November.

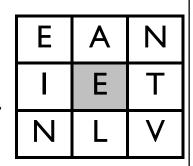
And that's another year gone by!

The good thing is the spring flowers are starting to show through. The snowdrops are out and the daffs are not far behind. Roll on Spring!!!

Last time the word was: SOMETIMES

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 - Love is in the air...

Word count 20 = Good. More than 25 = Well done!



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Leisure

Su Doku Puzzle No. 215

Good Luck...

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Solution to Su Doku No. 214

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From the Rector

Perhaps as we get older, and have more to look back upon, we find that we have more regrets... I wish I'd done this or not done that. Maybe we could have done things differently... but hindsight is a wonderful thing.

If people have not grown up with a faith, or have wandered away from Christian beginnings, I think its tempting later in life to look back with regret and think, "oh well, it's too late now".

Jesus told a fascinating story about a vineyard owner who went to the town square one morning to hire people to work in his fields (Matthew 20.1-16). He found some, agreed a wage for the day and gave them their jobs to do. He went back throughout the day, and each time hired more labourers; the very last ones only beginning work as the day was drawing to a close. When the vineyard owner gave each labourer his pay, everyone was amazed that those who had joined the workforce only at the end were given a full day's wages. The moral of the story (or at least one of them!): with God it's never too late.

Now for any younger people reading this, I'd definitely say, sign up to following Jesus now! However old you are, as long as you have breath in your body, it's never too late, but today is always the best day to start following Jesus; in Jesus we find life in all its fullness... and who knows what tomorrow will bring?

I have to confess to more than a few regrets in my life. I'm not sure that I could join with Frank Sinatra in singing, "regrets I have a few, but then again too few to mention". But the thing I don't regret is, as a relatively young child, kneeling beside my bed and inviting Jesus into my life and promising to follow him for ever. He's been faithfully with me ever since. And the regrets in my life? When I've hurt or failed others, I can say sorry and try to put things right as best I can. I can learn from my mistakes. But in the end, I know that the things I've got wrong don't define me, and I know they won't determine my eternal destiny.

As always, I and other members of the Two Rivers leadership team are happy to talk to anyone who would value a chat; maybe about how to follow Jesus, or maybe about how to find peace about things from the past. Feel free to get in touch.

Rev Gary Owen

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Events at Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel

Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning on Thursday 5 December, which was for the Harbour Community Bideford, was very successful. We had many donations of food items and also raised the sum of £100. So thank you, and well done to all who came along.

The first meeting for 2025 will be on Thursday 6 February and will be for the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.

We have not raised money for this charity before so please do come along between 10am and noon, all are welcome.

Garden Club

The first Garden Club meeting for 2025 will be on Monday 27 January. Our 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. Everyone is welcome and the cost is just £1.00.

For the latest information please contact Philip Squire on 01237 473692.



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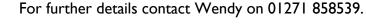


Monday 3 February - from 2pm to 4pm.

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.





Parish Council News

Notice of Parish Council Meetings

Vacancies still exist on the Parish Council.

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

The next meeting will be on Thursday 20th March in Huntshaw Parish Hall 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.

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Dubious Jokes

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me!

A sign on the lawn at the **Drug Rehab Centre** read: "Keep off the Grass"

The midget fortune-teller who escaped from a prison was described as "a small medium at large."

When the cannibals ate a missionary, did they get a taste of religion?

A vulture boards a plane carrying two dead racoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, "I'm sorry sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.

Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says "Dam!"

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

lst	Wendy Bysouth	£25
2nd	Emma Ford	£15
3rd	Gordon Ford	£IC

If you are not a member but would like to join, please contact Louise Saunders on 01271 858522 or, 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.

Anglican Community - Team Rector Rev Gary Owen 01769 560792 07947 358050



Forthcoming Services at Huntshaw Church

Sunday 9th February at 11.00am.

Sunday 9th March at 11.00am. Lent

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Alverdiscott Methodist Chapel Minister Rev Rob Blackhall 01805 628041

Services planned for Alverdiscott Chapel in February

02 February 11.00am Linda Davis 16 February 11.00am Ley - **HC**

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The Spring Big Breakfast

Alverdiscott Community Hall On Sunday 23rd of March from 9am to 1pm

Start with a choice of Porridge, Cereal or Juice
Then the Full English or Pick and Mix Your Favourites
All Followed by Tea - Coffee - Toast



Adults £10 Under 10's £5

Profits raised will be shared between the Hall Funds and the North Devon Hospice.

We are a local charity providing specialist care and support to people who are affected by a life-limiting illness.

Although many of our patients have cancer, we also care for people who have other life-limiting illnesses too, such as Motor Neurone Disease, Heart Failure and COPD, among others.

