

Luppitt Packet



March 2016

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Around the Parish



Has anyone got any nice photos, old or new, of Luppitt Parish that could be put on the new Luppitt website? If you do, please get in touch with Rosalind Buxton, the Parish Clerk. Her phone number is 01404 861481.

There is a letter on page 26 about the Devon Vintage Tractor Road Run which is to be held on Easter Sunday 27th March 2016. There will be 500 tractors going from Smeatharpe to Honiton and back. Quite something to see!

Let's hope for a spell of settled weather and a bit less mud!

Have a peaceful Easter.

Lindsey Dalgety

From Joan Beckett to the Luppitt Players

I am sure I speak for many others when I say thank you for the finale gifts.. The Pantomime was all great fun and I, for one, thoroughly enjoyed every minute.

(So did I - loved it all. There will be pictures in the next Packet)

(Cover illustration by Vanessa Nancarrow)

LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk's report of a Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 9 February 2016 at 8 pm

Present: Cllrs John Thorne, Gavin Brake, Derek Hooper, Tom Nancarrow, Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Andrew Tucker, David Key (EDDC), Paul Diviani (DCC and EDDC), Rosalind Buxton (clerk) and one member of the public

Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr David Barlow, PC Vickery 4783 and PCSO Anning 30012.

Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 5 January 2016 were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Pulman and seconded by Cllr Hooper).

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

PLANNING

Applications (for comment, support or objection)

16/0039/FUL – Shapcombe Farm, Combe Raleigh, Honiton, EX14 4UJ – erection of fodder store and retention of landfill area. The Parish Council supports this application.

16/0092/FUL – Three Horseshoe Barn, Shaugh, Luppitt, Honiton, EX14 4TP – construction of single storey side extension. The Parish Council has objected to this planning application on the grounds that the house drainage issues at this property need to be addressed and rectified before further extension of the property can be considered. Amended plans with alterations to the design of some of the windows have been submitted. Cllr Key undertook to convey the strength of the Parish Council's objections to Planning at EDDC.

15/2758/FUL – Barn Farm, Luppitt, Honiton, EX14 4TZ – construction of outdoor swimming pool. The Parish Council had objected to this application on the grounds that not enough information had been provided on the map to make an informed decision and had requested more details. The Chairman raised the matter because the clerk has not been sent any further information. Cllr Key undertook to look into the matter and report back. The Parish Council felt very strongly that a site visit should take place before any decision is reached.

Neighbourhood Plan

Roger Hicks attended the meeting to present an update. He has completed the first six sections and hopes to have a partial draft completed by the end of the month. It was agreed that when ready he will submit the draft for consideration by a small working party comprising Cllrs Thorne, Brake, Barlow, Nancarrow and Tucker before presentation to the Steering Group. The clerk will wait to hear from Roger Hicks before arranging the meeting at Cllr Brake's home.

HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

Parish Highways programme

Update on Items to Report as follows:

Item Reported	Action	Status
HIGHWAYS	Report all items to NHO (csc.roads@devon.gov.uk)	
Shaugh to Langford	Reported	Jet patching has been done. Surface dressing still to be completed. Ongoing.
Broken sign at Luppitt Cross – "finger" to Honiton missing and "finger" to Smeatharpe and Churchinford missing	W15814610	NHO has put a scheme on the system for replacement. No problem at Ewins Ash.
Shelves Farm very large pothole. Severe subsidence.	Clerk to report again.	Ongoing.
Dolish farm – very large potholes – water coming up through road	W15834054	Reported again September 2015. Assessment completed 15.10.15.
Midway between	W15834055	Reported again September

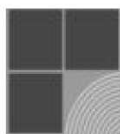
Hillend and Sharcombe – numerous potholes and edge of road subsidence		2015. Assessment completed 15.10.15.
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Midway between Hillend and Sharcombe – numerous potholes and edge of road subsidence	W15834055	Reported again September 2015. Assessment completed 15.10.15.
Mountstephens to Ringborough Cross – large potholes full of water	W16864639	Assessment completed 26.01.16.
Shelf Lane to Littleton – edge of tarmac deterioration to concrete gutter	Reported again April 2015 direct to csc.roads	Not classed as Category 1 safety defect but Highways will obtain an estimate and then <u>advise</u> when funding available.
Broken sign at Pennythorne Cross – “finger” to Honiton missing	W15834058	NHO agrees that fingerpost is missing and has ordered this to be replaced.
Hartridge Bungalow, Beacon – pothole	Reported	Clerk to report – deep subsidence.
Edge of road deterioration (left side) down Coombeshead Lane towards Ringborough Cross	W16864630	One side of the road has been repaired but not the left side as reported. Assessment completed 25.01.16.
Beacon to Sharcombe – deterioration caused by numerous potholes. Severe subsidence.	W16864631 Clerk to report again.	Assessment completed 26.01.16.
Sharcombe to Mathayes – numerous potholes. Severe subsidence.	W16864632 Clerk to report again.	Assessment completed 26.01.16.

Antelope Cottage to Beacon – subsidence in centre of road catching cars	W16864616	Assessment completed 25.01.16.
Mathayes to Riggles – subsidence	W16864634	Assessment completed 25.01.16.
Coombeshead Lane to Luppitt Common – potholes and subsidence	W16864635	Assessment completed 26.01.16.
Blackenfields Farm to Mill Rise – potholes and subsidence	W16864636	Assessment due 05.02.16.
Higher Wick Farm – potholes	W16864637	Assessment due 05.02.16.
Mill Rise – potholes. Severe subsidence.	W16864618	Assessment due 05.02.16.
Shaugh to Ford Bridge – severe subsidence on sharp bend	W16864638	Assessment completed 25.01.16.
GENERAL		
Overhanging hedge at Smeatharpe	Reported	The owner has agreed to cut the hedge back but it is not straightforward as there are electrical wires in the hedge.
Ragged metal rails at the footbridge at The Mill	Reported	Clerk has reported again as urgent.
Overhanging hedges at two properties in Luppitt causing a hazard for traffic	Reported	Clerk has drafted letter for Chairman to take personally. Clerk will draft another letter to Devon Wildlife Trust expressing the Parish Council's and Cllr Diviani's disappointment at the lack of progress.

Water on road at Shaugh

Cllrs Thorne and Hooper reported on the meeting that had taken place on Tuesday, 26 January, when the Neighbourhood Highways Officer (Helen Selby) and all interested parties were present. The Flood Prevention Officer at DCC had visited the site the previous day and had sent an email to Helen Selby outlining various suggestions. It was agreed that the best way forward would be to tackle the water from the road end. Highways are taking the lead on this project. They will put a scheme in place and will arrange a site visit with their contractor to agree a price. The bulk of the funding will come from Highways and the flood prevention team.

Road at Higher Wick

Cllrs Thorne and Hooper reported on the meeting that had taken place on Friday, 22 January. The Neighbourhood Highways Officer and all interested parties were present, together with a representative from EDDC. EDDC will arrange for the run-off at 2 Fortfield to be improved. Highways will put a scheme in place to improve gullies and concrete haunches and letters have been sent to the relevant landowners where ditches need to be cleared and pipes unblocked. Cllr Hooper agreed to clear the ditch currently blocked by an old shed. He also agreed to keep the road clean at Higher Wick Farm and, if necessary, the road will be swept once a week. Cllr Hooper undertook to make repairs to the edge of the concrete apron in front of the shed and to concrete opposite the shed where tractors turn. It is anticipated that these works will be carried out in time to allow the planned surface dressing works to go ahead at the end of April.

Parish Maintenance

Cllr Tucker has completed work on several local projects throughout the parish. Cllrs Thorne and Pulman had spent some time identifying more work that needs to be done. Cllr Pulman gave Cllr Tucker a list of the extra work. Cllr Thorne will pass on to the clerk a copy of the list he made of work that needs to be reported to Highways and work to put on the list for the lengthsman's visit in March.

Recycling

Cllr Brake reported that rubbish is left lying around after the recycling lorry has been round collecting. Cllr Diviani advised him to write to Cllr Iain Chubb at EDDC and send photographs.

Cllr Key reported that the Enforcement Officer at EDDC had noticed that rubbish had again been piled up in the field on the right near Luppitt Cross and Mountstephens. The landowner has been given seven days to clear it.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Cllr Nancarrow and the clerk will complete the P3 forms and submit them to Ros Davies at DCC. It was proposed by Cllr Brake and seconded by Cllr Pulman that work on footpath 14 should be put in place to move the existing boardwalk, currently situated to the side of the footpath, 100 yds further up. Cllr Nancarrow had been told by a parishioner in Combe Raleigh that the Ramblers are appealing the decision on four of the footpaths where their claim has been turned down. Roger Hicks said that he and another parishioner are fighting their case together.

ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Community policing report

One crime had been committed between 05.01.16 and 08.02.16 – theft of electric fencing and a battery from a rural field.

Parishes Together Fund

The clerk informed the Parish Council that Upottery Parish Council has decided to use all their Parishes Together funding for ditch clearing so there will be no joint application for funding towards a projector and screen. It was proposed by Cllr Pulman and seconded by Cllr Thorne that the clerk should apply on behalf of Luppitt for Parishes Together funding towards various ditching works – all in favour. Applications must be in by 12 February. The clerk was asked to research prices for a projector and screen.

Electoral Review of Devon

The Local Government Boundary Commission has now completed its review and Luppitt will be part of the Whimble and Blackdown district and so has failed in its attempt to remain affiliated with Honiton

Additional Signatories

It was resolved that Cllrs Pulman and Barlow would be additional signatories to the account.

Agree payment to Luppitt Packet

It was agreed to make a payment of £155.00 towards running costs - proposed by Cllr Tucker, seconded by Cllr Hooper with all in favour.

Clerk's Report

Review of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment and Internal Controls

All these items were reviewed and accepted unanimously.

Transparency Code and website

It is intended that the domain name of the new website will be luppitt.co.uk. At the end of this year's contract, the present website and domain name (luppitt.com) will revert to Cllr Brake who set it up. The clerk is gathering together the material needed for the new website.

Correspondence

The clerk read out a letter of thanks for the donation from the Royal British Legion.

The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations – an event is taking place on 21 April 2016 when beacons will be lit across the country. Cllr Pulman asked the clerk to obtain more information.

CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

After discussion, it was agreed to alter the dates of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting as follows:

Annual Parish Meeting will now be held on Tuesday, 12 April 2016

Annual General Meeting will now be held on Tuesday, 3 May 2016

There were no Questions from the Public and the meeting closed at 9.58 pm.

Dates for next meetings to be held in Luppitt Village Hall at 8 pm:

Tuesday, 1 March 2016

Tuesday, 2 August 2016

Tuesday, 5 April 2016

Tuesday, 6 September 2016

Tuesday, 12 April 2016 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday, 4 October 2016

Tuesday, 3 May 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 1 November 2016

Tuesday, 7 June 2016

Tuesday, 6 December 2016

Tuesday, 5 July 2016

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE OF DATES:

The Annual Parish Meeting will now be held on Tuesday, 12 April 2016, at 8 pm.

Please come along to the Annual Parish Meeting on 12 April. This is your opportunity to hear reports from the Chairman of the Parish Council, the District Councillor, the County Councillor, the Village Hall Committee, the Commoners and the Police, and to ask any questions you may have.

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will now be held on Tuesday, 3 May 2016, at 8 pm.

As with every Parish Council meeting, members of the public and press are invited.



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Luppitt Entertainments Committee

Dates for your diary 2016

More details coming soon

March 18th	Easter Bingo
April 30th	French Theme Dinner
June 11th	Queen's Birthday Garden Party
July 9th	Luppitt Summer Madness
November 11th	Quiz Night
December 10th	Christmas Party



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LUPPITT OVER 60'S LUNCHEON CLUB.

Thursday 10th March 2016

Commences 12.30-1pm.

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Cottage Pie

Seasonal Vegetables

Spotted Dick with Custard

Tea & Coffee

Raffle

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MAGICAL MOMENTS

(in Luppitt once)

"Next time I'll get the milk myself!" Shouting from the living room my father snapped me out of musings about the past. I scampered out of the kitchen with a large jug of creamy milk. Father had filled two mugs half full with hot water and placed them beside two slices of bread. After adding milk to the hot water I copied him as he broke off pieces of bread, dropped them into the hot liquid, and consumed the resultant "sop" - as he called it - with the aid of a spoon. I loved these weekend mornings, no shoes to shine, no mother examining my face and neck - to ensure they had been thoroughly scrubbed - and no rushing around for the two mile long walk to the small village school.

Glancing at the clock on the mantle shelf, my father leant over to switch on the wireless. This routinely brought the early morning news and weather forecast into the house, but not this morning. As he fiddled with various knobs and dials, he muttered to himself that "The accumulator must need charging or a new battery needed." He then glanced through the window and exclaimed in exasperation, "the wire's down again!" Looking myself, I saw that the aerial wire that stretched from the house eaves to the milking shed gable wall, had broken.

Drinking the last drops from his cup, my father pulled on his hob nailed boots, secured the buckles on his leather leggings and returned to the kitchen. I grabbed an old mackintosh from the hall way and followed as he took two milking pails from a rack and waited for me to get my wellington boots on. Unbolting the kitchen door we were greeted by a blast of cold morning air. I ran on ahead and straight into the penetrating wind sweeping up through the farmyard. I held my head to one side and gasped for breath as the biting cold tore at my lungs. Reaching the cow shed I pulled up the door latch to step into a different world, an intoxicating amalgam of heat, sounds and smell - bovine harmony - soothing to both man and beast.

"You get them fed. I'll start milking." Father had joined me. He pulled the shed door shut, took up a three legged stool, and pushed in between two ruby red cows. Setting the stool down and swivelling his cap through ninety degrees he sat down with the bucket between his knees. Soon a rhythmic swish, swish, joined the multitude of other noises within the milking shed as strong, gnarled hands transferred the milk from cow to bucket. When my father glanced up at me I decided it was time to move away. On previous occasions I had fallen foul to the humorous side of nature, when he had soaked the back of my neck by an accurately directed stream of milk from a cow's teat.

I made my way through to a passageway - the foreby - from where the cows were fed. They were restless, shaking their long horns and stretching as far forward as the chains which tethered them would allow. I went to the far end of the dark and gloomy passageway to where their morning feed was waiting. Gathering an armful

of sweet scented meadow hay - which my father had cut from the stack the previous evening - I placed it into the feed trough of the first cow, then continued along until they had all been fed. I finished just as my mother came into the building bringing a clean piece of muslin through which the milk would be strained into ten gallon churns. Brushing off the numerous hayseeds which attached themselves to my clothing, I left the cows contentedly munching their breakfast and returned to where my mother was preparing to milk her first cow.

"Would you milk Cherry for me this morning, mum, so I can check the mole traps? And dad wants a hand to sort the water problem out after breakfast." Cherry was my favourite cow, and she was very quiet. It was one of my jobs to milk her before and after school.

"OK, but I want you to empty the lavatory bucket after breakfast, and don't forget you have been invited to Fernside for tea, so don't be late as you'll need a bath." I was about to complain about the first chore but thought better of it as I would need a clean ironed shirt for the latter.

(A local author)

UPOTTERY PRE-SCHOOL REPORT

Since last months report, the children have been making stick men, made from clay and sticks collected from the welly walk they went on! As part of National Story Telling week, the children enjoyed sharing the story "It's The Bear" whilst having a picnic style snack time! They have baked banana cakes, had lovely pancakes for snack time and will be taking part in the World Culture Week by enjoying a mild curry to celebrate this. Which leads us on to our fundraising Curry Night with the 'Samosa Lady' who is coming to the Manor Rooms on Friday 11th March. We are raising funds for new tables and chairs, so please come along with your friends and support this evening, it promises to be a fun evening with delicious Indian food!

Luppitt Flower Show

August 13th 2016

ADVANCE NOTICE: Show will include the following-

VEG

Potatoes: Red, White, Fancy. French Beans. Broad Beans. Courgettes. Beetroot. Little Gem Lettuce. Herbs.

Heaviest Vegetable.

FLOWERS

Perennials. Annuals. Dahlias - Pom Pom. Roses. Shrubs. Alpines.

MECRAFT

Jelly. Marmalade. Home-made Cordial.

MEN

Bottle of Ale. Photo of Devon Spring (2016)

SEWING AND KNITTING

4 Men's Handkerchiefs with Initial.
Knitted 10 inch Doll Figure.

CHILDREN

Longest Bean.

Full schedule and application form in July Packet.

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LUPPITT WIVES GROUP.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 17th March 2016 , when Mr Mick Jones will give a talk on being a Solicitor. A venue to be arranged.

Jean Hooper 01404892969

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2016

March 23rd

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Easter Bingo

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Friday 18th March

Village Hall

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Barnfield's Bangers & Mash Quiz Night

Friday 11th March
7.00 pm

Barnfield's Bangers & Mash Quiz Night at Luppitt Village Hall

Tickets £6.00 includes Sausage & Mash Supper

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GARDEN JOTTINGS

by D. Street

There's a Flower Festival in St Mary's in July - the middle of the month, the hottest time of the year, the lazy and hazy days, the Dog Days, so called from the brightest star in the Dog Constellation. This is supposed - with oodles of imagination - to look like a dog. Many stars were named by Arab astronomers, but it was the Greeks who called the Dog Star Sirius, the scorcher.

Actually, strange to say, at the height of summer, the lazy hazy days, we are all farthest away from the sun, aphelion for astronomers, reduced probably from apohelion (ph was once really p and h, not f as nowadays). It is the opposite of perihelion, which happens in early January. All this just means that Australia is hotter, and at the North Pole less ice melts. However this is not a permanent situation. Come back in a few thousand years, and it may well be flaming June.

Anyway to get back to the Flower Festival in St Mary's in July, with all the warm weather we expect to get during these lazy and hazy days, there should be plenty of home-grown flowers around for cutting and display - that is without bringing them in from Spain and Kenya and even further afield.

I've even heard that local scarecrows have been spotted stirring. Maybe even a glint of something like Flower Fairies along Luppitt lane hedges.

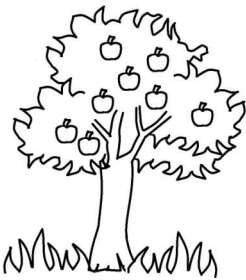
In the Hall there'll be a plant stall, which I am doing. So I've been wondering what plants to pot up ready to flower in July. Of course lots come out later on the autumn as well. Anyway I thought for July early gladioli would be a good bet. and agapanthus, and arums, perhaps shade loving watsonias. And then there're scarlet crocosmias. What else, I wonder? something to flower later in autumn. Perhaps golden rod? What about Japanese anemones?

Any donations of plants or cut flowers will be very welcome. Bring them to the Hall or to me here just before the Big Day. Please make your own arrangements for the return of unsold items you would like back. You can either price yourself, or leave it to me. No 50/50 basis for sale. This would make accounting impossibly difficult.

Hopefully there'll be lots of exciting plants, and lots of excited customers. And, Met Office, three lovely, warm, hazy, lazy days, please.

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The Event: An introduction to Birds of the Blackdown Hills

Dates: 13 Mar 16

Location: Smeatharpe Village Hall, Smeatharpe, EX14 9RD

10:30 - 15:30

Join Somerset Ornithological Society and the Blackdown Hills Natural Futures project for a beginners guide to identifying a variety of bird life on the Blackdown Hills.

Learn top tips on how to identify a range of birds by sight and sound and learn about some of the more unusual species inhabiting the hills. After lunch we will take a short walk to see what birds can be identified in the field. Materials and survey methodology provided by the British Trust for Ornithology.

Cost: Free Booking essential as places limited.

Free tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits provided. Bring a picnic lunch, sturdy boots and wet weather clothing

For more information: info@blackdownhillsnaturalfutures.org telephone 01823 681937

The Event: Blackdown Hills Bats and Bat Box Making

Dates: 31 Mar 16

Location: Churchinford Cricket Pavilion, The Cricket Field, Church Lane, Churchinford, TA3 7QJ

10.30am - 12.30pm

Join Paul Kennedy from Somerset Bat Group and the Blackdown Hills Natural Futures team to learn all about bats that live in and around the Blackdown Hills.

Find out how you can make your garden bat friendly, make a free bat box to take home and meet a live captive bat! Bat box making and other children's activities suitable for all ages. Free tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits provided.

There will be 30 FREE bat boxes given away at the event so book early to reserve your box!

Cost: FREE - Booking essential.

For the Dunkeswell Abbey Preservation Fund...



Barn Dance and live music with supper and raffle

Saturday March 12th, 7-11pm at the
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Live music by the Lucy Lastic Band and friends, with caller.

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Dunkeswell, Strand Stores in Culmstock and Friends of Abbey Church.

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MARCH CHURCH SERVICES AT LUPPITT

**Please note that the church services will not follow the usual
pattern this month – full details on the services page.**



Easter Crosses

We will be erecting the Easter Crosses on Hartridge again this year, by kind permission of the Luppitt Commons Trustees.

Meet at 12:30 pm on Good Friday on the road under Hartridge.

Some dates for your diary

Saturday 7 May, 10 am to noon: coffee morning to raise funds for the flower festival; at the Old Vicarage.

Friday 27 May, 8 pm to 11:30 pm: sequence, ballroom and old time dance at the Village Hall.

Friday 15 July to Sunday 17 July: flower festival in the church.



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Well Lent is here again!

What are you doing for Lent? Giving up chocolate is very popular, or sugar even!

I usually try to get people to *take* something up in Lent, rather than give something up. It seems more positive, and hopefully will give you something to remember. This year over 32 people have given of their time to come to the Mission Community Lent Course on Prayer shared with our Methodist brethren. This will, I hope, prove to be a positive step and encourage people to take prayer seriously, but also to see that prayer can be enjoyable too.

Lent, as I am sure you know, lasts for forty days, and is the time the church puts aside to consider how to come closer to God, through prayer, fasting and penitence. It also reflects the forty days our Lord Jesus was tempted by the Devil in the wilderness, but He did not succumb – I pray you won't either! But Lent is also the precursor to Easter, when we celebrate the new life given to all believers in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We can see at this time the new life of this world around us, with the budding of trees and flowers (although this winter has been so mild most my daffodils are already gone over!) But it reminds us that we need to look out for new life wherever we can, and in our Mission Community a new bud is breaking forth with the addition to our team of the parish of Plymtree. My thanks go to the Revd Judith Wright, who has assisted so well with the hand-over that is in the process of taking place, and who retires in early April. Our thoughts, thanks and prayers go with her and to the parishes of Bradninch and Plymtree. There was a meeting on 18th February with the Archdeacon, to discuss the way forward together and finalise matters, so we can start the process of advertising for an Associate Priest for House for Duty. Watch this space!

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter, and hope you will all enjoy your chocolate Easter eggs (and especially all you who gave it up for Lent!)

Every blessing

Rik (the Vic) Peckham



Forthcoming Services at St Mary's

Sunday 6 March	11:00 am Mothering Sunday Family Service
Sunday 13 March	11:00 am BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 20 March	11:00 am Palm Sunday Family Service
Good Friday 25 March	12:30 pm raising the Easter crosses on Hartridge
Sunday 27 March	11:00 am Easter CW Holy Communion
Sunday 3 April	9:30 am BCP Holy Communion

Other Services in the Mission Community

	St Andrew's Broadhembury	St Nicholas' Dunkeswell	St James the Greater Sheldon	St Mary the Virgin Upottery
Sunday 6 March	9:30 am Mothering Sunday Service	11:00 am Mothering Sunday Service	9:30 am Mothering Sunday Service	11:00 am Mothering Sunday Service
Sunday 13 March	9:30 am Morning Prayer	11:00 am Morning Worship	9:30 am BCP Holy Communion	11:00 am CW Holy Communion
Palm Sunday 20 March	9:30 am CW Holy Communion	11:00 am Morning Worship	9:30 am Morning Worship	8:00 am BCP Holy Communion 11:00 am All Age Worship
Thursday 24 March	7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service			
Good Friday 25 March	9:30 am Meditation	11:00 am Wolford Chapel		
Easter Sunday 27 March	9:30 am Easter Communion	11:00 am Easter Communion	9:30 am Easter Communion	11:00 am Easter Communion
Sunday 3 April	9:30 am CW Holy Communion	11:00 am CW Holy Communion	9:30 am All Age Worship	11:00 am Morning Prayer
every Wednesday				9:00 am Morning Prayer

Church cleaning and flower rota

5 March	Shirley Crabb & Beryl Hardwick
12 March	Jean Gardiner & Joy Tofts
19 March	Ann Arbuthnott & Lesley Rogan
26 March	Carole Thorne & Jean Hooper <i>Easter decorations - all</i>
2 April	Wendy Clapp & Pearl Pulman



During Lent, would arrangers please use greenery only – no flowers

The Love of God Comes Close

On 20th March (Palm Sunday evening), the church of St Mary the Virgin, Upottery is holding a special event. The choir, Spirit to Spirit, (Spirit II Spirit), which rehearses in the village, is hosting a homage to love called *The Love of God Comes Close*. The celebration, which lasts about an hour, contains a mixture of anthems, poems, scriptures and hymns, and is a meditation on the love of God.

The Love of God Comes Close inhabits that hinterland between worship and concert which is exemplified by events as diverse as Carols from Kings and Bach's cantatas, which, although for trained performers, include congregational elements, so that all present can be active participants. The choir, which contains women and men of all faiths and none, hopes that a wide range of people might find meaning, comfort and aesthetic pleasure in the event. *The Love of God Comes Close* was well received by a very full Colyton Church last November.

Spirit II Spirit's director Andy Hague is the composer of the oratorio *Christ Crucified*, which received sell-out performances at the Beehive, Honiton in 2014. *The Love of God* contains some of his more recent compositions. Andy hopes that members of the many churches in the area will attend, as well as people who perhaps don't go to church, but are drawn towards the 'spiritual'.

This celebration will begin at 7pm. The choir hope that you will join them for some home-made bread and wine afterwards. There's no entry charge, but there is an offering which will be devoted to Upottery Church's adopted charity 'Send a Cow', and also towards the needs of Upottery church itself.

Dear Parish,

The East Devon Tractor & Vintage Machinery club are coordinating the Devon National Vintage tractor road run 2016, with all proceeds going to Devon Air ambulance; St Luke's hospice & Devon Freewheelers in Honiton. The one of a life time's event, is to be held on Easter Sunday 27th March 2016, will be passing through your Parish.

Entries are £18 per tractor & the downloadable PDF can be found on the clubs web site at:

<http://www.edtmec.co.uk/nvtrr-2016/>

The route is starting from Smeatharpe Stadium at 9.30am; will travel west, to the Honiton Show Ground, stopping for a lunch and then returning back to the stadium via an easterly path.

We are looking to attract up to 500 tractors for the run, to travel the 28 miles round route during the day. All number of makes of tractors will be present, from Allis Chalmers to Zetor.

In celebration of the Road Run, a Grand Draw is being held to raise funds: the first prize being a 1958, vintage Massey Ferguson 35 petrol/TVO tractor; second is £100; third is £50; as well as many other donated prizes.

We hope to raise in excess of £10,000 from this non-profit making event, with all proceeds going directly to the charities above. All efforts to date have been volunteered, resources donated, any costs incurred have been non-profit bearing.

The route will be leafleted prior to the big day, informing all immediate households of the passing vintage traffic.

I would ask for all your support in this charitable event, I also hope every spectator will wave & enjoy the tractors safely passing by. It will be a day to remember in years to come.

Many thanks,

Richard Galling – Vice Chairman EDTMC

Villages in Action event at Sheldon Village Hall

“Namvula”

Thursday 31st March 2016:

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Tel 01404 841367. Please book early to be sure of a ticket.

Doors for this event open at 7pm, licenced bar and other refreshments will be

Wellies on for Wateraid Choir

The Blackdown Community Choir are always looking for a new challenge and in July we have the opportunity to join with many other choirs from all over the west of England to Sing for Wateraid. This year it is being held at the Crescent in Bath, an amazing venue.

The challenge is to learn by heart a diverse repertoire of songs, some modern and others from around the world. Those taking part will be sponsored by friends and family to learn the songs by heart and those not taking part will give them moral support each week.

There are no auditions for our choir. Our leader, Caroline Rigby, leads us with great enthusiasm and energy through the parts, with plenty of praise and encouragement.

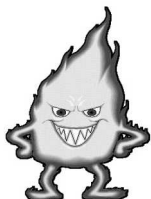
It is a once in a lifetime experience to sing as one in a mass choir and the sound certainly sends a shiver down your spine.

If you or someone you know would like to have the chance to be part of this experience then rehearsals start on Thursday 21st April. We meet at the Baptist Centre, South Street, Wellington, at 7.30 pm and the cost of the taster session is £5. and we welcome any person of 16 years or above.

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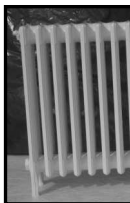
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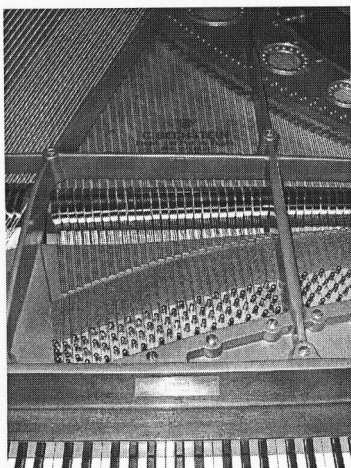
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Blackdown Hills Transition Group: Building local resilience

SEED SWAP

Its that time of year again when there is Spring in the air and gardeners turn their attention to preparing what seed they will need for the start of the new growing season.

Gardeners and allotment holders have always tended to share their expertise and knowledge including seeds but increasingly local communities are widening this to include all of us with a bit of garden by holding a seed swap. They tend to small-scale affairs in settings where people naturally congregate usually the village hall.

There are many reasons to support a local seed swap. For example they are a way of keeping costs down, as purchasing seed gets more and more expensive. Often you can't use all the seed in a packet so why not swap some of the seed with someone else who has a variety you would like to grow. Swapping seed also assists in preserving heritage varieties and challenging the dominance of the big seed companies who would prefer you to buy seed from them every year and generally sell varieties that cannot grow viable seed. Seed swaps also provide a venue for getting to know which varieties grows best in your local soil conditions and for swapping organic stock.

The Blackdown Hills Transition Group has been hosting seed swaps for the past 5 years. This year we will be hosting a table at Churchinford Farmers Market on 5th March in the Village Hall 10am to 12 am, and at Dunkeswell Farmers Market, Throgmorton Hall a week later on the 12th March, again 10am to 12am. So why not come along with any seed you want to swap in small envelopes and see what you can find. Don't worry if you don't have seed to swap for a small donation you can take some of what is available donated by other gardeners. Blackdown Hills Transition and Honiton Transition Group also

hosts “View and Chew” every 3rd Thursday of the month at the Beehive Centre Dowell Street, Honiton EX14 1LZ. On the 17th March and 14th April the film being shown is “Growthbusters”. There is an opportunity to view a film related to environmental issues and have a discussion with others about the issues raised. The cafe / bar will be open for drinks and snacks from 6.30 & we start the film around 7pm Further information available from Tim Clewer 07701053491 t.clewer@gmail.com

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March 4th, 11th, 18th, 24th	Friday market, Village Hall, 11am-1pm Please note Thursday 24th as Good Friday.
March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	Bowls, Village Hall, 7.30pm
March 1st	Parish Council Meeting, 8pm
March 10th	Luncheon Club, Village Hall, 12.30pm
March 11th	Barnfield Bangers and Mash Quiz Night, Village Hall, 7pm
March 12th	Private Party, Village Hall, 8pm
March 18th	Easter Bingo, Village Hall, 7.30pm
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