



*December/January 2018/19*

## USEFUL LUPPITT PHONE NUMBERS

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Websites - <www.luppitt.net>

<www.luppittparishcouncil.co.uk>

Location of defibrillators - Village Hall, EX14 4RT

Loman's Farm, EX 14 4TX (near Red Doors)

**Highway Faults** - online: [http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/transportroads/roads/road\\_maintenance.htm](http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/transportroads/roads/road_maintenance.htm) Alternatively, telephone 0845 155 1004 and give the fault information or email <csc.roads@devon.gov.uk>

**Police** - non urgent - **101**. **Police** - urgent : **999**

### OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Dog Warden : 01395 517457

Crimestoppers:: 0800 555111

Blackdown Practice:

Dunkeswell 01823 681720

Blackdown Support Group:

(Hemyock) 01823 681036

Honiton Medical Centre : 548544

Honiton Hospital: 540540

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TRIP: 46529: community transport

C.A.B.: 44213

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# Around the Parish



I've done mine. Have you done yours?

Filled in the Neighbourhood Plan that is.

And very interesting it is too. Makes you think about where we live and how it could or might develop. By the time you get this the deadline will have passed so I do hope lots of us have taken the time to invest in the future of Luppitt, Beacon and Wick.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

Lindsey Dalgety

## **Bonfire and Firework Display**

The evening of 11th November was the time for Luppitt's Commemoration of the end of the Great War 100 years ago.

A huge number of people from the village, and nearby, braved shallow mud to reach the end of Hartridge. A giant bonfire was well alight in the brisk wind by about 7pm, throwing spectacular showers of sparks into the air.

Hot food and drink from trailer were very popular and drew large queues.

Then came the fireworks! A spectacular display of varied rockets, multicoloured rain, shrieking starbursts and so on, was most impressive.

Congratulations and thanks to all those villagers who organised and took part in this excellent event.

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## **New Year Neighbourhood Plan programme will focus on analysis of questionnaires**

At the time of writing, a good number of questionnaires have been completed and returned. Many thanks to those who have taken the time to put forward their views by completing their questionnaires.

It is very important that the Neighbourhood Plan is a reflection of the wishes of the majority of those who are living in the Parish so it is hoped that more questionnaires will be completed and returned before the cut-off date of 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Over the Christmas period, the responses will be independently analysed and presented at the February Steering Group meeting which will take place in the Village Hall on Wednesday February 6th, starting at 7.30pm. All members of the Parish are welcome to attend the meeting and we hope that many will take the opportunity to do so.

The results will also be published on the Neighbourhood Plan website ([www.luppittneighbourhoodplan.org.uk](http://www.luppittneighbourhoodplan.org.uk)).

Any parishioner who cannot attend the February Steering Group meeting but who wants to put forward comments or ask questions about the results can do so by contacting Christine Ryder on 01404 892880 or by email [chrisryd07@gmail.com](mailto:chrisryd07@gmail.com).

Also at the February Steering Group meeting we will be announcing the winners of the £100 prize draw.

Our thanks go to everyone who has taken part in the process so far. We look forward to progressing the Luppitt Neighbourhood Plan further in 2019, but in the meantime, may we wish all in Luppitt a very Happy Christmas.

# **LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Clerk's report of a Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held at Luppitt Village Hall, on Tuesday, 6 November 2018 at 8 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs John Thorne (Chair), David Barlow, Gavin Brake, Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Andrew Tucker, David Key (EDDC), Rosalind Buxton (clerk), Roger Hicks (Chair of Steering Group) and one member of the public

### **Receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Tom Nancarrow (Vice-Chair) and Christine Ryder. Cllr Thorne thanked Cllrs Nancarrow and Brake for chairing the Parish Council meetings during his absence. He was pleased to be back. Cllr Thorne welcomed Roger Hicks and the member of the public to the meeting.

### **Minutes of previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 2 October 2018 were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting.

### **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Tucker declared an interest in item 2.1.1, the planning application at Sunningdale Lodge, as he carries out work there.

## **PLANNING**

### **Applications (for comment, support or objection)**

**18/1707/FUL – Sunningdale Lodge, Wick, Honiton, EX14 4TY –** remove existing pole barn and replace with timber block stable

The Parish Council has no issues with this planning application.

The meeting was then suspended to allow the member of public to participate in the next item.

### **18/0506/FUL – Green Mead, Luppitt, Honiton, EX14 4TP –** update

This planning application had been passed under delegation by Planning East even though the Ward member, Cllr Key, had objected on the grounds of over-development of the site. When a Ward member registers an objection, the planning application should be decided by the Development Management Committee but this procedure had not been followed. The Parish Council had also objected on the grounds of over-development of the site. The parishioner explained that new plans had been drawn up after the first set had been rejected by Planning East. The Parish Council had not seen the latest



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set of plans so the clerk will follow up with Planning East. The Parish Council and Cllr Key assured the parishioner that their dispute is with Planning East not following set procedures and not with the parishioner. The parishioner appreciated this assurance.

The meeting was then resumed.

### **Update on email sent to Enforcement Officer regarding Buddhist Monastery**

Cllr Brake had been made aware that several unauthorised buildings have appeared on site and one of them is on common land. In the adjacent field, there are now several log cabins which appear to have been erected without planning permission. The Enforcement Officer has agreed to investigate when he is next in the area. Cllrs Thorne and Pulman had also visited the site that day.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

Roger Hicks reported good progress on the Neighbourhood Plan. Questionnaires will be delivered by a team of volunteers to every property in the parish, hopefully, by the end of the week (11 November). Roger advised that the Vice-Chair had resigned but still wished to remain part of the Steering Group and to continue being the lead on A Balanced Community. Another Steering Group member had stepped in at very short notice and completed the online version. Without this input, there would have been no opportunity to complete the questionnaire online. Roger said that the Steering Group committee has worked hard to finalise the questionnaire. The results will be analysed over the Christmas period and Roger is hoping for completion of the Neighbourhood Plan in 2019. He believes it will be a very useful document for the Parish Council. Cllr Brake also thought it would be a helpful document in future for people to refer to when submitting a planning application.

### **Consider future presentation on new National Policy Planning Framework (NPPF)**

Roger Hicks and Cllr Ryder had attended a seminar. There are some differences in the new NPPF, some of which affect farm and other buildings. The Government's proposal to build 300,000 houses per annum has been challenged. A more realistic target may turn out to be 150,000-250,000. The Greater Exeter Strategic Plan, which now takes precedence over the Local Plan, has been created to oversee any additional development, resulting from the Government's proposals, that Devon County Council has to meet. It may be helpful for Roger to give a presentation on the NPPF to the Parish Council in the future.

### **Policy Writing Course**

It was agreed that Roger Hicks should attend this course – proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Tucker.

## HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

**Parish Highways programme** - update on Items to Report as follows:

Item Reported	Action	Comments from Highways
<b>HIGHWAYS</b>	Report all items to NHO ( <a href="mailto:csc.roads@devon.gov.uk">csc.roads@devon.gov.uk</a> )	
Pennythorne Cross to Barn Cross – road subsidence	W1811643239/240/242/244/245	<b>No problem found – item will be removed.</b>
Potholes and severe drop-off at edge of tarmac from Overday Farm towards Gully Lane Numerous potholes close to Coombeshead junction towards Ringborough Cross – edge of road deterioration	W181163250/251/252  W181163255/257	<b>All works completed. No further action.</b>  <b>No comments (8.10.18).</b>  <b>These items will be removed.</b>
Pothole outside Dolish Farmhouse	W181164455	<b>No safety defects. Marked for patching.</b>
Severe road subsidence from Ringborough Cross to Luppitt Common	W181163261/262/263/264	<b>Marked for patching (2.10.18). No further action.</b>
Sharcombe to Mattys Cross – several potholes and general deterioration of road		<b>Completed</b>
Several potholes Beacon to Sharcombe and road deterioration above Shelves		<b>Completed</b>
Maple Cross to Pound Farm – road subsidence	W181163266/268/270	<b>Inspected and no defects found (2.10.18). Works completed. No further action. Item will be removed.</b>



Uxford Bridge to Crook Cross		<b>Support for Combe Raleigh's complaints has been registered with the NHO.</b>
Pothole between the houses at Millrise and the cattle grid	W181163273	<b>Inspected (4.10.18). No comments. Item will be removed.</b>
Approaching the north end of Gully Lane from Riggles – numerous potholes and edge of road deterioration	W181163274/275/277	<b>Some potholes have been filled. Item will be removed.</b>
Several potholes from Penny Thorn Cross to Higher Shelvin	W181163279/280/281	<b>Inspected (8.10.18). No comments. Item will be removed.</b>
Pothole above Antelope Cottage towards Beacon	W181163285	<b>Inspected (9.10.18). No comments. Clerk will report again.</b>

### **Parish Maintenance** **Lengthsman Project**

The clerk reported that the application to the Highways Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund for £2,000 towards the lengthsman project has been successful. Cllrs Pulman, Thorne and Tucker, as part of the Parish Maintenance Committee, will meet to discuss the work involved and the best way forward.

### **Road Signs**

The clerk will purchase three road signs 'Unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles'. One will be located at Ewins Ash, a second one at Langdale with one spare.

### **Road Warden Scheme**

The clerk had received an email from Highways to say that their training provider, South West Highways, is closing its training centre.

### **Grit Bins**

It appears that not all of the grit bins have been filled. The clerk had sent a map, drawn up by Cllr Brake in 2011, to the Neighbourhood Highways Officer showing the location of the grit bins. The NHO was grateful for this information and would make sure that all grit bins are filled. The clerk had received an email from a parishioner suggesting a grit bin should be located below Blackenfields Farm. The Parish Councillors did not feel that this was the best position for a grit bin but the Parish Council would be happy to supply

the parishioner with some salt if this would be of any help. The clerk was asked to research the cost of two grit bins and take the figures to the next meeting.

## **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

There was no report as Cllr Nancarrow was not at the meeting.

## **ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

### **Community Policing Report**

No report had been received.

### **Final arrangements for Battle's Over – a Nation's Tribute – 11 November 2018**

Cllrs Brake, Prettejohn, Pulman and Thorne agreed to act as marshals and will wear reflective jackets. The bonfire will be lit at 7 pm to coincide with the lighting of beacons nationwide. The firework display will start at approximately 7.30 pm. The event has been advertised in the July/August, September, October and November editions of the Luppitt Packet so it is hoped there will be a good attendance to mark this special occasion. The clerk had received another email from the parishioner who had originally voiced concerns about the effect of fireworks on animals. Cllr Ryder had been in touch with the parishioner to offer assistance. Cllr Brake suggested that the clerk should write to the parishioner outlining the steps that the Parish Council had taken.

### **Contribution to Luppitt children's Christmas party**

It was agreed to donate £150.00 towards the cost of the party (proposed by Cllr Brake, seconded by Cllr Barlow).

### **Parish Council wreath for Remembrance Sunday**

The clerk has purchased a wreath from the Royal British Legion. Cllr Thorne will lay the wreath at the Remembrance Sunday service on behalf of the Parish Council.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **Quarterly check – internal financial control**

Cllr Barlow has checked the cashbook and reconciliation for the quarter ended September 2018 and confirmed that all is correct.

### **Privacy Statement**

The Parish Council approved the privacy statement drawn up by the clerk based on the format used by the Society of Local Council Clerks (proposed by Cllr Tucker, seconded by Cllr Pulman).

### **Agree S137 payments (donations) for 2019/20**

The following S137 payments were agreed: TRIP £55.00; Citizens Advice Bureau £55.00; Royal British Legion £20.00; Devon Air Ambulance £100.00;

British Heart Foundation £50.00; Luppitt Packet £160.00; Luppitt Children's Christmas Party £150.00. The clerk will draw up a projected budget for 2019/20. It is possible that there will be a contested election for the Parish Council in May 2019. The clerk will make provision for the costs of an election in the projected budget (see below under Correspondence).

### **Agree meeting dates for 2019**

The Parish Council will continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 8 pm. However, the first Tuesday in January 2019 falls on New Year's Day so the January meeting will be on Tuesday, 8 January 2019.

### **WinZip software programme**

The clerk has purchased this programme to enable her to open the electoral roll files. The cost is £31.14 and it was agreed that she should be reimbursed for this.

### **Correspondence**

The Electoral Services Manager at EDDC has sent out details of approximate charges (based on 2015) that will apply if the Parish Council has a contested election in May.

### **Chairman's Discretion**

The clerk had some good news to pass on regarding the grant for the Neighbourhood Plan. The clerk has been advised that grants received before 2015 are now being discounted so instead of being only eligible for £1,600 that the clerk had applied for, the Parish Council is entitled to a total of £9,000. The grant acceptance letter reads: *'Grant you applied for: £1,600.00; Grant amount offered: £3,110.00. The grant awarded differs from the grant that you applied for because the grant is as per the itemised budget except that item 2.5 has been increased to £2,160. As discussed with the applicant, if the increase in funding is not needed in full for the analysis of the questionnaire, you can seek a grant variation to use it for consultancy support. The group are encouraged to make a further application for grant support to complete the plan if needed.'* Grant money received must be spent within six months or the end of the financial year (31 March 2019) whichever is the soonest.

### **Questions from the Public**

There were no further questions and the meeting closed at 10 pm.

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

**Tuesday, 4th December, 2018**

**Tuesday, 8th January 2019**

**Tuesday, 5th February 2019**

## **St Boniface and the Christmas tree.**

According to legend, Devon-born St Boniface (680 – 754 AD) left England as a missionary to convert the pagans of Frisia and Germany.

He came across a group of people worshipping the sacred oak of Thor and about to sacrifice a boy. In anger, Boniface cut down the oak. To his amazement, a young fir tree then sprang up from the roots of the oak. Boniface took this as a sign of Christian faith. He decorated the tree with candles, so that he could preach at night. And so the tradition started.

Boniface became the first papal legate north of the Alps and was instrumental in the spread of papal influence. He was martyred in Frisia in 754 AD.

However, the first documented Christmas trees are public ones in town squares in Livonia. The first was at Tallinn (now Estonia) in the New Year 1441 and the second at Riga, (now Latvia) in 1510.

You must decide which you want to believe.

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### **LUPPITT AND HARTRIDGE COMMONS**

Commoners with grazing rights on the above Commons who wish to bid for a hay or silage plot in 2019 please advise either Phil or David by the 31st December 2018 at the latest.

Phil Smith Tel: 07984735663

David Barlow Tel: 07939083742



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## THE HEATH PHARMACY

by D.Street

It is a flashback, a moment's vision, a brief memory of a past long gone. I am three probably. I am outside one of the main railway stations in Bradford - Bradford before Ukrainians arrived or Pakistanis were invented. My mother is holding my brother. He is being shown to my grandmother for the first time.

Before me and above, stretches a giant spider's web of wires on poles. There are blue trolley buses in the distance with two sticks going up to the wires, and there are trams on tracks with one stick up to the wires. And there are single decker buses with two hugely long sticks going up to the wires. My grandmother called them tracklesses. People are moving about in lines.

I have forgotten how we all got onto a No 1 tram to Wibsey or a No 2 tram to somewhere else. How the tram juddered and screeched its way up steep slopes and round tight bends to Great Horton, where my grandmother lived. She lived in Roslyn Place, a grey cul-de-sac with grey cobbles and grey pavements going down to vaguely seen railway line.

Each July in the early forties at the end of the school term, I was sent up to Bradford with my brother to get away from the bombing. We lived just outside London in a chemist shop on Hounslow Heath. Everyone said on, but actually it was at or opposite. Dick Turpin was supposed to have held up unwary coaches on the sequestered vales of Hounslow Heath. In summer we blackberried there from tall bushes full of thorns and sunlight.

We lived at the Heath Pharmacy, a nineteenth century, some said eighteenth century, 2 up and 2 down cottage, with the shop tacked onto the front. At the back a two storey annexe jutted out into the garden. This is where the kitchen was, though we called it the scullery.

To get into the scullery you went down two concrete steps. One corner was filled with a large brick coal-fired copper. But my mother always sent the washing to the laundry each week. In another corner was the sink with a cold tap and a wooden draining board. In the morning you could easily find large brown cockroach beetles scuttling about the sink. One day I dropped the kettle when a beetle fell out of the tap as I was filling it.

We had a gas oven and a gas fridge. How a gas fridge works I've no idea, It had a long vertical metal tube or flue at the back with a pilot light at the bottom. When it first arrived it towered above me, but over the years I managed to cut it down to size. My mother sold it in 1947 for £5. Or was it £10? It was one of them anyway.

If you would like to read about goings on at the Heath Pharmacy in the forties, I will give Lindsey another piece sometime. For instance you can find out how I was sent one evening to bury the shop takings under the apple tree in the back garden.

## **Honiton Mobile Library at MOUNTSTEPHENS FARM**



December 5th                      Arrive 12.30pm   Depart 1pm

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January 9th                      Arrive 12.30pm   Depart 1pm

## **Music and Movement for Children.**

Luppitt Village Hall.              Wednesdays, term time only.

Starts at 9.30 am with approximately 45 minutes of singing and dancing.

Price is only £1.00 per child, to include a drink and a biscuit, also coffee  
or tea for the adults.

From babies till school age.              Any enquires contact Maria  
01404 891058.

## **Luppitt Wives**

December 6th. Beetle Drive, 8pm at Shirley Crabb's.

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January 17th. Lunch, to be arranged.



## Luppitt Entertainments Committee

### Dates for your Diary 2018

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Christmas Party</b>  <b>7:30 for 8pm</b>  <b>This event is now sold out.</b>  <i>!!! Please note !!!</i>  <i>Money for tickets MUST be</i>  <i>received by FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup></i>  <i>DECEMBER at the latest,</i>  <i>otherwise places will be forfeited</i>  <i>and offered to people on the waiting</i>  <i>list.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Luppitt's Alternative Valentines Night!</b>  <b>‘How well do you know your Valentine?’ competition</b>  <b>plus hot supper and bar.</b>  <b>Details on posters in the New Year.</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>March/April 2019</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Murder Mystery Night</b>  <b>with supper and bar.</b></p>

The committee would like to thank everyone for their support in 2018. We wish you a Happy Christmas, and hope to see you again in 2019!



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## **Christmas is coming!**

A local community bus service is putting on shopping trips in the lead-up to Christmas. The Blackdown Hills Community Bus will take people from Churchinford to Cribbs Causeway, Bristol (Nov 15), Bath Christmas Market (Nov 29), Exeter Christmas Market (Dec 13) and a Christmas mystery shop (Dec 20) for those last-minute presents. These are all Thursdays, 10am-4pm, except Bath, 9-6. They might also be able to pick up from Hemyock and/or Upottery. The cost is expected to be around £10 but space is limited so book now if you don't want to miss out. For these trips, please phone Brenda on 01823 601612 or email [brendabaker@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:brendabaker@hotmail.co.uk). For any other bookings, please call 07762 813967 or email [blackdownbus@gmail.com](mailto:blackdownbus@gmail.com).

The Committee

## **Message from Upottery Pre-school CIO...**

We the committee cannot express enough how grateful we are to all that supported us at our Big Breakfast fundraiser on Sunday 4th November, whether that be for donating produce or coming along to support. The ladies worked tirelessly and as a result we managed to serve 146 breakfasts and resulted in a whopping £1030.10 !!! Special thank you mention to Barleymows Farm Shop, Lorna's Porkers, Farleigh Free Range Eggs, Lidl Honiton, Forest and Land Management Ltd, Highlands Farm Shop, Milkshed Catering and PJ Hayman for their incredibly generous donations!

Thanks you all again!

# WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR

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## A SEASONAL QUIZ

- 1 “We Three Kings of Orient ---” Who were they?
- 2 What was tinsel originally made of?
- 3 Who was King Wenceslas? And what happened to him?
- 4 On the Tenth Day of Christmas, what did my true love send to me?
- 5 Santa looks after Rudolph, but who looks after thousands of reindeer these days?
- 6 Where did turkeys come from?
- 7 In the last few hundred years, who made popular the tradition of Christmas trees?
- 8 There is a Bethlehem in Europe. Where?
- 9 Is there a connection between usquebaugh and eau de vie?
- 10 Is Santa Claus a real person ?
- 11 A favourite part of Christmas is roast potatoes. Where did potatoes come from?
- 12 Are you anticipating family quarrels on Boxing Day?
- 13 A Yule log today often means a log-shaped chocolate cake. But what is or was Yule?
- 14 Where do currants come from?
- 15 Where are the Christmas Islands? And why were they called that?
- 16 Where do Brazil nuts come from?
- 17 Where does sherry come from?
- 18 Some of our Christmas traditions have their origins in pagan celebrations of midwinter. What is the name of the Roman festival?
- 19 Holly berries are red – but what colour are the flowers?
- 20 Turkeys, potatoes, currants...but where do frozen peas come from?

# MISSING

Have you seen our cat?  
He was seen last in the  
Beacon area on 7th  
November.

Please check your sheds,  
garages and gardens.  
We would be extremely  
grateful for any  
information.

Please call 01404 890038  
or 0777 584 9359

*Thank you*



## Christmas Greetings

Brian and Pearl

Would like to wish all our friends  
and neighbours a Happy  
Christmas and a  
Peaceful  
New Year

*St Mary's Church, Luppitt*



## The Message

When you're choosing Christmas cards,  
Spread before your eyes,  
Is it just the picture,  
The colour or the size?

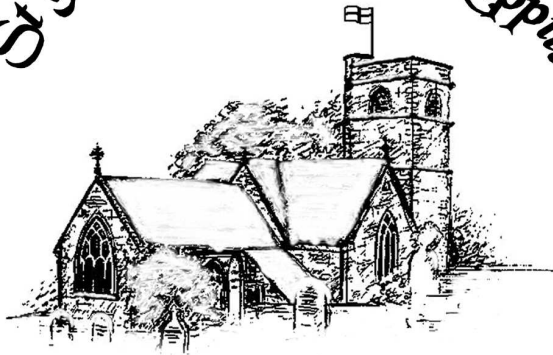
Do you simply pick it up  
And buy it that same minute?  
No, first you look inside to see  
The message printed in it.

It's just the same when choosing friends,  
They're not just pretty faces.  
Some people's open smiling eyes  
Hide only empty spaces.

You need to look inside the mind,  
For there the message starts;  
And friends are like our Christmas cards,  
We choose them by their hearts.

Richard Tydeman

# St Mary's Church, Luppitt



## Advent, Christmas and New Year Services

Sunday 2 December	9:30 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
Wednesday 5 December	9:00 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 9 December	11:00 am All Age Worship
Sunday 16 December	11:00 am Common Worship Holy Communion
Wednesday 19 December	9:00 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 23 December	6:30pm Candlelit Carol Service
Christmas Eve	4:00 pm Crib Service (for young and not so young)
Christmas Day	11:00 am Christmas Service with Holy Communion
Sunday 30 December	no service at Luppitt: <i>Six Worship Together</i> at Sheldon
Wednesday 2 January	9:00 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 6 January	9:30 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
Sunday 13 January	11:00 am All Age Worship
Wednesday 16 January	9:00 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 20 January	11:00 am Common Worship Holy Communion
Sunday 27 January	11:00 am All Age Worship
Sunday 3 February	9:30 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion

## STOP PRESS

Luppitt Christmas Fair, which took place on 24 November, raised around £1300 for Church funds — a marvellous sum! Many thanks to all who took part in any way: stall-holders, kitchen helpers, makers and donors, and all who came along.

## **From Rev John Hayhoe**

It is part of the rector's lot, I suppose, to have to anticipate the various seasons and festivals of the Christian year, so that notices, leaflets, letters, service sheets for one season are being prepared in the middle of another; and so it is that I am writing this letter for the Christmas magazine just after Remembrance Sunday. The parish wardens, Sara, our administrator, and I have already been planning for next year arranging services, PCC meetings and APCM are already in our diaries! By the time you read this letter The secular Christmas season will be well under way.

It is unfortunate when Advent is swallowed up by pre-Christmas events, though entirely understandable that schools for instance, should want a Christmas celebration before term ends; but I fear the desire to start the Christmas build-up so early is a sign that, as a society, we are not good at waiting. The world has become a very impatient place. We move from one supermarket checkout queue to another in an attempt to get served more quickly, only to discover that the first queue was moving more quickly after all! Try sticking to a rigid 30 miles an hour in a speed limit area, and you'll soon become aware of people desperate to overtake, so that they can reach the next red traffic light three seconds before you do! Of course, the revolution in information technology encourages us to expect a very rapid response in all our communications. So we become less used to having to wait.

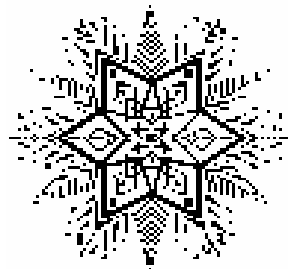
I feel we are in danger of losing the importance of the present moment; of being alert as to what is going on around us; of really stopping to listen to other people and being sensitive to them, of enjoying the here and now rather than rushing on towards the next thing. If this is how we sometimes live, what chance has God of being allowed in to our hearts or 'getting a word in edgeways'? Christmas demands a time of preparation if we are to take seriously the need to be challenged by Christ's coming among us. We all know the uneasy feeling, perhaps even panic, when a guest turns up too early for a meal or meeting and we wish we had given ourselves more preparation time. A visit can be truly spoiled in that way.

So may we make time to be ready for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, by asking whether we are prepared for his demands, for what he expects from us his disciples, and being attentive to the present moment when he might challenge us and expect a response from us in life's many ordinary situations. May I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas and all good wishes for 2011.



## Church cleaning and flower rota

1 December 2018	Wendy Clapp & Mary Hill
8 December 2018	Pearl Pulman & Mary Joyce
15 December 2018	Christine Page-Turner, Olive Clapp & Vanessa Nancarrow
22 December 2018	Shirley Crabb & Beryl Hardwick <i>Christmas decorations - all</i>
29 December 2018	Jean Gardiner & Joy Tofts
5 January 2019	Pat Bussey, Pearl Pulman, Carole Thorne & Jean Hooper
12 January 2019	Wendy Clapp & Mary Hill
19 January 2019	Pearl Pulman & Mary Joyce
26 January 2019	Christine Page-Turner, Olive Clapp & Vanessa Nancarrow
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## Candle-lit Carol Service

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Sunday 2 December	11:00am BCP Holy Communion	8:00 am BCP Holy Communion 9:30 am coffee & croissants	4:00 pm Christingle	9:30 am Family Service	11:00 am Matins
Sunday 9 December	10:00 am Morning Praise	11:00 am Morning Worship 4:00 pm Christingle	9:15 am CW Holy Communion	3:00 pm Christingle	11:00 am CW Holy Communion
Sunday 16 December	9:30 am CW Holy Communion	11:00 am Morning Worship	11:00 am Morning Prayer	9:30 am BCP Holy Communion	11:00 am Live Nativity at Hunter's Lodge
Sunday 23 December	9:30 am Holy Communion	11:00 CW Holy Communion	6:00 pm Carol Service	9:30 am BCP Holy Communion	6:30 pm Carol Service
Christmas Eve	6:00 pm Carol Service				11:00 pm Midnight Holy Communion
Christmas Day	10:00 am Christmas Holy Communion	10:00 am Christmas Holy Communion	9:00 am Christmas Holy Communion	9:30 am Christmas Service	10:30 am Christmas Service
Sunday 30 December	11:00 am <i>Six Worship Together</i> at Sheldon Church				
Sunday 6 January	11:00 am BCP Holy Communion	8:00 am BCP Holy Communion 9:30 am coffee & croissants	11:00 am Family Service	9:30 am Family Service	11:00 am Matins
Sunday 13 January	10:00 am Morning Praise	11:00 am Morning Worship	9:15 am CW Holy Communion	11:00 am Baptism & Holy Communion	11:00 am CW Holy Communion
Sunday 20 January	9:30 am CW Holy Communion	11:00 am Morning Worship	11:00 am Morning Prayer	9:30 am BCP Holy Communion	11:00 am All Age Worship
Sunday 27 January	10:00 am All Age Worship	11:00 am CW Holy Communion	9:15 am CW Holy Communion	9:30 am BCP Holy Communion	11:00 am CW Holy Communion

## A SEASONAL QUIZ - ANSWERS

- 1 Balthazar, Caspar and Melchior were first named in the sixth century, but were not identified in the Gospels.
- 2 Any thin shiny metal, but generally believed to be silver.
- 3 He was Duke of Bohemia 907 to 929 AD. The patron saint of the Czech Republic, he was murdered by his brother.
- 4 Ten ladies dancing.
- 5 Nomadic herders in the Arctic zones of Sweden, Norway, Finland and Russia. These are peoples like the Sami (Lapps).
- 6 Mexico. They were first domesticated by the Aztecs. They were brought to England in the 1540s.
- 7 Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's consort, brought the idea to England from his native Germany.
- 8 Wales. South Africa and the United States also have Bethlehems.
- 9 They both mean water of life. The first is Irish/Scots Gaelic (whisky), and the second is French (brandy).
- 10 Of course he's real! Santa Claus is a North American corruption of the Dutch name for Saint Nicholas. He was a Bishop in the fourth century, and is the patron saint of Greece and Russia, children and sailors.
- 11 Potatoes were first cultivated in the Andes of Peru and Bolivia about 1800 years ago. The Spanish brought them to Europe in about 1570. [In a market in a small town in northern Ecuador I counted about 25 different varieties.]
- 12 You should be prepared for anything.
- 13 Today Yule just means Christmas. Bede (673 to 735 AD) wrote that it was a period in December and January. Our old friends (?) the Vikings had a midwinter feast named Jol. This lasted – guess what—just twelve days.
- 14 Currants, raisins and sultanas are all semi-dried grapes. Certain Greek currants were exported from Corinth, and this became their name (raisins de Corinth).

## A SEASONAL QUIZ – ANSWERS continued

- 15 The Christmas Islands are in the Pacific about 200 miles south of Java. They were named on Christmas day 1643, by the Captain of an English East India Company ship. They had been discovered earlier.
- 16 Brazil.
- 17 Spain. The name comes from the exporting town Jerez De La Frontera (formerly Xerez).
- 18 Saturnalia is the name of the Roman midwinter festival.
- 19 White.
- 20 Iceland. (! Acknowledgements to D Street).
- 21 Yes, from his Elves just on the Arctic Circle in Rovaniemi, Finland.

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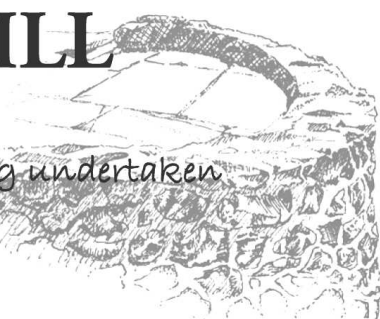
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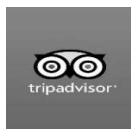
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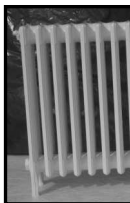
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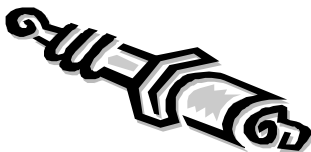
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## **2018**

Thursday 4 October  
Thursday 11 October  
Thursday 18 October  
Thursday 25 October  
Thursday 1 November  
Thursday 8 November  
Thursday 15 November  
Thursday 22 November  
Thursday 29 November  
Thursday 6 December  
Thursday 13 December  
Thursday 20 December  
Thursday 27 December

## **2019**

Thursday 3 January  
Thursday 10 January  
Thursday 17 January  
Thursday 24 January  
Thursday 31 January  
Friday 1 February

**These closures are to permit rough shooting to take place over these Commons**

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# Dates for Diary

January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	Bowls, Village Hall, 7.30pm
January 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th	Social Club, Village Hall, 8pm.
January 18th, 25th	Friday Market, Village Hall, 11am-1pm.
January 8th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 8pm.

## From the Friday Market

Many thanks to everyone who has supported and helped with Friday Market in 2018. Always a pleasure to see new faces. Everyone is welcome for a coffee and a chat and we hope to see you in 2019.

Joan and Mary.

# Dates for Diary

December 10th,17th, 3rd, 24th, 31st, TBA	Bowls, Village Hall, 7.30pm
December 5th, 12th, 19th	Social Club, Village Hall, 8pm
December 7th, 14th, 21st	Friday Market, Village Hall, 11am-1pm.
December 2nd	<b>Children's Christmas Party</b> , Village Hall, 2.45 -5pm.
December 4th	Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 8pm
December 8th	Private Party, Village Hall, 10am-2pm.
December 8th	<b>Welsh Male Voice Choir</b> , Village Hall, evening.
December 15th	<b>Luppitt Christmas Party</b> , Village Hall, 7.30 for 8pm
December 8th	Upottery Christmas Market, Manor Rooms, 10am-12 noon.
December 14th	Upottery Cricket Club Quiz, Manor Rooms, 8pm.  To book team - Philip Joyce - 01404 890186

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