

Luppitt Packet



June 2018

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Websites - <www.luppitt.net>

<www.luppittparishcouncil.co.uk>

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

Highway Faults - online: 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>

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OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

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Honiton Hospital: 540540

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Around the Parish



WHERE ARE THE SWALLOWS?? For the first time in 20 years that we have lived here, there are no swallows in this part of Luppitt. The cuckoo vanished many years ago, but the swallows? I feel that the world is not working correctly. If you have them around, you are lucky, cherish them.

LUPPITT PACKET TEA

July 21st is the date for a lovely open garden afternoon with a classic cream tea at Greenway Manor and to raise funds for the Luppitt Packet. Join our hosts, Julian and Louisiana Granville, for a relaxed summer afternoon at the gorgeous Greenway Manor including a scrumptious afternoon tea and freedom to wander through the classic English gardens at their mid summer peak.

Luppitt Bellringers are having an Open Tower on June 9th, see page 25. Your chance to have a go!

Have a good month

Lindsey Dalgety

LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk's report of the Annual General Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held at Luppitt Village Hall, on Tuesday, 1 May 2018, at 8 pm

Present: Cllrs John Thorne (Chairman), Gavin Brake (Vice-Chairman), David Barlow, Tom Nancarrow, Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Christine Ryder, Andrew Tucker, David Key (EDDC), Iain Chubb (DCC and EDDC), Rosalind Buxton (clerk) and five members of the public

Appointment of Chairman, Officers, Planning Committee, Parish Maintenance Committee, Tree Warden, Snow Warden and P3 Co-Ordinator

Cllr Key took the chair and invited nominations for Chairman. Cllr Ryder proposed Cllr Thorne and this was seconded by Cllr Nancarrow with all in favour. Cllr Thorne then took the chair for the rest of the meeting and invited nominations for Vice-Chairman. Cllr Brake indicated that he did not wish to stand as Vice-Chairman. Cllr Tucker proposed Cllr Nancarrow and this was seconded by Cllr Pulman with all in favour. It was agreed unanimously that the whole council would be members of the planning committee (with a quorum of three) and that the whole council (excluding Cllr Tucker) would be members of the parish maintenance committee (with a quorum of two). It was agreed unanimously that Cllr Pulman would act as co-ordinator of the parish maintenance committee, that Cllr Tucker would continue as Tree Warden, Cllr Pulman would continue as Snow Warden and Cllr Nancarrow would continue as P3 Co-Ordinator. Cllr Thorne signed the Acceptance of Office form.

Cllr Thorne thanked Cllr Brake for all the support he had given him personally as Vice-Chairman over the last 4 years and for serving as Chairman of the Parish Council from 2008 until 2014. Cllr Thorne thanked all the councillors for their hard work and for their confidence in re-electing him as Chairman. He was happy to continue in his role.

Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from PCSO 30017 Darren England.

Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 3 April 2018, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Pulman and seconded by Cllr Tucker) with the following amendment under item **3.2.1 Co-operation between Luppitt and Combe Raleigh**: "Luppitt Parish Council will be happy to share information regarding applications for road funding." The final 4 words of the original Minute "and work carried out" were deleted.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations.

PLANNING

Applications (for comment, support or objection)

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

Extensions and alterations to existing bungalow to provide first floor accommodation and construction of detached garage/car port

The clerk understands that these plans have been sent back to the agent by Planning East for revision as they felt the design was too suburban for the rural surrounding and they would like to see a reduction in the bulk, ie a two-bedroom bungalow being extended in this way. Cllr Key as Ward Member has objected to this planning application.

17/1381/MFUL – slurry lagoon at Higher Wick

Planning permission has been refused. Cllr Key said that there will be no enforcement order made to clear the soil that has been deposited as this would cause problems again with excessive lorry traffic.

Neighbourhood Plan

Steering Group Terms of Reference

The wording of the Terms of Reference was amended to reflect the greater community participation in the process.

Update on Neighbourhood Plan and Steering Group Meetings

Cllr Thorne thanked Roger Hicks for the presentation he had given before the Parish Council meeting started and which had been attended by 15 members of the public in addition to the Parish Councillors. A Steering Group meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, 2 May. Cllr Thorne is standing down as Chairman and, as he is unable to attend the meeting on 2 May, Cllr Brake (as present Vice-Chairman) will start the meeting.

Community Led Housing Training

This event is being held at Norton-Sub-Hamdon on 31 July. The clerk will book a place for Cllr Ryder.

Groundwork UK

The balance of £1,609 from the grant that remained unspent at 31 March 2018 must be returned to Groundwork UK. The clerk has established that she can reapply for funding.



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HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

Parish Highways programme - update on Items to Report as follows

Item Reported	Action	Status
Pennythorne Cross to Barn Cross – road subsidence	W17997496 W171026228	Assessment completed 13.04.17 Assessment completed 16.08.17
Potholes and severe drop-off at edge of tarmac from Over-day Farm towards Gully Lane Numerous potholes close to Coombeshead junction towards Ringborough Cross – edge of road deterioration	W17997499 and W17997501 W171006493 W171016196 and W171016198	Assessment completed 18.04.17 Assessment completed 19.05.17 Assessment completed 11.07.17
Pothole outside Dolish Farm-house	W17980514	Highways has established that there are several fractures in the existing system. The scheme now needs a full design by the Asset Team and is listed as a priority 6.
Severe road subsidence from Ringborough Cross to Luppitt Common	W181108149/ W181108154/ W181108155	Report was completed 04.04.18 but no comment was made. Road is deteriorating rapidly. Clerk to follow up with NHO.
Sharcombe to Mattys Cross – several potholes and general deterioration of road	W17997529 W171016204 W181077459 (Jan 18)	Assessment completed 23.01.18 but no action taken. Road is deteriorating rapidly. Clerk to follow up with NHO

Several potholes Beacon to Sharcombe and road deterioration above Shelves	W17997530	Assessment completed 18.04.17
	W171016209	Assessment completed 11.07.17
Maple Cross to Pound Farm – road subsidence	W17989887	Assessment completed 10.04.17
	W171016212	Assessment completed 11.07.17
At Robin's Bungalow and Smithenhayes – road needs reinstating around the drain	W17989895 Clerk has reported to NHO	NHO has marked the area for patching and a drainage channel. Road closure so work will not be carried out for a couple of months (from June). Marked area has now been increased.
Uxford Bridge to Crook Cross	Clerk has reported to NHO	No progress made to date with Highways by Combe Raleigh clerk Clerk has reported to NHO from Luppitt PC Parishioner has also reported to NHO (Jan 18)
Pothole between the houses at Millrise and the cattle grid	W171059008	Assessment completed 13.12.17
Approaching the north end of Gully Lane from Riggles – numerous potholes and edge of road deterioration	W18110442	Reported again March 2018 Assessment date 16.04.18. Report was completed but no comment made. Clerk will follow up with NHO.
Several potholes from crossroads to Higher Shelvin	Clerk to report	New

Parish Maintenance

Cllr Pulman felt it was disheartening to go around the parish identifying potholes and road subsidence when nothing was done by Highways to repair them. He asked Cllr Chubb about the extra money granted for the repair of potholes and how it was being distributed. He pointed out that the work at Dolish Farm will now be delayed indefinitely and that it was frustrating that nothing was being done (see note above in the schedule of items). The clerk will contact the Neighbourhood Highways Officer to follow up on several long-standing complaints where the state of the roads is deteriorating.

Cllrs Pulman and Tucker will make a list of roads in the parish that need sweeping. The clerk will email the list to Cllr Chubb who undertook to arrange this.

Lengthsman

The Neighbourhood Highways Officer was unsure whether or not the lengthsman had actually carried out the visit scheduled for February. The NHO has advised that it is too late to apply for funding from Highways towards the cost of employing a lengthsman this year because they are already committed to their contractor for this work. The NHO suggested that if the Parish Council wishes to employ a lengthsman this year, it could apply to the Highway Community Enhancement Fund for a grant. Cllr Brake proposed that the clerk should apply for £2,000 from the Highway Community Enhancement Fund and a further £2,000 will be met from the precept towards the cost of employing a lengthsman. At the same time, the clerk should also apply for funding from the Highways budget for next year. This was seconded by Cllr Tucker with all in favour.

Highway Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund

The clerk has to provide the Highway Maintenance Team with case studies of the work carried out at Moorlands, Hillend and Ringborough Cross. Cllr Nancarrow volunteered to help the clerk with the wording.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Gate at Footpath 17

Cllr Brake proposed that an additional £50.00 was given towards the cost of the replacement gate from the Parish Paths fund bringing the total contribution to £150.00. This was seconded by Cllr Tucker with all in favour.

Cllr Nancarrow reported that the sign by Turf House that points to Footpath 14 has still not been replaced. The clerk will follow up again with Ros Davies.

ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Community Policing Report

One crime reported between 03.04.18 and 30.04.18 – Communication of an offensive nature sent – social media posting regarding the victim by known person.

Ringling out for Peace on 11 November 2018

Arrangements for this event on Sunday, 11 November were discussed. It was agreed to follow the format used for the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations in 2016. Beacons will be lit across the country and Cllr Brake, on behalf of the Commoners, agreed that a bonfire could be erected at Hartridge. There will be fireworks and refreshments. About £300 was spent on fireworks in 2016 and Cllr Nancarrow proposed that a similar amount should be earmarked for this year. This was seconded by Cllr Pulman with all in favour. The clerk will liaise with the parishioner who kindly organised the fireworks on the previous occasion. The clerk will produce a risk assessment and ensure insurance arrangements are in place.

Annual Audit

Cllr Thorne signed the bank reconciliation for the end of the financial year. This was also signed by Cllr Barlow who has checked through the bank statements, invoices and financial transactions carried out during the year. Papers will be sent to the internal auditor shortly so that the accounts may be presented to the Parish Council at next month's meeting. They will then be sent to the external auditor. The clerk will query with the internal auditor whether the amount of £8,000 for swings purchased in 2007 and which appears on the Assets Register should be written down.

VAT Reclaim

The clerk confirmed that a VAT claim for £1,704.00 and the Employer Payment Summary have been submitted to HMRC.

Revised Standing Orders

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has issued a revised template for Standing Orders. The clerk will amend Luppitt's Standing Orders to comply if necessary.

General Data Protection Regulation

The clerk had attended a very informative presentation of the new requirements which come into effect on 25 May. The clerk will start to draw up details of Luppitt's procedures. The Government has tabled an

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amendment to exempt Town and Parish Councils from having to appoint a Data Protection Officer. The Devon Association of Local Councils (DALC) has been advised by officials from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport that all other measures will still apply, but the appointment of a Data Protection Officer to support a council's approach to data protection will be discretionary and may be regarded as good practice.

Annual Parish Meeting

The collection for Devon Air Ambulance Trust at the Annual Parish Meeting on 17 April raised the sum of £31.15.

Correspondence

The email regarding proposed car parking charges was noted. Cllr Chubb said that the increase in charges will only affect a small number of car parks across East Devon.

Chairman's Discretion

The following planning application was received shortly before the meeting which did not allow enough time for it to be published allowing for the statutory three days required before a meeting.

18/1005/FUL – The Old Post Office – various works

The Parish Council has already commented that it supports this planning application. The latest documents uploaded to Planning East's website relate to 18/1003/LBC not 18/1005/FUL. The clerk will ask for clarification from Planning East.

Play Area Inspection

An inspection is due. The clerk will check with Elizabeth Rose to see whether an inspection of the Village Hall site is necessary now that the slide has been removed.

Parishes Together

Luppitt Parish Council has been successful in applying for funding from the Parishes Together fund. This will be used towards ditching work throughout the parish. Cllr Thorne signed the offer letter which the clerk will return to EDDC.

The meeting was suspended to allow Questions from the Public.

Questions from the Public

There was a discussion over the work being carried out throughout the parish by Gigaclear. Two parishioners present gave details of the work carried out in and around their property. The clerk has received a response to the Parish Council's concerns from Mike Cavanagh of Gigaclear who stated that "the excavation along the verge lines should not be installed in the ditch but alongside the road edge at a depth of 450 mm of cover, with sand and stone back-fill to protect the ducts and support the verge." These guidelines have

clearly not been followed in several areas where drains have been interfered with and, in some cases, covered over. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Mike Cavanagh to ask him to come out and meet Cllrs Tucker and Nancarrow so that they can show him the areas affected.

The meeting then resumed. There were no further questions and the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

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

Tuesday, 5 June 2018

Tuesday, 3 July 2018

Tuesday, 7 August 2018

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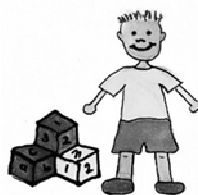
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**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY, 17 APRIL 2018, AT 8 PM**

Present: Cllrs John Thorne (in the chair), David Barlow, Gavin Brake, Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Rosalind Buxton (clerk) and 17 members of the public

Devon Air Ambulance

A volunteer from the Devon Air Ambulance Trust, Simon Card, gave a very interesting talk. In 1986 the teenage son of a woman called Ann Thomas was fatally injured when he was knocked off his bike. Having been told that the sooner a person received medical help, the better their chances of survival, Ann launched an appeal in her son's memory to raise funds for an air ambulance. Six years later, in 1992, Devon's Air Ambulance flew its first mission. It has now flown in excess of 25,000 missions. In 2014 the Charity became completely independent after it was granted an Air Operating Certificate by the Civil Aviation Authority so it is an airline in its own right. It receives no Government funding and each mission costs at least £3,500. As it does not receive Government funding, it is not subject to Government cuts. The huge sum of £6.4m is needed every year to keep the helicopters flying. Working with communities throughout Devon, the Trust has established a network of landing sites which has enabled the helicopters to fly until midnight since 2016. The Trust relies heavily on donations and the commitment of volunteers. All those present were most appreciative of the very important service that the Trust provides. John Thorne thanked Simon for his very interesting and informative talk.

2 Welcome

John Thorne welcomed everyone to the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting for Luppitt.

3 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs David Key (EDDC), Tom Nancarrow, Christine Ryder, Mrs A Fry

4 Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 3 May 2017

It was proposed by Mr Piechowiak, seconded by Brian Pulman and carried unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 3 May 2017, were signed as a correct record of that meeting.

5 Chairman of the Parish Council's Annual Report

We have had 11 Parish Council meetings and one Planning meeting since the last Annual Parish Meeting held in May 2017. All our meetings are open to the public and it would be nice to see more residents attending.

At the 2017 Annual General Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council, I was elected as Chairman and Gavin Brake was elected as Vice-Chairman and I should like to thank Gavin for chairing meetings in my absence.

There have been 20 planning applications including one seeking planning approval for the construction of a slurry lagoon at Higher Wick that proved very contentious. The Parish Council objected to this application outlining in detail the many concerns it had over the viability of the project, the possibility of an environmental catastrophe and the safety of the structure.

Roger Hicks has continued to work on Luppitt's Neighbourhood Plan and has produced a first consultation draft. A very successful open meeting was held in the Village Hall on 21 March when Roger gave an interesting and informative presentation. Several people expressed a wish to join the Steering Group. It has been agreed to hold a Steering Group meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 2 May. An Agenda will be sent out to existing members of the Steering Group and new members, but anyone is welcome to come along.

Roger is giving another presentation to the Parish Council at 7 pm on Tuesday, 1 May. Any member of the public who would like to attend will be very welcome. Our Parish Council meeting will follow at 8 pm.

The condition of our roads remains a priority. We have been successful in applying for grants totalling £5,190 from the Highway Community Maintenance Enhancement Fund. This has been used towards the following projects: Shelf Lane, Hillend to Sharcombe, Coombeshead to Ringborough Cross and major repairs near Moorlands Lane.

We were granted just over £400 from the Parishes Together Fund which has been used towards the extensive ditch clearing work that has been carried out in the parish. During the recent snowfall, Andrew went out and cleared the roads to make it safer and easier to move throughout the parish. I would like to personally thank Andrew Tucker for all his hard work throughout the parish.

Chris Tottle continues to look after the play area at Millrise and we are grateful to him for his efforts.

Our 2 defibrillators are in place – one outside the Village Hall and one outside Lowmans Farm, near Red Doors. They are checked weekly by the clerk.

The precept remained unchanged at £11,000. The Council Tax Discount Grant from EDDC was reduced this year to £106 and will disappear completely next year.

Donations from the precept totalling £645.00 were given as follows:

- TRIP – 2 payments of £55.00 (for 2016/17 and 2017/18)
- British Heart Foundation - £50.00

- Luppitt Children's Christmas Party - £150.00
- East Devon Citizens Advice Bureau - £55.00
- Royal British Legion - £20.00
- Devon Air Ambulance - £100.00
- Luppitt Packet - £160.00

I should like to welcome Christine Ryder as our new Parish Councillor. Christine has a wide business experience that I am sure will be beneficial to the Parish Council.

Christine fills the place left by Derek Hooper who passed away last year. Derek became a Parish Councillor in June 1979 and served as Chairman from May 1985 until May 1999. He was also Chairman from May 2007 until May 2008. He served on the Parish Council for nearly 40 years and his contribution and knowledge are greatly missed.

We welcome a new County Councillor, Iain Chubb, who succeeded Paul Diviani and a new PCSO Darren England who replaced PCSO Phil Anning. Phil resigned in December 2017 and is now part of the Enforcement Department at EDDC.

I should like to thank our District Councillor, David Key, and all the Parish Councillors for their support over the past year. Finally, I should like to give special thanks to Rosalind, our Parish Clerk, for her hard work during the year.

6 Reports

Report from District Councillor

There was no report.

Report from County Councillor

Iain Chubb's report is copied below and was read out by the clerk.

Roads

There is a further four and a half million pounds is to be spent on tackling the potholes on Devon's roads. This is on top of the money already given by the government to Devon county council from the Pothole Action Fund earlier this year; this £4.4 million is for pothole and storm damage repairs to the county's roads. During the recent bad weather the resources were stretched to the limit for gritters and snow ploughs, however the majority of main roads were kept open and the clear up was reasonably quick.

Health

Devon County Councillors have voted to stop plans to change the way the health care service in Devon is being run. Proposals by NEW Devon CCG and DCC would have seen an integrated health and care system implemented from April 1. It would see commissioners and NHS providers working closely with GPs and councils who agree to take shared responsibility

for how they operate their collective resources for the benefit of local populations.

Broadband

The CDS programme is the largest of its kind in England. It is supported with funding from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, the EU's European Regional Development Fund, the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership and local authorities, including Devon County Council, across the region.

Since the start of the partnership between local authorities in Devon and Somerset, the Government and BT in 2013, a quarter of a million miles of optical fibre has been laid, enough to circle the Earth ten times. CDS connects some of the hardest to reach communities in England, where the commercial market will not provide the infrastructure. CDS does this by awarding public subsidised contracts to companies through competitive tender to build the infrastructure needed, such as fibre cables or wireless masts. CDS is only able to invest where suppliers have no declared and credible plans to invest their own resources to extend their networks. CDS does not fund actual internet services available via the web, that is a role for commercial Internet Service Providers or ISPs.

Summary for Devon County Council

Figures in parentheses include Exeter

Total premises: 341,500 (402,400)

i.e. the number of homes or businesses in the area

- CDS superfast achieved: 143,100 (144,600) premises
- CDS superfast planned: 37,600 (38,500) premises
- Commercial superfast provided: 135,800 (193,300) premises
- Commercial planned: 4100 (4100) premises
- Total delivered or planned: 316,800 (376,000) premises
- Remaining: 24,600 (26,300) premises

I recently attended a tour of the Exeter waste to energy plant at Marsh Barton. I asked many searching questions to the lead officer at DCC about waste disposal and charges at the local recycling centres; the tour was very enlightening and I can report that East Devon is the top performer in recycling in Devon and when we collect the green waste later in the year the figures will rise considerably.

Report from Village Hall Committee

Brian Pulman said they have had another successful year. It is important to encourage as many local people as possible to come and support the events that are arranged. The slide outside the Village Hall has been removed. It was not safe and had come to the end of its life. The area has been re-

seeded. The defibrillator has been positioned outside the Village Hall. There had been a small fire in the electricity box that had not only affected the electricity supply but had also caused a water leak in the kitchen. Repairs were made in very difficult conditions. The smart meter had been the cause of the problem and there is still an issue with the electricity provider, E.on. Brian passed on his thanks to Steve Berry for his help and support in dealing with E.on.

Report from Commoners

Gavin Brake gave the following report.

Our 10-year Higher Level Stewardship agreement covering Hense Moor Common ended in November 2017. Over its 10-year life, this agreement provided funding to improve and fence the Hense Moor SSSI. Natural England regard the HLS agreement as a success, and, looking ahead, we are now hoping to be one of the very first areas to enter into a new 10-year Countryside Stewardship agreement which is anticipated to commence very shortly. The new agreement will cover Hense Moor and Hartridge, but not Luppitt Common, which doesn't score enough points to be worth including. Luppitt Common will therefore remain outside of any agreements for now. The new Countryside Stewardship agreement is expected to be for 10 years. The obligations under the new agreement remain demanding and in many respects are similar to, or greater than, the requirements under HLS. We will need to improve areas of rough grassland, manage the areas of lowland heath, continue to clear and manage bracken, gorse and scrub, and continue to graze effectively with cattle. In addition, we have new obligations concerning woodland areas and a management plan has been agreed with the Forestry Commission.

Regarding the Ramblers' claims for new public footpaths to be added to the Definitive Map, the Trustees have been generally neutral on this process, given that the Commons are already Open Access Land under the Countryside Rights of Way Act (2000). Regarding Gigaclear and Wayleaves, the Trustees are aiming to be helpful and constructive, but insist that all proper procedures are followed regarding buried cables.

Report from Police

There were 6 crimes reported in 2017/18 compared to 9 crimes in 2016/17.

- Criminal damage caused to tree in garden of house
- Engage in coercive/controlling behaviour – domestic incident with male offender sending his ex-partner messages
- Threats to kill – domestic related incident, family member threatened another family member
- Fraud – unknown offender attempted to take out insurance policy using another's details
- Breach of court order (contact made to victim on mobile device by known

offender

- Communication of offensive nature – text message sent from known offender to victim

7 Questions

- A parishioner mentioned that there had been tipping lorries in the village over the last couple of days. He was assured that the work had finished and the landowner had ensured that only one lorry had travelled on the road at a time. John Thorne thanked the landowner for his co-operation and care.

- A member of the public asked whether there was a fire alarm in the Village Hall taking into account the recent fire in the electricity box. Brian Pulman undertook to raise the matter with the Village Hall committee.

- There was a general discussion about the work being carried out throughout the parish by Gigaclear. There is concern about the cable not being laid deeply enough in the ditches. The Parish Council has passed on its worries to Highways who have the same concerns. John Thorne was careful to stress that the provision of fast and reliable Broadband is a definite asset for the village but the work that is being carried out may result in added problems in the future. Some landowners present discussed their experience with Gigaclear and wayleaves over their land.

There were no further questions. John Thorne thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.



The University of the Third Age Learn, Laugh, Live'

The Honiton U3A will be meeting on Wednesday 20th June when we will be swept away, metaphorically speaking, to the wilds of Dartmoor!

Our speaker is Paul Rendell, who has been a Dartmoor National Park Guide for over 21 years and whose boyhood explorations have provided him with a knowledge of the Moor that few possess.

His talk is entitled 'THE INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY OF DARTMOOR' and Paul will be looking at how man has changed the moor by mining and quarrying plus the developments of small industrial enterprises

Venue: The Beehive Centre, Dowell St., Honiton
Doors open 1.30pm for a 2pm start

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Further information: 01404 598008

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Tea at the Hall afterwards

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GARDEN JOTTINGS

by D.Street

I was listening to Farming Today the other morning, after rain on the window woke me up. A farmer from Cheshire was talking. He reckoned this year he was six weeks behind with planting his potato crop. The ground had been too wet to get on. It had rained since last August. And this is exactly what I feel about the weather this last year.

The weeds in my garden are having a riot. It has just been too wet to get out there and read them the Act. - even with the sort of plank Monty Don shows off, when he is planting out his tomatoes or celery. And it was like that last autumn as well.

It's not only been persistent wet. It's been cold too, except for an occasional stifling day. My arums have taken quite a beating, even if most of them seem to have just about survived. The winter gladioli - Nymph? or The Bride? - I've been growing recently have lost their leaves this year, but do seem to be growing new ones at last. A couple of years ago one corm that dropped outside on the ground by accident grew and flowered without protection. By the time you read this, warmth may have come and I shall know whether my dahlias too have survived.

The poly suffered as well. Two or three inches - I don't what that is in modern centimetres - of heavy wet snow split the cover. We have patched it up with sticky tape, but it will have to have a new cover. The Bird of Paradise Jacki has grown there for several years suffered considerable damage, but it does still have a couple of leaves.

Looking round the wilder and weedier parts, I see larger than usual drifts of bluebells. Snakes head fritillaries and primroses and cowslips are getting past their best. A clump of purple orchids is braving wind and rain by the septic tank. Dandelions and daisies everywhere lie star-scattered on the grass. Mr Moss, our Sunday paperman, - he will deliver you one too - noticed the glorious golden splendour of these often unwanted weeds.

In the wettest patches creeping buttercups are rampant. Docks, nettles and cow parsley are throwing themselves up, stifled by swarming sticky weed. May may be the month of flowers, but these are not quite the ones I had in mind to write about.



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It is wonderful to be out and about in the Blackdown Hills at the moment. I am enjoying every minute I spend walking and driving around - the scent of the blossom, the light on new leaves, the sound of birdsong. It is good to be alive in this place. The beauty of our environment really is astonishing. Whether on top of Hembury Fort or Dumpdon Hill, or walking through Broadhembury or Upton, we are surrounded by extraordinary beauty. It is literally breathtaking.

One of my privileges when in New Zealand was getting to know the many families who had asked Kathryn, my wife, to look after them during a pregnancy and the weeks after the birth of their new baby. She then encouraged them to attend a Christian Music and Movement group that I ran. I will always be amazed when I see a baby – to have one's finger held by a baby, using a hand that is more complicated than anything mankind has made, this too, I find literally breathtaking.

We are all extraordinarily blessed even if sometimes, when life is being particularly tough, it does not feel like it. The 23rd Psalm, for some people known better as the hymn 'The Lord's my Shepherd', tells us that the Lord does lead us by still waters and gets us to lie down in green pastures. The Psalm also reassures us that even when we walk through a dark valley, a dangerous and fearful place, the Lord is with us, with his staff, helping us along the way. There are those who do not believe in God saying he is capricious, that he allows people to suffer, that life is not fair in all sorts of ways. My answer to that might seem inadequate but if life really were a bed of roses, if we all had everything we needed and wanted, and experienced no fear or pain, then nothing would have any value anymore.

Many of us, living in the place we do, living in the time we do, are among the most blessed people in all the world. We are however called to use our blessings in whichever and whatever way we can. We are called to love our neighbour, that person affected by our action or our inaction. We are called to be the Lord's 'staff', to support those we know who are walking through that dark valley. We are also called to be people in community – we can achieve so much more together than we each can on our own. Together we can make a big difference helping those in fearful and dark places. Rejoice in the glory of the Blackdown Hills, rejoice in this wonderful springtime, rejoice in the signs of new birth and think of ways that you can make a difference in someone else's life so that they too might rejoice.

Rev John Hayhoe

Stop Press! Mission Community Administrator

We are delighted to announce that a new Mission Community Administrator has been appointed. Sara Gordon has a background in IT and project management and lives in Luppitt. She will be starting early in June working mainly from home and some of the time also at the Rectory. Her contact details for work are not available quite yet but will be given out in the churches and will be on the Dunkeswell.org website as soon as they are known.

John Hayhoe, Rector

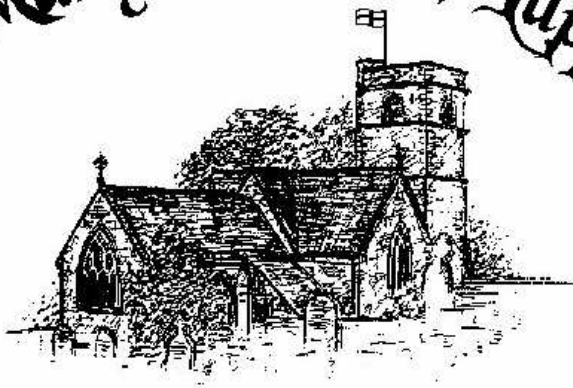
It seems a long time ago my Mum died. It was, and I had not freed myself from her until a moment ago! We were very close and the last few years seemed so sad and wrong when she had been such a good person all her life, especially to me as a daughter. But there we are, we all have to go, there is no choice or reason in our small minds for the way it happens.

I've just had a very busy day with 2 grandchildren, and sat down with a cup of tea and picked up the Packet! What a wonderful analogy John Hayhoe wrote or perhaps copied, it doesn't matter, but at last with those two little things chatting in the warmth of Mothers tum, have firmly put my love and conscience to sleep and I have cut the cord of grief and judgement of myself to bed.

Its a strange happening when a few words can work such wonders and lift spirits back to there proper place. Thank you, John, for giving me the freedom to get on with what is left of my wonderful life and family, and just remember Mums warmth and love.

MM

St Mary's Church, Luppitt



Sunday 3 June	9:30 am BCP Holy Communion *
Sunday 10 June	11:00 am All Age Worship †
Sunday 17 June	11:00 am Common Worship Holy Communion †
Sunday 24 June	11:00 am All Age Worship ‡
Sunday 1 July	9:30 am BCP Holy Communion
* Revd Peter Horder † Revd John Hayhoe ‡ Mr John White officiating	

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 12 April, Mr Brian Pulman was elected as churchwarden for the forthcoming year. It was reported that there are currently 40 persons on the church electoral roll.

Pending the appointment of a new Mission Community administrator, it will not be possible to publish the services for the other parishes. Interviews for the post are being held, and we will include the services details as soon as possible



Churchyard helpers, please!

Would you be able to spare some time to help with churchyard maintenance?



Church cleaning and flower rota

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1:15pm	leave Dunkeswell	2.2 miles	approximately
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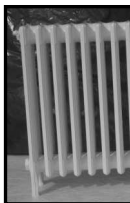
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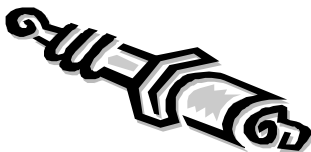
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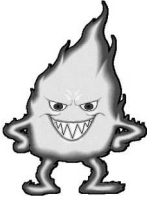


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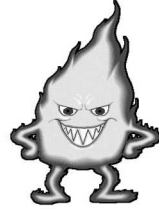
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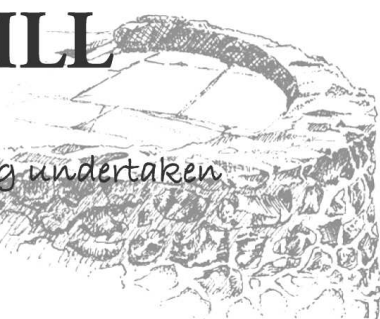
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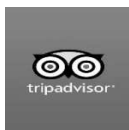
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June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th	Social Club, Village Hall, 8pm.
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June 23rd	5 Parishes Walk, see page 29 for details.
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