

Luppitt Packet

The Penultimate Packet?



June 2019

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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)

Luppitt Neighbourhood Plan: Website - luppittneighbourhoodplan.org.uk

Roger Hicks: Chairperson 01404 891579

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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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Around the Parish



IS THIS THE SECOND FROM LAST LUPPITT PACKET?

With apologies to Lewis Carroll:-

"The time has come," the Walrus said, "To talk of many things: Of shoes - and ships - and sealing-wax - Of cabbages - and kings— And why the sea is boiling hot - And whether there is anyone who would like to be the new Editor of the Luppitt Packet."

I have been editing the Luppitt Packet, with help from a great team. However after 14 years it is time to pass it to someone else. The routine is now well established and if you have a computer with MS Publisher or equivalent Desktop Publishing program it is not difficult. If you would like to know more, then please get in touch with me - My number is on the inside of the back page or email thepacket@puzzlemuseum.com.

I am planning for the July/August Packet to be my last so please volunteer so that it will not be THE last issue of the Packet.

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Now, Nature Notes: -

- I swear I heard a lark at the wonderful Open Garden Day at Mathayes. Has anyone else heard them?
- A cuckoo has been heard in Luppitt. I heard it and I am not the only one.
- You can all stop worrying about My Swallows. They are back, but have not stayed here as wrens have nested on top of their nest sites.
- I have seen a small blue butterfly! Intense blue, but so fast I lost it almost immediately.
- The bluebells have been wonderful.

Have a good month. Lindsey Dalgety

From Mary Ann McCaig of Mathayes

What a day we had! Thank you to everyone who came and said lovely things about my garden, I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I do!

Now first, Pamela Perry, who are you are where , as you have won a bottle of gin for the tree competition! I have no phone number so can't contact you, so please call us at the Brewery or home! Well done, 40 and a few more as well!

A perfect day, and a great family made my life very easy, just had to wash plates as we had 86 through the garden and lunch, and £820 profit to the Church. Heaven had looked after the garden, so lots of colour and lasting blossom, and the grass not growing too fast, now off course we are all wanting rain! I must say I did enjoy getting it all together, and seeing everyone happy and chatting together, some from Stockland and Upottery and some from the art club, and of course Pamela Perry!

Thank you all so much for your generosity, do you think another 29 years before we show it off again?!

Mary Ann

REMOVAL OF HIMALAYAN BALSAM FROM THE COMMONS

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP ERADICATE HIMALAYAN BALSAM IN
LUPPITT?**

**IF SO PLEASE JOIN A GROUP OF PARISHIONERS AND MEMBERS
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Final details in next month's Packet.

LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk's report of the Annual General Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held at Luppitt Village Hall, on Tuesday, 8 May 2019 at 8 pm

Present: Cllrs John Thorne (Chairman), Beth Hooper, Brian Pulman, Christine Ryder, Andrew Tucker, Rosalind Buxton (clerk), Roger Hicks (Chairman of Steering Group) and 3 members of the public

Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Tom Nancarrow (Vice-Chairman), Paul Prettejohn, Michele Turner, David Key (DCC) and PCSO 30017 Darren England

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

Cllr Pulman took the chair and invited nominations for Chairman. Cllr Hooper proposed Cllr Thorne and this was seconded by Cllr Ryder with all in favour. Cllr Thorne then took the chair and invited nominations for Vice-Chairman. Cllr Nancarrow had indicated that he was willing to stand as Vice-Chairman if nominated. Cllr Nancarrow was nominated by Cllr Pulman and seconded by Cllr Ryder 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, subject to his consent, Cllr Nancarrow would continue as P3 co-ordinator.

Receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Thorne signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman.

Receive the Acceptance of Office from Parish Councillors

All councillors, except Cllr Nancarrow, have signed the Acceptance of Office and Code of Conduct form. The clerk will arrange for Cllr Nancarrow to sign his form as soon as convenient.

After the above protocols had been completed, Cllr Thorne welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all the councillors for their hard work and for their confidence in re-electing him as Chairman. He was happy to continue in this role. Cllr Thorne had a special welcome for our two new Parish Councillors, Beth Hooper and Michele Turner. Unfortunately, Michele was unable to attend the first meeting.

Appointment of Bank Signatories

It was agreed to remove David Barlow and Gavin Brake from the list of signatories



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and replace them with Tom Nancarrow and Christine Ryder.

Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 2 April 2019, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Tucker and seconded by Cllr Ryder).

Declaration of Interest

Cllrs Pulman and Tucker declared an interest in item 2.1.2 (planning application for Oakdell) because Cllr Pulman owns the property and Cllr Tucker has carried out work there.

The clerk handed out a Declaration of Interest form to Cllr Hooper and one to Cllr Ryder. The clerk will hand a form to Cllr Turner on her return. All other Parish Councillors confirmed that there are no alterations to their Declaration of Interests from last year and the clerk has established with EDDC that there is no need for those Parish Councillors to submit new forms.

The clerk has checked with three different bodies and confirmed that it is only declarations of pecuniary interests relevant to any matter being discussed that precludes a councillor from taking part in a discussion or voting on that particular matter. Whilst it remains good practice to declare any interests, many interests do not affect a councillor's right to discuss and vote. The clerk will advise as instances occur.

PLANNING

Applications (for comment, support or objection)

19/0073/FUL and 19/0074/ LBC – The Old Post Office, Luppitt, Honiton, EX14 4RT – construction of single storey rear extension (revised scheme to 18/1003/LBC and 18/1005/FUL); alteration to approved layout of study

The Planning Committee comprising Cllrs Thorne, Pulman and Ryder had a site visit at the Old Post Office on 25 April (comments were due to be submitted to Planning by 1 May). The Parish Council has no objection to the plans. Since issuing the Agenda, the clerk has received another notification of plans for the Old Post Office. She will make enquiries to see if there are material differences.

19/0756/FUL – Oakdell, Luppitt, Honiton, EX14 4SJ – alterations to and conversion of detached store to form annex

The Planning Committee comprising Cllrs Thorne, Nancarrow and Ryder had a site visit at Oakdell on 30 April (comments were due to be submitted to Planning by 2 May). They were happy with the plans and the Parish Council has no objection to the application. Cllr Ryder said it was a good example of what the Steering Group has been looking at in the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Key had advised the clerk that

he had received a copy of a letter of objection that had been sent to the Planning Officer but there was no address or name on it.

Field at Pennythorne Cross

The clerk had received a letter from the Enforcement team at EDDC to say that further investigation was called for and a site visit will be arranged.

Neighbourhood Plan

Roger Hicks reported that sub-groups have been reviewing the responses to the questionnaire in relation to their particular sections and have submitted their suggested recommendations for amendments to the draft Plan. These have been sent to all Steering Group members and there was a brief discussion at the Steering Group meeting on 1 May. Steering Group members now have until the next Steering Group meeting on 29 May to study the proposals and submit any comments. The Plan will be modified when all amendments have been discussed and agreed.

Roger Hicks has received a first draft of the Parish Character Assessment report. At the Steering Group meeting on 26 June, representatives from the Blackdown Hills AONB, the Blackdown Hills Farming and Woodland Group and the Devon Wildlife Trust will be giving a short presentation with the objective of increasing environmental knowledge in the parish. It was hoped that as many parishioners as possible would attend.

Housing Survey Needs

The New Development sub-group (led by Mark Hickman) had proposed at the Steering Group meeting on 1 May to ask EDDC to carry out a Housing Needs Survey with immediate effect. Roger would prefer to wait until the Neighbourhood Plan is completed before doing so as he says that this will delay completion of the Plan and he also feels that residents may feel disinclined to complete another questionnaire, especially when some of the questions may be interpreted as being very intrusive. When completing the questionnaire, 73% of residents had indicated that they believed affordable housing to be extremely beneficial, very beneficial or somewhat beneficial and this provided a compelling reason to establish whether there was, in fact, a need for affordable housing. A Housing Needs Survey is essential to find out whether or not there is a requirement in Luppitt parish for affordable housing and unless 'need' could be established there would be no basis for providing affordable housing.

At the Steering Group meeting on 1 May, it was decided to proceed with the survey as soon as possible by a vote of 8 in favour and 4 against. It was brought to the Parish Council for a final decision. EDDC fund 3 surveys per year; the PC will be expected to contribute £300 towards the costs. Cllrs Thorne and Pulman agreed with Roger that it would be better to delay the survey until the Plan has been completed but Cllrs Ryder, Tucker and Hooper felt it should be carried out now so

the decision to carry out the Housing Needs Survey as soon as possible was carried by 3 votes to 2. The clerk will liaise with Mark Hickman for the next steps.

3.0 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

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

Item Reported	Action	Status
HIGHWAYS	Report all items to NHO (csc.roads@devon.go)	
Pothole outside Dolish Farmhouse	W181164455	Completed.
Severe road subsidence from Ringborough Cross to Luppitt Common	W181163261/262/263/264	Completed.
Uxford Bridge to Crook Cross		No reply received from Cllr Chubb. Clerk will follow up.
Pothole by Little Shelvin		Clerk will report.

Parish Maintenance

The clerk will write to Highways commending them on the extensive road repairs that have been carried out. She will also draw their attention to the fact that ditches near Mountstephens and the telephone exchange (by the double bends) have been filled in.

School Lane

It was agreed to ask Cllr Tucker to quote for work at School Lane – to form a concrete drainage channel for approximately 45 metres to take excess water. Some form of retaining bank will be needed. The clerk said that if the work was quite major she could apply to the Highways Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund for 50% of the cost.

Safety Railings

The clerk had heard from the NHO who was under the impression that the railings between Stoneacres and Lamberts Lane were on private land. The clerk will write to advise that they were erected by Highways.

Gigaclear

The clerk has heard from Mike Cavanagh of Gigaclear who said that outstanding repair work will be carried out. The clerk will advise of other problem areas – by Shaugh on the corner at the left going towards Langford; drain inlet at Greenlands – contractors have dug in the brick culvert and laid tubes through the culvert.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Footpath 14

The Parish Council authorised Cllr Tucker to start work on the walkway at Footpath 14. The P3 fund has granted £1,500 towards the project. Cllr Thorne reported that he had found dead animals that had been dumped at the top end of Footpath 14 near Jack's House.

Definitive Map Modification Order – Footpaths 60, 61 and 62 (Luppitt)

The High Court has quashed the decision dated 17 September 2018 and so these Orders have to be redetermined.

ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Community Policing Report

The report was received after the meeting. No crimes have been reported for the month of April.

Annual Parish Meeting and Devon Freewheelers

There had been a disappointing turnout at the Annual Parish Meeting but the founder of Devon Freewheelers had given a very powerful talk which was both moving and very amusing. Cllr Thorne proposed that an \$137 payment (donation) of £100.00 should be made annually to Devon Freewheelers. This was seconded by Cllr Tucker with all in favour.

Broadband in Village Hall

Gigaclear have confirmed that they would consider providing a Broadband connection to the Village Hall free of charge once the area goes live later this year. Cllr Pulman will get reaction from the Village Hall committee about this. It needs to be established who will use it, when most people have Broadband at home, and there would also be the problem of accessing the hall when it is locked.

Quarterly check – internal financial controls

Cllr Barlow has checked the cash book and reconciliation for the quarter ended March 2019 and confirmed that all is correct. Cllr Ryder has agreed to take over responsibility for checking the clerk's quarterly figures.

Annual Audit

Cllr Thorne signed the bank reconciliation for the end of the financial year. This had also been 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.

VAT Reclaim

The clerk confirmed that a VAT claim and the Employer Payment Summary had been submitted to HMRC. The clerk confirmed that repayment of the VAT claim in the amount of £2,407.94 has been received.

Clerk's hourly rates

It was agreed that the clerk's hourly rates should be increased by 27p per hour in line with the new terms negotiated by the National Association of Local Councils.

Correspondence

An email from the Blackdown Hills Parish Network inviting the nomination of a representative to attend general meetings was noted.

CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

Play Area

The clerk will write to Elizabeth Rose to confirm that the annual inspection of the play area at Millrise should take place.

Insurance

Insurance documents have just been received. The clerk will check the contents.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

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

Tuesday 4 June 2019

Tuesday 2 July 2019

Blackdown Hills Community Bus

After our highly successful murder/mystery evening in March, we are able to offer more social trips. To avoid a clash with the monthly market we are moving our Friday shopping trips to the THIRD Friday of each month with effect from June. So watch out for posters in the Churchinford Community Shop and the York Inn to see where the bus will take you on June 21st – and put your name on the list in the shop to guarantee your seat.

We are also running a day out to Sidmouth on June 20th, leaving Churchinford at 10am, returning by about 4pm, for £8 return. Again there will be a list in the shop to secure a place. Watch out for details of our July mackerel fishing trip to Beer on our Facebook page. And of course we are always on the lookout for volunteer drivers. If you can help, please contact Paul Thomas on 07801 816892 or blackdownbus@gmail.com.

The Committee

JOIN US FOR A MASTERCLASS IN CARING FOR LUPPITT'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

A Luppitt Neighbourhood Plan Event

How healthy are the Rivers Otter and Love and what can we do to protect them?

Where can we buy wildflower seed in bulk and how do we create wildflower meadows?

Can we do anything about Ash die back?

Are there any grant schemes for new tree planting programmes?

Protecting the natural environment of this very special place was voted the most important issue amongst the respondents to our 2018 Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire. There are so many threats that could adversely affect our landscape and environment if we don't proactively work to overcome them.

We are delighted, therefore, to invite all Packet residents to a presentation by the three organisations that work so hard on our behalf, running programmes such as woodland and hedgerow management, wild flower propagation, halting the decline in numbers for some of our most beautiful butterflies, birds and river creatures. David Rolls of the Devon Wildlife Trust, Lisa Turner of the Blackdown Hills AONB and Gavin Saunders of the relatively new Blackdown Hills Farming and Woodland Group will join us in the Village Hall on Wednesday June 26th at 7.30 to tell us more about their work, and give us practical advice on what we can do ourselves to help minimise the threats to our natural environment.

Gavin Saunders' presentation will be of special interest to farmers who are interested in improving their environmental land management practices.

So do come and join us – and if there are any specific areas of advice you would like our speakers to cover just drop an email to Christine

Ryder (chrisryd07@gmail.com) and we will make sure our speakers are pre-briefed.

The meeting will also cover the latest updates on how we are progressing with our Neighbourhood Plan.

A MASTERCLASS IN CARING FOR LUPPITT'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

**A Luppitt Neighbourhood Plan Event
JUNE 26TH 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Our speakers:	David Rolls – Devon Wildlife Trust
	Lisa Turner – Blackdown Hills AONB
	Gavin Saunders – Blackdown Hills
	Farming and Woodland
	Group

Join us for three informative presentations on the work that is being done by the three organisations to protect and enhance our environment.

Plus.....an opportunity to learn what we can do ourselves to preserve our very special natural environment

All welcome.

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GARDEN JOTTINGS

by D.Street

The trouble with growing squashes we find is the males are not out at the same time as the females. Books never seem to mention this difficulty.

I suppose if you've a field of squashes, there'll be a few males out early enough. But with only a couple of plants in the poly - and they're aggressive big spreaders - there's quite a problem.

Pumpkins and melons are pretty much the same. And there're cucumbers too. Marrows and courgettes were easy enough when I grew them years ago. There were always more than I needed. Melons have such small flowers you can't be certain if you've pollinated them at all.

This is where bees come in. Once you've got some bees buzzing around the flowers, they'll soon solve any problem.

Unfortunately there's been a decline in bee numbers recently. This is giving some concern. Apart from your pumpkins and melons and cucumbers, bees pollinate many different crops free of charge. As well as the colonial hive honey bee, which many people keep, sometimes to pollinate their orchards, there are other types of bee.

Not all bees are colonial. Jacki encourages osmia bees, also called mason or solitary bees. She has several bee boxes, as in the picture. Osmia bees can also be used to pollinate orchard crops.

Osmia bees breed in hollow tube-like structures, where they have spent the winter. In the spring the males emerge first and wait for the females to come out. They have even been known to drag them out. After mating the males soon die. There are no workers among osmia bees.



The fertilised females search out a hollow tube-like home. They visit flowers and carry nectar and pollen inside as food for the eggs they lay there. They plug the end with mud. The eggs hatch, eat the stored food and pupate into cocoons until the following spring, ready to come out and pollinate your next year's crop.

Blackdown Hills Food & Craft Fayre 2019

The popular Annual Fayre which raises funds towards the Churchstanton Pre-School Charity and the Churchinford & District Community Shop, is taking place on Sunday 25th Aug noon-4pm. This Fayre is in its 5th year. It showcases some of the best and award winning food and craft producers in and around the Blackdown Hills AONB.

The free admission event receives visitors from across the South West and even with the unseasonal gale force stormy weather last year, it still attracts over 700 visitors.

Displaying a stunning range of goods from producers such as The Devon Fish Cake Company, Common Loaf Bakery, Charlton Orchards, Local Food Preserves and crafts from Photographer Oliver Hellowell (of the One Show fame), Willow Weaving from Emma Finch at Satori, Alpaca wool products, South Down quilting and many more. There is something for everyone.

With a BBQ made with Coombe Farm Organic meat, cream tea sponsored by Gundenham Dairy with their award winning clotted cream, there is plenty for visitors to taste. The family friendly event has activities for the younger visitors, seating for those who wish to enjoy their food or just relax and parking and access for disabled visitors.

A large hamper is raffled on the day and its packed with items given by the producers attending and the Community Shop.

Why not come along and have a great day out!

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John is a Military historian and a 'Living History Archaeologist', he will describe the role and equipment of the Roman army that arrived in **Honiton** around AD46. This will be a fascinating subject for all our local history enthusiasts.

Venue: The Beehive, Dowell Street, Honiton

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Luppitt Entertainments Committee

Dates for your Diary 2019

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Saturday 24th August	Summer Madness returns! Music event with live bands More details coming soon...
Sunday 29th September	Ball Race down Church Hill! This will be a charity event raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support Further details to follow
Friday 18th October	Autumn Bingo Fun for all!
Friday 8th November	Luppitt Quiz Night Always a popular event!

We are always open to new ideas and welcome any offers of help. Contact Pat Bussey on 892720, or email pat.bussey27@gmail.com.



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PACKET...

1. A small pack, package or parcel (1530); in early use, especially the State parcel or “mail” of despatches to and from foreign countries.
2. Short for packet boat (1709).

A packet boat is defined as a vessel plying between two ports for the conveyance of mails, also of goods and passengers; a mail boat. Clearly it was originally a boat maintained for the conveyance of The Packet of state papers.

In the early 1800s land transport was slow and difficult. Roads were generally little more than rutted cart tracks, and railways were in their infancy. Every port in the South-West supported a ‘packet service’ of vessels trading to and from either London or Bristol. These small ships were generally smacks (sloops or barges), light single-masted sailing vessels. The smack rig was the simplest and smallest of all sail arrangements. (However, in the later part of the nineteenth century larger single-masted ships made quite long passages).

The smack was the common carrier for the South-West. They provided links between major cities and almost every place around the coast, to every beach, creek and estuary. They often ran onto the shore to unload cargoes like timber, stone, cement and other bulk materials. Coal, for instance, was delivered to the open beach at places like Sidmouth, Budleigh, Lynmouth and so on. Such activities persisted, perhaps surprisingly, well into the twentieth century. There is a photograph of coal being unloaded on Weston Super Mare beach in 1931, though surely this must have been one of the last of such occasions.

Modern shipping trade passes Lyme Regis by, but it was once a very busy port and shipbuilding centre. In 1849 a barque of 250 tons was launched, though this is possibly the largest ship ever built here. The shipyards at Lyme, Topsham and Bridport built fast smacks for the packet trade between London and Leith. Bridport in particular could build much larger vessels than the smack, and in 1853 built a ship of 1,000 tons for the Australia route.

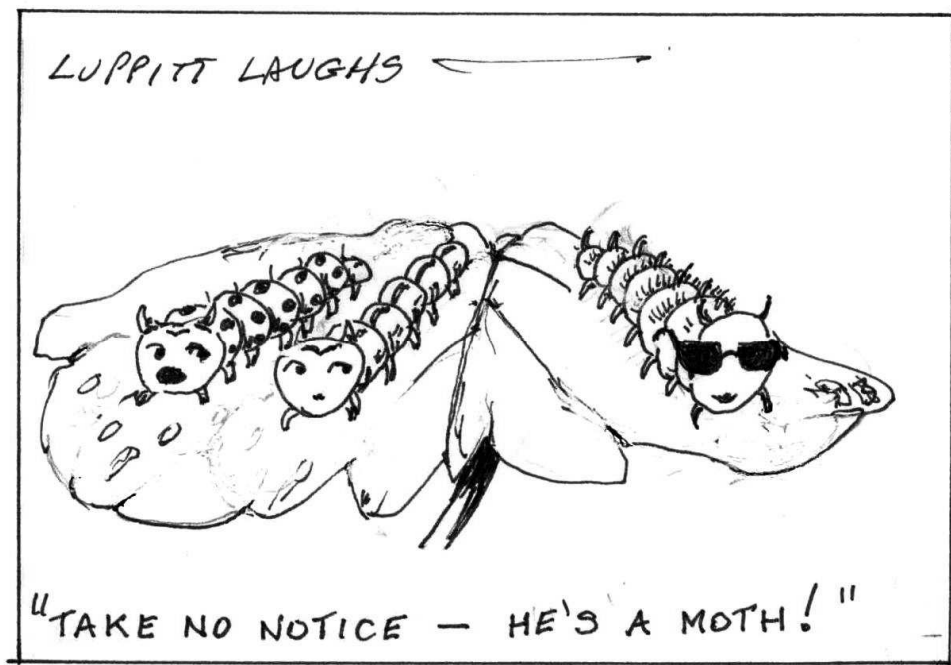
As a port, Lyme served a hinterland which seems surprisingly large to us today. The National Maritime Museum at Greenwich has a flyer from

1828 for the packet service to Lyme. 'The ship Commerce, master J
Randall, loading at Carpenter Smiths wharf, Southwark for Lyme Regis.'

The flyer offered 'Takes in Goods twelve working days' for a long list of places which include Axminster, Bridport, Chard, Crewkerne, Colyton, Honiton, Ilminster, Tiverton, Taunton, Sidmouth, 'and all places adjacent.' There are a few conditions in the small print: 'the wharfinger will not be accountable for loss by fire, vermin, high tides, leakage, act of God, the King's enemies '....etc. The wharfinger, Richard Willson, has written the receipt (on the flyer) on 8 September 1828 for eight packages, 6s 6d (six shillings and six pence).

We have no way of knowing if these or any of the other packets on this packet went to Luppitt.

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Old fashioned Shops

David's article about his father's wonderful pharmacy brought back happy memories of shopping when young with my Mum.

Do you remember the wonderful smells from an old fashioned Chandlers shop? All items of metal hung from the rafters, pails, cans, etc. The floor was strewn with hay bits and the open bins were filled with seeds, corn, oats, locust beans, etc.

Paraffin was served from a small machine like a petrol pump, likewise turpentine. Elf and Safety would have a fit!) A certain amount was always dripped on the floor, which added to the overall ambience.

The open doors back and front brought in wafts of horse and hay, and if I looked pleadingly at the shopkeeper, I would be given a locust bean to chew on the way home. I'm not sure where the locust bean comes from, I know they were given to horses!

Another favourite was the dairy. Betty (Mum always said "Hello Betty") would cut a slab of butter from the block with butter - pats, shape it, weigh it and wrap it in paper for us. The cream was in a big vat, and was dipped out with a ladle and poured into a jar.

All these interesting little shops soon disappeared. The "Continental Butcher", The "Pie and Eel shop", and a funny little place called "The Hole in the Wall". Literally that, you stood on the pavement and leaned on the counter. They sold tobacco, I think.

Happy days.

Joan Beckett.



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The school is extremely sad to announce that Mrs Anne Hawkins will be retiring at the end of the summer term. Mrs Hawkins has taught thousands of children during her 45 year service to Upottery Primary School.

The school will be organising an event in July to express our deep gratitude to her for such phenomenal commitment to the children of Upottery, so please WATCH THIS SPACE for more information next month.

The school has always been grateful to the wider village community for all their support with the education of the children. Two recent examples of these were Linda and Nigel Wyatt and the patrons of The Sidmouth Arms pub, here in the village. Linda, Nigel and their team held the monthly quiz, in aid of raising funds to support the purchase of a new school sports kit. The quiz and other donations raised a staggering £340.00 which will now be used to ensure that our young people, across all ages in Key Stage 2, have a smart, new kit to wear for the many sporting events we attend each term. Many thanks again to The Sidmouth Arms, and the community, for your donations and wonderful care and support for our school.

Secondly, Kestrel class visited The Old Vicarage in Upottery as their engage experience for their forthcoming Cornerstone Learning Project 'Allotment'. The children and staff received a talk and tour from gardener and farmer Dan Leighton. He was brilliant at explaining everything to the children and generously gave them all a chance to plant pumpkin and butternut squash

seeds which we will look to transplant into the school kitchen garden, once they are ready.

We were delighted to see so many of our young people representing and supporting Honiton Rugby Football Club last Sunday at the home of English rugby Twickenham. It was a super opportunity and a wonderful experience for all. For more details see the Midweek Herald, May 8th edition.

We were also delighted that a team of runners from all year groups across our school competed in the Honiton Hippo Calf, during the recent Easter break, and were successful in winning back the School cup.

We had the first session on our new Forest School programme. The Wren class did brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed their session. They spent time learning all about how to be safe in Forest School and how to follow the rules; the different types of nature that they might see when at Forest School and they had a chance to make a 'nature crown' and to explore the mud kitchen – which as you can imagine – was very popular!

The choir have also been in action! They joined with all of the other local primary school choirs, to perform at St Paul's Church Honiton, in the Honiton Learning Community School Choirs Concert 2019. Each school performed a song special to them (we performed Devon Days) and then all the children also performed three ensemble pieces, which really 'raised the roof!' It was a fantastic event, the children made a beautiful sound and it was very well attended by parents and friends of all the schools.

Falcon class enjoyed their first Forest School session of the new term. They made shelters from natural resources and had to work cooperatively as a team, showing the values of care and resilience.

As many of you will be aware, it is SATs time for Year 6. All of the year pupils have continued to work diligently on their learning, without exception.

Wrens – enjoyed seeing our friends after the holidays; playing a maths game and show and tell with Miss Rosenfeld; looking forward to Field Friday and Fish and Chips! We liked making our river feature boxes; going to the choir concert and listening to the singers in the hall; doing races for sports day; learning the songs for the school play; doing lots of column addition and subtraction and doing lots of reading comprehension. looking at a portrait of Sir Francis Drake and a picture of Drake's Drum; Reception using the adding sign in maths; Year 1s – phonics books and pink book take away maths; everybody enjoyed looking at bluebells very carefully using magnifying glasses and seeing bluebells on our way to school; Friday film club; Field Friday and fish and chips!

Kingfishers – doing expanded column addition; doing column subtraction; drawing water patterns in art with chalk and charcoal; learning about rivers, floods and floodplains; using our new class visual timetable; doing ball games in PE with Mr Clements; being back at school. Doing our Year 2 quizzes; celebrating Lauren's last 'Wednesday' before her exams with cakes – thank you! Using pastels to create water patterns in art; doing PE games in the hall; doing multiplying and dividing in maths; SPAG quizzes in Year 3; handwriting neatly and doing lots of work with Mrs Sillitoe – thank you for all your help this week!

Kestrels - drawing vegetables with Ms Farwell in art; place value in maths; labelling and definitions of a flower; Ms Farwell starting in Kestrel class. We liked doing formal written method for multiplication; planting runner beans with Ms Hembrow; visiting The Old Vicarage and talking to Dan the gardener; using a baton in the Daily Mile; the choir attending the HLC Choir event. Year 5/6 golf tournament; doing formal written method short division in maths; saying goodbye to Lauren – thank you for the cakes; geography with Ms Farwell; powerpoints on lifecycle of a pollinator.

Falcons – rounders tournament at Honiton Primary School and winning all our matches; voting for Head Boy and Head Girl; finding out that the summer production is Peter Pan and getting our scripts; writing an explanation about the Life cycle of a frog; observation drawings of chameleons in art. We loved reading comprehension - answering Point, Evidence and Explain; art with Ms Farwell; choir at St Paul's Church; golf with Mr Clements and finding out who our new Head Boys and Girl are. Rounders tournament at Honiton Primary School; Golf – Super 6 at Honiton Golf Club; last week before our SAT's and getting ourselves ready; maths – reasoning questions.

SHAMROCK

In the March Packet I wrote about Shamrock, the last ketch-rigged Tamar sailing barge. The Summer issue of the National Trust magazine has a page about Shamrock, and the shipwright Shaune Blight responsible for the restoration. There is a photograph of Shaune and Shamrock at Cothele. It is hoped to put Shamrock back in the water soon (temporarily), in preparation for work on the keel in Autumn/ Winter.

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From Rev John Hayhoe

“It’s easy to be critical of what’s going on around you, at work, home, church, community or society in general, and to grumble about the shortfalls to anyone who’ll listen. It’s a much harder, but more impressive thing to be a person of blessing, and to be an agent of transformation marked by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity and self control.” C. S Lewis (Celtic Daily Prayer 2 p1365)

In the last parish magazine I wrote about the need for our communities to come together putting aside any differences or animosity we might feel in the light of opposing positions over Brexit. As I was writing that article I was wondering whether there was any hope of any progress being made – as I sit at my computer writing again Mrs May is being urged to break off the talks the government have been having with the Labour Party (the date being 14 May). I do hope that Brexit will be resolved and that we can get on with a new tomorrow.

I can remember thinking in 1986 as I left Northern Ireland at the end of my last tour there with the army that the two sides would continue fighting and that I could see no end to it. Despite the occasional horrific event like the murder of Lyra McKee in the Creggan just the other day Northern Ireland is living a new tomorrow that I could not envisage thirty three years ago.

We know that we do not live in a perfect place and we know most certainly that we do not have a perfect government nor a perfect church; we also know that our families are not perfect nor are the places where we work or have worked. I know also that even the very best of us on occasions can be critical and do grumble, and yes, that does include the Rector more often than he would care to admit! Even though we do know there are bad apples we also know that the vast majority of politicians, bishops and priests, teachers, police, doctors and nurses, business people are trying to do their very best for those

for whom they are responsible or who they serve. We know that actually the vast majority of the people with whom we live do wish the best for their neighbours even if the noise of their dog or their son's motorbike can be irritating.

In the quotation above C.S.Lewis makes my point much more succinctly and then leads on to a quotation from St Paul's letter to the people of the city of Ephesus (then Greek but now in Turkey). He urges us to a person of blessing, to be an agent of transformation marked by *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity and self control*. He also makes it clear that this is very difficult, that achieving this is very impressive. Northern Ireland has been transformed over the last thirty years by people trying to do just this. The United Kingdom would be transformed if we all tried to do just the same – whether we leave the European Union or not! Our individual influence on our nation is limited but we can all bless our own communities and make them even better than they are already.

***Notification from the South West Airfields Heritage Trust and
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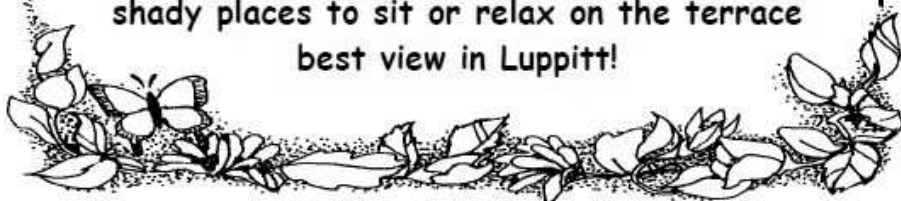
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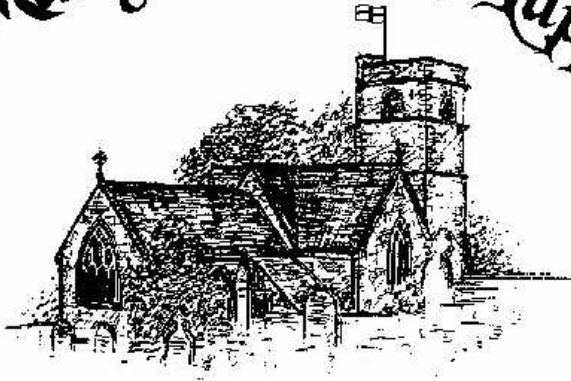
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Sunday 23 June	11:00 am All Age Worship †
Sunday 30 June	no service at Luppitt 11:00 am Six Worship Together at Upottery †
Sunday 7 July	9:30 am BCP Holy Communion

† Revd John Hayhoe * Revd John Fairweather officiating
‡ lay led

Church cleaning and flower rota

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Sunday 9 June	10:00 am Morning Praise	11:00 am American Service	9:15 am CW Holy Communion	9:30 am Morning Worship	11:00 am CW Holy Communion
Sunday 16 June	9:30 am CW Holy Communion	11:00 am Morning Worship	11:00 am Morning Worship	9:30 am CW Holy Communion	11:00 am All Age Worship
Sunday 23 June	10:00 am Family Service	11:00 am CW Holy Communion	6:30 pm Choral Evensong	9:30 am BCP Holy Communion	11:00 am CW Holy Communion
Sunday 30 June					11:00 am Six Worship Together
Morning Prayer	8:30 am, 1st & 3rd Thursdays	8:30 am, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays	8:30 am, 2nd & 4th Thursdays	8:30 am, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays	9:00 am 2nd & 4th Wednesdays

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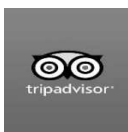
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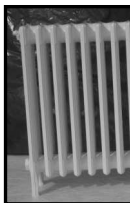
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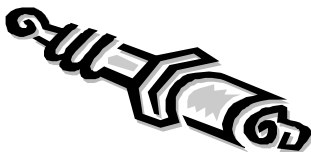
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Dates for Diary

June 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th	Bowls, Village Hall, 7.30pm.
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June 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	Coffee Morning, Village Hall, 11am-12.30pm.
June 4th	Parish Council Meeting, Village hall, 8pm.
June 19th	Steering group Meeting, Village Hall.
June 22nd	Private Party, Village Hall, 2- 5pm.
June 26th	Steering Group - Environment Master Class, Village Hall, 7.30pm. See page 10
June 29th	Open Garden at the Old Vicarage, 2.30pm-6pm see page 30.
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