

# *Luppitt Packet*



*May 2019*

## USEFUL LUPPITT PHONE NUMBERS

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Websites - <www.luppitt.net>

<www.luppittparishcouncil.co.uk>

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Honiton Hospital: 540540

Dev.Air Ambulance: 01392 466666

TRIP: 46529: community transport

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# Around the Parish



I was there—where were you? At the Parish Meeting , I mean. A real pity, as it is where your Parish Council is held to account and sometimes, questioned quite hard! Gosh - we could have decided to cover Hartridge with solar panels, and given the prevailing sentiment, it could have been quite popular. But we didn't. We heard about the Devon Freewheelers - an amazing group who deliver blood, organs and anything that is desperately needed in hospitals. See the next page.

This wonderful Easter weekend has brought out the gardeners which is leading to Open Gardens. See pages 13, 18, and 27. (But despite hearing reports of a couple, I still have not seen a swallow. I hope you have.)

Have a good month, and enjoy the bluebells!

Lindsey Dalgety

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL  
ON WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL 2019, AT 8 PM**

Present: Cllr John Thorne (in the chair), Rosalind Buxton (clerk) and 8 members of the public

**Devon Freewheelers**

Daniel Lavery and his wife started Devon Freewheelers in 2009 and financed the project by selling their house. In 2005 whilst giving birth to their son by caesarean operation, Mrs Lavery suffered severe complications which resulted in her having to have seven blood transfusions and a fight for her life. She was a patient in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, and the blood was brought to the hospital by a volunteer blood biker. Blood bikers have been running for 50 years. At that time, Devon was the only county in the country without a blood bike service which was when Daniel and his wife decided to start Devon Freewheelers. They have 82 volunteers and are wholly financed by public donations. They now have 5 staff in their offices in Honiton. Daniel explained that as well as transporting blood, they also support hospices, Devon Air Ambulance, take breast milk to neo-natal units and transport human organs. Daniel ensures that all his volunteers are suitably trained. They have carried out over 5,000 emergency calls.

They are part of the GP improved access scheme. They collect blood samples from every surgery in the evening and deliver to the Pathology laboratories. This is funded by the Clinical Commissioning Group to the extent of providing fuel expenses. All bikes are serviced every six weeks and it costs £250,000 per annum to run the service. They do not charge for their services and because the NHS is funded, Devon Freewheelers cannot apply for funding. Without their services, the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital could spend up to £1,000 per day on taxis. Even though they are saving this amount, the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital is not allowed to subsidise Devon Freewheelers but has given them a commendation. Everyone present felt this simply didn't make sense and a parishioner asked was there anything to be done about it. The MP for Tiverton & Honiton, Neil Parish, is actively working to change the legislation and Daniel suggested that people could write to Neil Parish to express their support for funding for the future.

John Thorne thanked Daniel for his interesting talk which was both moving and often very amusing. He had certainly given all those present something to think about and illustrated what a useful service Devon Freewheelers provides.

**2 Welcome and Apologies**

John Thorne welcomed everyone to the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting for

Luppitt. Apologies were received from Cllrs David Barlow, Paul Prettejohn, Christine Ryder, Mrs A Fry, Beth Hooper.

### **3 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 17 April 2018**

It was proposed by Lindsey Dalgety, seconded by Jean Hooper and carried unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 17 April 2018, were signed as a correct record of that meeting.

### **4 Chairman of the Parish Council's Annual Report**

There have been 12 Parish Council meetings since the last Annual Parish Meeting in April last year. Our meetings are very informal and are open to the public and it would be nice to see more residents attending.

At last year's AGM of the Parish Council, I was elected as Chairman and Tom Nancarrow as Vice-Chairman. I would like to thank Tom for chairing meetings in my absence.

There have been 4 Certificates of Lawfulness applications and 9 planning applications, including the resubmission to seek planning approval for the construction of a slurry lagoon at Higher Wick (the last application having been refused). This continues to be a very contentious issue within the parish. The Parish Council continues to object to this application and has outlined in detail the many concerns it has over the viability of the project, the possibility of an environmental catastrophe and the safety of the structure. The Parish Council will not reconsider its recommendation to refuse this application until such time as the applicant provides a structural engineer's design and report that can be studied in detail and provide evidence that the project is viable.

Roger Hicks has continued to lead the work on Luppitt's Neighbourhood Plan and a questionnaire was hand-delivered to every property in the parish. 256 residents completed the questionnaire either online or a hard copy. (This compared to 77 replies to the 2014 questionnaire.) An independent company in Exeter, Transform Research, was responsible for inputting and collating all the data and produced a very detailed report. The Steering Group as a whole is now considering the findings of the report to ensure that they are reflected in the Neighbourhood Plan. Work to date has been financed by grants (not the precept) and I should like to thank Roger and all the volunteers in the Steering Group for their hard work.

The condition of our roads remains a priority. We have joined the Road Warden scheme and Cllr Brian Pulman attended a two-day training course. Amongst other things, this enables us to repair potholes in the parish that do not meet the Highways' intervention criteria.



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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 throughout the parish. We also applied for and were granted £2,000 from the Highway Community Maintenance Enhancement Fund towards lengthsman's work.

We successfully applied for funding from Locality and purchased two grit bins which were placed at Moorlands Lane and Millrise.

I'd like to thank Andrew Tucker for all his hard work throughout the parish and for going out and clearing the roads to make it safer and easier to move throughout the parish during the snowfall in early February.

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

We have been granted £1,500 from the P3 fund to provide a walkway across the deep bog at footpath 14. This work will be carried out in the next few months.

The precept remained unchanged at £11,000. EDDC no longer provides the Council Tax Discount Grant which last year amounted to £106.

Donations from the precept totalling £620.00 were given as follows:

TRIP – £55.00

Luppitt Children's Christmas Party - £150.00

East Devon Citizens Advice Bureau - £55.00

Royal British Legion - £20.00 plus £80.00 raised at the BBQ on 11 November

Devon Air Ambulance - £100.00

Luppitt Packet - £160.00

We held a commemoration event on Hartridge on Sunday, 11 November 2018, to mark 100 years since the end of the First World War. It was very well attended and the successful barbecue made a profit of £80.00 which was sent to the Royal British Legion. A parishioner again organised a spectacular firework display and the Parish Council is very grateful to all the volunteers involved for their hard work.

This year has marked the end of the four-year term for Parish Councillors. Gavin Brake and David Barlow have stood down from the Parish Council and I should like to thank them both for their hard work and the contribution they have made over the years, especially Gavin who was Chairman from 2008 until 2014 and then Vice-Chairman. Despite much publicity, only two

residents applied to become Parish Councillors so that means there will be an uncontested election. We are looking forward to welcoming Michele Turner and Beth Hooper to their first Parish Council meeting on **Wednesday, 8 May (change of date)**.

Finally, I'd like to thank our District Councillor, David Key, and all the Parish Councillors for their support over the past year.

#### **Report from District Councillor**

There was no report.

#### **Report from County Councillor**

There was no report.

#### **Report from Village Hall Committee**

There was no report.

#### **Report from Commoners**

There was no report.

#### **Report from Police**

There was no report but the Parish Clerk gave the following details that have appeared in the Parish Council Minutes since the last Annual Parish Meeting.

- Communication of offensive nature – social media posting regarding the victim by known person.
- Breach of a non-molestation order – Family Law act 1996.
- Theft – other – including theft by finding – filed as no lines of enquiry.
- One assault - offender known to victim.
- There were 4 crimes committed compared to 6 in 2017/18 but the Parish Clerk pointed out that the Parish Council does not always receive monthly reports.

#### **7 Questions**

There was a general discussion about police presence in rural areas. It is true that Luppitt has a very low crime rate but because of the PCSO's heavy workload, he has not been able to attend a Parish Council meeting since he took over in early 2018. It was agreed that it is important just to see a PCSO every now and then to build up a relationship which in turn provides reassurance to those living in the parish.

There were no further questions. John Thorne thanked everyone for attending although he was very disappointed at the low turnout. The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.



# **Minutes of a meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 2 April 2019 at 8 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs John Thorne (Chairman), Tom Nancarrow (Vice-Chairman), Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Christine Ryder, Andrew Tucker, David Key (EDDC), Roger Hicks (Chairman of Steering Group) and 3 members of the public

**In attendance:** Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllrs David Barlow, Gavin Brake, Iain Chubb (EDDC and DCC) and PCSO 30017 Darren England

## **Receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received as above. Cllr Barlow was unable to drive after a knee operation and so missed his last meeting as a Parish Councillor. He had asked the clerk to pass on his good wishes to the other Parish Councillors. Cllr Thorne said that Cllr Barlow's contribution to Parish Council meetings would be greatly missed.

## **Minutes of previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 5 March 2019, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Tucker and seconded by Cllr Pulman).

## **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Tucker declared an interest in item 2.1.1 (planning application for slurry lagoon at Higher Wick Farm) because he carries out work there.

## **2.0 PLANNING**

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

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

**2.1.1 19/0298/MFUL – Higher Wick Farm, Wick, Honiton, EX14 4TY –** construction of manure slurry lagoon and associated earthworks and landscaping for existing dairy unit complex

Additional documents had been submitted by the applicant's agent which included responses to the Parish Council's list of objections. Cllr Thorne asked the applicant, who was present at the meeting, how long the project was going to take. The applicant was unable to give a timeframe as it would all depend on the number of lorry-loads permitted each day and when suitable material would become available. Cllr Thorne repeated the Parish Council's demand for a structural engineer's design and report. The applicant

said this had been submitted but Cllr Thorne pointed out that there was only a design drawing in the documents, not a full report and this was not acceptable. It was pointed out that it is impossible to quantify the amount and type of material needed for the project without a detailed structural engineer's design and report.

The applicant was asked why a cut and fill solution could not be considered, thus reducing the profile of the lagoon especially as it is in the AONB. Cllr Key said that the original application in 2010 stated that the slurry lagoon would be dug into the side of the hill. Despite all the material that has been imported to date, the applicant confirmed to Cllr Thorne that no work has yet started. The applicant indicated that he would be doing the work on the slurry lagoon but Cllr Thorne said that the Parish Council would insist that an experienced specialist contractor with a proven record of carrying out a project of this size and complexity would need to be employed.

The agent has stated that the borrow pit, which will provide the clay needed to line the slurry lagoon, will remain as it is. EDDC's landscape architect confirms that the project cannot be satisfactorily screened and will be contrary to various local planning policies. Cllr Key pointed out that, if built, the structure should not be touched for 18 months to allow for settlement so it will never provide a quick solution for the applicant. It was pointed out to the applicant that a structural engineer may well suggest another solution that would enable the applicant to resume his farming enterprise more quickly. Cllr Thorne repeated that the additional documents have not changed his opinion that the site is totally unsuitable for a project of this size and magnitude and the Parish Council would continue to recommend refusal of the planning application.

The meeting then resumed.

**2.1.2 19/0555/CPE – Old Spurtham Farm, New Road, Upottery, EX14 9QD**

– certificate of lawfulness to establish the use of existing buildings as two dwelling houses (use Class C3) at Ostlers Cottage and The Byre

**2.1.3 19/0564/CPE – Otter Falls, Old Spurtham Farm, New Road, Upottery, EX14 9QD** – certificate of lawful development to establish the lawfulness of 2 no existing utility buildings

**2.1.4 19/0565/CPE – Otter Falls, Old Spurtham Farm, New Road, Upottery, EX14 9QD** – certificate of lawfulness to establish lawful use of building as one dwelling (use Class C3) at Harvest Cottage, in breach of occupancy restriction condition

All these applications were considered. Cllr Key could not give any further information on the background of these applications. It was agreed that the clerk would advise EDDC that the Parish Council did not have any information that could be used to support or dispute these applications. Cllr Tucker suggested that there might be information contained in the Minutes where past planning applications had been discussed. The clerk will follow up. All Minutes

before 1999 are in the Archives.

## **2.2 Neighbourhood Plan**

Roger Hicks said that good progress is being made. The Steering Group sub-groups are now considering the responses to the questionnaire which will be presented at the next Steering Group meeting when it will be decided what will be taken forward to the Neighbourhood Plan draft. Fiona Fyffe will start work on the Parish Character Assessment on Monday, 8 April.

### **2.2.1 Housing Needs Survey**

The members of the sub-group concerned with New Development are keen to commission a Housing Needs Survey from EDDC bearing in mind the questionnaire responses, but Roger feels that this is not the right time. The matter will be discussed at the Steering Group meeting, with the final decision taken by the Parish Council.

### **2.2.2 Campaign for the Protection of Rural England seminar and membership**

Cllr Ryder and Roger Hicks had attended a seminar in Exeter when the Housing Minister was present. There will be more emphasis in the future on design quality. Over the years land prices and building costs have hardly moved but development costs have soared. Several developers have reneged on their undertaking to build affordable houses. One interesting point emerged that all waste material generated should be re-used on site rather than taken elsewhere. It was not felt necessary for the Parish Council to become a member of the CPRE at this moment.

## **3.0 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

### **3.1 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> )	
Pothole outside Dolish Farmhouse	W181164455	Details have appeared in the local press that work on this stretch of road will be carried out shortly. A R Tucker Ltd have completed work on the springbox.
Severe road subsidence from Ringborough Cross to Luppitt Common	W181163261/262/263/264	Marked for patching (2.10.18). No further action.
Uxford Bridge to Crook Cross		Support for Combe Raleigh's complaints has been registered with the NHO.

### **3.2 Parish Maintenance – potholes**

Cllrs Pulman and Tucker confirmed that a number of potholes throughout the parish have been repaired. This work has been carried out under the Road Warden scheme. The Parish Council was granted £2,000 from the Highway Community Maintenance Enhancement Fund towards lengthsman's work and it was agreed to use this towards the cost of repairing the potholes.

#### **3.2.1 Road at Higher Wick**

The farmer, who was at the meeting, confirmed that the road has been cleaned.

#### **3.2.2 Grit Bins**

The clerk confirmed that she has received funding from Locality for the cost of the two grit bins.

#### **3.2.3 Safety Railings**

The clerk will continue to follow up.

#### **3.2.4 Gigaclear**

The clerk had received an email from Gigaclear on 8 March but has heard nothing further. She will follow up.

### **4.0 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

The clerk confirmed that she has received £1,500 from the P3 fund towards work on Footpath 14. This item will be brought forward to the next meeting.

### **5.0 ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

#### **5.1 Community Policing Report**

The clerk referred to an email received on 12 March which outlined the plans to reduce the number of PCSOs in the next year. It seems that our present PCSO has a heavy workload and it is unclear what form the monthly reports (if they are continued with) will take. Cllr Ryder pointed out that there had been a hefty increase in the amount claimed by the Police & Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall on the Council Tax bills that had recently been issued. Cllr Key said there would be an increase in the number of police personnel. However, it was not clear how this would impact on rural areas.

#### **5.2 Litter Pick**

Cllr Thorne thanked Roger Hicks and Robin Turner for organising the successful litter pick on 9 March and to all the people who gave up their time to take part. Several black bin bags were filled.

#### **5.3 Annual Parish Meeting**

Cllr Thorne has arranged for a representative from Devon Freewheelers to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting on 10 April. It was agreed to give a donation of £75.00 (proposed by Cllr Tucker, seconded by Cllr Ryder). The clerk has asked Cllrs Key, Chubb and Pulman for their reports and will write to Cllr Brake for his report on behalf of the Commoners.

**6.0 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION** The clerk updated the figures as follows:

		£
<b>Receipts</b>	P3 Fund	1,500.00
<b>Account balances at last statement</b>	P3 balance	1,653.28
	Neighbourhood Plan Grant (balance)	318.30
<b>As per bank reconciliation end March</b>	Luppitt Parish Council	10,446.41
<b>Cheque payment for approval and signing</b>	Clerk's remuneration	1,448.70
	HMRC (PAYE)	183.60
	Clerk's expenses	213.38

### 6.3 Parish Council Elections

The clerk reminded Parish Councillors that the deadline for receipt of their nomination papers is 4 pm on Wednesday, 3 April. The clerk offered to deliver any nomination papers not yet submitted to EDDC's offices in Honiton.

The clerk advised that the date of the May AGM will have to be changed to fit in with local council protocol during an election year. If there is an uncontested election, the earliest that the meeting could be held would be Wednesday, 8 May. If there is a contested election, the earliest date would be Monday, 13 May. The clerk will advise the new date as soon as it is established whether or not there will be a contested election.

### 6.4 Internal Audit Arrangements

The clerk has been advised by DALC that it is in order for Cllr Brake to carry out the internal audit once he has stepped down from the Parish Council. The clerk will establish with Cllr Brake the terms under which he will carry out the work (proposed by Cllr Tucker, seconded by Cllr Pulman).

### 6.5 Correspondence

An email from Devon Communities regarding a Community Response Team event was noted.

A letter from the Merchant Navy Fund asking for support by flying the Red Ensign on 3 September was noted.

### CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

The clerk suggested that in future she would claim for the cost of paper and printer toner instead of charging for each photocopy. The costs would be lower and this was thought to be a good idea.

### QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no further questions and the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

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

**Please note the change of date:**

**WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY 2019 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday 4th June**

# LUPPITT INN

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Venue: The Beehive Centre, Dowell St., Honiton  
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Tea and biscuits after your walk around!**

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dream.....**

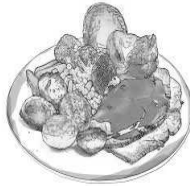
**29 years ago we started planning and planting and  
containing springs, so there is water, if any children are  
around.**

**Come and see our wild garden**

**We look forward to seeing you all**

# **SUNDAY STROLL AND ROAST**

**Luppitt Village Hall  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**



**Walk leaving from the hall at 11:00am  
(not compulsory!)**

**Lunch served from 12:30pm**

**Bar available**

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# **Luppitt Entertainments Committee**

## **Dates for your Diary 2019**

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Sunday Stroll and Lunch</b> <b>If you're feeling fit work up an appetite with a walk to see the bluebells, starting at 11am, or just come for lunch from 12:30pm. Booking for lunch essential.</b>
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Spanish Night</b> <b>Full details coming in the June Packet. Booking essential.</b>
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Summer Madness returns!</b> <b>Music event with live bands</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Autumn Bingo</b>

**More events being planned - watch this space  
for further details!**

**We are always open to new ideas and welcome  
any offers of help. Contact Pat Bussey on  
892720, or email [pat.bussey27@gmail.com](mailto:pat.bussey27@gmail.com).**



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## **Hospiscare Events**

### **Open Gardens 2019**

Once again, passionate gardeners around Exeter, Mid and East Devon are opening their gardens for Hospiscare from May through to August. Pick up your Open Gardens booklet today from Hospiscare shops and other outlets, and start planning which wonderful plots you might visit. There is often the chance to enjoy delicious tea and cakes to compliment your visit too.

To find out more please visit - <https://www.hospiscare.co.uk/events/open-gardens-2019> or call 01392 688020.

### **Will Fortnight**

This year Hospiscare's Will Fortnight runs from Monday 3 June – Friday 14 June.

Generous solicitors across Exeter, Mid and East Devon will be giving their time and expertise in June so you can have your Will prepared or updated. Instead of paying the usual solicitor's fee, make an appropriate donation to Hospiscare at your appointment.

To find out more please visit - <https://www.hospiscare.co.uk/events/will-fortnight> or call 01392 688020. Book your appointment from 13 May 2019.

## **DEVON CREAM TEA**

**Claudia Severa writes...**

...to her friend Sulpicia Lepidina, as told in the April Packet. But the text of Severa's letter is not as it was printed in the Packet, but is as follows 'on XI September, sister, for the day of the celebration of my birthday, I give you a warm invitation to make sure that you come to us, to make the day more enjoyable for me by your arrival, if you are present...Give my greetings to your Cerialis...' (Lepidina's husband, the commander of Vindolanda).

So, I confess, I entirely made up the wording of the invitation as previously printed. Severa did not have a Dumnonii maid who served her cream teas. There was a clue – the by-line was dated I/IV/MMXIX (1/4/2019). But everything else is true.

Writing this confession has reminded me of other April Fool stories. One of the most memorable to me was in the late 1950s or early 1960s. A BBC evening news programme warned viewers of an impending drastic shortage of spaghetti. This was due to poor growing conditions in the Italian spaghetti orchards, and there was film of the trees with sparse crops of spaghetti hanging down rather forlornly.

Perhaps rather more believably, a national daily (perhaps The Times) featured a rather long article about London Transport buying a fleet of driver-less buses. It discussed the various problems that had to be overcome. There are no driver-less buses yet, but today driver-less cars are being road tested.

Moving forward to this year, the Guardian had an article on 1<sup>st</sup> April about personal hygiene. I'm really not sure if this was a spoof or not. There was detailed advice about the best way to take a bath, and so on, including hints on how to wash your bottom. A reader's letter said this was an obvious April Fool joke, but the Editor made no comment.

DS

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



May 1st & 29th

Arrive  
12.30

Depart  
1pm

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

Luppitt Village Hall.      Wednesdays, term time only.

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

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## **Luppitt Wives**

### **May**

We have our Annual AGM on Thursday May 16th at 8pm at Shirley Crabb's.

Come with all your good ideas for the coming season!

Joan

## GARDEN JOTTINGS

by D.Sreet

I've been looking at plant pots in my garage. There's quite a lot there really. They're all plastic except for a couple of old earthenware ones I've had for years.

When I first got interested in growing plants, all pots were earthenware or terracotta. I once asked Terry Jones (he bred new Nerines and Crocosmias) why he didn't use plastic pots. He said he was too old to. Well, I'm just the other side of the dividing line. Of course some seriously zealous growers might always have carefully eschewed the use of plastic pots altogether.

Earthenware pots didn't get waterlogged so easily. Plants could breathe in them. You have to be rather more careful with watering plastic pots. The more leaves and roots the easier, within reason. Earthenware pots broke when you dropped them. When you wanted to wash them, you needed a stiff brush and plenty of elbow grease. It was the sort of job young apprentices started off with.

The pots in my garage are all black or orangey. There are odd ones in pale green or pink. The older ones may be a little soft, possibly because of solar radiation, but really they last. Nothing eats them, nothing rots them. This the virtue and the vice of plastic pots, and of all plastic everywhere. After about seventy years people have noticed that plastic stays around. It doesn't disappear or recycle.

I remember discussing the word non-biodegradable some forty years ago as a word, not as nuisance. The first time I noticed plastic lying round was in 1968. I was travelling on a train from Rome to the Italian lakes. There were sheets of polythene lying along field edges.

I thought farmers might have been growing early tomatoes. I thought too if there's enough of it lying around, some organism will learn how to eat it. If organisms can eat sunlight, surely they could feed on plastic. But the time scale for that is likely to be astronomical.

Now that people are realising that plastic is poisoning the earth and living things - there's a good chance of it getting into food and even into us - viable alternatives are being developed. Plant pots for instance made out of biodegradable materials are beginning to come onto the market - wood fibre, coir, rice husks, bamboo, miscanthus grass. Plastic envelopes made from potato starch are now being used. Ingenuity will improve these alternatives. Some break down sooner, some later. Plastic pots need to last.

Plastic has become a serious problem. Technology doesn't always seem an unalloyed utopia. A basic course in environmental issues could be a desideratum for budding technologists.



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Yesterday evening I was speaking to my niece. I took her wedding in September and her future life with her new husband promised to be wonderful. She had just got a really good new job; he was well established in a very good career – everything looked rosy. Now their life is all up in the air as he waits for Brexit to be confirmed, or not, as he may be relocated to Frankfurt and she will then have to move away from family, friends and her new job.

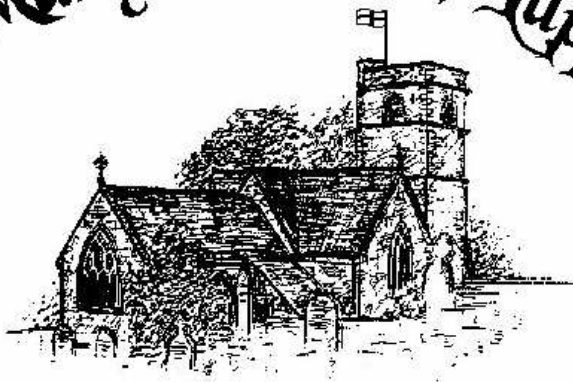
From the beginning Brexit has promised to be a great celebration to some and a great lament for others but we have got to the time when we must stop defining one another by how we voted in the referendum. It is time to come together to serve the common good in our own communities, in our nation and in our relationship with our friends in Europe. Whatever the future holds for us as individuals, families, communities and as a nation as a Christian I believe our future can be entrusted to God and so, therefore, there is hope. I also believe in the intrinsic quality of the British people – whether or not leaving the EU really is the right thing to do we will never know for certain; the United Kingdom will work through the challenges that face us and all will be well eventually.

It is time for our communities to come together to listen to one another and to put aside any animosity that has been prompted by the arguments that have been going on since the referendum was first announced – it does feel that was a very long time ago! We need to honour one another's position, accepting that while someone else's view is different to ours they hold that view with integrity. We need to recognise that whilst we might feel a sense of anxiety and loss once Brexit is finally resolved others feel will feel validated and that they have won – at this point it could go either way and we must all be ready to be gracious in 'winning' or in 'defeat'. This is of course just the first step we have to take but together we will take ourselves and our communities forward.

I have confidence in the people of the United Kingdom, in the union that has tied us together for so long and through much more traumatic times, and that we will emerge from this damaging period in what may be a new reality but that as a nation we will be as strong as ever. Some members of our communities were born before the Great Depression, more joined them to live through the Second World War, they also remember the nationalisation of the electricity and coal industries, some of us who are a bit younger also remember the industrial action that resulted in the miners' strikes and the 3 day working week, then there was the Falklands War – today there is Brexit. We survived those very challenging times and many others.

Right now at a local level we do need to appreciate the challenges those around us might be facing, and they will be real challenges, ones that actually threaten livelihoods, security for families and businesses. We need to see what love and support we can give to them. We need to look at the contribution we can make to our community, at ways that we can strengthen our community, and most importantly at ways that will ensure that everyone feels included and valued. We probably need to be doing this anyway!

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Wednesday 1 May	9:00 am Morning Prayer *
Sunday 5 May	9:30 am BCP Holy Communion †
Sunday 12 May	11:00 am All Age Worship ‡
Wednesday 15 May	9:00 am Morning Prayer *
Sunday 19 May	11:00 am Common Worship Holy Communion §
Sunday 26 May	11:00 am All Age Worship *
Sunday 2 June	9:30 am BCP Holy Communion ¶

\* *Revd John Hayhoe*    † *Revd Stephen Treeby*    § *Revd Peter Horder*  
                                  ¶ *Revd John Fairweather officiating*                    ‡ *lay led*

At the Vestry Meeting, held before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the church on 24 March, churchwardens were elected for the forthcoming year. These were Mr Brian Pulman and Mrs Wendy Watson.

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Sunday 12 May	10:00 am Morning Praise	6:00 pm sung Evensong (Wolford)	9:15 am CW Holy Communion	9:30 am Morning Worship	11:00 am CW Holy Communion
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Thursday 30 May			7:30 pm Mission Community Ascension Day Service		
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## Church cleaning and flower rota

4 May	Christine Page-Turner, Olive Clapp, Vanessa Nancarrow, Shirley Crabb & Beryl Hardwick
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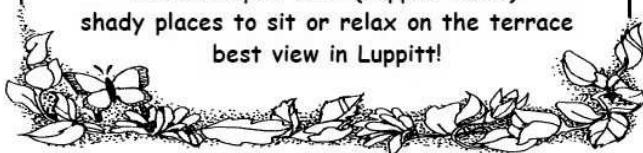
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Meetings for May:

May 8th: The Wellington Monument, a history  
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May 22nd: Church Service in the newly rebuilt  
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at 2.30pm

Meetings for June:

June 12th: Strawberry Tea at 2.30pm at Pear  
Tree Cottage  
courtesy of Pam and Colvin Parry

June 26th: The Flowers of Transylvania.  
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Sally Milnes

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With the evenings drawing out now and the weather warming, it has been wonderful to see the children on the field at lunchtimes and for the various after-school clubs, enjoying the lovely Spring sunshine. We have such a busy time here at School, with various sporting opportunities for the children. Firstly, children from years 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Honiton Learning Community Swimming Gala. There was a very high standard across all schools, and our swimmers did incredibly well and showed great commitment, as well as super teamwork and care for one another, throughout the event. Our netball team was invited to take part in the East Devon Netball finals at Kings School, Ottery St Mary. The children did brilliantly, facing very good opposition, as they were playing against the strongest teams from across the Devon schools. Well done to all our netballers; what a super achievement, at a very high level of competition; and a wonderful experience of inter-competitive school sport - you were all fantastic!

Children from across the school attended St Mary's Church to lead the Sunday morning Family Service. I would like to say how proud I was of all the children and how well they presented themselves. Not only did they lead the service brilliantly, but their conduct throughout showed what a credit they all are to their families, and our school. Also, it was a chance for the school choir to perform, and I felt they did superbly: performing and leading a favourite congregational hymn. All in all, it was a lovely opportunity for Upottery Primary School to once again play its very important role within our village community.

As part of our on-going work around improving our provision for all children across our school, we joined again with Offwell Primary, and hosted an Autism twilight training session led by the Communication

and Interaction Team for Devon. It was a very successful session which aimed to give all staff a better understanding around how to support children with ASC, as well as providing a variety of strategies that will not only benefit those children, but all children across our school, with communication and interaction skills, and further develop our inclusive ethos.

Red Nose Day, was well supported by the children at school, by wearing non-school uniform (preferable something red) and offering a small donation. Once again it showed what a caring school we are as in total we raised £96.50 just from donations alone – well done everyone; it was a super effort!

Kingfisher class welcomed many visitors into school for their Land Ahoy event. They busily showed everyone round the hall and to hear them talking so enthusiastically about the different areas of learning that they had covered. This included the geography of coastlines, science around exposing fossils on a beach and sharing their books and artwork. Their pride and enjoyment for learning was clear for all to see.

**Wrens** –World Book Day, pancake day, fast phonics, learning about arrays on Maths, looking forward to Film Club Friday, fish and chips and Field Friday. loved finishing the Bernard the Robot class story ‘No Head the Robot with no head’; Year 1s loved multi skills; Red Nose Day; Red Nose Day writing; looking forward to Friday Film Club. ‘Harry and the Robots’ story; designing our robots; making a robot challenge; ‘Can I turn it on?’ morning in the hall. “The Magic Bed” story and thinking about our own story; Year 1s enjoyed the phonics/ comprehension and sharing in Maths; hearing the funny poem “Who’s been sleeping in my porridge?”; getting ready for Mother’s Day; Field Friday; Fish and chips; Friday Film Club! We loved dress as an animal day, checking what word sounds we know, playtimes on the field, making Easter baskets and bunting and The Egg Hunt!

**Kingfishers** – enjoyed getting quicker at times tables, making posters for ‘Land Ahoy Beachcomber’ afternoon, writing instructions on how to make a pancake, learning about Shrove Tuesday, tag rugby, team games, our open afternoon. starting our new project ‘Flow’; Year 1s and 2s going to multi skills; P.E games in the hall; starting our daily speed maths folders; writing our own ‘Beasties’ story; learning about the water cycle and dressing up for Red Nose Day! enjoyed doing



more quizzes; writing our 'Beasties' story; learning about angles; checking sentences for spellings and correcting them using our word mats; playing the Year 3 football match;; making our special cards using potatoes to print. We liked adding and taking away money, doing our 100 high frequency word list, making Easter chicks and cards and dressing up as animals for the day.

**Kestrels** - enjoyed World Book Day, looking forward to the Beach Disco, Birch and Beech House non-uniform day and fractions. enjoyed Red Nose Day! Designing an Egyptian death mask; looking forward to results of best dancer/costume for the disco; SPAG test; fractions in Maths and translations. Doing our year 2 quizzes; learning about right angles with the year 3's; using dictionaries in literacy; doing team games in PE; learning about aquatic plants, rivers, waterfalls and valleys; doing inference questions in reading. enjoyed PE with Mrs Davy; Egyptian headdress art; fractions and equivalent fractions; Tag rugby (Year 4s). Writing a biography for topic; inventing our own Egyptian gods. Tag rugby; Year 5 final swimming; hand art; Stockland Cross Country; having Ms Farwell teach us. We loved the Easter Egg Hunt, the last day of term and looking forward to the Easter holidays!

**Falcons** – loved symmetry and angles, tag rugby, finishing off our Titanic news reports, listening to the younger children read and modal verbs in SPAG. We enjoyed starting our new independent learning project – Darwin's Delights; mock SATs week – enjoying practicing our papers; Red Nose Day and wearing our own clothes to school; observation drawing in art. We enjoyed the netball tournament at Kings School; Art based on graffiti artist Keith Haring; swimming gala at Honiton and the team all supporting one another; work on Charles Darwin and evolution; reading comprehensions; maths – percentages; co-ordinates. We liked our outdoor learning day; Stockland cross country – well done to everyone and we will always remember our last race; Reading papers – concentrating on point, evidence, explain; maths – translation and reflection of shapes; fun splash session to end our swimming; lovely weather and being on the field. We loved finishing off our extended writing project on 'How the Whale Became' by Ted Hughes; ordering and rounding numbers in Maths, looking at the life cycle of a frog and dress as an animal day!



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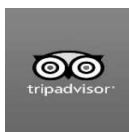
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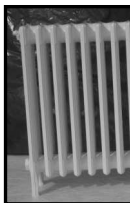
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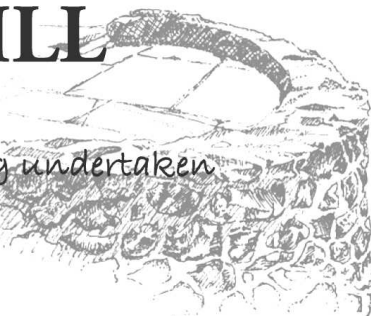
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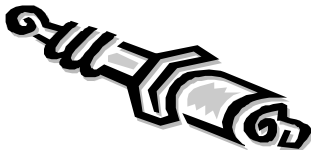
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## **Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle - Focus on Domestic Plastics**

My previous article about rubbish and recycling dealt broadly with what personal measures we could be taking to improve recycling, both on the "doorstep" and also using municipal facilities. This month I am focussing on what we can do to identify and isolate non recyclable plastic wastes at home.

The Blackdown Hills Transition Group have been considering how the "Ecobrick" initiative could be used to collect plastic waste that either cannot, or is currently unable to be processed by Somerset Waste Partnership.

At our April meeting we were fortunate to have Ben Bryant from Devon Recycling Network in Totnes, who came to talk about Ecobricks and their use. Please check on the internet to see how these are being used in the world, especially where poorer countries and their environments are blighted by plastic waste materials. The following link is a good place to start: [www.ecobricks.org](http://www.ecobricks.org)

Their experiences in dealing with the threats caused by this type of pollution are uplifting, especially as the approach requires little input apart from physical effort to isolate those materials into plastic drinks bottles.

Whilst Ecobricks could not be used in mainstream building projects in the UK, it is possible that they could be incorporated into ancillary structures such as building composter bins or sea defences.

Ben will be looking into where these can be used and reporting back to the group soon.

My own quest to isolate any non-recyclable plastics and produce Ecobricks has resulted in stopping over 5.5 kg (12.1 lbs) of material going into landfill, since the beginning of the year.

What could you all do? Why not come and join us at our next meeting on June 5th at 7.30pm at The Holman Clavel pub? You will be most welcome to join in the conversation.

Neil Arnold, Blackdown Hills Transition Group

# Dates for Diary

May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th	Social Club, Village Hall, 8pm.
May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st	The Friday Coffee Morning, Village Hall, 11am-12.30pm.
May 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th	Bowls, Village Hall, 7.30pm.
May 1st	Steering Group Meeting, Village Hall.
May 2nd	<b>Parish Council Election</b> , Village Hall, 7am-10pm.
May 5th	Sunday Stroll and Roast, Village Hall, Lunch at 12.30pm
May 8th	Parish Council AGM, Village Hall, 8pm.
May 23rd	<b>European Election</b> , Village Hall, 7am-10pm <i>To be confirmed.</i>
May 24th	Luppitt Church Dance, Village hall, 8pm. See page 23.
May 26th	Private Party, Village Hall, all day.
May 29th	Steering Group Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
	<b>Luppitt Village Hall Booking Secretary is now Jean Hooper. 01404 892969.</b>

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