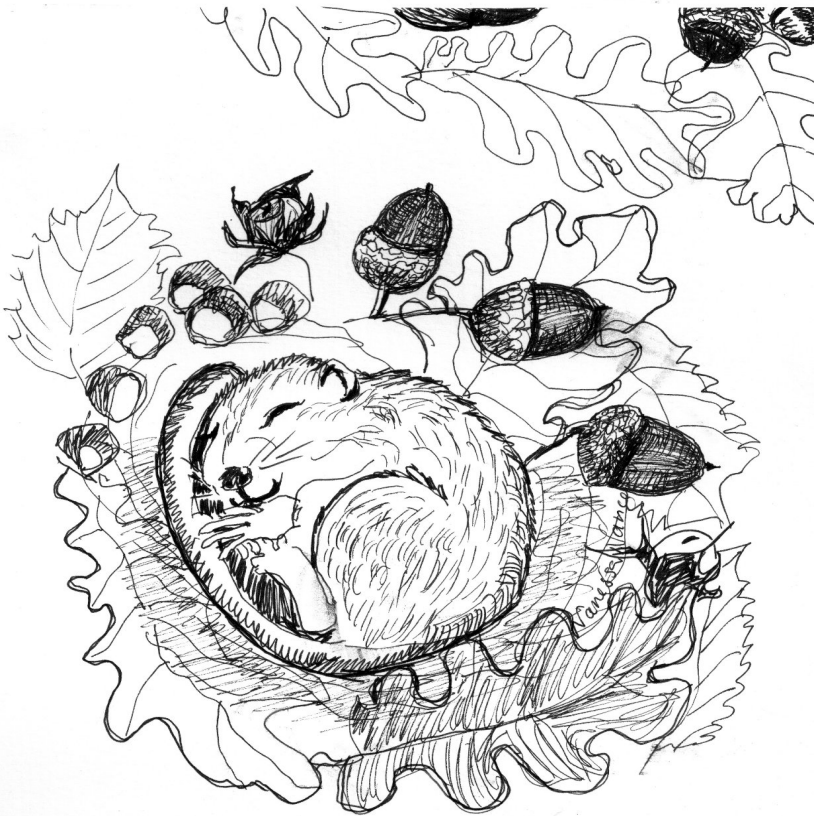


LUPPITT PACKET



November 2019

THE LUPPITT PACKET

Being November, this month our main theme is Remembrance day with contributions from local residents. We also have what we hope is an amusing account of the Harvest Supper auction, Charity Ball Race and Luppitt Inn activity along with regular contributions from Revd Hayhoe and David Street.

Please do continue to send in your contributions, whether literary or artistic. If you do not have access to a computer you could give your articles to Joan Beckett at the Friday Coffee Morning in the Village Hall.

Nigel Hurst & Claire Stevens

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WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

Tue 5 th	Parish Council Meeting 8pm Village Hall
Fri 8 th	Luppitt Quiz Night 7.30 for 8pm start Village Hall
Wed 13 th	Wednesday Club Bring & Buy 2pm Churchinford Village Hall
Fri 15 th	Blackdown Hills AONB meeting 9.30 - 12.30pm Village Hall
Sat 16 th	Luppitt Wives Skittles 8pm Village Hall
Sun 17 th	Yoga 1pm - 4pm Village Hall
Fri 22 nd	Luppitt Wives Skittles 8pm Cuckoo Cottage
Wed 27 th	Wednesday Club Bingo 2pm Churchinford Village Hall

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Bowls	Mondays, 7.30pm 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th
Social Club	Wednesdays 8pm 6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th
Yoga	Wednesdays 7- 8.15pm 6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th
Barnfield	Thursdays 9.30am-4pm 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th
Coffee Morning	Fridays 1 st , 8 th , 22 nd , 29 th 11 - 12.30pm
Parish Council	1 st Tuesday of month, 8pm

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN DECEMBER

Tue 3 rd	Parish Council Meeting 8pm Village Hall
Tues 3 rd & 10 th	Blackdown Hills Community Bus - Bath Christmas market trip
Sat 7 th	Christmas Fair Noon to 4pm Village Hall
Sun 8 th	Children's Christmas Party Village Hall

LUPPITT ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE

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

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Secretary Jean Hooper 892969

QUIZ NIGHT

Luppitt Village Hall

Friday 8th November, 7:30 for 8:00pm

Bar and Raffle * Teams of 6

Names to Pat Bussey 01404 892720

Or email pat.bussey27@gmail.com

by 5th November please

£5 per head, includes supper

BIG CHURCH CAR PARK WEED

**Wednesday 14 November
from 2pm**

Weather interrupted our efforts in
October!

Can you spare an hour or two to help
weed the Church car park and avoid
the use of chemicals?

Bring your own gardening tools
(hand forks work well)
and a kneeling pad

Hot beverages & biscuits provided

Contact Sara 891140

Blackdown Hills Community Bus Christmas shopping trips

Bath Christmas Market

Dec 3 and 10, 9am-6pm

Exeter Christmas Market

Dec 17, 10am-4pm

Departing Churchinford Village Hall car
park (£10).

Bookings 01823 602997, **OR**
gmurrin@hotmail.com **OR**
bus Facebook page.

Monthly local trips 3rd Thurs of month
(Info: Churchinford Community Shop).

Volunteer minibus drivers (clean driving
licence) needed; contact Paul Thomas on
07801 816892 or blackdownbus@gmail.com.

Blackdown Hills Wednesday Club

See "Whats on" page 1

Doors open at 2pm for 2.30pm.

Afternoon meetings end with a tea.

Members £2 and visitors £3.

Helpers needed please contact -

Sally Milnes 01823 602882

St Mary's Church

COFFEE MORNING

**Our Rector John Hayhoe
warmly invites you
to join him on**

**Wednesday 6th November
from 10:30am
in the Church**

There is no charge for
Coffee and biscuits

AND

ADVENT COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 4th December at
10:30am there will be a special
Advent Coffee Morning
at Glebe Cottage.

Please contact Sara on 891140 if
you would like to attend.

a date for your diary ...

**Saturday 7 December
noon to 4pm**

Christmas Fair

in the Village Hall

Fundraising for St Mary's Church

Luppitt Christmas Party

Village Hall

Saturday 14th December

7:30 for 8pm

**Three Course Meal
with Disco**

Bar and Raffle

Tickets £20 per head

From Shirley Crabb:

01404 891235

by 8th December

**Places are not confirmed
until tickets are paid for**

**Tables will be for 8 people,
but we will reserve
neighbouring tables for larger
groups to sit together.**

LUPPITT CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

VILLAGE HALL

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER

10.15 TO 12.45

MAGIC SHOW

GAMES

FATHER CHRISTMAS

HOT LUNCH

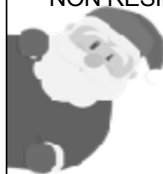
BOOKINGS

mandyrileydevon@gmail.com

OR TEXT 07817 517425 by 22.11.19

LUPPITT RESIDENTS FREE

NON RESIDENTS £4 PER CHILD



Learn, Laugh & Live

**Our November speaker is Philip Holt and
his talk is entitled**

**'Keep Calm – I'm an Air Traffic
Controller!'**

**One of the most knowledgeable speakers in
the UK, Phil Holt has been an Air Traffic
Controller for over 30 years and his
knowledge, secrets and passion are all
evident in this witty presentation**

Wednesday 20th November

**The Beehive, Dowell Street, Honiton Doors
open 1.30pm for a 2pm start Members Free
and Visitors are welcome (Suggested
Donation £2.00)**

**For information ring: 01404 598008
OR visit <https://u3asites.org.uk/honiton>**

THE LUPPITT PLAYERS

**will be performing
a pantomime**

“SLEEPING BEAUTY”

6th, 7th, 8th February 2020

Luppitt Village Hall

7.30pm prompt

Adults: £7.00 Seniors: £6.00

Under 16s: £3.50

Box Office:

Telephone: 891268

All profits will support local charities

REMEMBRANCE DAY

11/11/2019



FIT FOR HEROES?

A place that's fit for heroes?
Where is that mystic land?
When into the jaws of death and wars
we send them, gun in hand.

The young folk, little more than kids,
Who overnight are men.
Standing tall and marching straight
will we ever see them again

Some came back in body
but not in heart and mind.
Their only thought the comrades
They had to leave behind.

Today we will remember
And try to make some track
Of wars that take the lives of those
Who ask for nothing back.

Only our best will be good enough
To make the death count zero,
And make, once more, this world we
love
A place that's fit for Heroes.

Joy Tofts Nov 2019

ANTHEM FOR DOOMED YOUTH

What passing-bells for these who die
as cattle?—
Only the monstrous anger of the guns.
Only the stuttering rifles' rapid rattle
Can patter out their hasty orisons.
No mockeries now for them; no prayers
nor bells;
Nor any voice of mourning save the
choirs,—
The shrill, demented choirs of wailing
shells;
And bugles calling for them from sad
shires.

What candles may be held to speed
them all?
Not in the hands of boys, but in their
eyes
Shall shine the holy glimmers of
goodbyes.
The pallor of girls' brows shall be their
pall;
Their flowers the tenderness of patient
minds,
And each slow dusk a drawing-down of
blinds.

Wilfred Owen 1917

FOR THE FALLEN

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them

Robert Binyon 1914

MEMORIES OF NATIONAL SERVICE

I was 21 when I was called up in the late 1950's to do my National Service. My enlistment had been deferred from 18 as I was doing a 5 year apprenticeship in wood machinery at the time. I had to report at the enlistment office in London where the forms were filled in and was asked what branch of the army I would like to be in? I chose the Royal Tank Regiment. I went for a medical alongside about 20 other lads all standing naked and red-faced (see "Carry on Soldier"), The medical was to test every mortal thing from eyes, ears, lungs, teeth and height weight and strength and the inevitable "cough". The prize for passing this test was a train ticket to Catterick Camp and my entry into the Army.

I was the first in my group to arrive and I was shown into a barrack which held 16 beds and lockers and a floor so highly polished I was afraid to walk on it so I took my shoes off. I chose my bed and waited for the rest to arrive and for my army career to begin. To get our army career off to a good start we were issued with battle dress, boots, beret, underwear and two sets of striped pyjamas, all of which were of course several sizes too big as for the sake of economy, "One size fits all".

As we were to be in tanks we were not given rifles but were issued with pistol holsters. Holsters but not pistols. They probably felt it a bit unsafe to arm us, as wearing holsters we all thought we were John Waynes and would probably have shot each other! Eventually they trusted us with a Stirling submachine gun as it was short and easily handled getting in and out of a tank.

After six weeks of square bashing I went on the tank gunnery course which consisted of initial training on a simulator on all four tank gun types. On passing the simulator course I then went onto the range in a "real" tank - packed in tight alongside the driver, radio operator, commander and myself the gunner. Very hot, dark and noisy it was no place to discover you were claustrophobic. Finally using live ammunition and firing on de-commissioned tanks and vehicles it was a much more realistic experience altogether. Eventually I passed out as a gunner on a 50ton Centurion tank in the 5th Royal Tank Regiment. After transferring to the 8th, the regiment was shipped off to Germany to Follingbostel Camp near Hanover where we did more training and "War Games" alongside other tank regiments. After about 3 years we returned home to Dear Old Blighty where I handed in my kit, left the army and closed the door behind me.

Alan Tofts

Footnote: During the cold war, tank regiments, as part of the BAOR, were very much our first line of defence against invasion by the Soviets across the North German plains.

GUARDING RUDOLPH HESS IN SPANDAU PRISON

I joined the army cadets at 14, left school at 15 and when I was 16 went to Swindon for adult training and gained my three stripes. As the eldest of five, things weren't always easy at home so I saw my commanding officer about joining the regulars. During a visit to Bath to see my gran, I went over to Salisbury to get sworn in (with grans knowledge). When the call up letter finally

arrived at home telling me where to go and when, I had to tell my parents and many a choice word was said! After training at Exeter, Woodbury, Lympstone and Dartmoor (where I got frostbite), I joined the Gloucesters in Berlin where I then I learned a lot!

I was stationed in Berlin for seven months with the Gloucestershire Regiment. We were a peace keeping force and our duties were patrolling various areas including the Berlin Wall. One of my most memorable times was guarding Rudolf Hess at Spandau prison, which was in the British sector. The other sectors were American, French and Russian; the Russians were only allowed in the British Sector when guarding Hess. One company from each sector took turns at the prison. One soldier in each of the towers, with searchlights, communications and live ammunition. You were not allowed to speak or look at Hess. He had people looking after him, doctor, cook etc. We were not allowed to know too much although I know he smoked. He exercised probably twice a day and had worn a path where he walked to and fro. We were on duty four hours on and eight off, night and day. I probably only did this duty a few times but it has stayed with me ever since. It was fifty years ago so maybe my memory is not as clear as it was!

After Berlin we were sent to Northern Ireland, then to Honiton where I met Jean, and then a further tour in Germany with an armoured personnel battalion. While on leave in 1971 Jean I got engaged so I decided to leave the army and Jean and I got married in 1972. The rest is history.

Mervyn Gardiner

Footnote: Hess, who was Adolph Hitler's deputy flew to Britain in 1941 to try to broker a peace deal. He was arrested and eventually tried at Nuremberg. He committed suicide in Spandau prison in August 1987.

ST MARY'S CHURCH APPEAL

Built by craftsmen so long ago it is hard to imagine the sheer hard work of the people who constructed our wonderful Parish Church. The responsibility to maintain this beautiful building falls entirely to the Parish. No funds are provided by the Church of England. We are hugely grateful to everyone who so generously supports our fundraising events throughout the year.

As 2019 draws to a close we appeal to you to consider giving further support towards maintaining the Church building. Here are some ways you that you can make a donation if you wish to:

□ Challenge To Commitment - Collectors will be calling at homes in the village to ask you directly if you are willing to make a donation.

□ You can donate by visiting the Church and placing your donation in the Wall Safe inside the door on the right hand side as you enter. If you are a UK tax payer then there are yellow Gift Aid envelopes for your use at the end of most pews.

□ You can give regularly by standing order or make a once-off electronic transfer. Contact Sara on 891140

We will be holding a 'Drinks and Nibbles' evening early in 2020 when the Rector, Churchwardens, Treasurer and members of the Parochial Church Council will be able to answer your questions about Church funds. Full details will be published in the Packet next year.

HARVEST SUPPER AUCTION

NOVEMBER 2019

The auction as always was presided over by the highly professional Keith Luxton. He is clearly the 'Sothebys eat your heart out' man; in another age and another universe he would be king – he is the real deal, the auctioneer you would be happy to go into the jungle with. There are few in the business who can push the price of even a single (admittedly very ancient) carrot up from 50p to £1.50 in under 60 seconds.

Lee (aka "The Joker") sitting next to me was on his iPhone avidly checking the veggie prices in international markets as far afield as Tokyo, LA, Chicago and Upottery. On the latest market news from Luppitt, prices in Tokyo of melons, marrows and cookers went through the roof and he told me later he had made a killing!

Sue and Danek clearly had a ball. Although these are two highly successful and renowned international traders they are clearly going through a blue patch. Having successfully cornered the market in cookers and carrots, they then ended up bidding against each other for a hairy turnip. Was this going to lead a major breakup of this successful firm of brokers or was I witnessing the dying throes of an earlier post-tea domestic?

Rev JH is clearly another pro and he had come hotfoot to Luppitt after the Dunkswell markets had closed for the day. A very cool customer, bidding with the merest suspicion of a raised finger or twitch of the eyebrow for the largest of the marrows and pumpkins before getting the real prize of the evening - a successful bid for the largest psychoactive mushroom ever seen in East Devon, a full 12 inches across. Well done and happy dreams John!

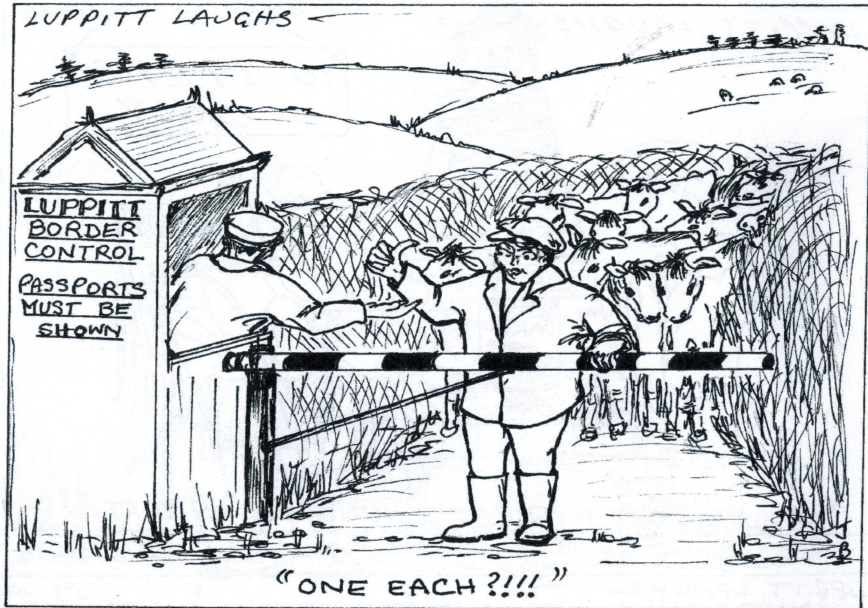
My good lady wife managed, despite my best entreaties, to pay top whack for a jar of blackberry jam. She seemed to think this made up for the fact that only yesterday I had spent 3 hours picking the choicest blackberries in our valley only to see them transmuted into smoke and charcoal, wrecking a saucepan in the process, while she chatted to a friend who had turned up to talk goats. That's what I call good housekeeping..

Finally we must mention Sara who presided from high on the stage, like a latter day Boudicca receiving tributes, making sure noone cheated. At her feet scurried her acolytes, Mervyn and Brian, selecting choice objects for presentation to the bidders. These two, while not quite as attractive as the young ladies of Sothebys in white gloves who present Ming Vases, did a grand job and deserve a round of applause. All in all this will go down as a vintage event in the annals of Luppitt auctioneering history. The auction raised £561, the supper £247. A big thanks to all and especially Keith Luxton, Jean Hooper and helpers, and "donors".

Nigel Hurst

LUPPITT LAUGHS

Joan Beckett
A BREXITY THEME!



Caravan free to good home, tyres need pumping up.
Call Heather 891100

THANK YOU

Thank you to those who decorated the **Church for Harvest Festival** and for the donations of produce for the Church and auction.

Special thanks to Brian for his donation of logs that significantly boosted the funds raised on the night."

The Harvest Supper auction raised £561, the supper £247. A big thanks to all and especially Keith Luxton, Jean Hooper and helpers who prepared and served the supper, and "donors".

Church Hill Ball Race: A magnificent total of £900 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support! Many thanks to all those who helped in any way, and to everyone who supported the event.

GARDEN JOTTINGS

We've had a pot of yellow chrysanthemums by the door in autumn for a good few years now. They come out in October, and may last well into November. They're only in a three litre pot, as I don't like them too big. Even at that size they make a bright display on a dull autumn day.

Every other March I take off a young shoot at the base when it's about half an inch or so high, and pot it up in perlite and compost as a cutting. It soon starts new leaves, kept inside in a plastic bag at first on a shady window ledge. This way our yellow chrysanthemum is replaced regularly, and never gets too big.

For some reason I don't understand, this year the new shoots appeared last autumn. I didn't take a cutting. Now we've got a large plant in a five litre pot. Chrysanthemums - I wish they had a shorter name - in pots soon dry out. Mine seems to need a lot of watering, sometimes twice a day. Let's hope next year's shoots start next year.

Chrysanthemums come in many shapes and sizes. There are decorative types, reflex, incurved, pompoms, Korean hybrids and so on. They attract expert and dedicated growers to produce perfect flowers for autumn shows. I remember going to the Brixham show one dark November day years ago. There were rows and rows of Chrysanthemums in vases and on stands. Each one carefully and distinctively labelled. To my unknowing eye they all looked pretty much the same. The yellow we have has smallish flowers. I expect it'd be quite okay in the open garden, but I have never tried it out there.

This year we decided to try some colours other than yellow for variety. One catalogue offered a half dozen collection of just the right type in assorted colours. I'm not sure now whose catalogue it was. In any case I'm keeping that to myself, as you'll see. Well, six young bouncing Chrysanthemums arrived in April about an inch high and well-rooted. They were wrapped in individual containers, all individually labelled - pink, white, red, yellow. I felt very pleased as I potted them up that morning in three inch pots, carefully noting each colour. They were soon off the mark. They went into five inch pots. By May, unaware it was still only spring, they were showing buds. The old yellow in its five litre pot still only had small leaves. By the end of May the newcomers were in flower - white, red, and there were two yellows. One declined to flower. But the colours didn't match the labels. Two were labelled pink. None were pink.

It's October now. The new multi-coloured Chrysanthemums took a brief summer rest. They are now flowering a second time this year. The two yellows are still with us. Jacki's daughter took the others to Plymouth - another yellow, a white and two oranges. One each colour according to the labels.

What did the nursery do to their plantlings? I only hope by next year our new Chrysanthemums will have settled down to some known normality. Was it genetic engineering? Could even have been AI supercharging, don't you know.

David Street

CHARITY BALL RACE DOWN CHURCH HILL MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

29TH SEPTEMBER

Following a very wet morning, the black clouds cleared and the sun broke through as Phil Smith drove his tractor up Church Hill from the Village Hall. Once positioned outside Glebe Cottage, and after receiving the signal that all vehicles had cleared the course, he lowered the tractor shovel to release 675 brightly coloured, numbered balls on to the road. Great hilarity ensued as the balls rolled down, and frequently off, the road.

Outside the Luppitt Inn, after much anticipation the first few balls appeared round the bend but were reluctant to continue their journey beyond the pub and, blown by the strong wind, started to go back up the hill. (Were they hoping for a pint?!) Before too long the bulk of the balls appeared and off they all went down the hill. Their journey was somewhat erratic and those balls that jumped over the wooden guides or just stopped were encouraged on their way by enthusiastic onlookers, accompanied by cheers.

It was a while before a ball was sighted from the finishing point below the Village Hall, where planks were positioned ready to funnel the balls into a tube, one at a time, so the winners could be identified. However, just before the first solitary yellow ball reached the entrance to the tube, the wind caught it, blowing it back up the hill and on to the verge outside the hall, where it stuck firmly in the grass. Eventually a small group of balls meandered down and this time were successfully funnelled into the pipe.

They were gradually followed by an increasing torrent of balls, being chased and rescued from the verges by eager children and adults too! Once all the balls had been retrieved everyone piled into the hall for refreshments and the race result.

The first ball to arrive was that of Eric Clapp, second: P.J.Kaal, and third: Greg Axel. A magnificent total of £900 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support! Many thanks to all those who helped in any way, and to everyone who supported the event.

Pat Bussey & Judy Speer



AN(OTHER) EXCITING NIGHT AT THE LUPPITT INN

Luppittus, fresh back from a disastrous non-holiday decided that he needed to refresh himself and check the state of play at our famous watering hole last Thursday. Mick and Grahame arrived soon after, bursting through the saloon doors with six guns blazing at Luppittus having seen their reputations trashed in last month's Packet. Luppittus' swift offer of a pint soon soothed their honour and fevered brows, and communal calm was quickly restored!

It was a busy night though, the bar was packed and Caroline had to be on her toes. News of the Luppitt Inn "£3 pint" marketing gimmick has spread far and wide, bringing in new guests from as far afield as Gittisham and Leicester; Wetherspoons are thought to be taking a keen interest in this new competition. You would have thought a £3 pint would cut the custom – far from it, most Thursdays there is hardly room to breathe and Luppittus had to turn his hearing aid off to reduce the din. Luppittus suspects that nobody ever believed that the Luppitt pint had been £2.50, so assumed that the £3 pint was a reduction from the national average of £5! Keep that one quiet though. Out of towners, Ken from Kentisbeare and Russell from Somerset, were in good form. Ken, who bikes over from Kentisbeare, and is our Lycra-clad, Bradley Wiggins look-alike (sans side-burns) confirmed that even at £3 a pint, Luppitt is still cheaper than Kentisbeare and worth the gruelling 10 mile round trip.

I was surprised (or maybe not) to learn that like Mick (our man from Leicester), one of the new guests was not only from Leicester but also a tiler! Inevitably this led to a deep and meaningful discussion between them about various "tilers laments" – tennis elbow, damaged shoulder tendons, PTSD and general bodily collapse. I noted Ollie, our newly resident orthopod taking a keen interest – his future clients perhaps?

C. Luppittus

VOLUNTEERING WITH US AT MARIE CURIE

We're looking for friendly and reliable Helper volunteers to visit people with a terminal diagnosis, their families and carers, to offer practical and emotional support. As a Helper volunteer you will take on a number of simple yet crucial tasks that will make a huge difference, this could be in a family's home, a care home or out in the community. You will provide one-to-one companionship and support, offer a listening ear, and spend time engaging in everyday conversation, activities or hobbies with the person you are supporting. We will provide you with extensive training so you can take on the role confidently.

Visit our website Mariecurie.org.uk/volunteer or call or email us:
Southwesthelper@mariecurie.org.uk Tel: 0800 3047 400

GRATITUDE

I gave a sermon in some of our churches the other day on the theme of being grateful and challenged everyone to try saying 'I'm grateful' as the answer to the question we ask of others many times a day – 'How are you'. So often we reply, perhaps disingenuously, that we are fine – occasionally we are more honest and say that we are feeling grotty or perhaps that we are really well.

This thought of being grateful was prompted by the memory of someone I had known who always said that she was grateful when she was asked how she was. She wanted to make a point. That gratitude is not only a response to good fortune but also a choice we make. Gratitude is indeed a response to the blessings of life, but it is also a choice to see those blessings, name them, & express our gratitude in word & deed.

And giving voice to gratitude is a choice with consequences, for as we express our gratitude, we affect those around us, even shape the reality in which we live. Think about it. Gratitude is not the only emotion we might choose to express in response to the events of any given day. There are reasons for gratitude, yes, and also reasons for fear, for anger, for frustration, grief, for regret, for apprehension. Each and all of these colours our experience, makes its appearance on the stage of our lives, and perhaps each has a place and role to play from time to time. But we choose how much stage time to grant each of these emotions by giving them expression, and as we do so we give them power in our lives.

And that's what's key: we are making choices. We may feel a range of emotions to all kinds of circumstances and situations, but we choose which one to express. When confronted by someone who is angry, do we respond with anger as a form of self-protection or do we choose empathy, trying to understand the emotions of the other, and do we choose gratitude that the person was willing to be honest? When we are set back in some endeavour at home or work, do we express frustration, or do we express resolve to keep at it and gratitude for what we've learned through this setback? These are choices.

Gratitude, like all of our other options, becomes easier to choose as we practice it. Gratitude, like faith and hope and love and commitment, are not inborn traits that some have and others don't, but rather gratitude is more like a muscle that can be strengthened over time. And as we practice giving thanks and more frequently share our gratitude, we not only grow in gratitude but create an example for others. More than that, we create a climate in which it is easier to be grateful and encourage those around us to see the blessings that are all around us.

"I'm grateful." Take a moment to scan the headlines and you'll see how scarce – and how desperately needed – more expressions of gratitude are. Accusation, excuses, venting anger, blaming others – these seem to have hold of our culture, especially in this Brexit season. Indeed, we seem to live in the age of complaint, whether shared in person or increasingly through the venue of social media. What a powerful response gratitude is in these situations.

In this light, saying "I'm grateful" does not simply express our thanksgiving but actually gives voice to a counter-cultural witness that has the power to shape those around us, push back the tide of resentment and complaint that ails us, and make room for a fresh appreciation of God's renewing, saving grace. There are times however when we know that life is incredibly challenging or painful for people we know and love, that they would really struggle to feel grateful for anything – these are the times when they need us, and we help them with our love, and it is in that love that they can begin to feel grateful again.

John Hayhoe



OUR SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

2 nd	10:00 am	Said Morning Prayer, Coffee at 10:30 - Revd J Hayhoe
6 th	09:30 am	Holy Communion BCP - Revd J Fairweather
13 th	11:00 am	All Age Worship - Lay Led
16 th	10:00 am	Said Morning Prayer - Revd J Hayhoe
20 th	11:00 am	Holy Communion Common Worship - Revd J Hayhoe
27 th	11:00 am	All Age Worship - Lay Led

Our beautiful Church is open every day and everyone is welcome to visit and spend a quiet time in prayer or meditation, or simply to soak up the restful atmosphere and enjoy the beautiful views from the Churchyard.

Prayer requests may be left at the back of the Church and will be prayed for regularly.

St. Mary's can be booked for private events, activities or concerts. Please contact Sara Gordon on 891140 for more information.

NOVEMBER DUNKESWELL MISSION COMMUNITY SERVICES

4th	Plymtree	7:30pm	Harvest Service and Supper	Revd J Hayhoe
6th	Broadhembury	11.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving	Revd J Hayhoe
	Dunkeswell	08.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Revd J Hayhoe
		09.30am	Coffee & croissants at Throgmorton Hall	
	Plymtree	11.00am	Family Harvest Service	Lay Led
	Sheldon	09.30am	Harvest Festival	Lay Led
	Upottery	11.00am	Harvest Festival	Lay Led
13th	Broadhembury	6:30pm	Sung Evensong	Revd J Hayhoe
	Dunkeswell	11.00am	Morning worship	Lay Led
	Plymtree	09.15am	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Hayhoe
	Sheldon	09.30am	Morning Worship	Lay led
	Upottery	11.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism	Revd J Hayhoe
20th	Broadhembury	09.30am	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Hayhoe
	Dunkeswell	11.00am	United Service	Mr J White
	Plymtree	11.00am	Morning worship	Lay Led
	Sheldon	09.30am	Holy Communion CW	Revd A Mills
	Upottery	11:00am	All Age Worship	Lay Led
27th	Broadhembury	10.00am	Family Service	Lay Led
	Dunkeswell	11.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism	Revd P Horder
	Plymtree	09.15am	Holy Communion	Revd D Fayle
	Sheldon	09.30am	Holy Communion BCP	Revd J Fairweather
	Upottery	11.00am	Holy Communion CW	Revd I Gibson

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LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk's report of a Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held at Luppitt Village Hall, on Tuesday, 1 October 2019 at 8 pm

Present: Cllrs Tom Nancarrow (Vice-Chairman), Beth Hooper, Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Christine Ryder, Michele Turner, Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public

Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs John Thorne, Andrew Tucker, David Key (EDDC), Iain Chubb (DCC and EDDC)

Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 3 September 2019, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Ryder).

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Councillor profiles

Cllr Ryder has sent a short profile to the clerk. All councillors have agreed to submit details to the clerk for uploading to the website.

PLANNING

Applications (for comment, support or objection)

19/1940/FUL – Glebe Cottage, Luppitt, EX14 4RY – construction of side extension

The Parish Council had no objections to this application which is still awaiting a decision.

19/1833/FUL – Spurtham Farm, New Road, Upottery, EX14 9QD –proposed covered yard and infill building

The Parish Council has no objections to this application.

Decisions

19/1406/FUL and various – The Old Post Office, Luppitt, EX14 4RT – approval with conditions

Pod at Franklins Farm

The owner has confirmed that it has been sold and it has now been removed.

Neighbourhood Plan

Roger Hicks is continuing with making amendments to the draft Plan. It was noted that CPRE is holding a special planning workshop for town and parish councils on 15 October.

HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

Parish Highways programme – update on Items to Report

Uxford Bridge to Crook Cross

The clerk will contact Phil Morgan, Neighbourhood Highways Officer, to arrange for him to come out to see this stretch of road as urgent work is needed. The clerk will liaise with Combe Raleigh Parish Meeting.

Parish Maintenance

School Lane – grant from HMCEF

Luppitt Parish Council has been granted £445.00 towards the cost of the work carried out in School Lane. The clerk had applied for £890.00 (50% of the cost of the work) but, due to Highways' budgetary considerations, this was reduced to £445.00.

Lengthsman's work

Cllr Chubb hopes to have more information to pass on shortly.

Road Traffic Regulation – road from Percy Cross to Luppitt Common

It was noted that this road will be closed on 22 and 23 October.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

A rotten waymark sign at Footpath 14 has been reported to Cllr Nancarrow. He will inspect it and report back.

ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Community Policing report

No report received.

Village Hall Representative

Cllr Ryder agreed to be the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall committee.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

External audit

The clerk reported that the external audit has been finalised without any issues. All relevant papers have now been uploaded to the Parish Council website

Walden Bequest

Cllr Pulman together with the treasurer of Luppitt Village Hall Management Committee and the clerk had met to discuss and share papers and legal documents. Progress is being made in clarifying the situation. It was agreed that Cllr Thorne would be involved in further discussions when he returns.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

Cllr Turner will ask for the renewal invoice for the Neighbourhood Plan website to be addressed to the clerk so that it may be paid and VAT claimed back. Cllr Turner is working to rebuild the website after it was hacked.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The parishioner present had brought along some booklets from Age UK. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to leave them in the Village Hall so that they could be read by anyone using the Village Hall. There were no further questions and the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

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

Tuesday, 5 November 2019 and Tuesday, 3 December 2019

PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

115g/4ozs plain flour
Pinch of salt
Pinch of bicarb of soda
115g/4ozs butter
125 g/4 1/2ozs light brown sugar
1 egg and 1 tsp vanilla essence
225g/8ozs crunchy or smooth peanut butter
Cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. In a small bowl mix the egg and vanilla, then slowly

beat into the butter mixture. Stir in the peanut butter and blend thoroughly. Stir in the dry ingredients. Chill for at least 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/gas 4. Grease 2 baking sheets. Spoon out rounded teaspoonfuls of the dough, and roll into balls. Place the balls on the baking sheets, and press flat with a fork into circles, making a crisscross pattern. Bake for 12/15 minutes until lightly coloured.

Jackie Street

UPOTTERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Head teacher ~ Mr. Chris Legg, Chair of Governors ~ Nicola Cornish

Our Harvest Festival was a wonderful afternoon at the church, and was clearly very much enjoyed by all! It was fantastic to see children of all ages celebrating Harvest and giving thanks for all that we have. I was very impressed by our new Reception children who did extremely well with their Harvest Action Song; considering that many of the children are still only 4 years old, they did a super job. All the other classes did brilliantly too, not only in celebrating Harvest, but also developing their resilience and personal confidence, by speaking clearly and confidently to such a large audience. It was great to see all the children having an opportunity to develop their learning around the very important 'life skill' of speaking in public. Well done to you all, and especially well done to the head boy and girl for narrating the whole festival, showing care and encouragement towards the younger speakers, by making sure that everyone knew what was happening next, so that the afternoon could run smoothly.

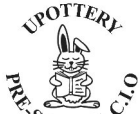
As a community, Upottery Parish has supported the Harvest Festival collection brilliantly, the church collection on Sunday, combined with the produce auction from the gifts that the children brought into school, raised a fantastic total of £555.00 for Send a Cow - a huge 'well done' to all who were involved.

Wren Class phonics games; tricky word song in phonics, opening presents for Boa's birthday; question marks game with the flying tortoise; learning our harvest festival song. Learning through play; singing assembly; drawing around and labelling parts of the body. Gymnastics festival; making puppets of people who help us; making cone people who help us; learning maths; changing Boa's Bad Birthday into Slug's Sad Birthday; Theatre Alibi.

Kingfisher class writing our harvest poems; creating a dance in PE and balancing like clowns; subtracting using a number line in maths; year 2 finding a treasure chest and eating marshmallow smores at forest school; learning about food groups in science and how long it takes to grow certain foods and we are all enjoying our class book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. Learning our poems and practising for the Harvest Festival; learning about expanded noun phrases in our story 'The Disgusting Sandwich'; learning about speech in our writing; starting our shape work in maths; evaluating bread products and doing a taste test; designing our own bread rolls; the year 2's have enjoyed making balances with a partner in PE; the year 3's have enjoyed forest school and making little robins. Doing shape work in maths; writing our class story 'The Disgusting Ice Lolly'; making a dance with the year 2's in PE; year 3's going to forest school and preparing our Christmas craft resources; watching the performance by Theatre Alibi.

Kestrel Class drawing fruit and vegetables in art; area in maths; Native American patterns in art; writing about Upottery School in literacy; atmosphere pop ups; practicing for Harvest Festival. Totem poles in art; 3D Native American scenes; literacy definitions; finishing area and perimeter; relative clauses. Native American landscapes; Totem pole designing; having Mr Dickason; designing Christmas cards; starting statistics in maths; mental addition; recycling article in literacy; Theatre Alibi.

Falcon Class finishing our art profiles and beginning to display them; writing a biography about Christian Barnard, the World's first heart surgeon; learning about Fairtrade and The Red Tractor – fair farming; short division and word problems in maths; Stockland Cross Country run, Science at HCC with Mr Mapleston; preparing and performing at the Harvest Festival; publishing our biographies about the heart surgeon Christiaan Barnard; writing a recount about our science trip to H.C.C; finishing our maths project of formal methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; art with Miss Farwell. Native American landscapes; Totem pole designing; having Mr Dickason; designing Christmas cards; starting statistics in maths; mental addition; recycling article in literacy; Theatre Alibi.



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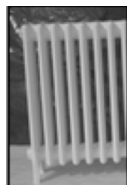
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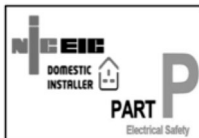
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23rd	Pat Bussey & Sue Piechowiak or Sue Hurst
30th	Carole Thorne & Jean Hooper

December

7th Wendy Clapp & Mary Hill

We need volunteers to help with church cleaning or flower arranging; please contact Pearl Pulman on 891324 or Olive Clapp on 891386 .



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Hotel-Restaurant-Bar-Weddings-Conferences-Banqueting

Carol Singing

Monday 2nd December

£8.95 per person

Includes Hot Buffet – arrive 6.30, food 7.00pm

Proceeds to the local Church Funds

Christmas Party

Available Dec 1st – December 24th

3 Course Menu inc. Coffee and Mints

Monday – Friday Lunch/Monday – Thursday Dinner £20.95

Friday and Saturday – Party Night £25.95 (includes disco)

A La Carte Menu

Served daily from 12.00 – 2.00pm and 6.30 – 9.00pm

Sunday Carvery

Choice of 3 locally sourced meats

Served from 12.00 – 3.00pm

Adults £11.50/£15.50/£19.50 Children £9.50/£13.50/£17.50

Booking advisable

All functions can be catered for: weddings, birthday parties, wakes,
conferences from small intimate to larger parties.

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