

# LUPPITT PACKET



**December 2019 &  
January 2020**

# THE LUPPITT PACKET

We wish our readers, contributors, distributors and advertisers  
a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

*Nigel Hurst & Claire Stevens*

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## WHAT'S ON

### DECEMBER

Tue 3rd	Parish Council Meeting 8pm Village Hall
Wed 4th	Advent Coffee Morning 10.30am Glebe Cottage
Fri 6th	Luppitt Wives Beetle Drive 8pm at Shirley Crabb's
Sat 7th	Church Christmas Fair 12-4pm Village Hall
Sun 8th	Luppitt Children's Christmas Party 10.15-12.45pm Village Hall
Wed 11th	Wednesday Club Xmas Lunch 12.30 for 1pm Churchinford Hall
Thu 12th	General Election 7am-10pm Village Hall
Thu 12th	Carol Singing 8-9pm at the Luppitt Inn
Sat 14th	Luppitt Christmas Party 7.30 for 8pm Village Hall
Sun 22nd	Candlelit Carol Service 6.30pm St Mary's Church
Fri 27th	Private Party Village Hall

### JANUARY

Sat 4th	Children's Birthday Party
Sun 5th	Church Epiphany Lunch 12.30pm Village Hall
Tue 7th	Parish Council Meeting 8pm Village Hall
Wed 8th	Wednesday Club Buckland Singers 2.30pm Churchinford Hall
Wed 15th	U3A talk 1.30 for 2pm The Beehive, Honito

### REGULAR EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Bowls	Mondays, 7.30pm
Social Club	Wednesdays 8pm
Yoga	Wednesdays 7-8.15pm <b>**Term ends 18<sup>th</sup> Dec, starts 8<sup>th</sup> Jan**</b>
Barnfield	Thursdays 9.30am-4pm <b>**no meeting 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> Dec**</b>
Coffee Morning	Fridays 11am-12.30pm <b>**Please note that there will be no Coffee Mornings from from 20th January till 7<sup>th</sup> February**</b>

### FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> February Pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' 7.30pm 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](mailto:pat.bussey27@gmail.com).  
Follow us on Facebook at Luppitt Events

#### VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Secretary Jean Hooper 892969



## THANK YOU



The Entertainments Committee would like to thank everyone who supported our events in 2019. Your support is vital in ensuring the continuing maintenance of and improvements to our Village Hall.

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year, and look forward to seeing many of you at the events we are planning for 2020.

## St Mary's Church

### Christmas Fair

**Saturday  
7<sup>th</sup> December  
noon to 4 pm  
in  
the Village Hall  
*lunches & teas***

*fundraising for St Mary's Church*

### **CAROL SINGING**

*at Luppitt Inn  
8-9pm  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December*

## **LUPPITT CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

VILLAGE HALL

**SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER  
10.15 TO 12.45**

MAGIC SHOW

GAMES

FATHER CHRISTMAS

HOT LUNCH

CONTACT MANDY 07817 517425



## St Mary's Church

### **ADVENT COFFEE MORNING**

**Wednesday,  
4th December  
at 10:30 am  
at Glebe Cottage**

There is no charge for  
coffee and biscuits

*All welcome*

### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

11<sup>th</sup> December  
at Mount Stephens  
12.30 - 1pm



## **LUPPITT WIVES**

### **Beetle Drive**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
8pm

At Shirley Crabb's

January lunch to be  
confirmed

# **Luppitt Christmas Party**

**Village Hall  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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**

# **St Mary's Church**

## **Bring & Share EPIPHANY LUNCH**

**Sunday, 5th January  
at 12:30 pm  
in the Village Hall**

# **St Mary's Church**

Please join us at our usual

## **CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE**

**Sunday 22 December  
6:30pm**



Please bring along something  
for the food bank as we are  
making a big effort to help  
them this year

**They particularly need:**

UHT milk,  
fruit juice, squash, coffee, sugar  
tinned meat,  
tinned peas, carrots, sweetcorn  
tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding  
tinned / carton custard, biscuits  
washing materials

HONITON



'Learn, Laugh & Live'

**Brian Freeland talk**

**A Trip on the River Charente**

which King Henry IV described as "the  
most beautiful in my kingdom"

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

The Beehive, Dowell Street, Honiton  
Doors open 1.30pm for 2pm  
Members Free and Visitors are  
Welcome. Suggested Donation £2.00

For information: 01404 598008  
<https://u3asites.org.uk/honiton>

THE LUPPITT PLAYERS

present

# ***SLEEPING BEAUTY***

A Pantomime

by James Barry

**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Luppitt Village Hall at 7:30pm**

**TICKETS FROM:**

**Steve or Maggie: 01404 891268**

**Or any cast member**

**Adults £7; Seniors £6;**

**Under 16's £3.50**

**All profits will support:-**

**Hospiscare & Devon Air Ambulance**



# MEMORIES OF LUPPITT WINTERS PAST

## An interview with Olive Clapp

On behalf of the Packet, it was recently my pleasure to be given an audience by Olive Clapp at home! As the winter of 2019 approaches, I was hoping to record for the Packet her first hand experiences of the particularly severe Luppitt winter of 1946/47. I managed to catch Olive between her various social activities which include dancing, gardening and driving round Luppitt lanes like Lewis Hamilton on his way to a 7th World Grand Prix title! Watch out for a green Nissan Micra - reader you have been warned!!

There have been three severe winters in living memory – 1946/47, 1963 and 1978. The winters of '63 and '78 have been well documented in "Luppitt" by John Sage, but the winter of 1947 is not mentioned in his book. That winter was extremely harsh, coming as it did at the end of WW2 with severe shortages of food and fuel, and death from cold and starvation in Europe. The English channel was frozen with pack ice and ice floes were seen off East Anglia.

Olive's story: Olive was aged 21 in the winter of 1946/47 and working as a teaching assistant in Luppitt School; apart from a break of 2 or 3 years, she continued teaching at the school until it closed in 1966. At that time Olive was living with her mother at Triplands and had a pretty good walk to get up the hill to school by 9am. It is a timely reminder that by comparison we have it very easy with modern transport and mass car ownership was still in its infancy. Olive remembers that the heavy snow came just after Christmas in January '47 and lasted about 6 weeks.

Earlier in January she had been on a coach trip to see a panto with other village folk and remembers her future husband went down with mumps! The snow created huge drifts blocking doorways, the temperature was very low (the UK lowest was -20C) with clear blue skies in the day, while bright moonlight reflected off the crisp snow turned the nights into day. A caravan of tractors was used to get the milk out. There was then no mains electricity in Luppitt, so heating was with open



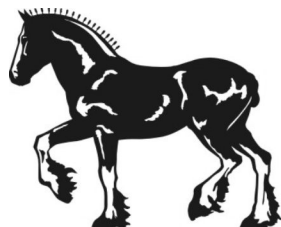
**"Tractor caravan carrying out the milk" – based on 1963 photo supplied by Olive Clapp**

fires (coal or wood), cooking was on a Rayburn or on a trivet over the fire, and lighting was from Tilley or kerosene Aladdin lamps or candles. None the less she remembers walking to school over the snow to get there by 9am and starting the day over a cup of coffee with the other staff.

*Nigel Hurst*

## ANIMAL YARNS - HORSES

When I was a girl in south London, a lot of deliveries still came by horse and cart. The coalman and the milkman for example, and the pub on the corner had their beer delivered by horse drawn dray. They were mostly huge Shires, and the heavy coal cart in particular was drawn by an enormous black and white. The driver would park the cart outside our house and put the horse nosebag on before he went into the "Railway dining rooms" for his dinner.



All would be well for a while. Then the horse got restless, fed up with waiting. He would shake the harness and stamp his feet. He would get the nosebag off and snorting, would heave the cart up onto the pavement and proceed to eat out the privet hedge.

Walking home from school at lunchtime, I would come round the corner and see this. Depending which way the cart was facing, I could either cross the road and slip down the back alley or sneak behind it and down to the front door. No way was I going to cross under the front of that huge animal!

When the driver appeared, the horse stood quietly to be told off. The driver was a small man, completely black with coal dust, about half the size of the horse, but after the regular telling off, the horse obediently moved back into the road and slowly walked off. It never made any difference, the horse always ate the hedges, ours or our neighbours' and the hedges were always neatly trimmed.

Happy days.

*Joan Beckett*

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## THE LUPPITT INN CHRONICLES

On Halloween the Inn was packed to the gunnels with members of the Nancarrow family celebrating Vanessa's birthday – is Vanessa's birthday really on Halloween? Spooky or what?

Yesterday the Inn had a sudden surge of whirly birders. Our very own Glynn from "Lower Luppitt" and Mr A.N.Other – a very nice gentleman with Canadian accent but very local connections whose name Luppitus sadly cannot recall. Both had been helicopter pilots in their time before inflicting their undoubted skills on the unsuspecting public piloting civil aircraft (although Ryanair perhaps does not merit the term civil). Anyway, when quizzed about how many multimillion quid choppers he had damaged beyond repair, Glynn was remarkably coy. "A good landing is one you can walk away from" he quipped. Perhaps he was worried that any admission that he might have destroyed the financial equivalent of three hospitals in the course of his military duties would be viewed as a breach of the Official Secrets Act?

In other news, in case you hadn't noticed, the festive season is almost upon us – so we can now look forward to receiving amazing and unexpected Christmas presents – such as "A matching pen and pencil set - just the thing I need - how nice" (thanks to Tom Lehrer). Then there is the unmatched pleasure and delight in sharing abundant quality time (never enough) with much loved relatives, which slowly and gradually declines from 'heartificial' merriment into a slough of gastric excess and hungover irritability! Let's hope the Luppitt Inn stays open as a place of refuge.

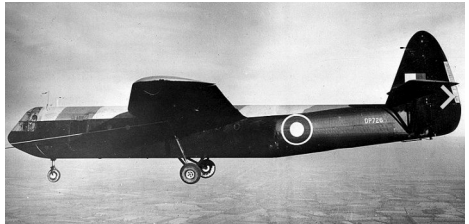
*C. Luppittus*

## THE HEATH PHARMACY 3

In his diary for the sixth of January 1773 James Woodforde notes that the body of a well-dressed man had been found under a hedge on Hounslow Heath. He had been shot through the head. Near him was a horse and bridle. He was Charles Clarke from a local family known to James. Charles had set out for London on Christmas Day.

You would have expected Hounslow Heath, rumoured as a haunt of highwaymen, to have been a larger, wilder and more dangerous place in the 1700s than when I played there with my brother in the 1940s.

Yet one day we were running around on the Heath. Suddenly a military glider bore down on us from above - probably a pre D-Day exercise. I ran one way, my brother the other. I escaped to safety. He turned back towards me. He was running right into the glider's path. It was coming in to land. The soldier steering shouted to him to lie down. He threw himself on the ground, and the glider luckily passed harmlessly overhead to land just in front. Somewhat shaken, we ran off home to our chemist shop across the road.



We didn't play on the Heath very often, but usually kept to the garden. One day we were told to go out and play at digging holes. Digging holes in the garden must have been a fun thing for us at that age. So we went out and dug a deep hole under the apple tree.

My father said we were going to bury some money. If we were bombed out, we wouldn't be completely without. He filled a large glazed earthenware jar with money, sprinkled white powder inside to stop rotting, and fitted in a large flat cork. There were no plastic bags in those days. The amount wouldn't have been much by today's standards - nothing more than one pound notes. I was once shown an old white fiver, or possibly tenner, passed over the counter as something you didn't see often, if at all. That evening I was told to drop the jar nonchalantly - he didn't actually use that word - in the hole, as I went down to the toilet to the bottom of the garden.

Only an elderly couple who kept an all sorts shop next door could have seen, if they happened to be looking out at the time. Mr Summons, an elderly baker who walked miles to work and back every evening and morning, and Mrs Summons who drowned herself in a local river in 1944. I remember seeing her fur coat hanging on the clothes line to dry out afterwards. I don't think people nowadays have any idea how valuable clothes were in the forties, something Edna Crabb noticed in an article in *The Packet* some years ago. The hole I expect my father filled in later, after I had gone to bed that night. Or did we fill it in next morning? I can't remember now for sure.

Jar detectorists reading this will be disappointed I recovered the jar intact some years later. All there'll be buried there now are the crushed remains of a steel air raid shelter. As far as I can make out from Google with my limited computer skills, there's a Chinese restaurant there now. Soy sauce was not a Delovedor line.

*David Street*

## QUIZ NIGHT, 8TH NOVEMBER

Armed with powerful throat lozenges to overcome a throat malfunction, Steve Berry performed the role of Question Master at our Quiz Night with clarity and authority.

Despite fewer tables of eager contestants than last year, the evening was a great success, with everyone enjoying the challenge – and some of the questions were indeed very challenging! (Who were the two shortest reigning queens...humph?!)

Two Luppitt teams skilfully succeeded in not winning, finishing just one point behind the winners, a team from Upottery. Their prize is to set the questions and run next year's quiz – oh, and a bottle of wine for each member!

In addition to Steve, a big thank you goes to last year's winning team for setting the questions and marking the papers, to all who helped in the kitchen producing an excellent supper, and to those who ran the bar. Finally thank you to everyone who came along to support the event.

*Pat Bussey*

### LUPPITT AND HARTRIDGE COMMONS

**Commoners with grazing rights on the above Commons  
who wish to bid for a hay or silage plot in 2020 please advise  
either Phil or David  
by the 31st December 2019 at the latest.**

**Phil Smith Tel: 07984735663**

**David Barlow Tel: 07939083742**

### DEVON DIALECT AUDIO BOOKS - EXCELLENT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!

If you are thinking about Christmas presents why not consider CD audio books?

The books were recorded by John Sage, who reads the stories of  
'Jan Stewer' in the Devon dialect.

**Full details are available on the Luppitt history website: [www.luppitt.net](http://www.luppitt.net)**

**All income goes direct to Luppitt Church funds.**



### Christmas Greetings

Brian and Pearl

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



## UNCOVERING HISTORY AT DUMPDON HILL FORT

In 2010, the National Trust signed a Higher Level Stewardship agreement with Natural England which would influence scrub management and grazing activity at Dumpdon Hill fort. The agreement was largely designed to help protect the archaeology of the Scheduled Ancient Monument and to strengthen the pastoral landscape by restoring grassland around the site. Scrub roots and bracken rhizomes can penetrate the ground deeply causing extensive damage to buried archaeological remains and masonry. Tree roots pose a further threat through ground penetration but come with an added risk of elevating/damaging archaeological features if they are uprooted in adverse weather.



Since the beginning of the agreement, saplings and small areas of bracken have been targeted each year, particularly around the southern tip of the site. Last year however the ranger team sought support from local contractors to carry out more extensive work at the site. Over the last 12 months, a large area of young birch tree saplings and dense scrub was cleared from the eastern slopes to create space for grass to grow in its place. A further area of saplings was cleared at the southern tip of the site and an area of the bracken was cut and raked off in between these areas to encourage the growth of grass. Mowing work was completed in the summer to try to keep the vigorous bracken regrowth in check, and grazing by rare breeds commenced at the site following the annual hay cut. Unfortunately, bracken can't be eradicated in a single year so the rangers will be continuing their work in the future to restore grassland on the ramparts.

This winter the National Trust rangers and volunteers will be working primarily in the northern ramparts to clear a large area of willow, scrub and bracken. Work has already started onsite and the team have been uncovering history exposing historic features for visitors to enjoy. So what can be seen today? The prehistoric hill fort can be seen from afar given its high elevation in the landscape. The 2.6ha triangular shaped hillfort sits on top of a 260m high ridge of Upper Greensand to the north of Honiton. The steep landscape of the ridge offered natural protection to south, whilst single ramparts constructed from chert blocks protected the fort to east and west. The northern side was protected by a bivallate rampart system meaning they have two substantial ramparts and ditches separated by a 30m flat space known as a berm. The ditches and outer ramparts in this area are now being uncovered for all to see. Whilst archaeological records suggest that the hillfort was neither finished nor fully occupied, the existing features are of great historical value. *Lucy Buckingham*

*National Trust Area Ranger for the East Devon Countryside team*

## BLACKDOWN HILLS TRANSITION GROUP

Exciting Christmas news for the new year from Blackdown Hills Transition



A. Due to the generous support and donations made to both Blackdown Hills Transition Apple Days and Repair Cafés, we are delighted to be able to give back to the Blackdown Hills community. Every year, after maintaining a contingency fund, any extra donations will help fund new related projects. This year we have £1,500 available. We encourage local communities, repairers, enthusiasts and schools in the Blackdown Hills to apply for up to £250 towards a sustainability project.

### **The Categories for 2019/2020 are:**

- 1 Planting a community or school orchard or vegetable patch
- 2 Planting and maintaining a wildflower verge
- 3 Running a skills' share Repair Workshop for families with children
- 4 Running a home-based Repair support team to link with BH Support
- 5 Supporting a new Repair Café somewhere in the Blackdown Hills
- 6 Publish groups of local children's stories on Climate Change

**To apply please visit our website at [www.blackdownhillstransition.net](http://www.blackdownhillstransition.net)**

Deadline for submission of proposals is Friday 7th February 2020.

The main BHT committee will decide which projects will be supported by March.

B. **The Repair Café** held in Hemyock every 4th Saturday bimonthly will be postponing the January Café and moving it to coincide with the National BIG FIX Day February 15th when all Repair Cafés are coordinating on the same day to publicise repairing rather than throwing away. More information to be given in a February 2020 article.

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## 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](http://Mariecurie.org.uk/volunteer) or call or email us:  
[Southwesthelper@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:Southwesthelper@mariecurie.org.uk) Tel: 0800 3047 400

# **LUPPITT VILLAGE HALL AGM**

## **HELD ON MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2019 AT 8PM**

The Chairman welcomed all those present – 19 people in all.

### **Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on Monday 29th October 2018 at 8pm were circulated and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Matters Arising** The minutes are now circulated by email, and there has been a request for them to be published in The Luppitt Packet.

**Constitution** This matter is on-going and will be discussed in November. There has been a problem with bank accounts; this is now resolved but the alterations to the Constitution have yet to be completed.

**Treasurer's Report** Mr S Berry said that income exceeded expenditure. Fund raising is up & Hire of The Hall is up by 14%. There has been an increase in expenses with Heat & Lighting up 30%, and Water Rates up 15%. The Hall is now insured for £700,000.00, with an increase to the premium of 26%.

### **Adoption of the Accounts**

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mrs J Hooper and seconded by Mr S Smith

### **Chairman's Report**

Mr B Pulman reported that changes to the Hall Charges had been a great improvement. He was pleased that the kitchen and hall doors had been improved. The skirting in the main hall has been replaced which has improved the appearance and draughtproofing. He thanked Mr Steve Berry for his help with these improvements and Mr Steve Smith for completing the decorating with speed and efficiency. He regretted that the decoration of the Hallway had not taken place but offered to oversee its completion. He thanked Honiton YFC, Chris Tottle, the cleaners and the Entertainments Sub-Committee for all their efforts, praising the great success of The Summer Madness.

Mr Pulman said that he had been Chairman since 1995, and had always enjoyed the challenge, but would not be standing for election in the coming year. He said that there were still many projects to do in The Hall. The Walden Trust has been a great benefit, but he warned that it could be quickly eroded, urging the new committee to spend wisely.

### **Entertainments sub-committee – Chairman's Report**

Mr S Berry said that the sub-committee had met numerous times, with 9 events raising £6083, including £900.00 for The Macmillan Cancer Fund. The Summer Madness raised £2800.00 approx. He thanked Mrs T Rose in particular, as well as all the sub-committee and non-committee members for all their support.

### **Election of Committee for 2019/2020**

Elected by their organisations:

Parish Council	Mrs C Ryder	Parochial Church Council	Mrs P Pulman
Wives Group	Mrs J Hooper	Commoners	Mr B Clapp
Bell Ringers	Mrs J Gardiner	Cricket Club	Mr S Berry

Election of five more people Mrs S Crabb, Mrs T Rosewall, Mrs P Bussey, Mr S Smith, & Mr P Smith were elected from the floor

### **Any Other Business**

The committee thanked Mr Brian Pulman for his unstinting efforts over many years.

Date of the next AGM – Monday 26th October 2020 at 7.30pm.

### **A meeting followed to elect Officers as follows**

Chairman:	Mr S Smith	Vice Chairman:	Mrs T Rosewall
Treasurer:	Mr S Berry	Assistant Treasurer:	Mrs S Crabb
Assistant Secretary	Mrs J Hooper	Booking Secretary:	Mrs J Hooper

Entertainments Sub-Committee Messrs P Smith, S Smith, S Berry, Mesdames P Bussey, T Rosewall, J Gardiner, S Crabb, V Evans and J Hooper

## **CHRISTMAS IS COMING AND THE GOOSE IS GETTING FAT!**

There is so much to Christmas that we all look forward to. When I was a child it was mince pies and brandy butter (I have quite a sweet tooth), then to waking early on Christmas morning, knowing that a stocking would be at the end of my bed; later in the day we would gather after our Christmas lunch to open presents by the fire. As I grew up my attitude changed - it was no longer about me receiving presents but more about watching others enjoy opening their presents. My pleasure now is seeing children in awe of the wonder of Christmas, at a crib service bringing up the Christ Child as the final figure to go in to the crib. Sadly today many people never experience that awe, they are not reminded of the wonder, of the extraordinary happenings of Christmas night, of God coming down to earth as a baby, being welcomed by shepherds, angels and later by the wisemen, of the way the whole world changed.

This year will be different. For fifteen years I have been on my own as a parish priest so I have rushed around between churches taking several services on Christmas Eve and then more in quick succession on Christmas morning. I have really enjoyed it but it has been hectic, particularly as I have hardly had the chance to wish anyone 'Happy Christmas' before rushing off to the next service. This year is going to be different because I will not be doing it on my own.

The Reverend Jane Penn is joining our Mission Community and will be working across our parishes taking Sunday services and working two days a week. She will be formally licensed by the Bishop of Exeter on Tuesday 17th at 7pm at a service in St Andrew's Church, Broadhembury. Everyone is invited to come! Her first few days will be very busy as she will immediately be involved in taking services, including of course over Christmas – and neither she, nor I, will be rushing off at quite the speed I have done in past years.

Jane is coming from a parish near Beccles in East Suffolk. Her background is in education, and since ordination she has been very involved with the primary schools. Our plan at the moment is that she will be more involved in Broadhembury and Plymtree, and their two church primary schools. Her selection process was unusual because she was interviewed for this job, as Associate Priest, on two occasions and was offered the job after both interviews – there were two quite different panels. I am sure you will like her and appreciate her ministry every bit as much as the two interview panels thought you would! She will certainly make a difference to my working life and will free up my time to do things that I have just not been able to fit in. What a Christmas present!!

# St Mary's Church, Luppitt



## OUR SERVICES IN DECEMBER

<b>1st</b>	09:30am	Holy Communion BCP	Revd P Horder
<b>4th</b>	10:00am	Morning Worship at Glebe Cottage	Revd J Hayhoe
<b>8th</b>	11:00am	Family Service	Lay Led
<b>15th</b>	11:00am	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Hayhoe

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS

<b>4th</b>	10:30am	Advent Coffee Morning at Glebe Cottage	All Welcome
<b>7th</b>	Noon	Christmas Fair in the Village Hall	
<b>12th</b>	08:00pm	Carol singing at the Luppitt Inn	
<b>22nd</b>	06:30pm	Carols by Candlelight	Revd J Hayhoe
<b>24th</b>	04:00pm	Nativity service	Revd J Hayhoe
<b>25th</b>	09:30am	Christmas Service with Communion	Revd J Hayhoe

**Please note the changes to service times at St Mary's and the Churches of the Mission Community**

## OUR SERVICES IN JANUARY

<b>5th</b>	09:30am	Holy Communion BCP	Revd J Hayhoe
<b>12th</b>	11:00am	Family Service	Lay led
<b>15th</b>	10:00am	Morning Prayer	Revd J Hayhoe
<b>19th</b>	09:30am	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Penn
<b>26th</b>	11:00am	Family Service	Revd J Penn

Our beautiful Church is open every day during daylight hours. Everyone is welcome to visit and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere and enjoy the glorious views from the Churchyard.

Prayer requests may be written in the book on the right as you enter the Church. Requests will be prayed for regularly.

**If you would like our Rector to visit or would like more information please contact our Church Administrator on 01404 891140**

## DUNKESWELL MISSION COMMUNITY SERVICES DECEMBER

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Broadhembury	11:00am	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Hayhoe
	Dunkeswell	08:00am	Holy Communion BCP	Revd J Hayhoe
	Throgmorton Hall	09:30am	Coffee & croissants	
	Plymtree	04:00pm	Christingle	Lay led
	Sheldon	03:30pm	Christingle	Lay led
	Upottery	11:00am	Matins	Lay led
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	Broadhembury	10:00am	Morning Praise	Lay led
	Dunkeswell	11:00am	Service at Throgmorton Hall	Mr P Girling
	Plymtree	09:15am	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Hayhoe
	Sheldon	09:30am	Morning Worship	Lay led
	Upottery	11:00am	Holy Communion & baptism	Revd J Hayhoe
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	Broadhembury	09:30am	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Hayhoe
	Dunkeswell	11:00am	Morning Prayer	Lay led
		04:00pm	Carol service	Revd J Hayhoe
	Plymtree	11:00am	Morning Praise	Lay led
	Sheldon	09:30am	Holy Communion BCP	Revd J Fairweather
	Upottery	11:00am	All Age Worship	Lay led
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	Broadhembury	07:00pm	Licensing: Revd Jane Penn	Bishop Robert
<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Broadhembury	11:00am	Family Service	Revd J Penn
	Dunkeswell	11:00am	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Hayhoe
		03:00pm	Christingle	Mrs K Hayhoe
		06:00pm	Carol service	Revd J Penn
	Sheldon	09:30am	Holy Communion BCP	Revd J Hayhoe
	Upottery	06:00pm	Carols by candlelight	Revd I Gibson
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	Broadhembury	06:30pm	Carol service	Revd J Penn
	Sheldon	11:00pm	Midnight Mass	Revd J Penn
	Upottery	11:00 PM	Midnight Mass	Revd J Hayhoe
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	Broadhembury	09:30 AM	Christmas Communion	Revd J Penn
	Dunkeswell	11:00 AM	Christmas Communion	Revd J Hayhoe
	Plymtree	10:30 AM	Christmas Communion	Revd J Penn
	Sheldon	09:30 AM	Carols by request	Lay led
	Upottery	10:30 AM	Christmas All Age Worship	Lay led
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	Broadhembury	11:00 AM	6 Worship Together	Revd J Penn & Revd J Hayhoe

## DUNKESWELL MISSION COMMUNITY SERVICES

### JANUARY

<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Broadhembury	11:00am	All Age Worship	Revd J Penn
	Dunkeswell	11:00am	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Hayhoe
	Plymtree	09:30am	Morning Prayer	Revd J Penn
	Sheldon	09:30am	Family Service	Ven. A Beane
	Upottery	11:00am	Matins	Lay led
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	Broadhembury	11:00am	Morning Prayer	Lay led
	Dunkeswell	09:30am	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Penn
	Plymtree	11:00am	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Penn
	Sheldon	09:30am	Holy Communion BCP	Revd J Hayhoe
	Upottery	11:00am	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Hayhoe
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	Broadhembury	11:00am	Holy Communion BCP	Revd G Walsh
	Dunkeswell	11:00am	United Service	Revd J Hayhoe
	Plymtree	11:00am	Baptism	Revd J Penn
	Sheldon	09:30am	Holy Communion BCP	Revd J Hayhoe
	Upottery	11:00am	All Age Worship	Lay led
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	Broadhembury	09:30am	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Penn
	Dunkeswell	11:00am	Morning Worship	Lay led
	Plymtree	09:30am	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Hayhoe
	Sheldon	09:30am	Morning Worship	Lay led
	Upottery	11:00am	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Hayhoe

### ST MARY'S WELCOMES REVEREND JANE PENN

Reverend Jane Penn will be licenced as our Mission Community's Assistant Priest on 17 December at St. Andrew's Broadhembury at 7pm.

Jane will live in Broadhembury and have special responsibility for Broadhembury and Plymtree with their C of E primary schools. She will conduct services across the Mission Community and we look forward to welcoming her to St. Mary's.

Christmas is a time for thinking of others who are perhaps less well off than ourselves. St Mary's have a Christmas collection of non-perishable goods for the Honiton Food Bank (see page 3 for details).

These can be left in the Church or brought to **Carols by Candlelight on 22 December** at 6:30PM after which they will be delivered.

# LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk's report of a Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held at Luppitt Village Hall, on Tuesday, 5 November 2019 at 8 pm

Present: Cllrs John Thorne (Chairman), Beth Hooper, Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Christine Ryder, Andrew Tucker, David Key (EDDC), Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk) and Janice Alexander from Devon Communities Together

**Receive apologies for absence** from Cllrs Tom Nancarrow, Michele Turner, Colin Brown (EDDC) and Iain Chubb (DCC and EDDC)

**Minutes of previous meeting** held on Tuesday, 1 October 2019, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Hooper and seconded by Cllr Ryder).

**Declaration of Interest** Cllr Hooper declared a prejudicial interest in item 2.1.6 (the appeal at Higher Wick Farm) and left the room when this item was discussed.

The meeting was closed to allow Janice Alexander to speak about the Housing Needs Survey.

**Housing Needs Survey** Before considering the provision of affordable housing, it is essential to carry out a Housing Needs Survey to establish whether there is a need for affordable housing in the parish. Devon Communities Together works with rural communities to gather this information. As a rule, building associations will only look at a project to build a minimum of six houses. A Community Land Trust is an option that a community may decide to follow and there is money available from a £1.2m fund. Subject to planning permission, building can be anywhere in or around villages that have been designated as unsustainable and some neighbouring villages have embarked on their own projects.

Some Parish Councillors felt that the questions asked on the survey form were very intrusive but Janice said that anyone who applied for affordable housing would expect to provide this information. The Parish Council would be responsible for delivering the survey forms to households by hand but the completed forms would be returned in a pre-paid envelope to Devon Communities so no-one apart from Devon Communities personnel would have access to the information.

EDDC have agreed to fund three Housing Needs Surveys a year and Luppitt is one of them. The Parish Council would be asked for a contribution of £300 towards costs. Taking into account Christmas, Janice felt that February would be the earliest that the survey could be carried out.

Cllr Thorne thanked Janice for taking the time to come and talk to the Parish Council and for answering questions. Janice had explained the process clearly and this will enable the Parish Council to discuss the matter in more depth and reach a decision.

Janice Alexander left and the meeting resumed.

## PLANNING

Applications (for comment, support or objection) None

## Decisions

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

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

### **Appeals**

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

The Parish Council's statement to be forwarded to the Inspector was discussed and agreed.

## **HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

**Parish Highways programme** - update on Items to Report

**Uxford Bridge to Crook Cross** Cllr Thorne, the Chairman of Combe Raleigh Parish Meeting and the clerk are meeting the Neighbourhood Highways Officer on Friday, 8 November, at 10 am to discuss this stretch of road which has badly deteriorated.

### **Parish Maintenance**

Cllrs Pulman and Thorne, as part of the Parish Maintenance Committee, have compiled a list of ditch and gutter clearing work to be carried out around the parish. (Full list is given in the Minutes on the website [HYPERLINK "http://www.luppittparishcouncil.co.uk"](http://www.luppittparishcouncil.co.uk) [www.luppittparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.luppittparishcouncil.co.uk).)

It was agreed that Cllr Tucker should add these items to his list of lengthsman's work to be carried out.

Cllr Pulman advised that there are loose kerbstones near the new council house parking area that are dangerous. The clerk will report to EDDC.

**Salt Bins** All salt bins appear to be full apart from one between Shaugh and Langdale. The clerk will request that this is filled.

There is an overhanging tree at Shaugh, near Ford Bridge. The clerk will write to the property owner to ask for it to be cut back.

## **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

Footpaths 60, 61 and 62 Cllr Thorne has received further correspondence regarding East Devon Ramblers' claims to these footpaths. The public inquiry will be held on Wednesday, 12 February 2020 in the Mackarness Hall, Honiton.

## **ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

**Community Policing Report** No report received.

**Contribution to Childrens' Christmas party** It was agreed to donate £150.00 (S137 payment) towards the cost of the party (proposed by Cllr Pulman, seconded by Cllr Tucker).

**VE Day celebrations** In association with the Central Council of Church Bells Ringers, churches and cathedrals are being encouraged to take part by ringing their bells at 7 pm on Friday, 8 May 2020, in a collective celebration of peace. It was suggested by Cllr Thorne and agreed by the Parish Council that the clerk should register Luppitt's intention to take part by ringing the bells of St Mary's Church.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Quarterly check – internal financial control Cllr Ryder has checked the cash book and reconciliation for the quarter ended September 2019 and confirmed that all is correct. Some companies do not accept cheques when supplying goods online. It was agreed that the clerk should apply for a debit card to use in these instances (proposed by Cllr Hooper, seconded by Cllr Ryder). The card will be specifically restricted for use by the clerk who is the Responsible Financial Officer and will be subject to the same authorisations as with cheque payments. Clause 6.18 of the Financial Regulations refers.

Agree S137 payments (donations) for 2020/21

The following S137 payments were agreed: TRIP £55.00; Citizens Advice Bureau £55.00; Royal British Legion £20.00; Devon Air Ambulance £100.00; Devon Freewheelers £100.00; British Heart Foundation £50.00; Luppitt Packet £160.00; Luppitt Children's Christmas Party £150.00. The clerk will draw up a projected budget for 2020/21. The clerk will clarify with the editors of the Luppitt Packet whether or not the contribution from the Parish Council of £160.00 is still needed.

### **Agree meeting dates for 2020**

It was agreed that the PC would continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 8 pm.

**Correspondence** There was no correspondence.

## **CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION**

The clerk passed on comments from a parishioner about the Luppitt Packet.

Cllr Pulman reported that there was a bag with plasterboard that had been dumped in the layby between Greenway and Yard Farm. The clerk will follow up with EDDC.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** No questions and the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

**Next meeting to be held in Luppitt Village Hall on Tuesday, 3 Dec. at 8pm**

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## **EAST DEVON DC ARE REVIEWING DOG CONTROLS**

The council is required to review its dog controls every 3 years. The controls are contained within Public Spaces Protection Orders and these can be read in full on the council website [eastdevon.gov.uk/media/2142102/dog-control-pspo-signed-order-with-maps-june-2017-part-01.pdf](http://eastdevon.gov.uk/media/2142102/dog-control-pspo-signed-order-with-maps-june-2017-part-01.pdf)

The review is an opportunity for communities to suggest changes - either to request different controls or to remove some that currently exist. If you wish to suggest changes you must provide supporting information to the Parish Council in the first instance.

Full details may be found on the Parish Council website [www.luppittparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.luppittparishcouncil.co.uk). At the moment, Luppitt sports field is listed as out of bounds for dogs and the item will be on the agenda for discussion at the December Parish Council meeting.

# UPOTTERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

The big news as we all returned after half term, was being greeted by our new library. On Monday, it was lovely to watch children's and parents' excitement as they discovered it for the first time, with its wonderful varied seating, new smart shelving, vibrant and exciting colours and welcoming feel. The new library will become central to our continued focus on improving reading ability across our school, fostering a love of reading and life-long learning, in all our children.

Congratulations to our Year 4,5 and 6 runners who took part in the East Devon finals at Bicton! All the children ran brilliantly and were excellent ambassadors for our school.

The whole school marked Armistice Day, with the Wren and Kingfisher classes having an assembly together about Poppies and Remembrance Day. During this time the children learnt about the importance of remembrance and observed the two minutes silence at 11 o'clock in the school hall. At the same time, Mrs Yallop and Mr. Legg, along with other staff and the chair of governors, Nicola Cornish, walked to the war memorial in the village, with the Kestrel and Falcon classes, to remember those men and women who served, and still serve, in our armed forces, and also to think about those we care about and to be grateful for the lives and opportunities we have today. They then observed the two minutes silence standing around the memorial itself. It was a very moving tribute from all of our older children. It is important to emphasise how very impressed and proud we all felt at how respectfully they conducted themselves.

**Wren Class** Halloween pictures; playing in the new sandpit; finding an alien had crash landed in the playground; making shape rockets. We enjoyed learning about shapes, making our own 3D shapes, phonics, playing outside, hot chocolate in Forest School and making wood spiders. Cake sale; non-uniform for Children in Need; making our space crafts; painting planets.

**Kingfisher class** doing our smoothie project; making our own smoothies; learning about James Lind and how he found a cure for scurvy; finding features of non-chronological reports and planning our own; PE with Mrs Davy and Mr Clements; art inspired by Carl Warner. We loved designing our golden ticket invitations, having a go at our speed maths questions, using pastels in art, repeating rhythms with musical instruments, singing food glorious food, coming to parents evening and sharing our books. Learning about Remembrance Day; having PE with Mrs Davy; learning how to multiply and divide in maths; sharing our work, smoothies and fruit with our parents; designing our Parish Pump covers and enjoyed wearing our own clothes for Children in Need.

**Kestrel Class** circuits in science; mental subtraction and graphs in maths; drawing a shoe and looking at textures in art; showing our topic homework; sketching techniques, using computers to design leaflets, theme park projects, Native American homework and PE; determiners in literacy; Children in Need; cake sale; designing our Parish Pump Christmas covers; developing a Stick Man figure in art; PE with Mr Legg; 9 times tables in maths; times table songs.

**Falcon Class** putting together our memory books from Pixies Holt; writing thank you letters to Pixies Holt; fractions in maths – converting from improper fractions to mixed numbers; looking forward to the Halloween Disco. We enjoyed the netball tournament at Honiton Primary School, starting our new topic, Frozen Kingdom, writing an adventure story, short multiplication in Maths and problem solving, new house point accountants; sport with Mrs Davy – stamina and running skills; starting work on our Titanic news report; designing Parish Pump Christmas covers; maths – short division and reasoning questions; finishing publishing our adventure stories; finishing our class book 'Kensuke's Kingdom'; Children in Need.