LUPPITT PACKET



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WHAT'S ON

APRIL

Thu 2nd Easter Bingo CANCELLED

We hope to reschedule for later in the year -

the Easter Eggs will still be just as good!

Tue 21st Annual Parish Meeting 8pm Village Hall*

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Bowls Mondays, 7.30pm
Social Club Wednesdays 8pm
Yoga Wednesdays 7-8.15pm
Barnfield Thursdays 9.30am-4pm
Coffee Morning Fridays 11.00am -12.30pm

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN MAY

May 2nd Bell Ringers Outing to Ilfracombe

May 8th VE Day Dinner & Dance 7.30pm Village Hall

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Village Hall - 8pm Tuesday 21st April

This will feature a talk on Climate Change by James Chubb from EDDC, a Countryside manager who looks after nature reserves and open spaces. He is an expert in ecology, biodiversity, open space management.

LUPPITT ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE

*** Volunteers needed to join the Committee ***

If you can spare some time to help and maybe bring along fresh ideas for our fundraising events, please contact
Pat Bussey 892720, or email pat.bussey27@gmail.com.
Follow us on Facebook at Luppitt Events

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Secretary Jean Hooper 892969

HALL HIRE CHARGES PER HOUR

£10 to include light use of the kitchen Tea/Coffee preparation £15 to include full use of the kitchen £20 to include full use of the kitchen and games room

LUPPITT WIVES

All meetings are cancelled until further notice

OTTER BALE

SATURDAY 4TH JULY 7.00 FOR 7.30 PM AT MATHAYES CROSS, EX14 4SA

DINNER & DANCING DRESS - BLACK OR WHITE TIE

In aid of Force & Devon Air Ambulance

£85 PER TICKET (TABLES 10-12)

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK TICKETS EMAIL tor@otterbrewery.com



GARDEN JOTTINGS

This month I'm writing about two bulb-type plants with large flowers and long leaves, one often pink, the other typically orange, one for outside, just about, the other for indoors or greenhouses.

Clivias are orange. They come from Africa, named after Lady Clive. So I call them clive-ias, although a lot of people say clivia as in cliff. There are four species, but the only one usually seen is miniata after its Latin red-lead colour. Paler and yellowish forms are mentioned. A good source for this plant is Cotswold Nursery near Evesham. A number of named varieties and species are listed in their catalogue, including some with pendant flowers.

The orange clivia flowers appear in spring, when you have watered them after a dryish winter. The long leaves are dark green. Clivias grow in shaded places and do not like direct sunlight. Although they look like bulbs, they do not actually grow bulbs. They should be propagated by splitting off side-shoots at the base. These should have roots attached to them. They should be kept damp at first, but not drowned. Clivias must be grown frost free in winter, as the leaves are killed by freezing.

This month's pink bulb for the garden outside is the Crinum. This is just a Greek word for lily. I call it a crinum as in crinoline, but usually people pronounce the name a in cry. Although some crinums come from Africa like clivias, they grow in other warm regions too. The crinum you usually see is Powell's crinum, a large clump of long green curved leaves with large pink flowers in August. With warm weather it will flower early even as early as May near Rome.

There are several crinum species and hybrids, all large plants with huge bulbs. Transplanting and splitting up mature clumps is a herculean task. This should be done in late spring when there is warmth and rain. There are several types of crinum either with pink or white flowers. Some are described as pink with red stripes. I see Fothergills are now advertising a new hybrid like this. Some are said to be heavily, and heavenly, scented. I have not seen these myself.

Both clivias and crinums are rather like large pink or orange agapanthuses. Growing them will give your garden an exotic tropical look.

David Street

Rabbit or chicken a la creole

Serves 4

4 pieces of rabbit or chicken , 2 onions, 1 tomato, 1 dessert spoon flour, 1 teaspoon curry powder, Celery salt

Season and brown the chicken or rabbit and then put in a low oven for 25 minutes. Meanwhile chop onions and tomato and soften in butter, add flour, curry and celery salt, then add stock and allow to cook slowly, stirring a bit for 30 minutes. Pass this through a sieve, then add cream to the pieces of chicken or rabbit and serve with boiled rice.

Amian Fry

LUPPITT INN CHRONICLES

Those readers who have been paying proper attention will remember that last month I mentioned a possible Viking invasion. Well, I now report another sighting. A well upholstered pleasant gentleman of a certain age, sporting abundant facial and cranial hair appeared in the Inn the other evening. He said he was from across the border in Somerset. Another foreigner so my suspicions were aroused! We shook hands and I immediately observed he was unable to straighten his little and ring fingers (S. Holmes would be proud of me) – another Dupuytrens contracture! He admitted he had a family history – so definitely another Viking. He was certainly a man who would look the part at the prow of a Viking long boat clutching an axe.

The conversation moved swiftly on to other medical matters. Our new Viking explained he had recently been told by his wife to report to his lady GP (a favourite amongst many Luppittites for her charm and skill) that he had acute belly ache. Having examined him said GP advised that he might have an aneurysm (not good news) and that he should go immediately by ambulance to the nearest 'Temple of Health and Efficiency'. Anyway to cut a long and potentially tedious story short, he was duly scanned and told that apart from assorted giblets in varying states of elderly decay there was nothing much to find. On his way home he recalled that while stuck in a traffic jam some hours before, he had tucked into half a dozen oranges from his shopping bag and wondered whether this might possibly have been the cause of his bellyache. And we wonder why the NHS is under strain?

Another month, we welcome another new face. I fell into conversation with Martin, who has recently moved into Luppitt House; I asked him where he was from, to which I thought he replied "what's a rich man worth?". His gambit puzzled me but after adjusting my hearing aid to counter the hubbub, my confusion resolved - he is in fact "our man from Rickmansworth", an oasis of calm and gentility near the end of London's Metropolitan line. He explained that he was a Rickmansworth man born and bred but that his little birth village had now changed beyond recognition. Over the years RMW had been slowly over run by in-comers heading outwards from Pinner who had in turn been over-run by etc etc – and RMW had become just another London suburb. So in search of rural bliss, Martin's solution was to break free and head for Luppitt. He now plans to take a few months off to explore the fleshpots of Luppitt; good luck to that - he may soon realise there is more fun to be had back at work.

C. Luppittus

THE STORY BEHIND A BANK NOTE

Our current banknotes celebrate famous Britons – Churchill on the £5, Jane Austen on the £10, the artist JW Turner on the £20 and now Alan Turing on the £50 note. It will soon be the 75th anniversary of VE Day, so I felt that Alan Turing, the brains behind Bletchley Park and its code breakers, should be remembered in The Packet.

Alan Turing's story is tragic. His work laid the groundwork for the invention of the modern computer, and during World War 2 he led a team of code breakers to successfully crack the Nazi's Enigma code and later designed ACE, one of the

world's first stored-program computers. And yet, despite his huge contribution to Allied success in WW2, in 1952 he was convicted of "gross indecency" for having a relationship with another man and was sentenced to be chemically castrated. The process left him impotent and growing breasts. He later killed himself in

1954. In 2013, he was issued a posthumous pardon by Queen Elizabeth.



"It was nothing short of a tragedy how a country he had served with such distinction treated him after the war, persecuting him for his homosexuality... That's why it's wonderful to see Turing on the note, as a powerful symbol of the long overdue recognition he deserves," said British Artificial Intelligence researcher

Demis Hassabis at the unveiling, "The technology we use every day and can't imagine life without – none of this would have been possible without Turing's work."

Turing did not choose to be "gay" any more than others, who are not gay, choose to be "straight". His story should make us pause to consider that while public attitudes and beliefs about homosexuality have become more enlightened, many still regard sexual orientation a matter of social disapproval or moral condemnation rather than a biological fact.

Nigel Hurst

ORAL FOLK TALES - HOW OLD AND HOW TRUE ARE THEY?

A recent article in The Economist* reported on work which confirmed the great _____ antiquity of two folk tales.



The Klamath, Native Americans in Oregon,have a story about an underworld god called Lloa. He fell in love with a mortal woman but grew furious when he refused his advances. He emerged from a mountain and cascaded fire on her village. He was then attacked by Skell a sky god who wished to protect human beings. Skell forced Llao back into the earth and the mountain collapsed. Terrible rains followed and the hole left behind became a lake. The mountain

in question is Mount Mazama a dormant volcano containing Crater Lake. Geological evidence shows that it erupted 7,700 years ago, so the oral tradition of Skell, Llao and the maiden has been passed on for a remarkably long time - nearly 8000 years.

In Victoria, Australia another indigenous group, the Gunditjimara also have a tale about a lake filled volcano - Budj Bim - which turns out to be even more ancient. Their story tells of the land and trees dancing as ancient beings came to life from deep in the ground. One of these, Budj Bim, spat liquid fire from between his teeth when he emerged. Dr Erin Matchan from Melbourne University has recently dated the eruption of this volcano to an amazing 37,000 years ago. The story of Budj Bim is now by far the oldest in human story telling.

UPOTTERY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Year 5 Children started back after half term and were asked to bring their bikes to school so that they could take part in 'Bikeability' for the week. Many of you will know this as Cycling Proficiency. The children were taught how to ride and use their bikes safely and responsibly. This included learning how to manoeuvre and signal correctly and they were allowed out onto the road. In addition to the pratical lessons, they all had to complete theory lessons too where they discussed appropriate responses to a range of scenarios that they may encounter. Finally, after that they had a series of cycling tasks and scenarios on the road before they could pass and be awarded their 1st and 2nd stage of the Bikeability accreditation. The children all did brilliantly despite having to dodge rain, hail and snow showers.

All the children in school were able to take part in World Book Day on 5th March. Those who wanted to, were allowed to dress up as a character from a book and bring a book in to read. It is always a popular day and the children looked amazing and had a lot of fun!

The whole school enjoyed their disco at the beginning of the month. It is always lovely to see the children enjoy doing things together out of school time and they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Finally, our wonderful school takes the care of the children very seriously and they are therefore setting up an Upottery Parent/Carer Support Group which will be open to all parents and carers of children in the school. It will be an opportunity to talk about, and seek advice and support, on a range of parenting topics, from bedtime routines and sleeping, through to school and home based worries, anxiety and other emotional or behavioural needs. Initially, the sessions will be led by Chris Legg, with the support of the School Nursing team and our school nurse, Emily Meek, and over time we hope to invite other professional agencies who will be able to advise and support, depending on what the group feels it needs moving forward. As a school, we very much hope that not only will we be able to help and signpost, but also that the group will be able to offer support to one another.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

Between now as I write this article and when you read it a great deal will have changed in England with behaviour around the Covid19 pandemic. I can't avoid referring to it now, as it is so important, but I do know that the situation today will not be that in over two weeks time.

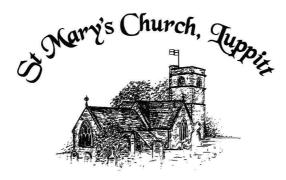
As I write we are receiving advice that appears to be different from that being given to our friends in Europe and I have no idea what that advice will have become. I would suggest however that the general line of action we should be taking in mid March should be exactly the same as in early April. We should be mitigating the risks – the risks will change but our action in the face of them should be the same.

Avoiding risk is something I have done throughout my various careers in the context of the task in hand – as an Army officer I was responsible for the soldiers under my command and whether in barracks, on exercise or when on operations we had a job to do, my responsibility was to complete the task or mission and mitigate the risks. When I became a builder I was in an environment where health and safety were absolutely key, just as they are in farming. As an offshore sailor I was again in a dangerous environment and safety of myself and fellow crew was paramount. The Covid19 pandemic in this context is little different and, importantly, just as with the Army, construction and sailing is not something we are in alone. There is so much we can do to safeguard ourselves, but much more importantly there is so much we can do to safeguard those around us.

As a Christian it is my duty love others as instructed by Jesus - you shall love your neighbour yourself and as I have loved you, so you must love one another. In today's context loving myself includes avoiding all risks to myself, loving my neighbour means just the same; loving one another as Jesus loved us just amplifies this. We must look after each other.

The other major risks facing us today are not in front of us in the same way – these are risks others are facing on Pacific islands, in central Africa quite sharply and at home in a much more muted way. We can and should be doing everything we can to mitigate the very real risks of Climate Change. As a nation we aspire to become carbon neutral by 2050, the Church of England has recently set a date of 2030 to do the same. This is not just a responsibility of government or the church – as with the pandemic this is our responsibility and we can all take action. Do you need to go on holiday abroad or could you go to Carnarvon or the Isle of Skye? Do you really need a 2 litre all wheel drive vehicle, farmers do but do you? Do you need to buy food that has travelled across the world like blueberries from Chile. We are surrounded by risk – we all have to take responsibility for mitigating them.

John Hayhoe



4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. Matthew 4:1,2

OUR SERVICES DURING MARCH

1st 9:30 am Holy Communion BCP Revd J Hayhoe

Tell us what you think: We are keenly aware that improvements can be made to our Church services, activities and outreach so we would be delighted to hear your ideas for what can be done differently or better. Contact Sara on 891140, email admin@dunkeswell.org.uk or leave a note in the wall safe at the Church.

Your Church St. Mary's belongs to everyone in Luppitt and is open every day. Do pop in and enjoy the tranquillity of this beautiful building and the glorious views from the Churchyard.

The Church may be booked for events.

We pray for our community, thinking especially of the sick and lonely. We pray for all who have been affected by the severe weather and flooding this winter.



LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk's report of a Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held at Luppitt Village Hall on Tuesday, 3 March 2020 at 8 pm

Present: Cllrs John Thorne (Chairman), Tom Nancarrow (Vice Chairman), Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Andrew Tucker, Michele Turner, David Key (EDDC), Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk)

Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Christine Ryder, Beth Hooper, Iain Chubb (DCC and EDDC) and Colin Brown (EDDC)

Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 11 February 2020, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting with the amendment that Cllr Turner attended the site visit at Dolish Farm, not Cllr Tucker (proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Pulman).

Declaration of Interest

Cllr Tucker declared an interest in the planning application at Little Shelvin as he has carried out work there.

PLANNING

Applications (for comment, support or objection)

20/0376/FUL – Little Shelvin, Luppitt, EX14 4UF – construction of single storey extension and porch to front

The Parish Council has no objection to this planning application.

Decisions

None

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Thorne said that Roger Hicks has agreed to continue to work on the Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council is grateful to Roger for all his work so far and would like him to continue (proposed by Cllr Tucker, seconded by Cllr Turner with all in favour). Roger has given Cllr Thorne a completed final draft together with a suggested timetable for future steps in the process. It was agreed to have some hard copies (6-12) printed. The clerk will contact printers in Dunkeswell for a price (proposed by Cllr Nancarrow, seconded by Cllr Turner with all in favour). Cllr Turner offered to forward the draft Plan to the printers. The clerk will email the Community Actions to the Parish Councillors for their consideration.

HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

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

- Uxford Bridge to Crook Cross a resident has spoken to the NHO who said that he is planning to dig out the ditch and put in a concrete pipe and haunch and will then resurface the road using heavy-duty tarmac.
- Loose kerbstones at Millrise clerk to report again as now a dangerous hazard.
- Severe potholes at the end of Gully Lane near Jack's House clerk will take photographs and report again.

- Potholes in School Lane and potholes from Greenlands to Churchland clerk to report again.
- New items to report potholes between Higher Wick and Fortfield houses; pothole between Dumpdon car park and The Linhay; potholes and subsidence from Ringborough Cross to Coombeshead and from Coombeshead to Luppitt Common.

Parish Maintenance

Road near Whitehall Farm

Completed

Ditch clearing (NHO's response)

The response from the NHO was noted. Landowners have a responsibility to keep their own ditches clear. The Parish Council works hard throughout the year to keep ditches around the parish as clear as possible and it is important that landowners maintain their own ditches at the same time.

Work between Mount Stephens and the telephone exchange (pipe to pipe) will be added to Cllr Tucker's list of work.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Footpath 26 There is a rotten waymark on Footpath 26 on the Hillend road just above Snooks.

ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Community Policing Report and Neighbourhood Watch

Recorded crime figures between 1 January and 31 December 2019 are as follows:

Violence with injury – 1 Violence without injury – 4

Burglary non-dwelling -2 Other theft -4 Criminal damage -3 Other offences -1

PCSO Darren England reports that staffing levels have got better and there is now a new Neighbourhood Sergeant working out of Honiton station covering town and rural Honiton and Axminster. The clerk has registered with the police notification service that covers Devon and Cornwall.

Confirm date for Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday, 21 April, has been agreed for the Annual Parish Meeting. The speaker will be James Chubb who is a Countryside manager who looks after nature reserves and open spaces. He is an expert in ecology, biodiversity, open space management and has wide knowledge of these aspects of climate change. There will be an opportunity to discuss various topics and the Parish Council hopes that as many residents as possible will attend.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Appointment of internal auditor

Gavin Brake has agreed to act as internal auditor for another year.

Correspondence

 Royal Voluntary Service is currently developing a volunteer-led initiative across East Devon to help reduce isolation and loneliness within older people. TRIP is organising a similar initiative so the clerk will put both organisations in touch with each other.

- The clerk read out a letter of thanks from Devon Air Ambulance Trust for the Parish Council's recent S137 donation.
- The clerk has forwarded an email to the Village Hall Management Committee from Devon Communities giving information and advice on the coronavirus.

CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

Cllrs Thorne and Tucker agreed to meet to discuss the water that has risen in the middle of the road at Halsdon Cottages and also between Greenlands and Churchlands.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Dates for next meetings to be held in Luppitt Village Hall at 8 pm: Tuesday, 7 April 2020 Tuesday, 5 May 2020 (AGM)

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - Tuesday, 21 April 2020



THE BLACKDOWN HILLS TRANSITION GROUP

The Transition Group Repair Café participated in the National Big Fix on Feb 15th. I was well prepared having found two broken garden tools, a pitchfork and a garden fork both requiring new handles. Burning out the old broken handles in a garden fire I then acquired new handles from

the local hardware shop and took them to the Repair Café. David the repairer readily accepted them but cautioned that he wouldn't be able to fix them on the day but would during the week. I filled out the appropriate forms. The following Wednesday David called me to let me know the forks had new handles and were awaiting collection in Hemyock. There was no fee just a request to make a donation to the Transition Group at the next Repair Café. The forks once painted up and handles oiled look brand new. Thank you David.

But what a great day the Big Fix was. Some basic data collected on the day: The incoming receptionists recorded 249 registration forms, however several of these contained more than one item, especially in the case of knife sharpening. The total of actual items which the Volunteer Repairers actually handled was 363. Of this total 289 items were actually repaired or fixed, with another 17 items taken offsite to repair and 18 items required parts and advice was given, leaving only 39 items that could not be repaired. 38 Volunteer Repairers where present at this event, together with 10 In Admin and 24 assisting either on the Floor or helping out in the Café providing bacon rolls, tea coffee and donated homemade cakes. None of the volunteers receives any remuneration giving their time and knowledge free to the events.

The next Repair Café which was to be held on 23rd May has been cancelled.

For more information and to volunteer please email Stephan Lehner at blackdownhillsrc@gmail.com or phone 0771 546 0783. All details are on our website at http://www.blackdownhillstransition.net.

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Location of defibrillators			

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Village Hall EX14 4RT

Loman's Farm, EX14 4TX (near Red Doors)

CHURCH FLOWER & CLEANING ROTA

March 7th Wendy Clapp & Mary Hill 14th Pearl Pulman & Mary Joyce

21st Olive Clapp, Vanessa Nancarrow & Sara Gordon

28th Shirley Crabb & tbc

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