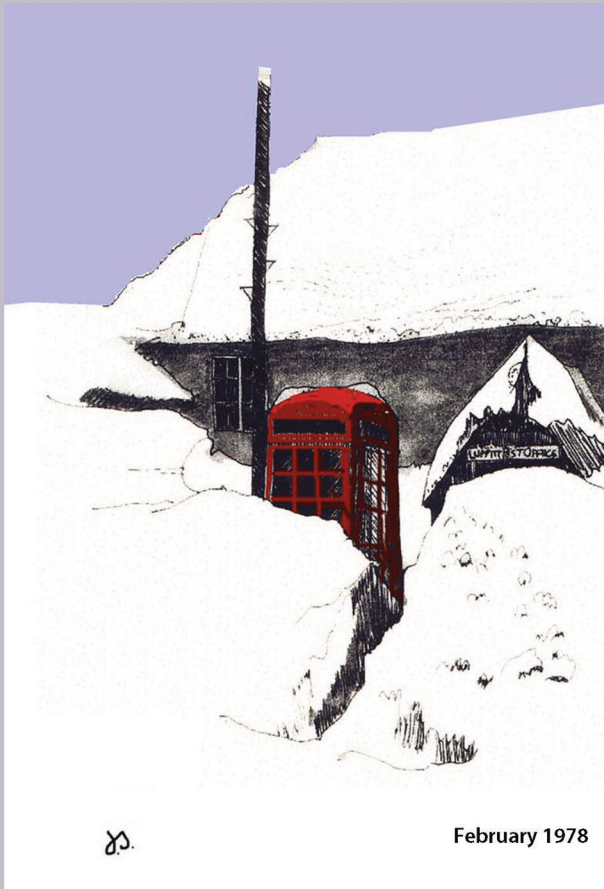


LUPPITT PACKET



February 2020

THE LUPPITT PACKET

We would like to extend our special thanks to Harry Timms (deceased) who left The Packet a generous bequest of £150. In this edition, Amian Fry gives an account of the history of The Packet, there is a (slightly spooky) short story by a local writer and our usual contributions of Garden Jottings, Luppitt Inn Chronicles and John Hayhoe's epistle.

Please send us your contributions to help us entertain our readers!

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WHAT'S ON

FEBRUARY

6 th , 7 th , 8 th	Pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' 7.30pm Village Hall
Tues 11th	Parish Council Meeting, 8pm Village Hall
Wed 12th	Wednesday Club: 2.30pm Churchinford Village Hall
Sat 15th	Repair Cafe 10am – 4pm Hemyock Parish Hall
Thur 20th	Luppitt Wives - 8pm, Shirley Crabb
Frid 21st	Honiton Young Farmers Disco
Sat 22nd	Charity event - Taunton Ukelele Strummers Village Hall
Wed 26th	Wednesday Club. 2.30pm Churchinford 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 -12.30am

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN MARCH/APRIL

Mar Wed 11th	Wednesday Club. 2.30pm Churchinford Village Hall
Mar Sat 14th	Irish evening (St Patrick's day) Village Hall
Mar Wed 25th	Wednesday Club. 2.30pm Churchinford Village Hall
Mar Fri 27th	St Marys Church Luppitt Spring quiz 7.30pm Village Hall
Apr Thur 2nd	Easter Bingo Village Hall

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 from 1 January 2020

£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

MOBILE LIBRARY

Mount Stephens: 10.45-11.15am

February 19th, March 18th, April 15th



SWALING OR BURNING OF THE LUPPITT COMMONS

The Trustees of Luppitt Commons hereby give notice of their intent (weather permitting) to burn parts of the Commons (Luppitt, Hartridge, Hense Moor) during the months of February & March 2020.

The Commons will be burnt in accordance with the code of practice laid down by DEFRA for the burning of heather, grass, gorse and vaccinium.

LOST IN LUPPITT??

Maps showing all properties in Luppitt are available from Joan Beckett.
Please call 891308 if you would like a copy.

**St Mary's Church
a date for your diary**

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**Luppitt
Spring Quiz
Friday, 27 March
7:30pm
in the Village Hall**
more details next month ...

**Come and celebrate
ST PATRICKS DAY
with an
Irish Evening**

**At Luppitt Village Hall
Saturday 14th March
7.30 for 8pm**

**Enjoy some Irish-themed
food and entertainment**

***** Bar with Guinness *****

Tickets: £10

Wear something green

TAUNTON UKELELE STRUMMERS CLUB

**Luppitt Village hall
Saturday 22nd February
Doors open 7pm performance
7.30pm**

Light refreshments

Tickets £10

**To book 01404891412 or
07796616389
Proceeds to WHERE**

WEDNESDAY CLUB

**Churchinford Village Hall 2.30pm
Feb 12th**

Life & works of Joyce Grenfell

Feb 26th Quiz

March 11th

**From bear to panda - Andrew Bell
talks about journey from Russia to
China**

March 25th

**The Royal Voluntary Service & Me -
Mandy Turner**

SLEEPING BEAUTY

COMING SOON TO A THEATRE NEAR YOU



Pantomime at the world famous Luppitt National Theatre has now been running for ten seasons. This years' panto has, until now, been surrounded by tight security, but The Packet was able to secure an exclusive interview with Steve Berry who, for a 7th season, is Director-Producer of this years' Sleeping Beauty. I found him painting the set, a job he clearly loves! Steve was very keen to emphasise that the production was, as always, a true team effort – no prima donnas in this group! There are nearly 20 in the team and they started weekly two hour rehearsals back in October. After Christmas they will be rehearsing twice weekly – not to mention the hours spent learning lines and practical preparatory work. The Packet has

kept its promise not to publish any details but it is fair to say that in terms of man hours (over 700) it is a huge effort and the Packet hopes that once again it will be a huge success!

THE THIRTY FOURTH BIRTHDAY OF THE LUPPITT PACKET

This year The Packet will be 34 years old and Amian Fry has written an account of its early years. There are many stories about Amian's feisty personality but it was this that got the Packet going in the first place – in the face of significant difficulties. We also record that Jack, her black retriever appreciates the Packet; he ate the December edition. Here is Amian's story....

TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF THE LUPPITT PACKET

I should start with a little personal history. Many years ago when I was a student, I travelled every week day, from my home in Bedford to London. My Father also travelled on the same train and he would buy the Times (and travel 1st class0 and I would buy the Daily Telegraph and travel 3rd. On the return journey we would swap papers. My Father would tease me that I would end up editing The Times.

Little did I think I would edit the Packet! I met John, fell in love, married and became an Army wife. I still read the Telegraph and feel strongly that the written press is vital to maintain our freedom in many ways, particularly putting a spotlight on all forms of Government, nation and local. If you only get your news from the TV, it is very limited.

We moved to Hillend in May 1978 and missed a village magazine, there was only a sheet of church news which Olive Clapp produced on a Roneo. We were so busy that we could have lived our life at Hillend and paid little attention to village affairs. However in 1982 Faith Liscombe persuaded John to become involved in the Village Hall, (the only bit standing was the kitchen!). We had noticed a big change in the parish, farm houses were sold away from their land, cottages repaired by new residents, but there was nothing to bring us together. May 1986, at the annual Parish meeting, I asked if more news could be added to the Church news sheet but no. I talked to Pat Heasey about this we did a survey of the voting population and found that two thirds worked outside the village. I then discussed my proposal of a village magazine with Nick Wall and Olive Clapp and, although they both thought it was a good idea, Olive did not want to produce it. I then contacted the Community Council of Devon who are very keen to support village magazines but cannot support a church magazine, so I decided to try, and on my theory that women are optimistic I invited all the women I knew to a meeting one evening at Hillend. I arranged for Mrs Brighthouse, the Editor of the Woodbury News and Desera from the Community Council to come and give us a talk. Desera brought samples of other Devon magazines and at the end I asked for volunteers: Jean Hooper, Naomi Lott, Pat Hearsay, Jennifer Hesketh Jones volunteered, and Julia Sparks said she would draw us a cover and joined the editorial team. Joan Beckett soon joined and Rene Tucker and Kathy Crabb added to the team. But the main trouble was that nobody wanted to pay anything! Richard Hearsay said he would give us a weather report and Mary Barnard would write us a gardening article. I wrote to all organisations in the village to write us a monthly report and they all agreed except the Parish Council. I knew that anyone could write a personal report on the Parish Council, even in the Times, so I attended every Council meeting from 1986 to 2000 when I retired from editing the Packet. Our first hurdle was finance so the team worked hard to find advertisers from local business we knew personally; Nick Wall suggested that I speak to John Carr of FRM and Mr Carr handed me £25 and we were able to buy our first lot of paper. The first issue was printed on a photocopier at Whitehall Farm, the home of Jennifer Hesketh Jones, but we could not impose on their hospitality for long. We had our first coffee morning at Hillend in November 1986, but I can't remember much as I had a temperature of 102 with flu and collapsed into bed afterwards! We raised enough money to buy a second hand copier from the Social Service in Tiverton that had been found for us by the Community Council. We aimed to have different covers each month and Joan did a different cartoon each month. We had an editorial meeting in my study every month, and Joan helped me paste the copy like an old fashioned newspaper. I then printed the copy and we had another meeting in my kitchen when we stapled the Packet together. The second hand copier lasted a few years, but kept breaking down at the most inconvenient times, the final straw was halfway through the December issue, and John had to finish printing the final pages at work. We then received a generous donation from the late Mr Jacobs of Beacon and we were financially stable enough with the help of Devon County Council to enter a contract with Rank Xerox, and Devon CC helped with

a paper supplier in Exeter. I was able to sell the old photocopier for more than we paid for it! A few years later we upgraded to a larger photocopier which was very fast and didn't break down. I had to improve the floor of our utility room to house this copier and made the concrete floor as John was recovering from a hip operation. John finished the floor as he did not approve of my work! I always kept one page for last so I could incorporate the weather. We had a final copy date but of course pieces did come in late, on one occasion I had to print one article in small type so that I could squeeze it in (and then they complained). John often told me to put my foot down but I did want to get everything in for the readers.

We had difficulty finding a farming correspondent so I used FWAG with their permission. Vim Verplanke followed Mary Barnard's gardening articles and then David and Jackie Street. We reprinted Mary's articles in a little booklet. Noel George followed Richard Hearsay on weather and Nan George added weather lore. Nan Brown wrote two series on shopping in Taunton and Wellington. It would be good if something similar could be produced.

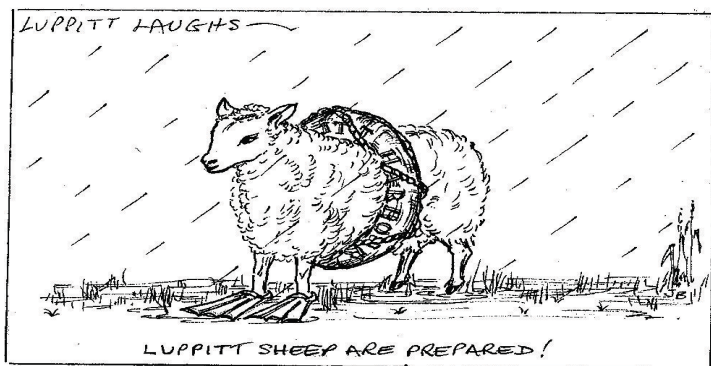
The recipes section makes The Packet different from other village magazines. The coffee mornings helped with finances, but also allowed many of us to meet socially, to exchange ideas and visit homes we might not otherwise visit. I produced enough magazines so that we could send copies to houses just outside the parish boundary, and we received generous donations from those residents and hoped they would attend our village functions.

Newspapers always change with a new Editor and The Luppitt Packet has changed. I gave up Editorship in December 2000 and it has changed, but I missed the companionship when John died. I hope the Packet will continue for many years to come and bring news and entertainment to all of us who are lucky enough to live in such a lovely part of Devon. I took the name from the Falmouth Packet, a local paper I use to read on my summer holidays in Cornwall and is a pun on Luppitt Harbour! The 18th and 19th century Packet ships were the first to land news especially after naval battles.

An editor of a village magazine has a harder life than the Editor of the Times, you are producing a magazine for your neighbours and some just throw your work away. And you do have to badger people to write but I found there were so many who could write if you persuaded them. Don't wait to be asked, let The Packet have an article!

Amian Fry

LIVING IN THE WE*T COUNTRY



GARDEN JOTTINGS

One of the topics James Woodforde often mentions in his diary is the weather. Yes - you've got the Woodforde diary again this month. Though perhaps after this, I'd better leave it alone for a while at least anyway.

In his diary, winter ice and snow come up quite frequently. Freezing temperatures penetrate the rectory despite its insulating thatch roof. Piercing winds blow from the east. Pails of water drawn from the well soon freeze, milk in the kitchen is solid by morning, joints of meat are hard as blocks of wood, chamber pots are frozen under beds. With snow feet deep the lanes are impassable for horses and waggons. Coal runs out, and has to be brought with utmost difficulty from Yarmouth. Actually you can only wonder what the Yarmouth road was like even during summer in those days.

Yet not all winters are so cold. After a damaging storm in January - it cost £73/10s/11&1/2d to repair the church - February was so warm it was like June. And in summer there are hot spells too with frequent storms and torrential rain. On the 10th August 1787 violent thunder and lightning so scared James' two maids they ran downstairs crying and shrieking at one in the morning. There is gentle rain too and much fine weather to bring on the immemorial village harvest. So let's hope February 2020 brings this sort of weather. Let's hope there's plenty of sunshine and some rain to bring on those spring bulbs you set out last autumn - the daffodils, the snowdrops, the tulips and the crocuses. There're fritillaries too, and hyacinths, this last in every colour of the rainbow. Not all spring flowers are bulbs, even if some like anemones behave like bulbs. There're usually plenty of primroses and polyanthus waiting for a mild and sunny day.

And then there are irises. The iris family is large and varied. Apart from the common bearded or June flowering (often in May) iris with semi-surface rhizomes, there are the early flowering *reticulata* irises - mainly in blue and purplish. The flowers are followed by grass-like foliage. There are similar yellow species. There is also a pale hybrid Katherine Hodgkin, and possibly other more recent hybrids. These like a dry summer and are best dug up and stored then.

Hardy and spring cyclamen are a complete contrast. Plum coloured flowers ranging down to pale pink and even white come in long succession amidst mottled foliage, small versions of the Persian cyclamen. There are several of these hardy species, the most reliable being *coum*, often naturalised under trees.

The Chilean gentian blue crocus (*tecophilaea*) from the Andes is sometimes sold as hardy, but is best kept in a pot. It grows well in cold conditions and enjoys some frost and snow, but not too much. Mice too will go for the corms. Apart from pale and deep blues there is a dark purple form.

Yellow winter aconite is an early flower growing from something like a corm. Years go I remember its yellow flowers carpeting woods in Lincolnshire together with snowdrops in January. Here in Devon I have never been successful with growing it. You may do better.

There are lots of other spring bulbs and flowers, some better, some less well-known, some easy to grow, some more awkward - scillas, muscari, snowflakes, erythroniums, chionodoxas, puschkinia, corydalis, trilliums and many more.

David Street

Blackdown Hills Transition Group

THE NATIONAL “BIG FIX” EVENT

Come and be part of the Repair Revolution

Just imagine the potential media impact if a majority of Repair Cafes in the UK were all to hold an event on the same day! Well, it's actually happening on Saturday, 15th February when (as of the time of writing) around 60 of Repair Cafes all over the country (from Blackdown Hills to Belfast, Dover to Glasgow) are taking part in The National “Big Fix”. The event is the inspiration of Catherine Causley, Waste and Recycling Officer at Devon County Council who, following the success of her Devon-wide “Big Fix” in February 2019 (in which Blackdown Hills volunteers played a key part in achieving a record 268 repairs in one day), decided to extend the invitation across the country. This is likely to be the first, and biggest, event of its kind where a County Council takes the lead on a national scale.

We at the Blackdown Hills Transition Repair Café are super excited to be taking part – as is our “sister” Repair Café in Wellington – and are planning a day-long event, from 10am – 4pm, at Hemyock Parish Hall. The BHRC has, as its many stalwart supporters already know, consistently been hitting a 73% repair rate over its two-year history and we hope to exceed this in February!

What has all this to do with our current climate/ecological challenges you might ask? The most obvious answer is drawing attention to the amount of stuff that, often with a simple repair, can be saved from landfill, but it is also about community grass roots action, passing on much needed skills, involving members of the community who may be feeling isolated, and doing something that is not only fun but also brings a great sense of satisfaction.

However, this event is also a “Big Ask”! Not only do we need you to start rummaging in your garages, lofts and spare rooms for all those broken items you just can't bring yourself to throw away and bring them in for our volunteer repairers to work their magic on, but also, if you have any repair skills at all – from the most basic to the more specialised – we'd love to hear from you. We currently have a wonderful team of around 40 repair volunteers but it's a lot to ask them to “carry” the whole day. One of the most important jobs is on reception so if you are a “people person” please do get in touch. This is your chance to join in the Repair Revolution and be part of a ground breaking day.

Oh, I nearly forgot – our wonderful refreshments team will be serving teas, coffees and homemade cakes throughout the day with bacon sandwiches in the morning, and delicious soup and a roll at lunchtime!

For more information and to volunteer your help, please email Stephan Lehner at blackdownhillsrc@gmail.com or phone 0771 546 0783. See you there!

And finally, this is a final call for applications - due in by Friday, 7th February - for up to £250 to help get a local community sustainability project off the ground. All details are on our website at <http://www.blackdownhillstransition.net>.

LUPPITT CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Luppitt Christmas party was attended by over thirty children this year.

On arrival they had a magic show with games, singing and dancing followed by a hot meal. Father Christmas took time out from his busy schedule to drop in with a sack full of presents for a lot of very excited children.

Jacky O'Malley

CHRISTMAS PARTY, 14TH DECEMBER

This was a most enjoyable evening, with over 120 people sitting down to an excellent meal. Music during and after the meal was provided by John Capon, who subsequently donated his fee to Force Cancer Charity. This organisation provides support for anyone affected by cancer at centres in Exeter, Okehampton, Tiverton and Honiton. (See <https://forcecancercharity.co.uk> to learn more about the excellent work they do).

After the meal Stephen Smith, our new Village Hall Committee chairman, made a presentation to Brian Pulman as a mark of appreciation for his 24 years of service as chair of the Village Hall Committee, following his retirement from this role. Thank you Brian for all you have done and continue to do for the Village Hall.

We have taken on board feedback regarding the late finishing of the meal, and will be addressing these concerns when planning this year's party.

Our thanks to all those who helped to make the evening so successful.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

An informal get-together in the Village Hall was arranged for New Year's Eve, with a bring and share supper and 'bring your own' drinks. About thirty people came along and enjoyed music, good company, and seeing in the New Year together. Do let us know if this is something you would be interested in supporting next year!

Pat Bussey

THE LAST TRAIN - A SHORT STORY

I am the last to leave. The building is in darkness. The vast office is empty. Computers stand on every desk. All the operators have left and their machines seem suddenly forlorn. They tick over like stationary car engines. There is a large pile of files in my out-tray. Very satisfying to have completed all this work even though it has meant that I have stayed late and will now have to catch the last train home.

I try to switch off my desk light but it stays on. I go to the safe but cannot remember the combination so the files will have to stay out. The trolley messenger will collect them from my desk in the morning but no, I had forgotten, tomorrow is Saturday 30th February and the weekend begins. Till Monday then. No matter, all the files are empty anyway. No one could ever be interested in them.



I put my arm through my overcoat pocket and make my way to the gents at the end of the corridor. For some reason it is not in the usual place but eventually I find it. I open the sliding doors. Why should there be a sliding door to a toilet? Inside I pass the mirror and see someone reflected. It is not me but an old man. He is behind and I turn but he disappears into the shadows.

I leave and start the journey down. I am on the eighteenth and beam myself down through the floors quicker than any lift. I realise I have come too far. I am in the basement car park which is empty except for a vintage car at the far end which the boss keeps here. How do I get out? I walk all round trying doors and looking for a short staircase to the ground floor and eventually find a slide upwards and I emerge into the main lobby of the building. The revolving main door is locked so now I have to find the night security guard to open it for me. I find him dozing in a chair in the little office at the side of the main entrance. He's a bad tempered man who brings his keys but grumbles all the way to the exit.

At last I am in the streets. I have walked to the office from the main terminus that morning but while I have been working everything has changed. The streets are now like canyons, the dark offices constructed in the few hours I have been at my desk have risen up out of the ground like magic beanstalks. But they are not green but black, and grey and forbidding. There is no one to ask my way but surely I remember the direction.

I turn along something called north-south street which is straight and long. There are no shops now only office after office, some in glass and concrete, others in grey steel towering above the street into the darkness above. At the end I think I can see the station. No lights there but the entrances are unmanned and open. I go through and at the far end of the enormous canopy a lone train stands waiting. This is my train, this is my platform but my way is blocked by barriers and there is no one to ask why. I must catch it. It's my last chance. How can I reach the train now? There is only one way. No officials are around so I jump down onto the tracks by the buffers of the nearest platform. I am going to make my way across the tracks but some are electrified and I shall have to be careful. I can just see the dangerous ones and I hop over them whilst at the same time keeping my eye on the train. I am almost there and will have to climb back up onto my platform and run round the back of the last carriage. It starts to move and I have only seconds while it slowly leaves the station. Maybe I can keep up with it and wrench one of the doors open but it speeds up and I realise I am losing it.

Sweating and in horror at now having to spend the night on a park bench or even hidden away in one of the office doorways I have passed, I awaken from a kaleidoscope of chaotic thoughts and sit up, incredulous that everything is as it was. The relief is slow but when it comes I relax in a strange gratitude to nothing in particular.

JR - A local writer

THE LUPPITT INN CHRONICLES

The Yuletide and New Year festivals being over, the Inn saw a smattering of survivors creep in at the start of January. There was an air of quiet satisfaction as our trusty punters shared the general view that it was good to have survived the usual excess of beverages and fodder, and to be almost back to normal. Conversation turned to what might loosely be described as group reminiscence therapy with G and M musing about wild Luppitt parties of the past, with casual mention of velour leopard skin “budgy smugglers” and balloons (use your fertile imaginations readers), although none of the conversants seemed to remember anything much before 1991. Perhaps this was evidence of collective brain aging, especially with an average age heading well north of 50. To the casual observer, it was a bit like being in a SciFi film where humans have all had their brains re-programmed by aliens to think that their lives started in 1991. Either that or an old folks home. Scary stuff! Hopefully as livers regenerate and blood sugars fall, more normal cognitive function will be resumed.

There was also a fair bit of talk about “Luppitt Man’s” sporting prowess in Tug of War competitions, although again collective brains failed to recall anything pre-1991. The Inn has a number of historical photos some showing Luppitt Sporting Man in an earlier phase of evolution – looking svelt, toned, lean and fit. Any resemblance to the current occupants of the bar was clearly coincidental.....

C. Luppittus

BLACKDOWN HILLS COMMUNITY BUS

It has been another successful year for the minibus with the usual mix of clubs, youth groups and WIs, together with private bookings. We have had a couple of highly successful fundraising events, a murder/mystery evening in the village hall and a garden party hosted by Brenda and Tim Baker. Support for our monthly shopping trips, introduced by Jayne Haynes, is growing and they will continue after the winter break. We are also organising trips from Churchinford to Hemyock and back for the Big Fix event at the Hemyock Repair Café on February 15. Details of such events can always be found nearer the time in the Churchinford Community Shop, among other places. We invariably receive compliments from our hirers – whether for our volunteer drivers or for the bus itself. So if you know of anyone who would like to hire the bus, the number is 07762 813967. If you would like to volunteer to drive the minibus, please call 07801 816892. In either case, you can also email blackdownbus@gmail.com or contact us on our Facebook page.



The Committee

THE WEDNESDAY CLUB

Only one meeting in December and our Christmas Lunch was an extravaganza of turkey and all the trimmings with delicious puddings. All wonderful and not to mention tea and mince pies and the terrific Raffle Prizes and Christmas presents for all. This year we were presented with a cheque for £250 by the Emergency Services Masonic Lodge based in Taunton to us to help pay for the lunch. The Christmas Lunch (and Summer Lunch) is a very special occasion which is free to our members and is a Thank You to them for all their support during the year. It is, however, very expensive and we are very grateful to organisations like the masons and last year the Somerset Community Fund for helping to make these occasions possible. Our speaker was Adrienne Hesketh who gave a very informative History of Carols.

Sally Milnes

ITS A NEW WORLD

"It's a new world, Golda" - a line from one of my favourite films, Fiddler on the Roof. Tevye, the main character of the film, was reflecting on how Russia and his own culture was changing - young people were allowed to fall in love and not have to wait for their parents to arrange a marriage. We are into a new decade and many things are changing - BREXIT is no longer news and I hope that the divisions it brought will disappear as we look at how we deal with a new reality outside Europe. As I write this the Royal family are facing a new reality as the Duke and Duchess of Sussex look towards a different way of being royal. BREXIT will bring changes, though not probably of world changing significance, and a changed Monarchy may bring changes but even these will not actually affect our daily lives.

Climate change is however very different and I think, I hope and I pray, that everyone is waking up to the very real importance of action. And we can all be involved in that action. It is a time when we have to really consider what life changes we can make. We can all make a difference and it is no longer appropriate to leave making the changes to someone else. I was really encouraged the other day to be part of a conversation in a pub - someone volunteered a recent experience which resulted in him eating a vegan steak slice - this expanded into a discussion about the appropriateness of eating beef. The people involved weren't trendy vegetarian greenies but just a group of older beer drinking blokes. The decisions we all have to consider are numerous but do include the frequency and the necessity of our international air travel, the size and types of car we drive, how we heat our homes and how warm we make them, how we shop and what we buy, and yes, what we eat!

We are so blessed in the Blackdown Hills with fresh air, clean rivers, green grass and trees, not that much traffic - we have so much to be thankful for. It is probably easier for us than for most people in this country, let alone those in places with rising sea levels or successive years of drought, to think that there is no crisis. Nevertheless we are living in a new world and we cannot afford, for our children's sake, to be complacent. As a Christian I believe that God has given us responsibility for caring for creation - whether you have faith or not I hope you will see the importance for all of humanity that each one of us does whatever we can.

John Hayhoe

St Mary's Church, Luppitt



OUR SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

2nd	09:30 am	Holy Communion BCP	Revd J Hayhoe
9th	11:00 am	Family Service	Lay led
16th	09:30 am	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Penn
23rd	11:00 am	Family Service	Lay led
26th	7:30 pm	Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday at St. Andrew's, Broadhembury	Revd J Hayhoe & 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

2nd	Broadhembury	11:00 AM	All Age Worship	Revd J Penn
	Dunkeswell	11:00 AM	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Hayhoe
	Plymtree	09:30 AM	Family Service	Revd J Penn
	Sheldon	09:30 AM	Family Service	Lay led
	Upottery	11:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Lay led
5th	Luppitt	10:00 AM	Morning Worship	Revd J Hayhoe
9th	Broadhembury	11:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
	Dunkeswell	09:30 AM	Morning Worship	Lay Led
	Plymtree	11:00 AM	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Penn
	Sheldon	09:30 AM	Holy Communion BCP	Revd J Penn
	Upottery	11:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Lay led
16th	Broadhembury	11:00 AM	Holy Communion BCP	Revd J Hayhoe
	Dunkeswell	11:00 AM	Informal Morning Worship	Mr D Palmer
	Plymtree	11:00 AM	Morning Praise	Lay Led
	Sheldon	09:30 AM	Holy Communion BCP	Revd J Hayhoe
	Upottery	11:00 AM	All Age Worship	Revd J Penn / Lay led
23rd	Broadhembury	09:30 AM	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Penn
	Dunkeswell	11:00 AM	Morning Worship	Revd J Penn
	Plymtree	09:30 AM	Holy Communion CW	Revd A Mills
	Sheldon	09:30 AM	Morning Worship	Lay led
	Upottery	11:00 AM	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, 3 December 2019 at 8 pm

Present: Cllrs John Thorne (Chairman), Tom Nancarrow (Vice Chairman), Beth Hooper, Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Christine Ryder, Andrew Tucker, David Key (EDDC), Iain Chubb (DCC and EDDC), Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk) and two members of the public

Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Michele Turner

Minutes of previous meeting

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

Declaration of Interest There were no declarations of interest.

Councillor profiles The clerk will draw up a template for councillors to complete.

The meeting was closed to allow Nigel Hurst to speak about the Luppitt Packet.

There was a general discussion about the Luppitt Packet. Cllr Thorne spoke on behalf of the Parish Council in saying that everyone was grateful to Nigel and Claire Stevens for taking on the editorship of the Luppitt Packet as it is the most important means of communication within the parish. It involves a lot of hard work and commitment. Nigel explained that a new printer in Dunkswell will be used from next year and the cover will be in colour. Nigel said that initial teething problems were being sorted out and acknowledged that there had been some criticism of the size of the magazine. Cllr Pulman said that he felt it was wrong to squeeze local events onto just two pages. Nigel did not agree because he said it was then easier to see at a glance all the events that were taking place in the community. It was generally agreed that the magazine was improving with each issue. Nigel and Claire are keen to receive articles on a wide variety of topics that could be included in future issues. Cllr Ryder felt that there were certain statutory requirements that needed to be printed in the Luppitt Packet, for example, the clerk's report of Parish Council meetings and matters involving the Commoners. She felt it was important to find out what people liked and didn't like about the new format. Nigel agreed and said that this would be addressed in the February issue. Cllr Thorne thanked Nigel for coming to the meeting to keep the Parish Council up to date on progress and to pass on thanks to the Luppitt Packet team for all their hard work. Nigel confirmed that the annual contribution of £160.00 from the Parish Council is not needed. **Nigel Hurst left and the meeting resumed.**

PLANNING

Applications (for comment, support or objection) None received.

Decisions None.

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 appeal statement has been submitted to the Inspector.

Neighbourhood Plan

Roger Hicks had written to the clerk to say that recent events had delayed his Neighbourhood Plan work by three weeks and realistically the draft will not be completed until early in the new year. Sub-group leaders would then be able to review the document and Roger's best estimate is that this stage would not be completed until the end of February. The clerk had written on behalf of the Parish Council to say that it was disappointing to hear of this delay. Roger is firmly of the opinion that the delay has been caused by decisions taken by the Parish Council over the Housing Needs Survey. It was unclear from Roger's email whether he intended to continue working on the draft Plan so Cllr Thorne spoke to him to clarify. Cllr Thorne understood from Roger that he would be willing to continue but he would like to have a meeting with Cllr Thorne first. Cllr Tucker felt that it would be a good idea for another Parish Councillor to attend the meeting as well

and it was agreed that Cllr Ryder would be an ideal choice (proposed by Cllr Pulman, seconded by Cllr Hooper). Cllr Thorne undertook to contact Roger and arrange a meeting.

Housing Needs Survey This item will be carried over to the next meeting.

HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

Parish Highways programme - update on Items to Report

Uxford Bridge to Crook Cross The chairman, clerk and a representative of Combe Raleigh Parish Meeting had met the Neighbourhood Highways Officer (NHO) to look at the problem and a possible solution. Water running down from the field and onto the road has caused severe damage to the road surface. The NHO undertook to speak to the flood prevention team to see if some solution can be found to the water problem which must be dealt with before any repair works can take place.

Lengthsman scheme It has not yet been possible to establish whether or not the lengthsman scheme is still in operation. From various comments, it would appear on balance that it is not.

Parish Maintenance

Salt bins The clerk will report the salt bin at Tillick that needs to be sorted out.

Fly tipping The clerk had reported the bag of plasterboard which had been dumped in the layby between Greenway and Yard Farm to Street Scene and this has now been removed.

Overhanging tree Cllr Thorne has written to the property owners at Shaugh near Ford Bridge to request that the overhanging tree is pruned and trimmed to remove the hazard for highway users.

Loose kerbstones The clerk has reported the loose kerbstones near the new council house parking area (W191279582). The complaint has been passed to contractors for investigation or action. Estimated assessment date is 29 December.

Flood in dip past Whitehall Farm Cllr Tucker undertook to speak to David Barlow about this. Easement beside Ford Barn to be added to Cllr Tucker's list of work.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS Cllr Nancarrow reported that there is a rotten waymark at footpath 14 that needs to be replaced. Cllr Nancarrow also reported that the bottom of the post for the waymark sign at footpath 17 has not been replaced. The clerk will report both items to Ros Davies at Devon County Council.

ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES Community Policing Report - No report was received.

Review of Public Spaces Protection Orders – Control of Dogs

At present, dogs are prohibited on the sports field. It was agreed that the play area at Millrise should be added.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION Financial Regulations - It was agreed to adopt the updated Financial Regulations (proposed by Cllr Ryder, seconded by Cllr Prettejohn). Going forward, the clerk will provide the Parish Council half-yearly with a statement of receipts and payments to date, comparing actual expenditure to that shown in the budget.

S137 payment to Luppitt Packet This payment will be discontinued.

Correspondence There was no correspondence.

CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

The Chairman had been approached by a parishioner who asked if it would be possible to be buried on Luppitt Common. There was some discussion on this unusual request. It was felt that there would certainly be no objection to the scattering of ashes but that a burial would create a precedent for the future. Cllr Thorne will raise the matter with the Chairman of the Commons.

The Chairman had been approached by a parishioner who would be willing to come and speak to the Parish Council about climate change and the effects it has on the environment. The Parish Council thought this was a good idea but would like to see some literature first so that the subject could be discussed in more detail at the next meeting. The Chairman undertook to speak to the parishioner and follow up.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC There were no questions and the meeting closed at 9.50 pm. The Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas

**Clerk's report of a Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held at
Luppitt Village Hall on Tuesday, 7 January 2020 at 8 pm**

Present: Cllrs John Thorne (Chairman), Tom Nancarrow (Vice Chairman), Beth Hooper, 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 and Iain Chubb (DCC and EDDC)

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

Declaration of Interest There were no declarations of interest.

PLANNING

Applications (for comment, support or objection)

19/2689/VAR – The Old Post Office, Luppitt, Honiton – removal of condition 3 of planning permission 19/1406/FUL to allow retention of window within the rear extension facing to the south east

Cllr Thorne visited the property before the meeting. The Parish Council raises no objection to the removal of this planning condition.

Decisions- None

Changes to planning applications

It is intended that Householder and advert planning applications will be paperless by the end of January. EDDC hopes to be paperless for all other planning applications, including major applications, by Easter. There is considerable variation in the standard of plans that are submitted so some of the plans are easy to read on screen whilst others are not. Several village halls used for Parish Council meetings do not have internet connection so Cllr Key felt that in some instances clerks will still have to print out applications to pass round at the meeting. The clerk said that a projector has been used for Luppitt applications in the past or simply downloaded to her laptop where the screen can be expanded.

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllrs Thorne and Ryder, together with the clerk, had had a meeting at Dove Cottage shortly before Christmas with Roger Hicks, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Unfortunately, it had not been a very successful meeting in finding a way forward. Roger contacted Cllr Thorne after the meeting and undertook to complete the amendments by the end of February. He wanted to consider his position over the Christmas period to see whether or not he wanted to take the Neighbourhood Plan to its completion. Roger undertook to contact Cllr Thorne with his decision.

Housing Needs Survey

It has been explained to Janice Alexander that the Housing Needs Survey has caused quite a rift between the Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and the Parish Council which has made progress difficult. It was agreed that the Housing Needs Survey would be put on hold for the time being. The clerk will advise Janice Alexander of this decision. The Parish Council is expecting an amended draft plan by the end of February and the Parish Council should have a clearer idea of timing after that.

HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

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

LOCATION	REFERENCE	COMMENT/PROGRESS
Uxford Bridge to Crook Cross	Phil Morgan	Flood prevention team can do nothing as no hedges have been removed nor the water course changed. NHO will price out repair work. Clerk to keep reporting to Highways.
Salt bin at Tillick	W191284549	Estimated assessment by 13.1.20
Loose kerbstones	W191279582	Estimated assessment date 29.12.19
Severe potholes at the end of Gully Lane near Jack's House		Clerk to report
Several potholes at the lower part of School Lane towards Ringborough Cross		Clerk to report
Large pothole from Red Doors towards Mohuns Ottery turning		Clerk to report
Large potholes from Greenlands to Corner House		Clerk to report

Severe deterioration of road surface past bridge in
New Road up to Budgells Farm
Shelf Lane needs brushing

Clerk to report
Clerk to follow up with Street Scene

Parish Maintenance

Road by Whitehall Farm Cllr Tucker will investigate. There has been water across the road making journeys difficult for residents.

Overhanging tree The property owners at Shaugh near Ford Bridge have spoken to Cllr Thorne to say that work is in hand to prune and trim the overhanging tree.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Rotten waymark signs at footpaths 14 and 17 These have been reported to Ros Davies for action.

ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Community Policing Report No report received

Devon Free Tree Schemes The date for applications closed on 6 January. The clerk will see if it is possible to register the Parish Council's interest.

Climate Change literature A resident who had attended a seminar on climate change in the Blackdown Hills in November had sent the clerk a link to a short video. The clerk had forwarded this to the Parish Councillors. It was agreed that this was a helpful and informative video. There is a section on climate change in Luppitt's emerging Neighbourhood Plan which will prove useful in the future.

Request for burial on Luppitt Common Cllr Thorne had spoken to the Chair of the Commoners who undertook to raise it at their next meeting.

LATE REPORT - WINNERS THE LUPPITT FLOWER SHOW 2019

TD Hussey Cup	for Vegetables: Mr EJ Partridge
Beacon Cup	for Flowers: Mr EJ Partridge
Red Doors Rose Bowl	for Arranging: Mrs P Pulman
Barn Cup	for Fruit: Mr EJ Partridge & Mrs P Pulman
Phillips Simon Cup	for Homecraft: Mrs T Rosewell
Hartridge Tankard	for men only: Mr R Rosewell
Village Hall Cup	for children under 8yrs: Lily Crabb & Luna Roberts
Village Hall Cup	for children 9-16yrs: Beatrix Fox
Dumpdon Hill Cup	for Adults Novelty: Mrs S Russell
Walden Perpetual Cup	for most points awarded to a Luppitt resident: Mrs J Gardiner

MARKETPLACE

This is a new section for local residents to place advertisements free of charge. Adverts should be no more than four lines long and contain a brief description of the item or service offered together with a telephone number.

Please email adverts to the Editors luppittpacket@gmail.com

FOR SALE

Bradley 4 gun cabinet £100
01404 891617

EXAMPLE ADVERT SPACE

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Captain of Bellringers	Pearl Pulman	01404 891324
Cricket Club	Steve Berry	01404 891268
Hartridge Buddhist Monastery		01404 891251
Surgeries	Blackdown Dunkeswell	01823 681720
	Honiton Medical Centre	01404 548544
	Honiton Minor Injuries Unit	01404 540540
Devon Air Ambulance		01392 466666
East Devon District Council		01392 516551
TRIP (community transport)		01404 46529

Location of defibrillators

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

CHURCH FLOWER & CLEANING ROTA

February

1st Olive Clapp, Vanessa Nancarrow
& Sara Gordon
8th Shirley Crabb & another
15th Jean Gardiner & Joy Tofts
22nd Pat Bussey, Sue Piechowiak
29th Carole Thorm & Jean Hooper

March

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