

# LUPPITT PACKET



**March 2020**

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The Editors and Treasurer of The Packet have been reviewing the Packet's finances. We have agreed to make a donation from its reserves of £500 each to the Devon Air Ambulance Service, Blackdowns AONB and St Mary's Church. Each of these organisations contribute directly or indirectly to the welling being of Luppitt residents so we trust that this meets with the approval of our readers.

In this edition we have a full report on the Pantomime, regular contributions from Rev Hayhoe, David Street on gardening, an unusual recipe for cooking a Gannet and news from the Luppitt Inn.

*Nigel Hurst & Claire Stevens*

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## WHAT'S ON

### MARCH

Tue 3rd	Parish Council Meeting 8pm Village Hall
Sun 8th	Lent Bring & Share Lunch 12.30pm Village Hall
Tue 10th	Soft Play 9am-12pm Village Hall
Wed 11th	Wednesday Club. 2.30pm Churchinford Village Hall
Sat 14th	Irish Evening (St Patrick's day) Village Hall
Thu 19th	Luppitt Wives Craft evening Village Hall Games Room
Wed 25th	Wednesday Club 2.30pm Churchinford Village Hall
Fri 27th	St Mary's Church Spring Quiz 7.30pm Village Hall
Sun 29th	Children's Birthday Party 10.30-1.30pm

### 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 APRIL

Apr 2nd	Easter Bingo Village Hall
Apr 4th	Luppitt Wives Skittles 8pm Village Hall
May 2nd	Bell Ringers Outing to Ilfracombe

Advance Notice: The Annual Parish Council Meeting 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. Please see more details in the April Packet.

### 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](mailto: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

## **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 March

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.

## **Easter Bingo**

For all the Family

**Luppitt Village Hall  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**\*\*\* Including Bar \*\*\*  
and Raffle**

**Doors Open 7.00pm  
Eyes Down 7.30pm**

## **HOSPISCARE MEN'S WALK 14th March**

Take part in an 8 mile walk raising much needed funds for Hospiscare. Starting and finishing at the Double Locks Pub, the route will take you along the historic Exeter Quay. Back at the pub a free pint and pasty awaits, then relax in Hospiscare's heated marquee with three games of rugby on big screens

Entry – advance entry is £25 each or £80 for a team of 4. Open to men and boys aged 12 and over.

Sign up at [www.menswalkexeter.co.uk](http://www.menswalkexeter.co.uk)

## **Come and celebrate St Patrick's Day with an IRISH EVENING**

**At Luppitt Village Hall  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March  
7.30 for 8pm**

Enjoy some Irish-themed food,  
entertainment and raffle

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

**Cost: £10 per head  
To book call  
Shirley Crabb on 891235  
by 8<sup>th</sup> March**

**Wear something green  
or come as a  
leprechaun!**

## **LENT BRING AND SHARE LUNCH**

**On Sunday 8 March from 12:30  
in Luppitt Village Hall**



**Soup and rolls  
provided**

**Everyone welcome  
No charge**

*Donations towards hiring the hall  
gratefully received*



Do join us for our annual Quiz Night in aid of Church funds

**When?** Friday 27 March at 7.30pm



**Where?** Luppitt Village Hall

**What?** Bangers & mash, cash bar, raffle, tables of 6

**How much?** £6 per person

**To book and select meat or veggie bangers  
please contact Pat on 892720**

## **DUNKESWELL SOUPA TUESDAYS**

Delicious soup and rolls  
every Tuesday from 12:30pm  
during Lent till 7<sup>th</sup> April

at Dunkeswell Sports and  
Social Club

Donations towards  
St. Nicholas Church funds



## **Followers of Jesus, Five Bible Studies for Lent by John Birch**

This year we look at New  
Testament characters who  
encountered Jesus at a point in  
their lives, either through curiosity  
or need, and the effect that  
encounter had upon their lives.

Everyone is welcome to join us  
for one or more of our weekly  
studies.

**Upottery weekly  
from 5 March at 7pm  
(Call 891140 for venue)**

**St. Andrew's, Broadhembury  
weekly  
from 6 March at 2:15 pm**

## ADVANCE NOTICE: LUPPITT FLOWER SHOW 15TH AUGUST

### Will include:

Potatoes, white & red	Carrots	Onions
Runner beans	Marrows	Peas
Asters	Fushias in pot	Cacti

**Children**      Longest runner bean  
                      Garden in a seed tray

**Homecraft**      Gooseberry jam      Tomato sauce  
**Sewing**      Item made from 1 sq.mt. Material + sewing items  
                      and decorations (opt)  
**Knitting**      Socks



*Sue and Joan*

Coming again to a Village Hall near you:

## Luppitt Summer Madness

Following last year's very successful event we couldn't  
    not do it again this year!

7<sup>th</sup> April Save the date now: Saturday 18th July 2020

## THE LIBRARY VAN



The Library Van comes to Luppitt once a month. It's a big white van. It used to stop outside the Village Hall. But nowadays it stops outside Mount Stephens, opposite the red post box, as you come into Luppitt from the Smeatharpe Road.

The Library Van arrives at 10.45 every fourth Wednesday. It stays about half an hour. You'll usually find the dates in The Packet.

You can register and borrow books up to about six for four weeks, or longer if you happen to miss its day. You'll find the Library Man friendly and helpful. There is a large selection of books, which are changed every so often. Fiction, crime, biography and a mixed general section. There are talking books. Many are large print for the more mature reader.

New borrowers will be very welcome. The more using the Library Van, the more likely the County Council is to keep it going.

**The next Library Day is March 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Jacki Street*

## THE SLEEPING BEAUTY

### If you knew Luppitt like I knew Luppitt.....

This year's panto - Sleeping Beauty - exceeded all expectations and each of the players, crew and front of house volunteers played their parts to perfection. The Packet hopes it speaks on behalf of the audience when it says a big thank you and well done to the whole team.

From the opening appalling farts delivered by King Rupert (Peter Wilson presumably playing himself), through the central codpiece of the story - the Princess's bleeding finger - to the closing and 'touching' (#metoo) scene of a seriously good looking Princess Aurora being reunited with her soppy lover Prince Charming (what did she see in him?), the audience was captivated.



What more could you want and where to begin? The villain of the piece, Fairy Carabosse was seriously nasty (B'B'B'BAD TO THE BONE) and well supported by her three seriously incompetent murderous Crow'nies; the Good Fairies were sweeter and lighter (perhaps) than candyfloss; and Joey the most excellent Jester drenched the front row with her water pistol and told a lot of very silly jokes, egged on by the wonderfully rowdy kids in the audience. Were we

imagining it, but was there one blonde fairy in drag? He/she was exceptionally pretty, if a tad well padded, and we were very surprised Nurse Nelly didn't make a move on him. The resident "posh boy" aka Prince Andy, sorry we mean "Prince ever so Charming", was suitably soppy, and he waved his, err, niblick and sword around with serious Freudian intent. He had quite a 'chopper' to cut those brambles, but tennis with a sword? Your reporter found Nurse Nelly (Hatty Jacques resurrected?) highly professional although a touch disturbing.





Was she as sweet as she seemed or a touch scheming? It was not entirely clear what narcotic she was handing out along with the booze, but it has to be admitted that whatever it was, Nelly was a dab hand at controlling the dotty King and his flatulent bowels; and in the end she collared her man!! Don't forget the wraith-like dodgy ghost who kept grabbing the ladies (#metoo).

But what about the chorus and singing? With the accompaniment of Barbara Thorne's professional light fingered musical touch, they added a touch of gaiety to this almost tragic story. Top marks to "B'B'B'Bad to the bone", Queen's "I want to break free" and Joy Toft's "If you knew Luppitt"!



Mention must be made of ALL the crew. The expertise which went into creating the scenery, props (Steve, Maggie, Joan & Danek) and costumes (Jean) was amazing. The time involved in designing and creating these is very considerable – without them there is no magic. So put your hands together again for them and the stage hands led by John Hayes. The superb coordination by Poppy and Joe of the lighting, sound and sound effects was also highly professional – the only tiny improvement might have been a bit more vibrato to the Kings farts. Next time may be?

There is one very important person without whom the whole play might have come to a juddering halt, if not unscheduled hesitation. That is the prompter – Joan Beckett – silent and behind the scenes. Was she needed? With this lot, most definitely!

*The Packet Culture Reporter*





# THANK YOU

## **Sleeping Beauty**

Congratulations to all of the cast and crew for a wonderful evening of entertainment. You showed perfection and professionalism throughout the whole show. Costumes and comedy, unforgettable hospitality - always good. We know Luppitt as the song goes - thank you to you all from Irene and friends Dunkeswell.

*Irene Pym*

## **Harry Timms**

Harry and Mary Timms moved from Chartridge, near Chesham, Buckinghamshire to live at Grove Park in November 1987. Harry entered into village life, (he kept the keys to the village hall), became a member of Neighbourhood Watch and would offer a cup of coffee to those of us who visited the library van when it called at the village hall once a fortnight.

It is an honour to those of us who produced the Packet over the years that Harry should leave a legacy to the Packet in his will.

Harry Timms died 9th July 2018

*Amian Fry*

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## **OF TRAVELLERS, NEW AGE HIPPIES AND RAVERS**

### **Old news from The Packet 1992/93**

In summer of 1992 the Blackdowns were invaded by several thousand of the above mentioned persons. It started with the arrival of a huge convoy of vehicles which camped on Smeatharpe airfield. One bus fell in the ditch at Messhayes Farm and another ran out of fuel by Clematis Cottage. Police recommended blocking gateways. Various public meetings were held with the Police.

In October a massive Saturday night "rave" took place at Smeatharpe involving 5000 to 7000 people with three distinct groups which The Packet described as follows: "New age travellers who are a nuisance, a hard core of travellers of about 500 who are dangerous, the rest being ravers who are indistinguishable from most people!"

The situation was repeated in 1993 when large groups of travellers were congregating in Wiltshire and Somerset trying to head west. Contingency plans went into action in late June, with a large police operation at Smeatharpe and Gortnell Common with the assistance of farmers who were on standby to block roads if necessary.

Luppitt life seems very quiet now by comparison.

*Amian Fry*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARY!

Mary, the landlady of the Luppitt Inn, celebrated her 98th birthday in February and The Packet sends many congratulations.

Although she has handed over her bar duties to Caroline and Phil, she keeps a quiet eye on proceedings from her kitchen, and her presence helps to keep order amongst her sometimes noisy customers.

We wish her many happy returns!



## THE LUPPITT INN CHRONICLES

It was another busy evening in our thriving Luppitt watering hole. The local big game had assembled and were drinking deeply - drought must be on its way! We were pleased to see that Ken our Lycra-clad cyclist has recovered from another bout of lumbago, and our average age was hugely reduced by the welcome appearance of Ollie, Eve and Tom!

Apart from one or two absentee Panto recruits, the usual suspects were there. Mike and Graham had a deep discussion about that rural perennial – sewage pipes, septic tanks and treatment plants. It was difficult to follow the logic of the conversation above the general racket, but it appeared to centre on the tracking of malodorous gases. Your reporter does admit that he does a daily flyby of his own treatment plant to check for noxious smells!

It seems we might have a genuine Viking in our midst – naming no names - but as a man with blue eyes, Norwegian antecedents and Dupuytren's contracture (a condition in common with Vikings and Maggie Thatcher - bless her socks), he seems to be the genuine article. He returned the following week with heavily bandaged hand – and in consequence was subjected to much Chaucerian ribaldry, the precise nature of which is not for public consumption. I have a feeling that another regular visitor from Somerset could be a Viking too – certainly his red hair, magnificent beard and a certain gruff charm would fit the bill. So be warned, maybe the Vikings, with their reputation for rape and pillage, are making a come-back?

There is a strong suspicion that The Inn may be in line for its first Michelin star. Top of the menu are now 'Nobbys nuts', followed by Pork Scratchings and Cheese crisps, which are being consumed with vigour, and these may be the reason for this move towards gastronomic fame and fortune. Two well-dressed pleasant strangers have been in attendance who claimed to be from Bradninch, ie far enough away for us to be uncertain of their true provenance. Anyway they were certainly very impressed with the Inn, took a keen interest in Nobbys Nuts and Scratchings (careful how you read this) and said "they would be back another evening". I strongly suspect that they were Michelin Guide Inspectors come to check out the Inn's gastronomic quality. Time will tell.

*C. Luppitus*

## GARDEN JOTTINGS

*Doronicum plantagineum* - that's a Linnean mouthful. It was one of the first plants I remember growing when I became interested in gardening. Another name's Leopards bane, according to my book. Myself I'd never heard it called this. It's a large bright yellow daisy flower, very early in the year, even in March. I haven't seen it in years.

The early spring flower I notice in my garden, apart from bulbs, nowadays is blue - *Brunnera macrophylla* - another long Latin name. It's a sort of perennial forget-me-not with big green leaves that suddenly turn dark brown in December and die off. New growth starts again in spring, and you can just pull off the old stems. If this one has an ordinary English name, I don't know it. According to my book again, it used to be called *Anchusa myosotidiflora*, another mouthful. I must have caught the scientific bug this morning. There's a variety with variegated marbled leaves, but the flowers are not such a vivid blue. Blue *Brunnera* would make a striking contrast with yellow Leopard's bane. So I shall have to see if I can find one somewhere.

At the moment I rely on an orange perennial wallflower for contrast next to my blue *Brunnera*. Wallflowers are usually grown as biennials, but some last for several years. You can propagate the perennial types by cuttings, and get exactly the same flower each year. Sowing seed means not getting exactly the same plant, as every new plant from seed has to have two parents. Some years the cuttings take without effort, some years they just die off for me.

The other day I noticed snowflakes were out in the hedge. I don't think I've mentioned snowflakes before. They're rather like a very tall snowdrop, with long upright leaves. Ours were here before we came. I've just left them alone to flower each spring - the best thing I could do with them, as they're said not to like being moved. There are different sorts, the early spring snowflake often tipped with green, a later spring or summer snowflake about May, and an autumn snowflake rather smaller and tinged with pink. Actually snowdrops, crocuses and even daffodils all have less well-known autumn siblings.

Today the sun is shining. Shadows are shortening. Aggressive blackbirds are dividing up the garden into feeding territories. A thrush sings ecstatically in the morning from the lane hedge. But the wild life pond, once crowded with croaking frogs, as last year, lies silent and empty. Where have all those frogs gone?

*David Street*

### HEBRIDEAN RECIPE FOR COOKING A GANNET

Remove feathers (optional)  
Chop up ten onions into large chunks,  
add to 2 litres of boiling water in bucket and chuck in whole  
Gannet. Add one old boot (preferably leather).  
Simmer for six hours, discard gannet and eat boot.



## THE RECTOR'S LETTER

This morning on the news the Government were acknowledging some of the challenges in the way of tariffs that will be facing the country with goods coming in from the EU. The country's challenges do, of course, become our challenges and particularly when it comes to the supply of food. In rural New Zealand we got very used to the seasonal food supply – as an example tomatoes varied in price by about 1000% between summer and winter and as with all rural Kiwi families our weekly menu reflected the seasons. The huge variation in cost was down to the cost of importing whatever the food might have been. The implication was not just the cost of transportation but, as we are all becoming much more aware, also the cost to the environment of the fossil fuels used in the transportation. I am sure, come January 2021, we will be able to adjust to eating British grown seasonal produce because these new tariffs will make a difference to our housekeeping budgets.

I sympathise with our chicken farmers who may be feeling threatened by the wish expressed by US officials that our country allows the importation of their chicken – regardless of whether it is washed in chlorine (which I do think is an issue) do we really want to buy chicken that has been transported at least 3,500 miles or more? Should we really consider buying New Zealand lamb that has travelled 12,000 miles or beef from Argentina that has come 5,500 miles to get to our table? Extrapolating from this affects many aspects of our lives and everything that we do.

I have been challenged recently to consider the impact of paper production - 30 million acres of forest is harvested for the manufacture of paper each year. This production of paper is responsible for significant green house gases; about half of paper also goes into landfill and as it breaks down it produces quantities of methane – and so it goes on.

I do bang on about Climate Change, and don't intend to stop! I am of an age to know that personally I will not be affected by Global Warming to any extent, but as a parent and a Christian I know that I have to do my bit, and as big a bit as I possibly can.

The Church of England has produced a Lent booklet of reflections to cover the 40 days, each reflection has an action included, each of these help us to make a difference in caring for Creation – the title is "Live Lent - Care for God's Creation". If you would like a copy go to the Church House Publishing website or to Amazon or give me a call.

*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
4th	10:00 am	Informal Morning Worship	Revd J Hayhoe
8th	11.00 am	Family Service	Mr J White
15th	9:30 am	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Penn
18th	10:00 am	Said Morning Prayer	Revd J Hayhoe
22nd	11:00 am	Mothering Sunday	Lay Led
29th	11:00 am	SHELDON: 6 WorshipTogether	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](mailto: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, 11 February 2020 at 8 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs John Thorne (Chairman), Tom Nancarrow (Vice Chairman), Beth Hooper, Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Christine Ryder Andrew Tucker, Michele Turner, Iain Chubb, Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk)

## **Receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs David Key and Colin Brown (EDDC)

## **Minutes of previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 7 January 2020, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Pulman and seconded by Cllr Nancarrow).

**Declaration of Interest** There were no declarations of interest.

## **PLANNING**

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

**19/2601/FUL - Dolish Farmhouse, Luppitt, Honiton, EX14 4RT – alterations and extension including construction of balcony and first floor side window and 19/2600/FUL – change of use of barn to ancillary domestic accommodation (annexe)**

Cllrs Thorne, Pulman, Ryder and Tucker together with the clerk had met for a site visit on Saturday, 25 January. The Parish Council has no objections to the planning applications. The clerk had been unable to upload the Parish Council's comments to the EDDC website. Nick Wright (EDDC) investigating.

## **Decisions**

### **Appeal decision on slurry lagoon application at Higher Wick Farm**

The appeal was dismissed – appeal decision date 14 January 2020.

**Neighbourhood Plan** Nothing to report.

## **HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

### **Parish Maintenance**

#### **Road near Whitehall Farm**

Cllr Tucker will follow up.

### **Passing place at the triangle at Hartridge**

A parishioner had remarked on the good job that Cllr Tucker had made of the passing place. However, the parishioner felt it could have been made larger.

## **Drainage Maintenance Responsibilities**

Devon County Council has sent out a letter outlining responsibilities for drainage maintenance. In the majority of cases, the responsibility for ditch maintenance rests with the adjacent landowner.

## **Ditch clearing**

Cllr Thorne remarked on the very good work that had been carried out ditch clearing at Luppitt Common and Hartridge. The clerk will pass on the comments and will try to establish the timetable for when work of this kind will next be carried out.



## 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 or the water course changed. NHO will price out repair work. Clerk to keep reporting to Highways. Cllr Chubb undertook to speak to Phil Morgan (NHO).
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	W201297229	One or two potholes seem to have been repaired but still several remaining so clerk will report again.
Several potholes at the lower part of School Lane towards Ringborough Cross	W201297225	Comments from Highways 'Any actionable safety defects will be repaired accordingly.' Clerk to report again.
Large pothole from Red Doors towards Mohuns Ottery turning	W201297233	Repaired 11.02.20. Councillors to check.
Large potholes from Greenlands to Corner House	W201297235	Clerk to report again.
Severe deterioration of road surface past bridge in New Road up to Budgells Farm	W201297240	Comment from Highways 'Problem repaired 04.02.20'. Clerk to report again.
Shelf Lane needs brushing	101000952586	Comment received 'Invalid request'. Cllr Chubb undertook to follow up.
Blocked drain between Ford Bridge and Shaugh	W201305306	Drain cleared 11.02.20.
Langford Bridge to Honiton		Cllr Chubb undertook to follow up with Highways on this stretch of road.

## FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

### Completion of P3 forms and work on walkway at footpath 14

The clerk will send the completed forms to Ros Davies at Devon County Council. Work on the walkway at Footpath 14 will be carried out Spring 2020.

### Public Inquiry – Footpaths 60, 61 and 62

The public inquiry will be held at the Mackarness Hall, Honiton, on Wednesday, 12 February.

## ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### Community Policing Report

Disappointment was expressed that there has been no contact from the PCSO although the Parish Council believes that PCSO numbers may have been reduced. A parishioner had asked whether the Neighbourhood Watch scheme was still in place. It was thought to be a good idea if a reminder could be put in the Luppitt Packet encouraging residents to be alert to any suspicious activities. The clerk will liaise with the editors of the Luppitt Packet.

### Operation London Bridge protocol

This refers to actions to be taken in the event of the Queen's death. Cllr Thorne has been advised that an A4 ring binder and paper has been purchased by St Mary's Church to be used as a commemorative book. It was agreed that only one book would be necessary and, as the church is open during the day, this

would be the best place for the book to be located. The clerk will pass on this decision.

### **Devon free tree scheme**

The clerk had been unable to register the Parish Council's interest in the free tree scheme which closed on 6 January. However, the scheme may be reintroduced towards the end of the year.

### **Discuss date and speaker for Annual Parish Meeting**

There was a general discussion on climate change. It was felt that residents would be interested in hearing a speaker on climate change at the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Chubb mentioned a name of someone at EDDC and the clerk will follow up. The clerk was asked to put an advance notice in the Luppitt Packet. The date of the Annual Parish Meeting will be confirmed once a speaker has been organised.

### **Clerk's report**

Part of the clerk's report in the Luppitt Packet had been accidentally omitted but this will be rectified in March edition.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **Quarterly check – internal financial control**

Cllr Ryder has checked the cash book and reconciliation for the quarter ended December 2019 and confirmed that all is correct.

### **Confirm new bank mandate**

It was agreed to remove Gavin Brake and David Barlow as signatories from the existing mandate and replace them with Tom Nancarrow and Christine Ryder (proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded by Cllr Hooper with all in favour). Bank mandate forms have been prepared and signed.

### **Appointment of internal auditor**

It was agreed to ask Gavin Brake if he would again act as internal auditor for the Parish Council accounts (proposed by Cllr Pulman, seconded by Cllr Nancarrow with all in favour).

### **New regulations regarding website accessibility**

New website accessibility requirements (such as removing all 'click here' links) must be met by September 2020. The Parish Council's website does meet most of the regulations from a technological standpoint. It was agreed to ask the website provider, Vision ICT, to produce an accessibility statement at a cost of £45.00 plus VAT (proposed by Cllr Ryder, seconded by Cllr Turner). The clerk will liaise with the website provider over other work that may need to be undertaken in the future to ensure compliance with the new regulations.

### **EDDC 'Budget Roadshow' (Chairman and clerk)**

Cllr Thorne and the clerk had attended the roadshow to hear John Hart, Leader of Devon County Council, speaking on a range of subjects including the forthcoming budget. There appears to be more money available this year and two 'dragon' machines have been acquired to speed up, and make a better job of, pothole repairs. Special needs in schools cost £20m and may well double next year. There is more emphasis on ditch clearing and drainage work to keep water off roads as much as possible, thus avoiding excess water causing damage to the road surface.

### **Correspondence**

- The clerk read out letters of thanks from Devon Freewheelers, British Heart Foundation and Royal British Legion for the Parish Council's recent S137 donations.

- A reminder of the National Big Fix event to be held at Hemyock Parish Hall on Saturday, 15 February, between 10 am and 4 pm was noted.
- TRIP is piloting a new project entitled 'Winter Friendship Group' aimed at reducing isolation for people of all ages through a series of weekend day trips. Poster has been put on the notice board in the Village Hall and details on the Parish Council website.

### **CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION**

- The signpost at Mathayes is falling down. The clerk will report to DCC.
- A resident of Millrise had contacted Cllr Thorne about flood water running onto his property above Millrise. Cllr Thorne had met the resident before the meeting and had walked down the lane. Cllr Tucker was asked to raise the mound in the lane to stop the water flowing down the lane.
- Cllr Thorne showed the meeting some preliminary plans for a property in Luppitt. The Parish Council did not have any negative comments to make.
- The clerk will arrange a meeting with Cllrs Thorne, Pulman, Tucker and the treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee to discuss the Walden Bequest.

There were no questions from the public and the meeting closed at 9.32 pm.

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

**Tuesday, 3 March                      Tuesday, 7 April                      Tuesday, 5 May 2020 (AGM)**

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### **Addendum to Clerk's report for Luppitt Parish Council Meeting on 7 January 2020 - apologies for its omission from the February Packet**

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Projected budget for approval – agree precept**

The projected budget for 2020/21 was discussed in detail and accepted. There was a lengthy discussion on whether or not to raise the precept from £11,000 to £12,000. County and District Council cuts continue to impact on local services and maintenance, and it was generally agreed that costs are going up rather than down. Any unspent grant money for the Neighbourhood Plan will have to be returned at the end of March. It is unknown whether there will still be grant money available in the new financial year so expenditure may have to be met from the precept. It was felt prudent to ensure that the Parish Council carries sufficient reserves to meet any unexpected eventualities. Cllr Pulman proposed that the precept should be raised to £12,000, this was seconded by Cllr Hooper. A total of six Parish Councillors voted in favour with one abstention. The precept has remained unchanged since 2011.

#### **Correspondence**

- An email from DALC inviting nominations for the Royal Garden Party 2020 was noted.
- Devon Freewheelers had sent a Christmas card thanking Luppitt Parish Council for its support.

### **CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION**

Final dress rehearsals for the pantomime clash with the next Parish Council meeting due to be held on 4 February. It was unanimously agreed to hold the meeting on **Tuesday, 11 February**. The clerk will check availability of the Committee Room.

### **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

## UPOTTERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

At school we are always looking for ways to inspire the children, and recently Year 6 children were visited by an archaeologist, Kat Farnell who is working at Dunkeswell Abbey, and is linked with the Blackdown Hills Association. It was a super session with the children learning all about the Abbey, and its significance; the importance of archaeology and how evidence (primary and secondary sources) are used to tell the story of the past. The children were then given the chance to develop their archaeological skills and excavate and classify a variety of locally found artefacts from their sand trays using paint brushes. Then finally they also had the chance to observe and handle various artefacts excavated from the Abbey, such as some clay tiles over 800 years old!

**Wren Class** enjoyed opening our little present – it was a naughty bus! Counting our dojos and getting to the next hundred; using the new London buses to act out the naughty bus story; playing phonics games and doing busy bee jobs. exploring in the sandpit with the lobster grabbers; enjoyed doing maths and Mr Double Trouble song; Moon Zoom Express Event showing families our work; doing challenges to get Classdojos; making symmetrical butterflies in maths with paint. Using the new building challenges to create models; thinking of our own stories and putting them on a story map; making fruit kebabs; counting to 100, writing our own stories around the 'Naughty Bus'; phonic pirate game; making Valentine's Day cards; cleaning the muddy cars.

**Kingfisher class** learning about Chinese New Year; making decorations and learning the story of the animal calendar; reading our class book 'James and The Giant Peach' by Roald Dahl and drawing the inside of a peach; creating firework art inspired by 'Andy Goldworth'; doing lots of column addition questions; reading different texts and answering fact retrieval and inference questions; counting up our Dojos and enjoying some mindfulness Friday time with music and learning a new song. Starting column subtraction; writing positive stories about how to overcome a challenge like 'The Giraffe that Can't Dance'; watching our 'Mojo' growth mindset videos and talking about being positive and finding ways to figure things out and find our way out of the 'learning pit/dip'; PE with Mr Clements; art with Mr Dickerson and designing our own farms; creating positive posters and writing something nice about every person in our class; doing yoga and having Wren class visit for our key stage assembly. Doing spelling; handwriting; maths subtraction; skipping in PE with Mrs Davies; planning and building a castle for the 'Three Little Pigs'; learning about when to use 'a' or 'an' and enjoying our last Friday of this half term!

**Kestrel Class** doing circuits in P.E; decimal point maths; cricket; comic strip for science; sketching butterflies, Forest school – dens and rats; Athletics; Flow chart in Science; roasting marshmallows and having hot chocolate; parenthesis in SPAG; angles in maths, swimming gala; Dojo champion; the Dip in art; learning about the brain; angles and protractor work in maths; Mental Health Week; having Mr Dickerson and Ms Farwell teach us. Making bath bombs and boxes; Stockland Cross Country; Year 5 forest school; angles in maths; water cycle in science; finishing flow charts; big write to an alien; poems in literacy; looking forward to half term!

**Falcon Class** visit from Dunkeswell Abbey archeologist; Exeter City Football Tournament, netball and hockey matches at Honiton; creating our own story books following our introduction to publishing at the Thelma Hulbert Gallery; looking at formal and informal language in literacy, athletics finals at Kings School – well done to Matthew for being given the Spirit of the Games medal; percentages in maths; diving, swimming and skipping in P.E; Medieval art – looking at designing tiles, preparing our class assembly and working on our Normal Magic PowerPoints; Tag rugby tournament at Honiton – well done team; art – designing posters to promote good health; waiting to find out who is the Dojo champion; yoga session, 3D shapes in maths and identifying nets of shapes; Stockland Cross Country run; writing an explanation and a non- chronological report in literacy; observational art based on the discoveries of Darwin.

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### Location of defibrillators

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