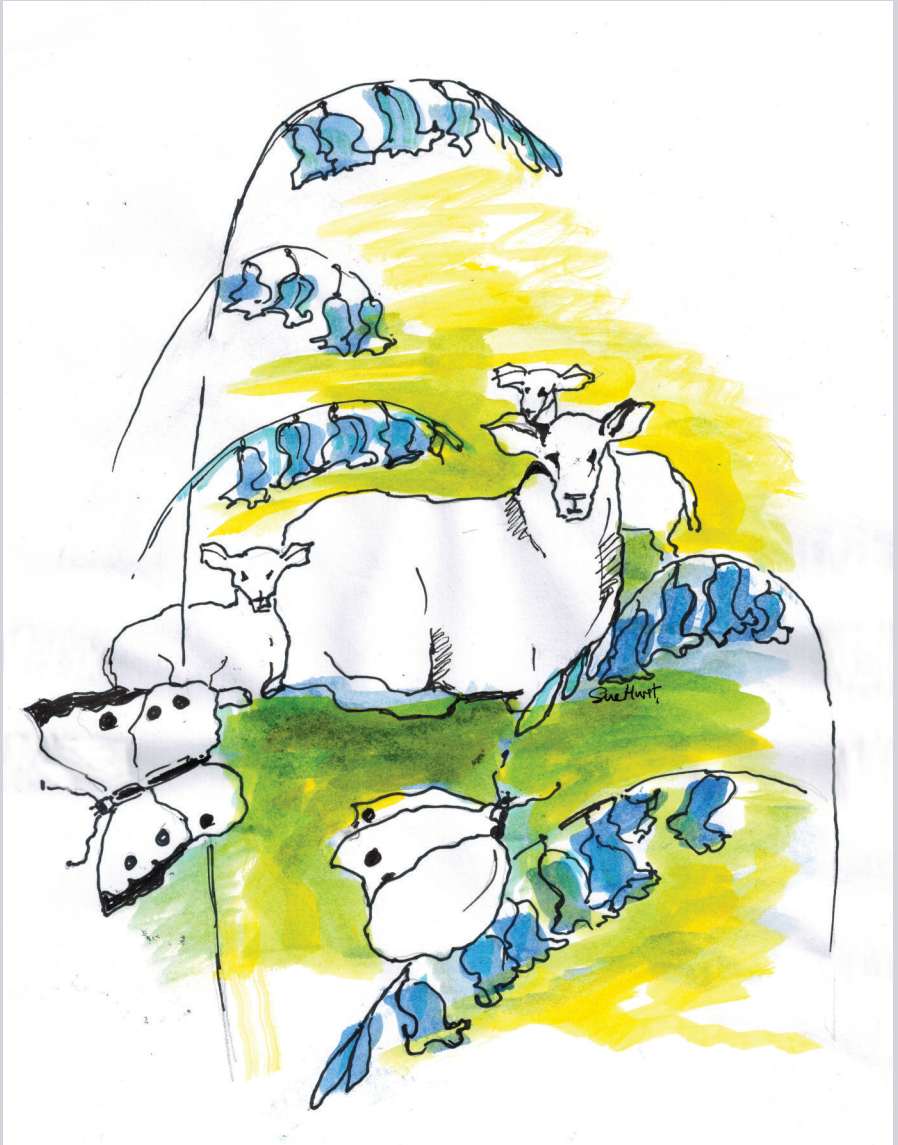


# LUPPITT PACKET



May 2020

## THE LUPPITT PACKET

We have again liaised with John Thorne in his capacity as Council Chair, and are publishing an updated announcement from the Parish Council.

We have regular contributions from the Rector and David Street. We also invited some regulars of the Luppitt Inn to offer a “virtual pub” contribution; both Danek Piechowiak and Ken Evans have stepped up to the plate with amusing accounts of visits to their second favourite pubs. We also have a poem about Covid written by a Scot in dialect which we hope will amuse our readers. Best read aloud!

It will soon be the 70th Anniversary of VE Day and in this edition we tell the sad story of Alan Turing, the man who, with his team at Bletchley Park, played a vital role in saving thousands of lives during the war.

At the time of writing, the Prime Minister is out of intensive care and we wish him well for a full recovery.

Take care and keep well  
*Nigel Hurst & Claire Stevens*

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## THE PACKET DISTRIBUTION DURING COVID-19

The team at The Packet would like to reassure you that we have made every effort to deliver this magazine to you safely and in accordance with government guidance. Last month at the last minute, in addition to following a hygiene protocol and in an effort to ensure the safety our usual distribution team, we switched to using Royal Mail.

Hygiene protocol:

- 1) Magazines are collected from printer wearing disposable gloves, no social contact with printer.
- 2) The exterior of boxes sprayed with 99% isopropyl alcohol, then left opened for >24 hrs in open air.
- 3) Magazines then handled with disposable gloves & put into pre-addressed envelopes. Again left for 24hrs in alcohol sprayed bag.
- 4) Stamped envelopes distributed by Royal Mail as per government guidance.

## THANK YOU TO OUR LOCAL SUPPLIERS

Our thanks go to local suppliers who have been incredibly helpful in providing the denizens of Luppitt, especially those who are isolated, with daily essentials and food.

Julie, Kerrie and team at **Highfield Stores 01404 891015** who have been providing a great service and free home deliveries.

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## FROM THE ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE

What a great night the Irish Evening turned out to be; a wonderful village celebration just prior to the lockdown hitting us. This provided us with ample funds to keep the Village Hall maintained during this period of no income from bookings. It will also help to fund further projects on our 'to do list' when the lockdown is finally lifted. Many thanks again to all who organised and helped ensure the success of the evening, and everyone who supported it.

We have not yet given up hope of holding our Summer Madness Event on 18th July. Bands are still provisionally booked, and we will be planning advertising, and food and drink and other activities in the background, so that if the lockdown is lifted we can be ready to press on and organise it.

If by the end of May it looks as though the July date will not be possible, we will look to delay until later in the year, possibly the end of August - as last year. It would be good to be able to hold it as a big village celebration of surviving the virus!

We look forward to seeing you again in a few months, but until then take care and stay safe.

*Pat Bussey*

## COVID-19 SUPPORT PLAN

### **A message from Luppitt Parish Council Chairman, John Thorne:**

Life is certainly very different for everyone as we battle the Coronavirus emergency. We are lucky to live where we do – surrounded by lovely countryside. However, it is important that we continue to follow the Government guidelines so that we all play our part in helping those on the front line in this crisis.

If you need help in any way or notice anything unusual, here is a reminder of the numbers to call:

**Any query** - John Thorne 01404 891412 or 07748 780096

**Any query** - Rosalind Buxton 01404 861565 or 07944 625025

**Beacon** - Tom Nancarrow 07870 576330

**Luppitt Village and Hense Moor** - Phil Smith 01404 891318 or 07984 735663

**Gully Lane and surrounding area and Hense Moor** - Paul Prettejohn 01404 890257 or 07775 902878

**Wick** - Beth Hooper 01404 891273 or 07725 702443

**Shaugh** - Greg Page-Turner 07958 699645

**The Shelvins** - Roger Hicks 01404 891579 or 07798 800428

**Luppitt - here to help - 07983 430486** is manned 24 hours a day and any member of the Luppitt community can ring at any time to gain information or any other help that they may require.

Luppitt Parish Council website, [www.luppittparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.luppittparishcouncil.co.uk), is kept updated with the latest information from the Government, NHS and East Devon District Council.

I have heard from concerned residents who have noticed people from outside the area driving to the Commons to walk. Whilst this is very annoying, the Commons and public footpaths remain open and it is only the police who can move people on.

As it would seem that the present restrictions on meetings may be in force for some time, it was agreed it was important to maintain the smooth running of Parish Council business as far as possible. Therefore, the Parish Council held its first 'virtual' meeting on Tuesday, 7 April, when 4 Parish Councillors and the clerk were able to link up and communicate via the internet. It was surprisingly successful! This will be the pattern for the foreseeable future until restrictions are lifted. Agendas for meetings will be posted on the website ([www.luppittparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.luppittparishcouncil.co.uk)) in the normal way but not on notice boards as this would not be considered to be an essential journey. We have to bear in mind that we are not in the strongest area for broadband reception but, if any member of the public would like to join the meeting in future, they should contact the clerk who will do her best to accommodate their request.

The Government has issued guidance for various statutory meetings and, as a result, the Annual Parish Meeting which had been arranged for 21 April and has now been cancelled. The VE Celebrations due to take place nationally over the weekend of 8-10 May have been cancelled. Organisers hope that any events planned for that weekend can be postponed until VJ Day due to be celebrated over the weekend of 15 and 16 August.

These are very strange times but the community spirit of all residents in Luppitt parish is as strong as ever and will play a large part in getting us all through this emergency.

## **DUNKESWELL MISSION COMMUNITY CHARITY SKYDIVE**

John Hayhoe will be undertaking a charity sky dive with Skydive Buzz at Dunkeswell Airfield to raise money for the 6 Churches of our Mission Community.

The date will be confirmed when the current restrictions are lifted.

To sponsor John or for details of how **YOU CAN JUMP TOO** in aid of our Church

please call Sara on 891140



## **FREE**

**Alpaca fleece ready for spinning - Von Millar 01404 891145**

## **GARDEN JOTTINGS**

I started writing these jottings some while ago. The garden was a bog then after weeks and months of rain. Yellow daffodils and even yellower celandine were poking up out of a swamp. Snowdrops were doing fine, and even crocuses were making a sterling effort in rare spells of sunshine. Everywhere was so soggy I even looked up words in the dictionary for boggy. I found some new ones - uliginose and paludal, but swampy seemed the best of the bunch.

It's been dry now for a fortnight or so. I'm actually having to look for the watering can, and there are already empty spaces in the butts. We've managed to get on the grass and cut it, and I've heard our neighbour cutting his too. Last week you could barely walk on it, just squelch. The met man claimed it'd been the wettest on record, so I'm not alone.

Things have definitely been improving. Joyous birds wake you up in the morning. Hedges and bushes are greening up in the late evening sunshine. Summer seems not so far off. Our camellia is producing a long succession of gloriously large red flowers. Must have been the nearly frostless winter. Or was it last year's warm summer? Primroses and polyanthuses are scattered brilliantly across our grassy bank. Fritillaries - green, purple and white - are flowering well too. Earlier pink cyclamen managed to survive squirrel rampages. Spring has brought out the squirrels. Their aerial feats and audacious acrobatics are astonishing. Their dreys are high up in the treetops. Now you see them leaping from branch to branch, now they are winging on the bird feeders, stealing the food. JCS casts a dour and experienced eye on their antics. Little Cat is still sure she can catch one some day. I don't think much of her chances if she did manage it.

There are plenty of bees hovering over sunny flowers. Here and there butterflies flutter - peacocks, orange tips, brimstones. On warm sun-bathed surfaces bluebottles in crowds soak up the rising sun. Today is still a little chilly, but the weather people are promising warmer days. Out here in Luppitt we are lucky to be able to enjoy these.

*David Street*

## LUPPITT INN CHRONICLES IN THIS TIME OF PLAGUE

All is quiet, the doors are barred. An air of sadness hangs over the Inn. The virtuous denizens of Luppitt are being denied their weekly refreshment so perhaps we should be transformed from virtuous into virtual customers.



In the absence of the real thing (ie sitting on a slightly damp cushion next to the cream of Luppitt society with a warm pint), Luppitus has been dreaming of a new tropical cocktail to be consumed under a palm tree with a balmy Caribbean breeze to keep him cool. This, with a nod to James Bond, is a “Quarantini” – coughed not sneezed - and served in a well iced glass by a suitably clad lady. My other half mutters – in your dreams! Other regulars at the Luppitt Inn have suggested various pubs and bars to visit in our reveries – Russell, our Somerset Viking, recommended the 17thC Poltimore Arms at South Molton for an

excellent meal and pint; from there, Glenn suggests we fly in his rickety time machine to the “Old” Raffles in 1963 Singapore where we enjoy a Singapore Sling followed by a pint or two of Tiger lager. Half an hour later, arriving back in Blighty, Mick insists we take off immediately for Venice to Harrys bar – where we pass a ‘romantic’ evening watching the gondolas drift by while quaffing the original Bellinis (champagne with peach juice).

C. Luppittus

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## VIRTUAL PUB VISITS

Ken and Danek, both Luppitt Inn regulars, have accepted the challenge of taking us to their second favourite pub!

### **“KEN THE CYCLIST GOES TO THE BRIDGE INN” (or was he really in Luppitt all the time?)**

A pint of Otter Bitter at the Luppitt Inn is of course my first choice, but my second pub of choice, The Bridge Inn at Topsham, stands above the rest. The name alone brings many alcohol fuelled memories; I can remember the beginnings of most, but not the ends!



A cycle trip to the Bridge in the depths of November on a cold starry windy night starts with an instant overwhelming desire and passion for ‘Palmer’s 200 Premium Ale’, all a man could want, dark copper colour, tall slim and cool, rich full bodied with a majestic aroma from a perfect blend of Maris Otter Malt, Kent Goldings and First Gold hops. The 20 mile cycle ride via Exeter airport passes amazingly quickly with one thought on my

mind and I soon reach the ancient dark and imposing structure of the Bridge Inn. It is still as I remember it in the 1970’s, painted pink and in need of a good brush of paint. I park my bike and head for the entrance door and passage to the bar server. A very old and almost Dickensian feel of unaltered decorations, dark wooden panelling with yellowed walls and ceilings from centuries of Woodbines and Old Shag smoke, the nicotine staining so common from bygone years in old drinking pubs.

Near the end of the corridor is a small beer ordering counter. I am drawn to the

menu and feel a cold shiver of horror, Palmers may not be on it! I rush down the list, Whiskey Porter, Flat Calm, Hafer Dunker, Sea Dog then there it is - Palmers 200 5%. All fears disappear, all is right in the world and I place my order with a smile, the bar lady disappears and I make my way to the Public Bar. As I open the door, there I am in the bar of the Luppitt Inn, a little larger but with great similarities. I carefully scan the room and note there is a warm glowing fire where Danek and Nigel sit and a man in a chair squeezed in the corner reading a thick well dog eared book and a dark near full pint of beer sitting in the hearth, that's Mick and Jo's corner, another younger chap is sitting in Russell's seat with a nearly empty lighter beer and he is lost in a newspaper crossword which is spread over the circular central table. I notice the fixed wall long seat opposite and I settle myself in Graham's seat next to the wall with the small servery bar.

Instantly, a long thin Nonic Pint glass arrives, sadly not by the hand of Caroline or Phil. The beer is lively and dark, well presented with a fine white creamy head slightly overflowing the glass and slowly running down its side. The cool wet sensation hits my hand which sends a message and stimulates my brain, pure delight on its way. The first pint disappears all too quickly and I am half way through the second and lost in my own little world, I'm back at the Luppitt Inn and expecting Glenn to burst in at any minute voicing a cheery insult to all. I have to stop myself just in time from shouting out "beer's good tonight Mary" and the harsh reality hits me that the dark cold journey home is getting closer. I try to make my third pint last as long as possible, but it's hopeless, there must be a hole in the glass as before I know it the bottom of the glass is looking up at me and the writing is clear, 'time to go'. I cycle home happy, thinking it's not the pub that matters, it's the people from the Luppitt Inn who were with me tonight.

*Ken Evans*

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## **MY FAVOURITE LOCAL (APART FROM THE LUPPITT INN!)**

My favourite pub has to be the Yew Tree in the hamlet of Conderton, situated on the southern slopes of Bredon Hill, which straddles the Worcestershire/ Gloucestershire border.

I was introduced to it by a series of coincidences.

In 1969 I was living in Smith Terrace, parallel with the Kings road in Chelsea. At about 7pm most evenings, shortly after the Tom and Jerry daily cartoon had ended, I noticed that three young men left their house on the other side of the street. They were usually, as was the fashion then, dressed in loon trousers and velvet jackets and as often as not, sporting a toothbrush in their top pockets as they headed for the Kings Road.

In 1971 I moved to a cottage in Kemerton on Bredon Hill, and imagine my surprise when I looked out of the dining room window one early summer evening, to see one of that same trio striding along the lane and past my cottage. The following evening I went out and asked if he really was one of the three from Chelsea, and indeed he was.

His name was Kim North and his parents lived next door to the house I had just

moved to. He invited me to his favourite country pub, the Yew Tree. In those days the pub was very typical of a rural pub; four ground floor rooms, with a dart board in one and a piano in another. At the back was what seemed to be not much more than a lean-to, with a trestle table holding a few barrels of beer and scrumpy. A shelf behind the landlord had on it a few bottles of spirits, and rolling and pipe tobacco. No crisps, peanuts or pork scratchings in those days.

Our landlord was Dick Cranton, a surly ex-game keeper, who liked to test new customers, by seeing if they could be as rude back to him as he was to them. I passed the test with flying colours. In those days most of his customers were farm workers and road men, and the entire company sat below a cloud of lazy buzzing flies.

As the years went by the pub changed hands several times, but always retained it's charm as my local, and now has an excellent reputation as a good all round country pub.

*Danek Piechowiak*

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## 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.

*N. Hurst*

## GROWING UP IN WOODBURY SALTERTON

My father was born in Honiton, where his family had a Boot and Shoe Factory, (behind Fountains Antiques). They moved to Shute before farming near Exmouth. I grew up in Woodbury Salterton where we had a small farm, mainly pigs and hens. The house was an old Devon long house called Nutts! I don't why. Perhaps once nuts grew there. Father's family had a farm and dairy near Exmouth. Mother was a policeman's daughter, and they met when he delivered the milk.

Woodbury Salterton was a tiny village. We had no shop, but we did have a pub, school and church. Next to the pub (now the Diggers Rest) was Dagworthy's Farm, where we got our milk. We had a bus on a Friday, which went into Exeter for the market. There was a covered market where the Guildhall Shopping Centre is now. This bus was a special treat. By the time I was going to school in Exeter we had progressed to a daily bus.

I never remember being bored. I had all the fields and countryside to wander in and make up adventures. In winter I had my books and jigsaws. I had three older sisters but I was usually on my own. It was to me an idyllic childhood. We made our own amusements. We grew our own veggies, and Father shot rabbits etc. It is sad now to see so much of the village built up. Dagworthy's farm and Sage's farm are now housing estates. Father's veggie garden he sweated over to keep us in food is now mainly concrete with a large house built where the cabbages grew.

It was a lovely place to grow up in. We knew everyone and everyone knew us! We never gave a thought of danger while wandering around the village, although we had our own fair share of strange eccentric people.

*Jacki Street*

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## TAE A VIRUS!! (TO A VIRUS) by Willie Sinclair

Twa months ago, we didna ken,  
yer name or ocht about ye  
But lots of things have changed since  
then,  
I really must salute ye

Yer spreading rate is quite intense,  
yer feeding like a gannet  
Disruption caused, is so immense,  
ye've shaken oor wee planet.

Corona used tae be a beer,  
they garnished it wae limes  
But noo it's filled us awe wae fear  
These days, are scary times.

Nae shakin hawns, or peckin lips,  
it's whit they awe advise  
But scrub them weel, richt tae the tips,  
that's how we'll awe survive

Just stay inside , the hoose, ye bide  
Nae sneakin oot for strolls  
Just check the lavvy every hoor  
And stock-take, your, loo rolls

Canary isles, no for a while  
Nae need for suntan cream  
And awe because o this wee bug  
We ken tae be..19

The boredom surely will set in,  
But have a read, or doodle  
Or plan yer menu for the month  
Wi 95 pot noodles.

When these run oot, just look about  
A change, it would be nice  
We've beans and pasta By the ton  
and twenty stane o rice.

So dinny think yell wipe us oot  
Aye true, a few have died  
Bubonic, bird flu, and Tb  
They came, they left, they tried

Ye might be gallus noo ma freen  
As ye jump fae cup tae cup  
But when we get oor vaccine made  
Yer number will be up.

## **STAY HOME – STAY SAFE – STAY SCAM AWARE**

The outbreak of COVID-19 has seen an increase in scams and doorstep traders who are trying to exploit fear and uncertainty during this difficult time. As individuals and communities, we urge you to keep safe and vigilant in the current environment and look out for scams in your neighbourhood, which often target elderly and vulnerable people.

### **TYPES OF SCAM**

#### **Testing Kits and Cures**

There is currently no cure for COVID-19 and limited access to testing kits outside the NHS. When these kits are available, always ensure you are purchasing from a reputable supplier.

#### **Doorstep Crime**

There are many genuine community groups and charities that are assisting the most vulnerable. However, be alert for individuals who may be taking money under the false pretence of helping.

#### **Donation Scams**

There have been reports of thieves extorting money from consumers by claiming they are collecting donations for a COVID-19 'vaccine'.

#### **Refund Scams**

Some companies are offering fake holiday refunds for individuals who have been forced to cancel their trips. People seeking refunds should also be wary of fake websites set up to claim holiday refunds.

#### **Financial Scams**

- Criminals are seeking to take advantage of the financial uncertainty many people are facing. These include calls/emails pretending to be from your bank, mortgage or internet provider as well as increases in loan shark activity.
- If you need help, try and use people you know and trust. If you cannot do this, always ask the person for ID, preferably in the form of a driving licence and make a note of their details.
- Don't assume everyone is genuine. It is okay to say no and refuse an offer.
- Don't open links or attachments from suspicious emails or text messages.
- Never give out your personal bank details, pin, passwords to anyone over the phone, online or on your doorstep.
- Don't ring the number the caller has given you to check it's genuine. Always try to look the number up for yourself.
- If buying online, only make payments if there is a padlock symbol in the browser window frame and you have carefully checked the site and website address for inconsistencies.
- If you are unsure, please seek advice from someone you know and trust.

### **HOW TO STAY SAFE**

We are calling on communities to look out for each other. If you see or hear anything suspicious contact

the **Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 0808 223 1133**

For more advice visit [www.devonsomersettradingstandards.gov.uk.COVI](http://www.devonsomersettradingstandards.gov.uk.COVI)



## **We are here to support you during the Coronavirus crisis**

Our building may be locked but the Church in Luppitt is still functioning in this strange new world in which we find ourselves. Our clergy are utilising technology to bring us God's Word in these challenging times.

If you are lonely, would like our prayers, are facing hardship, or are in need of any kind, we are able to offer actual and pastoral support. Please do not hesitate to contact our Rector on 515083, our Churchwardens, Church Secretary or Administrator. See inside back cover for phone numbers.

### **Live and recorded services**

Join John by phone at 10.00am for his weekday reflections and Sunday Service  
Dial 0333 011 0616 then enter the access code 815 7268 followed by the # (at the bottom right hand side of you telephone keypad, the telephone will ask you to press the £ sign but press #):

A voice will ask for your name and then you will join the service. *Please check with your phone provider if there is a charge for 03 numbers.*

Services and reflections are also available from our website  
[www.dunkeswell.org.uk](http://www.dunkeswell.org.uk)

Join Rev'd Jane for night prayer via Zoom. Find up-to-date details on our website.

### **Virtual prayer walks**

Jane is confined to her home but is setting out on virtual prayer walks around our Parishes and praying for us. If you would like to suggest a virtual route or ask her to pray for specific people then please call her on 841523



### **Hartridge Crosses**

We started putting the Easter crosses on Hartridge in 2002. The Churchwardens wish that we could have done so again this year, as we believe that it is an important witness of our Christian faith, but after careful thought, we decided that the job could not be done while observing social distancing. As a compromise, three crosses have been erected on Church Hill on the path by the kissing gate. We hope and pray that we will be back to normal next year.

*Wendy and Brian*

## THE RECTOR'S LETTER

### Testing Times

As ever with our Parish Magazines all copy is produced at least two or three weeks in advance and at the moment a great deal is happening in what is a remarkably short period of time. Since I wrote for April's magazine the churches have been closed, weddings and baptisms have been postponed, and quite severe restrictions placed on how funerals take place. These, though very important for all sorts of reasons, don't compare with the restrictions on other areas of our daily lives. There will be many people you will know whose income has collapsed, whose businesses are in severe jeopardy. There are many people across the nation whose families have been severely wounded by bereavement or fear as Covid-19 has affected them personally. In the time between my writing of this short article and the magazine landing on your door step we can expect things to get worse, though we know, as Her Majesty emphasised in her recent address to the nation it will eventually get better saying "every hour" ... "brings us closer to a return to more normal times".

What has been wonderful to see is how in our country how many people are demonstrating their love for their neighbour (and not just the person living next door). I have heard of so many generous actions, covering an extraordinary range of helpful activities, being undertaken by so many people. It has made an impact especially upon the isolated, and most particularly on those alone. Demonstrations of love made this way really do make a difference and I hope that the impact they are making will help to heal the damage of Covid-19 and strengthen our communities for a long time after this crisis is over.

There are other benefits that I am sure will last, and indeed just get greater. Modern technology has enabled the churches to do things differently – services are being streamed live in some places, I am recording them on video and posting them on line on YouTube, my colleague Jane Penn in Broadhembury is using videoconferencing, I am using telephone conferencing to include some people who don't have computers, in Upottery the Children's Church are using the social networking app WhatsApp to keep in touch, and I am sure there are many other things going on. In many ways we are all making more frequent contact with more people!

The human race has always depended on relationships, we really do need each other, and it is wonderful to see how the very best of human nature is coming to the fore in these very testing times.

*John Hayhoe*

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## THANK YOU FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

Our heartfelt thanks to all of you who support our Church so generously, which means we are in a position to be able to offer physical help to Parishioners facing hardship in this difficult time.

A special 'thank you' to everyone who continues to give, despite the lockdown.

**Clerk's report of a virtual meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held  
on Tuesday, 7 April 2020 at 8 pm  
(A virtual meeting was held to comply with the Government  
restrictions on attending meetings that are currently  
in place in response to the Coronavirus emergency)**

**Present:** Cllrs John Thorne (Chairman), Christine Ryder, Andrew Tucker, Michele Turner, Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk)

**Receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Tom Nancarrow (Vice Chairman), Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman Beth Hooper and David Key (EDDC)

**Minutes of previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 3 March 2020, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting with the amendment in item 1.2 that the site visit was at Dolish Farmhouse, not Dolish Farm (proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Tucker).

**Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**PLANNING**

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

None

**Decisions**

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

**Neighbourhood Plan**

**Community Actions included in draft Neighbourhood Plan**

The Community Actions were discussed in detail and amendments agreed.

**Return of Grant**

The clerk had successfully applied in 2019 for grant money to be used towards costs relating to the Neighbourhood Plan. All money had to be spent by 31 March 2020. No extension to this date was permitted so the unspent grant money of £2,310.00 must be returned to Groundwork UK.

**HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

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

- Loose kerbstones at Millrise – clerk to follow up with EDDC as Highways has said it is not their responsibility.
- Potholes in School Lane and potholes – clerk to report again.
- Potholes between Higher Wick and Fortfield houses, from Greenlands to Churchland and half-way between Dumpdon car park and The Linhay – either repaired or due to be repaired.
- Ringborough Cross to Coombeshead – clerk to report again.
- **New items to report** – Maple Cross to Pound Farm – severe edge of road deterioration on both sides; water flooding up in middle of road by Higher Wick farmhouse.

**Parish Maintenance**

Cllr Tucker has carried out work outside Halsdon Cottages and Newhouse to solve problems caused by water on the road.

**FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

**Footpath 26** The clerk has reported the rotten waymark on Footpath 26 on the Hillend road just above Snooks. A parishioner had contacted the Chairman to

report that people outside the area are driving to The Commons to walk. Public footpaths and The Commons have not been closed so although people are not complying with Government guidelines on essential journeys, only the police can take action.

## **ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

### **Community Policing Report**

None received.

### **Annual Parish Meeting and VE Day celebrations**

To comply with current restrictions, the Annual Parish Meeting will not take place this year. National VE Day celebrations planned for the weekend of 8-10 May have been cancelled. Organisers hope to combine the planned events with VJ Day celebrations due to be held on 15 and 16 August. The Government has issued new guidelines regarding statutory meetings for County, District, Town and Parish Councils. After discussion, it was agreed not to hold the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council next month. Cllr Thorne will continue as Chairman until May 2021.

### **Local Bus Services**

An email giving details of a consultation being carried out by Devon County Council was discussed. With social distancing requirements, it is difficult to canvass any meaningful opinion from residents.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)**

The forms have not yet been sent out by the external auditors. The deadline for receipt of completed forms has been extended from 30 September to 30 November. The clerk will prepare year-end documents ready to pass to the internal auditor when the AGAR is received and social distancing guidelines are revised.

### **Online banking**

In view of current restrictions, it was agreed that the clerk should make enquiries about online banking (proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded by Cllr Ryder with all in favour).

### **Correspondence**

None received.

## **CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION**

- Cllr Thorne said it was difficult to believe how much had happened since the last meeting. Isolated properties and residents who might need extra help during the Covid-19 pandemic had been identified so that arrangements could be made to ensure that everyone was looked after as far as possible. The Parish Council had provided telephone numbers for residents to use if they had any concerns. Members of the community also started other very helpful initiatives to help residents through the crisis. The April edition of the Luppitt Packet had been printed and delivered by post as a combined effort between the editors and the Parish Council. The editors are planning to produce a May edition. Cllr Thorne will contact them to discuss.

- Cllr Ryder thanked the clerk for setting up the virtual meeting. It was agreed that it had run smoothly for the first attempt.

## **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 9.48 pm.

**Dates for next virtual meetings to be held at 8 pm:**

**Tuesday, 5 May 2020, Tuesday, 2 June 2020**

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