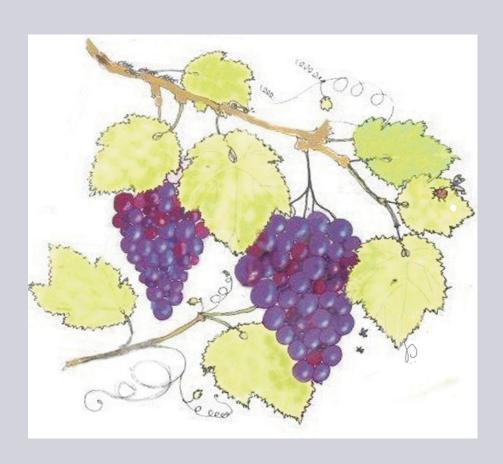
LUPPITT PACKET



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This edition sees the demise of the Luppitt Inn Chronicle as Luppitus is taking a long and well earned holiday. Perhaps he may resurrect himself in a new rejuvenated form next year.

Where have all the insects gone? In the fifties and sixties driving any distance in a car during the summer involved frequent stops to clear the windscreen of bugs of all shapes and sizes. Now one can drive hundreds of miles with hardly any insect hits at all. It is a worrying sign of how badly an essential part of our eco-system has been damaged.

Biologists tell us that each eco-system has a key animal, which if lost, causes widespread damage to the whole eco-system and even complete collapse. In Europe that keystone animal is the humble Bee. The Bee faces a number of threats including urbanisation and loss of habitat, insecticides, infestation with viruses and mites, and loss of important food sources. In this edition we publish an article from Devon Wildlife on the subject of insects and what we can do to encourage them.

Nigel Hurst & Claire Stevens

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YOUR VILLAGE HALL

Like everything else the Hall had to close with the advent of Covid-19.

However, the Committee has decided it should now be re-opened on a limited basis in line with the latest Government guidelines for public buildings (and believe me there are plenty of those).

Short Mat Bowls has resumed on a Monday evening at 7:30pm and a Friday Coffee Morning should be possible if someone is prepared to 'drive it'.

Yoga has restarted on Wednesday evenings at 7pm Call Lesley 07791 563674 Forthcoming events, however are more difficult to plan. If you wish to hire the hall, the Committee will consider the suitability of your proposed event with an eye on social distancing etc.

LUPPITT VILLAGE HALL AGM will be held on THURSDAY 29th OCTOBER 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall; this is an Open Meeting, but will be subject to Covid 19 restrictions at the time.

THANK YOU FROM BRIAN HOWLETT AND FAMILY

Brian Howlett and family would like to express a most sincere thank you for all the cards, care and kindness shown by friends and neighbours following the death of my dearly loved Janet.

To date £1037.00 has been donated to Parkinsons UK.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Members, or those who would like to join, can call the Exmouth library at least a week before the van visits.



Books will be selected for them and carefully handed over in a bag. The contact number is 01395 272677

The van will next visit on September 30 and October 25 at Mount Stephens.

CHURCH CLEANING

With the resumption of Church services Pearl would like to set up a new Church cleaning and flower rota. The Church can be opened on Wednesday afternoons so that this can take place.

If you would like to help please can you call Pearl on 891324.

Thank you.

ACTION FOR INSECTS

Action for Insects is a new campaign by Devon Wildlife Trust – and its 46 sister Wildlife Trusts around the country – to help butterflies, bees and our other six-legged friends.

Many insect species have suffered catastrophic declines in recent decades, due to changes in farmland management, loss of wild habitat and use of pesticides. But with concerted action, we can turn things around for some of the most amazing creatures in our countryside and gardens.

Why we need to take action

Few things conjure up a perfect image of the countryside quite like a bee buzzing from flower to flower. A butterfly fluttering across a meadow. A beetle making its way through tall grass. They paint a wonderful picture, don't they? The reality, however, is less than idyllic. Modern living has seen insect numbers drop at an alarming rate. We risk losing some of them forever.

Life systems depend on insects.

Insects make up the majority of our wildlife and are truly remarkable in the roles they play. Pollinators such as bumblebees, hoverflies and moths are vital for passing on pollen to help flowering plants reproduce. And approximately three quarters of the crop types grown by humans rely on pollination by insects.



Marbled White Butterfly

Insects break down and decompose organic materials. They turn dead matter and waste into usable forms, like fertile soil for healthy crops. And let's not forget that insects are food for many other animals including birds, bats, reptiles, amphibians and fish.

Can you help?

Devon Wildlife Trust needs local communities and individuals to help in the fight to stop insects from dying out. Two new action guides are packed full of information to help both community groups and individuals take practical action in their local neighbourhood and at home. Just taking a few simple actions can have a big impact if we all act. Together we can reverse insect loss and help the wildlife that depends on insects to thrive once more.

Sign up for your free guide here www.wildlifetrusts.org/take-action-insects

ASH DIEBACK IN DEVON

Ash dieback is a disease affecting ash trees in our countryside and towns. It threatens to wipe out over 90% of Britain's native ash species and is likely to cause safety issues that need to be managed by landowners in high-risk areas. Loss of ash trees, woodland, and hedgerow species could have a major impact on the wildlife and character of Devon's countryside.

Across our network in Devon we have many ash trees which if left untreated could potentially cause a significant hazard. That's why in Devon we will be removing trees infected with ash dieback that pose a risk to the highway, over the next 5 years, these works will take place in all areas.



To find out more about ash dieback please visit our dedicated website devonashdieback.org.uk

SIKHISM AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Guru Granth Sahib's wisdom is honoured by Sikhs who believe that all humans have an intrinsic sensitivity to the natural world, and that a sustainable, more just society is possible, where water, air, land, forests, and biodiversity remain vibrant, living systems for our generation and future generations.

The air is our guru,
The water is our father,
And the earth is our mother.
We must live in harmony with nature,
Then us and them will flourish.

Contributed by Heather Plummer

GARDEN JOTTINGS

It's very cloudy today, not exactly much good for staycations - dull and grey and drizzly with a chilly wind. Looking out of the window, I see some of the agapanthus have blown over. They are flat on the ground. It's mainly the stems on the outside of the clumps that have gone over, the ones that tend to come up sideways instead of upright. There aren't many flowers coming from the middle of the clumps. This is what happens to perennials that have been there some time. Growth is on the outside. The centres are old and deadish. I'll have to split them up and keep the younger outside parts before replanting them.

It's the same with other perennials too - the phlox, the brunnera, the golden rod. There's a lot of couch growing among these perennial clumps. I can get its entire root out when I transplant. It's about the only way to get the whole root out without chemicals. The best time to do this is just after flowering, when the plant is growing new roots for the next year. With the agapanthus September is just right after they've finished flowering. The soil is still warm and the sun not too powerful. Of course you might think agapanthus are tender for our winter and prefer to pot them up for setting out next spring.



My agapanthus are not the only things blown by the wind. Leaves are coming off many trees. There are apples on the ground. Something's been eating them. Most of the trees are not yet quite ready to go into autumn mode, but the cherry tree's usually early. Its leaves already cover the lawn. There are plenty of ivy leaves too to be swept up. Evergreens have their own time for leaf drop. Evergreen leaves are not ever green. I'm always finding dead laurel leaves lying round. Even as I write in September oak leaves lie all over the garden. These do not usually fall until well into November.

Not having a leaf-blower, I'd better get out brush, broom and besom ready for the coming autumn onslaught. There may still be plenty of time for warm days, but the midday sun is not high now. Before long we shall be having Charlie descend upon us from the Caribbean. As the atmosphere gradually warms over the years and becomes less stable, we may get Yvonne or even one of her Greek cousins.

David Street

MAIDS OF HONOUR

Granny turned a page "What about this one? Maids of Honour?"

"Weell, they starts out as Maids of Honour," said Nanny, fidgeting with her feet, "but they ends up as Tarts."

by Terry Pratchett

Ingredients:

450g ready made puff pastry zest and juice of 1 lemon 95g caster sugar

30g ground almonds 1 egg + 1 egg yolk

60g well drained curd cheese 75g butter 25ml double cream

You will need a shallow tartlet tin and a 5cm round pastry cutter.

Whisk the sugar, egg and yolk until light and fluffy. Melt the butter and drizzle it slowly into the eggs and sugar while continuing to whisk. Add the lemon zest and juice and ground almonds. Sieve the curd cheese through a fine meshed sieve. Add to the rest of the ingredients. Stir thoroughly. Lastly stir in the cream. Cover and put in the fridge to chill. Roll out the puff pastry thinly, cut out circles using the cutter. Press the pastry circles into greased the tin, try and make the centre thinner, so the rim edges of the pastry ease upwards. (We don't want soggy bottoms!) Spoon in about 1 tablespoon of the filling. Do not over-fill as the filling will puff up during cooking and sink as it cools.

Pre-heat the oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes until lightly browned. Cool and lightly dust with icing sugar.

The tale goes Anne Boleyn made them for Henry VIII, who named them Maids of Honour. Not authenticated!!

Jacki Street

LETTER FROM A FRIEND - HOW TO BOOST EXPORTS TO CHINA

I recently received an email from an old friend who farms in Gloucestershire. He wrote:

As I get more senile I spend more and more time writing rubbish to amuse myself. The latest was inspired by the label in some pyjamas kindly ordered by my daughter.

I was delighted by the label - one side read:

'We are Specialised in Silk Pyjamas for more than 60 Years, and Have a factory in Hangzhou of China where is Silk Hometown, With Good quality and Compretitive price.'

The other side as part of 'How to wash' instructed:

'Dry in the sun conversely'. I guess 'conversely' must mean inside out. If I am right this seems to me a useful new use for the word.

A label for selling UK products in China might read as follows:

We are Specialised in Honesty for longer than we can remember and Prime Minister Boris has office in London of England where is Rule of Law Hometown with Compretitive quality and conversely practice. Boris very unwell (perhaps drunk like Mr Churchill) his policy very conversely also trousers after wet by State Dog Dilyn. Dry in sun conversely ironed by First Lady (our first lady Carrie loves badgers your first lady Carrie Lam in Hong Kong different she probably eat badgers and our delicious bite size first dog Dilyn but, conversely (possibly) both Carries love Rule of Law so good friends eat Treasury cat instead Dilyn.'

Kind regards, T



NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Parish of St Mary's, Luppitt

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in St. Mary's Church on the 18th day of October 2020 at noon

For election of parochial representatives of the laity as follows

To the Deanery Synod 2 representatives.

To the Parochial Church Council 2 representatives.

For the appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditor.

For the consideration of:

- (a) a report on changes to the Roll since the last annual parochial church meeting OR a report on the numbers entered on the new Roll;
- (b) an Annual Report on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;
- (c) the financial statements of the council for the year ending on the 31st December preceding the meeting;
- (d) the annual report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church or churches of the parish;
- (e) a report of the proceedings of the deanery synod; and
- (f) other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

In this Notice, 'parish' means an ecclesiastical parish.

Signed

Minister of the parish



The impact of Covid-19 continues to affect our lives. If you are lonely, would like our prayers, are facing hardship, or are in need of any kind, we are able to offer you support. Please do not hesitate to contact our clergy, John Hayhoe or Jane Penn, the Churchwardens, PCC secretary or Administrator. Contact details may be found inside the back cover.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING AND WE NEED YOUR HELP

St. Mary's PCC are starting to plan our Christmas services working within the current restrictions. We would really appreciate and welcome your input as to the types of services you would like and when it suits you best to attend. For families with young children we are thinking of a Crib service and possibly a Christingle service, which could also be held early in the New Year. These services could be held instead of a Sunday service or on a Wednesday in the early evening. With the ban on singing should we hold a carol service with recorded music? Would you be willing to book so that we can maximise the seating in the Church? What time would you like to attend our Christmas service, at 9:30am or 11:00am? Should this be a crib service or a traditional Communion service or recorded carols by request with readings? Please send your thoughts to our PCC secretary Sue Piechowiak by 11 October on 891924 or 07990070132 (text or whatsapp)

OUR CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

25th	Thor	o is no convice at St. Many	0
18th	11:00 AM	Holy Communion CW	Revd J Hayhoe
11th	11:00AM	Family Service	Revd J Penn
4th	09:30 AM	Holy Communion	Revd J Hayhoe

25th There is no service at St. Mary's

11:00AM Dunkeswell: Morning Worship Revd J Penn 11:00AM Upottery: Holy Communion Revd J Hayhoe

Please remember that face coverings must be worn inside the Church building. John and Jane will continue to provide recorded and live services, via Zoom and dialin, for everyone within the Mission Community. They would love you to join them:

Daily at 8:30pm: Night Prayer with Jane via Zoom and dial-in

Sundays at 5pm: Sunday Worship with John via Zoom or dial-in. Also available on YouTube

For more information please contact our Church Administrator on 01404 891140 or

Visit www.dunkeswell.org.uk or find us on Facebook @sixworshiptogether

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

We are in such very interesting times but also in such normal times. Blackberries and sloes are ripening in our hedgerows, harvesting has begun, drilling of winter wheat and barley has started, and whilst lambs are still being weaned preparation for the auction of ewes is underway. The red, gold and brown of autumn are beginning to appear as autumn approaches. Our parish churches have begun to plan a slightly different sort of Harvest Festival - we are beginning to look at how we will commemorate Remembrance Day and wondering what we should be planning for Christmas. What is a carol service like if you can't sing the carols!

Yes – we are in interesting times. Today I received an email from my son's school explain what the school plans to do if a student tests positive for Covid19. The news today, 15 September, is all about the challenges of testing and the efficiency of the Track and Trace system. Tomorrow, 16 September is the beginning of the first semester of the new university academic year and students are gathering from across the country to start their studies again, bringing just who knows what with them to share inadvertently . Covid19 is with us and will be staying with us for the next many months and maybe longer. We should anticipate rising infection rates in the remarkably unaffected area in which we live. Whilst we know this and must protect ourselves and those around us as best we can life does go on. We will celebrate the harvest, we will commemorate those who gave their lives to win peace for us, we will celebrate the birth of the Christ Child and we will all do exactly what he asked, he commanded us to do – we will love our neighbour, we will support those around us who are isolating or suffering in whatever way.

The human race is extraordinary, extraordinary as a species on our planet but also we believe in whole the Universe. We are a relational and an empathetic species that works best when it works together and we have seen this in so many ways over the last many months in the work of NHS staff at every level, in the commitment of our teachers, police, bus and delivery drivers, shop assistants, volunteers, neighbours, friends, family – the list just goes on. We have all seen this and benefited from it because people do love their neighbours and as Scripture tells us in so many ways – where love is. God is.

John Hayhoe johnhayhoe@me.com

DUNKESWELL MISSION COMMUNITY CHARITY SKYDIVE 28 November 2020

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.

Each Church is raising funds separately.

To sponsor John in aid of St. Mary's or for details of how YOU can join John and 'JUMP FOR FREE' if you are 16 years or over please call Sara on 891140

If you prefer simply to make a donation towards the maintenance of our beautiful and historic Church building then this will be very gratefully received. Please contact Sara. our Treasurer. on 891140 for more information.

CLERK'S REPORT OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 8 PM

Present: Clirs John Thorne (Chairman), Tom Nancarrow (Vice-Chairman), Beth Hooper, Brian Pulman, Michele Turner, David Key and Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk)

Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Paul Prettejohn, Christine Ryder, Andrew Tucker, Iain Chubb (EDDC and DCC) and Colin Brown (EDDC)

Minutes of previous meeting The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 4 August 2020, were unanimously agreed and signed* as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Hooper and seconded by Cllr Nancarrow).

Declaration of Interest

Cllr Nancarrow declared an interest in the planning application at Higher Moorlands Farm, as he employs one of the applicants.

PLANNING

Applications (for comment, support or objection)

20/1125/FUL – Higher Moorlands Farm, Luppitt, EX14 4SY – erection of agricultural barn. There was a general discussion about the siting of the new barn. Cllrs Thorne and Turner agreed to call round and speak to the applicants.

Decisions

20/1063/FUL — Snooks Farm, Luppitt, EX14 4SB — erection of solar panel arrays — response from EDDC and AONB

The clerk had received a reply from Lisa Turner, the Blackdown Hills AONB Planning Officer, outlining their approach to small scale solar panel arrays. Main considerations would be scale and siting. For any future applications, the Parish Council will ensure that the AONB is consulted so that their input can be incorporated within the Parish Council's comments.

The clerk had received a reply from EDDC to apologise for the fact that the officer's report had stated that the site was not in the AONB. She was assured that EDDC planning officers do know which areas are covered by the AONB and that steps would be taken to ensure that this error did not occur again.

20/1088/FUL – Old Spurtham Farm, New Road, Upottery – erection of hay storage barn Approval – Cllr Key is following up on an aspect of the planning application.

20/1004/FUL – Higher Moorlands Farm, Luppitt, EX14 4SY – construction of two storey side and single storey front and rear extensions – approval with conditions.

19/2689/VAR - Appeal Decision - The Old Post Office, Luppitt, EX14 4RT

Appeal Ref: APP/U1105/D/20/3249068 – the appeal is dismissed.

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Thorne will contact Roger Hicks to see if he would like to attend the October meeting to update Parish Councillors on the progress he has made with the Neighbourhood Plan. The clerk advised that the Government is keen to encourage urban and deprived areas to produce Neighbourhood Plans with grants of £18,000 and free technical advice available. It was noted that EDDC has withdrawn from the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan.

HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

Parish Highways programme - update on Items to Report:

- * Loose kerbstones at Millrise Cllr Key will continue to follow up as work is unsatisfactory.
- * Several potholes at the lower part of School Lane towards Ringborough Cross and severe edge of road deterioration from Maple Cross to Pound Farm discussed with and reported to Neighbourhood Highways Officer.
- Potholes between Higher Wick and Fortfield houses clerk to report again.
- * Urgent attention needed towards Pound from Maple Cross by bungalow on right-hand side work completed.
- * Pothole between bridge on New Road and the two cottages work completed.
- * Pothole near Little Shelvin comment from Highways that a repair has been

undertaken or is due to be undertaken.

Parish Maintenance

The Mill Cllrs Thorne, Tucker and Pulman had met the resident to discuss the situation. During the Parish Council meeting, Cllr Tucker rang through with a quote of £780.00 to complete the work necessary. Decision to be carried forward to the next meeting.

Grass cutting

The clerk will follow up with the Neighbourhood Highways Officer.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Gateposts at Footpath 17 Cllr Nancarrow has investigated and two new gateposts are needed. The clerk will report to Ros Davies for action.

ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Play area inspection The inspection of the play area has been carried out and it is rated as a well-kept play area. Cllr Pulman confirmed that the disconnected spring has been replaced. It was agreed that a sign would be placed at the play area outlining Government guidelines on managing Covid-19 risks (proposed by Cllr Nancarrow, seconded by Cllr Turner with all in favour).

VJ Day 15 August 2020

Cllr Thorne said that the proclamation for peace around the world had been read out and he had rung the Church bell 75 times. About 20 people attended – all observing social distancing. The clerk will print out and laminate a certificate of recognition for taking part.

Defibrillators

The clerk has to complete and send monthly reports on the two defibrillators to South West Ambulance Service and it was agreed that because of this the clerk should continue to check both defibrillators. The clerk will ask Cllr Tucker to contact the residents who had undertaken to check the defibrillator at Beacon to thank them for their co-operation.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Quarterly Check - internal financial control

Cllr Ryder has checked and signed the cash book and reconciliation for the quarter ended June 2020 and confirmed that all is correct.

Letter from TRIP – update on activities

The clerk had received a funding request and update from TRIP. It was agreed that they continue to provide useful services in difficult times. It was agreed to send a donation of £50.00 (proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded by Cllr Hooper with all in favour). This is in addition to the annual S137 donation of £55.00.

Parish Council website

From 23 September 2020, all local council websites have to comply with regulations to ensure reasonable adjustments are made to websites so that they are accessible to people with various disabilities. Luppitt Parish Council has an accessibility statement on its website and the clerk will work through the entire website to ensure that all reasonable adjustments are made.

Parish Council meetings

Some Parish Councillors would welcome a face-to-face meeting but the clerk confirmed that Government and the National Association of Local Councils' current advice is to continue with virtual or remote meetings for the foreseeable future. The situation will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

Correspondence

Leaflets giving information on a support group for adults experiencing mental health difficulties, called Open Arms East Devon, have been received.

Clerk's hourly ratesThe National Association of Local Councils has negotiated an increase in hourly rates backdated to April 2020. The clerk confirmed that she is satisfied with her present hourly rate.

CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION There were no items.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC There were no questions and the meeting closed at 9.10 pm. Dates for next virtual meetings to be held at 8 pm:

Tuesday, 6 October 2020 Tuesday, 3 November 2020

FOR SALE GARDEN ROTAVATOR

£100 o.n.o. Call Heather 01404 891100

WANTED

Support Worker (full and part time available) at Barnfield Farm, Luppitt

Salary: £8.72 per hour

Flexible shifts, weekends and evenings, we are very keen for people to bring in their own skills and knowledge to help make the service grow, ultimately bringing more fulfilment to the people we support.

Drivers licence essential

Contact: Ben Andrew ben.andrew@unitedresponse.org.uk

07773962628 or 01404 891627 / 891457



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Devon Air Ambulance		01392 466666
East Devon District Council		01404 515616
TRIP (community transport)		01404 46529

Location of defibrillators

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