



BREAKFAST

Sunday 17th October

Luppitt Village Hall 10am - 1pm

Fruit Juice

Choice of Cereals

Full Farmhouse Breakfast / Vegetarian options

Toast and Preserves

Tea or coffee

Adults £7.50 Children £5.00

Booking advised - 07986 900349 (Lucy Murray)

All proceeds to Luppitt Playground Project

The Luppitt Playground Project aims to raise funds for a playground at the Village Hall. A group of enthusiastic parents are working hard to raise funds, through a childrens sponsored walk, grants and crowdfunding.

www.crowdfunder.co.uk-luppitt-playground-project

The children's sponsored walk from Beacon to Luppitt (via Wick) will end at the Village Hall at approximately 12:30

THE LUPPITT PACKET

Welcome to our October edition of the Luppitt Packet. We have a mix of articles contributed both by villagers and our very own team of 'roving reporters'.

See inside the back cover for details of the children's competition to design the cover of our Christmas edition.

The younger parents of Luppitt have started an initiative to raise money for a children's playground to be located at the Village Hall. We wish them success in adding this proposed facility.

Huge congratulations from the Luppitt packet to Tracey , Mary and Maggie for their very successful MacMillan coffee morning held on the 25th September. They would like to thank all who supported this event. They have raised a massive £540 for Macmillan. In addition, thanks must go out to all who donated to the Honiton Food bank and Veg Bank Harvest appeal.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Arthur Sage and grieve his passing with those who knew and loved him.

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October 2021

A huge thank you must go out to Louisiana and Julian for so generously hosting the Luppitt Packet tea event, and making us all very welcome at Greenway Manor.

September 4th dawned a fine day, and by mid afternoon the preparations for the Luppitt packet tea were complete. The tables were full of cakes, Tea and coffee. Raffle tickets were being sold at a rapid

rate, and the bring and by was in full swing with delicious Pimms served on the terrace.

The Luppitt packet roving reporters and helpers were manning the refreshments for a steady stream of visitors.

We would like to thank Joan and her team for all the background arrangements, and it was the perfect opportunity to thank Claire and Nigel publicly for running the packet over the last two years.

The Packet relies on events like these and, of course, advertising revenue. We are very grateful for all your support with the event raising over £280.



As Summer slowly eases into Autumn I hope you're all looking forward to joining in with more local events, which were sadly missed last year due to the lockdown. Everywhere we go there are reminders of the risks and precautions we must take, but we are very fortunate to have so much to look forward too.

If you would like to contribute articles to the Luppitt Packet please email: luppittpacket@gmail.com

Trevor & Martin

ONLINE VERSIONS OF THE LUPPITT PACKET

The website www.luppitt.net, which is hosted by Peter Sage, contains a wealth of information about Luppitt – its history, people, photos, family trees etc.

The site also holds PDF copies of The Packet dating from 2010 up to the current edition. We hope also in due course to have an easily readable electronic copy of the Packet .

WHAT'S ON

OCTOBER

Tue 5th Parish Council Meeting 8pm, Village Hall

Wed 13th The mobile library calls at Mountstephens 10:45 -

11:15am

Wed 13th Lesley Goode's tandem skydive

Sun 17th Big breakfast in the Village Hall from 11am

Thu 21st Commoners Meeting in the Village Hall at 8pm

Fri 22nd Autumn Bingo 7pm, eyes down at 7:30pm
Sat 23rd Morning Market in the village hall from11am
Mon 25th Village Hall Annual General Meeting 7:30pm

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Bowls 7.30pm Mondays

Friday Market 11am until 1pm 3rd, 10th, 17th October

Upcoming events

Saturday 13th November Luppitt Quiz Night

Saturday 18th December Luppitt Christmas Party,

THE BLACKDOWN HILLS REPAIR CAFÉ

Following the recent Repair Service that the Blackdown Hills Repair Café have managed to offer the community, during the recent difficult Covid period, and will be continuing to do so, while Stephan has managed to offer this service from his home in Blagdon Hill.

Our next event is scheduled for 2tth November2021 at the Parish Hall in Hemyock Postcode EX15 3QW
From 10am until 12.30pm
Please bring along your items to repair.

Please contact Stephan, Coordinator of the Blackdown Hills Repair Café

Email: sfelehner@aol.com

Mobile: 07715460783 (best) Home: 01823421760

Hedge-trimming

By the time you read this, it will be October and things should be beginning to look a bit more autumnal. Since 1st September, farmers have been allowed to start trimming the hedges around us, assuming birds have finished nesting and that most of the hedges' growth has been completed.

Why

The most obvious reason to trim hedges is to tidy things up, but also to create a uniform-looking hedge and something that looks like it's under control! Another reason would be to encourage more new growth next year, which would result in a thicker hedge, just like pruning your garden shrubs does. This benefits the wildlife that lives there and also helps the hedge work more effectively as a field boundary. Before the invention of stock fencing this would have been the most important reason for managing hedges, but it's often overlooked nowadays when the job is dominated by tractor-mounted flailed hedge-trimmers.

As a sheep farmer, another benefit of hedge-trimming is the removal of all the brambles that are desperately trying to stretch into each field. If left alone throughout the winter brambles can trap lambs by grabbing their fleeces and entangling them as they struggle to get free. The lamb certainly doesn't appreciate it, and having to sort out the mess that results is something the shepherd doesn't enjoy either! Obviously ignoring the problem could cause the animal distress and possibly even starvation in extreme cases.

Another benefit of a managed hedge is the natural shelter it provides for livestock in the field, whether that is shelter from the wind and rain, or occasionally the sun.

How

In times gone by, when farm labour was much more common, hedge-trimming was done by hand, using a paring hook and many hours of hard labour cutting back the growth, with probably just as much time spent clearing up the debris. Then, as mechanisation took hold, tractor-mounted finger-bar mower-style cutters were developed (like a modern day garden hedge-trimmer, only bigger) but clearing up was still needed afterwards. Next came the tractor-mounted flail hedge-trimmer. This normally fits on the back of a tractor and looks a lot like a big arm (nearly always yellow, around here) with a set of flails at the end; these spin at high speeds and chop any unwanted growth into small bits, spitting them back into the hedge and so removing the need to clear up afterwards. Instead

of the arm having muscles, there are hydraulic rams that work in the same manner: one to lift the arm up and down, another to bend the arm at its elbow and another to twist the head/hand at the wrist. Another ram can be used to move the arm from beside the tractor to directly behind it. I think the fancy ones may have even more, but fancy ones are not my area of expertise!

There is some skill required to operate this machine, with lots of eyeto-hand coordination needed. First, there is the tractor itself to drive, then the hedge-trimmer arm to keep at the desired height/angle/distance away from the tractor. Add into the mix some uneven terrain, bends in the hedge, overhanging branches/trees/poles to avoid, changing ground conditions and, if on the roadside, cars. This is why the job is done at a slow pace and why car drivers' patience is appreciated.

Hopefully the above will help give you an insight into this agricultural procedure and a better understanding of what goes on all around you, in the countryside and in Luppitt itself.

Side note

Did you know that Devon has a total of approximately 8,000 miles of roads? But the county also has some 33,000 miles of hedgerows, which is a lot more then the circumference of Planet Earth!

Phil Smith.

Coming soon...

Stories and memories of Norman Pulman

Norman was born and bred in Luppitt and is most likely to be related to you if you were also born in Luppitt.

He has numerous stories and hopefully he will be sharing them with us over the coming months.

We look forward to talking to him and passing on his memories!



A Luppitt Stroll

Sometimes a good brisk pace is great. It certainly warms you up, gets the blood pumping, energises your muscles and keeps your ticker healthy. However sometimes, everyone needs to slow down and just bimble.

Today I would like to take you on a bimble, or saunter or even dawdle. Walking without rushing is an art, and I think it serves great purposes. On one hand, it can be aimless, lost in thought or even better just enjoying the ambient sensations. You do not even have to have a destination in mind.

However today I have a route in mind. I am heading off to a small forest via Gulley lane passing Overday farm along the lane towards Jack's house. I am lolloping along away from my sometimes screen centric life. There is also a side effect that can be found from bimbling, you actually notice your walk, and at the same time your focus could be inwards. I eventually reach a small bridge across a stream, indicated by a public footpath sign, crossing the bridge and stile,I enter a field with the path stretching out before me. Sauntering across the field I reach another stile leading into a small forest.

I notice some pink Sloes. Blackthorn I am told is often the first tree to blossom in spring. But the floral confetti is merely a curtain raiser for the crop of plump, blue-black berries which signal autumn is near. I am also told by experts in these matters that Pink Sloes are best picked for gin-making after the first frost.

I amble or mosey through the small forest taking in and savouring the peacefulness. I reach a further stile leading across a field towards the Otter brewery. Over to my right I can just make out Luppitt. Looking down from the brow of the hill, I have been told there is a Site of special scientific interest, Hensemoor. A tongue twister that would be too difficult for me to say after two pints of Otter. While often beautiful, the designated criteria is technical rather than aesthetic. The title of SSSI is often awarded for biological interest , flora or fauna. Apparently there are almost 7000 of these across the UK. We have our own in Luppitt.

Heading past the brewery , I dawdle up the hill past hundreds of barrels and then onto the path leading past Hill end farm. Stretching out before me I can see Luppitt and St Mary's church. This is a good location for sunset shots and images. It's surprising how bimbling and sauntering can make you feel exhausted. I reach the foot of the hill leading to my gate. I admit I never take this hill at a brisk pace, but it gets your blood pumping all the same.

Trevor Bevan

GARDEN JOTTINGS

Autumn is a yellow season. Leaves turn yellow, sometimes red. In late summer and early autumn many yellow flowers are out in full splendour - rudbeckia, helianthus, golden rod. Even the sun in the afternoon shines with a golden glow.

Of course all is not yellow. Breeders are producing variations in the colour of traditionally yellow flowers. And many are not yellow at all. We have a striking scarlet dahlia that lasts well into autumn, even till the first damaging frost. Dahlias come in many different colours as well as shapes and sizes.

Our rudbeckia - named after an early Swedish botanist - is a brilliant deep yellow, probably the German sounding Goldsturm. I tried splitting a piece off in late spring. This settled down, even if rather slowly compared with many perennials and should flower later this autumn - another patch of bright yellow. There is a large clump of golden rod by the lane wall, a tall yellow fluffy flower in September Botanically it is Solidago Canadensis, So I expect it is native to Canada. Ours is tall, but you can get shorter forms nowadays, even as short as a foot high.

There are plenty of non-yellow autumn flowers too. Michelmas daisies and Japanese anemones come to mind. Both, especially the anemone, are aggressive spreaders. Michelmas daisies, either tall or short, come in mauves purples to red. The anemone is tall pink or white, very likely to pop up where it is not wanted.

In the poly where summer lasts that bit longer, the tomatoes are red, yellow and orange with many leaves removed to let the sun through. The sweet potatoes are still a mystery. They look healthy enough, but will there be anything worthwhile in the soil below? We shall have to wait till October to find out, I expect. The nerines have been watered and quite suddenly their flower buds are waving about, even if too slowly to watch. They are another October wait. Against a sun-soaked shed wall blackberries are ripening to black behind protective netting warding off hungry birds.

As I am writing this, the air is warm and filled with sunshine. Let's hope atmospheric patterns favour bringing up more warm weather this month and next.

David Street

KNIT FOR PEACE.

If you like knitting this is a lovely charity. They send knitted goods everywhere where needed. I have sent knitted toys and Teds.

Joy Tofts is a wonderful knitter, she has knitted blankets, socks, gloves, mittens, beautiful dolls and Teddies. Barbara Thorne's old peoples group have knitted hats scarves Teddies etc..

Jean Gardener has knitted loads of hats. At the moment they need blankets, socks mittens [adults and children] gloves, mittens and toys dolls etc. They do not need hats or baby clothes or muffs at the moment as they have plenty. They have a very informative web site and I am quite happy to post any knitted goods. knitforpeace.org.uk

Jacki Street.

MOVING TO LUPPITT

As relative newcomers to the village the opportunity has come up to write a bit about our move down to Devon. We come from a rural-ish background, growing up in Berkshire, but have always loved the West Country and often headed there for holidays. My dad looked after a herd of South Devon cattle; we had our own pigs back then and also a flock of Lleyn sheep plus our horses, though sadly none of them are still with us. We also had our dogs, cat and chickens so we were used to an outdoorsy lifestyle.

As time went on everywhere with a bit of green space near us had become a housing estate and, as a family, we all wanted to move. When Will and Fae came along it was a now-or-never decision to move before they started school so, with a few hiccups and a lot of stress, we managed it mid Covid! We chose Luppitt and Shelves Farm because we wanted some space for livestock. We also wanted annexe potential for a bit of multi-generational living and to be close to a lively village so that we could become part of a community and get the kids involved with all the things I had when I was growing up, plus, more importantly, a good school/pre-school nearby. To be honest, though, it was pretty much the view here that swung it for us: we will never get tired of that!

We have been here for just over a year now and, with a few ups and downs and minor disasters along the way, are settling into a lovely village and lifestyle, despite merging three households (with rowdy dogs) into one! While it is vastly different from life pre-move we have always wanted to be self-sufficient and maybe sell some of our own produce – hence the honesty table out front for those who have wandered by and tried our eggs etc. (The table was constructed courtesy of my mum, Marion, and some handy pallets.) We haven't

managed to produce any of our own meat yet because ... well, we need to man up a bit and stop naming all of our sheep!

We have been able to indulge in our love for native rare breeds, with two British Lop pigs who will hopefully be producing some piglets in the near future, some Leicester longwool sheep and some milk sheep – we hope to try making some cheese next year. We also have some mad Herdwicks, some Grey-faced Dartmoors and Devon and Cornwall longwools (some of which we want to show later on) and more poultry than I care to list here. We (try to) grow our own fruit and veg, and forage, and have even tried felting our own rug from the longwool fleeces.

We have been warmly welcomed to the area and encouraged, thanks to Sue and Dee next door, to get involved with village goings-on. If it had not been for them we would have been a bit shy too, so we are so grateful to them for being lovely welcoming neighbours who are always around to lend a hand and share a glass of wine. My mum and sister Helen now do some baking for the Friday market (we love to bake too), the kids are hopefully going to join in with the Harvest Festival Choir at the church, and they have had a great start at Upottery Pre-school and now the Primary. (It is week 2 and they seem to be enjoying it so far!) All in all, we are loving life here in Luppitt and couldn't have hoped for a better place to land in!

Sarah Chown

Autumn BingoFor all the Family Luppitt Village Hall

Friday 22nd October



Including Raffle, Bar and Tuck Shop Doors Open 7.00pm Eyes Down 7.30pm

Quiz Night

Luppitt Village Hall Friday 12th November 7:30 for 8:00pm



Bar and Raffle Teams of 6

£5 per head including Supper
Names to Claire Crabb: 07709 706112
By 5th November please

THE GREAT PHONE CABLE THEFT

On the night of 28 July thieves stole approximately 1600 metres of telephone cable between Hillview Nursery and Luppitt Cross leaving Luppitt without landlines until 5 August. This presented a serious risk to the elderly with emergency alarms as these rely on the telephone network. Nothing was reported in the press so our reporter set out to investigate how to report such a crime at the suggestion of a member of the community. Here is what she found.

I went online to search for the telephone number of Honiton Police Station. No success. There was a central number to report crimes and information, as well as an email address, so I wrote to that address asking how the public might help in such situations, and whether unusual activity should be reported to the Police or Openreach. On the same day I happened to be in Honiton, so I decided to visit the Police Station for a chat with a friendly officer, but the station was unmanned, and a notice asked the public to use the red phone at the side of the door to ring a central number. However, this phone appeared to have been vandalised and there were no numbers on the keypad.

As I walked up the road, I spied an officer of the law and asked him what he knew of the heinous crime. He was in a hurry looking for a criminal, but he did say this much. If anyone sees anything suspicious on another occasion, they should ring 999 as the crime is potentially life threatening. The criminals are likely to be driving a white van, wearing hard hats and high-vis jackets.

After several days I had a reply from one of our local bobbies, PCSO Darren England. His answers to my questions are as follows

Q What should we do if we see people tampering with cables in the middle of the night? Do we ring the Police or Openreach?

A If an offence is committed at the time and offenders are on the scene then the public should call 999 (Police). To report a crime after the incident then 101, or online using The Devon and Cornwall website.

Q Why is there no external phone at Honiton Police Station?

A There is a phone next to the front door at Honiton Police which goes through to HQ. We do not have a direct number to any Police Stations. The reason is that even though the stations are staffed we cannot guarantee an officer will be in the station at the time the call is made. There is also a process around a Police Log being created for

crimes and incidents and these are done via 999 and 101.

Q If the Police wish the public to help stop crime, how can they keep us informed?

A We currently have a system set up called DEVON ALERT. This is a system similar to Neighbourhood Watch but allows the resident to specify what they would like to receive in each area. I currently try to attend Parish Council meetings to explain the system. I would be more than happy to come out and speak to you about our watches. We have Rural Watch, Farm Watch and Horse Watch

He continued

I understand that you may have lost internet and landline 'phones when this incident occurred. One option is to have a mobile phone even if this is just Pay as you Go, should you need an emergency connection.

The phone at the Police Station has now been repaired.

Mary Hill

Devon and Cornwall ALERT, "Keeping our communities in the know" For more information and to register visit alerts.dc.police.uk



Beacon Chapel

The Chapel at Beacon was built in 1857 as a baptist Chapel. It was closed in about 1981. At one time it was used as the village youth club.

It was sold in 1984 for around £20,000 for a private dwelling to Jamie and Jackie Bandyszewski.

After much renovation they moved into the chapel on their wedding day in August 1986.

The original parts remaining are the stonework the roof and the gate.

The building has been extended over the years to accommodate their



growing family of five daughters. Although much work has been done to the chapel it has been carried out with integrity and has not lost its character It remains an important historical building in Luppitt village.

Jacky O'Malley

Closure of Luppitt Commons to Public Access - Notification of Discretionary "28 Day" Restriction under the CROW Act 2000

Please note that the Commons (Hense Moor, Hartridge, Luppitt Common) are CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS on the following dates;

- 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th October 2021
- 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th November 2021
- 2nd, 9th, 16th 23rd, & 30th December 2021
- 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th January 2022
- 1st February 2022

These closures are to permit rough shooting to take place over these Commons.

Further information about open access land can be found on the following Natural England website; www.naturalengland.org.uk/ openaccess

Autumn Sausage Sizzle

3 tbsps. cooking Oil
300g drained haricot beans
12 large Pork sausages
200ml cider
8 slices of streaky bacon, chopped
into 2cm pieces
200ml beef or vegetable stock
1 leek diced

1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce

1 carrot diced
2 tbsps. honey
2 celery sticks diced
1 Cooking apple diced
1 shallot diced
a few sprigs of Rosemary
Salt and pepper
Chopped parsley to serve

Heat the oil in a large metal casserole pan. Add the sausages and fry until golden brown. Add the bacon and fry for another 3 minutes. Cooking the sausages and bacon well at this stage is key to the dish.

Stir in the leek, shallot, carrot, and celery. Season to taste and add beans. Cook for another 5 minutes and stir regularly

Pour in the stock, cider, and the Worcestershire sauce. Stir in the honey and diced apple. Add the rosemary and simmer for five minutes. Check seasoning. Finish with the chopped parsley

Serves 6-8

Mary Hill

Beware Of Dog Theft

Several people have been approached while walking their dogs by a motorist in a van asking for directions. This might be perfectly innocent but be aware it could be a ploy to snatch your dog!

Blue Cross have issued some other tips to help protect your dog from theft such as varying the times of walks and routes taken, and avoid posting too much information about your dog on social media.



LUPPITT CRICKET CLUB

Our match on **Sunday 5th September** was against another touring side, the Hampshire Misfits. Originally known as the Hampshire Educational Veterans the team was assembled from employees of the local educational services department. They are now a wider group of enthusiastic cricketers from the Winchester area and usually play a full season of local friendly matches. Their annual tour to East Devon has included a fixture with Luppitt for over 20 years, a testament to the friendly and sporting spirit of both teams. Our match was the last game of their tour so we expected them to be on good form, although they might have been to the pub before the game.

Yet again the weather and pitch were perfect for the afternoon. Hampshire Misfits won the toss and elected to bat first. Steve Berry opened the bowling for Luppitt and was very limber with a superb "caught & bowled" on his 2nd over. The Misfits lost a couple more early wickets but their middle order batsmen were more difficult to dislodge, and they reached a good total of 129 off 30 overs



At this stage there was some anxiety in the Luppitt side, not due to the target set, but the risk of falling victim to the splendid tea they had put together to share with the visitors. Sandwiches, sausages, quiche, cakes and scones were piled high, especially tempting for a touring team who had been missing home cooked food for several days.

The Misfits bowling was not too badly impaired, but the Luppitt batsmen were smashing it out of the park. It was the Pulman brothers who shared the batting honours with Ryan knocking 46, and Adam a brisk 50 with 7 balls over the boundary. Luppitt won the game in style racing to 131 off 17 overs.

The Luppitt team assembled on **Sunday 19th September** for the last day of our season. We lost the toss against Yarcombe & Stockland and they put us in to bat. From the allotted 35 overs we managed 177 for 8. Ryan Pulman was top scorer with 96 before being caught (again 4 short of a milestone) which included 13 fours and 2 sixes. Dave Wollacot was also on good form scoring 29, with the rest of our batsmen achieving a total of 29 between them.

In reply the Luppitt bowlers were economical, especially Will Smith 1 wicket for 4 runs off 6 overs, and Rob Machin 3 wickets for 11 runs off 5 overs. As with the previous match our bowlers found the middle order

batsmen were more resilient, they steadily racked up the runs, but eventually fell short on 152 all out off 34 overs.

A good win for Luppitt to close out the 2021 season. We've played 7 matches, won 4 of them and have been fortunate to enjoy splendid weather for almost all games. Looking forward to 2022 we hope to schedule a few more fixtures and are always open to new players.

Martin Helmsley

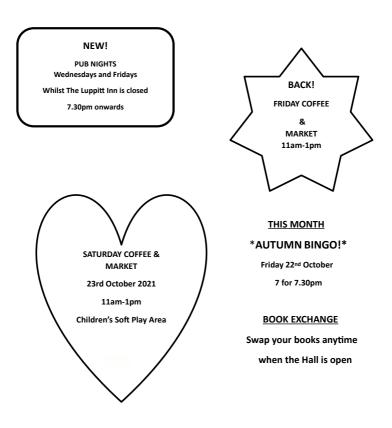
News from The Village Hall

The Village Hall AGM is on 25thOCTOBER 2021, 7.30pm at the Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend, and it will be a bonus if you join the committee.

Fresh ideas are always welcome, and we are entering a new and exciting phase as we hope to create a PLAYGROUND for the children of Luppitt.

Please attend if you can. We have a lovely Hall, in a beautiful setting, let's enhance it together.



POETS CORNER

It happened on a Saturday night The guys for number two were tight

When to the sergeants vision there

Appeared a funny sight so rare For number two had come "unstuck"

The boys still floundering in the muck

As one by one they struggled free

From underneath the canopy Said sergeant "Clear this up I must

I'll find the ruddy man or bust Who'd mess'd around and wrecked this tent"

And then he said on vengeance bent

"Yes I'll get that man by heck And when I do I'll break his neck" But each in turn denied the charge

And so the culprit's still at large

By A J Crabb



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING 25 SEPTEMBER



Caroline and Tracey serving the tempting cakes

UPOTTERY SCHOOL From the Headmaster's desk

Our first three days back in school this week have been wonderful for children and staff alike. After the past 18 months of uncertainty and change, it was fantastic to be able to welcome new and existing parents and carers onto the playground again at the beginning of the school day on Wednesday. The sense of school community was incredible, as the children lined up with their class teachers, and parents and carers were able to stand by and watch the start of a new school year begin. It was an absolute pleasure to be able to see teachers and parents having chance to catch up and share those important short messages at the start of the day, which we all know help the day begin smoothly. I would like to thank all the parents and carers for how safe and careful everyone has been around being able to come back onto the school site. Over the course of these first few days, I have been watching parents and carers chatting on the playground, but at the same time still maintaining safe distance and being extremely respectful of this when speaking to staff, before school. This is a testament to how all of our school community demonstrates our core value of care towards one another all the time - thank you.

With regards to morning routine, after a first day of wonderful sunshine, our second morning start was very wet indeed! As was the case on Thursday, for the benefit of all our new parents, if the start of the day is very wet then from 8.50 children, as they come onto site, should go straight to their usual door and class teachers and members of staff will be there to welcome them. This then avoids pupils, parents and carers becoming overly wet before the start of the day.

It has also been wonderful see all the children return to their learning in class with such enthusiasm and enjoyment. It has also been super to resume face to face school assemblies. For the past year our assemblies had been on 'zoom' virtually, and the children had been very good at getting to work in this new and different way. However, it was lovely to be able to welcome everyone back face to face on Wednesday and to talk about, and look forward to the year ahead together as a school. Similarly, today we held our first face to face Celebration Assembly for the whole school which was very special indeed. For all our new parents and carers who are not familiar with our Celebration Assembly, there are a variety of different awards which we celebrate on a Friday from Head teacher's Certificates through to Class Dojo (class points) Champions. In addition, we also share our Special Book, where staff, parents and pupils can record any member of our school community who has demonstrated one of our Core School Values that week: each person stands up, the entry is read out and everyone is able to clap and celebrate each person in turn. It was truly wonderful to see all the children beam with pride as they were celebrated by their peers

for the first time face to face for over a year. Well done to you all, especially our new reception children, who were all in the Special Book for making such a brilliant start to their first year here at Upottery. If you are passing the display opposite the Wren cloakroom please do have a look at the Special Book and the other certificates on display. Here's to a fantastic school year ahead.

Mr Legg

BULLETIN BOARD

PLANTING TREES OR HEDGES? FREE Used Spirals, Bamboo Canes, Tree Guards and Stakes Contact Mary Hill. Tel: 891160

INTERESTED IN LOCAL HISTORY?

Is there anybody interested in the history of Luppitt and environs who would like to correspond with a like minded 'History Buff' in Sidmouth? If so, please ring Joan for more information. 01404 891308

LUPPITT WIVES will meet at 8pm on Thursday 21st October at Pearl Pulman's home to make some flexible plans for a future programme. So, please come along with all your great ideas for meetings and outings we can enjoy for the next few months.

LUPPITT PACKET DELIVERY ISSUES

We had reports of a problem with delivery of the August packet. Please report any issues to Mandy 07817 517425

LUPPITT COMMONS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Will be held on Thursday 21 October 2021 at 8pm in the Luppitt Village Hall. All Commoners welcome.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

Thank you to all who decorated the St. Mary's so beautifully for the service on 26 September. The small children of Luppitt sang Oats and Beans and Barley grows to the great enjoyment of all who attended.

CHURCH KEY HOLDER

Volunteer required to join the rota to lock and unlock the Church. Please contact Sara on 891140

Treebilee October 2021 to March 2022

The Queens Green Canopy (QGC) to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Get Involved - The Queen's Green Canopy (queensgreencanopy.org)

Plant a Tree for the Jubilee - Woodland Trust

The Queen with the Prince of Wales launched the Queen's Green Canopy QGC in May to celebrate the Queen's 70 years on the throne. The Treebilee was started when the Queen planted an oak sampling in the grounds of Windsor Castle in May.

These are the ways that we can join in and celebrate:

- Individuals to plant a tree in our own gardens;
- Schools and Community groups can apply for a share of 3 million tree saplings from the Woodland Trust
- Councils and Communities can plant a tree an avenue or a copse
- Corporates and business are encouraged to donate money or plant trees on their land.

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FROM REV PENN'S PEN

One of the things we often do at this time of year as the seasons change and we spend more time indoors is to look back and remember times past. Perhaps as the first frosts arrive we try and recall our summer holidays, a day at the beach, a few days on The Cornish Riviera or maybe a more exotic foreign location. Perhaps we also look forward, planning a winter break somewhere warmer or our next summer holiday.

Remembering is important and I write this shortly before the Battle of Britain Commemoration service at Dunkeswell. At this service I expect there will be people who lived through and remembered WW2. There will also be younger people who have no such first-hand memory but will there to be part of the collective remembering and thanksgiving for those who fought in that battle to save this country from the threat of invasion. In November on Remembrance Sunday churches up and down the country will hold services remembering and honouring the men and women who gave their lives in the Great War and WW2, and whilst we give thanks for their sacrifice given for future generations we also remember the cost of human conflict. We hope and pray that our remembering will help us not to repeat such wars.

Another kind of remembering we do is at the All Souls services that many churches offer nowadays; some churches are putting on extra services at other times of year to remember loved who have died as a result of covid or during lockdowns when there was no opportunity for communities to come and mourn together. These services offer us an opportunity to come and together as a community to remember our loved ones who have died, to pray together for them, for ourselves and for each other. A time to remember God's promise of eternal life and to be comforted that our loved ones are even now safe with Him. It's also a time to receive comfort and support from each other as well, as we try and make sense of things.

Christians know the importance of remembering together as week by week, Sunday by Sunday, Christians throughout the world meet to remember Jesus in the very special meal he first shared with his disciples before his crucifixion. He took bread and wine and blessed them, he shared the bread and wine with them and told them that this bread they shared was his body and the wine his blood and he told them to do this to remember him. This gift, this meal, this sharing in and remembering Jesus is all the more amazing because it engages all our senses, we hear the words and we touch, smell, see and taste the bread and the wine. We remember all sorts of things, situations and people, not just by thinking about them but through all of our senses, 'that perfume', 'our song'. The remembrance Jesus calls us to involves our whole being, the physical as well as the spiritual and so this special meal feeds us body, mind and soul.

May God bless you in your remembering this Autumn.

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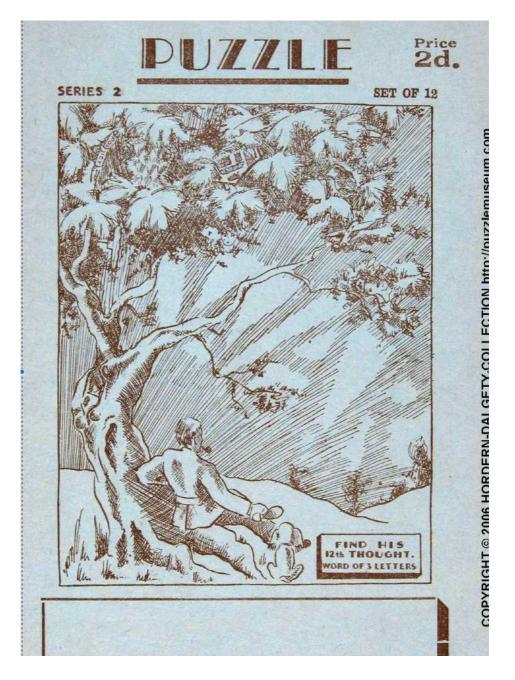


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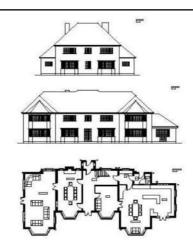
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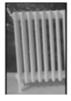


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Clerk's report of a Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held at Luppitt Village Hall on Tuesday, 7 September 2021 at 8 pm

Present: Cllrs John Thorne (Chair), Michele Turner (Vice-Chair), Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Martin Summers, Andrew Tucker, Christine Ryder, Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk)

Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Beth Hooper, David Key and Colin Brown (EDDC), lain Chubb (DCC)

Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 3 August 2021, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Ryder and seconded by Cllr Pulman).

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

PLANNING

Applications (for comment, support or objection)

There were no applications.

Whippens, Upottery, EX14 9QE – the Enforcement Officer from EDDC has visited the site and established that the yurts are movable but planning permission will be needed for the permanent structures.

Decisions

21/1584/FUL – Hartridge Monastery, Odle Cottage, Upottery, EX14 9QE - approval

Neighbourhood Plan

The clerk read out an update email from Roger Hicks. Roger has completed the amendments and will liaise with Cllr Turner to update the Neighbourhood Plan website. Roger is starting work on the three supporting documents.

Community Actions

Cllrs Thorne, Turner and Ryder attended a Zoom meeting set up by the clerk to agree procedures that the Parish Council will follow when dealing with community actions in the future. Cllrs Turner and Ryder will liaise with the clerk to draw up guidelines and develop criteria to be used. This will be presented to the Parish Council at the October meeting.

HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

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

- Loose kerbstones at Millrise completed
- Ford Bridge to Shaugh Cllr Thorne to take photo then clerk will report again.

No progress on the following items which will be reviewed at the October meeting:

- Ringborough Cross to Coombeshead clerk to report again and also pothole between Overday and Gully Lane.
- New items to report potholes at triangle by Hartridge; between Riggles and Jack's House; between Barn Cross and Pit Hill.

Parish Maintenance

The clerk has established that Highways will contribute towards the cost of filling in potholes. Cllr Tucker will provide a quotation for the work.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS **Footpath Wardens' Reports**

Nothing to report.

Work on Footpath 14

Ros Davies, Parish Paths Liaison Officer at Devon County Council, Richard Spurway, DCC Footpath Warden, Cllr Tucker and Gavin Brake will meet on site to discuss a possible diversion to avoid the boggy area on this footpath.

Ramblers Project

The clerk read out an extract from the DCC P3 newsletter giving details of a project being carried out by the Ramblers to identify lost paths throughout England and Wales.

ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Communication from PCSO

The clerk read out an email from PCSO Darren England. It was agreed to invite Darren England to a future meeting.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

A parishioner had suggested to the clerk the possibility of the Parish Council purchasing a brazier to be used for beacon lighting on Hartridge. After discussion and consideration, it was decided not to follow this up. Cllr Tucker confirmed he is willing to continue constructing a bonfire when needed.

Playground Initiative

Cllr Summers brought the Parish Council up to date with developments. A presentation giving details of the planned play area was given to the Village Hall Management Committee who have agreed to allow part of the field behind the Village Hall to be used for the play area. A working party has been set up and a play park rep is visiting the site shortly to give some idea of equipment and prices. Cllr Summers said that it is possible that they will start off with a few pieces of equipment and add other items later. The parishioner concerned with the project is linking in to a crowd funding seminar run by EDDC and other fund raising ideas are being considered.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION **External Audit**

The clerk confirmed that the external audit has been completed without any issues. All relevant papers have now been uploaded to the Parish Council

website.

Correspondence

- An email from Action for Children promoting local groups for ages 0-2 was noted.
- Cllr Turner undertook to complete EDDC's Public Toilet Review on behalf of the Parish Council.
- EDDC are running an awareness campaign to identify local green ambassadors. A name was put forward and Cllr Turner, as team leader on Climate Change in the Neighbourhood Plan, undertook to speak to the parishioner about this.
- Cllr Thorne had received a reply from the owners of Otter Brewery to his letter advising that 80% of the barrels stored during lockdown have been removed from the top field and the remainder will be removed over the coming couple of months as trade returns to normal. The owners of the brewery were grateful for parishioners' understanding during this difficult period.
- EDDC has started a consultation on the policy statement concerning the Gambling Act (2005) and the Licensing Act (2003) which will last until 24 October. The clerk will forward to the Village Hall Committee for information.

CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

It was agreed that the Enforcement Officer should visit a field to the north
of Millrise to assess activity taking place at this location. There was a
planning application in 2012 for the construction of an agricultural livestock
storage barn and associated access. The Parish Council objected very
strongly to this application and made the following comments in Minutes
dated 3 April 2012:

The size of the barn is out of all proportion to the size of the holding. The proposed size of building is completely unnecessary for the planned use. Windows are inappropriate on an agricultural barn and give it the appearance of a domestic property.

- Clirs Turner and Ryder agreed to visit the airfield to speak to someone about low flying aircraft around Luppitt.
- The clerk reported that the notice board at Beacon is in need of some repair. Cllr Pulman will investigate.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 9.26 pm.

Date for next meeting to be held in Luppitt Village Hall at 8 pm: Tuesday, 5 October 2021

FROM JOHN HAYHOE

I write this letter for the Parish magazine with some sadness as I announced my retirement the other day and so will no longer be Rector from the middle of November. It will be fifty years since I first heard the call to become a priest, twenty years since I started my training and eighteen since I was ordained. The unaccounted for thirty years included service in the Army, working in construction and, for a short period, as a chef at the Savoy Hotel. The connection between my those various careers, including in the church, has been people, those I worked with and those I was working to benefit – the link has been remarkably close, it has been service. As a soldier I served the soldiers I commanded, looking after them, ensuring my decisions kept them safe, on building sites I ran I needed tradespeople including the basic labourer to have the best working conditions possible, at the Savoy I was the most junior commis chef I ensured that I made it possible, sometimes by keeping out of the way, to ensure that my contribution to the team was valued!

I have written many articles for the magazines of the Dunkeswell Mission Community parishes over the last four years and almost invariably it has been something about being community. Certainly since COVID-19 came to our shores I have reflected on the great strengths of the communities in our villages and across the Blackdown Hills. How people have supported people, their neighbours and included those around them, perhaps not actually in their 'bubble', but in any way they could – the quality of imagination and innovation at this level has been amazing to see. Most of our villages have been exemplary – wonderful places to be in.

One of the most important attitudes required of community is that of service - service to everyone regardless of their affiliation, race, gender, origin, orientation or sexuality. When we serve people we love them, when we love them we make a difference that really is beyond measurement, when we love them and we include them we give them value. When we exclude them we do immeasurable harm, when we say who is in and who is out we hurt people, but without realising that we are also damaging ourselves. Whether we are a soldier, labourer, chef or neighbour, farmer, teacher, publican or even retired it is through our service to people, done to the best of our ability, through our love for each other, that we make a difference and not by being self-important, expecting a place at the top table, needing to grasp the hand of the first person through the door or demanding the most comfortable chair – that is when we become small people, having diminished ourselves, and that is just very sad!

Revd John Hayhoe

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