

Luppitt Packet



Serving: Luppitt, Beacon, Wick, Shaugh and Shelvin

THE LUPPITT PACKET

September 2021

First and foremost we would like to thank Claire and Nigel for their efforts, and dedication over the last two years in producing the Luppitt packet. These were not normal times, and to edit the 'Packet' must have been challenging during prolonged periods of lockdown and the lack of events in the community. We would be grateful for the same support going forward, enabling us to serve Luppitt, Wick, Beacon, Shaugh and Shelvin via the Luppitt packet. Our team of roving reporters have been out and about in the community, and we hope you enjoy the content, articles and reporting of local news.

Trevor & Martin

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WHAT'S ON

SEPTEMBER

Sat 4th	Luppitt packet tea (see ad below)
Sun 5th	Cricket v Hampshire misfits, 1pm at home
Tue 7th	Parish Council Meeting 8pm, Village Hall
Sun 12th	Cricket v Trull, 1pm at home
Sun 19th	Cricket v Yarcombe & Stockland 1pm at home
Sat 25th	Morning Market in the village hall from 11am

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Bowls	7.30pm	Mondays
Friday Market	11am until 1pm	3 rd , 10 th , 17 th September

Upcoming events

Friday 22 nd October	Autumn Bingo, 7pm for 7:30pm start
Saturday 13 th November	Luppitt Quiz Night
Saturday 18 th December	Luppitt Christmas Party,

LUPPITT PACKET AFTERNOON TEA

A chance to meet your new editorial team



**Saturday 4th September
at Greenway Manor
3pm to 5pm**



RAFFLE • CAKES • BRING AND BUY

By kind invitation of Louisiana and Julian

Parking is limited so please consider walking if you live nearby

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 .

LUPPITT WHATSAPP GROUP

Thank you to all those who have signed up to the Luppitt Here to Help WhatsApp group. The group which was originally formed in response to the Covid-19 pandemic has been a great success.

It is now used for a variety of purposes

Village news • Things for sale
Village road works alerts • Church and Hall news

It is to be renamed from Luppitt Here to Help to **Luppitt Parish Notices**.

If you're yet to join this WhatsApp group and would like to please contact:-

Lucy Murray on 07968 900349

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 25th September 2021 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

THE HISTORY OF THE LUPPITT PACKET

Many moons ago Olive Clapp compiled a Church Newsletter including reports from the Mothers Union, Young Wives, & Luppitt Social Club ran which alongside church news. She typed it onto a stencil which was run through a Gestetner duplicator and onto foolscap paper. The sheets were stapled together, and they were delivered in the various hamlets that make up Luppitt. Our village covers one of the largest areas in Devon, but also has one of the sparsest populations.

Some years later there was concern in the village over planning developments. Amian Fry and Pat Hearsey ran a survey which showed that 33% of the community were involved in farming, (an industry noted for its networking!) but 66% were not, and this group was not necessarily aware of all the local news. Amian Fry missed the village magazine, which had circulated in her former home village of Woodbury and felt there was a need for something similar in Luppitt. A group of interested parishioners met at Hill End Farm and The Packet was born in September 1986. The idea was to write a magazine which was detached from the church and the village hall but contained news from both these venues as well as other items, so the Church Newsletter ceased. The first issue sported a beautiful sketch of the village by Julia Sparks. Her skills continue to this day! The editorial began as follows.

"Dear Readers,

Welcome to the Luppitt Packet. A Packet is a small bundle of things packed. A Packet is a mailboat delivering news to ships sailing in Luppitt Harbour. This Packet is a new independent magazine which will reflect all aspects of Luppitt life".....

Weather reports on the previous month formed part of the circular, and the report for August 1986 was not good - very similar to 2021!

Gardening advice was written by the late Mary Barnard (Wrens). After her death an illustrated booklet of her writings was compiled and sold. Pat Hearsey (The Old Vicarage) and Vim Ver Planke (Barn Farm) continued in her footsteps.

It was thought that villagers would not wish to pay for copies with funding presenting the first hurdle. FRM donated £20 and others followed suit. Funds were also helped by successful coffee mornings that were held on a twice-yearly basis. Jennifer Hesketh-Jones produced the first copies at Whitehall Farm. Devon County Council was willing to fund independent village news magazines through the Community Council & a photocopier from Social Services in Tiverton was sourced. The copier was not 100% reliable & one Christmas it broke down so it was decided to hire one from Rank Xerox. A generous cheque from Mr Jacobs in Beacon helped with its funding. There were many contributors, but Amian typed up all the articles, printed and (with the help of committee members) assembled 200 odd copies for delivery.

Amian wished to report Parish Council proceedings in The Packet, but some Parish Councillors were not keen on the idea of her sitting in on council meetings. Luckily, she had the support of The Community Council, and was able to do so. Nowadays, we are fortunate

that our Parish Clerk, Rosalind Buxton, sends a detailed report of all Parish Council meetings to the editor.

In all Amian acted as editor for 14 years before handing over to Judith Jupp.

Judith reduced the number of issues from twelve to ten. Photocopying ceased and a printed version was introduced. She edited The Packet for a couple of years before handing over to David Street.

Davd writes:

“Some time after we came to Luppitt Amian Fry asked Jacki to do Nature Notes for The Packet. When Judith Jupp took over as editor, she asked me to write Garden Jottings. Eventually these were amalgamated, so The Jottings are not just about growing flowers and vegetables.

When Judith and David Jupp realised, they would be going back to France I was co-opted as a sort of co-editor and produced one or two Packets under their careful eye. When they left, I said I would edit the Packet, until some more suitable editor came forward. I would not be involved in finance, distribution, or advertising.

I used to put the Packet together on my computer, print it out on a machine David Jupp gave me and take this primal copy to Carol Scott at Smithenhayes. She would take it to Taunton where it was printed.

I found editing The Packet quite time consuming – possibly because I was writing quite a lot of it – The Jottings, a series on Christians in Greek, and Latin authors, descriptions of various footpaths in the parish (I had taken over as Footpath Warden from John Fry). I remember giving myself a break one month, not to everyone's satisfaction!

After several months James Dalgety rang to say that Lindsey wished to take the job on permanently. So, I withdrew gracefully!”

Lindsey's Recollections

“Soon after we arrived in Luppitt in 1997 (Tony Blair and the Comet!) I joined Amian's team of putters together of the Packet (piles of pages to be stapled together, counted, and distributed.) Editor number two was Judith Jupp who went to live in France, so in 2006 David Street, Carol Scott and I shared the editorship. After a few months it became easier for me to do the putting together. I had a computer genius to help with the inevitable computer panics and access to the internet. The completed Packet was put on a memory stick and taken to Taunton to be printed. Carol and I shared the taking and collecting. Carol then found Dimond's, they collected the Packets from Axminster, who had printed them from a PDF on the internet, and took them to our distributor, Julia Sparks. Made life a lot easier.

One of the most important and enjoyable aspects of being editor was helping to organise the coffee mornings and other events. Joan Beckett always found somewhere to hold these fundraisers and provided a splendid fruit basket for the raffle! And they were such fun!

I enjoyed “doing” the Packet on the whole. We did have to be careful not to organise anything on Packet weekends when I was glued to the computer and late contributors sometimes held things up, but it always got done.”

Lindsey was editor for fourteen years

Then there was Claire Stevens and Nigel Hurst

Claire writes

“How would you know what was going on in the village without The Packet? Such was my concern when Lindsey Dalgety announced her retirement as editor that rather rashly, I decided to throw my hat into the ring and see if I could help. By extraordinary coincidence on the very same day Nigel Hurst visited Lindsey to offer his services. And so it happened that we became the new joint editors – Nigel bringing a great talent for writing and sourcing amusing articles (remember the Luppitt Inn Chronicles) and I concentrated on the presentation and design of the new look magazine.

Paper manufacture is one of the most polluting industries in the world, so we agreed we should try to use less paper (and reduce costs!). We did discuss producing an electronic version but quickly realised that this would not suit many in the village. However, by rearranging the contents and tweaking the fonts we have been able to use fewer pages, use less paper and reduce costs.

Another big change was moving to SharperPrint in Dunkeswell who not only saved us money but enabled us to introduce colour on the cover which showed our local artists’ work to great effect. We were also pleased to encourage local organisations such as the National Trust and Devon Wildlife Trust to contribute interesting articles.

We wish the new editors a successful and enjoyable tenure and look forward to seeing their new look Packet.”

Thank you one and all for your dedication and hard work MH&JO

Luppitt Packet



September 2010

A Luppitt Stroll

I am not sure about you, but I believe I have recalibrated my sense of scale, instead of favourite forests, summits and beaches, I now have favourite trees, fields, birds, and local views.

This year I have not thought about how long it takes to get there, what route should I take, where will we get refreshments? It is whether I turn left or right out of the gate. By doing this I believe I have offset the daily dose of gloomy reports with fresh air and a reminder that beauty is wherever you find it. I have developed a closer connection to nature, and learnt more about what I hear and see on my doorstep. We need to treasure these thoughts until at long last the 'Covid' word becomes a history lesson.

I would like to take you on a short walk. It is one of those days when the weather is having a typical Luppitt crisis of confidence, gnawing its nails and muttering, summer or autumn? summer or autumn? Ever so often a warm shaft of sunlight sneaks up unawares and embraces me like a long lost friend. I stride out full of early vigour through the village heading for an ancient and empty hill in an ancient landscape. Leaving behind the constant statistics we are fed over the national radio stations, where we do not seem to have real news anymore, but unqualified reporters opinions. I stomp along the lanes, a Dunnock might pop up just a few yards ahead of me and inspect me from a fence post, always seeming to keep one wary post ahead of me. Passing Red Doors and heading up the lane towards the national trust car park leading onto Dumpdon hill. I head through the gate and make a right diagonal track across the grass hill. When I reach the summit I can see the village far below me. All of a sudden a Kestrel appears overhead on a current of air, as it surveys a juicy vole below. I sit on the hill taking in the sounds and sights. A noble deer majestically and gracefully running at some speed across the landscape below me. I sit on the grass and listen to the bird song. Sparrows, chaffinches and maybe a song thrush?

I head down having reached the furthest point of my walk. Passing back through the National trust gate, heading towards Beacon and then on to Luppitt through this designated area of outstanding natural beauty. We are very lucky aren't we?

As I eventually reach my gate, I am greeted by the call of one of the resident Robins. These days as I walk, I am no longer ignorant or

oblivious to the wildlife around me . I look up, look around, constantly watching and listening. I still dream of the big vistas and summits, but I am satisfied and very lucky to be doing this small walk after turning right outside of my gate. TB



A THANK YOU FROM LESLEY GOODE

There are no words for the kindness and support that you have all shown to me after the loss of my dear husband Nigel, who was my world. He was such a lovely man and I miss him so much although he will be in my heart forever.

I would like to thank everyone who sent me such beautiful cards, filled with kind words. Thank you also for respecting my much needed privacy in the first few weeks following his death.

Lesley & family

GARDEN JOTTINGS

We've just had our first home-grown aubergine for dinner today - thanks to the new mini-greenhouse where the aubergines reside, and of course to Mrs Street's gardening and culinary expertise. Actually it's been a summer of ups and downs weather wise of late, hot and dry for the soft fruit earlier on and very wet later. Bushes and weeds have really gone over the top, as Pearl Pulman said to me the other day.

Slug and snails have been rampant. They're all over the place, getting even into our kitchen. You get up in the morning to find a big fat slug crawling over the draining board. One way of keeping them off your prize hosta's is to grow them in tubs with a saucer, then put the saucer and hosta in a larger saucer full of water. According to Jacki's daughter Sue Bond no slug will cross this moat. Try it and see.

The runner beans are not setting well just like last year, because of the dry weather earlier on, but they've had plenty of rain recently, so they should be doing better. I remember my neighbour years ago hosing his down of an evening. Maybe that's what you have to do.



Fortunately rain arrived in time to swell the black currants and blue berries. We've had a fine crop of boyson berries and some loganberries. We grow the blueberries in a large tub, so that they can be in acid soil. We picked bowls of them. Jacki freezes them on trays before putting them in bags for the winter. They'll be excellent in crumbles or simply cooked. As for apples there seem to be none, nor pears. This must have been the cold April.

In the poly the soya beans have set a few small pods. Despite being small they seem to be growing well. Soya beans are the most nutritional bean crop worldwide. They contain twice as much protein as meat as well as vitamins and minerals. Unfortunately varieties suited to our short cool summers have yet to be developed. They originated in the warm wet climate of South Asia.

After this brief digression into the bean world, I'd better just pop out and see if the slugs have left us another aubergine for dinner.

LUPPITT CALENDAR 2022



Is now on sale, price
£6.50 each of which
£3.00 goes to the Devon
Air Ambulance. To buy
your calendar(s) please
call Jacky

07432 009301

CUCKOO COTTAGE, WICK

Cuckoo Cottage was built in about 1520, give or take a few years for country build. Likely local craftsmen, who probably built many more houses in the area, because they have features in common. The white stone wall at the end of the inglenook for example.

A hall house, open fire in the middle, with upstairs rooms at either end.

Sadly, Cuckoo Cottage, (or whatever it was named at the time) fell upon hard times. It lost one end. Maybe there was a fire, we shall never know. Because, by the 1600's, it was repaired at the shorter length, and made into two cottages for farm workers. And so it remained until the 1970's. Then sold, and with Government Grants, restored. Plumbing! Electricity! Damp Course! And returned to the original one house.

We moved in on 24th June 1983, and have been very, very happy in Luppitt, and at my lovely Cuckoo Cottage. **Joan Beckett.**



Treebilee October 2021 to March 2022

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

[Get Involved - The Queen's Green Canopy \(queensgreencanopy.org\)](https://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 sapling 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.

The emphasis is on planting the right tree in the right place.

England Woodland Creation Offer

[FC Woodland Creation A5 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Farmers and landowners can now apply for the England woodland Creation Offer (EWCO) a grant scheme that rewards tree planting and management. The scheme is flexible to cover the cost of buying planting and maintaining the trees for 10 years. The NFU, CLA and Forestry Commission are praising the grant and encouraging future Government incentives. Call 0300 067 4000 for more information or see the Government website.

[Landmark £15 million woodland creation grant opens for applications - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

An Evacuee in Luppitt

Having bought Rolleshayes Farmhouse in April 1994 we found we couldn't move immediately so decided, with the help of the previous owner, to do holiday lets. In early 1995 we received a letter from a Mrs Doris Robinson (nee Noad) asking if we would like a copy of a memoir, she was writing about her time here as an evacuee,

I don't know if anyone who was living in Luppitt in 1939 remembers her or the Martin family who farmed here at that time, but it takes you back and gives a lovely snapshot of what the farm was like and the family life.

Unfortunately, we don't have the entire memoir but hope people enjoy reading what remains. **Jenny Hayes**

Rolleshayes Farm

I stood inside the gate of Rolles Hayes House, and I knew it was the farmyard that I had first seen on Friday, September 1st, 1939. It is changed, restored, different, but so am I. Fifty-five years have altered us both.

Off to the left, backing onto the lane, is a row of holiday cottages. I remember them as a long cowshed, divided into stalls by very thick, strong wooden beams. The last place had a heavy full-length gate across it, and the beast inside was huge. He was dark brown with enormous horns, and he was tethered to a timber by a rope that went through a heavy metal ring at the end of his large damp nose. He was Hilltop Don, and I was told he could be very dangerous, though he always seemed happy when Mr & Mrs Martin, Tom and Flo, milked the cows. They sat on low three-legged stools, homemade woolly caps on heads pushed gently into the cow's sides and the milk sprayed rhythmically into galvanised iron buckets while the animals quietly ate hay from the byres against the back wall. Hurricane lamps glowed in the dark as we said goodbye as we went to school on the cold winter mornings. Bluebell, Myrtle, Daisy, Buttercup and Meadowsweet were some of the twenty-five cows who seemed, in a strange way, to belong to me, because they were on my farm, the place where I lived when I was first evacuated.

The building was open at both ends, and outside, piled up near the wall between the two doors was a large manure heap that grew every week when the young man, Tom, the farmer's son

cleaned out the dirty straw from the cobbled floor of the shed. He called it muck, and the smell was mucky too, though as we got used to it, it seemed to improve. Its sourness became sweeter and added its richness to the farmyard's atmosphere.

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On the other side of the cobbled yard, opposite the cowshed and gate is a high stone wall, a kind of retaining wall because the field behind is only a little lower than the top. Here was a garden, not a modern designed laid out place for recreation. So, the flowers grew in wide rows, banks of colour, ready for cutting. I recognised marigolds, Mum grew them in window boxes on the wall in the yard at home, but there were beautiful blues too, all different, separated by large white daisies. Flo knew their names. One of her jobs, as the grown-up daughter of the family was to care for this place. She told us that those rich blue ones, as blue as the sky, were cornflowers and she showed me the delicate grey tracery that surrounded another explaining that because it looked smoky the flower was called Love-in-the-mist. Tall sprays of tiny mauve stars with yellow centres were Michaelmas Daisies and were picked to decorate the church font at the end of September, St Michaels Day. We had goose for dinner then because the harvest had been good and the rent had been paid. That strip of magic colour above the wall is a beautiful green now. There is a new high wall on the fourth side of the yard, running back on the right towards the gate. I haven't seen it before, but I do know the large barn that rises behind and above it. Here is where the two horses were kept. We were not encouraged to go into this building, but I'm sure the pony trap and farm tools were kept

in there too. The horses pulled a plough and a cart, but we were not there when the animals were harnessed up to them. There was another smaller barn on the farthest side. It was a kind of animal nursery, used for special care. I remember seeing a newborn calf and his mother in there. The brown, velvety baby lay in the straw, while the cow stayed close by him. We were all very sad when he died.

Back at the gate I think about my journey here. Perhaps I should have come before, but I am happy to be here now. Everything is smaller. The lanes are narrower than I remember, but they are the same lanes. They are very muddy too, all round the bends in the roads near the houses in Wick. I expect tractors, and larger herds lay more muck on them, but underneath they are unchanging like my memories.

The farmhouse is very familiar, but it has changed too. It is smaller than I remember, a long, thatched building with all the rooms arranged on the front of the house. There was a corridor that ran behind the rooms into an extension, a small addition built onto the back left of the main building. This part is very different now, so I'm going to tell you how it was in 1939, together with that part of the house in front up to and just past the present main door.

This was the busy working place of the domestic building. We usually went indoors at the side, through a gap between the side wall of the house and its addition. Unlike the present building, this wall was short, like the stone walls in front of the house. It extended along one side and a short way along the back, adjoining a full-length wall, that in its turn, was built at right angles to another. This was the fourth side of the area and had a door to the corridor of the main building. Two very large, thick wooden beams supported the roof above the short walls, one at the corner and one at the door gap. There was an empty space between the top of the short walls and the roof, so the area was fairly light and cold. A staircase with bare white scrubbed wooden steps went up just in front of the full wall at the back. It had dark brown handrails, just like all the other painted wood in the house. Under the stairs was a mangle next to a large copper. This was built of cement, coming right up to my chest and much too big for me to reach over. I could just move the large wooden lid of the grey metal bowl below, though it was too deep for me to see the bottom. There was a little hole beneath that held fire

on washing day, and the clean soapy smell that filled the place always told us when it was being used.

Even now, when I look at the stars, I remember Flo explaining that The Big and Little Bears look like the dipper in the water trough!

Water for all washing, baths, clothes, the floor, and washing up, came from a pump that stood in the middle of the floor, its spout above a stone sink where bucket stood to catch the water. We washed our hands here during the day ...

If you have any recollections of evacuees or wartime Luppitt you would like to share please contact the Editors

Puzzle Time



September Recipe

Blackberry and Apple Jam

4lb Blackberries, washed & hulled
1¼lb Cooking or sour apples, peeled & cored
6lb Granulated sugar
½ pint water

Put blackberries in a pan with ¼ pint of water and simmer until soft.

Slice apples and put in preserving pan with remaining water and simmer until tender. Mash to a pulp using a wooden spoon or potato masher.

Add blackberries and sugar. Stir over a gentle heat until sugar has dissolved. Bring to the boil stirring, then a rapid boil until setting point is reached. This is usually 15 to 20 minutes.

Check for sticking during this time reducing heat if necessary. Add a small piece of butter to clear any scum.

Setting test

Put a small plate in the fridge before you start. Remove pan from heat. Drop a tablespoon of jam on to the plate and return to fridge for 1 minute. The jam has set when surface wrinkles if pushed with a finger.

Pour jam into warm, sterile jars, tighten lids and leave to cool.

You do not need preserving sugar as apples are rich in the setting agent pectin.



An Autumn jam that is cheap and delicious

JUNIOR CORNER

Fenton

We have adopted a rescue pony called Fenton from the Mare and Foal Sanctuary. He is a mini Dartmoor Hill pony and his best friend on our farm is AN orphan chick called Busquets.

Mia



If you would like your pet to feature on this page email luppittpacket@gmail.com

FIND THE CAT

Can you find and colour in the cat in this picture puzzle?



LUPPITT CRICKET CLUB

Our 3rd match of the season was on Sunday 18th July. You'll remember we experienced a spell of scorching hot weather, which would be comfortable for spectators in the shade, and tiring for the perspiring players. Our opposition was a team we've not played before, Bishops Hull from Taunton. They're a strong club with 2 teams playing in the West Somerset Cricket League.

Luppitt batted first and made a good start under the blazing sun with a break for drinks every 10 overs. Bishops Hull bowling was tight and our batting less so, but we reached a total of 114 off 35 overs. Probably not enough.

Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun, yet our bowling started well with 2 maiden overs from Mac. The Bishops Hull batsmen were steady however and it looked like they would overtake us. The Luppitt bowlers fought back with some fine overs including Mitch Fisher taking 4 wickets off 6 overs, along with Ben Kidson taking 2 wickets for 9 runs. Bishops Hull were all out for 110 off 33 overs. An unexpected and hard won victory for us.

Our 4th match on a damp Sunday 15th August was against the Blacksmiths and Artisans Cricket Club, a popular fixture with Luppitt since 2008. In 1980 a group of

blacksmiths were constructing a water wheel at a fish farm in Membury. The fish farmers and blacksmiths would play cricket in tea breaks and lunch hours in a cobbled yard. Later in 1985 when the blacksmith was making a gate at Cutsey House (near Trull) the owner suggested they could play cricket there. Teams were gathered and the blacksmiths and fish farmers lost their first game on the last ball of the match.

Back to the present and Blacksmiths won the toss and elected to bat, making a strong start. Our bowling and fielding was sharp, with some tight overs by William Smith and a superb run out thrown by Steve Grant from 20 yards. For a while the Blacksmiths tally looked achievable, however in the last 3 overs their batsmen hit hard, closing on 177 for 6 off 35 overs.



After a break for tea the Luppitt opening batsmen were firing on all cylinders with Jack Smith 51 and Peter Kittow 41. Unfortunately we were unable to sustain this and our run rate declined. The drizzle became more persistent and it was slippery for everyone. Luppitt achieved a decent total of 145 for 6 off 35 overs, falling short

Congratulations to the Blacksmiths & Artisans, a great sporting team. A special day for the father and 2 sons from Kent who were on holiday with one of the regular players. Tom the youngest son was not much taller than the stumps, yet he batted well and kept wicket like a pro.

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BULLETIN BOARD

Many Congratulations from the Luppitt Packet to:

- Mark and Rose Tucker for their twins Oscar and Thea Tucker
- Pearl and Brian Pulman for becoming Great Grandparents to
- Poppy, daughter of Shane and Shannon

We are delighted that Brian Howlett has returned to Luppitt with his carer Winter. Welcome home Brian.



Services at St. Mary's during September

5 th	09:30 AM	Holy Communion	Rev J Hayhoe
12 th	11:00 AM	Family Service	Rev J Penn
19 th	11:00 AM	Informal Worship	Lay led
26 th	11:00 AM	Harvest Festival	Mr John White

Inviting children to sing a song at the Harvest Festival

Please email Charlotte primomusicuk@gmail.com for details of rehearsals

All children are most welcome



Celebrating the hymns of Ira Sankey

Sunday 19th September at 11:00am

Come and sing these glorious hymns accompanied by Barbara on the keyboard.

Weather permitting we will gather at the top of the Churchyard close to the car park.

Please bring a chair if it's fine otherwise we will be in the Church

Visit www.dunkeswell.org.uk and find us on Facebook
@sixworshipstogether

FROM REV PENN'S PEN

Where did those summer holidays go? If you're a child they've probably rushed by all too quickly and if you're a parent juggling work with child care it's probably seemed a bit longer!

I was thinking as I sat down to write this about all the different people affected by the start of the new academic year and it struck me how many of the experiences that those people have are similar.

Whether you're a child, a parent, part of the school support team or a teacher; coming back to school at the start of the new academic year is a time to catch up with friends and colleagues, perhaps a time to meet new people and make new friends. It's also brings for some the opportunity of a fresh start for the children with a different teacher, for the teacher with a different group of children. And so the school and community settles down into its new groups, let's hope all the bubbles have been popped, and begins to fulfil the potential that the change has brought.

An education is a great liberator, it not only teaches us to read write and become numerate it also teaches us to think and question. We are fortunate that all children in this country have the opportunity of a good education provided by the state but it wasn't always so.

In the past the church was brilliant at keeping people in their places, all the services and the bible were in Latin. So if you were a member of the illiterate masses you only know what the priest told you and a lot of what you'd be told was about keeping you in your place and maintaining the status quo.

In many places around the world you can only get an education if you have the money to pay for it and poor people remain in poverty because they don't have the money to provide an education for themselves or their children.

As we settle into the new academic year let's make sure that we truly value the free education given to all our children in this country and are thankful for, and supportive of, the fantastic schools serving our villages.

God Bless you, Jane

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The Importance of Dark Skies

The recent Neighbourhood Plan identified that 80% of Luppitt residents who responded to the questionnaire, considered dark skies to be extremely or very important. Having always been interested in dark skies myself I thought I would do some research and see what we could all do to help in their preservation for our own little corner of the world.

Dark skies are defined by the Oxford English Dictionary as "places where the darkness of the night sky is relatively free of interference from artificial light."

We are getting worse at preserving dark skies. The increasing amount of artificial light both in the UK and globally is gradually eroding them.

- Between 1993 and 2000 light pollution across England increased by 24%
- Less than 10% of the UK population can now enjoy a view of our own galaxy, the Milky Way
- Across the globe artificial light at night is increasing by 2% a year— and it's getting brighter.

Why is it Important?

We obviously need lights at night for a variety of reasons, but design and usage patterns are both extremely important. Too much of the wrong type of light or poorly designed and placed light can be harmful in a number of ways.

Harmful to wildlife – there is increasing evidence that artificial light is seriously contributing to the decline in the insect population. A single bright light such as a street light or spotlight has the potential to kill on average 150 insects per night. Imagine this on a nationwide scale! Another example is the fact that the population of glow worms has reduced in recent years as increasing artificial light interferes with the females signalling, reducing their ability to reproduce.

Additionally, it disorients birds, bats, hedgehogs, and other groups of nocturnal animals contributing to reducing populations of these species. Migratory birds can be drawn to artificial light, become confused and veer off track. Protecting the night-sky will help these already endangered species by preserving their natural environments.

Wastes Energy and Money – The estimated cost of inefficient lighting (that which isn't shining on the things we need to illuminate) wastes over £1 billion per annum in the UK. Having lights which are left on or kept on timers unnecessarily not only wastes money but uses more energy, increasing carbon emissions and contributing to climate change.

The rise of LED and metal halide lighting has proven more energy efficient, but also produces more widespread blue light: the most impactful wavelengths of light to plants and animals.

As the effective temperature of artificial lighting goes up, so do the effects of light pollution. Increasing the lighting temperature from 3000 K (which is recommended by the [International Dark Sky Association](#)) to 4000 K results in a 250% increase in light pollution, and going to full-spectrum LED lights exacerbates the problem even further.

Harmful to human health - There are new studies to suggest that direct exposure to light at night can have serious health implications. It can particularly affect our body's hormones, including the production of melatonin – this disruption of the circadian rhythm is linked to sleep disorders, obesity, depression, diabetes, and an increase in the growth of cancer cells.

Light entering private households can also be seen as public nuisance and lighting should be carefully considered for the privacy of your own neighbours and community.

Contributes to an unsafe environment - Many people use lighting as a safety measure or to feel more secure. However, the wrong type of lighting can make visibility and security worse. Too bright a light, or too much light causes glare and casts hard shadows which compromise our vision.

Denies us our human heritage – without dark skies every one of us loses the opportunity to experience the amazing and beautiful night sky. As the International Dark-Sky Association puts it:

"A lost view of the stars extinguishes a connection with the natural world and blinds us to one of the most splendid wonders in the universe. Children who grow up without the experience of a starry night miss invaluable opportunities to

speculate about larger questions and to learn about the environment and larger world."

What Can We Do About It?

We can all individually help to maintain dark skies. It is up to each of us to take a look at the lighting we have and how we use it. Here are some ideas to think about how we could improve our own lighting and also talk to other people in the village community to provide information and discuss what improvements could be made. We should;

- Only use our lights where we really need them and when we need them
- Use shielded lighting that points the light where it is needed rather than lights which scatter light indiscriminately in all directions.
- Angle lights downward – so there is no unnecessary light above or near the horizontal
- Switch lights off when not needed. Use proximity sensors. Avoid dusk-till-dawn sensors
- Light to the appropriate illuminance – avoid using brighter lights as much as possible
- Install at the lowest possible height to achieve lighting levels
- Avoid bright white and cooler temperature LEDs
- Shut the curtains at night to prevent intrusive light unnecessarily spilling out of our homes
- Use long wavelength light (light that has a red or yellow tint rather than very white or blue lights) to minimize impact
- Educate our friends and neighbours about the economic, environmental and security benefits of good outdoor lighting
- Stargaze and enjoy the night sky we have!

Michelle Turner

Sources:

Please contact the Packet or Michelle for details.

The Luppitt Reunion

The delayed Luppitt Reunion event was held on Sunday 1st August. Just before 3pm the Church bells sounded out across the valley in celebration of the first post-covid social event. An opportunity to meet old friends and new residents. Some dearly loved, familiar faces were missing and we remembered them as the afternoon got under way.



Tracy and the two Jeans pausing to celebrate before serving more than 100 cream teas

Although this was planned as a 'low effort' event the team in the kitchen and behind the bar had their work cut out.

Jacky could be found in the hall selling her 2022 calendars in aid of the Devon Air Ambulance.

David Speer provided a fascinating display on the history of the Luppitt Post Bus and, for those feeling energetic, a trivia trail led up to the Church.







Ring out the bells to open the event

A good time was had by all and there may have been a few sore heads!

Our thanks to the Entertainments Committee for putting on this joyful event. Especially to those who set up the marquees on the day and for those who rushed out to take them down before the rain!

£125 was donated to the charity collection.

We look forward to more events in the run up to Christmas. See What's on for more information.

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Isaac Penington, 1663 Quaker Faith and Practice 26.30

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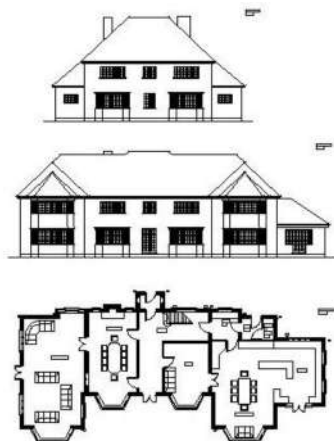
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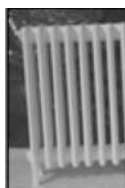
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Clerk's report of a Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held at Luppitt Village Hall on Tuesday, 6 July 2021 at 8 pm

Present: Cllrs John Thorne (Chair), Michele Turner (Vice Chair), Beth Hooper, Brian Pulman, Martin Summers, Andrew Tucker, Iain Chubb (DCC and EDDC), Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public

Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Christine Ryder, Paul Prettejohn, David Key and Colin Brown (EDDC).

Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 1 June 2021, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Pulman).

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

PLANNING

Applications (for comment, support or objection)

21/1360/FUL – Corner Cottage, Luppitt, EX14 4UE – demolition of single garage; two-storey extension to rear of property and new car port; new windows for the whole property

Cllrs Thorne, Pulman, Summers and the clerk had attended a site visit at the property and the following comments were submitted to Planning East:

'Luppitt Parish Council has no objection to this planning application provided that the applicant undertakes to retain the trees to the north-east of the development. An important part of Luppitt's emerging Neighbourhood Plan is to protect the rural landscape and distant views. Removal of these trees would increase visibility by exposing the development.'

21/1584/FUL - Odle Cottage, Upottery, EX14 9QE – change of use of agricultural land to ancillary accommodation in connection with the Hartridge Buddhist Monastery comprising the provision of three meditation huts

Following a request from the monastery, Cllrs Thorne, Pulman, Turner, Ryder and the clerk had attended a site visit in December 2020 before plans had been submitted. Luppitt Parish Council has no objection to the planning application on the basis that the meditation huts will be for monastic use only. The Parish Council approves the change of use of agricultural land to ancillary accommodation only on the site area marked in red.

The meeting was closed to allow a member of the public to speak.

Caravans and shepherd huts at Higher Moorlands

Cllr Thorne had received a letter from two parishioners drawing attention to the shepherd huts and caravans located on the property. The owner from Higher Moorlands attended the meeting to explain the position.

The owner assured the meeting that no-one is living in the caravans and they are for storage only. The Parish Council had supported the planning application for an extension to the house on the understanding that the shepherd huts would be removed when work was completed. Work has not yet begun on the extension and the owner and her partner are intending to carry out the work over the next year. The shepherd huts are only temporary until the work is completed.

It emerged during the discussion that the owner and her family are living in the shepherd huts and the house has been rented out to people who are intending to live with the owner and her family in the house when work is completed. Cllr Thorne pointed out that this arrangement was contrary to the letter of the planning approval.

The Parish Council agreed to monitor the situation and review again in six months' time when the Parish Council would expect the arrangements to be regularised. Cllr Key was not at the meeting but had asked the clerk to keep him informed.

The owner then left and the meeting resumed.

Field at Pennythorne Cross

A parishioner had spoken to the clerk about domestication of a field at Pennythorne Cross. No action to be taken but the Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation.

Decisions

21/360/FUL – Corner Cottage, Luppitt, EX14 4UE

Approved

Neighbourhood Plan

Comments from parishioners and statutory bodies have been collated and the Parish Council will meet on Thursday, 8 July, to agree final amendments to the draft Plan.

Garages at Millrise

Cllr Key advised the clerk that he had spoken to the owner of the garages who has confirmed that the garages have now been let.

HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

Road Traffic Notifications

- Start date Monday, 20 September – from Dolish Farmhouse to Barnfield Farm, provide new water supply.
- Start date Monday, 27 September – Beacon Cross to Ford Bridge and outside Halsdon House to outside The Robins, locate and clear blockage.

Parish Maintenance

Cllrs Pulman and Thorne have gone round the parish and made a note of potholes that don't meet minimum requirements for repair by Highways, and other road issues. Cllr Pulman handed the list to the clerk. Cllr Tucker will provide a quote for the work and the clerk will look into funding options.

Cllr Chubb advised that the Neighbourhood Highways Officer, Phil Morgan, has been promoted. The Parish Council has had a good relationship with the NHO and will be sorry to see him move on.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Wardens' reports

Nothing to report.

Planning Inspectorate – Footpaths 60, 61 and 62

The Definitive Map Modification Orders relating to these footpaths have again been submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination. An inspector will be appointed to determine the Orders.

Work on Footpath 14

Now that Covid-19 restrictions are easing, the clerk will arrange a meeting between Cllr Tucker, the landowners and Ros Davies, Parish Paths Liaison Officer at Devon County Council, to discuss a possible diversion to avoid the boggy area on this footpath.

ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Access to Broadband in the Village Hall

There was a general discussion about the merits of Broadband being available in the Village Hall. This would obviously be a decision for the Village Hall Management Committee but the Parish Council thought the provision of Broadband would be an asset. The clerk will speak to Cllr Ryder to raise at the next Village Hall Management Committee meeting.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2-5 June 2022 – lighting the beacons

The Parish Council agreed to take part in the beacon lighting event on 2 June 2022. The clerk will liaise with the Entertainments Committee to see what plans they may have for the weekend of platinum jubilee celebrations and also what plans they may have for bonfire night which falls on a Friday this year.

Update on playground initiative

Cllr Ryder and the clerk have provided information to the parishioner who is organising this initiative which the Parish Council supports. Cllr Thorne has spoken to the Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr Summers is interested in the project and has undertaken to liaise with the parishioner. It is understood that the parishioner will put the case forward for improved playground facilities at the next Village Hall Management Committee.

Defibrillator Training

The clerk has heard from two parishioners who would like to take part in defibrillator training. Cllrs Thorne, Turner, Pulman and Summers are also interested. The clerk will follow up.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Government call for evidence on remote meetings survey

The legislation permitting remote meetings ended on 6 May 2021. The clerk completed a Government survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

Correspondence

None

CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

- There is a dead tree in the Newhouse hedge between Blackenfields Lane and Corner Cottage which is considered to be dangerous. Cllr Thorne will write to the landowner to ask for it to be removed.
- Following further comments from parishioners, Cllr Thorne was told by the owner that the shepherd hut at Higher Wick is used for sleeping in only and is within the curtilage of the property.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Clerk's report of a Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held at Luppitt Village Hall on Tuesday, 3 August 2021 at 8 pm

Present: Cllrs John Thorne (Chair), Brian Pulman, Christine Ryder, David Key (EDDC), Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk)

Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Beth Hooper, Michele Turner, Paul Prettejohn, Martin Summers, Andrew Tucker, Colin Brown (EDDC).

Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 6 July 2021, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Pulman and seconded by Cllr Thorne).

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

PLANNING

Applications (for comment, support or objection)

21/1866/FUL - Otter View Farm, Luppitt, EX14 4TP – erection of new general purpose agricultural building

The Parish Council has no objection to this planning application. Cllr Thorne will visit the site.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council had met on Thursday, 8 July, to discuss and agree amendments to the draft Plan that had arisen from consultation with parishioners and statutory bodies. Roger Hicks, Chair of the Steering Group, is working on the amendments and also three detailed documents that will accompany the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Community Actions

It was agreed that the clerk would set up a Zoom meeting to discuss and agree procedures to be followed by the Parish Council when considering Community Actions in the future. Attendees will include Cllrs Thorne, Turner, Ryder and the clerk. The working group will then report back to the full Parish Council for agreement.

HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

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

- Loose kerbstones at Millrise – Cllr Key continues to have email correspondence. Kerbstones have been put in place but not fixed firmly.
- Ford Bridge to Shaugh – Cllr Thorne to take photo then clerk will report again.

- 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 will forward Cllr Pulman's list of potholes to Cllr Tucker for a quotation to carry out the work. The clerk is waiting to hear from Highways about the provision of tarmac to complete 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, has suggested some dates in September for a meeting to discuss a possible diversion to avoid the boggy area on this footpath. The clerk will arrange.

ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Access to Broadband in the Village Hall

Cllr Ryder, as Parish Council representative, will raise the matter at the next Village Hall meeting.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The clerk had heard from the Entertainments Committee that they will be marking the occasion on Sunday, 5 June 2022, but had no plans for anything to coincide with the lighting of beacons at 9.15 pm on Thursday, 2 June 2022. A new piece of music has been composed called 'Diu Regnare' for individual pipers and pipe bands. The clerk will approach a resident who plays the bagpipes to see whether or not he would be willing to play before the lighting of the beacon.

The clerk passed on the Entertainments Committee's comments about Bonfire Night and, after discussion, it was agreed not to take the matter further.

Playground Initiative

The parishioner organising this initiative will make a presentation at the next Village Hall Management Committee meeting.

Play Area at Millrise

As reported in the April Minutes, the current Safety Certificate expires on 18 August 2021 and, because of the exorbitant cost to renew the certificate at this time of year (£236.00 plus VAT), it was agreed that the play area will be closed until a safety inspection can be carried out in March 2022 at the much reduced cost of £68.50 plus VAT. A notice

will be posted at the play area to explain the position.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Quarterly check – internal financial control

Cllr Ryder has checked the cash book and reconciliation for the quarter ended June 2021 and confirmed that all is correct.

The clerk has purchased two bottles of wine for Gavin Brake as a token of appreciation for carrying out the audit.

External Audit

The clerk confirmed that the Notification of Public Rights has been publicly displayed and also posted on the website. The clerk confirmed that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) and associated papers have been forwarded to the external auditor

Correspondence

- The Parish Council has received comments regarding the storage of kegs at the brewery. The Parish Council appreciates that this situation is as a result of the effect the pandemic has had on the brewery trade. Cllr Thorne will write to the owners.
- A parishioner had written to the Parish Council to express concern at the close cutting of a hedge in the parish at the beginning of August. Whilst the Parish Council sympathises with the parishioner's view, landowners are within their rights to cut hedges at any time if they are overhanging the road and causing a danger to road users. The Parish Council appreciated the point made by the parishioner that the hedge had been cut closer than necessary.
- Cllr Thorne has written to the landowner to request the removal of the dead tree between Blackenfields Lane and Corner Cottage.

CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

There were no items.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

**Date for next meeting to be held in Luppitt Village Hall at 8 pm:
Tuesday, 7 September 2021**

REVD JOHN HAYHOE

September letter

In my letters for the parish magazines I have frequently written about community, and often I have given thanks for the wonderful communities we have in our Mission Community. This has been particularly the case through the pandemic. As I write this letter for our magazines ringing loudly in my ears are the cries of people in Afghanistan, what I am ashamed of is that I don't hear so loudly the cries of other refugees in camps on the other side of the English Channel. We are beginning to put our troubles aside, and so also our need to rely on our own communities, and get on with our lives as restrictions lift. Can we find the compassion to consider how to care for people who are part of a much greater community, people living in dire circumstances, much more dire than we can ever imagine.

I don't have any solutions to offer as to how this refugee crisis can be resolved. I don't have the experience with which to advise those in power as to what they should do. I certainly don't have the resources on my own to make any difference at all. Together however we can achieve something significant. The Christian response to this sort of crisis is also a human response – a response indeed shared by all faiths but also by many of no faith. As a Christian I know I should love my neighbour – my neighbour is not just the person next door but, as we see in the Parable of the Good Samaritan, our neighbour is also someone who is different, different ethnically, of a different faith and of a different culture.

So how can we make that difference. Many charities are working exceedingly hard supporting refugees and appeals have already started appealing for funds to support their work in this crisis. They are past masters at what is now called 'crowd funding' – every little contribution comes together to make a big difference. We can also talk about making a difference to anyone who might listen – talking about the charity we are supporting and the difference they are making. And then there is prayer – Jane Penn wrote about that in the last magazines. In prayer we are asking God to do something to make a difference. The funny thing is that often God uses us to make that difference. When we pray regularly for someone, or for some matter, God is getting us to think about that person or that matter with love – those loving thoughts also get us to concentrate in love on the matter in hand and thus we then do something to make a difference, with everyone else who is doing just the same. It is amazing!

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Location of defibrillators

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