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April 2022



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THE LUPPITT PACKET

Welcome to the April edition, another eclectic batch of features which we hope you will enjoy. We are fortunate to share news of several events this summer celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and a local feature from Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. We hope you can all find a way to join in with some village events. It is sobering to reflect on 70 years of relative peace in the UK against the backdrop of turmoil in Europe and the dreadful war in Ukraine.

This month we thank Vanessa Nancarrow for the vibrant cover art.

Trevor, Martin & Luppitt packet team

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Our archive of PDF copies of The Packet dating from 2010 up to the current edition will continue on the website www.luppitt.net, which is hosted by Peter Sage, and contains a wealth of information about Luppitt – its history, people, photos, family trees etc.

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WHAT'S ON

APRIL

Tue 5th April Parish Council Meeting 8pm, Village Hall
Wed 13th April Mobile Library at Mountstephens farm 10:45 until 11:15
Thu 21st April Luppitt Wives Cream Tea. Meet at the Village Hall at 3pm.

MAY

Tuesday, 3 May 2022 Annual Parish Meeting at 7 pm
Tuesday, 3 May 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council at 8 pm

AUGUST

Advance notice: Saturday 13th August, Luppitt Flower Show.

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Village Hub Pub	7:30pm every Wednesday and Friday
Bowls	7.30pm Mondays
Friday Coffee / Market	11am until 1pm
Sat 30 th Coffee / Market	11am until 1pm

Luppitt Entertainments Committee Events

This month:

Tuesday 12th April, 7:30pm Easter Bingo
Saturday 23rd April, 3pm St George's Day Fun Afternoon

Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend events:

Friday 3rd June from 7:30pm, Hub Pub Games Night

Sunday 5th June, 2pm Special service to be held
in St Mary's Church

Followed by, from 3pm Luppitt's Big Jubilee Lunch

This will be a street party style event, to which everyone is invited to bring their own picnic.

Marquees and long tables will be set up outside, weather permitting.

* Bar, with free tea, coffee and squash also provided *





EASTER BINGO

Fun for all the Family!

Luppitt Village Hall

Tuesday 12th April



With Bar and Raffle

Doors Open 7.00pm,

Eyes Down 7.30pm

A GOLDEN JUBILEE

With the Platinum Jubilee approaching, it seemed like a good time for me to tidy up a memorial to an earlier jubilee. Catherine and I moved into the Old School House about three years ago and it took us a little while to find the water spout on the outside of our garden wall on the lane. Rather overgrown, I have been meaning to get round to clearing back the ivy for some time.

The inscription, now clearly visible reads:

“ERECTED IN 1887 IN
COMMEMORATION OF THE
JUBILEE OF QUEEN VICTORIA”

This was her Golden Jubilee, having acceded to the throne in 1827. I understand the feature was built against an existing spring, such that the water would have poured from the lion's mouth. This seems to have long since ceased flowing, perhaps the spring has changed its path?

I can only assume the school commissioned the structure. A picture of the water spout appears in Johns Sage's 'Luppitt: Parish, Church and People' but there are no further details about it added in the text. If anyone has any more information, I'd be very interested.

In the course of my research, I came across a piece in the June 2016 Luppitt Packet, reproducing an article from the Exeter & Plymouth Gazette of 5 July 1887, describing how the people of Luppitt celebrated Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. Towards the end of the article, this comment is included:



“Thus the day ended, and, as before stated, a more enjoyable holiday has never been held in the parish; and, what is still more satisfactory, all dispersed quietly and orderly, no case of drunkenness being witnessed either by the Committee or the police present”

The writer seems almost surprised by the sobriety of the occasion! Perhaps the good people of Luppitt had something of a reputation back then?

Before and after photos of the water spout, and we hope to complete the job by placing some suitable plants around the base.

Andy Potter
The Old School House



**BONFIRE, BARBECUE AND FIREWORK DISPLAY
AT HARTRIDGE ON THURSDAY, 2 JUNE 2022**

Please come along and join us for this special evening. On Thursday, 2 June 2022, beacons will be lit nationwide at 9.45 pm in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Preceding the lighting of the beacons, a unique piece of music 'Diu Regnare', written especially for the occasion, will be performed on the pipes at 9.35 pm

At 9.40 pm a bugler will play a special bugle call entitled 'Majesty'

There will be a firework display following the lighting of the beacon on Hartridge

Hot food and drink will be available. This notice is to give prior warning to all parishioners with animals that may be affected by the fireworks

Telephone Rosalind Buxton, Luppitt Parish Clerk, on 01404 861565 or email luppittclerk@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

A LUPPITT SUNDAY STROLL



After several rainy and windy days the weather forecast for the Sunday Stroll on the 13th March was encouraging, mostly dry for the afternoon.

A happy group of walkers assembled at the village hall, prepared for muddy footpaths and some gentle hills. Congratulations to the young children who enjoyed themselves all the way around the 6.1 mile route. The weather remained dry until Hillend Farm where the heavens opened.

Several non-walkers joined the group at the village hall to enjoy the splendid tea which was laid on by Tracey Rosewell and her team of bakers and helpers.

Thank you to everyone who came along, turning a grey afternoon into a brighter time.

MEMORIES OF LUPPITT SCHOOL FROM 1955

We started school the term we were five, sometimes a bit later. Most walked to school and back, rain, shine or even snow. Some parents probably didn't have a car or father had it for work; for many farmers it would be milking time. We went straight into infant class, no nursery or pre-school then. Each of the two rooms had a big iron coal burning fire surrounded by a tall iron guard – good for drying coats when it was wet. There was a row of coat hooks, a door to the outside for the toilet block, and a door to the junior classroom. There were cupboards where stationary etc was kept, and another for games, puzzles and toys which were usually used for playtime when it was wet.

Dinners were brought from Honiton Primary School in large metal containers and trays to keep them hot. We had larger folding tables and benches to put up at the end of each room for mealtimes. We had the usual bottle of milk at break time. Mrs Buck from Overday Cottage helped to serve dinner along with the two teachers and would then wash up in the small kitchen in the building alongside the girls' toilets. Not sure how Health and Hygiene would view that today! Most meals were OK. Tapioca was called frogspawn. One of the Mountford boys was served real frogspawn with jam one day, maybe Mrs Buck's idea!

The usual Three Rs were taught along with painting, clay modelling, singing



Sylvia Pulman, Derek Norton, Douglas Broom, Stanley Drewe, Pat Carter, Derek (Bobby) Larcombe, Jan Rowe, Peggy Hoskins, Arthur Sage, Colin Marker, Shirley Coles



Mr Pullan, Arthur Sage, John Thorne, Gordon Crabb, Derek Hooper, Jan Rowe, Bernard Rowe, Pam Rowe

and story time. There was probably a nature table, tadpoles etc. There were nature walks onto the Common. I remember seeing sundew. I think we had rabbits to look after – I guess someone looked after them during the holidays!

We moved to the Juniors when about seven. It had the same type of layout, doors to the boys' and girls' toilets; desks took up about half the room and the other end was used for dinner tables and P.E. when it was wet. We did P.E. outside. The playground sloped so missed balls were always rolling downhill. The playground was much the same as it is today, but with a high wire fence along the two

roadsides, and a fence alongside the schoolhouse garden. We used rush mats for lying down exercises, cane hoops, balls, bean bags etc. We also played Stoolball – a bit like Cricket but using solid round bats and a wicket which was a square board on a stand, a very old game, which is still played a lot in the southeast, especially Sussex. We had class monitors for giving out the milk, books etc, and doing errands for Mrs Pullan – savings stamps and post at Mrs Middleton's post office.

Mrs Pullan was very keen on craft. I think she studied it at college. She came from Yorkshire. I'm not sure when she started but taught until she

retired in 1964 when the school closed. We had craft and needlework classes two or three afternoons a week. Everyone, including the boys made a work bag, decorated with braid or tape, with different embroidery stitches and our names or initials, pink material for the girls, maybe blue for the boys. Boys did weaving, scarfs and ties, wooden stools with woven seats etc. I can't remember knitting but a friend said he made a Father Christmas which he still has. There were small glass panels black outlined pictures to which we stuck coloured foil on the back, then framed. Girls made dirndl skirts with braid decoration. I remember making a felt bonnet, decorated with embroidery, sequins and a cross stitch picture.

Mrs Pullan's love of art meant that

walls usually had a lot of pictures on them that we had produced, especially at Harvest time. We all helped to make a frieze along one end of the classroom, painting and collage depicting whatever the theme was that year. A table in front was filled with harvest produce from home, which the parents probably bought back at the auction after the service. The children took the service with singing, recorders, (which a lot of us learnt) readings and prayers. I think we had a speaker; I remember John Halse one year. Parents and friends came, sitting on benches, I guess. Mrs Pullan obtained some pomegranates, a bit exotic, which most of us had never seen! We were treated to a few seeds beforehand and a couple were put on the table for sale. No doubt, we begged our parents to buy them.



Rosemary Valentine, Margaret Coles, Keith Rosewell, Mervyn Newman, David Manley, Sandra Rosewell, Delphine Tottle, Ruby Broom, Jean Gardiner, Rosemary Carter, Bob Broom

When Harvest was at the church we finished school at lunchtime on the Friday, so we could attend the service in the afternoon; then down to the Hall for tea, sports, and ice-cream - a treat in the 1950's! Races – the usual flat races, sack, three-legged, obstacle, thread the needle. Prize money – 1 shilling, sixpence, and thruppence, I think. There were adult races too, all on Miss Bishop's sloping field at the back of the school – probably a bit rough too - not flat and well cut like today. In the evening there was dancing to Eddie Selway's Band. The usual waltz, quick step etc with country dances. Lar Rowland was M.C. dressed very smart in evening dress and bow tie. His wife Win holding her skirt by the hem as she danced. Supper was at half time with us children sliding up and down the slippery floor.

Leading up to Christmas we made paper chains and lanterns to hang across the classrooms and crepe paper garlands to put on the tree with other decorations, which were no doubt stored from year to year. Mr Walden gave Mrs Pullan money to buy a small present for each of us. No doubt, we had a party too.

In March every year we did plays and pantos in the Hall, raising money for outings, I think. A backdrop of trees was always there. Did Mrs Pullan paint it? I'm not sure if it's still in the Hall somewhere. Many of the costumes were made of sheets, old clothes etc – seem familiar to our pantos now? I'm sure we had a good time as we weren't in class.

Playtime fun was the usual tag, 'cops and robbers', skipping with a long rope, ball games, cartwheels,

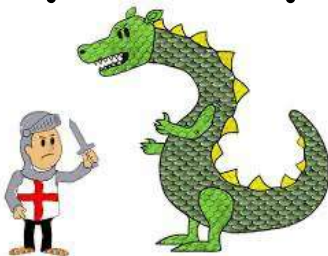
handstands against the classroom wall (no trousers for girls then!). There was a water fountain in the corner by the boys' toilet door. In earlier times older children were allowed of the school grounds for walks up the hill, or to the common or Tapsterwater. If lucky enough to have sixpence we could go to Mary Wright and buy two packets of crisps (anyone remember Oxo crisps?), when crisps went up a penny it was one packet of crisps and a packet of fruit polos! All outside play stopped when Roly Mountford got stuck in a pipe at Colehill during flood water. Luckily, he was OK. There were three different height bars at the top of the playground for swinging and climbing on – dangerous or what! Mr and Mrs Pullan went to Spain on holidays (Wow, abroad!); they showed us films about bullfighting. I'm not sure it was suitable for 8–11-year-olds. They brought back cassettes and other memorabilia. A few older ones went into Mrs Pullan's sitting room to watch Princess Margaret's wedding on a very small T.V.

Primary school days seemed very happy and carefree most of the time.

Jean Gardiner

The history of Luppitt School can be found in the book 'Luppitt. Parish, Church & People'.

St George's Day Fun Afternoon at Luppitt Village Hall Saturday 23rd April, 3pm



Prizes for the best Costume and
best home-made Shield

Activities for the children

Hot food, Cakes,

Hot and Cold Drinks, Bar

Please advise numbers for catering by 16th April

To Tracey Rosewell: email dolishfarm@btinternet.com
or phone 891218 evenings

** Please specify any special dietary requirements **

2022 GRAZING OF LUPPITT COMMONS ROUGH SPOTS

The Trustees of Luppitt Commons invite applications from those Commoners with grazing rights to summer graze the Commons Rough Spots, including the reclaimed land on Hense Moor

It is expected that these will be available from:

April 2022 until 31 October 2022 for improved grassland

April 2022 until 1 December 2022 for unimproved grassland

These dates are subject to conditions being suitable

**FOR 2022 GRAZING OF ROUGH SPOTS ON HENSE MOOR
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GRAZIER OF £30 PER HEAD OF CATTLE**

Please apply in writing to the Secretary of the Trustees Committee
Mr Kevin Lockyer, Barbers Farm, Beacon, Luppitt, EX14 4RT.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS – End April 2022

THE BLACKDOWN HILLS REPAIR CAFE

Big Fix Event

We are offering you all to attend our next Blackdown Hills Repair Café Big Fix Event at the Parish Hall in Hemyock on the 14th of May 2022 from 10am until 4.00pm.

Many Repair Café's in the whole of the United Kingdom will be repairing items on this day. At this event you will be able to bring all your items in need of repair, and enjoy a range of delicious refreshments which will be on sale from our tea room throughout the day, where on offer will be a selection of home made cake, tea and coffee and also Bacon Butties.

This event will replace our usual slot on the 28th May 2022

Stephan - Coordinator of the Blackdown Hills Repair Café.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 07715460783 or at:
sfelehner@aol.com

NORMAN'S TALES

That young infant teacher Olive married Albert Clapp, a Luppitt boy from Mathays Farm, now the home of Otter Brewery. Albert was known to everybody as Bert. Bert operated the local thresher, going to a lot of local farms.

Bert and Olive lived and farmed Meshayes. I had a interest in Meshayes, my Dad and his 3 older brothers were born and brought up there. Grandad worked there as a builder and stonemason.

On every Saturday Grandma took her dairy products to Honiton to the Pannier Market. Coming home one Saturday on the corner by Dolish, Grandad tipped the trap over breaking both shafts off and the poor

horse carried on home!

The boys were waiting to see what goods their Mum had got them. They saw the horse come home alone, they ran down the road to find their Mum and Dad and Reggie a bit dazed and shopping all over the road.

I think Grandad had too much of his favourite beverage!

Norman Pulman



Low Flying Aircraft

A number of parish residents have expressed concerns over low flying aircraft causing a disturbance and I took an action to raise this with the owner of the Dunkeswell Airfield. Earlier this year I had a very constructive meeting with the owner and he was very willing to help resolve any issues arising as we go forward.

We as residents do need to understand that not all aircraft flying over us are from Dunkeswell. There are a number of small private airstrips in the vicinity and these do not adhere to any protocols laid out by Dunkeswell, nor would Dunkeswell be able to address issues relating to these aircraft.

If anyone wishes to raise concerns over an aircraft, please flag this to me initially detailing the following type of information:

- date and time
- the location impacted
- any colouring, marking or numbers visible on the aircraft
- the direction of flight
- any photographs you may have been able to take.

Essentially, the more information which can be provided, the greater the chance of Dunkeswell Airport being able to help. I will then report these to the airport owner and follow up for a response.

Michele Turner

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Willows' new hobbies

It's me, Willow (again), possibly the most friendly dog in the village. I hope I don't bore you but if I do, just turn the page!

I started two new hobbies lately – “family history” and “recycling” – today I would like to tell you about my family history.

I was born in Broadhembury, a posh village not far from here, and was brought up in a single parent family along with eight siblings. My mum is a very elegant, slim chocolate Labrador called Colin! Yes, Colin – that's not a spelling mistake and she is not “trans-canine”. Her master gives all his lady dogs a boys' name. It's a very odd thing to do and I don't know why he does it. My new owners are a bit more sensible and gave me a proper girls name. My father was an English Springer of excellent pedigree who did what was required of him and then, being a typical male, he did a runner leaving my mum Colin to do all the hard work of bringing up nine children on her own. However despite being deprived of a father figure I must say my life in the litter was pretty cushy. Warm milk was on tap, and I just loved having a good nap under a pile of warm sisters. When I was about 8 weeks old my new parents (Him & Her) visited and of course fell instantly in love with me and a month later they took me to my new home in Luppitt. Although I visit my sisters occasionally, I have not looked back!

I like living in Luppitt, plenty of walks and I've made one or two friends – Lee's two Bearded Collies down the road which are quite mad; Daisy, Martin's collie up the road (frisky) and Claire's posh Pinto (a bit rowdy) across the valley. I have also featured as young “Miss September” in this years Luppitt version of the “Pirelli” calendar along with other Luppitt beauties - so, overall life is good! Next month I shall tell how my recycling is going.

K9.



Life at Hartridge Monastery

We had a very enlightening visit to Hartridge Monastery.

Ajahn who is the Abbot spoke to us at great length about Buddhism and the purpose of the monastery.

The monastery was started at Hartridge in 1986 and Ajahn has been there since 2007.

Ajahn was very open about the Buddhist way of life and the beliefs of the monks.

The monastery is a beautiful and very peaceful place for the monks and others visiting or staying guests.

We asked Ajahn if anybody could stay at the monastery, he replied-

"Visitors are welcome and also guests wishing to stay there, for guests staying they are required to live in keeping within the restrictions

of the Buddhist way of life".

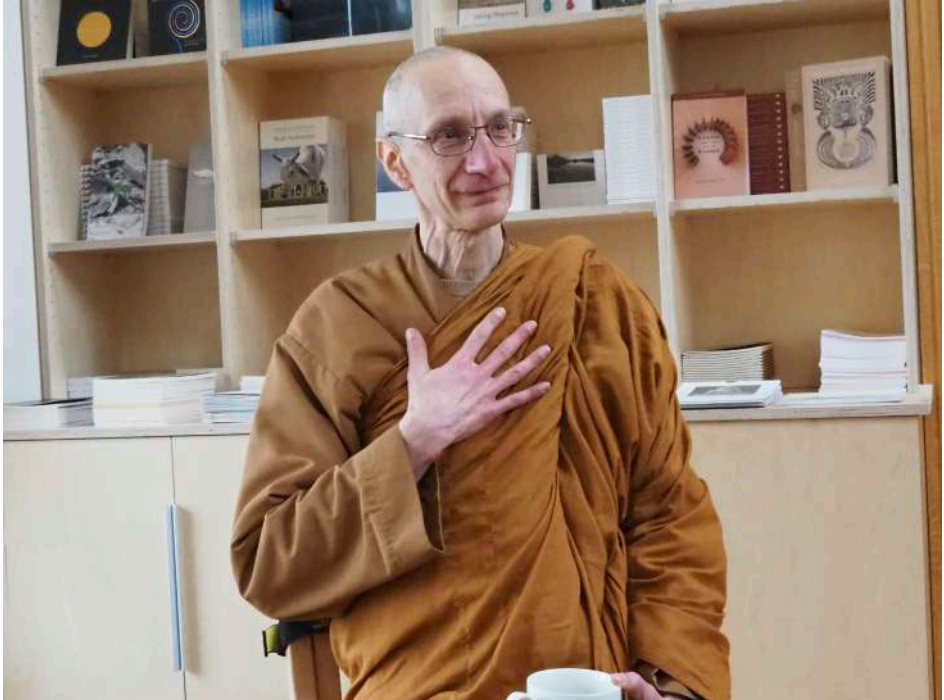
The strict eating rules would be hard for us non Buddhist folk to follow, meals consist of breakfast and a main meal late morning, and that is it until the next morning! A good way to lose weight.

A typical day would be up at 5 a.m. chores, breakfast at 7 a.m. and lunch at 11.30 a.m. the rest of the day would be meeting as a community, meditation, worship chores and free time.

Buddhism is the oldest religion and was started in India 2500 years ago.

In Britain there are 240,000 people practising the buddhist way of life according to the latest census.

Although the monastery stands in large grounds the monks are not





allowed to disturb the earth so therefore not able to grow fruit or vegetables which could sustain them throughout the year. Any flower beds that are there are tended by visitors or guests. This might seem strange as we live in a community of farmers and gardeners but this is all part of their beliefs.

They follow a simple diet and meals can only be cooked by visitors or staying guests. All food consumed at the monastery is donated so don't think you can stay and order what

you like its a case of what is available! We asked Ajahn why people come here - "Guests come for all sorts of reasons....some to meditate and follow the Buddhist religion, some come for respite when life gets impossible and they need a peaceful retreat and some just come to refresh after being on the road". So many reasons bring people to this haven of tranquility. All who come are welcome. We asked Ajahn what is your main object - to which he replied "To wake up"

We asked him was there anything he misses from his previous life, he said "His mums chocolate cake"!

If you are ever walking up at Hartridge, wander into the monastery grounds go and find the beautiful lily pond, sit on a bench and have a quiet ten minutes of reflection. Peace, pure and simple.

J.O. and L.G.

Luppitt Playground Project Update - ready to go in time for the Jubilee

We are delighted to let you all know that EarthWrights based in Totnes have been instructed by the Parish Council to build and install the playground. Excitingly this work will commence in late April with an opening in time for the Jubilee celebrations in June.

The playgrounds hardwood structure has after much consideration been selected to minimise visual impact of the play equipment both from the village hall and the wider community. It will include, 2 play towers, a 2m high slide, monkey bars, traversing ropes, cargo net, a large 'nest' swing and 2 sling type swings. We hope it will provide play interest for a wide range of ages and abilities. This is above and beyond what we ever thought would be possible when we started the project.

None of this would have been possible without the support of the The Village Hall, Parish Council and of course you the residents of Luppitt. Thank you.

Lucy Murray, Luppitt Playground Project

Easter Chocolate Bundt Cake

Ingredients

Chocolate Fudge Cake
260g Self Raising Flour
4 tbsp Cocoa Powder
Chocolate Drip
100g White Chocolate
100g Milk Chocolate
2 tsp Vegetable oil
Decoration
3x80g bags Cadbury Mini eggs

Method

1. Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Grease a 20cm bundt tin with oil. Sieve the flour, cocoa powder and bicarbonate of soda into a bowl. Add the caster sugar and mix well.
2. Make a well in the centre and add the golden syrup, eggs, vegetable oil and milk. Beat well with an electric whisk until smooth.
3. Pour the mixture into the tin and bake for 40-50 mins until risen and firm to the touch. Remove from oven, leave to cool for 10 mins before turning out onto a cooling rack.
4. To make the drip, melt the chocolate separately in heat proof bowls in the microwave (20 second blasts) until melted. Add in about a 1tsp of oil to each bowl and stir till smooth, and you have a drippy consistency.

Decoration

Spoon on your melted chocolate drip so it spills down the sides of your cake, then pile on Cadburys Mini eggs.



Helen Chown

GARDEN JOTTINGS

There's a large clump of white arum lilies in our front garden. They get quite a few comments from anyone going along the lane past us, especially in early summer when they are in flower. The clump's been there now for well over twenty years, but I'm not sure where they came from. I didn't plant it. It just grew. I planted an agapanthus which is still there, completely hidden.

This white arum must be a seedling from a cross I made years ago from the Crowborough variety, which I came across in the 60's, and a green arum called Green Goddess. I give it some protection in the winter and plenty of water and 8-8-8 fertiliser in the early summer. It does flower well and get bigger each year. Apart from the Crowborough several winter growing varieties of this lily are advertised as hardy. Glencoe and Mr Martin are two. There is one with spotted leaves. In some warmer countries these arums are regarded as nuisance weeds.

In our front garden there's another arum from the same cross. It has a green tip to it's flowers, but is a weaker grower. I call it Elvin. There is also a third arum there. This one has pink in the flower. It is probably from the same strain as the Kiwi Blush, bit is my own seed, dying down each winter and appearing in the late spring.

Nowadays there are numerous summer growing hybrid arums, mainly developed in the US and New Zealand. These flower in shades of yellow, orange and pink. One of the best summer arums is Pentland's arum, a wild native of Sekukuniland in South Africa, with large yellow flowers and plain green leaves. Many of the



hybrids have spotted leaves. Some do well in our cool climate even if left in the ground throughout the winter.

David Street.

Upottery School

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a super week celebrating all things science related. The children have engaged with a variety of learning opportunities and been finding out about a wide range of curriculum science topics. On Wednesday afternoon, Kestrel Class led the way, by providing a range of demonstration experiments in the hall for the whole school, class by class, based on their learning during the week. It was a super way to learn about science knowledge, and at the same time celebrate the curiosity and enjoyment that science generates. Then today, in our Celebration assembly, the other classes had their chance to share and talk about their science learning this week. Well done to everyone, and especially Kestrel Class; I have been very impressed by the depth of knowledge shown and also how well everyone presented their learning to others. As I said, overall, a very super science week.

As many of you will know, we are very much looking forward to the Upottery School Choir taking part in the 'Come and Sing' concert tomorrow at Wellington School. As you would expect, the children have been rehearsing hard for this event. The children will be joining other schools and coming together to perform in the event. This will be a wonderful musical experience for our choir and it truly promises to be a super experience for everyone involved. A huge thank you in advance to Mrs Gregory and the volunteers giving their time on Saturday to make this a reality.

I know that some parents and carers have asked about our position regarding covid and attending other events, such as HLC sport, during this and next term. Therefore, I wanted to take this opportunity to clarify our position. We continue, as do all schools, to carefully follow our existing control measures as part of our risk assessment following the change in Gov guidance in February. Due to this, as we have done with our choir event tomorrow, we consider these mitigations as part of our overall risk assessment around attending such events. We anticipate that, as we move forward, we will be aiming to attend events in our usual way, particularly the HLC sporting calendar. The first of these events is a Tag Rugby tournament league, for local schools, beginning at the end of this term. As a school staff, we would like to thank children and families for their patience and understanding with this and look forward to offering more and more opportunities to all pupils, as part of our broad and balanced curriculum offer.

Chris Legg

Coincidence, or What !!

On April 14th 1912, the 'unsinkable' TITANIC struck an iceberg on her maiden voyage. It was packed with rich passengers, many of whom lost their lives as there were too few lifeboats to accommodate them all.

14 years earlier a novel was published by Morgan Robertson called FUTILITY. It was about an unsinkable liner sailing from Southampton on her maiden voyage. Full of rich passengers, it struck an iceberg killing most on board. The name of the ship was TITAN.

Six years before FUTILITY was published W.T Stead, a well known reporter of the time, wrote a short story which also amazingly foreshadowed the sinking of the TITANIC. W.T Stead was one of the 1,513 people who died when the TITANIC sank.

23 years after the TITANIC went down a young man called William Reeves was standing watch on a steamer bound from Tyneside to Canada. The waters were calm and no sign of icebergs. Reeves couldn't help worry about what had happened to TITANIC also it was April 14th, his birthday. Unable to stop himself he shouted a warning and the ship came to a halt just a few yards from a huge iceberg that loomed high above the ship. The ships name? TITANIAN !!

Joy Tofts



Your Neighbourhood Plan is entering its last consultation phase

Last chance for you to put forward your views

The final draft of our proposed Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to East Devon District Council. Before the Referendum, EDDC is launching a final consultation period, running from now to the 6th May.

Anyone with views or comments they want to put forward relating to the Plan can do so via the Neighbourhood Plan pages on the EDDC website –

www.eastdevon.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-and-community-plans/neighbourhood-plans/neighbourhood-plans-being-produced-in-east-devon/Luppitt/.

For the families who have only recently moved into the Parish, this will be your first and only opportunity to contribute to the Plan. A copy of the final version can be viewed on the Luppitt Neighbourhood Plan website and Roger Hicks, Chairman of the Plan's development committee, is readily available to answer any questions (see inside back cover for contact details).

The Plan is a culmination of several years' discussion within our community and reflects the views and desires put forward by the people of Luppitt on how they want to see the Parish evolve. If it is adopted as a result of a positive Referendum vote, it will become a legal document and part of Planning Law.

Once the Plan is in place, East Devon District Council will have to refer to it when considering any Planning Application which falls within Luppitt Parish. Without it, there will be no legal requirement for EDDC to consider any of the stipulations developed by Luppitt residents on what developments they do and do not want.

Chris Ryder
Luppitt Parish Council

BULLETIN BOARD

Luppitt Flower Show Saturday 13th August. Advance Notice.

In different classes, these items are included: Fancy potatoes, Sweetcorn, Beetroot, Herbs, Wine, Heaviest Onion, Gooseberry jam, Tomato sauce, Item knitted in Cable stitch, Sewn Make-up bag. Origami item.

Children: Lego animal*, Butterfly picture*. Instruction will be given.

Sue & Joan.

East Devon Round 64 Mile Ultra Marathon. Saturday 30 thApril 2022.



The East Devon Round is an annual trail ultramarathon which occurs on the Saturday of the 1st May Bank Holiday each year. This is a small local event with around 100 entrants, and this year is occurring on Saturday April 30th It is based out of Offwell Village Hall and comprises of 64 miles (2022 route), 10,000 feet of climbing, and links both the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and the Blackdown Hills AONB plus the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site

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The route aims to showcase some of the highlights of East Devon; and passes near or through Offwell, Cotleigh, Dalwood, Axminster, Lyme Regis, Seaton, Sidbury, Gittisham, Honiton, Dunkeswell, Luppitt and Combe Raleigh.



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EASTER

We look forward to celebrating Easter 2022 without the restrictions of the past two years.

On Good Friday the crosses will be erected on Hartridge with a brief service led by Rev Jane.

Jackie Searle, the Bishop of Crediton, will conduct our Easter morning service. After the service there will be a Children's Easter egg hunt in the Church and refreshments will be served.

OUR CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

3 rd , 09:30 AM	Holy Communion	Revd Jane Penn
10 th , 11:00 AM	All Age Palm Sunday Service	Mr John White
15 th , 12:30 PM	Crosses & service on Hartridge	Revd Jane Penn
17 th , 11:00 AM	Easter Communion	Bishop Jackie Searle
24 th , 11:00 AM	All Age Worship	Lay Led

SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES

14 th , 7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday, St. Mary's Upottery, Revd Jane Penn
15 th , 11:00 AM	Good Friday, Wolford Chapel, Revd Peter Horder

EASTER EGG HUNT IN THE CHURCH

There will be an Easter egg hunt in the Church after the Easter Service at around noon.

Refreshments for all ages will be served.



CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUNDRAISING

The 'Jump for Free' sponsored Skydive, or Wing Walk continues to run this year. If you fancy taking a 'leap of faith' contact Sara on 07717 222404 for full details of the scheme

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Thursday 5 May at 7pm in the Village Hall
You are warmly invited to attend!

BELL RINGERS WANTED

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HELP NEEDED

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From Rev Penn's pen

On the Thursday before Easter, Maundy Thursday, this year 14th April, Christians across the world will gather to remember together the last meal Jesus shared with his friends, his disciples, before his death on the cross. This was no ordinary meal, but a special Passover meal during which Jews, then and now, remember together how God rescued them from slavery in Egypt and led them to the Promised Land.

During the Passover meal foods with special significance for different aspects of the journey are eaten and cups of wine marking events on the way are drunk. At the end of this last Passover meal that Jesus shared with his friends he introduced a new food and a new cup.

He took a loaf of bread asked God's blessing on it, then he broke the bread and shared it with his disciples, telling them all to eat it because it signified his body given for them. After that he took a cup of wine, again he asked God to bless it and he gave it to his disciples saying that they should drink it, he said it was his blood that was shed for them.

It must have been surprising and shocking that Jesus said this to them. This was said at a time when temple sacrifice, the shedding of an animal's blood was seen as the only way for wrongdoing to be made right with God, as well as the proper way to express thanksgiving for the good things in life, like a first born child. If you remember Mary and Joseph went to the temple to offer the designated sacrifice in thanksgiving for the safe delivery of Mary's first child, Jesus. [Luke 2.22-24]

Of course with hindsight they and we realise that Jesus was giving them something to remember him by so that after his death, resurrection and ascension we could come together as a Christian family and celebrate and remember Jesus gift of himself to us. The bread, his body broken on the cross and the wine, his blood poured out for us. In giving himself up to death on the cross, in continuing in perfect love for us despite all the cruel things that were done to him, Jesus shows us what perfect love looks like and that perfect love couldn't be held by death but broke free and forever gave us the chance to be changed and transformed and to have an personal relationship with God.

Mainly what I wanted to try and explain in this brief piece is the importance and centrality of this special meal that Christians everywhere come together to celebrate. It goes by different names, The Eucharist, Holy Communion, Mass, The Lord's Supper etc. Whatever we call it, it is something Jesus told us to do 'do this . . . to remember me' he said. It is a meal that reminds of what Jesus did for us and is absolutely central to our communal life in and with Christ. It is a meal that links us with our Christian sisters and brothers across the country and across the world.

This is a massive and central part of the Christian faith and the best way to explore it further is to contact your local minister and find out what's on offer to help you explore and find out more.

Jane

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Poem: To my sisters and brothers

by Harvey Gillman

As a child I was taught whom to love, and, if
not love,

whom I must learn to hate, at least to fear.

They were kind the older ones.

They wanted me to live at least in partial
peace,

to survive a while on a bewildering earth.

They gave me bricks that throughout my life

I would learn to build large and wide and
sturdy walls

and so have shelter from a lowering world.

But there were other worlds within my mind
so vast no walls could encompass.

I had arms, could reach beyond my
childhood's prison realm,

embrace a stranger and a stranger's world,
could flee across the frontiers of a given
name,

call the unknown my kin and yes be hurt,
be loved, but gaze upon no face with fear,

see no creature upon this earth my foe,

pull down the walls each place I go.

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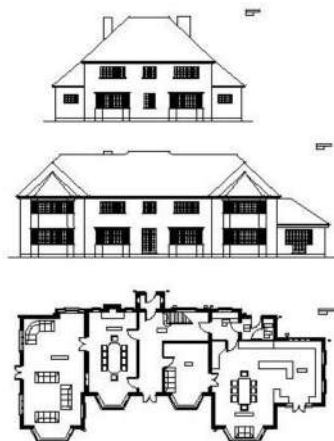
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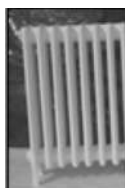
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Clerk's report of a Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held at Luppitt Village Hall on Tuesday, 1 March 2022 at 8 pm

Present: Cllrs John Thorne (Chair), Michele Turner (Vice-Chair), Beth Hooper, Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Christine Ryder, Andrew Tucker, David Key and Colin Brown (EDDC), Iain Chubb (DCC) and Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk)

Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Martin Summers

Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 1 February 2022, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Tucker and seconded by Cllr Turner).

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

PLANNING

Applications (for comment, support or objection)

21/2977/FUL – Woodhayes Cottage, Luppitt, EX14 4TP – amended plans – new block plan

The Parish Council does not object to the amended plans.

Decisions

21/2888/FUL – Higher Moorlands, Luppitt, EX14 4SY

Approved.

Neighbourhood Plan – Formal Submission

The Parish Council has formally submitted Luppitt's Neighbourhood Plan, together with the Consultation and Basic Conditions Statements, to East Devon District Council for consideration. EDDC have confirmed receipt and will now start legal compliance checks which normally take a week to ten days. EDDC will start the six-week Regulation 16 consultation as soon as possible after the compliance checks are completed. The Neighbourhood Plan is then independently examined before the referendum stage when all parishioners will have the opportunity to vote on whether or not to accept the Neighbourhood Plan.

Prioritise Community Actions and update procedures

Cllr Turner will convene a meeting of the Community Actions Group and report

back to the Parish Council. Community Action procedures will be updated in line with experience gained from the play area project.

HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

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

Pothole between Overday and Gully Lane and pothole between Newhouse Farm entrance and Greenlands to be reported again.

Road subsidence between Ford Bridge and Shaugh, Colehill Bridge to Messhayes and Messhayes to Goulds Farm, Shaugh junction to Three Horseshoes and Crook Cross to Combe Raleigh Cross – all to be reported to the Neighbourhood Highways Officer.

Road Closure

Advance notice of road closure on 27 April past Lowmans Farm, Beacon, to locate and clear blockage for Avonline Networks.

Future Road Repairs

This item is carried forward to the next meeting.

Parish Maintenance -

Grant for Lengthsman's Work

The clerk reported that the application for funding towards ditch clearing and drainage work carried out in the parish has been successful and £1,000 has been granted.

Pothole Repairs

The cold tar has been delivered to Cllr Tucker who will carry out the work when convenient.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

The equestrian latches have been delivered to Cllr Tucker who asked for confirmation that these were intended for Mohuns Ottery. The requested waymarker posts have not yet been delivered. The clerk will follow up.

Annual Survey of Footpaths

The clerk confirmed that the annual survey has been completed and submitted to the Parish Paths Liaison Officer at Devon County Council.

ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Community Policing Report

Nothing to report.

Play Area Project

This project had been discussed at length. The Parish Council holds an amount of £23,484.77 at present and the Village Hall Management Committee had agreed to make up the total to £30,000. The cost of the project is £30,000 excluding VAT which means that the outlay is more than the amount raised. At present, the Parish Council VAT is reclaimed annually after the year end (31 March) which would mean that the Parish Council would have to wait several months to claim back the total VAT. The Parish Council is not in a position to do this. The clerk has since clarified the Parish Council's position with DALC's VAT expert who confirmed that VAT returns can be made more frequently than the annual returns made at present. This will enable the Parish Council to claim back the VAT as the project progresses. Earth Wrights is the preferred supplier and has issued a payment schedule that must be adhered to if an installation date towards the end of April is to be met. The first payment of £17,181.00 plus VAT is due by 4 March 2022. A second payment of £3,587.00 plus VAT is due by 28 March 2022.

The contract issued by Earth Wrights contained a clause that would have left the Parish Council responsible for any additional unforeseen costs that might arise during the project. This was unacceptable to the Parish Council. On condition that a satisfactory solution can be found to this problem, it was agreed that payments should be made as listed in the payments schedule (proposed by Cllr Tucker, seconded by Cllr Prettejohn with all in favour).

Free Trees Project

Cllrs Thorne and Tucker had not received any offers of help with tree planting. This may be because there is another tree planting project taking place in the parish. Cllr Tucker is still awaiting delivery of the trees.

Platinum Jubilee Arrangements

The oak tree that EDDC is providing free of charge is a substantial size (8 ft) and comes with a commemorative plaque. A site was identified in close proximity to where the free trees are being planted (proposed by Cllr Tucker and seconded by Cllr Pulman). A What3words location will be provided. An alternative site on Hartridge for the lighting of the beacon, barbecue and firework display on Thursday, 2 June, has been identified. It is more accessible and parking will be easier for parishioners.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Internal Auditor

No-one has come forward from the parish to act as internal auditor. The clerk was authorised to approach someone who has appropriate qualifications.

Online Banking

The clerk has at last received confirmation that online banking will be available for the Parish Council account within 7-10 days.

Correspondence

An email about putting a stop to 'off-roading' in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty was noted.

A report from Cllr Chubb was noted. Cllrs Key and Brown advised that face-to-face meetings at EDDC will not resume before 11 May. Car parking charges are set to increase.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The meeting was suspended to allow the member of the public to speak.

The parishioner would like to diversify by constructing two woodman-type cabins as holiday lets to compensate for loss of subsidy income. Each cabin would be approximately 4 metres by 8 metres, with solar panel, compost toilet and log fire for heating. Each cabin would be approached via an existing farm track. The letting period would be approximately 28 weeks per year (March to September). A site visit was arranged for Tuesday, 8 March, so that Parish Councillors could see the exact location of the two cabins. The parishioner has not yet applied for planning permission and the Parish Council appreciated the opportunity to discuss the proposition beforehand.

The meeting then resumed.

CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

There were no items and the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

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

Tuesday, 5 April 2022

Tuesday, 3 May 2022 – Annual Parish Meeting at 7 pm

Tuesday, 3 May 2022 – Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council at 8 pm

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East Devon District Council 01404 515616

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