

Luppitt Packet  
March 2022



# St George's Day Fun Afternoon at Luppitt Village Hall Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April From 3pm



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# THE LUPPITT PACKET

Welcome to the March edition of the Luppitt Packet. As the saying goes, March comes “in like a lion, out like a lamb. The sun shines on the equator for the Vernal Equinox, giving us a near 50-50 split of day and night. We hope you enjoy the selection of content and articles

A big thank you to Julia Sparks for contributing such a beautiful picture for this months cover art.

*Trevor, Martin & Luppitt packet team*

*Serving: Luppitt, Beacon, Shaugh, Shelvin and Wick*

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The website [www.luppitt.net](http://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 .

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## WHAT'S ON

### MARCH

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> March Parish Council Meeting 8pm, Village Hall

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> March Mobile Library at Mountstephens farm 10:45 until 11:15

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> Coffee / Market 11am until 1pm

## Luppitt Entertainments Committee Events

### This month:

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm Sunday Stroll followed by Tea

### April:

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30pm Easter Bingo

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 3pm St George's Day Fun Afternoon

And save these dates for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend – more details later:

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Hub Pub Games Night

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June Luppitt's Big Jubilee Lunch

We would love to hear from anyone who may be able to help us at events that need a lot of organisation (or cakes!), without necessarily joining the committee.

If you feel you could offer help occasionally, please contact Pat Bussey on 892720 or email [pat.bussey27@gmail.com](mailto:pat.bussey27@gmail.com). Many Thanks!



# **Sunday Stroll**

## **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March**



**Starting at 2pm**  
**from Luppitt Village Hall**  
**with Tea at the Hall afterwards**

**Come in suitable clothing for wet conditions,  
wellies advised!**

**Children very welcome but must be accompanied by  
a responsible adult. \* Not suitable for buggies! \***

**Dogs must be kept under control.**

**Inclusive cost: Adults - £4, children £2**

**Non-walkers are welcome  
to join us for tea from 4pm!**

# EASTER BINGO

Fun for all the Family!



Luppitt Village Hall  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
With Bar and Raffle



**Doors Open 7.00pm, Eyes Down 7.30pm**

## THE BLACKDOWN HILLS REPAIR CAFE

A very successful Repair Cafe in the Blackdown Hills which grows from strength to strength.

We are able to offer to repair the following items:

Electrical's, Bicycles, Computers, Clocks and Watches, Textiles, Furniture, Sewing Machines, Tools and Sharpening, Ceramics and much more.

We are also looking for additional Repairers who have a "skill to share and a little time to spare" and also if you may be able to help out our Repair Cafe Coordinator with some administrative assistance including emailing and social media updates etc.

Our next Repair Cafe event is scheduled for 26th March at the Hemyock Parish Hall

EX15 3QW from 10am until 1.0pm

We look forward to seeing you there bringing all your items to be repaired, while you enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of home made cake etc from our Cafe

Please contact Stephan.

Coordinator of the Blackdown Repair Café

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## OTTER BREWERY TREE PARTY

We recently planted 500 trees in the field above Mathayes, to kick start our 'Pints mean Trees' Campaign. We would love some help giving them a little attention (weed & grass removal, shoring up stakes etc).

In return for some beer to take away, we're looking for some 'Green Minded' volunteers to lend a hand on

**Wednesday 16 March from 10.00am**

If you could bring your wellies and a mallet, if you have one, that would be great.

There will be bacon rolls, coffee/tea, and Otter Beer!

If you are able to help please contact the brewery office to let us know numbers for catering

01404 891285    [Tor@otterbrewery.com](mailto:Tor@otterbrewery.com)

Many hands make light work!

Thanks, Patrick & Tor, David & Mary Ann

## My Days at School

I started school at Combe Raleigh as we lived at Combe Raleigh Mill. We moved back to Luppitt in 1942. Grandad bought the burnt out ruins of Franklins and rebuilt them. Dad had the ground where the road goes around it and all the way to Maple Cross. Now called Franklyns Farm. I went to Luppitt School, there was quite a lot of evacuee children there. Two families in particular who lived at Colehill with Bert and Mrs Hancock, five altogether including Bill Gates and Buggy. Bill Gates and Buggy never went home and became Luppitt boys. Both went to work on farms, Bill went to Overday and Buggy went to Lowmans.

I remember when at the school, the boys put paper up the down pipe and set it alight, the smoke all came out under the roof. Somebody went and told Miss Simpson when she saw the smoke she nearly had a heart attack!

Later we all got a good talking to by the vicar, Reverend Basil Finn.

We had a black boy Abdul at school, he got on well with all of us, he came from the Egyptian Ambassadors house Pugshole, now called Ferndale.

Just before I left school in 1944 a new infant teacher started, called Olive, she was very attractive, us older boys couldn't keep our eyes off her!!!

*Norman Pulman*





## Lovers of the English Language might enjoy this.....

There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word and that is 'UP'.

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we wake in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are MPs UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We use it to brighten UP a room and polish UP the silver, we warm UP the left overs and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and tune UP the guitar. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses..

To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special...

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is blocked UP. We open UP a shop in the morning but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP. To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary, it takes UP a lot of the page and can add UP to about thirty

definitions. If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may end UP with a hundred or more.

When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things UP  
When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP..  
When it doesn't rain for awhile, things dry UP.

One could go and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now my time is UP, so...it is time to shut UP!

And what about this.. There is no egg in eggplant, no ham in hamburger, no apple or pine in pine apple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. We find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig. This is the language we speak !

*Submitted by Phil Smith*



## A LUPPITT STROLL

I love spring-but something like it happens every time I go for a walk. Alright, buds don't burst nor do rooks caw-caw within me, but that rising-tide feeling of things being alright and getting better, of life triumphing over what would pull it down, of colours brightening and of getting a fresh shot of youth, that feels familiar. We officially recognise spring as beginning on the 20th March. However the tidal wave of life is swelling all around us. Leafy and luminous, spring air is a distillation of the kind of hopefulness that you feel walking along the lanes of Luppitt.

I am going on a short walk today, just over two miles. I call it the small loop. Starting at the Church car park, and heading up past Glebe cottage and Luppitt House, I arrive at the small parking area opposite John Thorne's Peace Garden. The view south is wonderful across the fields towards Dumpdon hill. Although this is a short walk there are lots to see and hear. March might qualify as the early part of spring, but for most birds the preliminaries of breeding are already over. By March the spring is truly old news. I have read the go-ahead bird is already satisfactorily paired, and settled into a territory. It knows its neighbours by song, and its place in the world. A bird entering March without border and partner is like a student taking final exams without having done any

revision. A pass is a possibility, but it is leaving success perilously to chance.

I head up the hill and take a slight detour passing Mount Stephens farm on my left heading down passing Holley cottage and Calhayes farm on my right. Just past Hill Crest there is a gate. Looking south east, for me this is one of the best views in Luppitt. I call it the thinking gate. I quite often spot a Wren in the hedge to the left and right of me. As you know they are small birds with big mouths. Their songs are incredibly loud, their bodies incredibly tiny. It is a relief that other birds and people don't make sounds in similar proportion to their size, otherwise we would all be deaf. I am told the male Wren is like a property developer. Mainly living in the thickest tangles of vegetation and hedges, a twilight world where only the small bodied can go. They defend their territory with vigour. As the spring approaches the pressure on property increases. Like human young adults, male Wrens soon accept female visitors to their property. The females come and go and cause great excitement. Host and guest chase, curtsy and quiver their wings to express mutual interest. About this time the male Wren encounters a raging urge "Build a nest' and another one, and another one. A Male Wren can build up to ten nests, fulfilling his initial urge. They are very much male nests, and really the shell of nests. They

could really do with a little subtlety, especially the inner decor. If the male Wren were a person we would say that his work needed a feminine touch. The male Wren agrees, he now has something to show off to his lady visitors. They come as they did before, but this time in addition to courtship, they will be given the nests to inspect. No one knows what exactly goes on inside a female Wren's head at this time, but this is the moment when she's says yes or no in her heart.

I double back up the incline to Mount Stephens, turning left. The hedges are alive with birds. I head off to the egg box at the corner of Gulley lane on my right. Wandering along Gulley lane I spot a young deer in the field to my right quietly observing me. We stare at each other for a while. I wander on along the lane and arrive at the sign that always makes me chuckle 'Free range Kids and dogs'. Here I am normally greeted by several friendly dogs at CombesHead Farm.

I take a right and slowly walk along the lane heading back to Ringborough cross. This lane again, is alive with birds. The majority are Dunnocks or Hedge Sparrows. I have been told by experts, its exploits have become a red hot topic and has attracted more smutty headlines than those of a bed hopping soap star. The Dunnock you see, hides a distinctly lively lifestyle behind its veneer of ordinariness. Of course

you have guessed, it is to do with sex.

The females, not the male as expected start to mark out borders and skirmish over territories in an annual demonstration of 'Girl power'. The winners sit defiantly in their territories and invite the males outside to move in with them. Not surprisingly, the invitees oblige with delirious enthusiasm and fight amongst themselves for this unexpected privilege.

It is not long before I arrive back at the Church carpark having completed just two miles, however It has been an interesting and refreshing March stroll.



Miss Dunnock

*Trevor Bevan*

## **St Patrick's Day**

The 17<sup>th</sup> March is St Patrick's Day and marks the death of the patron saint of Ireland. It is a remarkable fact that St Patrick is regarded as a saint within the doctrines of the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran and Eastern Orthodox churches. The festival is celebrated with gusto by people of from many walks of life in Ireland.

St Patrick was born about 385 A.D. probably in Cumbria. At the age of sixteen he was captured by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland where he was enslaved and worked as a shepherd, and it was during this time that he converted to Christianity. After six years and a long and tortuous journey he escaped back to Britain where he continued his studies. Some years later he had a vision calling him back to Ireland, where he baptized poor and rich alike and is credited with bringing Christianity to the country. There is no doubt that this was a dangerous mission for a foreigner who had no allegiance to any king and he was often robbed and imprisoned.

Myths and legends surround St Patrick, but there are also samples of his writings.

So where does the shamrock come in? St Patrick used it's three leaves to illustrate The Holy Trinity. Many people sport a spray on their lapels and it can even be bought in Irish supermarkets. It is sometimes added to Irish whiskey on St Patrick's Day. The shamrock is either swallowed or thrown over the left shoulder - a method once used by St Patrick to banish the devil from an Inn!

Many Catholics attend mass, but it is a day of celebration, and even though it comes in Lent the national holiday starts with a good fried breakfast for the majority. There are parades in cities & towns, the most famous being in Dublin, but it is not the highly commercialised event it has become in the USA.

St Patrick used to take an ash walking stick with him when he was travelling around the country. On one occasion he thrust the cane in the ground and it took him so long to convert the locals that the stick had rooted by the time he wished to move on. The place is now known as Aspatia (ash of Patrick). He is credited with ridding Ireland of snakes, however, all evidence suggests that post glacial Ireland never had any snakes!

“St Patrick was a gentleman,  
Who through strategy and stealth,  
Drove all the snakes from Ireland,  
Here’s a toasting to his health,



But not too many toasting  
Lest you forget yourself and then  
Forget the good St Patrick  
And see all those snakes again.”

**Sláinte!**

*Mary Hill*

### **EASY IRISH STEW RECIPE**

Ingredients:

1kg Lamb neck or stewing Beef  
150g Streaky Bacon finely diced  
3tbs Olive oil  
1 brown Onion diced  
2 Celery sticks chunky diced  
3 Carrots cut into chunks  
400g Potatoes peeled cut into chunks  
Salt & Ground Black Pepper  
Chopped Thyme  
1 Bay Leaf  
25g Chopped Flat Parsley  
2 cloves of Garlic grated  
175ml White wine if desired  
430ml Chicken stock (can use stock cubes)

#### **Method**

- Brown chosen Meat & Bacon in the Oil in a Heavy saucepan or Casserole.
- Remove the meat & put in the Onions and Garlic Thyme & sweat for a minute then add diced Carrots & Celery
- Return the Meat and Bacon to the pan or casserole dish with vegetables. Cover with Wine & Chicken stock and simmer for approx 45 mins on a low heat until the meat is nearly tender.
- Add the potatoes and continue to cook until both the meat and vegetables are soft and tender, the juices have thickened, allowing to come to the boil.
- If the stew is not thick enough add a spoonful of flour or cornflour mixed with 3 spoons cold water and pour into the stew to thicken, stirring constantly.
- Sprinkle with Chopped Parsley to serve.

*Lesley Goode*



## COLCANNON RECIPE

### Ingredients:

750g Potatoes cut into cubes

50g Butter

1 Large Brown Onion sliced finely

100ml of full cream milk warm. Half double Cream half Milk can be used if preferred.

Half a small cabbage shredded or Spinach

1tsp French Mustard

## Method

- Add the Potato Cubes to a large pan of salted water, bring to the boil, lower the heat and simmer until nice and tender
- Melt half the butter in a flat pan on medium heat. Add the Onion & sauté until softened, not brown then add shredded Cabbage with a dash of water, season, add lid and cook for about about 7 minutes until softened.
- Drain the Potatoes and place back into the Pan. Add the rest of the Butter, warmed milk French Mustard. Season to taste & mash until nice & smooth. Drain cooked Cabbage well and stir into the mashed potatoes keeping a little of the cabbage mix to garnish.

*Lesley Goode*



## Upottery School

Dear parents and carers,

Over the past two years, the situations we have all faced as a school community have taught us much about what is important; what we must value; and what we must promote. Therefore, the staff, governors and I were keen to reflect on this, and review our School Vision statement to ensure it aligns with what we have learnt about ourselves, as a school, since early 2020.

We recognise that we are a 'values' led as a school. Our Core Values have become a central part of all aspects of school life for children, staff and families, which has been wonderful. Therefore, we wanted to reflect these in our renewed School Vision and at the same time set out a clear and concise vision statement for pupils, staff, governors and families. Below is our renewed One Page School Vision.

Our School Vision - Upottery Primary School: Be Valued; Be Inspired; Be your Best

As a school we strive to ensure everyone can Be Valued; Be Inspired; and Be Your Best by recognising our individual and collective needs; growing knowledge and nurturing talents and skills together; and celebrating each other and ourselves as we develop and demonstrate our Core Values:

Respect - To teach, model and nurture respect for ourselves, others and our environment; treating others as we would like to be treated

Learning - We enable and encourage independence, personal responsibility and a sense of pride and passion in all learning

Resilience - To build resilience and self-motivation to develop strategies and make choices, which enable us to cope with challenges and make informed decisions with confidence

Care - We encourage care, kindness and compassion towards others in an inclusive and empathic way

Happiness - We actively promote and foster a sense of self-worth, self-belief and a sense of belonging, enabling all to thrive and succeed

Celebration - We collectively celebrate the endeavour and achievement of ourselves and others, with generosity of spirit, to promote our core values

Our aim is to ensure children

- achieve to a high, personal and academic standard
- develop a passion for learning new knowledge and skill

- become 'lifelong' learners who, through applying the core values, will go on to make positive contributions to society
- 

### Children's Mental Health Week

As you will be aware, this week has been Children's Mental Health Week. All week pupils have been engaging in activities and having discussions around how to keep well both physically and mentally. These activities are part of our Coram spiral PSHE curriculum, where the word SCARF is used both to remember the following values which link through the whole PSHE curriculum S=safety, C=caring, A=Achievement, R=resilience and F=Friendship, and to represent how a scarf can be used to keep you warm and safe.

Kind regards

*Chris Legg*

### **GARDEN JOTTINGS**

It'll be March before long. The garden is perking up. Birds are singing and squabbling over spaces, Squirrels are going berserk over their peanuts while snowdrops, yellow daffodils and plum cyclamen (are) all around.

I shall soon be out clearing the ravages of winter. Several of my perennials need sorting out. There's a huge agapanthus blocking half the poly tunnel. I shall compost most of it and just replant a small piece to grow again. Just outside the poly a sprawling New Zealand flax is taking over the path. Some of this jungle needs to go.



Another problems is a white phlox in the front garden in mortal combat with couch grass. I shall have to dig it up and reset it minus the couch. Perennial weeds do settle into border plants over the years. Growing annuals means a yearly clear out of the weeds.

I have also still not sorted out our computer, so I'm getting the busy Packet Team to type these short notes again.

*David Street.*

## Puzzle Page

### Homes in Luppitt

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APPLETREES  
HILLEND  
COLEHILL  
OVERDAY  
LAMBERTS  
TRIPLANDS  
CLOUDS

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/3300680/>

1. If you build a fort, drive a Ford, and fill out a form, then what do you eat soup with?
2. If there are eight oranges in a bag and you take away two, how many do you have?
3. If Mrs. Smith's rooster lays an egg in Mr. Brown's garden, who owns the egg?
4. If seven adults can eat seven cupcakes in seven minutes, how long would it take 30 adults to eat 30 cupcakes?
5. If the assistant captain of a sports team were to die, who would lead the team?
6. What has five fingers but isn't a hand?

## **ABBIE PIERCE – Local resident and military veteran**

Serving 15 years in the Royal Navy, within two years of leaving the Service, Abbie had published two books and began coaching other Service Leavers and Veterans through their transition. And continues to blog weekly with a streak of almost 3 years.

Always up to something, she's becoming the SME for networking in the veteran community. As Co-founder of Leavers' Link Virtual Networking, collaborating with Forces Transition Group and offers Mentoring through Naval Servicewomen's Network, X-Forces Enterprise, Princes Trust and Devon Careers Hub.

Her proudest and most odd moment of her career was, as a medic, she steered the warship she was serving on through the Suez Canal and once was allowed to do the conning of the ship through a Williamson Turn – supervised, of course.

But when she left the Royal Navy, she very quickly found herself isolated and lost. Until an old friend reached out and told her about a new community platform for veterans. And within a month of joining, she was invited to become and Executive Board Member and now manages the external communications and social media.

TX-Net is: the Trusted eXchange Network, where veterans and reservists can progress beyond service life - Providing a safe place where we can all play a part in improving the lives of all who have left the Services – including your own.

A UK community joining together from across the globe in a members-only platform to exchange our capabilities and facilitate suitable, personalised links between those who NEED help with a resolution and those who HAVE the resources to help them.

More than a network, it is defined by values that engender mutual respect and trust, built on a sharing economy.

TX-Net is not a social media platform. It's where all veteran communities can come together to greet newcomers, exchange recommendations, and discover information. Where veterans support veteran-owned businesses and get updates for public services specifically for those who have served. Where we can borrow each other's tools, sell sofas, find a job or help a fellow veteran set up their own business.

It's how to get the most out of all things veteran, near and far.

To find out more and apply, use the QR code here in the flyer, or visit [www.tx-net.co.uk](http://www.tx-net.co.uk)

We'd love to meet you.



## BULLETIN BOARD

'Free to collect' A quantity of ground cover membrane -Call John on 890114.

'Free to collect' A wardrobe, dressing table and bench -Call Joan on 891308

Thank you to those who have emailed Luppittpacket@gmail.com regarding the updated village map and index produced by Joan Beckett in 1992. Due to the volume of requests, the A2 map and index can be printed and priced at £5 each

Martin & Trevor

Luppitt School:We would like to include further articles in the Packet about Luppitt School, so if you have some memories you'd like to share please contact Mary Hill or email luppittpacket@gmail.com

### INTERNAL AUDITOR

Would you be interested in acting as internal auditor for Luppitt Parish Council? The Internal Auditor is responsible for reviewing the Parish Council's financial management to ensure it is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control.

The internal audit is carried out annually after the Parish Council's financial year-end (31 March). An understanding of basic bookkeeping and accounting processes is essential.

Please contact the Parish Clerk, Rosalind Buxton, by email at [luppittclerk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:luppittclerk@yahoo.co.uk) for more detailed information.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FREE TREES PROJECT!

As a joint project between the Commoners and the Parish Council, 200 trees have been ordered under a scheme run by Eforests. Species ordered include oak, hazel, blackthorn, hawthorn and wild cherry. The trees are supplied free of charge and must be planted on publicly accessible land. The trees are due to be delivered at the beginning of March.

Any offers of help with the planting would be much appreciated so if anyone is interested and willing to help out, please contact John Thorne on 01404 891412 (mobile 07748 780096) or Andrew Tucker on 01404 891253 (mobile 07831 589111).

### St. Mary's Church Treasurer

A volunteer is required to take over as the Treasurer of St. Mary's Church, starting to transition now to take over in May 2022. Full handover will be provided. Please contact Brian Pulman on 891324



### OUR CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

<b>6th</b>	09:30 AM	Holy Communion	Rev Jane Penn
<b>13th</b>	11:00 AM	Morning Worship	Ven Andrew Beane Archdeacon of Exeter
<b>20th</b>	11:00 AM	Holy Communion	Rev Geoffrey Walsh
<b>27th</b>	11:00 AM	All Age Service for Mothering Sunday	Lay Led

### From the Parish Register

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February Ailsa Sophie Murray, was baptised at St Mary's Church.

### Refreshments

With the easing of Covid restrictions tea, coffee, juice and biscuits will be served in the Church after Morning Worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month

### EASTER 2022

The crosses will be raised on Hartridge on Good Friday. Full details will be published in the April Packet.

On **Easter Sunday** Jackie Searle, Bishop of Crediton, will lead our service at 11:00am, After the service there will be an Easter egg hunt and refreshments will be served.

### Bring and Share Lunch

**Sunday 20 March from 12:30pm**

You are warmly invited to the Village Hall for an informal bring and share lunch from 12:30pm.

### **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



### **QUIZ NIGHT: SATURDAY 14 MAY**

Save the date!



### **BELL RINGERS WANTED**

No experience required! Contact Pearl on 891324

### **HELP NEEDED**

Could you spare some time to help run and maintain our beautiful village Church? Either as part of the Parochial Church Council or on an informal basis? If you feel able to help in any way please speak to Pat Bussey 892720 or Brian Pulman 891324

### **Vacancies on the PCC**

\* Churchwarden \* Treasurer \* PCC secretary \* Gift aid officer \*

### **Casual vacancies**

- \* Church Maintenance \* Churchyard maintenance \* Church cleaning \*
- Church flowers \*
- \* Church Flag (raising, lowering and changing) \*

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## From REV PENN'S PEN

I hope you all managed to eat your pancakes on 1<sup>st</sup> March, Shrove Tuesday, and that there aren't any remnants still stuck to the ceiling! Lent starts on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Ash Wednesday, there are special services to mark this in Broadhembury and Dunkswell.

Maybe you live in Upottery, Plymtree or Luppitt and are thinking 'why is Jane mentioning these other parishes?' Well there are six parishes grouped together into a mission community. Dunkswell Mission Community is made up of the parishes of Plymtree, Broadhembury, Sheldon, Dunkswell, Luppitt and Upottery. The idea is that we can support each other, doing things together whenever possible. Hence the two services to mark the start of Lent, anyone is invited to either of them. You can find out all about the mission community and the things going on in and around our churches on our website [www.dunkswell.org.uk](http://www.dunkswell.org.uk) and if you're not an internet user you can find contact details for me and some church officers in your magazine.

You may be surprised to learn that the preparation time before Easter, Lent and the preparation time before Christmas, Advent should feel the same. That excitement we have as get ready to celebrate Christmas just doesn't seem to happen during Lent yet Jesus bursting from the tomb that we celebrate on Easter Day is just as exciting as the birth we celebrate at Christmas.

Do you still keep Lent? It used to be a period of abstinence and fasting, a time when people gave something up, a pale imitation of Jesus' 40 days without food at the beginning of his ministry. Nowadays it's become more a time to do something positive, perhaps donating money or spending more time in prayer and spiritual study. These things can be helpful disciplines, there's nothing wrong with them and I've used them in the past but this Lent I'm going to be kind to myself and my suggestion is that you look after yourself a little in Lent: try and stick to Government Guidelines for alcohol consumption (max 7 pints a week for men); exercise for 30 mins a day; switch off your phone and TV screen about an hour before bed, so you get a decent night's sleep; spend a bit of extra time with the people you love; don't work so hard; lounge in the bath a bit longer; daydream (meditate) for a while each day; make sure you have a whole day off each week (difficult, I know if your main job is child care); try to eat

sensibly; be kind to the people you live and work with.

It seems strange to think that we can draw closer to God by making ourselves miserable. Does God really want us to starve ourselves or beat our bodies into submission? Practicing self-control is surely a good thing, but don't go too far and remember that Jesus came so that we can have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10). Genuinely Christian spirituality is sensual, sensible, gentle and fun. St Paul (hardly a dissolute wastrel) wrote: "the Kingdom of God (what God wants) is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17). Amen to that.

*Jane*

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We are all one, in a subtle but most significant way, one in the sense of being interdependent. I would not be as I am without you; you would not be as you are without me. At one level this is not difficult to understand. I realise how much I am the product not only of my parents' genes, but also of their emotional and intellectual influence which derived, in turn, from the ambience of their own family life, culture and education. And I am the product of my schooling, the intellectual ideas which have shaped my thoughts, my friends, my wife, my children – all of whose lives I, in turn, am helping to create. This is easy to grasp. It is also easy to grasp how, for example, our tastes and addictions influence people far outside our range of knowledge. For instance, whether I prefer tea to coffee for breakfast affects the economy of, say, Sri Lanka or India, Kenya or Colombia. And this means that the lives of millions of people I have never met are affected. The whimsy of my taste buds may lead to the bankruptcy or the prosperity of nations, to revolutions or oppressions. Who knows? All we can be sure of is that everything we do, say or think cannot help having an impact on the totality, the All of which we form a part.

Adam Curle, 1992

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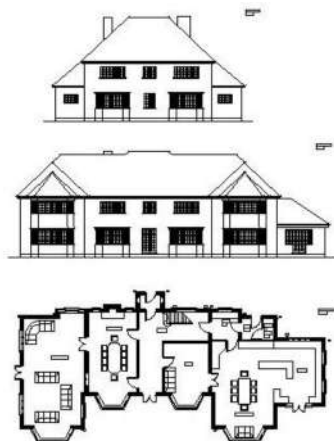
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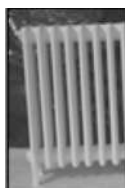


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## **Clerk's report of a Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held at Luppitt Village Hall on Tuesday, 1 February 2022 at 8 pm**

Present: Cllrs John Thorne (Chair), Michele Turner (Vice-Chair), Beth Hooper, Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Christine Ryder and Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk)

### **Receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Martin Summers, Andrew Tucker, David Key and Colin Brown (EDDC), Iain Chubb (DCC)

### **Minutes of previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 11 January 2022, 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)

22/0035/FUL – Little Thatch, Beacon, Honiton, EX14 4TT – Erection of shed to replace greenhouse. Erection of summerhouse at the top of the garden.

Installation of two solar panels on larger shed

The Parish Council has no objection to this planning application.

### **Decisions**

There were no decisions to report.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

Groundworks UK, who administer the funding for Neighbourhood Plans, have advised that the programme will be ending on 31st March 2022 and they have not been told by the Government if it will continue in the new financial year. The clerk will keep the matter under review. The Parish Council will shortly be in a position to submit Luppitt's Neighbourhood Plan to EDDC who will then take the process forward. It was agreed that Roger Hicks has produced an excellent document which is very well presented and easy to read.

### **Community Action Group**

Having agreed the procedures to follow with future community action projects (item 2.3.1, December 2021 meeting), it was agreed to establish a core Community Action group comprising Cllrs Thorne, Turner, Ryder and the clerk. Roger Hicks as Steering Group Chair will also be asked to join the group. The group will monitor and assess future community actions before reporting back to the Parish Council. Cllr Turner said that the first step is to prioritise the community actions listed in the Neighbourhood Plan in order of importance. The clerk will email the Community Actions to Parish Councillors for discussion at the next meeting.

A parishioner had spoken to Roger Hicks about monitoring the water quality and dark skies. Cllr Turner is working on a Green Code for Luppitt and intends to liaise with parishioners who have expressed an interest in the past.

## **HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

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

- Ford Bridge to Shaugh – clerk will follow up even though Highways report that repair has taken place.
- Pothole near Jack's House does not meet Highways' criteria for repair.
- Potholes between Overday and Gully Lane and Greenlands and Pennythorne Cross are being assessed.

## **Road Closures**

- Advance warning of surface dressing to take place sometime between April and September on road past Stonehayes Farm, Pennythorne Cross to Barn Cross, Hillside Cross to Barn Cross and road past Millrise.
- Locate and clear blockage in lane past Littletown Farm – 13 April 2022.
- Attempt to clear blockages on the road from Beacon Cross to Ford Bridge – 19-21 April 2022.

## **Future Road Repairs**

Devon Highways are reducing the amount of ongoing maintenance work so the clerk will try to establish what budget might be available to the parish to carry out work in the future.

Cllr Hooper said that the ditches on the fields near Stonehayes have been cleared. Highways have undertaken to make good the ditches in the road which had been cemented over.

## **Parish Maintenance**

Lengthsman's Work and Grant

The clerk has applied to the Highways Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund for £2,000 towards the cost of ditch and drainage clearance to be undertaken by Cllr Tucker throughout the parish. The Neighbourhood Highways Officer has approved the application which has now been forwarded to the specialist panel for consideration.

## **Pothole Repairs**

Cllr Tucker was not at the meeting but Cllr Pulman confirmed that the cold tar, provided under the Road Warden scheme, has been delivered.

## **Landowners' Responsibilities**

The clerk has put a notice in the Luppitt Packet to say that Devon Highways have advised that the maintenance of roadside hedges and trees and piped ditches on and adjacent to their land is now the responsibility of the landowners.

## **Free Trees Project**

The clerk has ordered 200 trees under the Free Trees project for delivery to Cllr



Tucker on 1 March 2022. Species include oak, hazel, blackthorn, hawthorn and wild cherry. Cllr Tucker will clear the area. It is hoped that volunteers from the parish may like to help with the planting. The clerk will put a notice in the Luppitt Packet.

## **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

### **Email to Parish Paths Liaison Officer at DCC**

The clerk has followed up the request for waymarker posts and equestrian latches that was made last year. Ros Davies apologised for the oversight and undertook to arrange delivery to Cllr Tucker.

### **Public Rights of Way – Footpath 62**

The decision reached by the Planning Inspectorate was noted.

### **Annual Survey of Footpaths**

The clerk is collecting survey forms from the three footpath wardens.

## **ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

### **Community Policing Report**

The Teams session arranged by Sgt Hutter at Honiton and due to be held on 2 February has been cancelled at short notice.

### **Playground Project**

Cllr Summers was not at the meeting so there was no up-to-date report.

### **Platinum Jubilee**

The lighting of the beacon will take place on Thursday, 2 June 2022, at 9.45 pm. It was agreed that there will be a barbecue and firework display as arranged for previous special occasions. It is hoped that a parishioner will perform a new piece of music that has been written especially for the event for the pipes. More details will follow.

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

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## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **Quarterly Check**

Cllr Ryder has checked and signed the cash book and reconciliation for the quarter ended December 2021 and confirmed that everything is in order.

### **Internal Auditor**

The clerk has put a notice in the Luppitt Packet to see if any parishioner is interested in acting as internal auditor.

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### **Online Banking**

The clerk has prepared forms for the signatories to sign which will hopefully enable the clerk to use online banking in the future.

### **Correspondence**

- Letters of thanks for S137 donations have been received from Devon Air Ambulance Trust and Devon Freewheelers.
- A letter from EDDC about a foodbank will be forwarded to an interested parishioner.
- A letter from EDDC regarding a Standards Committee vacancy was noted.
- A letter from EDDC regarding the Council's complaint procedure has been forwarded to Parish Councillors for their information.

## **CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION**

- Cllr Thorne advised that a parishioner has kindly undertaken to repair the door of the notice board at Beacon. New glass will be needed.
- Cllr Turner had attended a Chairman's course run by DALC which she had found interesting.

## **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

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

**Tuesday, 1 March 2022**

**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**

## DIRECTORY

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	Honiton Minor Injuries Unit	01404 540540

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