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THE LUPPITT PACKET

Welcome to the May edition of the Packet. Spring has certainly arrived and we hope you will enjoy the local articles and features. We are fortunate to share updated news of several events this summer celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We hope you can all find a way to join in with some village events.

This months over Art submitted by Trevor Bevan

Trevor, Martin & Luppitt packet team

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WHAT'S ON

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.
Thursday 5 May 2022 Annual Church Meeting at 7pm in the Village hall.
Saturday 14 May 2022 7:30 pm St Mary's church Luppitt spring quiz.Village hall.
Wednesday 11th May Mobile Library Mountstephens

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 28 th Coffee / Market	11am until 1pm

Luppitt Entertainments Committee Events

Save the Date:

Saturday 13th August Luppitt Flower Show Fete
If you would like to book a stall for selling crafts, food or anything else please email Pat.Bussey27@gmail.com
It would be helpful if you have your own table to bring!

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend Events detailed on the following page.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend Events

- **Thursday 2nd June from 8pm, Hartridge
Barbecue, Bonfire, and Firework Display**
See page 6 for full details
- **Friday 3rd June from 7:30pm, Village Hall
Hub Pub Games Night**
See page 1 for full details
- **Sunday 5th June at 2pm, St Mary's Church
Special Service with filling of Time Capsule**
See page 27 for full details
- **Sunday 5th June from 3pm, Village Hall
Luppitt's Big Jubilee Picnic**
See page 10 for full details



Fundraising for St Mary's Church

Luppitt Spring Quiz



Saturday 14th May, 7:30pm
Luppitt Village Hall
£6pp to include hot supper
Tables of 6

To book ring Pat Bussey: 01404 892720
Or email pat.bussey27@gmail.com by 7th May
Please specify any special dietary requirements

**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
from 8 pm onwards

Drinks licence applied for

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

The Good Wife's Guide

From Housekeeping Monthly, 13 May, 1955



- Have dinner ready. Plan ahead, even the night before, to have a delicious meal ready on time for his return. This is a way of letting him know that you have been thinking about him and are concerned about his needs. Most men are hungry when they get home and the prospect of a good meal is part of the warm welcome needed.
- Prepare yourself. Take 15 minutes to rest so you'll be refreshed when he arrives. Touch up your make-up, put a ribbon in your hair and be fresh-looking. He has just been with a lot of work-weary people.
- Be a little gay and a little more interesting for him. His boring day may need a lift and one of your duties is to provide it.
- Clear away the clutter. Make one last trip through the main part of the house just before your husband arrives. Run a dust cloth over the tables.
- During the cooler months of the year you should prepare and light a fire for him to unwind by. Your husband will feel he has reached a haven of rest and order, and it will give you a lift too. After all, catering to his comfort will provide you with immense personal satisfaction.
- Minimise all noise. At the time of his arrival, eliminate all noise of the washer, dryer or vacuum. Encourage the children to be quiet.

- Be happy to see him.
- Greet him with a warm smile and show sincerity in your desire to please him.
- Listen to him. You may have a dozen important things to tell him, but the moment of his arrival is not the time. Let him talk first-remember, his topics of conversation are more important than yours
- Don't greet him with complaints and problems.
- Don't complain if he's late for dinner or even if he stays out all night. Count this as minor compared to what he might have gone through at work.
- Make him comfortable. Have him lean back in a comfortable chair or lie him down in the bedroom. Have a cool or warm drink ready for him.
- Arrange his pillow and offer to take off his shoes. Speak in a low, soothing and pleasant voice.
- Don't ask him questions about his actions or question his judgment or integrity. Remember, he is the master of the House and as such will always exercise his will with fairness and truthfulness. You have no right to question him.
- A good wife always knows her place.

Submitted by JO

Join legions of gardeners and say “no” to the mow this May to help our bees, butterflies, wildlife and us!

Plantlife's No Mow May campaign doesn't ask you to do much. In fact, it asks you to not do anything at all... Just lock up your lawnmower on May 1st and let the wild flowers in your lawn bloom, providing a feast of nectar for our hungry pollinators.

Plantlife's annual campaign, #No Mow May launches this year on 29 April 2022.

Let it grow... let it groooow...

At the end of the month, join in with our nationwide “Every Flower Counts” survey. Not only will you receive your very own “nectar score” for your lawn, you'll help us learn more about the health of the nations' wild flowers.

People embracing the value of wilder lawns are delivering some thrilling botanical results: Last year (2021) the conversion to wilder lawns saw records of bee orchids, snake's-head fritillaries and eyebrights. We can't wait to find out what might pop up this May!

For more information see <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/no-mow-may>



Olive's Tale of Norman's Tales

You may remember Norman's reference to the young Bert and Olive Clapp in last month's edition of The Packet. Here are some of Olive's memories of life at Meshayes in 1947.

"Moving to Meshayes from the modern Triplands, which had a Raeburn, and hot and cold running water was a bit of a shock. Cold water from the well had to be pumped by hand into a tank. The tank was on a stand and water fed by gravity to a tap. There was no sink, only a wooden table at the side and the water emptied into a grate in the floor. Water had to be heated on a primus or oil stove, and then carried to wherever it was needed, this made washing of any kind a long process, sometimes I had to pump the water into the tank once more. There were two types of soap, red carbolic for hands and green for washing clothes. Bert was a reed comber and thresher, so his clothes took some washing. Once rinsed the clothes went through a mangle and out to dry. No such thing as a bath. Topping and tailing!

Cooking was on a little two burner oil stove, which smoked if it got too hot! There wasn't any electricity, so candles and paraffin lamps were relied on

after dark. I still managed to sew and made all my clothes, and the boys' later. A battery powered radio provided some entertainment. Meshayes was just two up and two down at the time with open fires providing heat in two of those rooms.

I left school at fifteen & wanted to go into the Navy, but I wasn't allowed to, so after working at Shelvin for a time I found a job at the school, but I was only paid an hourly rate as I had no formal training. When we married there was rationing on food, clothes, and furniture. Mrs Pullan, the headmistress, kindly gave me her furniture coupons, which I used to buy a table, four chairs and a sofa. I managed to obtain a marbled topped washstand from somewhere and cupboards were made from orange boxes with curtains for doors in the so-called kitchen.

The toilet was an earth closet under the apple tree! Bert made a chemical closet which was near the house!

We didn't have any stock at first as we couldn't afford any. Later we had some chickens and a kind neighbour sold us a cow and calf which we paid for over time.

Just before we got married Bert bought a motorbike, which he used to get to work, and it took

us to Honiton Market on a Saturday.

A baker called twice a week (in a horse and trap), as well as a butcher, and an ironmonger. Sheets were also collected and laundered.

Later on, Bert dug a pit in the river deep enough to swim in and made a water wheel - no electric drill, this bayed back the water to make enough electricity (stored in batteries) to provide a dim light. Electricity arrived in the village in the early '50's, but it was sometime before it reached Meshayes! In 1950 the well was condemned as it was too close to the road. Arthur Salter from Cole Hill, who was a talented water diviner found another source, and Norman and his father Reg arrived to build an extension with a bathroom & a kitchen complete with a Raeburn!"

Submitted by Mary Hill

Big Jubilee Picnic at Luppitt Village Hall

Sunday 5th June, from 3pm

**For a Celebration of the
Queen's Platinum Jubilee**



**And opening of the new
Playground**

By Mrs Olive Clapp MBE

Bring your own Picnic

*** Bar available ***

Tea, Coffee, and Squash provided

A Luppitt Stroll

If you are struggling to clock up any distances so far this year and need motivation to get yourself out of the front door, there can be no better show than the one staged by the Luppitt countryside during the month of May. The performance reaches peak vigour at this time of year with the explosion of colour and music to enchant the soul.

If you can overcome the comfort of bed and drag yourself to your nearest woods or hillside at sunrise, you'll find the experience unforgettable (in a good way!). I have decided to take a stroll to take in some small woods and the slopes of Dumpdon hill. Heading up the hill from the church Car park and turning left at Mountstephens I wander down the meandering hill passing Stone acre farm and onwards passing Dove cottage. I continue up towards Corner cottage. It is at this stage, I believe I need a small beak. A small flask of coffee and an apple leaning back on the gate at the inter-section of four lanes.

It is May and, for the first time this year, the skies fill up with professional insect catchers,

squadrons of newly -arrived Swifts, definitive fair -weather birds, wheel around the rooftops and hills. Screaming their approval at arriving upon their breeding grounds after the long winter away. Whizzing between fences and chimneys, making circuits around the village. They bring to mind groups of teenagers tearing around the streets in fast cars, finally unleashed from their childhood.

The countryside is bursting with new growth and busy lives. The daffodils are being whisked unceremoniously from the hedges and borders, being replaced by bluebells, primulas, hyacinths and a host of other showy plants. Leaves barge out from their buds one by one and put a collective veil over the inner workings of trees and shrubs, keeping the lives of the secretive birds, like the skulking Wren, hidden from site.

I head east down Luppitt lane on my way to Mill lane, passing the impressive and photogenic Mill. Stretching up the hill to Mill cross and turning right. I am heading for the lower slopes of Dumpdon hill passing via Wick cross, turning up the hill to the small National trust car park. I enter the woods. Over the next month , in ancient woodlands throughout the

country, the forest floor will change colour from the drab leaf mulch of winter to vast sweeps of purple, in a race against the trees above, bluebells bid to flower before the leaf canopy cuts out the light, and it makes for one of the most spectacular sights out walking. It's a brief window of colour, so find your favourite woods and make sure you catch the show before it disappears for another year. Bluebells prefer moist, shady and stable conditions, but they are not just a woodland plant, look out for them in the hedgerows around Luppitt. The UK is home to a quarter of the worlds wild bluebell population. (Although native flowers are facing an armada from Spanish invaders), so conservationists ask walkers to stick to paths and not pick the flowers.

Walking along the the lower path, I look up at the slopes of Dumpdon hill .This has got to be one of the best open views , with swathes of Bluebells matted across the hill, a sight for sore eyes. Nature at its best. After standing for awhile watching as the light makes patterns across Dumpdon hill, I decide to head home.It has been a nice and colourful walk, a good stretch of the legs.

Trevor Bevan



Luppitt Mill

Poets Corner

Ukrainian Sparrow

Fly little sparrow, escape if you can
To the shelter and safety of some other land.
Fly cross the trees, the mountains, the dell
And flee from the heaven that's now become hell.

Fly little bird, take your youngsters away
From tears and the anguish they're being today.
Let them know there's a haven where weather is fair
That mid death and destruction there are people who care.

Fly high little sparrow, fly high little bird.
If you sing from the heart then your story will be heard.
Sing of freedom and life, let your message remain
Full of hope till the day you fly home again.

Joy Tofts



Willows' other new hobby

Last month I told you about one of my new hobbies – “family history”. My other new hobby is *RECYCLING*.

It all started when I was bit bored and making a nuisance of myself while ‘Her’ was trying to do some baking. I have rather long elegant legs which are handy for trying to nick food off the kitchen counter; ‘Her’ had said “DOWN” at me for the umpteenth time and finally, in exasperation, chucked an egg box at me to play with.....and that was the start of my new hobby.

Having spent a very satisfying ten minutes chewing the egg box up into dozens of little pieces, another cardboard box came flying my way accompanied by ‘Her’ calling “Recycle that one!” I rolled onto my back clutching the box with delight and set to work. Within half an hour I had recycled another five empty boxes which I think must have saved the recycling company an awful lot of work – although ‘Her’ had a bit of clearing up to do.

Cardboard is definitely the best. I’ve tried plastic but it’s a bit hard on the teeth and ‘Her’ doesn’t like me doing it. Maybe that’s because the things I’ve chewed aren’t really for recycling – like the dustpan and brush. I also steal used Kleenex from Him’s pocket – disgusting, but I enjoy annoying Him. Wood isn’t bad, but it takes a long time to make a pile of bits so I shall probably stick to cardboard.

So long folks and all the best

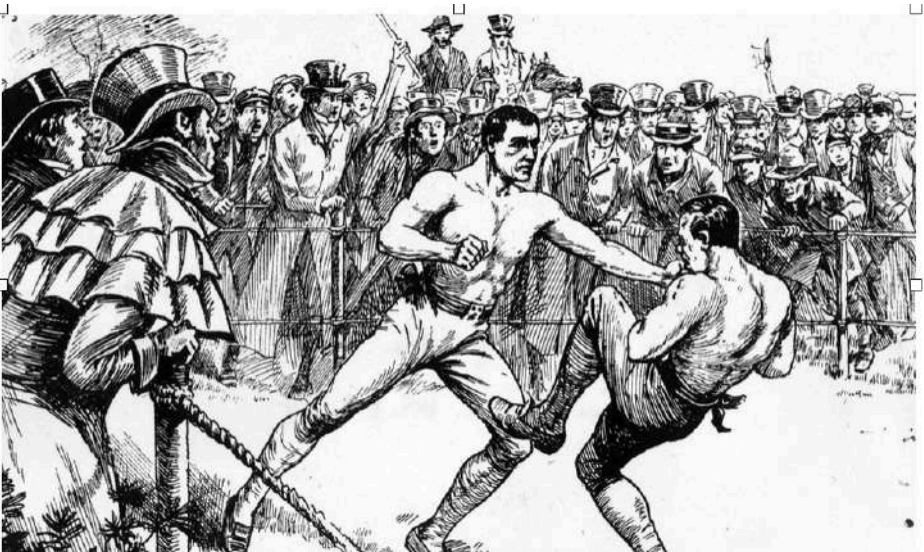
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The Pulman Family

Going back six Great Grandfathers to the 1700s.

One went to Uppottery as Estate Mason and Builder. They were all Masons and Builders. My Great Grandad James was born at Snooks Farm and became a builder. Well known places were built by him. Sharcombe Farm House, Honeywells, for himself, Fairview he built for the Warren family, a descendant still lives there, the lovely Mrs Rene Tucker.

He had a brother John who was a mason he lived in Cuckoo Cottage at Wick. He died in 1932 but after that as children we used to go and see his wife, Aunt Mary, a lovely old lady ...she was a Hooper.



I was told by my Grandad that his Grandad was a well known bare knuckle fighter!

Great Grandad had three sons who all become builders, his son Fred kept Luppitt in order and he farmed at Barnfield.

One of his sons left his initials on the stable door at Honeywells. He became the Estate Mason at Gittersham.

Great Grandad James would be very proud of his Great Grandson for the jobs he has done, two in particular are the new house at Franklyns Farm and the barn conversion at Mountstephens.

Norman Pulman

Garden Jottings

Eunice blew over the mini greenhouse we had on the patio. Jackie kept her succulents in it. Fortunately that Saturday morning they were being kept frost free in the spare room. Otherwise they would have been covered with splintered sugar glass.

Succulents are rather like cactuses without sharp spikes. They need water in summer, and keep it in fat juicy leaves. In winter it's another story. They must be kept nearly dry or they'll rot. Not all plants with juicy leaves are succulents. Sedums are often grown to attract butterflies and are quite happy outside throughout the year.

Like cactuses there are many different sorts of succulents with different leaves, different flowers, different colours. Most of Jacki's cactuses are in the greenhouse which survived the storm. Some may be hardy, but we keep them above freezing all year. Looking through Allwoods catalogue I see most succulents have long Latin names - *ruschia*, *Crassula*, *Kalanchoe*, *Oscularia*, Latin like cacti instead of cactuses.

How much frost any succulent will stand is difficult to know, so it's better not to let them freeze.

I have two rooted Bottlebrush

cuttings about a foot high taken from a bush that has grown at Catkins for about 15 years. If you'd like one, collect any time.

D. Street.



Rhubarb Crumble

Ingredients:

500g rhubarb, chopped in chunks

100g golden caster sugar

3 tbsp port (optional)

For crumble topping:

140g self raising flour

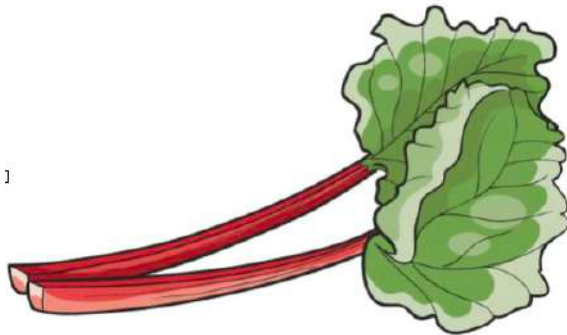
85g butter, chilled

50g light brown muscovado sugar

50g chopped walnuts (optional)

Method:

1. Tip 500g thumb-length chunks of rhubarb into saucepan with 100g golden caster sugar and port if using.
2. Cover and simmer on a very low heat for 15 mins, adding more sugar if you want. When soft (but still holding its shape) and sweet enough, pour the rhubarb into a medium baking dish.
3. Heat oven to 200c/ 180fan/gas 6.
4. To make topping. Rub 140g self-raising flour and 85g chilled butter together with your fingers until you have a soft, crumbly topping
5. Now add 50g muscovado sugar and chopped walnuts, if using, mix together with your hands.
6. Scatter the topping over the rhubarb and bake for 30 mins or until golden brown on top.
7. Serve hot with custard, cream or ice cream.



LUPPITT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting
will be held in the
Village Hall
on Tuesday, 3 May 2022
at 7 pm

Everyone is welcome to come along to this annual meeting of the parish
This will be the first parish meeting since 2019

THE BLACKDOWN HILLS REPAIR CAFE

Big Fix Event

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

Many Repair Cafe's in the whole of the United Kingdom will be repairing items on the 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 Blackdown Hills Repair Cafe
Please do not hesitate to contact me on 07715460783, or at
sfelehner@aol.com

Remembrance Poppies

In the weeks leading up to the 11th day of the 11th month we see the British Legion poppy sellers in town and at locations such as the entrance to Tesco. The money raised provides support to the Armed Forces community through financial, employment, housing, rehabilitation and mental health support for veterans and their families. We donate and wear poppies to show that we have not forgotten those who have fallen in conflicts around the world. In recent years I have noticed that other colours of poppies are now being worn and have discovered what these colours represent.

Red

The red poppy is a symbol of remembrance not just of those who died in the First World War, but in conflicts before and since. It is said that the red poppy represents remembrance and hope.

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row*

Purple

The purple poppy is worn in remembrance of animals who lost their lives in war. These include horses, dogs, and even the humble pigeon carrying vital messages across enemy lines.

Black

The black poppy was launched in 2010 and is worn in remembrance of black, African, Caribbean and Pacific Islanders who lost their lives at war. It was created to be a symbol that represents the contributions made by the African/black/Caribbean/Pacific Islands communities to various wars since the 16th century and their place in remembrance.

White

The white poppy is for pacifists and conscientious objectors. It represents remembrance for all victims of war, a commitment to peace and is a challenge to the glamorisation of conflict. People who feel that the red poppy glorifies war and conflict may choose to wear a white poppy.

They were first produced in 1933 by the Women's Co-operative Guild to symbolise a message of "no more war", and play a prominent role in the annual Alternative Remembrance Sunday Ceremony. The Peace Pledge Union produce the white poppies.

Make a poppy for 2022

If you would like to volunteer to knit or crochet poppies please contact Lesley Goode on 01404 890013 or 07815 593314.

The Poppies will be used as a remembrance display at Luppitt Church.

Photographs supplied by Mags Jarman who crocheted some of the poppies displayed. They look stunning. The Colour Photographs can be viewed on line at **www.luppittpacket.co.uk**

Quick Knit Poppy Pattern

Wool in main colour and black

Cast on 40 Sts in main colour

Row 1 - K8, P2, repeat to end

Row 2 - K2, P8, repeat to end

Row 3 - K8, P2, repeat to end

Row 4 - K2, P8, repeat to end

Row 5 - K2Tog to end (20 Sts)

Row 6 - Join black yarn P2tog to end (10sts)

Row 7 - K2tog to end (5sts)

Row8 - Cast off purl wise

Form circle and sew seam

Crocheted Poppy

Double knit wool in main colour and black. 4.5mm hook

Start with black yarn

Ch4, join with slip stitch in first chain to create loop

Round1 - ch 3 [counts as first tr] 11 tr in loop, slip stitch into top of ch3 to finish round. All loose end tightly to close centre.

Fasten off

Switch to main colour yarn

Join onto any stitch

Round 2 -Ch 3 [counts as first tr], tr in same stitch as ch3, 2 tr into next stitch and repeat round. Join with slip stitch into top of ch3

Round 3 - Ch1 [counts as first dc] dc into next stitch, *2 tr into next 4 stitches, dc into next 2 stitches * repeat from * around. Slip stitch in first slip stitch made at the beginning of this round to finish.

Round 4 - |Ch 1 [counts as first dc] dc into next stitch, *2 tr into next 8 stitches, dc into next 2 stitches* repeat from * around. Slip stitch in first slip stitch made at the beginning of tis round to finish. Fasten off. Sew in ends.

Lesley Goode

Honiton U3A

Honiton u3a has recently launched an exciting programme of talks for the year that began in April. The first talk was given by Cheryl Fellows Bennett, who told members the fascinating history of David Austin Roses, and on the processes behind the breeding of English Roses.

From this month, u3a is pleased to announce that visitors are once again welcome to come along to these regular events, held on the third Wednesday of each month. Visitors are asked to sign in when they arrive at The Beehive, and to make a £2 donation. After the talk, visitors are invited to join with members for refreshments in the Beehive café and to learn more about u3a.

May sees a talk given by Martin Lloyd entitled “Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies”. He promises to reveal the story of how three passports played an influential role in the course of history: an attempted assassination, the capture of a spy and the passport itself as killer. Martin’s talk is at The Beehive on Wednesday May 18th, starting at 2 p.m.

June 15th sees a talk on Fraud Awareness, given by Ashley Jones who is the SW Regional Fraud Protection Advisor. He will examine the risks posed by fraud at the present time, the common frauds that people are likely to encounter and the golden rules to avoid becoming a victim of fraud.

In July, Tom Mack, Programme Manager for Active Devon, will be talking about “Connecting Actively With Nature”. His talk will promote awareness of the many benefits of physical activity and of connecting with nature, particularly as people age. Tom’s talk is on July 20th.

U3a is a learning co-operative of like-minded people in their third age that enables its members to share educational, creative and leisure activities. Members are able to take part in a wide variety of activity groups run by its members. At present, there are 30 different groups.

Membership of Honiton u3a is £10 a year, with a special rate of £17 for two members living at the same address. Further information about Honiton u3a, and how to join, is available on its website: u3asites.org.uk/Honiton

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.

The Hartridge Crosses

On Good Friday a group of around 30 people gathered in the warm spring sunshine on Hartridge to mark Good Friday, the most solemn day of the Christian Calendar. The crucifixion of Jesus was commemorated with the raising of three large crosses and a short service, which was led by Revd Jane Penn.

The two outer crosses, which signify the two criminals who were crucified with Jesus, were put up prior to the gathering, with the largest central cross, signifying Jesus, erected during the service. In previous years this third cross had been carried up the track from the road at the start of the service, but with a lack of fit volunteers this proved impractical this year!

The tradition dates back to Easter 2002. Coming out of church after service one Sunday, it was suggested that Hartridge would be an ideal spot to put up three Easter crosses, so that they could be seen from the village. The vicar at the time and the PCC all liked the idea, and the Commoners gave their permission; so a set was constructed. The crosses have been erected every year since, except during the first lockdown in 2020. They remain in place for the whole of Easter week.

Pat Bussey



BULLETIN BOARD

Luppitt Packet Online

We have created a Luppitt Packet website www.luppittpacket.co.uk, so that from time-to-time we can share more colour photos and background.

June.. Coffee morning in aid of British Red Cross for Ukraine.

Sue & Nigel , Little Fields. Date TBC

Jubilee Photographs

To further celebrate the forthcoming historical celebrations for the 70 years reign of our Queen! It has been requested that past photographs of celebrations in Luppitt can be displayed in the village hall. If you have any photographs of Jubilee celebrations, it would be great to see them displayed. Please contact the Village hall or Luppitt Packet If you have photographs... thank you

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.

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Annual Meeting of Parishioners, 5 May

7pm in the Village Hall.

From Rev Penn's pen

I hope you all enjoyed some special time over Easter and didn't go too mad with the chocolate!

In our churches the Easter season continues throughout June and ends at Pentecost when we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit to all people, this year it's on Sunday 5th June, during the weekend celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Our churches should be at the heart of our communities and I know that the church here in Luppitt is planning to be part of the Jubilee celebrations with a special Jubilee service at 2pm at the church, it would be lovely to see you there.

The church members are an integral part of the village and village life but are now struggling to keep the church open because there are just not enough people to continue to run the church.

The church is run by the incumbent (the Priest in charge); the churchwardens; and a legal body called the Parochial Church Council (PCC). The church also needs a secretary and a treasurer. These roles are usually filled at the church's annual meeting. Currently the parish is in vacancy, meaning that there is no priest in charge, I'm an associate priest and that is a different role.

On Thursday 5th May the church will hold the annual meeting of parishioners (used to be called the vestry meeting), it's open to everyone in the parish and all over 16s have a vote irrespective of whether you go to church. This meeting is to elect the churchwardens for the following year. There are currently no nominations for anyone to fulfil this role. Immediately following this meeting is the annual parochial council meeting (APCM), this is where the parish council reports on what it's been doing in the previous year, 2021. Also at this meeting elections of people to the parochial church council (PCC) are made. The meeting is open to everyone in the village but only people with their name on the electoral register are eligible to vote. Anyone over the age of 16 and resident in the village can go on the electoral register and will then be entitled to vote in this meeting, you can find details of the process on the church noticeboard. We will have vacancies for PCC members.

I found a really helpful checklist for what the role of secretary involves in Practical Church Management – a guide for every parish
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- Cares about proper procedure
- Sends out notices of meetings in good time
- Makes sure reports are prepared on time
- Prepares the agenda for the meeting
- Keeps a check on the parish diary
- Knows what is going on
- Acts quietly and efficiently

If that sounds like you, I'd love to have a conversation with you as there is currently no one in this vital role. You do not have to be a church-goer to fulfil this role and it could be a way you can support the church in your community.

The PCC treasurer is more than just a book keeper but doesn't need to be a qualified accountant and helps the PCC to keep track of its finances, duties include carrying out the financial policy of the PCC, preparing a budget for the PCC to approve, recording cash transactions, preparing an annual report and generally keeping a watch on the finances of the church. We are seeking a replacement treasurer and again if this is something that you feel you would like to offer to help keep our church open, please have a conversation with me, you do not have to be a church-goer.

If you'd like to try an informal [not too churchy] service, then come along at 11am on the 4th Sunday of the month we'd love to see you there.

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God bless you Jane



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Annual Meeting of Parishioners, 5 May

Everyone is warmly invited to attend this meeting that will be held on Thursday 5th May at 7pm in the Village Hall. The Church is in need of people who are willing to help, in an informal basis or in a formal role, in order to stay open. If you do not wish to attend but are willing to help then please call Rev Jane on 01404 841523.

Church Quiz, 14 May

Our first proper fundraising event since lockdown! There is still time to book your tables for a fun evening with supper, bar and raffle. See our notice on page nn for full details.

OUR CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY

1st, 09:30 AM	Holy Communion	Revd Jane Penn
8th, 11:00 AM	Informal Worship	Lay Led
15th, 11:00 AM	Holy Communion	tbc
22nd, 11:00 AM	Family Service	Mr John White
29 th , 11:00 AM	Morning Worship, St Nicholas Dunkeswell	Lay Led
11:00AM	Morning Worship, St Mary's Upottery	Lay Led

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26 th , 7:00 PM	St. Mary's Upottery	Revd Peter Horder
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Sunday 5th June: Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

A special service will be held at St. Mary's Church at 2pm to mark the jubilee.

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Poem Atlas

There is a kind of love called maintenance,
Which stores the WD40 and knows when to use it;

Which checks the insurance, and doesn't forget
The milkman; which remembers to plant bulbs;

Which answers letters; which knows the way
The money goes, which deals with dentists

And Road Fund Tax and meeting trains,
And postcards to the lonely; which upholds

The permanently rickety elaborate
Structures of living; which is Atlas.

And maintenance is the sensible side of love,
Which knows what time and weather are doing
To my brickwork; insulates my faulty wiring;
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My suspect edifice upright in the air,
As Atlas did the sky.

by U.A. Fanthorpe (Quaker Poet)

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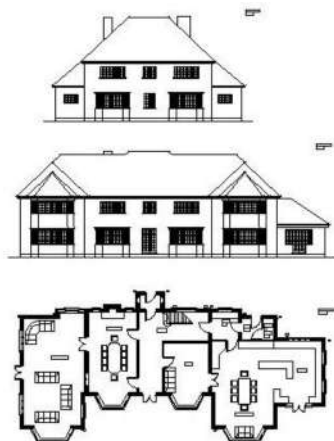
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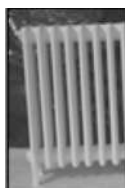
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Clerk's report of a Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held at Luppitt Village Hall on Tuesday, 5 April 2022 at 8 pm

Present:, Cllrs Michele Turner (Vice-Chair), Martin Summers, Andrew Tucker and Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk)

Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs John Thorne, Beth Hooper, Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Christine Ryder, David Key and Colin Brown (EDDC), Iain Chubb (DCC)

Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 1 March 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)

22/0035/FUL - Little Thatch, Beacon, Honiton, EX14 4TT - erection of shed to replace greenhouse, erection of summerhouse, provision of new LPG tank and installation of solar panels on larger shed

The Parish Council has no objection to this planning application.

Site Visit

Cllrs Thorne, Turner, Pulman and the clerk carried out a visit to view the sites suggested by a parishioner for two woodman-style cabins to be used as holiday lets. The first site is very discreet and set amongst woodland. The second site is more open and would probably need more consideration when the planning application is eventually submitted. Both cabins would be approached via an existing farm track. Cllrs Thorne, Turner and Pulman were broadly supportive but would need to see detailed plans before making any recommendations.

Decisions

21/2977/FUL – Woodhayes Cottage, Shaugh Lane, Luppitt, EX14 4TP – widening of existing carport and conversion of log store into a studio/workshop
Approval with conditions.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan has reached Regulation 16 stage. EDDC has confirmed that compliance checks have been completed enabling the six-week consultation period to start. Cllr Turner confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan website has been updated.

HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

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

- Pothole between Overday and Gully Lane has been repaired.
- Potholes between Newhouse Farm entrance and Greenlands and Lower Wick to Fortfield to be reported.
- Meeting to be arranged with Neighbourhood Highways Officer to meet on site to discuss road subsidence between Ford Bridge and Shaugh, Colehill Bridge to Messhayes and Messhayes to Goulds Farm, Shaugh junction to Three Horseshoes, Crook Cross to Combe Raleigh Cross and Pound Lane to Franklyns Farm.

Future Road Repairs

The clerk will arrange a meeting between the Neighbourhood Highways Officer and Cllrs Thorne and Pulman to discuss some of the road defects listed above and future funding for road repairs.

Parish Maintenance –

Pothole Repairs

Cllr Tucker has filled several potholes throughout the parish and he was thanked for carrying out this work.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

A parishioner had reported a fault with a gate fastener near Hillend and Cllr Tucker undertook to look at it.

ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Play Area Project

The clerk confirmed that a cheque for £6,278 from the Village Hall Management Committee, towards the play area project, has been received and banked. Two payments have now been made to Earth Wrights Ltd. The Parish Council is claiming back the VAT on the play area project and is, therefore, considered to be the owner of the equipment and is responsible for insurance, inspection and maintenance. Cllr Summers confirmed that Earth Wrights' site manager is visiting the site later in the week and everything appears to be moving forward according to plan.

Free Trees Project

No trees have arrived so the clerk will follow up.

Platinum Jubilee Arrangements

The free tree provided by EDDC has been planted on Hartridge near the seat. Various aspects of the planned barbecue, lighting of the beacon (bonfire) and firework display were discussed. A drinks licence for the evening was considered. Cllr Tucker suggested that the clerk should approach the two parishioners who run the very successful pub hub in the village to see whether or not they would be interested in organising this side of things to complement the barbecue.

Previous barbecues and beacon lighting have taken place during winter months and food and drink have been served from trailers. Hopefully, the weather will be better in June and perhaps gazebos or similar could be used instead which would be an improvement.

Annual Parish Meeting

The clerk will put up a poster on the notice boards to advertise the Annual Parish Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, 3 May 2022, starting at 7 pm.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Internal Auditor

An internal auditor has been appointed.

Online Banking

The clerk is still trying to activate the security token to enable online banking to be used. Call wait times are in excess of 60 minutes. The clerk has written to the Co-Operative Bank to point out that they did not have the correct signatories in their records. They have now amended their records but Cllr Ryder has to complete application forms again as the original ones have been mislaid by the bank.

Correspondence

- An invitation from Blackdown Hills Parish Network was noted.
- A letter of thanks has been received from British Heart Foundation for the donation of £50.00.
- Cllr Chubb's report from last month giving details of e-bikes provided at Honiton and Cranbrook railways stations was noted.

CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

- The clerk was asked to write to Nigel Hurst on behalf of the Parish Council to thank him for repairing the notice board at Beacon in his own time.
- A parishioner had contacted the clerk to say they believed that a farmer was burning plastic amongst other rubbish. It was not felt that this was the responsibility of the Parish Council. If anyone is concerned, they can approach the editors of the Luppitt Packet who may decide to mention it in a future issue if appropriate.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Date for next meetings to be held in Luppitt Village Hall:

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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