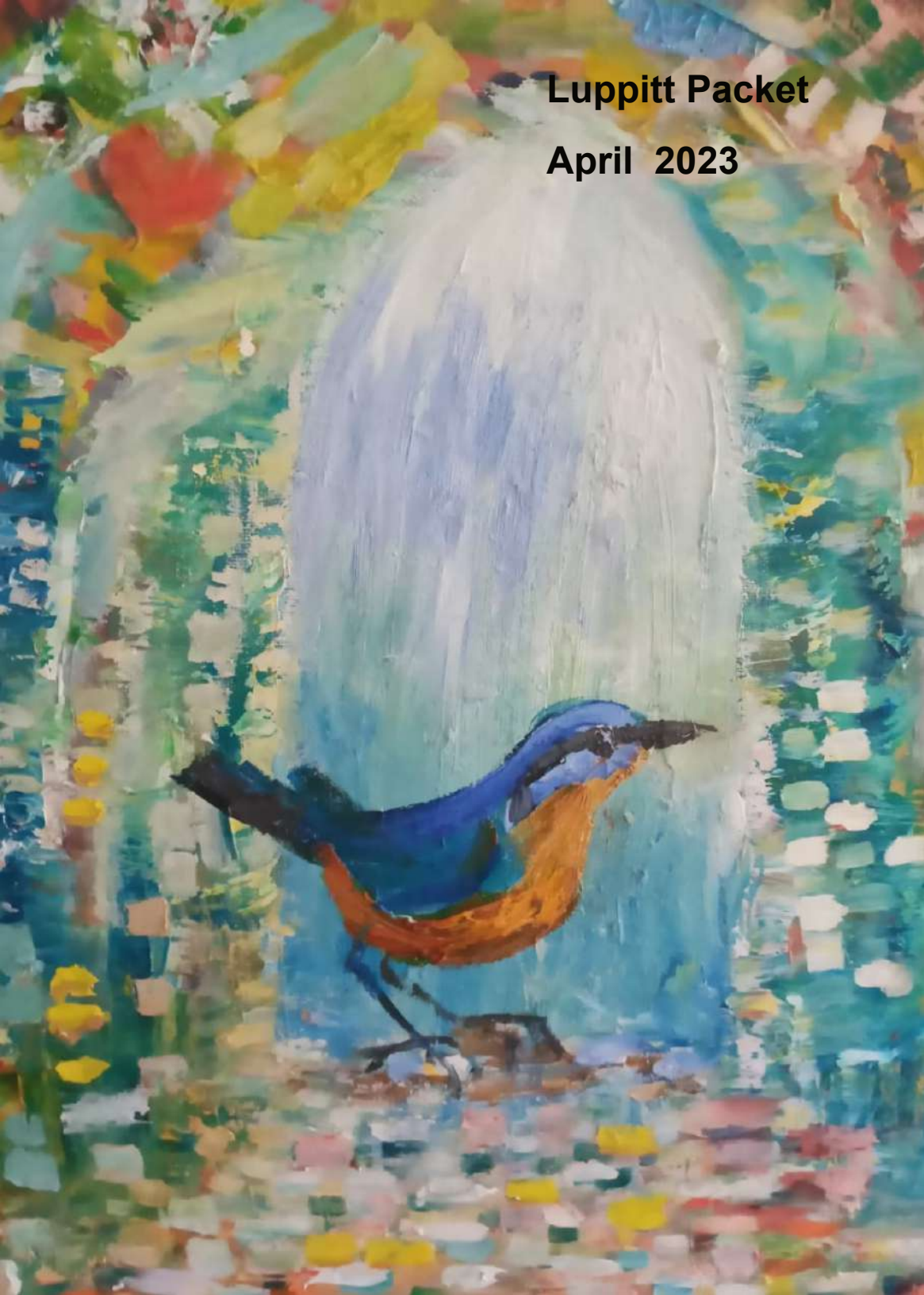


Luppitt Packet

April 2023



Olive Clapp MBE, 1925 - 2023



A very Special Lady

The advertisement features a central blue square with the Humberts logo, which consists of a large 'H' with a sunburst design inside, the text 'EST 1842' in the center, and 'HUMBERTS' at the bottom. To the left and right of the logo are stylized illustrations of village scenes with houses, a church, and wind turbines. The background is a gradient of orange and yellow. Below the logo, the text 'SUCCESSFULLY SELLING COUNTRY AND VILLAGE PROPERTY IN YOUR PARISH' is written in bold, uppercase letters. Underneath this, a line of text says 'If you would like any advice, please contact your local Devon team:'. At the bottom, there is a white bar containing the text 'HONITON', the phone number '01404 42456', the email 'devon@humberts.com', the website 'humberts.com', and the tagline 'MOVING YOU SINCE 1842'.

THE LUPPITT PACKET

The Luppitt Packet would like to share our sincere sympathy and condolences with the Family and friends of Olive Clapp. Olive Mary Clapp MBE. Passed away Thursday 9th March 2023 aged 97 years. Beloved Wife of the late Bert, loving Mum of Tony, Bernard & Eric and a proud Grandma & Great Grandma.

Trevor, Martin and the Luppitt packet team

Welcome to the April edition of the Luppitt packet. Sweet April showers do bring May flowers.

This months wonderful cover Art shared by Vanessa Nancarrow

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!THE LUPPITT PACKET ONLINE!

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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.

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

Tues 4	The Annual Parish Meeting. Luppitt Village Hall, 7 pm
Wed 5	Being part of the community, Barnfield, 6pm - 8pm
Friday 14	Skittles Night, Village hall
Fri 21	Pudding Tasting night
Wed 26	Mobile Library Mountstephens 10:45am -11:05am

18 March - 3 June Paradise Found: New Visions of the Blackdown Hills exhibition, Open Tuesday to Saturday 10am— 5pm Thelma Hulbert Gallery. 01404 45006: info@thelmahulbert.com. **Details page 30.**

Date for your Diary Luppitt Flower Show **12 August** see Bulletin board

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 25 th Coffee / Market	11am until 1pm

Luppitt Entertainments Committee Events

Coming up:

Friday 31st March 7pm for 7:30pm start – Easter Bingo
Bingo fun with lots of Easter Egg prizes!

Friday 14th April – Skittles Night

Teams from different areas of Luppitt Parish are invited to pit their skills against each other! With hot food.

Please advise teams to Tracey Rosewell by Friday 7th April – see advert on **page 21** for details.

Friday 21st April – Pudding Tasting Night

Enjoy tasting six different puddings and vote for your favourite!

Please book your place with Tracey Rosewell by Friday 14th April – see advert on **page 19** for details.

Save these dates for future events:

Sunday 7th May – Coronation Tea

Sunday 11th June - Family Footpath Fun

A walk with clues to find, finishing with refreshments at the village hall.

Please note – all events are **CASH ONLY!**

LUPPITT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting
will be held in the
Village Hall

on Tuesday, 4 April 2023 at 7 pm

Full details **pages 44-45**

Everyone is welcome to come along to this annual meeting of the parish

Parish Council elections are held every 4 years and the next election will take place on Thursday, 4 May 2023.

Luppitt Parish Council comprises 8 Parish Councillors. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. The meetings are informal and friendly and last for about 2 hours. Planning applications, road maintenance and work to improve the quality of life in the parish are amongst the wide range of issues that are discussed each month.

If you are interested in parish matters, please do consider applying to become a Parish Councillor and taking part in the election process.

Further information is available from the Parish Clerk, Rosalind Buxton, on 01404 861565, 07944 625025 or luppittclerk@yahoo.co.uk.

U3A

April sees the start of a new season of illustrated talks at The Beehive organised by Honiton u3a. There is a wide variety of subjects to appeal to all tastes, and visitors are very welcome to attend.

On April 19th, David Follet will be talking about how he turned tragedy to triumph, following a serious road accident in 2007 which left him with a spinal cord injury. He now represents England at Para Badminton and is ranked 22 in the world and number 1 in England.

St Georges Day

The 23rd April marks St Georges Day, and the familiar white flag with it's red cross will be flown in all parts of England, although it is not marked with the same enthusiasm as the St Patrick's, St David's or St Andrew's days it was a major festival in medieval times on par with Christmas, but its popularity waned after England's union with Scotland in 1707.

St George is the only one of our national saints not to have been born here. He was raised in Turkey, and became a soldier in the Roman army, ending up as a personal guard to Emperor Diocletian. When the emperor ordered the persecution of Christians St George refused to follow his orders. He was tortured and executed in 303 A.D. in Palestine, where he is buried. He was canonised in 494 A.D.

The story of St George slaying the dragon is well known. The town of Silene was captured by a dragon. The locals would offer it a human sacrifice every day. One day a princess was chosen, but St George slayed the dragon and saved the people of Silene, who converted to Christianity and the princess gave him a red rose as thanks!

Richard the Lionheart adopted the flag of St George and brought it back to England from the Crusades in the 12th Century, where it was worn by the king's soldiers in battles. The saint was looked upon as a protector – hence Shakespeare's famous 'Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more'... 'God for Harry, England and St George!' in Henry V.

During the Middle Ages people believed St George was one of the 'Fourteen Holy Helpers' who could help with Plague and Leprosy.

During the First World War – a ghostly apparition of St George is said to have aided British troops during their retreat from Mons, and the naval commander of the Zeebrugge Raid cited him as an inspiration.



The Order of the Garter (founded by Edward III in 1348) is the highest order of chivalry in the country and the King is at the helm. St Georges cross appears on the Garter badge, and his image is the pendant of the Garter chain. The Garter Day Service is held in St George's Chapel, Windsor every June.

In 1940 George VI created a new award for acts of the greatest heroism or courage in circumstances of extreme danger. The George Cross, named after the king, bears the image of St George vanquishing the dragon. Many First World War memorials also bear the image of St George.



Perhaps we should honour the day more!

Mary Hill

A LUPPITT STROLL

I am wandering down the lane from Mount Stephens on my way to the junction at Corner Cottage. It is early morning and I am trying to get a sunrise shot looking back across towards New House farm. It is early April and a month with a loud soundtrack. No male bird with pretensions towards reproduction can keep its mouth shut at this time of year. The atmosphere is always heavy with song, ready to drench any listener who steps outside.

By April, Any male with a decent song should have firmly secured its borders. His neighbours know his tune well and keep a respectful distance, leaving singer and his mate to live in relative peace with their hard won patch of ground.. But it's an uneasy truce, and any break now in the male's vocal output would be disastrous. It would be the equivalent of cutting short an advertising campaign in the human world-suddenly your name would slip from the public's mind, your competitors would win out. In the same way an avian singing slouch would soon loose territory, mate and opportunity. He cannot afford to stay silent.

It is a pleasant morning with high cloud showing in the east over towards Hill End. I am almost at Corner Cottage having passed many wild daffodils, however spring for me begins when the Blackthorn blossoms. Hedgerows that have looked scrawny for months explode into life with thousands of tiny white flowers, clustered so tightly the twigs beneath all but disappear. Its a great source of nectar and pollen for bees in early spring. Given that it's one of the first of our native trees to blossom, it seems strange that folklore associates blackthorn with ill fortune and doom, I prefer to think it's blooming foretells warmer and brighter days ahead.

I spot some tumbling Ravens. Midnight black from bill to claw. With wings that can tickle five feet across. A Raven is a bewitching site , particularly in early spring. It shows off its best aerobatics: barrel rolls, gravity defying tumbles, and I have heard it can fly upside down.

I set up my tripod and hope for some orange pink glow to the

east. Unfortunately on this occasion the once high clouds to the east have decided to become low clouds and I am out of luck capturing a moody sunrise from this location. This is not an unusual occurrence.

I decide to head back through, and up the lanes towards Mount Stephens, and then down to the church carpark.

However all was not lost! I managed to capture these little chaps on the way home.

Trevor Bevan



THE LUPPITT PLAYERS 'ROBIN HOOD'

**A big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Panto.
As a result of your generosity, we have been able to donate £1,000 to
both of our chosen charities without firing a single arrow or
robbing anyone!**



A Few More Musings...

Intro

In a previous Packet, in a little time warp in my mind, I imagined a couple of off-duty Roman legionaries in the middle of Exeter. They were in short skirts and sandals, seeking warm pants and socks. Of course, this was just a little light-hearted fripperyness on my part. You have to have a little fun when writing things for the Packet.

However, there is apparently a widely held belief that Roman soldiers in colder areas like Britain wore clothing more suitable for warmer places like Rome. This isn't true; they adapted to local conditions. But they didn't wear skirts anyway.

Our two legionaries, let's call them Lucius and Quintus, are having a little R&R. They've been here in Isca now for months and months. There has been no fighting; they have been worked very hard renovating parts of the camp, replacing thatched wooden buildings with stone and tile constructions. Now they have just had hot baths, removing all the sweat and grime leaving their skin a healthy-looking Mediterranean bronze. After a few games of dice, they are now fully relaxed, and they are looking forward to a quiet stroll in the village which has developed around the camp.

They have no worries about the local population, the Dumnonii. They know that they have a reputation for hospitality, and that they have been dealing with visiting traders from Gaul and Lusitania for many years. Small tubby ships have brought cargos such as amphorae of wine and oil, and returned with local produce like cattle, pigs and wool.

Our legionaries also know that when Vespasian led the invasion into the South-West many years earlier, the Dumnonii apparently didn't put up resistance. This had been unlike the neighbouring tribe to the east of the Axe, the Durotriges. They had been totally overwhelmed in their huge and carefully defended fort, and had suffered a savage and brutal defeat. It was the policy of Rome to severely punish such resistance, but a surrender without a battle could result in favourable terms. There were of course many advantages to peoples under Roman protection.

Accordingly, Lucius and Quintus are not wearing any armour. They are quite relaxed, but they are each wearing their sword and dagger. Their clothes are standard issue, of which the main item is a tunic. In length it is cut to be below the knee but it is always gathered up at the waist

and secured with a belt or two, so that the lower edge is above the knee or mid thigh. The military belt is an important part of the uniform, for it is not only functional with rings or frogs for attaching scabbards, but a kind of badge of honour. Someone guilty of a minor misdemeanour might be made to stand prominently without his belt.

Isca

Lucius and Quintus are wandering through the streets, which are mostly roughly paved. The huts of the local people line the streets, and some have opened their fronts where they are offering local produce or services. Lucius is hoping to find someone selling the highly intoxicating local apple wine which seems very popular. Quintus, however, wants to find something to eat first and is hoping to find a pie maker. Maybe they will find some of those curious meat pies with the half-moon shape.

They are also keeping their eyes open for the local girls. They all have dark hair and much paler skin than the girls back home, and are very attractive. They might even find one whom they'd be happy to marry. Some of their older friends had already married local girls, although this was officially frowned upon. Such friends hoped to retire with some savings and a pension (after 20 years' service), buy a local farm,

and settle down with a family.

Exeter


Today the camp exists only in the buried floors and foundations. Much of the later Roman city wall remains. The wooden and turf huts of the Dumnonii have long ago disappeared into the soil. In the centre of the modern city a few fragments of Roman street remain. Around these ancient relics are the pedestrian areas and buildings of Exeter 2023.

Across these pavings now come two young men. They are freshly showered, in tidy casual dress of jeans and tee shirts. They are clearly not local lads, and their bearing and haircuts suggest they are military. Perhaps they are young recruits, trainee Commandos who have come up on the train from the nearby Marines base. They are obviously having some time off from their arduous training and drills. It might even be their very first time in Devon. They are probably looking for a friendly pub, to sample some local alcohol. Afterwards they might be looking for something quick and easy to eat, and probably looking to chat up the local girls. Now, across the paving come two schoolgirls, young women really. They are obviously local Devon girls, with pale complexions and dark hair, clearly descendants of the Dumnonii of nearly 2000 years ago.

A sudden bright burst of sunshine shines on them as they stop for a moment. One hoicks up her skirt a little, rolling her waistband until the hem is mid-thigh. Her skin is not pale – it has a warmer glow, a touch of bronze.

DS

Dumnonia



The map shows the region of Dumnonia in the southwest of Britain, colored in light green. Surrounding it are several other tribes: Dobunni (white), Iceni (dark green), Catuvellauni (orange), Trinovantes (pink), Atrebates (light green), Belgae (pink), Regnenses (dark green), and Dumnonii (light green). The map also shows the English Channel to the west and south.

Geography

Capital *Isca Dumnoniorum* (*Exeter*) (before c. 400)
Tintagel

Location Devon and Cornwall, and parts of Somerset and Dorset

Rulers Kings of Dumnonia



The Donkey's Tale

Jenny stood in the stable with her young foal born that day.

In a nearby stall was Mary with her babe in a manger bed of hay.

The small foal watched as the baby slept,
But his mind was at a loss,
Why did the baby wear the halo sign
While his little back bore the sign of the cross?

Some thirty years were to pass before their paths would cross once
more.

The babe was now a full grown man & the donkey carried him through
palms galore.

The man & the little donkey knew they had met before & both recalled
their infant days spent in that stable poor.

Now the final journey, were they together at the end?
The king who wore a crown of thorns, nearby his donkey friend?
The Gentle man he carried the cross for all of human kind.
The old grey donkey wears a cross until the end of time.

The young man died on the Friday
& our fate was firmly set.
Now every donkey carries a cross
So that we will not forget.



Joy Toft

GARDEN JOTTINGS

Postie's just been. He's put - better mind the pronoun nowadays - she's put a bundle of elastic bands and envelopes in the box. I wouldn't be at all surprised if it's not more gardening catalogues, especially this time of the year. Anyway we're always getting them any time - Parkers, Elwood's, Marshalls, Fothergill's. Or it could be Plant World or the Organic Gardening Catalogue. They're all full of glossy pictures of flowers and plants to brighten up your garden.

This time it's Parkers. Looking through I see there's a couple of pages of ornamental grasses. Grass is a plant you might not much notice 0 just a green thing you can walk on. Maybe play cricket or golf on. Yet grasses range from flat green plants up to towering pampas grass with spikes of feathery plumes nodding in the wind.

The catalogue has a couple of pages of stunning grasses for your garden. It's not just their flowers, the leaves too maybe coloured like the blood grass "Red Baron". There are Phormiums too, not technically grasses, but very similar, like Jester, Cream Delight, Sundowner. Perhaps not grown so much, grass names are just as spectacular. There are festucas, pennisetums, carexes, miscanthus and even Ophiopogon planiscapus nigrescens or just plan Black Grass. The flowers tend to appear

late in the summer and come in various colours - cream, orange, ochre, mauve and even in shades of blue.

Jackie grows grasses in front of our patio in a sunny spot beyond the shadows of the oak trees. We can sit there and watch them glint in the westering sun.

David Street



RHUBARB

The first of our annual fruits arrives this month and is in it's most delicious and tender state.

Why not make a rhubarb compote? It is great on scones, can be used as a lining in a chocolate tart, or as a topping with natural yoghurt. Below is a naughty but nice dessert, which can be assembled quickly and is sure to be popular.

Rhubarb Eton Mess

400g rhubarb roughly chopped.

3 rounded tbsps. caster sugar

300ml double cream – whipped.

4 meringues – homemade or purchased.

300g Vanilla custard – homemade or purchased.

1 juice and rind orange (optional)

50g chocolate - grated.



1. To make the compote gently cook the rhubarb, orange and sugar in a saucepan for 15-20 minutes until tender. Cool.
2. Break the meringues into pieces.
3. Layer the rhubarb, custard, meringue and cream in individual glasses finishing with a cream layer.
4. Sprinkle the grated chocolate on top.

Submitted by Mary Hill

**BONFIRE, BARBECUE AND
FIREWORK DISPLAY
AT HARTRIDGE (NEAR THE
SHEPHERD'S HUT) ON
FRIDAY, 5 MAY 2023**

Please come along from 7 pm onwards
and join us for this special evening to
celebrate the coronation of
King Charles III

Music will be provided throughout the
evening by Luppitt's own musicians

Hot food and drink will be available
from 8 pm onwards followed by a
firework display

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

Vinted Clothes Sale
Saturday May 13th

at Luppitt Village Hall

11 -2 o'clock

Tables or rail £5

(tables provided bring your own rail)



Teas/coffee biscuits £1

Please book your table with Jacky 07432009301

Or Wendy 01404 891212. 07419830090

Puzzle Page

LINKS

In each case find a word that links the two given words. Each answer must link to the end of the first word and go in front of the second word.

Tar (- - -) away
Post (- - -) age
Green (- - - - -) boat
Hard (- - - -) bone
Nose (- - - -) bomb
Bear (- - - -) flint
Inter (- - - -) pack
Centre (- - - -) hearted
Card (- - - -) room
Top (- - -) trick

Last months answers:

Carrie: black top, white skirt, pink shoes.

Celia: pink top, black skirt, white shoes.

Charlotte: white top, pink skirt, black shoes.



Submitted By Jacky Omalley

UPOTTERY PLAYGROUP

@Upottery Pre-School

COME AND JOIN US!

THURSDAYS DURING TERM TIME

1.30-3.15PM

UPOTTERY PRE-SCHOOL, EX14 9QT

£2 FOR THE FIRST CHILD, £1 FOR
ADDITIONAL CHILDREN
FREE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 1

WHY PLAY WITH US?

- Supportive and welcoming group.
- Use of the pre-school building and outside area, using all of their lovely resources.
- Ideal transition opportunity, allowing your child to get used to the pre-school before attending.
- All children and adults are welcome.
- Homemade cakes too!

07872 834814

UPOTTERYTODDLERS@OUTLOOK.COM



PUDDING TASTING NIGHT

Friday 21st April, 7.30pm

Luppitt Village Hall

Six delicious puddings to sample



Cost: £7.00 per head

To book contact Tracey

Rosewell **by 14th April**, email

dolishfarm@btinternet.com or

phone 891218 evenings

It's a new concept for me. Pudding, desert, afters, sweet, whatever it's called I usually indulge. I've come across wine tasting, but not this. Slightly eccentric yet typically British? Searching the internet reveals surprisingly little, this is not a widespread sport... however it was a popular event in Luppitt and its back later this month. After learning a bit more about it I can understand why.

For those who have not had the opportunity to attend, the evening proceeds along these lines

- find some friends to join you for the evening (we need to know numbers in advance, so we have enough pudding),
- sit around a table you'll sample 6 different puddings,
- discuss their merits and add your vote to the score sheet, leave some kind feedback,
- enjoy a drink from the bar, try and guess who cooked each pudding,
- then the results, find out who has won, ... and the winner of the wooden spoon.

Personally I enjoy cooking for family and friends (I rarely get the chance, I wonder why?) but my skills are rudimentary and I certainly don't have the confidence to enter something like this, let alone cope with the feedback.

Martin Hemsley

Upottery Primary School

What a busy time we have had here at school. The children have had many curriculum enrichment activities specifically in reading, PE and music. It has been a real pleasure to watch the children learn new skills and use the school values well. Some of the older children travelled to other locations to represent the school. You should all be very proud of your children who have shown themselves to be excellent ambassadors for the school.

World Book Day was a huge success with all children dressing up as their favourite book character. All children thoroughly enjoyed the events of the day.

Sporting Week we have had a brilliant sporting week. On Tuesday a team of boys from Year 5/6 represented us at a futsal tournament. They played with real team spirit and respect for all. The boys won or draw all their matches and therefore were the overall tournament winners. After school on Tuesday a team from Y6 attended the Honiton Learning Community tag rugby tournament; again they played showing all 6 of our core values. As a team they worked together and won or draw all their matches. On Wednesday the whole school had a cricket session with Damian from – Cricket England 'A chance to shine.' All classes thoroughly enjoyed their session and a whole school assembly. Damian also runs All Stars and Dynamo cricket which takes place here in Upottery starting in May.

Well done to the Y6 group who helped to get the football goals ready on the field for the whole school to enjoy. More information to follow shortly regarding the after school Football Club that will be starting after Easter with Premier Sports.

PTFA Lucky Lotto takes place once a month in the assembly and the winners receive either £15, £10 or £5. The children enjoy picking out the winning numbers.

Exeter Cathedral Music Event the culmination of this week saw 25% of our children representing the school on Saturday at the Exeter Cathedral service. All the children were a credit to the school and sang the school song 'Devon Days'.

Amanda Lacey, Interim Headteacher



Heads up on the Luppitt Flower show! 12th August 2023

White Potatoes, Red Potatoes, Peas, Runner Beans, French Beans, Beetroot, Onions, Carrots, Tomatoes, Cucumber.

SKITTLES NIGHT

FRIDAY APRIL 14TH

LUPPITT VILLAGE HALL FROM 7:30 pm



Teams from different areas of Luppitt
Parish are invited to pit their skills
against each other

Hot Food. £3 per head. **Please book your team by 7th April to confirm numbers:** Tracey Rosewell, email dolishfarm@btinternet.com or phone 891218 evenings

Bridge in Luppitt

This bridge is situated about 400 yards from Barn X on the lane to Honiton. On google maps the Grid ref: is 50.840777/3. The first pic is on the lane and the second showing the structure of the bridge from the side. Does anyone know the name of the bridge or any history?



Submitted by Jacky Omalley

BULLETIN BOARD

St Marys Church: The PCC are looking for a volunteer to fill the upcoming vacancy of Treasurer.

12th August 23. Heads up on the Luppitt Flower show! White Potatoes, Red Potatoes, Peas, Runner Beans, French Beans, Beetroot, Onions, Carrots, Tomatoes, Cucumber.

There are still a number of Luppitt Village Maps available in A2 . Please contact the Luppitt packet editors at the email address below if you are interested , Cost £5 , Thank you. editors@luppittpacket.co.uk

Notice for Barnfield

We welcome neighbours and friends to Barnfield on a Wednesday eve 6-8 for cup of tea and chat the first Wednesday in each month. The next date will be Wednesday April 5th. All welcome.

If you would like to join the Parish Notices WhatsApp group, please contact Lucy Murray on 07968900349.

Blackdown Hills Repair Cafe

Our Next Event is on Saturday 27th May at the Hemyock Parish Hall EX15 3QW between 10am and 1.0pm.

Please do come along and have all of your broken items repaired and fixed by our Volunteer Repairers, and while they are carrying out your repairs, enjoy some refreshments in our tea room cafe

Our Repair Cafe Events for the whole of the remainder of 2023 are as follows,

All on Saturday's at the Hemyock Parish Hall EX15 3QW from 10am until 1.0pm

May 27th, July 22nd, September 23rd, November 25th

We are now able to take on extra, larger and more extended repairs due to us now also having a workshop facility. Many thanks and kind regards Stephan. Coordinator of the Blackdown Hills Repair Cafe.

Email: sfelehner@aol.com

Dunkeswell Mission Community April Service List

Sunday 2 April Palm Sunday	Plymtree	11:00 am	DMC Palm Sunday service	Rev. Jane Penn
	Upottery	11:00 am	Palm Sunday service	Lay led
7 April Maundy Thursday	Upottery	7:00 pm	DMC Maundy Thursday service	Rev. Jane Penn
8 April Good Friday	Dunkeswell	11:00 am	Wolford Chapel service	Rev. Jane Penn
	Luppitt	12:30 pm	Easter crosses, Hartridge	Rev. Jane Penn
Sunday 9 April Easter Day	Broadhembury	11:00 am	Easter Communion	Rev. Peter Horder
	Dunkeswell	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Peter Robinson
	Luppitt	11:00 am	Easter Communion	Rev. Jane Penn
	Plymtree	9:30 am	Easter Communion	Rev. Peter Horder
	Sheldon	9:30 am	Easter Communion	Rev. Jane Penn
	Upottery	11:00 am	Easter Communion	Rev. Ian Gibson
Sunday 16 April Easter 2	Dunkeswell	10:30 am	Songs & Praise (Hall)	Lay Led
	Luppitt	11:00 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Geoffrey Walsh
	Plymtree	11:00 am	Morning Worship	Lay Led
	Sheldon	09:30am	Holy Communion & APCM	Rev. Jane Penn
	Upottery	11:00 am	All Age Worship	Lay Led
Sunday 23 April Easter 3	Broadhembury	11:00 am	Morning Worship	Lay Led
	Dunkeswell	11:00 am	Morning Worship	Lay Led
	Luppitt	11:00 am	Morning Worship	Lay Led
Sunday 30 April Easter 4	Plymtree	11:00 am	St. George's day service	Lay Led
	Sheldon	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. John Fairweather
	Upottery	11:00 am	Holy Communion & APCM	Rev. Jane Penn
Sunday 30 April Easter 4	Throgmorton Hall, Dunkeswell	10:30 am	DMC special pre-coronation service followed by bring and share lunch	Rev. Jane Penn

From Rev Penn's Pen

We're in a busy time in the six parishes of The Dunkeswell Mission Community (DMC). I am writing this a few days before we interview for a priest-in-charge of the DMC and by the time you read it we may well know whether an appointment was made and who our new priest-in-charge will be. However it usually takes a good three months between the appointment and their taking up the post, so it'll probably be early July before I can pick up my knitting again.

Meanwhile this month there are some exciting things happening in our churches. You may be aware that in St John's church, Plymtree everyday throughout Lent people have responded to the challenge to read the whole of the bible out loud in church or sponsor that reading. The final chapter of the final book 'Revelation' will be read at the end of the Palm Sunday service on 2nd April at 11am. This will be a really special service incorporating most of the churches of the DMC and to which any and everyone is invited. It's going to be a bit like the service of readings and hymns that churches often have at Christmas. Instead of hearing about the birth of Jesus we will hear the story of the final days before his death on the cross and his resurrection at Easter with hymns and songs that fit in with those readings. At the end of the service refreshments including hot cross buns will be served and we will hear that final chapter of the bible read. I do hope to see as many of you as possible at what promises to be an enjoyable event.

Then on Thursday 6th April at 7pm, in Upottery church there is the traditional Maundy Thursday service, in this service we remember together the last meal Jesus had with his friends before his death on the cross. It's often called The Last Supper and it's the story of Jesus giving his followers the gift of Holy Communion as a way of remembering him throughout all time.

Friday 7th April, Good Friday, sees us at Woolford chapel for the 11am Good Friday service, followed at 12.30 by the Hartridge crosses, three crosses are erected on Hartridge each year and can be seen on the horizon from some distance away, this is accompanied by a very short service and some singing, last year we had warm and sunny weather and it was lovely to be out in the sun with those amazing views.

Easter Sunday sees services in our individual churches once again,

but it's good to see church communities coming together. The final combined service in April is at the Throgmorton Hall, 30th April, 11am where we intend to celebrate together the upcoming coronation of King Charles, in advance of celebrations in individual parishes the following Sunday.

We are sometimes aware of division and infighting between churches and people who would call themselves Christians, whether that be on a local, national or international level, so I wanted to tell you about some of the ways your churches come to worship together from time to time. Even within our six parishes there are a variety of traditions and ways of being church and we have our differences but the most important thing, the thing we have in common, is our love for Jesus and the way we try to live that out day by day. Of course we all get it wrong sometimes, and we, I'm including myself here, often mess up. For Christians there is always the opportunity for a fresh start, how could that not be Good News. All you have to do is say sorry before Jesus and allow your wrongdoing to be wiped out. Sometimes and especially during Lent people want a priest to help them to be able to do this, if that's you, give me a call and we can talk about it.

Now before I get bogged down in theology I would like to invite you to any and all of the church services this month but most especially I invite you to prepare for a time of rejoicing. Rejoicing as we come together as churches this month. Rejoicing as we prepare to celebrate our human king Charles' coronation. Rejoicing as we prepare to welcome our new priest-in-charge. And most especially rejoicing as we celebrate once again all that Jesus did for us through his death on the cross and his resurrection at Easter.

Wishing you all a joyous Easter, with my love and prayers

Jane



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Luppitt: Electoral Roll Revision

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Plymtree: A challenge of Biblical proportions

The complete Bible will be read out loud during Lent with the final verses read at a special joint Mission Community Palm Sunday service on 2nd April at 11:00am at St. John

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All are welcome to come along and read a chapter or two or to sponsor the reading of a chapter. Funds raised will go towards Church maintenance.

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A Thought for Spring

“I asked the Dalai Lama what it was like to wake up with joy, and he shared his experience each morning. 'I think if you are an intensely religious believer, as soon as you wake up, you thank God for another day. And you try to do God's will. For a nontheist like myself, but who is a Buddhist, as soon as I wake up, I remember Buddha's teaching: the importance of kindness and compassion, wishing something good for others, or at least to reduce their suffering. Then I remember that everything is interrelated, the teaching of interdependence. So then I set my intention for the day: that this day should be meaningful. Meaningful means, if possible, serve and help others. If not possible, then at least not to harm others. That's a meaningful day.'”

— **Dalai Lama XIV, The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World**



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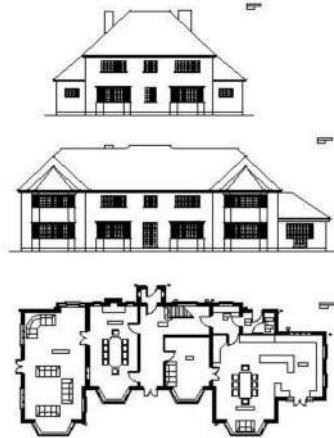
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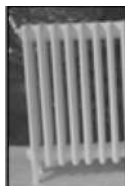
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CLERK'S REPORT OF A MEETING OF LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT

LUPPITT VILLAGE HALL ON Tuesday, 7 March 2023, at 8 pm

Present: Cllrs John Thorne (Chair), Michele Turner (Vice-Chair), Beth Hooper, Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Christine Ryder, Martin Summers, Andrew Tucker and David Key (EDDC)

Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Colin Brown (EDDC) and Iain Chubb (DCC)

Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 7 February 2023, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record (proposed by Cllr Ryder and seconded by Cllr Turner).

Declaration of Interest

Cllrs Thorne and Tucker declared an interest in the planning application at Blackenfields Farm because they use the buildings and the land.

PLANNING

Applications (for comment, support or objection)

23/0281/FUL – Blackenfields Farm, Luppitt, EX14 4UB – formation of new access and agricultural track to West Mead field

The Parish Council has no objection to the new access and agricultural track as indicated on the drawing.

23/0449/FUL – Hillcrest, Luppitt, EX14 4SU – construction of rear extension to bungalow and replacement of garage

The clerk will arrange a site visit.

Decisions

None.

Housing Needs Survey

The Parish Council has undertaken to carry out a Housing Needs Survey as part of Luppitt's Neighbourhood Plan. The clerk will contact Devon Communities Together for up-to-date information.

IGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

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

- Four potholes were reported between Ringborough Cross and Coombeshead and two have been repaired.
- Two deep potholes to be reported – one before Pound Bungalow and one between Pound Farm and Mohuns Ottery.

Parish Maintenance

The resident at Wrens has very kindly cleaned out the culvert. Some water is still running across the road so it will be added to Cllr Tucker's list of lengthsman's work.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

P3 Forms

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

Footpath 14

The footpath warden has detailed problems with signage in several parts of footpath 14. Cllr Tucker was asked to carry out any work necessary. The clerk will forward the footpath warden's report to Cllr Tucker. The boggy area is now impassable.

ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITY

Coronation Events

It was agreed to organise a barbecue and firework display on **Friday, 5 May 2023, from 7 pm onwards** on Hartridge . It is hoped that it will be as well attended as the event organised for the Platinum Jubilee in June last year. Talented Luppitt residents have kindly offered to provide music at the event. Cllr Thorne will order the fireworks.

Gate at Village Hall

The grant from Locality needs to be spent by the end of March. Cllr Summers will organise the purchase of the gate and confirm arrangements with the Village Hall Management Committee.

Oak Tree

The Platinum Jubilee oak tree that has been replaced by EDDC is a bigger tree with a well-developed root system. The planting site is very rocky and Cllr Pulman undertook to keep the tree watered while it gets established.

Community Website

Cllrs Turner and Ryder have put discussions on a community website on hold for the moment.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 4 April 2023, at 7 pm.**

This is an opportunity for residents to hear reports from local organisations. Cllr Key undertook to provide a Ward Member's report for the meeting. The clerk will also request reports from the Village Hall, the County Council member, the Commoners and the police.

Great British Spring Clean

Keep Britain Tidy is organising the Great British Spring Clean between 17 March and 2 April. The clerk will speak to the resident who has organised Luppitt's litter pick in the past.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Parish Council Elections

Parish Council elections will be held on **Thursday, 4 May 2023.** The clerk handed out nomination papers to those Parish Councillors eligible to stand. The deadline for receipt of nomination papers at EDDC's offices in Honiton is **4 pm on Tuesday, 4 April 2023.**

The date of the May AGM will have to be changed to fit in with local council protocol during an election year and will now take place on **Wednesday, 10 May 2023**.

Correspondence

Information about a Hedgehogs Highway Project was noted.

CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

There were no items.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

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

Annual Parish Meeting:	Tuesday, 4 April 2023, at 7 pm
Parish Council Meeting:	Tuesday, 4 April 2023, at 8 pm.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Parish Council elections are held every 4 years and the next election will take place on **Thursday, 4 May 2023**. Luppitt Parish Council comprises 8 Parish Councillors not all of whom will be standing for re-election. If you are interested in parish matters, please take the opportunity to apply to become a Parish Councillor and take part in the election process. Nomination packs can be downloaded from the Parish Council website or are available from the Parish Clerk. The deadline for completed nominations is **4 pm on Tuesday, 4 April 2023**.

Luppitt Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month and the meetings last for approximately 2 hours. A variety of issues are discussed at these meetings including responding to planning applications and working to improve the quality of life in the parish.

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