


**Luppitt Packet**  
**December 2022**





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**Come along to an informal  
New Year's Eve  
Get Together  
At Luppitt Village Hall Hub Pub  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December from 8pm  
Bring your own food**

# THE LUPPITT PACKET

Ho ho ho, tis the season for just about everything except winter. Beautiful new rosebuds in our garden, and the Football World Cup, both typically summer events which I'm enjoying but also find disturbing. You might feel the same, as recent local events reported here show so many Luppitt residents going the extra mile to make a difference for people and our planet.

I hope you have time to relax, enjoy reading this edition, and join in with some events over the next couple of months.

This months Cover Art is by Florence Richards aged 5, a super picture and winner of the junior artist competition. Congratulations to everyone who entered, take time to view the originals on display in the Village Hall.

*Trevor, Martin & Luppitt packet team*

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## !THE LUPPITT PACKET ONLINE!

We have created a Luppitt Packet website **[www.luppittpacket.co.uk](http://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](http://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

## December

Saturday 3rd Luppitt Packet Coffee Morning, Village Hall, 11am to 1pm

Tuesday 6th Luppitt Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 8:00pm

Sunday 4th Christingle Service, Village Hall, 3pm

Saturday 10th Luppitt Children's Christmas Party, Village Hall, 11am to 1pm

Saturday 17th Christmas Party, Village Hall, 7:00 for 7:30pm

Sunday 18th Carols by Candlelight, St Mary's Church, 6:30pm

Saturday 31st Celebrate the New Year at the Hub Pub, 8:00pm

## REGULAR EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Village Hub Pub 7:30pm every Wednesday and Friday

Bowls 2pm - 5pm Mondays (*Winter schedule*)

Friday Coffee / Market 11am until 1pm

Sat Coffee / Market 28<sup>th</sup> Jan. 11am until 1pm

## LUPPITT ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE

Dates to save in the New Year (all events are CASH ONLY):

Friday 24th February – Pub Games Night

Saturday 11th March – Puddings Night

Friday 31st March – Easter Bingo

We are looking for some volunteers to help with the Puddings Night... Do you have a favourite you would be willing to make and share with us? If so please contact Tracey Rosewell: email [dolishfarm@btinternet.com](mailto:dolishfarm@btinternet.com) or call [01404 891218](tel:01404891218). There is a prize for the winner!

We would also very much welcome some new faces on the committee. Our purpose is to bring the community together through a programme of events and activities, appealing to all ages, whilst raising the funds needed to maintain and enhance the Village Hall to ensure it meets the needs of the whole community.

Do you have ideas for events you would like us to hold and be willing to help make them happen? If so please come and join our friendly team!  
Contact Pat Bussey: email [pat.bussey27@gmail.com](mailto:pat.bussey27@gmail.com) or call/ message/ WhatsApp on 07747 624433.

The Entertainments Committee would like to thank everyone for their support during this 'back to normal' year following the pandemic and hope you will continue to support our events in 2023.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



# **Luppitt Christmas Party**

**Three Course Meal with  
Disco, Bar and Raffle**

**Luppitt Village Hall  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
7:00 for 7:30pm**

**Tickets £25 per head, Cash only please  
From Tracey Rosewell:  
Email [dolishfarm@btinternet.com](mailto:dolishfarm@btinternet.com)  
or phone 891218 evenings  
By 10<sup>th</sup> December**

- \* Tables of 8 – 10 \***
- \* Places not confirmed until paid for \***
- \* Please specify any dietary requirements \***





## LUPPITT - PLANTING FOR BRITAIN

A few weeks ago the Parish Council was offered 200 mixed saplings free of charge. These tiny saplings include Oak, Sweet Cherry, Blackthorn and Hazel.

The trees are being provided by an Energy company to help offset their carbon footprint, and a condition of the scheme is that they must be planted in open access land.

Andrew Tucker cleared a small field below Hartridge, which he remembers from his childhood as grass, before it was taken over by bracken and scrub.

About 15 volunteers turned up on Thursday 17th November and Andrew organised a working party.

Firstly, stakes were hammered into the ground, and the saplings planted next to them.

Protective tubes were put over them





and clipped firmly to the stakes to protect them from squirrels, deer and birds.

Finally, squares of fibrous matting were pegged around the base of each tiny tree to keep weeds at bay.

200 trees were planted in 3 1/2 hours - Luppitt's contribution to help our planet.

Sue Piechowiak



Luppitt Children's Christmas Party  
 Saturday 10th December 2022  
 Village Hall 11-1 o'clock  
 Dancing, singing and games with  
 Strictly Dizzy Dancing  
 Hot food served  
 Visit from Father Christmas  
 Text or email Sarah on  
 07594701338  
 sarahchown@hotmail.com



## MARION MACHELL'S TIME AS AN EVACUEE IN LUPPITT (PART TWO)

10th August 2012. I did the work on Luppitt in the first instance about 6 years ago am now incorporating it into family memories which one of my grandsons requested I undertake. (Five years ago, when he first went to Uni to gain his History degree and am still working at it!!!).

I first went to Honiton to a hotel with my parents, grandfather, and aunt (her neighbours were staying in a thatched cottage at the bottom of the hill). I believe their owner was Davis. However, as I could not stay there permanently my mother and I went to Dolish Farm and Mum eventually went into hospital again (am pleased to say she did live to be 80) and I stayed on".

Marion was in contact with Jonathan

Soar for some time and he sent her various photos which he thought would be of interest to her, including a photo of two little children which he found under a floorboard in Dolish Farmhouse.

I do not recognise the two girls in the photo. I wondered whether it might be





Peggy & Mary. I think in 1940 Mary was about 17/18, Ralph 16, & Peggy was 14.

Mary did a lot of farm work, and Peggy did a lot of household chores. I did ask Ralph and he said they both married farmers and one had four children and the other had children and one of them had a child with special needs. I believe Ralph is mentioned in the Home Guard photo- I saw it online – with the pub where they met.

Whilst staying on a farm outside Bridport we went to visit the Rosewells and one of the three girls had just had her A level results, and it transpired that the granddaughter of the Hutchins family at Broadoak, Bridport had been bridesmaid to one of them as they belonged to Young Farmers.

I was so impressed with the main staircase which looked so large to me, and I was on the right hand side of the house at the front and Mrs Wells had two rooms at the back on my side and the bathroom was there also. Not sure what the water situation was- no hot, I guess. Apologies if I have repeated all this but as it is now 72 years ago a few

senior moments occur. As you gather my maiden name was Farmer.

The lady friend of my aunt who rented the cottage for the holiday was Julia Catchpole but I don't think she remained long enough for her child to go to school".



## **LUPPITT AND HARTRIDGE COMMONS**

**Commoners with grazing rights on the above Commons  
who wish to bid for a hay or silage plot in 2023 please  
advise either Phil or David**

**by the 31st December 2022 at the latest.**

**Phil Smith Tel: 07984735663 David Barlow Tel:  
07939083742**

## Garden Jottings

Some years ago - quite a few really when I come to think about it - I wrote to Kirstenbosch and asked if they'd send me some seeds of Baines' Welwitschia. Welwitschia Bainesii is just about the weirdest plant there is, "the most bizarre of all gymnosperm" it looks like a giant turnip up to a metre or more across with a single pair of long leaves growing out of the top, bedraggled and dying off at their ends. There are never any more leaves no matter how long it lives and that can be over a hundred years. In those days I wanted to grow strange plants and this was certainly one.

However the Kirstenbosch would not send me any seeds. They said it was too endangered and protected. Welwitschia is a rare plant, confined to dry regions in South West Africa. Like stinging nettles there are male and female Welwitschias. Females produce seeds, and both grow organic that are somewhat like flowers. Like conifers, cycads and ephedras the seeds are not enclosed. The Welwitschia has features that resemble the Bennettitaleans, a group that looked like palm trees, widespread in Mesozoic forests before flowering plants crowded them out.

The only time I have seen a Welwitschia was at Kew. In my didactic days I organised a school trip there. The first pupil to find a Welwitschia got a £1, or was it 50p? Money value has changed so much since then I can't remember for sure.

The Kew specimen was disappointingly small, far from a metre across, but at least I'd seen one of the strangest plants.

David Street.



*Joseph Dalton Hooker, when the director of Kew Gardens, UK (1865–1885) is reported to have said of Welwitschia that “it is out of the question the most wonderful plant ever brought to this country and one of the ugliest”.*

# TAKE OUR QUIZ

## RACE PLACE

4 athletes are about to take part in a sprint race. They all know each other and have raced against each other before. They are all of a similar standard, so there's no obvious winner or someone who is likely to be last.

Andy says, "I'll be 1st, Kevin 2nd, Steve 3rd and Jim 4th."

Jim says "I'll be 1st, Steve 2nd, Andy 3rd and Kevin 4th."

Steve says, "Jim will be 1st, Kevin 2nd, Andy 3rd and I'll be 4th."

As it turns out none of Andy's predictions were correct.

None of Jim's predictions were correct.

Steve had just one person correctly placed.

In which position did the 4 sprinters finish?

1st .....

2nd .....

3rd .....

4th .....

### Last months answers:

1. Dare, Read, Dear. 2. Glare, Large, Regal. 3. Tries, Tires, Resit. 4. Spain, 5. Chile, 6. Canada, 7. China 8. Peru.

Answers in the next edition.

*Jacky Omalley*



## Poets Corner

### GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING

Remember at the present time, when all the relatives are present, to present the perfect present.

Ho Ho Ho



After the reference to “Tommy Atkins” in last months poets corner, several people have asked who he was?

Apparently Thomas Atkins was the fictional name on specimen forms used when joining up at the start of WW1.

Of course some people thought he was a real person and eventually it was the nick-name

adopted by early veterans.

Even today modern soldiers are often referred to as Tommies.

If you have a different story please let us know.

Joy







## In a spot? Talk to Auntie Dot!

Luppitt's Dottiest advice  
column...

Dear Auntie Dot,

With all of this wet weather I'm finding it more and more difficult to reach the supermarket as my car is struggling to get through the with the water levels.

Do you have any advice for how to make it out in this heavy rain?

Dear Reader,

I know that it can be frustrating when the bad weather interferes with getting on with things, especially at such a busy time of year. But no fear, I have just the answer for you! Now, the wonderful thing about all of this rain is that it provides the perfect excuse to work on your front crawl. Pop on your goggles and wiggle into your cozie and Tesco is your oyster! As a side note, I recommend investing in a sturdy, waterproof bag for this plan to really succeed.

Dear Auntie Dot,

I want Christmas to go as smoothly as possible this year and to make sure Santa doesn't accidentally forget me seeing as my house is so tucked away. What do you suggest to grab Santa's attention so he doesn't miss my house?

Dear Reader,

Firstly, I want to assure you that Santa is very, very clever and he would never forget about anybody, no matter how remote their house is. However, if you want to make doubly certain of this, you should write him a letter and make sure to mention that you will be leaving out a carrot for Rudolph too, just to make sure he remembers that a lovely treat will be waiting for his hard working reindeer too.

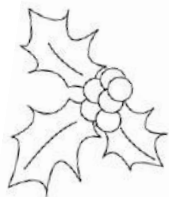
Dear Auntie Dot,

I want to do something fun and festive for the holiday season, but don't want to be "too much" with it. Do you think

I'd be going too far if I bought nine reindeer and trained them to live on my roof so it looks like Santa is here all month long? I think they should all fit up there and I'm sure they'd be happy all together. What do you think?

Dear Reader,

What a beautiful idea that is. Although, I imagine it would be rather impractical, I mean, how would you feed them? And, let's just talk frankly, that's an awful lot of droppings in an awkward place to clean up. I suggest going more classic with the whole affair. Maybe a nice wreath and an inflatable Santa that sings *Jingle Bells* through the night. That way, you're spreading the Christmas cheer with your neighbours but not having to attempt to climb onto your roof with nine reindeer's worth of poo bags.



# UPOTTERY SCHOOL

It has been lovely to see so many of you in and around school this week meeting with staff for our Autumn Term Parent Carer Meetings. We know how important these meetings are in helping better understand the success and next steps of our learners, and finding out about what support might be best put in place to ensure everyone is making progress. On behalf of the staff, I would like to pass our thanks to you all for the support for teachers and staff in working hard to provide the best educational opportunities we can for your children. The teachers and other staff have worked extremely hard to ensure that, in the face of unforeseen challenges, the restructure of the classes is a success and that everyone has what they need. Therefore, your appreciation and thanks offered, even though it may seem a small gesture at the time, goes a very long way to boost the positivity of the staff and so as head teacher, I thank you all.

## **Gymnastics Festival**

On Tuesday, year 5 and 6 pupils travelled to Honiton Community College to take part in the HLC Gymnastic Festival. The festival was organised by Mrs Bown and her team of year 8&9 sports leaders. The morning was a great success, and with the support of the leaders, all the children attended were supported and encouraged to be successful. I attended the event with the child and it was very evident that the role modelling from the leaders had a positive impact on all the children taking part; this is why it is so good to be back actively able to join in with and engage with these events once again. Well done year 5 and 6 you were super; all of you were perfect ambassadors for our school.

## **School Communication**

As part of our ongoing review around improving communication, we have altered the newsletter this week. We are continuing to update and use our 'live' calendar on the School Website, and I know many of you have already subscribed. In order to avoid duplication or errors around updates, we have replaced the dates section usually found at the end of this letter with a direct link to our online calendar. All events are posted on the calendar with times, classes and venue. We hope that in making this change and publishing the dates more centrally this will make our communication in this area more streamline. Thank you for your ongoing support with this and to all those already subscribed to the system.

Chris Legg. Head Teacher



Fun, informal & relaxed carol singing performances

**Sunday 4 December**

3pm Christingle Service at Luppitt Village Hall

**Friday 16 December**

8.30pm The Hub Pub at Luppitt Village Hall

**Sunday 18 December**

1pm The York Inn, Churchingford

2.30pm The Sidmouth Arms, Upottery

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Church, Luppitt

**Rehearsals 4-5pm on Sundays from Sunday 23 October**

**For more information email [luppittchristmaschoir@gmail.com](mailto:luppittchristmaschoir@gmail.com)**

**or leave a message on 01404 891140**

## BULLETIN BOARD

**Christmas Choir.** It has been lovely to see faces new and 'old' this year. We have been enjoying rehearsing at our new cosy home in the village hall, and are grateful to be able to do so as this has made it much easier for some members to attend. We are so looking forward to sharing our festive goodwill with you all through our various performances. Please do come along and support us if you're able. We will even be doing some audience participation this year!

**Charlotte Gibbs.** Director, Luppitt Christmas Choir

**Poppy Club.** Thank you to everyone who gave donations to The British Legion Poppy Appeal for brooches knitted by the Poppy Ladies. £114.00 has been sent to the Charity.

**Mary Hill**

**Closure of Luppitt Commons to Public Access.** Notification of Discretionary "28 Day" Restriction under the CROW Act 2000.

***Please note that the Commons (Hense Moor, Hartridge, Luppitt Common) are CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS on the following dates:***

**8th, 22nd December 2022**

**5th, 19th January 2023**

**1st February 2023**

These closures are to permit rough shooting to take place over these Commons. Further information about open access land can be found on the following Natural England website; [www.naturalengland.org.uk/openaccess](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/openaccess)

**Kate Jarman**

Trustee and Honorary Secretary, Luppitt Commons Trustees Committee

**Save Money & Help the Environment.** Michele's excellent article on dark skies is now available to re-read on the Luppitt Packet website. Reducing light pollution not only has a positive impact on wildlife but can reduce our electricity bills too! Visit [www.luppittpacket.co.uk](http://www.luppittpacket.co.uk)



Olive Clapp will not be sending Christmas cards this year, but wishes all her family and friends A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## THE BLACKDOWN PRACTICE opening times:

Hemyock:

Monday – Friday 8.00-18.30 (please note the dispensary is closed between 13.00-14.00). Saturday 9.00-12.00

Churchinford:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8.30-12.30 and 15.00-18.00. Wednesday and Friday 8.30-12.30 (closed in the afternoon on these days). Weekends - closed.

Dunkeswell Surgery:

Monday and Wednesday 8.30-12.30 and 15.00-18.00. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30-12.30 (closed in the afternoon on these days). Weekends - closed

Luppitt calendars are now available £7 each of which £3 goes to support Devon Air Ambulance. For sale at Friday market or ring Jacky on : 0743200930!

A black background advertisement for a Christmas quiz. It features several red Christmas jumpers with white patterns (trees, reindeer, snowflakes) scattered around the text. The text is in white and yellow. 

**PUT ON YOUR**  
Christmas Jumpers

**AND JOIN US FOR**

**UPOTTERY CRICKET CLUB'S  
CHRISTMAS QUIZ**

Friday 16th December 2022  
7:30 for 8pm  
Manor Rooms, Upottery

Tables of 6  
£7 per head  
Light supper and a bottle of wine for each table  
To book a table please contact Phil Joyce  
On 07835334549

Licensed bar  
available



Dunkeswell Mission Community  
Dunkeswell, Broadhembury, Luppitt, Sheldon  
Upottery and Plymtree



We warmly invite you to celebrate Christmas at St. Mary's. We kick off the Festive Season with Christingle in the Village Hall and the first performance this year by the Luppitt Community Christmas choir. Come along and construct your own Christingle. Refreshments provided after the service. Our traditional candlelit carol service will be held in the Church at 6:30pm on 18<sup>th</sup> Dec, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. For children of all ages we will hold our annual Crib service on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day you will be invited to vote for and sing your favourite carols before tucking in to your Christmas meal.

Should you wish to attend a Midnight service on Christmas Eve you can join the congregation at St. Mary the Virgin Upottery at 11:00pm or at St. Nicholas Dunkeswell at 11:30pm. A very Happy Christmas to one and all.

## December

4 Dec 3pm, Christingle (Village Hall), Revd Jane

11 Dec 11am, Holy Communion BCP, Revd Geoffrey Walsh

18 Dec 6:30pm, Carols by Candlelight, Revd Jane

24 Dec 4pm, Crib service, Lay led

25 Dec 11am, Festive Family Service, Lay Led

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to the Royal British Legion at the Remembrance service. With Gift Aid a total donation of £260 has been made.

## January

1 Jan 11am	Holy Communion BCP	Revd Peter Horder
8 Jan 11am	Morning Praise (Hall)	Lay Led
15 Jan 11am	Holy Communion	Revd Jane
22 Jan 11am	Morning Praise (Hal)	Lay Led

**Church opening times.** Our Church building is unlocked during daylight hours from Wednesday to Monday each week for contemplation and prayer.

Should you wish to hold an event in the Church please contact Sara on 891140.



## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 3PM SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL

WITH THE LUPPITT COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHOIR



## Christmas at St Mary's

**Sunday 4th December at 3pm**

Christingle Service in the Village Hall

**Sunday 18th December at 6:30pm**

Carols by Candlelight

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies

**Christmas Eve at 4:00pm**

Crib service for children of all ages

Children are invited to dress up

**Christmas Day at 11:00am**

Festive family service



## St Mary's Church Cleaning & Flower Rota



3 December 2022	Pat Bussey
10 December 2022	Mary Joyce & Pearl Pulman
17 December 2022	Mary Hill
	Christmas decorations – all
24 December 2022	Sue Piechowiak
31 December 2022	Jean Gardiner & Joy Tofts
7 January 2023	Pat Bussey, Mary Joyce & Pearl Pulman
14 January 2023	Mary Hill
21 January 2023	Sue Piechowiak
28 January 2023	Jean Gardiner & Joy Tofts

### **From Reverend Penn's Pen**

You must have heard it said - 'Christmas, it's for the kids, isn't it?' Yes, that's true. The magic and delight of Christmas is enjoyed by a child in a way impossible for an adult to experience. We did once. For myself, I can still recall my childhood Christmas experience – the sense of sheer, concentrated, magical bliss. Not much of it was to do with Jesus and the story of his birth, even though we were a church going family. It was more to do with Father Christmas, the prospect of a sack heaving with presents, family feasts and great films on TV.

Now, as an adult, I do not experience Christmas like this anymore. There is still magic, but the source of the magic has shifted from a portly, red-faced Christmas Eve visitor to the story of our Lord's birth. And this most definitely is a story for adults.

Think about it. This is an adult story if ever there was one. Mary conceives a child - a complicated and irregular teenage pregnancy. Her fiancé, very naturally, threatens her with divorce and social disgrace. Then they journey to Bethlehem because the over-bearing 'big-brother' State wants to count all of its citizen. At journey's end, in the full, bustling busy town of Bethlehem, there is no caring face to help out the young couple in need; the birth takes place in a stable, amidst squalor and mess. The Shepherds, dirty, despised workmen, shunned by the rest of society, are bizarrely given the news of Jesus' birth through a terrifying vision of angels. King Herod, fearing for his own throne and his hold on power, orders the slaughter of a whole generation of baby boys in the hope of 'eliminating' the baby Jesus. Mary, her young child, and Joseph are forced to flee to Egypt – they become, in effect, asylum seekers.

You see, this is a very modern, adult story, full of scandal, violence, shame, desperation and hardship. How, you might ask, can this very realistic and gritty story be a source of 'magical delight'? Because it tells us that this is how God works with us. If God was present once in scandal and shame and desperation, and found this a fitting way for his Son to be born, then we can be reassured that He will be present in the confusing mess of our own lives.

Wishing you all

A Merry Christmas

Jane



# SANCTUARY

This is about your village church building, and is relevant for each one of the six parishes in the Dunkeswell Mission Community

Here in this space, the deep things of life - birth, marriage, death - are marked and celebrated and accepted. It is a place of depth. But this space is also a place of 'Sanctuary' . . .

## REST

Here you are invited to find **Rest**. Think of this space as an oasis in a busy, tiring world. Bring the burdens that fill your heart and mind into this space and let go of them, one by one. We have a promise that Christ will take our burdens and refresh us. It is a promise made to us all.

## PEACE

Here you are invited to find **Peace**. Think of this space as the absence of division, bitterness and turmoil. Leave behind all that divides you – from others, from yourself, from GOD – and rediscover here a place of deep peace in you heart. We are told that the Peace of GOD passes our understanding. Let this sacred Peace flow into you.

## STILLNESS

Here you are invited to find **Stillness**. Think of this space where the turmoil and activity and frenetic pace of a desperate world can be left behind. In the stillness and calm you can recover the deep truth about who you are. Just be still, and in your stillness you may experience the presence of the One who is GOD.



Dunkeswell Mission Community  
Dunkeswell, Broadhembury, Luppitt, Sheldon  
Upottery and Plymtree

## UKRAINE CONCERT SMASHES TARGET

When Roger Hicks and David Kalisch first conceived the idea of a concert to raise money for the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal, they had in mind a target of raising £3000. As ticket sales soared past the projected Hall capacity of 120, it looked like that target would be exceeded. And still the phone calls and emails came in, hoping for last minute tickets.

The Hall's Entertainments Committee rose to the challenge and on the night, over 140 people were seated in the beautifully decorated main Hall, creating a buzz of excitement and expectation as the 7pm 'curtains up' deadline approached. Behind the scenes the performers were making their last minute preparations, and at front of house the Virginia's Vintage Hire team began distributing shot glasses of Ukrainian Vodka in preparation for the opening Toast to Ukraine. 'Slava Ukraini' was the call from the stage steps as David Kalisch raised his glass and proposed the toast. 'Heroyam Slava!' responded the audience, downing the ice cold vodka or 'horilka' as the Ukrainians call it.

Ukrainian mezzo-soprano Iryna Ilnytska's opening performance of two poignant Ukrainian folk songs, beautifully delivered in her crystal clear voice, set the scene for a high quality first half of performances by our local artists, all of whom earned

enthusiastic applause from the audience.

The tempo changed dramatically at the start of the second half, as The Walnuts entered from the back of the hall, led by Fergus Muirhead, the sound of his bagpipes filling the room, with fellow band members following, clapping along to the rhythm of the music. Everyone in the audience joined in, clapping their hands, tapping their feet, and that's how it carried on through the whole of the second half. The Walnuts rocked the Hall with their music brilliantly played on pipes, fiddles, guitars and drums and the audience were out of their seats and dancing in the aisles.

So the initial target of £3000 went out of the window. We raised a staggering £5,800 for the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal, and the overall target now is £7000. The Just Giving page is still open, should anyone want to make a donation -[David Kalisch is fundraising for The British Red Cross Society \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/ukraine-appeal).

You can see more pictures from the concert on [www.luppittpacket.co.uk](http://www.luppittpacket.co.uk)





*Blue Sky & guests*



*John O'sullivan*



*Iryna Ilnytska*



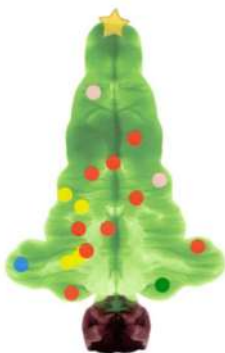
*Becky  
Cottrell-Jury*



*The Walnuts*

# LUPPITT JUNIOR ARTISTS

## CHRISTMAS COVER ENTRIES







THE LUPPITT PLAYERS  
PRESENT



# Robin Hood

## A Pantomime

By Bob Heather & Cheryl Barrett

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
Luppitt Village Hall at 7:30pm

TICKETS FROM:

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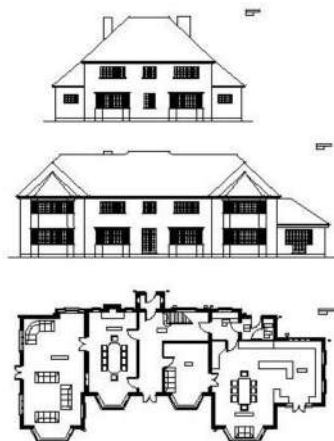
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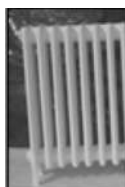
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# LUPPITT VILLAGE HALL

Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 27th October 2022 at 7.30pm

The Chairman welcomed all those present – 14 people in all.

Apologies – Mr John Thorne & Mrs Vicki Evans

Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 28th October 2021 at 7.30pm were circulated, discussed, and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters Arising

Constitution. This matter is on-going

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer reported that it had been a good year with revenue comparable to 2019 (£12,000.00). The electricity bill came to £4251.00 and is likely to rise considerably, although the implication of the government's grant scheme is still unclear. Several expenses are afoot including new fire doors, the grass cutting bill, tarmac on the tennis court, & a projector screen.

Fund raising came to over £5000.00.

Adoption of the Accounts. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mr Bernard Clapp and seconded by Mrs Pat Bussey.

Chairman's Report. The Chairman reported that there had been good turnouts at most events, with successful Platinum Jubilee events and a well-attended Flower Show and Fete. Mrs Jean Hooper is retiring from the committee after many years as is Mrs Pat Bussey and he thanked them for all their work. He also thanked the Secretary for all her work.

Entertainments Sub- Committee –Chairman's Report. Thanks to an enthusiastic committee there were numerous fund-raising events during the year including a Quiz, Christmas Party, New Year's Eve Party, Sunday Stroll, Bingo, St Georges Day Event, Pub Games Night, Platinum Jubilee Picnic, Flower Show & Fete, and End of Summer Bash.

Election of Committee for 2022/23. Elected by their organisations:

Parish Council	Mr Martin Summers
Parochial Church Council	Mrs Pearl Pulman
Commoners	Mr Bernard Clapp
Bell Ringers	Mr John Thorne
Cricket Club	Mr S Berry

Election of more people from the floor

Mrs Tracey Rosewell, proposed by Mr Stephen Smith and seconded by Mrs Lucy Murray

Mr Stephen Smith, proposed by Mrs Lucy Murray and seconded by Mrs Pat Bussey

Mrs Lucy Murray, proposed by Mr Phil Smith and seconded by Mrs Tracey Rosewell

Mr Phil Smith, proposed by Mrs Pat Bussey and seconded by Mrs Pearl Pulman  
All unanimously elected.

Appointment of Auditor 2022/23. Batchelor & Co was proposed by Mrs Pearl Pulman & seconded by Mrs Lucy Murray

Any Other Business. Mr John Thorne raised the idea of the Hall becoming a Community Hall; this will be discussed at a later date.

Internet Connection. A number of parishioners are in favour of a broadband installation in the Hall. There followed a discussion including members of the public. Some committee members queried the need for it and the cost. Advantages include access for those who do not have IT, an ability to use a card machine at events, the opportunity to provide training for inexperienced users, and as an added attraction to the venue for meetings. Mrs Rosewell had been in touch with Gigaclear who may provide a free connection for one year in return for the use of the Hall on four occasions if required - to be investigated further.

**Date of the next AGM – Thursday 26th October 2023 at 7.30pm.**

A full version of the accounts is available on request

At a meeting immediately after the AGM Mr Stephen Smith was elected as Chairperson, Mrs Tracey Rosewell as Vice Chairperson, Mr Steve Berry as Treasurer, Mrs Mary Hill as Secretary, Mrs Lucy Murray as Assistant Secretary, Mrs Jean Hooper as Booking Secretary.

Mr Phil Smith, Mr Stephen Smith, Mrs Tracey Rosewell, and Mr Steve Berry will remain as Management Committee representatives on the Entertainments Sub-Committee.

The effects of a new electricity contract were discussed, and although there is likely to be some Government help the current year's bill is predicted to be in the region of £11,000.00.

The Management Hall Committee respectfully asks hall hirers to bear this in mind before turning on appliances and lights, which are not really needed.

**THE COMMITTEE URGENTLY NEEDS MORE MEMBERS. PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.**

## **CLERK'S REPORT OF A MEETING OF LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LUPPITT VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 8 PM**

Present:, Cllrs Michele Turner (Vice-Chair), Beth Hooper, Paul Prettejohn, Christine Ryder, Martin Summers, Andrew Tucker, Colin Brown (EDDC), Iain Chubb (DCC), Roger Hicks (Chair of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group), Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public

Receive apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllrs John Thorne, Beth Hooper, Christine Ryder.

Minutes of previous meeting. The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 4 October 2022, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record (proposed by Cllr Tucker and seconded by Cllr Summers).

Declaration of Interest. There were no declarations of interest.

## PLANNING

Applications (for comment, support or objection)

22/1930/FUL – Ford Farm, Luppitt, EX14 4TR – Installation of 18-20 solar panels on removable mountings in adjacent field

This planning application has been withdrawn.

22/2234/UL – Mathayes, Luppitt, EX14 4SA – change of use from domestic Granny Annexe to holiday let accommodation adjacent existing dwelling house

This planning application was discussed in detail with reference to Luppitt's emerging Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council raises no objection to the change of use in this instance.

22/1690/FUL – Pound Cottage, Beacon, EX14 4TT – revised plans – existing garage to remain as existing.

Signage at Whippens

The Parish Council appreciates the action taken by the resident of Whippens to erect a sign to the glamping site via Spurtham Lane.

## Decisions

22/1331/FUL – Primrose Cottage, Upottery, EX14 9QE – construction of single storey extension – approval.

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

## Neighbourhood Plan

Luppitt's Neighbourhood Plan was approved and formally accepted at EDDC's Cabinet meeting on 5 October. EDDC has advised that the referendum date will be Thursday, 24 November 2022. An information sheet, signed by John Thorne, Parish Council Chair, and Roger Hicks, Steering Group Chair, has been sent to every property in the parish. It was recognised that it has been a long process to reach this point and it was important to encourage all residents to take the opportunity to vote. The referendum is organised by EDDC who will be sending voting information to every resident on the electoral roll.

The member of public would have preferred a referendum date in the new year and felt that the thrust of the Neighbourhood Plan was against farming. It was explained that EDDC organises the referendum and decides on the date of the referendum. The intention of the Neighbourhood Plan is to protect as much as possible the tranquillity and existing character of Luppitt. It will provide a useful document for the Parish Council to refer to when considering future planning applications. The member of public had prepared a list of questions for consultation but it was explained that the Neighbourhood Plan has been through rigorous examination by EDDC and an independent examiner and is now in its final form.



Open sessions will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 9 November, between 7 and 9 pm and on Saturday, 19 November, between 10 am and 12 noon, when members of the public can attend to ask questions.

The meeting then resumed.

## HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

Parish Highways programme - update on Items to Report

It was agreed that there was little point in reporting potholes at the moment as there is so much water lying around. Items will continue to be reviewed at each Parish Council meeting. List will be attached to the Minutes.

The clerk of a neighbouring parish had written to see if local parishes would be interested in joining together for a meeting with Highways to discuss the standard of road repairs. The clerk had replied that Luppitt would be interested in attending such a meeting. Cllr Tucker understood from another local Parish Council that Highways are reducing the amount of work undertaken because of budget constraints.

Parish Maintenance

Grit Bins. Parish Councillors will pass on to the clerk details of any grit bin that needs filling so that she can advise Highways.

Sign by Ford Bridge. Cllr Tucker pointed out that there is a sign at Monkton indicating that the road from the main A30 towards Ford Bridge is unsuitable for HGV lorries. The clerk will speak to the resident who raised the matter.

## FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

The clerk will contact Footpath Wardens to confirm that they are willing to continue monitoring the footpaths.

Waymarker Posts

The resident at Hillend is waiting for a new waymarker post. Cllr Tucker reported that a waymarker post was down on Footpath 14 below Penn. Cllr Tucker undertook to replace it with a new waymarker post.

## ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Gate for Village Hall. The Locality budget has been reinstated so the clerk will apply again for funding towards the cost of a gate by the play area.

Sign for Play Area. The clerk handed over a sign for the play area to Cllr Summers who has undertaken to install it.

Defibrillator at Beacon. The defibrillator at Beacon needs a new battery. The clerk was given authorisation to pay the invoice when it arrives.

**Telephone Kiosk scheme.** Cllr Turner passed on further information. The cost of painting the kiosk is £127 plus VAT. The cost of replacing the door or a side panel would be £1,000 per repair. Cllr Turner believes it would be the Parish Council's responsibility if it were decided to move the kiosk from its current position but will confirm at the next meeting. There have been a number of successful transformations where kiosks have been adapted and used as a book lending place, to house a defibrillator, for a plant exchange, etc. Cllrs Pulman and Summers undertook to have a look at the condition of the kiosk to see whether there is any merit in pursuing this further.

**Free Trees Project.** Delivery is due on 3 November. One volunteer has offered to help Cllr Tucker with the planting. The clerk will put a message on the Luppitt What's App group.

#### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

##### **S137 payments (donations) for 2023/24**

The following S137 payments were agreed: TRIP £55.00; Royal British Legion £20.00; Devon Air Ambulance £100; Devon Freewheelers £100; Citizens Advice Bureau £55.00; British Heart Foundation £50.00.

##### **Half-yearly performance figures**

After discussion, it was agreed it was not necessary for the clerk to produce these figures as they are contained in the Projected Budget produced next month.

##### **Quarterly check – internal financial control**

In Cllr Ryder's absence this item will be carried forward to next month.

##### **Meeting Dates 2023**

It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month.

##### **Parish Council Elections**

The clerk advised that Parish Council elections take place every four years and these will be held in May 2023.

##### **Correspondence**

The internal auditor had written to thank the Parish Council for the voucher. An email giving details of the local library's facilities that may be used during the winter months to combat the cost of living crisis and rising energy costs was noted.

An email about Devon Community Resilience Forum was noted. The clerk advised that an Emergency Plan for Luppitt had been drawn up many years ago but had not been kept up to date. The clerk undertook to read through the current plan and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

##### **CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION**

Cllr Summers advised that there are ongoing discussions about providing Broadband in the Village Hall.

A resident had reported to the clerk that the sign to Otter Brewery is obscured with vegetation and a lorry had ended up taking a wrong turn. The clerk will follow up.

##### **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

**Date for next meeting to be held in Luppitt Village Hall at 8 pm: Tuesday, 6 December 2022.**

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### Surgeries

Blackdown Dunkeswell 01823 681720

Honiton Medical Centre 01404 548544

Honiton Minor Injuries Unit 01404 540540

### Devon Air Ambulance

01392 466666

### East Devon District Council

01404 515616

### TRIP (community transport)

01404 46529

### Citizens Advice Bureau

0344 411 1444

### Location of defibrillators

Village Hall EX14 4RT

Lowmans Farm, EX14 4TX (near Red Doors)



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