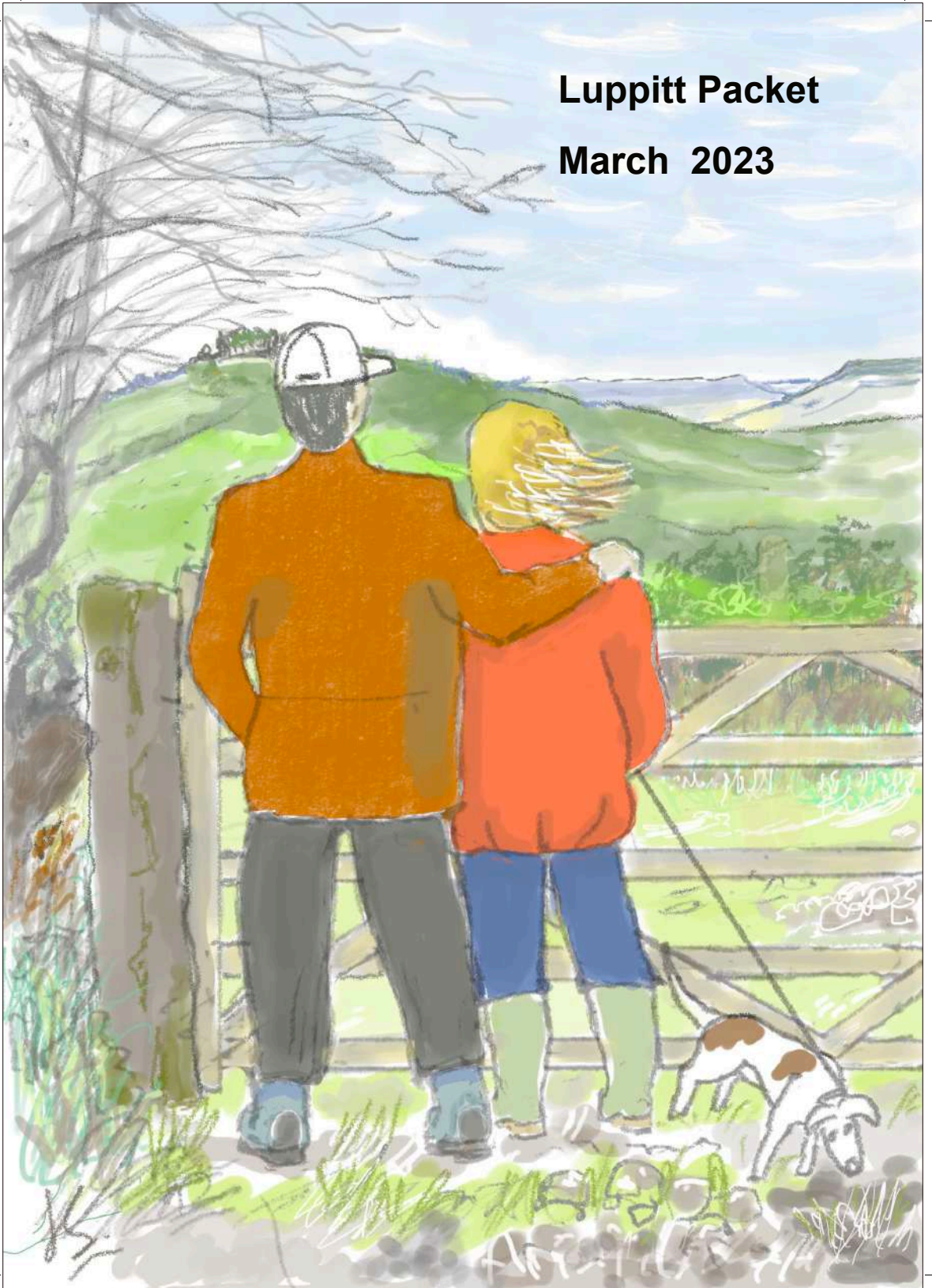



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March 2023





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# THE LUPPITT PACKET

Glorious sunrises over the last few days, and some spectacular sunsets too. Full moon rise on the 7<sup>th</sup>, the “Ides” of March refers to the the first full moon, and there’s more on March inside the Packet.

Thank you for your support and contributions to this edition, and if you would like to contribute to future editions, please contact us at [editors@luppittpacket.co.uk](mailto:editors@luppittpacket.co.uk)

This months wonderful cover Art submitted by Julia Sparks. Which gate is that?

*Trevor, Martin & Luppitt packet team*

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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

### March

Wed 1	Mobile Library Mountstephens 10:45am -11:05am
Wed 1	Being part of the community, Barnfield, 6pm - 8pm
Tues. 7	Luppitt Parish Council meeting 8:00pm. Luppitt Village Hall.
Friday 10	Hub Pub Games Night
Friday 31	Easter Bingo

### April

Tues 4	The Annual Parish Meeting. Luppitt Village Hall, 7 pm
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### 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 <sup>th</sup> Coffee / Market	11am until 1pm

### Luppitt Entertainments Committee Events

**Coming up:** Please note: some dates have changed from those previously published due to the change of dates for the Pantomime.

#### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Skittles Night**

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

#### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Pudding Tasting Night**

Enjoy tasting six different puddings and vote for your favourite!

**Save these dates for future events:**

#### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Coronation Tea**

#### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Family Footpath Fun**

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

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

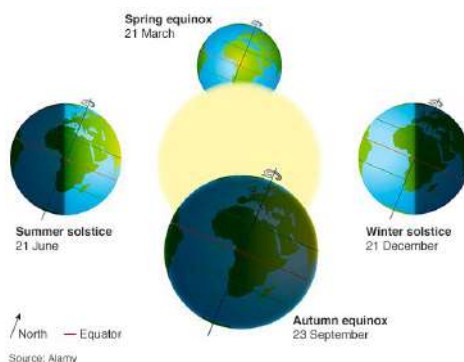


## MARVEL AT MARCH

March or Martius was the first month of the ancient Roman Year until possibly as late as 153BC after that time it was the third month. It was named after the deity Mars, who was regarded as an ancestor of the Roman people through his sons Romulus and Remus. Mars was the protector of farming and fishing which began about that time of year, and protector of the state. At that time wars began in March and generally ceased in October. Words such as marching and marshal have developed from this.

In the Northern Hemisphere the meteorological start of spring is the first of March. The March equinox on the 20th or 21st marks the astronomical beginning of spring in the Northern Hemisphere and the beginning of autumn in the Southern Hemisphere.

Today there are many observances held throughout the world on virtually each day of the month. Saint David's Day (1st March), World Book Day (5th March), St Patrick's Day (17th March), Lady Day (25th March, when farmers pay their half yearly rent), International Women's Day (8th March) spring to mind, but there are more obscure ones in other countries – 3rd March



Grandmothers Day in France (bring it on), and National Banana Crème Pie Day in the USA on 2nd March!

Legend has it that St David's mother St Non gave birth to him in a fierce storm on a Pembrokeshire clifftop. The spot is marked by the ruins of Non's Chapel, and a nearby holy well is said to have healing powers. He led an active life as a teacher and preacher, supposedly making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and founding monasteries in Brittany, the West Country, Wales, and in particular St Davids Cathedral, where he is buried. St David's Day marks his death in 589 AD.

Traditional festivities include wearing daffodils symbolising Wales and leeks symbolising St David, who told soldiers to wear leeks in their helmets so they could better spot each other when in

battle against the Saxons. Welsh specialities such as Welsh rarebit, Welsh cakes, bara brith, cawl (a soup containing potatoes, swedes, carrots, leek and lamb or beef) and Welsh lamb are eaten. Women can be seen wearing the traditional Welsh costume in parades around the principality, children take part in eisteddfodau with recitation and singing and the Welsh National Anthem is sung with gusto.

St David's flag, which is black with a golden cross is often paraded, but it is the green and white banner with the red dragon which is the official flag of Wales. Henry Tudor, 2nd Earl of Richmond, who was born in Pembroke Castle became King Henry VII of England after his victory over Richard

III at The Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485 to end the War of the Roses, and it was his green and white flag that became a rallying point for Welsh patriotism and Henry Tudor included the Welsh Dragon in his coat of arms. The red dragon was first used as by Cadwaladr, King of Gwynedd from around 655AD symbolising the red dragon of Celtic Britons in opposition to the white dragon of the Saxons. The Welsh flag was never featured in the Union Jack of 1606, but in 1959 Queen Elizabeth II declared that only the red dragon on a green and white flag should be flown on government buildings in Wales.

Mary Hill

# **Hub Pub Games Night**

**at Luppitt Village Hall**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March from 7:30pm**

**Darts, Pool, Skittles, Beer Pong and more!**

**Play as individuals or teams**

## GARDEN JOTTINGS

There's a couple of rosemary shrubs on the lane wall past our house. It's a dry sunny wall with soil in it, just right for mediterranean aromatics like rosemary with its narrow tough water retaining leaves, full of flavour for cooking with various roast meats. Lavender's another aromatic that grows well there. But I don't think lavender is used in cookery. It just makes a pungent oil.

Many plants from dry warm places are used to flavour food - thyme, oregano, basil, sage. Most plants however can be used for this, whatever climate regime they naturally grow in. Curries for instance are made from a wide range of herbs

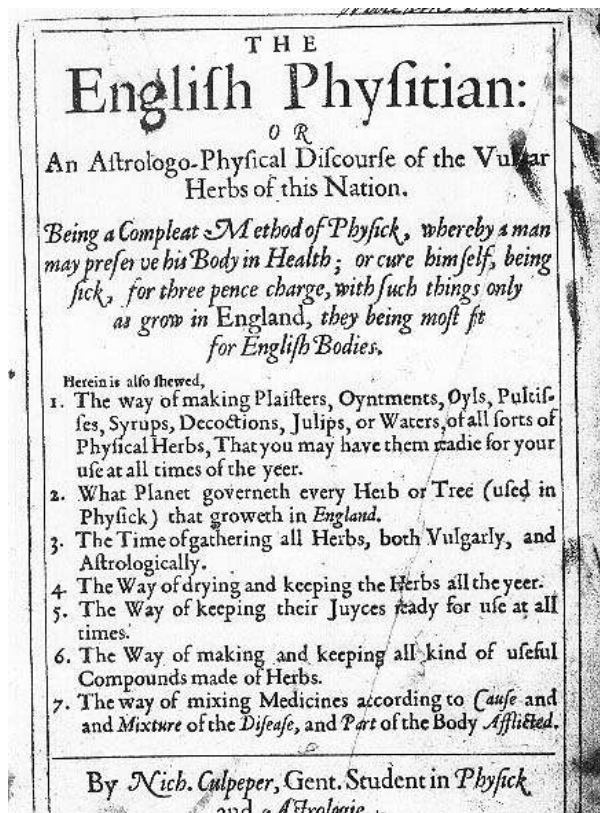
and spices - ginger, turmeric, coriander, cumin, fenugreek and of course peppers.

Plants or herbs have also been used for centuries to make cures and medicines. The seventeenth century herbalist Culpepper gives detailed recipes for making cures from herbs for many ailments. Quite a few of these medicinal plants are poisonous unless taken in very small amounts. Another seventeenth century herbalist Gerrard tells how three children died from eating deadly nightshade berries. Other herbs said to be poisonous include rue, foxgloves, celandine and lily of the valley. The curative and culinary properties of most plants far outweigh the dangers of a few.

Lavender and rosemary do

very well on our lane wall. They need only occasional watering in dry spells. There are also yellow, orange and red rock roses there. They don't mind being kept dry. And there is pink valerian. It doesn't look as drought resistant as it is. I remember seeing it in flower on a garden wall in Torquay where my mother lived for forty years. It's pink fluffy seed heads are spreading along the lane verge. It seems quite happy with no attention.

David Street



# Puzzle Page

## Dress Sense

Three ladies have been shopping.  
Each buys a new top, skirt and a pair of shoes.  
Between them they have bought a black top, a pink top and a white top.  
One skirt is black, one pink and one is white.  
Similarly there is a pair of black shoes, a pair of pink shoes and a pair of white shoes.

Each lady has bought a black item, a white item and a pink item.  
Carrie has bought a black top.  
Celia has bought the white shoes.  
Charlotte would have liked the black top, but Carrie had got there first and there were none left in stock.

Can you decide what each lady purchased?

Submitted by Jacky Omalley

Name	Top	Skirt	Shoes

### Last months answer:

Five to seven. The actual time is five past five o'clock.



## WHAT'S IN A NAME...AND OTHER MUSINGS.

I was in Sidmouth the other day and in passing a residential street I just happened to notice its name - Livonia Road.



Livonia Road: my thoughts began to wander. Road and street names sometimes recall a significant event or a feature of the landscape, such as Air Balloon Road, Windmill Hill, Gas Ferry Lane and so on. These are genuine names, but these features or events may be long gone or forgotten, or perhaps like many Station Roads may just be defunct.

Furnace Lane or Road has often piqued my interest and resulted in my searching on maps or on the ground for any signs or relics. Sadly, these usually produce no results.

But Livonia Road? Livonia is a region in the Baltic. Perhaps the road was just named after it. Or maybe there was a ship so named? At the beginning of the 20th century there were ocean passenger ships named after regions that you would not find in a modern political world atlas. Carpathia and

Lusitania come to mind; both ships of the Cunard Line which achieved fame. Carpathia rescued survivors of the Titanic, and Lusitania was torpedoed off Ireland by a U-boat with the loss of some 1200 lives, which probably hastened the entry of the United States into World War I.

I did a brief search but could find no trace of a ship called Livonia, so our Sidmouth road was possibly just named after that Baltic region. It is the area now called Estonia and Latvia. At one time the area mostly belonged to the Teutonic Knights, who had been thrown out of the Holy Land and were looking for somewhere else to Crusade. Subsequently, over the next 600 or 700 years Livonia was fought over by various neighbours including Sweden, Poland and Lithuania and most recently by Russia (again) at the beginning of WWII. Possibly this most recent invasion is the reason for the name, but this is merely a guess on my part.

Other places in Sidmouth have interesting names. One is Sidimuda Road. Sidimuda is an Old English name for Sidmouth. The second letter D is not really a D but an Old English letter called eth. This is written like D but with a cross through the vertical stroke, and is pronounced the. So Sidimuda is properly Sidimutha. (This letter is used in modern Icelandic).

A further historical connection was the old bridge across the river mouth. This Victorian structure was named Alma Bridge. This commemorated the first battle of the Crimean War between the British allies and the Russians. In recent years the bridge became old

and unsteady. (I know the feeling). Following the demolition of the bridge, the replacement is much grander, but a tiny part of the old structure has been preserved.



In Exeter one of the more interesting names is Waterbeer Street. This is nothing to do with the nearby pub diluting the ale. It refers to the area being used by the sellers of water from skins or jugs, and hence gave the original name Waterbearer Street.

At the top of Waterbeer Street there is a preserved section of the Roman street. It is immediately adjacent to the pedestrian ramp to Marks and Spencer. You could step off the Roman street straight on to the M&S paving. (Or you could if someone

hadn't built a little wall to stop you doing just that.)

At this point, in my mind, I entered a little time-warp. I pictured a couple of off duty legionaries from the nearby barracks of the Legio II Augusta wandering by. As it was a bit nippy, they decided to go up the ramp to M&S for some nice warm pants and socks. After all, short skirts and sandals can be very chilly at certain times, and of course only cissy barbarians wear trousers.

Quite close nearby is Parliament Street. The name is a mystery, but its fame comes not from the name but from the size. Hardly a street, it is just a passage between buildings. At its narrowest it is only 625mm wide (25"), the narrowest street in England (Europe, the world, depending on who you believe).

We have come a long way from Livonia to Parliament Street. Perhaps you, like me, may be inspired to wonder in future about the origins of names that you come across...

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## LEEK, POTATO AND ROCKET SOUP

Leek and Potato soup is always a favourite; this recipe is just a bit different for a change.

### Ingredients

- 2 bunches of rocket (100g)
- 8 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, diced.
- 1 large leek, sliced
- Salt and pepper
- 2 potatoes (500g), diced
- 1 bay leaf
- 1.2 litres of good stock

### Method:

1. Pick over the rocket and discard rough stems. Chop roughly.
2. In a large saucepan gently fry the onion and leek in 4 tbsp of oil until soft and transparent. Add the potato and fry until the cubes glisten.
3. Add the stock and bay leaf, half the rocket and the stock. Simmer for 25 minutes. Remove the bay leaf. Sieve if desired. Season well.
4. Meanwhile blitz the rocket and the rest of the oil in a blender.
5. Add to the soup and heat through for 2 minutes, no more.
6. Serve with crusty bread.
7. You can add a swirl of cream for a touch of luxury,



### THE BLACKDOWN HILLS REPAIR CAFE

Our Next Event is on Saturday the 25th March at the Hemyock Parish Hall  
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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 café

(We are now able to take on extra, larger and more extended repairs due to us  
now also having a Workshop facility)

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

Stephan-Coordinator of Blackdown Hills Repair Cafe

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 07715460783, or at  
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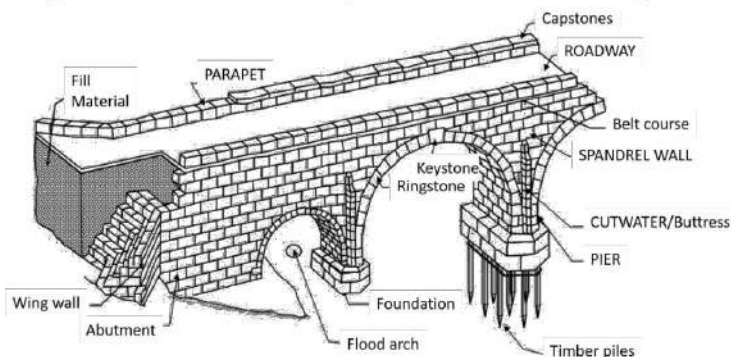




## FORD BRIDGE

Road bridge over the River Otter. Early - mid C19. Local stone and flint rubble; limestone ashlar to the cutwaters and abutments, brick voussoirs and vaults. 2-span bridge with low segmental arches springing from low vertical abutments.

The central cutwaters have round ends and are low, stepping back to the bridge walls which rise to the parapet uninterrupted by any stringcourse. The parapet has C20 concrete rounded coping. No terminal piers.



## In a spot? Talk to Auntie Dot!

*Luppitt's Dottiest advice column...*

Dear Auntie Dot,

I recently went to the Luppitt pantomime of Robin Hood and just loved it! It was such fun and I would adore to be a part of something of the like in the future. I just can't think of anything but getting involved by donning a skirt and ladies lingerie like the best of them. Do you have any ideas? Maybe the director's phone number? Or perhaps a good therapist?

Dear Reader,

Firstly, what a roaring success the outstanding Luppitteers put on for us! Such fun, indeed. Secondly, I think it is a wonderful idea to get into the theatrical spirit. Now, while I believe that there is only a Luppitt Panto every other year, there is nothing stopping you from creating your own opportunities. Why not pop into St Mary's this Sunday, pick out your favourite hymns and take them door to door with some impromptu crooning? I'm sure your neighbours would love some off the cuff serenading early in the morning. (Dress to your level of comfort, of course.) You could even branch out to some of the songs included in the Panto! If in doubt "dumdadum" to the Archers Theme like billy-oh.

Dear Auntie Dot,

Last year, to celebrate St Patrick's day I dressed my other half up like a leprechaun and told him to hide in a pot of gold until I found him. To cut a long story short, he hid a little too well and I didn't find him until three months later when I discovered him under a large pile of silage that the cows had grown particularly fond of. I wanted to celebrate in a similar way this year but the hubby has reservations, how do I convince him that I'll find him sooner this time and he doesn't need to worry about large tufts of hair being pulled out by our bovine friends?

Dear Reader,

Please, for the love of Paddy himself, do not send your poor husband out to hide in a pile of silage for three months. If you are so hell bent on this little jaunt becoming a yearly tradition I do have some advice though. Fluorescent green paint. It keeps the Irish theme going strong whilst also ensuring you find your partner before the cows accept him as one of their own. Failing that, a snorkel might be your best course of action so he may still access the air under that rotting hay.

Dear Auntie Dot,

I know the Pudding's Night is fast approaching so I told my husband I'd love to be in the pudding club and he's offered to help me. Sadly, I don't think our first attempts have gone well. So far I've only made one cake but I've gained 10lbs in weight. What can we have done wrong?

Dear Reader,

I think you and your hubby may be slightly confused as to what Pudding Night actually is. While being in the club is a well documented phenomenon, this event takes on a more literal meaning. Think more Mary Berry than "bun in oven." Though what you do in your own time is, of course, your own business...



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*Saturday 18th or Friday 24th March*  
*10.00am-12.00pm*  
*£40*



Join Jacalyn Arscott at the Sidmouth  
Arms to make a spring wreath.  
Hot drink included.

Workshop vouchers also available. Excellent Mothering Sunday gift.  
Contact Jacalyn on 07540 971953 to book your place.



## NEWS FROM UPOTTERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

We've had a busy spring term so far and the children have been working incredibly hard.

We were pleased to welcome in February Mr Brad Murray who is the Education Adviser from Devon County Council. Mr Murray spent the day with us talking to the children, observing lessons and spending time with all the staff here at Upottery Primary School. The behaviour of the children and their attitude to learning was lovely. They are a credit to Upottery.

We have also been very lucky to have Exeter Cathedral musical director visit us and work with Key Stage 2 children, in preparation for their concert at the Cathedral in March, the sessions so far have been very enjoyable. We are all looking forward to performing on Saturday 11th March in the Cathedral.

Performers from Theatre Alibi delighted the children with a surprise performance of 'The Parcel' in the week before half term. The play was about friendships, discovering what makes you happy and travelling to different places. The children would



like to thank the PTFA for funding this event which was enjoyed by the whole school.

In sport the children have represented school in a tag rugby tournament, girl's futsal, and indoor athletics. We are also excited because this week we have a cricket coach coming for the day to work with all age groups.



Finally, on the last Thursday before half term we also held the PTFA School Disco. The children loved dancing and singing, being with their friends and having 'tattoos' – again a huge thank you to the PTFA. And well done to all the children, parents, carers, PTFA and staff who raised a fantastic amount at the disco to aid the Turkey, Syria Earthquake fund. Total Raised: £257.45



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# 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!





## **BULLETIN BOARD**

St Marys Church: The PCC are looking for volunteers to open and close the church on a daily basis, and for a Treasurer. If anybody would like to visit the church, Please contact either Phil Smith on 07984 735663 to arrange for the key or contact Pearl who also has a key on 01404 891325.

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](mailto:editors@luppittpacket.co.uk)

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

## **SWALING OR BURNING OF THE LUPPITT COMMONS 2023**

**The Trustees of Luppitt Commons hereby give notice of their intent (weather permitting) to burn parts of the Commons (Luppitt, Hartridge, Hense Moor) during the months of January, February and March 2023.**

**The Commons will be burnt in accordance with the code of practice laid down by DEFRA for the burning of heather, grass, gorse and vaccinium.**

**Kate Jarman, Luppitt Commons Trustees Committee.**

## 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. 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](mailto:luppittclerk@yahoo.co.uk).

### **2023 GRAZING OF LUPPITT COMMONS ROUGH SPOTS**

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

**It is expected that these will be available from:**

**March 2023 until 31 October 2023 for improved grassland**

**March 2023 until 1 December 2023 for unimproved grassland**

**These dates are subject to ground conditions being suitable**

**For the grazing of rough spots on Hensemoor to the standards required as part of our Higher Tier Stewardship agreement, will attract payments of £30 per head of cattle.**

**Please apply in writing to the Secretary of the Trustees Committee**

**Kate Jarman  
Overday Farm  
Luppitt  
EX14 4RZ**

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS – End March 2023**

# St Mary's Church, Luppitt



## March Services

Sunday 5 March Lent 2	Broadhembury	11:00 am	Morning Praise	Rev. Jane Penn
	Dunkeswell	11:00 am	Baptism	Rev. Peter Horder
	<b>Luppitt</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Rev. Geoffrey Walsh</b>
	Plymtree	09:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Jane Penn
	Sheldon	09:30 am	Family Service	Lay Led
	Upottery	11:00 am	Morning Worship	Lay led
Sunday 12 March Lent 3	Dunkeswell	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Ven. Andrew Beane
	<b>Luppitt</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>	<b>Mr John White</b>
	Plymtree	11:00 am	Café Church	Lay Led
	Sheldon	9:30 am	Morning Worship	Lay Led
	Upottery	11:00 am	Holy Communion with Baptism	Ven. Andrew Beane
Sunday 19 March Mothering Sunday	Dunkeswell	10:30 am	Songs & Praise (Hall)	Lay Led
	<b>Luppitt</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Rev. Jane Penn</b>
	Plymtree	11:00 am	Morning Worship	Lay Led
	Sheldon	09:30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Jane Penn
	Upottery	11:00 am	All Age Worship	Lay Led
Sunday 26 March Lent 5	Broadhembury	11:00 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Jane Penn
	Dunkeswell	11:00 am	Morning Worship	Lay Led
	<b>Luppitt</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Café Church (Village Hall)</b>	<b>Ven. Andrew Beane</b>
	Plymtree	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Jane Penn
	Sheldon	9:30 am	Holy Communion	Ven. Andrew Beane
	Upottery	11:00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Ian Gibson



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

## From Rev Penn's pen

The following piece written some years ago by a colleague. I think it is still relevant today. Rev. Jane

We are living, I am reliably informed, in the time of change, processes and programmed options. The Church must follow suit.

Unfortunately for me over at this end of the future I need to have a yardstick by which to measure living the life of faith, and that yardstick was measured out over a thousand years ago by Scripture and the writings of the Church fathers. A reliable liturgy was fashioned at that time. The Book of Common Prayer echoed still some of that reliability, but only some. What followed sometimes did not.

Today, contemporary times, is a curious concept in that today is history 24 hours later. No church will survive over the millennia, as it has done to date (well, until 50 years ago) by attempting to pander to what people like to have, but rather by revealing the ever present God in Christ Jesus. It is not always politically correct, it is not multi-ethnically safe always, but always our aim is to present the loving face of the Christian vision of God to people of all nations and all cultures.

We cannot guarantee success today but we can hope to continue presenting Jesus as clearly as we can to strangers. Sometimes though they will have to learn the language of our faith – we cannot always reliably express the same things in their language in the Christian way. So we have to be inviting and welcoming and not exclusive or excluding, socially or culturally, yet unafraid of inviting everyone to an understanding of shared values transcending other philosophies.

It is in that spirit of prayer, study and spiritual direction that we can go forward with God's blessing.

*Fr Hamilton at St Mary's, Eve of Thomas, Apostle, 2007*

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### **Luppitt: Electoral Roll Revision**

If you would like to join the Church Electoral roll so that you can vote for members of the PCC that run the Church, or join the PCC yourself, please contact Winter Newlands on 07903 032890 or scan the code for more information and to complete an application form. Should you wish to be removed from the Electoral Roll please let Winter know.



### **Dunkeswell: Soupa Tuesday**



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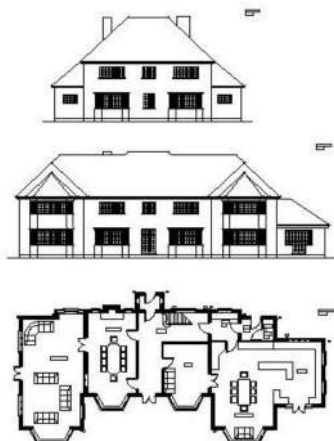
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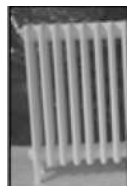


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# **CLERK'S REPORT OF A MEETING OF LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT**

## **LUPPITT VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2023, AT 8 PM**

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

### **Receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Beth Hooper, David Key and Colin Brown (EDDC) and Iain Chubb (DCC)

### **Minutes of previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 10 January 2023, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record (proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Prettejohn).

### **Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **PLANNING**

### **Applications (for comment, support or objection)**

None.

### **Decisions**

Decision is still awaited on 22/0960/FUL Higher Wick – conversion of agricultural building into detached dwelling and garage; conversion of agricultural building into 3 holiday units, etc.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

EDDC's decision notice to confirm that Luppitt's Neighbourhood Plan is now 'made' has been posted on the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan websites. Hard copies have been placed on the notice boards at the Village Hall and Beacon.

The clerk has written to the Neighbourhood Planning officer at East Devon to establish what information has to remain on the website and for how long.

The Parish Council has purchased a tablet, keyboard, mouse and gift voucher for Roger Hicks, Chair of the Steering Group, as a token of appreciation for all the work he has put in.

## **HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

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

The pothole at Jack's House, reported after the last meeting, has been repaired.

Cllr Tucker reported that there is considerable road deterioration on the crossroads at Ringborough Cross and several potholes between Ringborough Cross and Coombeshead. The clerk will report these to Highways.

### **Parish Maintenance**

#### **Lengthsman's Work**

Cllr Tucker has made a start on clearing the ditches and drains and has spent approximately one day so far on the work.

#### **Pothole Repair**

The clerk has received notification from Highways that it is accepting orders for pothole repair material.

#### **Culvert at Wrens**

The culvert at Wrens needs to be cleared out as water is running over the road. The clerk will write to the owners to see if they are able to carry out the work or, if they are unable to do so, their permission for the Parish Council to carry out the work.

## **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

The footpath wardens have completed their surveys. The clerk will collate the information and send to Ros Davies at Devon County Council.

## **ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

**Oak Tree.** The Horticultural Officer at East Devon is arranging for a replacement oak tree to be planted.

### **Website**

Cllrs Turner and Ryder and the clerk have had further discussions about a community website. As long as the necessary Neighbourhood Plan information is available on the Parish Council website, this would leave the Neighbourhood Plan website free to expand. Cllrs Turner and Ryder will contact other village organisations to see if there is any interest in taking this forward.

### **Coronation Weekend Events**

There was a general discussion on what the Parish Council might organise. The barbecue, bonfire and fireworks for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations had been very popular and well attended. The final decision on timing will be taken at the

March meeting. Cllr Tucker agreed to organise a bonfire and Cllr Thorne will order fireworks for the event.

### **Emergency Plan**

The clerk had amended the Emergency Plan during the pandemic and will continue to update it.

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 4 April 2023, at 7 pm.

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Quarterly Check. Cllr Ryder checked and signed the cash book and reconciliation for the quarter ended December 2022 and confirmed that everything is in order.

### **Approval of Internal Auditor**

It was agreed to appoint the same internal auditor as last year (proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded by Cllr Summers).

### **Correspondence**

The clerk read out letters of thanks from TRIP, British Heart Foundation, Devon Freewheelers and Devon Air Ambulance Trust for the donations that the Parish Council had made.

An email from DALC about a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace was noted.

### **CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION**

Parish Council elections will be held on Thursday, 4 May. The clerk will put some information in the Luppitt Packet and on the Luppitt Facebook page to explain what is involved and to encourage applications from residents interested in community matters.

Roger and Mo Hicks had been invited to join the Parish Council at the end of the meeting. Cllr Thorne will make a short speech to thank Roger for his hard work (and Mo for her support) and will present him with the tablet, keyboard, mouse and gift voucher.

### **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 9 pm.

Date for next meeting to be held in Luppitt Village Hall at 8 pm: Tuesday, 7 March 2023

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 4 April 2023, at 7 pm.

There is often confusion between the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council. All Town and Parish Councils throughout England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish Meeting, which must take place between 1 March and 1 June (inclusive).

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An elector may also make a suggestion and comment on anything pertinent to the residents of the Parish. This will be welcomed and is the whole purpose of the meeting.

Attendance at Annual Parish Meetings generally has been dwindling over recent years. The Parish Council would like to reverse that trend this year so please do come along if you can.

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