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THE LUPPITT PACKET

It's a another busy month in Luppitt. There will be coronation celebrations in the next week, picnics to plan, a crown fit for a King to be made. Will I have time to catch up with the explosion of Spring garden growth and molehills in our lawn? Perhaps it's time for a bit of no-mow May (more inside).

This months cover art submitted by Vanessa Nancarrow.



Trevor, Martin & Luppitt packet team

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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

MAY

Wed 3 rd	Being part of the community, Barnfield, 6pm - 8pm
Thur 4 th	Local Elections (voter ID required), 7am to 10pm
Thur 4 th	Annual church meeting, all welcome, St Marys Church, 7pm
Fri 5 th , Sun 7 th	King Charles III Coronation Celebrations (see page 5)
Wed 10 th	Luppitt Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 8pm
Wed 24 th	Mobile Library Mountstephens 10:45am -11:05am

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 27 th Coffee / Market	11am until 1pm

Luppitt Entertainments Committee Events

Sunday 7th May 3pm – Coronation Picnic

For a Celebration of the King's Coronation.

Home-made crown competition – with prizes! Village Photograph

Bring your own Picnic & plates

* Bar with celebratory fizz available *

Sunday 11th June 2pm – Family Footpath Fun

An interactive walk for families and others, finishing with refreshments at the Village Hall.

Save these dates for future events:

Saturday 12th August – Flower Show and Fete

If you would like to book a stall please email Pat.Bussey27@gmail.com

It would be helpful if you have your own table to bring!

Please note – all events are CASH ONLY!

Children's Coronation Competition



A painted or coloured Coronation themed picture in portrait on A4.

Three age groups. 3-5 years, 6-8 years, and 9-11 years. Prizes for all entries.

The winner of each age group will receive £10.

ENTRIES CLOSE: 2nd MAY

The winners will be announced at the
CORONATION TEA PARTY ON 7TH MAY.

Entries to Mary Hill (07565 369503)

Or J acky O'Malley (07432 009301)

Runners up entries will be published online at www.luppittpacket.co.uk

LUPPITT VILLAGE



CELEBRATES THE KING'S CORONATION



FRIDAY 5TH MAY

*Bonfire, BBQ and Firework display
At Hartridge at 7pm.*

SUNDAY 7TH MAY

*11am - Communion service marking
the Coronation
at St Mary's church*

*3PM - Luppitt Big Coronation picnic
At Luppitt village Hall
Bring your own picnic.
Tea, coffee and squash provided.
Cash bar available*





BONFIRE, BARBECUE AND FIREWORK DISPLAY
AT HARTRIDGE (NEAR THE SHEPHERD'S HUT)
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



GARDEN JOTTINGS

There's a howling gale outside this morning. It's cold too and raining. And I'm starting Jottings for May. May - May the first of summer months. In May Queen Anne's lace fills the village verges with frothy white. Sometimes it spills over onto the lane. Years ago I lived near London. In May I remember our garden was full of flowers in warm sunshine. The Revolutionary calendar adopted in France for a short while called this May season "Floréal", the time of flowering. Other months had fitting names - Pluviôse, Fructidor, Brumaire. Napoleon discontinued the calendar as impractical.

The weather this spring has not been up to much. Looking around on one of the few warm calm days we have had, I noticed the white arum lily flower buds are well up. Several nights they have had to be fleeced to keep frost off. Daffodils are overish, buffeted by gales and heavy rain. There are wild fritillaries under the oaks instead of the earlier snowdrops.



**Join legions
of gardeners
and say "no"
to the mower
this May to
help our
bees,
butterflies,
wildlife and
us!**

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

Comments from 2 Luppitt gardeners who participated last year ...

Some bushes are greening. The pear blossom is out, and there's a sloe bush by the steps full of white flowers. Primulas and primroses and yellow aconite are everywhere.



The squirrel peanuts are disappearing fast from their box, so there'll be some young around in the branches. JCS and little cat are upset, disturbed by an unknown feline visitor.

David Street

No Mow May Results 2022: As our contribution to 'No Mow May' we decided not to trim the steep bank at the rear of our garden. The results were very rewarding, with many different grasses, together with tall foxgloves, emerging as the carpet of primroses and bugle died back. Watching them catching the light as they waved in the wind was really quite magical.

The downside has been that with this very dry summer everything has completely dried out and is now looking battered and untidy. Cutting it all down is proving something of a challenge, but it will be extremely interesting to see what the results will be next year.

Another small area of grass left uncut has been much less satisfactory, with

creeping buttercup, dandelions, and docks almost completely dominating the patch and spreading into neighbouring areas. While these may be attractive to wildlife, this part of the garden is not the right place for them so they will need to be removed before trying the experiment again next year.

Different approach in 2023: In 2022 we simply stopped cutting all the lawns and banks in May and then decided to only cut paths and some specific areas of lawn. We didn't see a significant increase in pollinators over the previous year and the garden looked very messy by the time we started cutting in the early autumn.

After doing considerable additional

research for 2023 we have cleared some specific areas of the lawn and planted wildflower seed that will hopefully see a more diverse mix of flowers which could look better and support a greater diversity of wildlife. We have a plan to increase these areas year on year with a view to reducing the amount of mowed lawn. Our biggest learning is that gardening for wildlife requires an understanding of what already lives in your garden and that there needs to be a longer term plan for transitioning the garden to support more wildlife. It is also much harder work than just maintaining the garden you have!

Weather Stations and Water Flow Equipment

A few people have asked about the recent installations of monitoring equipment in a number of locations around the parish.

The Otter Land Use and Water Resources Project is focussed on assessing the benefits of woodland in the Upper Otter catchment in preserving our precious water resources. Woodland has been shown to reduce surface run-off which can lead to water pollution, and create water infiltration pathways to reduce peak river flows. The monitoring aspect of this project will gather data on groundwater level, surface flows, rainfall, soil moisture, weather and water quality data to understand and compare how water behaves and is influenced in catchments with differing land uses. The data will be used to build a "decision making tool" which models different distributions of woodland to better understand the effects of tree planting. Currently, the groundwater bodies in the Lower Otter catchment suffer from over abstraction and nitrate pollution. The findings of this work will help the Environment Agency to meet the regulatory objectives for improving water resources in the Otter catchment to reach Good status under the Water Framework Directive.



Dr. Holly Pearson

Monitoring Programme Coordinator

Westcountry Rivers Trust, Otter Land Use and Water Resources Project

Puzzle Page

HOLIDAYS

Three couples are heading off for their holidays.

The three ladies are Rosy, Sarah and Tanya.

The three men are called Rob, Steve and Terry.

The holiday destinations are very varied. One couple is going on a grand tour of Russia. One couple is hiring a villa in Spain, while the third couple has booked a sightseeing trip to Turkey.

None of the people is going to a destination that begins with the first letter of their name.

In each couple, the lady and the man have names that begin with different initial letters.

Steve and Tanya are not partners.

Work out the couples and decide where they are going to on their holidays.

	LADY	MAN	DESTINATION
1			
2			
3			

Submitted by Jacky Omalley

Last months answer:

Get, man, house, back, dive, skin, face, half, board, hat.

UPOTTERY PLAYGROUP

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A LITTLE LOCAL HISTORY QUIZ.

PART ONE.

1. What is the origin of the name Honiton?
2. What were the animal remains found during construction of the Honiton bypass in 1964/66?
3. How did chocolate biscuits and nappies get washed up on East Devon beaches?
4. What is the Exeter Book?
5. Why are there very few old houses in Honiton?
6. Where did the Young Farmers organisation start?
7. Where was Sir Walter Raleigh born?
8. What is special about the old three-span Axmouth bridge?
9. Luppitt is an unusual name. What is its origin?
10. What happened in 1002 at Broadclyst?
11. Which foreign power had a military base in Devon in World War II?
12. Why is the Copper Castle toll house so called?

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THE BLACKDOWN HILLS REPAIR CAFE

Our Next Event is on Saturday the 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 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 sfelehner@aol.com

ANSWERS TO A LITTLE LOCAL HISTORY QUIZ. PART ONE.

1. It's Honetone in the Domesday Book. But before that it was Huna's Tun. Huna is an Anglo Saxon personal name, and tun means homestead, later village or town.
2. The bones of two elephants and one hippopotamus from about 15,000 years ago. Some are in the Alhallows museum in Honiton.
3. They were from the wrecked container ship Napoli. Sadly, none reached Luppitt Harbour.
4. It is a collection of previously oral Anglo Saxon stories, poems and riddles. In the tenth century Leofric, Bishop of Exeter, ordered them to be collected and written in a book. You can see this book in Exeter Cathedral library.
5. Honiton suffered multiple bad fires, mostly in the 18th century. In 1765, 115 houses were destroyed.
6. Hemyock.
7. He was born at East Budleigh in 1552. The house is private but can be seen from the road. At this time East Budleigh was probably still a port, before the Otter silted up.
8. It is the oldest standing concrete bridge in England. It was built in 1877 and is now open to foot traffic only.
9. In the Domesday Book it was recorded as Lovapit. It is believed to have come from the Anglo Saxon personal name Lufa – Lufa's pit or hollow.
10. There was a battle when local people were defending themselves against Viking raiders (Danes). Broadclyst was of course very easily reached by Viking ships.
11. The United States had a Navy base at Dunkeswell. They had long-range aircraft like Liberators.
12. The toll house was a castellated building with a copper-covered roof. The last toll gates were only done away with in 1910. There had been seven toll gates around Honiton, authorised by the 1790 Honiton Paving Act to pay for street improvements.

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COLE HILL BRIDGE

This bridge used to be a ford but was made into a bridge sometime in the last century. It is situated in Luppitt just down the lane from Cole Hill Farm.



Back last November/ December a trout was found by Mary lying in the lane at the bridge. This caused a bit of a dilemma for Mary should she put it back in the river or have it for her tea? Thinking about it she decided to put it back in the river as it had probably laid eggs somewhere!

A few days later further up the river Bernard found a fish tail, which could have been the remains of the partner of the female trout but had the misfortune to have been eaten by a predator.

So hopefully there will be trout in the river Love this summer. Or is this just another Fishermans Tale!!!

Submitted by Jacky Omalley

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

OLIVE MARY CLAPP MBE

15th March 1925 - 9th March 2023

Olive Clapp MBE, would probably not have wanted fuss made over the honour today, bestowed on 15th June 2002 at Buckingham Palace, by Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth in person, for services to the community, and with Olive photographed with Bert and her sons outside; but I want to say it, as I think we are all so proud of her and proud to have known her and shared our lives with her.

Olive was born at Lower Shelvin Farm in 1925, to John and Annie Sage, the youngest of four children; Irene, John (known as Jack) and Marjory, then came Olive. Life in those days was very different from now and everyone was expected to pull their weight as soon as they could help out on the farm.

Olive attended the village school and from the age of 5 would walk from Shelvin to the school and back. Then at the age of 12 she had a few years boarding at The Park School, Yeovil. It was here that she met our Mum, Ruth, who joined the school with limited grasp of English language, but more importantly English ways, having been raised in Honduras, albeit by British missionary parents. Olive took her under her wing and they became lifelong friends; Mum passed away in 2015 - 78 years of friendship!

After her school days Olive would again help out on the farm, but she also worked as a teaching assistant at the village school. Olive always valued her education and would particularly encourage everyone, especially girls and young women, to take the maximum opportunities it provides.

In the 1940s, Olive met Bert and a lifelong love and commitment started. Bert had a motorbike and I recall stories of him tearing around the Luppitt lanes with Olive and my Mum riding pillion - the three of them, with olive sitting on the tank - not recommended these days. My Mum had also by now met my Dad, and the four of them (with my parents coming from Torquay) spent many happy times



together. Four sets of initials carved in a tree on Dumpdon Hill in the 1940s, still attest to that friendship - and the tree is thankfully still standing!

Right from the very start, Olive and Bert loved dancing and over the years joined several clubs. Olive even carried on after Bert died, until dancing became difficult; though for some time she continued to go and enjoy just being there.

Olive and Bert married on 8th April 1947, and it wasn't long before the family grew, with their three dear boys; Tony, Bernard and Eric.

They worked hard on the farm at Meshayes - it was a joint effort, of course, but no getting away from the fact it was a challenging, and a tough life. Of course, as with Bert and Olive themselves, as the boys grew, they also lent a helping hand....

Meanwhile, in their turn, my Mum and Dad had us 4 boys. Some of the happiest times of our lives were spent during summer holidays and shorter visits to Meshayes Farm.

Olive, with Mum, coped admirably with 7 boys (or was it 9?) and there are many stories that could be told of our adventures and mishaps. Aunty Olive, as we always knew her, often recalled all us lads on Dumpdon Hill, eating sandwiches faster than they could be made. Thank you Aunty Olive

Olive of Luppitt

Olive was always central to village life, a major part of the community that was and is Luppitt.:

- For many years she ran the village Sunday school
- In the 60s she was active in the Women's Institute
- She served on the Church Council and was Parish Clerk
- From the start of her family with Bert, and like her mother before her, she was very involved with the Mother's Union. She became Luppitt's branch leader on more than one occasion. She rose to become Archdeaconry President and played a part in the Centenary Service in Exeter Cathedral. She was a trustee of the Diocesan Mothers' Union. She was also a speaker, travelling all over the Diocese until well into her eighties, and continued helping on the bookshop and Office in Exeter. She would turn her hand to so many things, including the holiday caravan at Dawlish for disadvantaged families, where she could be found cleaning on a Saturday for changeover.
- She organised fund raising dances to raise money for the church
- Olive delivered milk around the village - I learned just this week from one of the many cards sent, that I wasn't alone in remembering with huge fondness, going with Olive on deliveries around the village in one of her cars.
- Olive organised the very first church flower festival
- For 70 years or so she played the organ at this church - in the early days having to pump and play at the same time!
- Olive also started the first Church magazine in the 1970s
- After retirement from farming in the 1970s, Olive worked for the WRVS, delivering meals on wheels. Even in her 80s, I remember Olive was out delivering meals to folk around, some of whom were actually younger than

her. In fact, Olive continued driving right into her nineties, going places and providing lifts

But she did have time for herself and Bert too. As well as the dancing, they shared many coach holidays together in later years as well as visiting and being visited by many friends and family

But Olive was so much more even than that. She was a family person first and foremost

Olive the Homemaker

And course Olive's 'boys' have gone on to have families of their own:

- Grandchildren: Johnny, Holly, Alec, Marie, Catherine, and Nick... and then
- Great-grandchildren, Lena, Noah & Corrin; George & Freddie; Ruby & Millie, and another one on the way for Nick and Sarah in June.

Olive couldn't have achieved all that she did without the support of her family, but also, the family wouldn't be the family they are today without Olive.

She loved her family so much.... and equally, was dearly loved by all of them

Tributes to Olive

Some of the things that people have said and feel about Olive, from social media and cards sent include:

- Olive will always be remembered with gratitude, for her love and service
- I'll always remember her when I was in the Luppitt Mothers' Union - she always had a smile
- One very special / lovely / wonderful lady
- So loved by us all, a wonderful aunty, will be missed by everyone
- Olive is and will always be a respected part of Luppitt village history
- Olive has touched the lives and been an inspiration for so many
- Olive.. had time for everyone
- Olive was always welcoming
- "Supplier of provisions when the family at Hillend ran out!", back in the 1960s
- A lynch pin of the family - an extremely important cog in the community wheel
- Olive brought all of you, the family, into our life and we will be eternally grateful •
- "Olive of Luppitt"

Olive the person

- Some old-fashioned ideas coming up, perhaps....
- Olive was steadfast - if she said she would do something it would get done.
- She believed in the idea of service - her role in life was always to help others as much as she could
- She was always positive - in adversity herself, but also in encouraging and

supporting others to overcome theirs

- Olive was always very organised. Even in death she left a Little Red Book to help the family know what she wanted at her funeral!
- Auntie Olive invented multi-tasking. Not a lot of people know that! A picture in my head I will never forget from a childhood holiday is of Olive in her wellies, striding out across the farmyard, with a bucket of chicken feed on one arm, a basket for eggs on the other and while she walked..... she was knitting!!
- And lastly - and definitely not least - Olive was a woman of faith. Her faith and her family are what together gave her the strength ...

to do what she did, to care like she did, and to be who she was.

The family pass on their sincerest thanks to all those friends and family who have supported Olive over the last few years of her life, enabling her to carry on living at home, something she was really determined to do.

Olive held a light up in this world - it is for all of us to take that light and carry it forward to help make this world a better place. Olive certainly did and she will be sorely missed.

Thank you Olive

Tony, Bernard, Eric would like to thank everyone who sent sympathy cards and attended the Service for the generous donations of over £1400 for Luppitt Church and British Heart Foundation

BULLETIN BOARD

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. All welcome, and this month it's Wednesday 3rd May.

VACANCY TO FILL ON THE PARISH COUNCIL. There is a vacancy on Luppitt Parish Council which can be filled by the co-option process at the next Parish Council meeting on Wednesday, 10 May 2023. This is the ideal opportunity to apply to become a Parish Councillor if you are interested in parish matters. Meetings are informal and last for approximately 2 hours. Please contact the clerk, Rosalind Buxton, on 01404 861565, 07944 625025 or by email at luppittclerk@yahoo.co.uk for further information.

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

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

NEWS FROM UPOTTERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you so much for your support and kind words during my first week at Upottery Primary School.

It has been fantastic to get to know our children and see their wonderful learning experience this week. I'm proud to be part of such an amazing team of staff at Upottery and am looking forward to a bright future. It was fantastic to see our children enjoy 'Lolly Friday'. I send a big thank you to the amazing PTFA for providing this wonderful experience for our children!

Thank you for completing the parent survey for the Ofsted inspectors, it was fantastic to see the overwhelming care and positivity for Upottery Primary School; it was really appreciated. We will share the inspector's final report with you once the inspection period is complete in a few weeks' time.

Looking through the calendar, we have a really busy and exciting term planned for our children including the Coronation Garden Party, PTFA Disco and BBQ, Y6 Fun Splash, Y5 Ambassador Training, whole school trip to the Plymouth Aquarium and Lolly Friday each week.

I look forward to see you all at these events!



Y6 have their transition week to look forward to at Honiton Community College and The King's School in July and their Leavers Service at the end of term.

Thank you for making me feel so welcome in my first week at Upottery Primary School.

Tom Pettifer
Head of School



This month we not only have all the excitement of the coronation of King Charles, we also celebrate two very important events in the Christian calendar. On 18th May we remember Christ's Ascension into heaven, after he rose from the dead on Easter Sunday and thereafter appeared to his apostles and disciples.

Then on 28th May we mark Pentecost, or Whit Sunday, remembering the dramatic day when God sent his Holy Spirit with fire and wind "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them". Acts 2:3

We warmly invite you to come along to services or to explore and enjoy time in the Church and Churchyard, open every day from 10am until 5pm.

- 7th May 11:00am. Coronation Holy Communion, Revd Stephen Treeby
- 14th May 11:00am. Morning Praise, Lay Led
- 21st May 11:00am. Holy Communion, Revd Geoffrey Walsh
- 28th May 11:00am. Pentecost Morning Praise, Lay Led

Ascension Day at St. Nicholas, Dunkeswell

Thur 18th May 7:00pm Mission Community Service, Revd Peter Horder

Special services and events

Our Church is available for blessings, renewal of vows, baptisms, weddings, memorials etc. The Church building can also be booked for events such as concerts, exhibitions and festivals. Should you wish to arrange a special service or book the Church building for an event please contact the DMC Administrator sara@dunkeswell.org.uk

Announcement of the appointment of Revd. Nigel Candelent

The Bishop of Crediton is delighted to announce that, subject to the completion



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

of the statutory formalities, an offer of the Post of Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice of Broadhembury, Dunkeswell, Luppitt Plymtree, Sheldon, Upottery known as the Dunkeswell Mission Community has been made to the Rev'd Nigel Candelent, who is currently Assistant Curate in the Benefice of Sidmouth, Woolbrook, Salcombe Regis, Sidbury with Sidford, and All Saints Sidmouth, known as the Sid Valley Mission Community and that offer has been accepted.

His licensing by the Bishop of Crediton will be on Tuesday 8th August 2023 at a venue to be confirmed.

St. Mary's Church Yard

Volunteers needed! Yes, it's that time of the year again and grass, wildflowers, and everything else is busting out all over, we need all hands to the mowers and trimmers. If you think you can spare an hour or two to help, please contact Brian Pulman, tel. 01404 891324

From Rev Penn's pen

Jesus really did rise from the dead!

Jesus was dead. His friends buried him with haste on the evening before the Jewish holy day. But two days later, just when the authorities were celebrating, convinced the upstart preacher was no more – he appears again. Here, there and everywhere! No longer dead and buried but walking, talking and even sharing meals with his disciples.

Having been executed and sealed in a tomb, the word on the street is, 'Jesus is alive!'

All the Gospels are clear that the story did not end with Jesus' death. Incredibly, God raised this so-called blasphemer, this so-called false prophet, and heretical teacher; God raised him to new life. Is this too good to be true? After all, there are plenty of theories to explain away the resurrection:

Firstly, some claim that Jesus never died: Jesus was not dead when they took him down from the cross. It may have looked that way – but life still flickered within him. And then, in the tomb, Jesus recovered consciousness.

Secondly, some claim that his body was stolen from the tomb: The disciples of Jesus or the authorities plundered the body from under the noses of the guards.

Thirdly, some claim that the disciples went to the wrong place: distraught with grief the disciples visited a tomb that was empty.

Lastly, some claim that the resurrection experiences were 'all in the mind': The disciples were involved in some sort of mass hallucination.

Could any of these possibilities make sense?

1. Jesus did die. The Romans were seasoned professionals when it came to executing criminals. Moreover, the soldier in charge of the execution party worked under an incentive to make sure that the victim was dead: if the victim somehow survived, the commanding soldier would himself be crucified.

2. The tomb was not venerated

The empty tomb was strongly supported by the fact that the grave of Jesus did not become a place of pilgrimage. Tomb veneration was common at the time of Jesus, and people would often meet for worship at the grave of a dead prophet – as they do to this day. In surprising contrast, the earliest Jewish Christians did no such thing. The practice only started two or three hundred years later. There is only one conclusion: the tomb did not become a place of pilgrimage because the tomb was empty.

3. The witnesses

Saint Paul writes that more than 500 people claimed to see Jesus alive following his resurrection. Paul reminded his readers that most of these were still alive when he wrote. Their testimony could easily be checked out. Their encounter with the risen Jesus changed their lives and they were prepared to die for their belief. The witnesses not only saw him, they talked with him, walked with him, learned from him, ate with him and touched him.

4. The testimony of Christians

One surprising feature of the reported Resurrection appearances is that they were confined to a period of just six weeks. After that they stopped abruptly. Yet the first disciples continued to speak and behave as though Jesus was with them – not physically, but by His Spirit. Even more remarkable is the fact that this conviction was shared by others – at first hundreds, then thousands, then millions – who had never seen Jesus, before or after his crucifixion. And the evidence is not confined to the past. Thousands of men and women continue to experience a new power, and a continuing ‘presence’ in their lives. Although in differing backgrounds and cultures, ages and temperaments, they put it down to the same cause: the Risen Lord is alive and at work in our world today.



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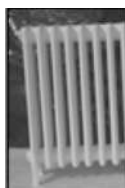
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Clerk's report of a Meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held at Luppitt Village Hall on Tuesday, 4 April 2023, at 8 pm

Present: Cllrs John Thorne (Chair), Michele Turner (Vice-Chair), Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Christine Ryder, Martin Summers, Andrew Tucker, David Key and Colin Brown (EDDC) and Iain Chubb (DCC)

Receive apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr Beth Hooper.

Minutes of previous meeting .

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

Declaration of Interest. There were no declarations of interest.

PLANNING Applications (for comment, support or objection)

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

Cllrs Thorne, Turner and Pulman together with the clerk had carried out a site visit. They were satisfied that the proposed alterations complied with the Neighbourhood Plan and recommended approval of the planning application.

23/0639/FUL – Spurtham Farm, New Road, Upottery, EX14 4QD – proposed alterations and building operations to facilitate the use of the building as an office

Change of use from a redundant pig unit to office space under permitted development rights had already been granted (22/2167/PDR). The plans submitted showed office space for 12 people, a meeting room for 10 people and show areas. There was some discussion about extra traffic that this might generate. Cllr Turner undertook to read the application in detail and to submit comments to the Parish Councillors for their consideration.

Decisions. None

Housing Needs Survey

The clerk had written to Devon Communities Together about the Housing Needs Survey. The person now dealing with it was away on leave and the clerk will follow up on their return.

HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

Parish Highways programme – update on Items to Report

Potholes reported by Pound Bungalow and between Pound Farm and Mohuns Ottery have been repaired. The clerk will report the following potholes:

- by Jack's House round the bend from Gully Lane towards Riggles;
- between New House and Corner House;
- severe road deterioration and potholes from Barn Cross to Beacon.

The Luppitt/Beacon finger on the Luppitt Cross signpost and also the one at Mathayes are still missing. One resident reported this to Highways in December 2021 and several other residents have complained recently to the Parish Council. As this is not considered to be a safety issue, Highways have no plans to prioritise any action which the Parish Council feels is unsatisfactory. The clerk will follow up.

Parish Maintenance

Cllr Tucker confirmed that he has completed most of the lengthsman's work on his list.

Some time ago, Highways carried out substantial work in Shaugh but the ditch by Otter View Farm needs clearing again.

There was some discussion about a possible project between Pennythorne Cross and Blind Lane.

The resident at The Mill has reported that one of the pipes under the road is blocked and he cannot free it. Cllr Thorne will visit to clarify.

Cllrs Thorne and Pulman will identify problems in the parish and report back.

Cllr Prettejohn asked the clerk to report to Highways the poor condition of Windgate Hill.

Road Warden Scheme update

The clerk will check whether Cllr Pulman's signing, lighting and guarding qualification under the Road Warden scheme has expired.

HGV signs

Cllr Tucker confirmed that HGV signs have been erected at Ewins Ash, Crooks Cross and Langdale. All three signposts are leaning.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Footpath 14. Cllr Tucker confirmed that he has corrected all points raised by the Footpath Warden. The clerk to clarify with the Footpath Warden about the bridle latch on Footpath 17.

ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Arrangements for Coronation event on 5 May 2023. Final arrangements were agreed as follows.

- The event will start from 7 pm on Hartridge near where the shepherd's hut used to be.
- Cllrs Summers, Prettejohn and Tucker will organise a generator.
- Cllrs Thorne and Summers will provide the barbecues.
- Cllr Tucker will organise the parking. The clerk will email the Chair of the Trustees of the Commoners to request use of the field again.
- Local musicians have very kindly agreed to provide music throughout the evening whilst food and drink are being served.
- The evening will end with a bonfire and firework display.

Great British Spring Clean. There are no plans to organise a litter pick this year.

Local Elections and Voter ID (clerk)

The clerk drew attention to the fact that voters will now need to show a valid form of ID when voting in person. The clerk will post the information on the Parish Council website.

Free Trees Project

The supplier of the trees for the Free Trees Project has requested photos of the site showing the newly planted trees. Cllr Tucker will forward photos to the clerk.

Gate for new Play Area

Blamphayne Sawmills have been very generous in their charging for the gate at the Village Hall so Cllr Summers has managed to purchase a gate, bench and picnic bench for the play area all within the Locality grant of £500.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Application for renewal of bank card. The Parish Council bank card expired in November 2022 so the clerk has completed an application form for a replacement.

Correspondence

Information has been received about the testing of the Emergency Alert system across the UK on 23 April 2023. The clerk will put the information on the Parish Council website.

Information on EDDC's 'Biodiversity starts on your doorstep' campaign was noted. The clerk will forward to the editors of the Luppitt Packet.

CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

Cllr Ryder advised that thatched properties that have wood burners have to comply with new insurance regulations stipulating the height of a chimney above a thatched roof. Her property has three chimneys and a Listed Buildings Consent application will be submitted shortly.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Date for next meeting to be held in Luppitt Village Hall at 8 pm:

Wednesday, 10 May 2023 – PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE

Minutes of the parish annual general meeting held on the 4th April are published on the Luppitt Parish Council website.

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