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# Quiz Night

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# THE LUPPITT PACKET

An autumnal assortment or motley collection, either way we hope you enjoy the variety of articles in this edition. From mangle-worzels to misfits, popes to perennials, we have it all this month. We are clearly into Autumn as there's a definite chill in the air this evening, and I heard someone on the radio say they'd turned the central heating on (ridiculous). Our driveway us covered in a blanket of yellow, gold and brown... and I'm looking forward to ...'Kicking up leaves', this month's cover art submitted by Julia Sparks

*Trevor, Martin & Luppitt packet team*

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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

Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Luppitt Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 8pm
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Being part of the community, Barnfield, 6pm - 8pm
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mobile Library Mountstephens 10:45am -11:05am
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Luppitt Commons Annual General Meeting, Village Hall, 8pm
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Autumn Bingo, Village Hall, 7pm
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Luppitt Village Hall AGM, 7:30pm
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Luppitt Church Open Tower, 12:30pm
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Film Night, Village Hall, 7:30pm
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Matinee Film, Village Hall, 3pm

## COMING EVENTS

Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Day Service at 10:50am followed by lunch in the village hall (page 19 for details)
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Christingle service in aid of the Children's Society, 3pm
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Luppitt Children's Christmas Party, 11am - 1pm.
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Advent tea at Newmans House, 3pm
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Traditional service of lessons and carols, 11am
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Crib and carol service, 4pm

## REGULAR EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Village Hub Pub	7:30pm every Wednesday and Friday
Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm Thursdays
Friday Coffee / Market	11am until 1pm
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Coffee / Market	11am until 1pm

### Luppitt Entertainments Committee Events

Events to look forward to later in the year:

Friday 10th November: **Quiz Night**

Saturday 16th December: **Christmas Party**

And into next year: Friday 26th January 2024: **Burns Night**

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

## WE NEED JOURNALISTS

As announced in the June edition, we are standing down as Editors of this parish newspaper. We have had early discussions with new volunteers to work with the existing Packet team, and will be planning a schedule for handover in the next few months.

Remember the pen is mightier than the sword, and considerably easier to write with. (Marty Feldman)

If you've enjoyed reading the Packet and feel that you could contribute to articles please contact:

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

Trevor & Martin

### To all junior artists of Luppitt

Design our front cover  
theme 'Christmas in Luppitt'



Open to any child living in Luppitt. Age up to 16  
Drawn or painted b/w or colour on A4/ A5 card/ paper

To be submitted by 4th November to one of the  
editorial team. Name and age on the back.

**A prize of £25 voucher for the winning entry.**

Entries will be judged by two local artists and the  
winner will be announced at **THE BIG BREAKFAST**  
**on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**



## THE FINAL OVER?

### HAS LUPPITT CRICKET CLUB PLAYED ITS FINAL MATCH AFTER 33 YEARS?

A typical rural summer scene, dad opening the batting while his son watches anxiously from the other crease. A special moment on the Luppitt cricket pitch, for father and son, and probably for the club too.

In recent years the number of available players has dwindled, while the average age has steadily risen. This year it looked like Luppitt CC would not play any matches, but late in the season a fixture was confirmed for 3rd September. Only able to field a team of 10 it seems like the time had come for Luppitt CC to bowl the last over, hit the last six, and possibly run the last man out.

After a spell of unsettled weather we were fortunate to have perfect conditions on the Sunday afternoon. Our adversary 'the Hampshire Misfits' are suitably familiar with the occasion,



originally known as the Hampshire Educational Veterans. We've played this touring team almost every season since 1995. As usual Steve had spent many hours preparing the pitch, which was firm and mossy. Remarkably good condition considering the only other care given was by the local organic grass maintenance flock. The





pitch was laid in 1993 and is still flat and smooth.

The youngest players on each team were given the duty of tossing the coin and choosing ends. Misfits decided to bat first, which gave the Luppitt team a small dilemma as our regular wicket keeper had not yet arrived. Fortunately Graham Smith, the Luppitt keeper for many years was ready take his place.

Steve Berry and Will Smith opened the bowling and the Misfits were respectably cautious for the first few overs. A couple of half-chance catches eluded us in the field, and it was not until the 7th over that the first wicket

fell with a super catch behind by Graham.

The Misfits settled into a steady run rate, while our fielding also improved. Our bowling was varied, and when Steve bowled the final over, taking their last wicket on the final ball, the total was 136 runs.

Tea, an excellent spread provided by Maggie, Sue and Tracey, was a good opportunity catch up with the Misfit players and find out how their tour was going, and retrieve a couple of balls that they'd lofted over the hedge. Returning to the pitch Graham and Will Smith opened the batting for Luppitt. Woollers (our regular keeper) and Joe Parkinson were our highest scorers, but the Misfit fielding was very sharp and it was clear we were not going to catch them. Having opened the bowling for Luppitt we arrived at the final over, with Steve last man not-out, the total 77 runs.

So what lies in store for Luppitt CC? We discussed it with the Misfits over a beer, and they are keen to continue the annual series. There is an air of inevitability, but also some talk that it's not over yet. If you're interested in an occasional friendly game please let us know!

Martin Hemsley.



## GARDEN JOTTINGS

Each morning I go down the garden to our oak trees to put peanuts in the squirrel box. This month the ground has been littered with sprays of fallen oak, not just leaves but whole twigs and small branches covering the path. I don't remember this happening before. The apple tree by the greenhouses has been dropping leaves too, though nothing like last year when we had a hot August with the Fire Brigade to deal with a fire in the hedge next to us. This August has been anything but hot dry. So I wouldn't expect to be sweeping up leaves like October.

With rather cool August this year tomatoes in the Polly have been slow. The aubergines only managed one fruit. It's pretty hot in there this afternoon even with heavy shading thrown over as I write this. The weather people talk about thunder storms but I expect any watering will have to be from our own water butts.

Autumn when the sun is not so high is a good time to move, split up or propagate many border perennials - lupins, brunnera, doronicum, Hosta, rudbeckia. The soil is still warm and these plants can grow new roots and settle down before cold weather sets



in. Always try to keep the younger outside plants of the clumps you are moving.

Autumn flowering perennials I usually move in spring. They can sort themselves out in Summer and be ready to flower in their normal season.

Now it's getting on towards October, so I'll pop out and see if there're any apples that look edibly ripe.

### D Street

### HORNET

*A 'ornet lived in an 'oller tree*

*A narsty spiteful twud were 'e.*

Old Somerset rhyme (twud – toad).

I'd never taken much notice of the hornets...

I'm an amiable sort of man, (live and let live and so on ). This simple belief (some might say naïve) applies to all kinds of creatures. For example, I don't mind the birds taking a share of our garden produce like blackcurrants,

figs, and apples and so on. We used to fix nets over raspberries, but the birds had trouble getting out. However, I don't like grey squirrels taking the whole crop of gooseberries, hazel nuts (and in previous years, walnuts).

As for other larger creatures, I believe most animals prefer not to bother us, unless they regard us as food – like tigers. Of course, other animals can behave unpredictably if they feel threatened. This is not always the



case. A few months ago, an adder came round a corner to where we were sitting quietly in the sun. It went under J's chair and between her feet. I was mildly surprised and even more so when it started climbing the garden steps. I'd never seen a little snake climbing steps before. Well, I don't particularly want adders in the garden, so I caught it. It did not appear to be at all perturbed by this, somewhat to my surprise. I then moved it to another place where there was no danger of it being mowed or stepped on. There are other animals in some parts of the world who are naturally aggressive, but we don't have them.

This belief about creatures generally not bothering us applies to much smaller beasties like bees and wasps...and hornets.

The hornets were making a nest in a corner of the old bantam shed. They were European hornets which have been native to Britain for many years. My route to the nearby woodshed passed within a metre of the corner. Sometimes I would stop and watch them coming and going. The ones arriving were keen to get building the nest with a mouthful of chewed wood and the ones leaving were eager to get more. I didn't stand directly in their path, but some flew around me. They passed me showing absolutely no interest in me.

And so the months passed without incident. The hornets finished their nest – a fantastic construction, intricate and beautifully made of chewed wood pulp to produce thin paper. The hornets lived happily, eating the occasional apple and pear. We too lived happily, neither of us bothering the other.

Autumn came, and one day in mid September I awoke about five and decided to make tea. I went downstairs and then outside to look at



the stars. It was a clear night and the stars were bright. We have little light pollution so the sky was full of stars.

I made tea and took it upstairs. Having drunk it in bed, I reclined back into the pillow. As my head sank into it I felt a sharp pain in the back of my head, just above my neck. I brushed my hands upwards and forwards, and a large insect was propelled unto the sheet. I caught it, ran to the bathroom and threw it into the wc. It was a hornet.

I quickly went downstairs and started rubbing antihistamine onto the sting. This seemed to have little effect. Then J appeared. I told her what had happened and asked her to apply more antihistamine. Only a few minutes had passed since the sting, but my mouth and lower face started to swell. I was standing at the end of the kitchen worktop.

J said 'I think you'd better sit down.' I started to speak, then collapsed to the floor unconscious.

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I came to. I was on the floor with an ambulance crew doing things to me – though I don't know quite what. I felt all wet. I had lost bladder control. The woman crew member asked me to sit on something, like a chair stretcher. But I was unable to move; I just couldn't do it. She bent forward over

me and with some strength just lifted me up and backwards. She said 'Put your feet on here.' I couldn't do that either.

'What's happening?' I asked.

'We're taking you to hospital'

'But I'm alright now'.

'No, you're not'.

They carried me to the ambulance. I was still in my night attire. The ambulance drove down our narrow lane, the vegetation rustling against the sides and the roof. Then I was out of it again.

Then I was aware that we were going fast on the dual carriageway to Exeter, the siren was going and we seemed to be going very fast. Then nothing.

I regained consciousness again as the ambulance arrived at the Accident and Emergency entrance of the hospital. As the doors opened I saw a group of doctors and nurses waiting for me. 'Well done, you've done very well,' said a doctor to the crew. As I was trundled inside I called 'Thank you' to the ambulance crew. Then nothing again.

I came to, in a single room. It was clearly hours later, and there was a nurse sitting by my bed. I felt very hungry, and the nurse went to get me some food. I was very weak and

feeble, even after the food. After a couple of hours I was taken to the general A&E ward. Later I was assessed by doctors, who said I could go home at 8pm.

In the evening our kindly neighbour drove J to the hospital, bringing me some clothes, and we went home.

I had had an anaphylactic shock. It is a rare, severe, frightening and life-threatening allergic reaction. Clearly, in my case it was to a hornet sting. Entry of the allergen to the blood stream provokes the release of large quantities of histamine and other chemicals that have effects on body tissues. The blood vessels widen, with a sudden severe lowering of blood pressure. The blood pressure falls through the floor and the person collapses. Medical help should be summoned immediately. For me, J realised what was happening and promptly called 999.

I now have to carry an emergency adrenalin injection to be used if I ever get a hornet sting again.

I will repeat the lesson from this event. It is very simple. Should you get a severe allergic reaction and collapse, you must get medical help immediately. Or you will die.

DS





# Autumn Bingo

## For all the Family

## Luppitt Village Hall

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**Bar and Raffle**

**Please note: Cash Only**

**Doors Open 7.00pm Eyes Down 7.30pm**

### **HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF THE BLACKDOWN HILLS**



**Blackdown Hills**  
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Every five years, the Blackdown Hills AONB Partnership creates a Management Plan to help guide the work and activities of all organisations, groups and individuals with a responsibility or interest in the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

They are currently undertaking a review of the current management plan to identify the key issues and opportunities that need to be addressed, to provide the focus for partnership action over the next plan period 2025-2030 and beyond. To help prepare the new plan, the AONB Partnership would be grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete a survey.

Your views and knowledge of the area will help to identify what matters most to local people and inform what we can all do to help protect and enhance the special qualities of the area while meeting future challenges.

The online questionnaire can be found on the AONB website or QR code;

[blackdownhills.org.uk/managementplan](https://blackdownhills.org.uk/managementplan) .

The survey will run until mid-December. Any questions or for further information you can contact the AONB team at:

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Cullompton. Devon EX15 3SH.

Telephone: 01823 680681

Email: [blackdownhills@devon.gov.uk](mailto:blackdownhills@devon.gov.uk)

Have your say on the future of the  
Blackdown Hills



# IN A SPOT? ASK AUNTIE DOT.

Luppitt's Dottiest advice column...

## Dear Auntie Dot,

It has been quite some time since I read one of your advice columns and I wanted to ask if you had been on a holiday over the summer? If you have been away, what did you get up to? I have missed your wisdom and hoped that on your return you might have some general words of inspiration for all of your dedicated readers..?

## Dear Reader,

It has, indeed, been quite some time since I last wrote for you all, I decided to try a "staycation" just after the July edition was released and got so into it I am only just returning in time for Autumn! I hit all the top attractions and I must say, they did not disappoint. I went to IKEA and was walking around for days. I survived on lost meatballs and smears of lingonberry jam. Next I went to Sidmouth and splashed around in the ford for a while, a smart way to cool off in the sun, what with the beach being so busy and full of tourists. Quite a good idea, I must say. And to round out the trip, I went to Stonehenge. I love seeing all the cars lining up to catch a glimpse. It is the best 6 hours I've ever spent on a single stretch of road, and didn't even get out of the car!

## Dear Auntie Dot,

I tried my hand at Welly Wanging at our village Fete. Unfortunately after 3 "Wangs" all I achieved was a sore shoulder and a wet bum when I slipped over. Can you advise of the most effective techniques?

## Dear Reader

Welly, welly, well. I deduce you are competitive yet not easily embarrassed - you've found your sport! I've wanged a few wellys and my top tip is to take a very firm grasp and don't hold back on grunting. A good beginner technique is to stand facing away from the target, bend forward and tightly grip your welly with both hands on the ground. Settle into position (wiggle your hips) then fling yourself upright hurling the boot backwards over your head. Grunting improves your throw, accuracy, releases happy endorphins, and guarantees a round of applause no matter where your welly lands. Please make sure you let go of the welly or you'll end up with a wet bum once more.



**Dear Auntie Dot,**

I saw in the last edition of the Packet that there is going to be an Autumn bingo and I wanted to know how they come up with all the different things to say for the numbers? How do they learn them all? I'd love to give calling it a go but I think all the different phrases would confuse me and I don't want to muddle up any of the players by saying "two fat ladies" when I mean "two little ducks!" Do you have any tips as to how I could remember them and fulfil my dream of calling the bingo?

**Dear Reader,**

Worry not, I am sure that the glowing lights of Luppitt's bingo evening are well within your reach! My advice is plain and simple, you must practise. I know it may seem a little odd to call numbers with no game in play or participants at the ready but it is imperative. I would start by calling the prices at Tesco on your weekly shop and seeing if you can add a little rhyme in wherever you can. "£3.95, time to hand jive," "£8.40, I'm feeling naughty." And see if you can get the other shoppers involved too by reading the prices of their items for them! You never know, there could be someone just desperate to put a little Mecca in their day and you could be just the Gala they need.

# LUPPITT VILLAGE HALL AGM

THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER AT 7.30PM

PLEASE COME ALONG TO THIS OPEN MEETING  
AND JOIN US FOR WINE AND CHEESE

THERE ARE VACANCIES ON BOTH THE  
MANAGEMENT AND ENTERTAINMENTS  
COMMITTEES

# UPOTTERY PRIMARY SCHOOL



## September 2023

It has been heart-warming to see our beloved school come alive again with the laughter and energy of our pupils. I wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude and provide some important reminders.

It's been fantastic to welcome our new children and families of Wren class to our school community. The children have all settled into our school community so well and it has been lovely to see them play and learn with all the other children.

The children are looking forward to taking part in the PE sessions with Achieve 4 All, who will also be running the after school clubs which this term will be multi-skills and football club.

A big congratulations to George, Grace and Amira for becoming the first Head Girls and Boy this year. We look forward to them helping set a fine example of behaviour and responsibility this year!

**Tom Pettifer, Head of School**

## HALLOWEEN

I'm afraid to say that I'm not a fan of Halloween and I find it sad that it seems to have replaced Guy Fawkes Night in popularity. I remember the delicious sausages roasted in the embers of the fire, the gorgeous bread pudding, which followed, negotiations with my father whilst attempting to purloin his gardening trousers and favourite old shirt for the Guy. Even the tension of waiting for a rocket to go off, only for it fizzle out after a quick burst of action. Well of course things have changed – fireworks are unsafe in the wrong hands, very expensive, it's not ecofriendly, nor should we be celebrating the burning of anybody at the stake.

I decided to re-examine my preconceived view of Halloween as an Americanised pagan festival and find its roots. The Americans claim that all

its tradition came from other countries.

One theory holds that many Halloween traditions were influenced by Celtic Harvest Festivals particularly the Gaelic festival Samhain, which marked the end of the harvest season and beginning of the darker season. A time when the boundary between this world and the Otherworld thinned. The Aos Si (spirits and fairies) could more easily come into this world and were particularly active; they were respected and feared, so to protect their livestock offerings of food, drink or crops were left outside to appease them. The souls of the dead were also said to revisit their homes seeking hospitality on one night of the year. A bonfire was lit in each village to ward off evil spirits, and the priests (Druids) would distribute the embers to each house in order that the people might be protected in the coming year.

In the 7th century Pope Boniface IV

established All Saints Day (All Hallows) on 13th May and a century later it was moved to 1st November, so the night before was All Hallows Even or Halloween.

As far back as 15th Century Christian people would visit houses and take soul cakes (small round cakes like shortbread with sweet spices) either as representatives of the dead or in return for praying for their souls. From at least the 16th Century the festival included mumming or guising where people dressed up and visited houses and pubs often asking for money. Children were gifted apples and nuts.

Turnips or mangle wurzels were carved out to make lanterns. Jack-o'-lanterns were made to ward off spirits and represented souls that were denied entry to both heaven and hell.

Legend has it that on route home after a night's drinking Jack encounters the Devil and tricks him into climbing a tree. A quick thinking Jack etches the sign of the cross into the bark thus trapping the Devil. Jack strikes a bargain that Satan can never claim his soul. After a life of sin, drink and mendacity, Jack is refused entry to heaven when he dies. Keeping his promise, the Devil refuses to let Jack into hell and throes a live coal from the fires of hell at him. It was a cold night, so Jack placed the coal in a hollowed out turnip to stop it from going out, since which time Jack and his lantern have been roaming looking for a place to rest.

The Irish and Scots were particularly involved in these activities and the



founding fathers took their costumes and traditions to America. The Italians also shared similar traditions. The first recorded Haunted House attraction opened in Liphook, England in 1915 and they became popular in America during the 1930's, when trick or treating also took off.

The Americans also discovered that Pumpkins were also easier to carve, and much bigger lanterns could be made, but alas they never tasted Mrs Buller's Bread Pudding on Guy Fawkes Night, which was out of this world compared to Pumpkin Pie!

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:

- 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th October 2023
- 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th November 2023
- 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th December 2023
- 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th January & 1st February 2024

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 & Hon. Secretary, Luppitt Commons Trustees Committee

**LUPPITT COMMONS  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
WILL BE HELD ON  
THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023  
AT 8.00 PM  
IN THE LUPPITT VILLAGE HALL  
  
ALL COMMONERS WELCOME**



## Puzzle Page



### Number name

In the names below, each letter has been given a numerical value from 1-6. The total value of each name is reached by adding up the individual values of the letters in the name. No two different alphabetical letters can have the same number.

IAN =6

NINA =8

ANN =5

TIM =13

RITA = 13

What is the total of the name MARTINA ?

## Last Months Answers

wipes inane paste enter seers

Submitted by Jacky Omalley

## Blackdown Hills Repair Cafe

Our Next Event is on Saturday 25th November at the Hemyock Parish Hall  
EX15 3QW between 10am and 1.0pm.

Please do come along and have all your broken items repaired and fixed by our Volunteer Repairers, and while they are carrying out your repairs enjoy some refreshments in our tearoom café.

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

Stephan Lehner

Coordinator of the Blackdown Hills Repair Cafe

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 07715460783, or at  
sfelehner@aol.com

# UPOTTERY PLAYGROUP

@Upottery Pre-School

COME AND JOIN US!

THURSDAYS DURING TERM TIME

1.30-3.15PM

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## BULLETIN BOARD

### THE LUPPITT PACKET IS PLANNING A BIG BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER

The winner of the Children's Christmas front cover design will be announced.

**CHILDREN**, get designing and make sure the parents **SAVE THE DAY!**

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Barnfield: We welcome neighbours and friends to Barnfield on a Wednesday evening 6-8 for a cup of tea and chat the first Wednesday in each month. All welcome, on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

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

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, towards the printing costs of the Packet, Thank you .  
editors@luppittpacket.co.uk



## SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER



Remembrance Service at the War Memorial  
at 10:50am

Canadian style Remembrance lunch in the  
Village Hall at 12:30pm

\* Choice of hot lunches \*

\* Cash Bar \*

There is no charge for the lunch. Voluntary donations welcomed.

To book please call Sara on 891140 by 3rd November  
Fund-raising for essential Church building maintenance

## REV NIGEL WRITES....

### All good gifts around us....

It has been a real gift to have had the summer to settle into our new surroundings and begin to get around the communities in which we serve. I have enjoyed popping into the various flower and produce shows and visiting the Plymtree Country Fayre and horse show. They have all been really joyous occasions.



We are settling in well to our new home in Dunkeswell and have been very thankful for all the good wishes and warmth of welcome we have received. One area at the Rectory that we are really enjoying is the garden. We have enlisted some help from our gardener who has spent time thinning out the wonderful rockery that needed a bit of expert attention.

When we were discussing the work he would do, he said he would be trimming back the blackberry bushes which had begun to take over, but recommended we did some picking before he did as there was a really good harvest of blackberries to be had. And there definitely was! A wonderful gift, along with the fruits of an apple tree we have in the garden, we have had a number of blackberry and apple crumbles - very tasty. We have also enjoyed the gift of harvest from others with a wonderful jar of Blackberry Jam from a dear saint from one of our churches. That has inspired us to make some ourselves.

As we are now in the season of harvest, I have been reflecting on those wonderful gifts of nature, not just in our own garden but also around us as we live in the heart of the countryside and surrounded by farm land. There is so much hard work and effort goes into all the farming, that, as Church, we take time during our Harvest Services to give thanks to God for all those good gifts brought in at harvest time. Our Bible readings and the hymns we sing remind us of God's blessing on us for the gift of creation and all that the land produces.

As I write these notes I am reminded that although we may feel the effects of climate change here in this country, it is nothing compared to other parts the world. In the news recently we have seen the devastating effect of extreme weather conditions, causing tornadoes, forest fires, flooding and earthquakes. We hold in our prayers all those communities, particularly those in Morocco and Libya.

As we thank God for the good gifts around us during this harvest time, let us keep in our hearts and minds those around the world, where extremities of the weather make life very difficult and challenging. Let us also be reminded of God's good gifts in our own lives





and give thanks for all we have and offer them back to God through the support we can offer, whether it is locally, though the food banks and charities or more wider supporting the different worldwide aid agencies. Whatever it is, let us do what we can with the gifts God has blessed us with.

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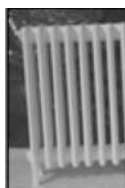
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# **CLERK'S REPORT OF A MEETING OF LUPPITT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT**

## **LUPPITT VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2023, AT 8 PM**

Present: Cllrs Michele Turner (Chair), Brian Pulman, Paul Prettejohn, Andrew Tucker, Yehudi Levine (EDDC), Iain Chubb (DCC) and 4 members of the public

Receive apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllrs John Thorne, Christine Ryder, Martin Summers, Colin Brown (EDDC) and Charles Murray (received after the meeting)

Minutes of previous meeting: The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 1 August 2023, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Tucker and seconded by Cllr Turner).

Declaration of Interest: Cllr Tucker declared an interest in items the planning applications at Shelf Farm and Blackenfields Farm as he carries out work at both locations.

The meeting was closed to allow members of the public to speak on Luppitt's bid for Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS). Gavin Saunders, from Blackdown Hills AONB, explained that Defra is currently piloting the new Landscape Recovery strand of Environmental Land Management (ELM) designed to encourage partnerships of landowners to come together to design bespoke, long-term packages of land management to improve wildlife habitat connections and environmental quality across a large area. This is an opportunity to make the most of the natural beauty of the Luppitt valley, while helping support its farmers to manage soil health, flood risk, water quality and carbon storage.

Some landowners in Luppitt have expressed an interest in coming together to make a bid to Defra for funding. Only 25 development grants will be awarded so competition is fierce. The grants are given to refine ideas over a two-year period before entering into further funding agreements which can last up to 20 years. Luppitt Commoners have agreed to be the single entity that will submit the bid.

A landowner involved in the scheme had approached Cllr Turner to ask for the Parish Council's support in the bid. Gavin Saunders said that the Parish Council's support was not a requirement but would be welcome.

Cllr Thorne was not at the meeting but he had asked the clerk to put forward his disquiet at the proposal. He recognises the importance of encouraging wildlife habitat and improving environmental quality but feels that too much emphasis is put on this aspect rather than the production of food.

After discussion, it was agreed that, if the bid succeeded, the Parish Council would support the scheme in principle for the first 2 years.

Cllr Turner thanked Gavin Saunders for coming to the meeting to explain

about the scheme. The three parishioners and Gavin Saunders then left the room to continue their discussions.

The meeting then resumed.

## **PLANNING**

Applications (for comment, support or objection)

23/1672/FUL – Shelf Farm, Luppitt, EX14 4SL – roofing over slurry store. The Parish Council has no objection to this planning application.

23/1770/AGR – Blackenfields Farm, Luppitt, EX14 4UB – erection of general purpose agricultural building. The Parish Council will not support this application for the reasons listed below.

The Parish Council feels that the proposed location of this large building will be very visible to the houses in Mill Rise and will be unacceptably obtrusive within the landscape. The application is contrary to Policy ND6 of the Luppitt Neighbourhood Plan which reads: 'To assist local farming, new small-scale farm buildings and ancillary structures will generally be supported providing they are sited within or on the edge of existing groups of farm buildings, reflect the scale of existing buildings and do not adversely impact the landscape or neighbouring properties by visual effect, noise, smell, vibration or lighting and are in full compliance with Local Plan Policy D7 - Agricultural Buildings and Development<sup>111</sup>. If a more isolated location is unavoidable, buildings must be sited within the contours of the landscape to cause minimum visual impact and be effectively screened. The Parish Council feels that an alternative location, which would be more suitable to accommodate such a large building, could be found near existing buildings on the farm.

Decisions

23/0816/FUL – installation of 18 ground mounted solar panels on 3 frames of 6 panels. Approved.

## **REPORTS**

Ward Councillor. Cllr Levine had forwarded an email detailing a survey that aims to help shape how police care for crime victims.

County Councillor. Cllr Chubb reported that progress continues to be made at County Hall under the new Chief Executive. An electric recycling lorry is being trialled but, unfortunately, it is unable to go up hills.

For the repair of potholes, a rubberised material called Elastomac is being trialled in the spring. This is poured in as a hot liquid that forms to the shape of the hole and welds itself to the existing road, unlike traditional methods that require potholes to be cut out and refilled with asphalt.

## **HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

Parish Highways programme – update on Items to Report. Cllr Chubb reported that £300 was requested from his Locality budget by Highways Signage on 12 July to replace the two missing Luppitt signs (at Luppitt Cross and Mathayes).

Parish Maintenance. Cllr Tucker has not yet started work on the list of

potholes but will do so when time allows. The deeper potholes on the list will be reported to Highways after Cllr Pulman and the clerk have been able to go round the parish and mark on a map.

## **FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

Cllr Tucker reported that a tree is down at the top end of Footpath 14. Cllr Tucker was asked to deal with this.

## **ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

Free Trees Project – maintenance of Frank's Patch

Cllrs Prettejohn and Tucker will liaise over the mowing of the grass.

Beacon Noticeboard, Gate at Village Hall, These items will be carried forward to the next meeting.

Green Code and hedge cutting. There was a general discussion on hedge cutting. It is accepted that hedges may be cut before 1 September if they present a road safety hazard. However, there were differing opinions as to whether some of the recent hedge cutting had been carried out because there was a road safety hazard or for some other reason. Cllr Pulman pointed out that if hedges were cut at the correct time of year, there would be less need to cut them during the protected period from the beginning of March to the end of August. It is hoped that some consensus of opinion may be reached that could be included in the Green Code.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

External Audit. The clerk confirmed that the external audit has been completed without any issues. All relevant papers have now been uploaded to the Parish Council website. The external auditors have advised that, in order to comply with changes being introduced to the 2023/24 Annual Governance Statement, every authority should have an email account that belongs to the council and to which the council has access. This ideally would be a .gov.uk or .org.uk address or could be an address linked to the council website. The clerk will follow up.

Councillor Profiles. The clerk has uploaded Cllr Ryder's details.

Correspondence. The clerk confirmed that she has provided the information requested by PCSO Darren England but has heard nothing further.

An email from a Chardstock parishioner regarding street lighting was noted.

An email from Highways regarding the Stakeholder Liaison Team was noted.

Dates for next meetings to be held in Luppitt Village Hall at 8 pm:

Tuesday, 3 October 2023

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Tuesday, 5 December 2023

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